

Greetings Everyone,

On behalf of President Nicholas Soranno, myself, and the Association - Board of Directors, it is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Major Albert Della Fave, #4040 (*Ret*) to the newly established position of Public Information Officer (PIO). For the past ten-years, Al has been a member in good standing of the Association, whose character and voice dates back well into the early days of this century as a respected source of information and contact not only for the New Jersey State Police, but for law enforcement at the state and county levels. Thanks to his in-depth knowledge and experience, Al will be spearheading our commitment towards achieving enhanced lines of communications, via social media venues, aimed at maximizing the timely flow of important Association information and the retiree benefits of our Association Members. As such, it gives us great pleasure to "Welcome Aboard," Major Albert Della Fave, #4040 (*Ret*) as our Association Public Information Officer, effective immediately. Please keep an eye out for our new Association Web Site, slated to roll out in the next two-weeks, and our rejuvenated Facebook page for timely posts. Read on for Al's insights into his new position:

Thank you,
George Wren

Upon my retirement in November of 2009, I immediately joined the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers in order to remain connected to the "Outfit". To have accomplished the right to wear the "Blue & Gold" is a great source of pride for me as long as I live and breathe. During my SP career, I was extremely successful in developing a significant voice/dialog between the public and the press. In my post SP career, I was given tremendous opportunities to grow the voice of Law Enforcement while serving the NY/NJ Port Authority and the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. I take great pride in being considered the voice of NJ Law Enforcement by many in the tri-state media. This success was only accomplished by being accessible 24/7 to a public and press that observed no regular hours. In the past few months, I have decided to dial back that commitment to any one active Law Enforcement agency in order to pursue more personal objectives.

This past Thursday (10/3), I was invited by FTA President Nick Soranno to attend the regular monthly board meeting. During the course of the meeting, I was overwhelmingly impressed with the board's wish to pursue organizational improvements to include the ability to communicate important information to the membership and beyond. With the backing of the board, I have agreed to lend my help on a volunteer basis as a Public Information Officer (PIO) to the association. In my spare time, I will do all I can to help grow the health and membership of the association. My primary focus will be the association's social media platform and developing a strong communication network between the board, membership and beyond. My most important focus will be in convincing the membership that the FTA is in the greatest position to serve them into retirement. The association's connectivity to the SP and their active duty staff/administrative personnel can provide membership immediate counsel regarding pension, health, Medicare and a wide range of retirement issues.

Communication, accessibility, and offering significant tangible services to the membership is the true foundation upon which the association can be assured future growth. I pledge my heartfelt support to this end.

"Once a Trooper - Always a Trooper"
Al Della Fave