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KURT REUTHER NAMED DELAWARE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

Today Lewis D. Schiliro, Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security announced the appointment of Kurt Reuther as the Department's Homeland Security Advisor. Reuther, statewide law enforcement Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator since 2007, will oversee state homeland security projects and serve as a liaison for federal homeland security matters.

"Kurt has worked in and with Delaware's law enforcement community for nearly 25 years. His extensive development of initiatives designed to prepare police agencies for terrorist incident response coupled with his expertise in hazardous environmental matters will prove very valuable for the Department. Kurt possesses the knowledge and skills needed to serve as the Homeland Security Advisor as we work to protect the citizens and property in Delaware."

Reuther was appointed Homeland Security Advisor following the departure of Robert Briggs, who resigned to pursue other career opportunities. Reuther began his career with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) in 1983 with the Division of Parks and Recreation. In 1992, he was named DNREC Regional Environmental Enforcement Officer for the Division of Air and Waste Management. In this capacity, he managed environmental and hazardous material emergencies. In 2004, Reuther was named Chief of Air and Waste Management Enforcement. He also served a co-manager of the DNREC Emergency Response Team and served as State On-Scene Coordinator for environmental and hazardous material incidents involving unified command and federal authorities.

"I am honored to have been given this opportunity to work with Sec. Schiliro and the Safety and Homeland Security team. I am looking forward to working with our state, local, and private partners on the homeland security challenges that face Delaware," Reuther said."

Reuther holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Delaware and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He is also certified Police Academy Instructor.

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