

Joseph M. Lawless, IPM, CHS-V

Professional Experience

Massachusetts Port Authority 2001-Present Director of Maritime Security

- Develops and implements all security, law enforcement and emergency management strategies and activities on Massport's Maritime and commercial properties in South Boston, Charlestown and East Boston.
- Conducts yearly threat and vulnerability assessments to determine Massport's exposure to terrorism and crime.
- Develops and adjusts Massport's security plans to mitigate vulnerabilities and compliance with all federal state and local requirements.
- Develops and implements protection strategies for Massport facilities during high risk operations and special events, i.e., Liquefied Natural Gas shipments through the Port of Boston, National Political Party Conventions, and Tall Ship and military visits.
- Develops yearly operating and capital equipment budgets and manages the budgets required for the administration of security, law enforcement and emergency management programs.
- Develops and negotiates collective bargaining strategies and agenda items for collective bargaining sessions with various AFL-CIO locals. Administers the implementation of collective bargaining agreements. Represents Massport at grievance, arbitration and Labor Relation Commission hearings.
- Chairs weekly interagency security consortia with numerous federal, state, city agencies and private industry to discuss crime, terrorism and special events.
- Develops mitigation plans to mitigate community concerns over operations, safety and security. Represents Massport on several committees including:
 - Area Maritime Security Committee, United States Coast Guard Sector Boston
 - East Boston Police Advisory Committee, Boston Police Department
 - U.S. Attorney's Anti-Terrorism Task Force Executive Committee.

National Maritime Security Advisory Committee United States Department of Homeland Security 2015-Present

Advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security via the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on matters such as national security strategy and policy, actions required to meet current and future security threats, international cooperation on security issues, and security concerns of the maritime transportation industry.

American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)
2009-Present
Chairman, Security Committee

- Leads monthly discussions of port security-related issues with port security directors from 140 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- Works with AAPA staff to represent local and national port authority interests before U.S. Congress and federal agencies on activities, operations and regulations dealing with port security.
- Represents AAPA port security committee at national and international industry and business meetings.

Massachusetts Port Authority
1993 – 2001

Director of Public Safety,

- Directed the development, implementation, management and administration of all security and public safety policies activities including Fire Department and State Police Troop F and Maritime Security Services to ensure the safe and efficient operation of Logan International Airport, Hanscom Field, Worcester Regional Airport, seaport, Tobin Bridge and all Massport properties.

Massachusetts State Police
1980 – 1993

Uniformed patrol duties, Homicide and Major Case Investigations and Executive Protection leader for the Executive Branch for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Education

- **Boston University**, School of Education
Master of Education, 1983
- **Merrimack College**
North Andover, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1980

Professional Memberships and Certifications

- Awarded the 9/11 International Police Medal for efforts to combat International Terrorism and Crime
- Level V Certification in Homeland Security, American College of Forensic Examiners Institute
- Member, International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Member, American Association Airport Executives
- Member American Association of Port Authorities
- Member, American Society of Industrial Security
- Member, International Association of Airport & Seaport Police