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**LOS ANGELES CHIEF OF PORT POLICE APPOINTED TO
GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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SAN PEDRO, CA – Governor Gray Davis announced yesterday the appointment of Los Angeles Port Police Chief Noel Cunningham to the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee.

Chief Cunningham is one of nine appointees selected by the Governor to be part of the newly-created, cooperative security team. Committee members represent various law enforcement and fire agencies throughout California. Chief Cunningham and Los Angeles Fire Chief William Bamattre represent two Los Angeles County seats. Chief Cunningham will serve as the Committee's port security agency representative.

"We are pleased to see our Chief represent not only the Port of Los Angeles on this committee, but all of the 11 ports in California," said Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners President Nicholas Tonsich. "His background and experience in both maritime security and law enforcement will be an invaluable asset to the team."

Chaired by the Governor's Security Advisor, the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee will recommend criteria for terrorism awareness curriculum content for training of state and local emergency response personnel and volunteers. The Committee will also make recommendations on training needs for first responders.

"My appointment to the Governor's Committee reaffirms the Port of Los Angeles' position as a leader in port security," said Port of Los Angeles Director of Operations and Port Police Chief Noel Cunningham. "For the last decade, the Port has viewed safety and security as a top priority."

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Chief of Port Police Named to Governor's Committee

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The Los Angeles Port Police is the only U.S. police force dedicated exclusively to port activities. Chief Cunningham, who was appointed to his current post in 1994, manages the Port Police and Emergency Preparedness divisions. With more than 35 years of experience in law enforcement, he holds a master's degree in public communications from Pepperdine University and a bachelor's degree in political science/public administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

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