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COMMISSIONER PONTE APPOINTS NEW WARDEN

Warden Gumusdere to Manage Largest Housing Facility on Rikers Island

East Elmhurst, NY – New York City Department of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Joe Ponte has appointed Turhan Gumusdere to the position of Warden of the Anna M. Kross Center (AMKC) on Rikers Island. The appointment was made effective on May 29, 2014.

“Turhan Gumusdere is a strong manager, and I am confident he will provide the kind of leadership AMKC needs,” Commissioner Ponte said.

“I am grateful to Commissioner Ponte for his confidence in me. As warden, I look forward to working with him, Chief William Clemons, and AMKC’s team of uniform and civilian staff to ensure the facility operates at the highest level of professionalism,” said Warden Gumusdere.

Gumusdere joined the New York City Department of Correction in 1988. Most recently, he served as Deputy Warden in the Vernon C. Bain Center, in the Bronx.

Completed in 1978 and named for the department’s second female commissioner, the Anna M. Kross Center is DOC’s largest facility. It houses male detainees and has a full operating capacity of 2298 beds in 40 housing areas spread over 40 acres. AMKC’s inmate population includes more than 1,000 inmates who receive medical care for diagnosed mental illnesses, making it functionally one of the largest mental health hospitals in America.

AMKC’s former warden, William Colon, retired from the Department on May 28th.

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