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### **DIAZ PROMOTED TO BATTALION CHIEF OF AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT**



FORT MYERS, Fla. (March. 19, 2008) – Jorge Diaz has been promoted to the rank of battalion chief of the Lee County Port Authority's Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting department. As battalion chief, Diaz functions as the commanding officer responsible for administrative and managerial duties for one of the three shifts responsible for life safety and fire protection services at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport. He also works closely with the fire chief to strategize and implement policies and procedures for the department. In this role, he can take an active command role of emergency operations when needed.

Diaz is the state-licensed fire equipment dealer/qualifier for the Lee County Port Authority, overseeing the installation, repair and maintenance of all fire extinguishers at both airports and manages testing requirements for equipment and vehicles to ensure they are fully operational. He also oversees the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting technician program and serves as the department coordinator for all community event activities.

Diaz joined the Lee County Port Authority as a Florida certified firefighter in 1992, while pursuing his continuing education at Edison Community College. He has received state certifications as an emergency medical technician (EMT), fire officer, fire service instructor and basic life support instructor. His commitment to educational and professional growth has helped him move up in the ranks of the Lee County Port Authority Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting department. He currently serves as a faculty member of the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Training Center and as an instructor for the American Safety and Health Institute.

Diaz resides in Cape Coral, Fla. with his wife and three children. To learn more about the Lee County Port Authority, please visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com).