James Warren, Jr. (Mostly) Retires After 18 Years at NYCPM; Parnell Peterson Promoted to Security Director

Director of Security James Warren, Jr. retired at the end of 2017 after 18 years and three months at NYCPM. He has been replaced by Parnell Peterson, who was promoted from Assistant Director, a post he'd held for almost four years.

Mr. Warren came to the College from Harlem Hospital, where he worked for 19 years. He had started there as a hospital police officer, but was promoted repeatedly until he was Director of Hospital Police; he retired in 1999.

Looking back, Mr. Warren is most proud of changes he instituted at NYCPM on his own initiative. As a leader who takes safety very seriously, he instituted a chemical hygiene management plan for our laboratories, as well as formaldehyde training for faculty. He had material safety data sheet (MSDS) books created with modernized safety procedures for handling chemicals for our laboratories.

Looking forward, Mr. Warren, who will remain at NYCPM two days a week, wants to pursue singing – he was a recording artist in the 1960s, and from 1997 to 2008 he performed in nightclubs – and wants to write books about his many and varied experiences growing up and living and working in Harlem.

Parnell Peterson, BS, has been promoted to Director. Mr. Peterson retired from the New York City Police Department after a 10-year career and then managed and directed numerous office buildings and facilities as a security director and security manager before joining NYCPM.