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Former TSA exec to join Miami-Dade aviation dept.

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The **Miami-Dade County Aviation Department** has created and filled the position of assistant director of security, safety and communications.

The department previously had an assistant director of security and safety, Mark Forare, who retired in November.

The first person to hold the larger title is Lauren Stover. Her appointment is effective March 13.

Stover brings both local and national credentials to her job. She was the aviation department's manager of public affairs when she left in 2002 to join the then-newly created **Transportation Security Administration**.

At the federal agency, Stover had to build a public affairs operation for the southeastern United States. TSA also made her chief media spokesperson for more than 60 airports.

In 2004, TSA promoted Stover to eastern field director for TSA public affairs. In that role, she oversaw security-related public outreach programs in more than 20 states.

"Lauren's involvement in creating and promoting national transportation security policy and programs - critical to all U.S. airport operations - will add a powerful dimension to our capabilities," Miami-Dade County Aviation Department Director Jose Abreu said.

Despite her federal job, the aviation department said Stover has, during the last three years, worked closely in South Florida with Customs and Border Protection, Federal Air Marshals, U.S. Coast Guard, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

"She is a national resource on aviation security with a native commitment and understanding of Miami-Dade," Abreu added.

Stover's appointment job brings the number of assistant directors in the department to five. There are also two deputy directors who are above assistant directors, as well as the organization's director.

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