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**TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE**  
**APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF SECURITY**

(New York, NY- 1 May 2008) Times Square Alliance is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas J. Harris as Director of Security.

Maintaining safety at the Crossroads of the World has been a top priority for the Times Square Alliance since its inception. Working closely with Times Square Alliance Senior Vice President of Operations Robert Esposito, Thomas will lead the Public Safety division comprising 55 Public Safety Officers and will be in charge of existing security operations as well as the development and implementation of new safety initiatives. As the Alliance's primary liaison with the NYPD, Thomas will maintain communication and promote synergy between Alliance and NYPD security efforts.

During his 23-year career as an NYPD officer, Thomas served in some of the City's most challenging neighborhoods. Thomas is no stranger to the complexities of a multicultural environment, and his breadth of experience made him a favorable candidate for this position. In his most recent position as Inspector/Commanding Officer at the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct, which encompasses the Flatbush/Midwood areas of Brooklyn, he provided management, leadership and direction to captains, lieutenants, sergeants and police officers and was active in community relations.

"As a teen I went through Times Square and just kept going!" said Harris. "It's been nice to see the revitalization of the neighborhood. There is always room for improvement and I look forward to being a part of that process."

"We're thrilled to welcome a veteran NYPD commanding officer to the ranks of the Times Square Alliance," said Times Square Alliance President Tim Tompkins. "We're confident that Director Harris will help us continue to develop even greater synergy in supporting the outstanding efforts of the NYPD that have resulted in an 80% overall reduction in crime in Times Square since 1990."

**Times Square Alliance**, founded in 1992, works to improve and promote Times Square. In addition to providing safety and sanitation services, the Alliance coordinates many major events in Times Square including New Year's Eve, manages an Information Center and advocates on behalf of its constituents with respect to a host of public policy, planning and quality of life issues. For more information, log onto [www.timessquarenyc.org](http://www.timessquarenyc.org).

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