



Sandy Hook Foundation Welcomes Keyport Chief of Police, Shannon Torres, to Its Board of Trustees
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The Sandy Hook Foundation, the Official Nonprofit Partner of the National Park Service at Gateway National Recreation Area, Sandy Hook Unit, welcomes Shannon Torres, Keyport Borough Chief of Police, to its Board of Trustees. As a member of the board, Shannon will be responsible for supporting its mission to preserve and protect Sandy Hook's natural and cultural resources, and enhance the visitor experience at Sandy Hook.

"The Sandy Hook Foundation proudly welcomes Shannon to our board. Her leadership in community service, combined with her professional leadership and passion for our national park, will strengthen our work as the official nonprofit partner to the National Park Service at Sandy Hook," says Pete Izzo, Chairman of the Board of the Sandy Hook Foundation.

Ms. Torres began her military career with service in the Army National Guard. From there, she matriculated to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department, which led to a 26 year career in law enforcement. Throughout her professional career, Ms. Torres has demonstrated leadership and excellence in law enforcement, leading to her current position as Chief of Police for Keyport Borough.

Ms. Torres currently serves on the Bayshore Police Chiefs Association as Sergeant at Arms, and serves on the Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association Executive Board. A strategic thinker, Shannon has optimized staffing for her precinct, fostered cross-jurisdictional partnerships, and excels in orchestrating security plans for large-scale, high-volume events.

Currently pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Shannon hopes to join the Certified Public Managers program, which will further enhance her leadership skills and contribute to continued training for effective public sector management. She is originally from Keyport, NJ and currently resides in Monmouth County with her husband Nicholas, her children, Jordan and Xavier, and their three dogs. "I am delighted to join the board of the Sandy Hook Foundation, and believe I can contribute to the park's success by not only making connections through a broad network of community and municipal leaders, but also in supporting the work of the foundation to make the visitor experience to Sandy Hook the best it can be."

Sandy Hook provides a vast menu of resources for all park visitors, including the rich historical fabric that is Fort Hancock, the Sandy Hook Proving Ground, and the NIKE Missile Radar sites. Outdoor enthusiasts visiting the park enjoy sports and recreation; naturalists are eager to discover the abundant flora and fauna; and all those who love the miles of ocean and bayside beaches enjoy the waves of the Atlantic and soft currents of the bay. The Foundation plays an important role by supporting programs and projects that make visitors' experiences better.

The Sandy Hook Foundation welcomes Ms. Torres as we continue our work to preserve and protect Sandy Hook's natural and cultural resources.

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