

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

CITY OF WARWICK



RHODE ISLAND

FRANK J. PICOZZI  
MAYOR

February 17, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE STEPHEN P. MCALLISTER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
AND  
THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE WARWICK CITY COUNCIL:

Pursuant to the Public Laws of Rhode Island, 1962  
State of Rhode Island, Chapter 254, Sec 2.

Entitled

**“SEWER AUTHORITY”**

I hereby appoint:

**PETER GINAITT**  
177 Hope Avenue  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02889

Ward 5

Term to expire January 31, 2025

Filling Vacancy

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

  
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Frank J. Picozzi  
Mayor

2-17-21  
Date

# PETER T. GINAITT

Warwick, RI 02889

## DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency & Health/Safety | State Agency Management | Emergency Leadership

Extensive leadership and management experience including administrative and board membership on state and local agencies including intelligence, healthcare, wastewater management and public transit. Sound practices with policy development, financial management, program and budget implementation, executive oversight, hospital emergency preparedness and emergency planning, and successful collaboration with partner agencies, fellow board members, and city officials within varied industries. Seasoned expertise with financial management, federal grant funding, project management, and local and state facility upgrades. Skilled as a former firefighter and captain in emergency preparedness and catastrophe planning, on scene coordination and aid execution, state agency leadership, compliance with federal and state health and safety regulations, and sufficient experience leading members of the organization to achieve business and financial objectives. Possess current "Secret" security intelligence clearance with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and additional security clearance with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

- Budget Implementation
- Transit & Emergency Planning
- Federal Grant Management
- Administrative / Financial Oversight
- Staff Supervision / Workflow
- Hazard Vulnerability Analysis
- Exercise / Strategic Planning
- Policy Development
- Health/Safety Initiatives
- State / Regional Liaison
- Program Implementation
- Incident Command

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RIPTA), Providence, RI** 2016-present  
Environmental Health and Safety Officer, Environmental Compliance
- Manage daily safety and environmental initiatives and policies within RIPTA
  - Evaluate safety issues within transit system
  - Monitor all environmental compliance requirements
  - Sit on Accident Review Board to adjudicate vehicle accident events
  - Manage daily transit assets and their documentation
  - Assist with business continuity and Continuity of Operations Planning
  - Developed Transit Asset Management Plan for agency
  - Develop Safety Transit Plan
- FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) Washington, DC** 2016-2019  
Congressionally created 35 member oversight committee for Emergency Management
- Meet weekly via conference call to evaluate recommendations for emergency management initiatives
  - Assist in the development of initiatives which cross federal agencies
  - Identify ways to get the general public to better understand consequences of emergencies
  - Promoting administrations initiatives to promote a better "culture of preparedness"
- WARWICK SEWER AUTHORITY, Warwick, RI** 2010-2018  
*Board Member, 2010-2018*  
*Chairman, 2016-2018*
- Oversee board operations of the second largest waste water system in Rhode Island
  - Provide administrative oversight during major events including the catastrophic system flooding in 2010
  - Develop business continuity and system restoration while rebuilding the facility through federal grant funding
  - Supervise over 300 miles of collection system and sewer construction expansion throughout the city
  - Implement stable rate structures for sustainable operations and customer satisfaction
- R.I PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY, Providence, RI** 2013-2015

**Board Member, 2013-2015**

- Provided administrative oversight for the statewide public transit authority consisting of over 800 employees and over 300 public transit vehicles with an annual budget of over \$100 million
- Established long range planning for operations to meet budget goals and support prospective growth within the industry
- Initiated review and reorganization of personnel and route systems to save millions of dollars

**LIFESPAN HEALTH SYSTEM, Providence, RI**

2007-2015

**Director of Emergency Preparedness, 2007-2015**

- Coordinated emergency preparedness for affiliated hospitals
- Ensured compliance standards and regulations for Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and CMS standards and regulations
- Generated a system-wide professional culture of preparedness and emergency response for over 15,000 employees
- Developed plans for emergency operations system and full building evacuation plans, full hazard vulnerability assessments (HVA), and system-wide communications systems
- Led affiliate institutions through Joint Commission accreditation processes with no deficiency records
- Developed communication systems and Patient Tracking Systems for Rhode Island state agencies, hospitals, and EMS providers
- Managed all aspects of planning, tracking, analysis, quarterly and annual reporting, and revenue recognition using sound business acumen
- Awarded in excess of \$6 million in federal grants for readiness and preparedness related projects
- Membership on LEPC, Hazard Mitigation Planning Committees and statewide planning committees

**RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL, Providence, RI**

2003-2007

**Director of Emergency Preparedness, 2003-2007**

- Developed and supervised hospital emergency preparedness response and strategic operation planning for the regions sole Level 1 trauma and burn center for adults/pediatrics with over 8,000 employees
- Met Joint Commission performance level goals multiple times during tenure
- Generated and applied on scene coordination for major events including decontamination responses, emergency helicopter policies and emergency response leadership tasks
- Awarded and managed approximately \$1 million dollars in federal grant awards
- Designed and integrated new decontamination systems into new construction of Emergency Department

**BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI**

2012-Present

- Adjunct Faculty, Department of Disaster Medicine

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RI, Warwick, RI**

2013-Present

- Adjunct Faculty, Department of Nursing and Emergency Management
- Teach several courses pertaining to Responses to Disasters and establishment of Operations and Emergency Planning Processes and Procedures relative to federal plan alignment and adoption of all emergency plans

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Providence, RI**

1991-2007

**State Representative, 1991-2007**

- Streamlined financial processes and introduced policy processes that improved the states operations
- Lead collaborative and productive policy sessions with goal oriented objectives amongst differing groups
- Evaluated policies, regulations, statutes both federally and locally and proposed legislative changes
- Served as Chairman for the Environment and Natural Resource Committee for 12 years (6 terms)

**NARRANGSETT BAY COMMISSION, Providence, RI**

1999-2005

**Commissioner, 1999-2005**

- Oversaw the state's largest quasi-public waste water treatment agency with over 250 professional staff member, annual revenues of over \$100 million, and state-wide projects exceeding \$500 million

CITY OF WARWICK, Warwick, RI

1984-2005

*Fire Fighter/Captain, 1984-2005*

- Promoted to the position of senior Captain within the Emergency Medical Services division through 21 years of tenure
- Oversaw shifts consisting of 4 rescue vehicles providing over 10,000 critical EMS applications annually
- Designed large scale drill exercises for training purposes to maximize real life application efficacy
- Awarded multiple federal grants for EMS initiatives

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#### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

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**Bachelor of Science, Resource Development, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island**  
**Associated of Applied Science, Nursing, Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island**  
**Associate of Science, Fire Science, Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island**  
**Project Management Certificate, Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island**  
**Executive Leadership Program Certificate, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA**

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#### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

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Successful completion of multiple FEMA/DHS Trainings  
 Completed all levels of Incident Command Training to include ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800  
 Accepted to and completed first FEMA Executive Leadership Program (ELP)  
 National Executive Leadership Academy Graduate, 2014  
 Completed Executive Leadership Cohort at Naval Post Graduate School 2015  
 Licensed Registered Nurse and Emergency Medical Technician (RI)

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#### AWARDS

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American Medical Association (AMA) for "Outstanding Government Service", Washington, D.C.  
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lifetime Achievement Award, Boston, Mass.  
 RI Medical Society, Special Recognition of Service, Providence, RI  
 RI Academy of Family Physicians for commitment to Public Policy, Providence, RI  
 City of Warwick, numerous letters of commendation  
 Nominated for John F. Kennedy "Profiles in Courage"

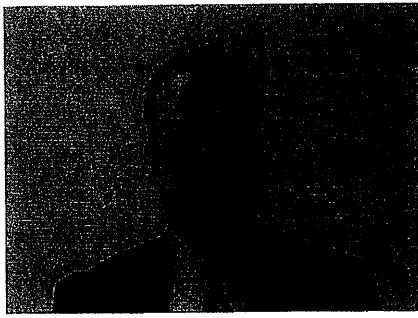
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#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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R.I. Interoperable Communications Committee (ICC) - Vice Chairman  
 R.I. Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC)  
 Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Senior Executive Committee  
 FEMA's Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) member  
 USDHHS, member, Sector Coordinating Council (SCC)  
 USDHS, member, Health Security Intelligence Enterprise (HSIE) Working Group  
 RI State Police, member, Cyber Disruption Team  
 City of Providence, Providence Emergency Management Advisory Committee (PEMAC)  
 Local Emergency Management Planning Council (LEPC)  
 RI Association of Emergency Managers, Vice Chairman  
 RI Hazard Mitigation Committee  
 Army Corp of Engineers "Silver Jacket" Flood Mitigation Team  
 International Association of Emergency Managers  
 International Association of Firefighters  
 International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators  
 Professional Risk Mangers International Association  
 National Emergency Managers Association  
 FEMA National Advisory Council





**Peter T. Ginaitt**

**Peter T Ginaitt, BS, RN, EMT-C  
Environmental Health, Safety and Compliance Officer**

Peter Ginaitt is currently the Environmental Health, Safety and Compliance Officer as well as an Emergency Manager for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority in Providence, RI. In his capacity, he is responsible for all environmental and industry compliance for all service areas and facilities for RIPTA. He holds B.S. degree in Environmental and Resource Management from the University of Rhode Island as well as a Nursing and Fire Science degrees from CCRI. Ginaitt is a professional emergency manager as well a Registered Nurse, EMT Cardiac and former career firefighter with over 30 years of experience. After leaving firefighting, Peter was the corporate Director of Emergency Management for the states largest healthcare system of five hospitals and 15,000 employees for over 14 years. He is the co-author for a disaster medicine text for surgical intervention in disasters and has received multiple awards for direct participation as well as recognitions for his contribution in emergency response preparedness through recovery operations. Peter also served as an elected state representative for nine consecutive terms in the RI House of Representatives. He was further elected by his peers to become the Chairman of the House Environment Committee for most of that period dealing with many transit related issues throughout the state also co-chairing many committees throughout his tenure within the legislature. Peter is well known as a collaborator and concensus builder when promulgating policies from those impacting small groups to those having statewide implications. He is well known for taking on issues and adjudicating for the better good as he looks closely at all aspects of need against the overall benefits to be realized.

Peter served on the FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) along with 31 other members nationwide until 2018, charged with guiding the advancement of emergency management through this congressionally mandated body assessing and recommending policies directly to the Administrator of FEMA. In addition, he also serves on many other regional, statewide and local boards in varying leadership positions. He now sits on the FEMA Region 1 Advisory Committee.

Peter continues to live in Warwick with his wife Tracey.