

# **BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Announces Victor Ferreira, Jr. As New Fire Chief**

## **Highly Decorated, 30-Year Fire and Safety Professional Selected to Lead BWI Marshall Airport Fire and Rescue Department**

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) today announced the selection of Victor N. Ferreira, Jr. as the new Fire Chief for the BWI Marshall Airport Fire and Rescue Department. Ferreira will assume command of the BWI Marshall Fire and Rescue Department later this month.

Chief Ferreira has more than thirty years of professional fire and safety leadership and experience. He retired in March 2009 as Assistant Chief of the Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. Ferreira had almost 27 years of service with the department, retiring with the rank of Fire Major. In addition to his position as Assistant Chief, he held other positions in his career with Prince George's County, including Fire/EMS Training Academy Director, Duty Chief, Bomb/Explosives Technician, Battalion Commander/Chief, Station Commander/Captain and Shift Supervisor. He started his professional service with Prince George's County in 1982 as a Firefighter and a member of the Hazardous Materials Response Team. He first served as a volunteer firefighter in Prince George's County in 1978.

Following his retirement from the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, Ferreira served in the District of Columbia Office of Risk Management and as Safety Coordinator for the Anne Arundel County Division of Risk Management.

"Chief Ferreira is a respected leader that brings decades of fire and safety operational experience," said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chief Executive Officer of BWI Marshall. "We welcome his years of distinguished service, his commitment to public safety, and his strong management skills to the BWI Marshall Airport community. Under his leadership, the BWI Marshall Airport Fire and Rescue Department and our talented, dedicated personnel will remain one of the finest airport fire departments in the nation."

During his long career with the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, Chief Ferreira was a highly-decorated leader, including two medals of valor. He received multiple awards and recognitions throughout his career, including two awards for Firefighter of the Year. Ferreira served as a Bomb Technician during the Atlanta 1996 Summer Olympics, and responded to the explosion in Centennial Park. Ferreira holds many professional certifications and licenses, and he has trained extensively in emergency management, homeland security, fire investigation, fire prevention, firefighting, safety, and health.

"I am very excited for this opportunity to serve with the BWI Marshall Airport Fire and Rescue Department, and to lead this outstanding fire service" said Chief Ferreira. "As a team, we will continue the commitment to protect the safety of BWI Marshall travelers and employees. It is one of my goals to ensure a diverse, inclusive workforce. I intend to reach out to a number of outside organizations to follow-up on initiatives that focus on boosting opportunities for minority firefighters."

Ferreira, 52-years-old, lives with his family in Tracy's Landing, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University. Born in Uruguay, he is fluent in both English and Spanish.

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