

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No.	<u>4a</u>
Date of Meeting	<u>February 1, 2011</u>

DATE: January 24, 2011

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Chief Colleen Wilson

SUBJECT: Special Order of Business – Swearing In of New Police Officers

The Port of Seattle Police Department (POSPD) has recently hired two new officers. As part of their introduction to the Port, the Commission President will publicly administer an “oath of honor” to the new members. Two police officers are being so sworn at this commission meeting. Both of these officers are brand new to law enforcement.

Officer Andrew Depolo joined the POSPD in November of 2008 and began his training at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy immediately. He graduated from the academy and began his Patrol Training experience in May 2009. He has now completed all his field training and is on solo patrol at the airport. Officer Depolo was born in California but was raised in the Redmond/Woodinville area, graduating from Bellevue Community College with an AA in Criminal Justice. He has always wanted to be a police officer, and the Port came highly recommended from those he knew who were already profession peace officers. Andrew was unable to make it to the last public ceremony.

Officer Courtney Robertson joined the POSPD in August 2010 and just completed the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy where she was a platoon leader and graduated third in her class overall. Officer Robertson was born and raised in southern California, but has traveled the world. She attended several universities around the U.S. as well as overseas, including SoonChunHyang in South Korea and St. Petersburg State University in Russia. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Russian Studies from UCLA and is a fluent Russian speaker. Officer Robertson wanted to join a department that could use her knowledge of foreign cultures and languages. She relocated to Washington because of its beauty and chose to stay, she says, “because I found my dream!”