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Recent News

The following OEIG final investigative reports were released on October 4, 2012:

- **In re: Deyon Dean et al.**, 09-01120, involved Village of Riverdale Mayor and former DHS employee Deyon Dean who engaged in misconduct. Mr. Dean resigned his state job.
- **In re: Kenneth Hannah**, 10-00096, involved an IDOT employee who, among other forms of misconduct, used his official position for personal gain. Mr. Hannah was discharged.
- **In re: Corey Wells**, 11-01130, involved an IDOT employee who misused his state computer by accessing inappropriate images and other content. Mr. Wells was discharged. The following revolving door decision was issued on September 20, 2012:

- **In re: Kathie Wagle**, 13-EEC-004, the EEC affirmed the OEIG's determination that Ms. Wagle's proposed employment *would not* violate the Ethics Act. The above reports and others are now available on our website.

The OEIG Prepares for the Abolition of the CTA's Office of Inspector General



The OEIG recently learned that the Chicago Transit Authority intends to abolish its office of inspector general. The CTA's board is expected to consider a proposed ordinance that will formally shut the doors to its office of inspector general at its meeting scheduled for:

**October 11, 2012, 10:00 a.m.,
567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL.**

"In anticipation of the imminent closure of the office of inspector general, and in order to handle the increased complaints we expect to receive, we will be expanding our investigative staff and will supplement our division by hiring two auditors," stated **James Bonk**, Chief of Regional Transit Board Investigative Division.

The OEIG has served as executive inspector general for the CTA, Metra, Pace, and the RTA since July 1, 2011 and has reviewed hundreds of related complaints. "We applaud the CTA's decision to give us advance notice that it intends to introduce an ordinance that would abolish its IG office," continued Executive Inspector General **Ricardo Meza**.

James Bonk
Chief of Regional Transit Board Investigative Division

CTA Bus Driver Misconduct Disclosed

On October 4, 2012, an OEIG Regional Transit Board Division final investigative report (11-02080) involving former CTA employee Derronald Ward was publicly released.

The investigation revealed that, among other things, Mr. Ward worked as a celebrity tour bus driver while simultaneously on disability leave from the CTA.

Mr. Ward also failed to appear for investigative interviews as scheduled on two separate occasions. "All regional transit board employees, including CTA employees, are required to cooperate in OEIG investigations. But for unknown reasons, Mr. Ward failed to cooperate," stated lead Investigator **Kevin Wujciga**.

The CTA terminated Mr. Ward's employment on May 3, 2012.

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Calendar of Events: October 10-12, 2012: EIG Meza and Deputy IG & Chief Olson will attend the Assoc. of IGs conference in Clearwater, FL.; October 10 & 12: OEIG staff will attend CMS personnel training in Springfield and Chicago; October 11: Asst. IG Opperman will attend supervisor's training in Chicago; October 15-19: IT Mgr. Dafalla will participate in Remedy training; October 17-19, 2012: AA Vieaux will attend People Trak training in Chicago; and October 24: EIG Meza & Deputy IG & Chief Bonales will address the State Internal Audit Advisory Board Conference in Springfield.