



***Aviation Department  
Battalion Chief, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF)  
Executive Officer, New Jersey Airports – Teterboro ARFF***



I am pleased to announce that Richard Gail has joined Aviation Operations as the Battalion Chief for the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) unit for Teterboro Airport effective June 17, 2024. In this role, Richard will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of ARFF at Teterboro Airport and assisting with operational components of ARFF at Newark Liberty International Airport.

Richard joined the Port Authority in 2022 as the ARFF Battalion Chief at John F. Kennedy Airport. In this role he responded to airside emergencies, managed the records for the unit, and assisted in the completion of special projects as assigned by the Deputy Chief. Prior to joining the Port Authority, he spent 29 years with the Newark NJ Fire Department where he retired as Deputy Chief serving various roles, such as Tour Commander and as the Department's Chief of Operations.

Richard holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/Fire Science from New Jersey City University.

Richard will be located at Teterboro's ARFF Building 27 and can be reached at 201-807-4030. Please join me in welcoming Richard to his new role.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Wiczerzak".

Thomas R. Wiczerzak, Deputy Fire Chief  
Commanding Officer – Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting  
Newark Liberty International Airport and Teterboro Airport