

**STATEMENTS REGARDING THE FOX 5 NEWS INVESTIGATION  
OF TANKER TRUCKS USING THE LINCOLN TUNNEL**

**PANYNJ**

"In April 2009, the Port Authority updated the rules regarding hazardous materials being transported through the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels. These mandates are designed to ensure safety and security at our facilities. If the rules are not fully enforced, the necessary action is taken. These incidents are being investigated and PAPD members received a full review of our policies and were reminded about what can, and cannot, be transported through our tunnels."

*--Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*

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**PAPBA**

"The Port Authority Police Benevolent Association (PAPBA) has warned the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, on numerous occasions, that its policy to allow the transportation of combustible liquids through the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels poses a threat to public safety. The Port Authority not only ignored these warnings but appears to have ignored all credible intelligence reports which revealed the possibility of terrorist attacks, using tanker trucks, in its tunnels.

"The Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) is subordinate to the civilian hierarchy of the Port Authority which develops policy and procedure regarding policing and public safety. The PAPD is directed to implement such policy and procedure, which is often viewed by the PAPBA as irresponsible and sometimes negligent. The same personnel, who ignored the warnings of the vulnerability to terrorist attack of the lower, public parking levels of the World Trade Center, prior to the 1993 bombing, are the same individuals developing policing and security policy today.

"Policing Port Authority facilities is a difficult and often dangerous task. The members of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association are dedicated to duty and are all too familiar with self sacrifice for the sake of others. A similar mindset, if adopted by the Port Authority, would greatly enhance the safety and security of the people of New York and New Jersey."

*--Paul Nunziato, President, Port Authority Police Benevolent Association*