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## **DOC APPOINTS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF OPERATIONS**

*New Position Focuses on Improving Management and Strategy*

East Elmhurst, NY – New York City Department of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Joe Ponte has appointed Dr. Errol Toulon, Jr. as Deputy Commissioner of Operations. Dr. Toulon will serve as a senior advisor to the Commissioner on all aspects of operations and system improvements and directly supervise the Department’s Correction Academy, the Intelligence Unit, the Policies and Procedures Unit, and the Office of Policy Compliance. He will begin in his new position on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

“Dr. Toulon brings a wealth of experience to the Department of Correction as both a former DOC officer and as an expert in security management and public safety,” Commissioner Ponte said. “I’m looking forward to working closely with him on a number of pressing issues, including seeking improvements in both staff training and intra-Departmental communication.”

“I am honored to have been selected for this role and to once again have the opportunity to serve the Department and the City of New York,” said Dr. Toulon. “I look forward to working with Commissioner Ponte and the entire DOC staff. By working together to apply best practices in corrections and management, we can realize significant operational efficiencies and improvements in overall performance.”

Dr. Toulon currently serves as the Suffolk County Assistant Deputy County Executive for Public Safety, overseeing eight public safety departments, including the Suffolk County Police Department and the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services. He also chairs the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, whose mandate is to enhance criminal justice policy and program decision-making by improving understanding of crime and criminal justice programming.

Dr. Toulon’s 32 years of criminal justice experience includes 22 years as a uniformed member of service with the NYC Department of Correction from 1982 to 2004. During his time with DOC he was a supervisor and instructor at the Correction Academy, the Firearms and Tactics Unit, the Emergency Service Unit and the Office of Compliance Consultants. (Dr. Toulon is from a DOC

family with nearly 80 years combined experience: His father, Errol Toulon, Sr., worked on Rikers Island for 36 years before retiring as a Deputy Warden in Command in 1998. His brother is a Deputy Warden with 31 years on the job.) From 1999 to 2011, Dr. Toulon was the President of Silent Partners International, a private security and corporate investigations consulting firm.

Dr. Toulon received an Ed.D and MBA from Dowling College, a Bachelor's Degree from Monroe College, and an Associates Degree from Kingsborough Community College.

The Deputy Commissioner of Operations role is a newly created position that replaces the former First Deputy Commissioner position most recently held by Mark Cranston.

#### About the New York City Department of Correction

The New York City Department of Correction (DOC) is the jail system for New York City. It operates Rikers Island, which houses 10 individual facilities, four borough-based jails and two hospital prison wards, as well as court pens in all five boroughs. In FY 2013, DOC had 81,758 admissions involving 58,814 individuals. Its Average Daily Population is approximately 11,500, nearly 80 percent of whom are housed on Rikers Island. Most of the inmates in DOC custody are being detained pending the resolution of charges against them; approximately 15 percent are city-sentenced inmates who are serving sentences of one year or less.

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