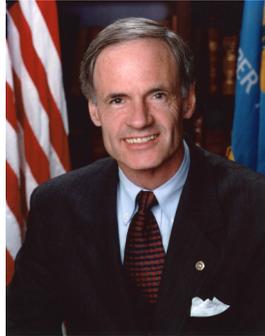




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Special Presentation of the 2011 AAPA Port Person of the Year Award  
to Senator Tom Carper



On October 7, 2011 Senator Tom Carper will be formally awarded the 2011 AAPA Port Person of the Year Award at a special luncheon given by the Port of Wilmington Maritime Society. The award will be presented by Kurt Nagle, President & CEO of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA). Senator Carper will receive this award in recognition of his many contributions toward improving the national transportation infrastructure, its waterways, port security, and most recently, the air quality by reducing harmful emissions at seaports and other transportation facilities.

The guest speaker for the luncheon will be Kurt Nagle, President & CEO of the AAPA. He will be speaking on "The Effect of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act on the Maritime Community." Mr. Nagle will be covering the grant opportunities that are available to any commercial operation looking to convert a fleet. Businesses inside and outside of the maritime community are encouraged to come to the luncheon to learn more about DERA.

The luncheon will be held at the DuPont Country Club on October 7, 2011 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. Companies interested in attending this luncheon can contact the Port of Wilmington Maritime Society office at 302-656-7000 or by email at [powms@wtcde.com](mailto:powms@wtcde.com). Details can be found on our website at [www.portofwilmingtonmaritimesociety.com](http://www.portofwilmingtonmaritimesociety.com).

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### **More on Senator Carper**

A combat veteran, a U.S. senator since 2001, a two-term Governor, and a five-term U.S. Congressman, Delaware's senior Senator is a dedicated public servant who is well known for his consensus-building leadership that is unique in today's political climate. The Washington Post's David Broder calls him "a notably effective and non-partisan leader, admired and trusted on both sides of the aisle."

As testament to Senator Carper's leadership he was appointed Deputy Whip in 2004 and again in the 110th and the 111th Congress. Most recently, as Chair of the Clean Air & Nuclear Safety Subcommittee, Senator Carper co-introduced a bipartisan bill, S. 3973, known as the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2010 (DERA) which was passed by the U.S. Congress on the 22nd of December, 2010. DERA is a five-year reauthorization of the beneficial 2005 legislation that established a voluntary national and state-level grant and loan program to reduce diesel

emissions. DERA funds assist seaports and other transportation facilities to retrofit their diesel powered equipment which lack the latest pollution control technology. Thus, seaports and other transportation facilities can utilize engines that are more fuel efficient, have a longer life span and reduce air pollution. It is estimated that every \$1 spent in DERA projects creates \$13 in health and economic benefits. The EPA estimates that DERA reduces particulate emissions that are not only harmful to human health, but also are a key contributor to black carbon, thought to be a global warming agent. Finally, the DERA program creates or saves, on average, 19,000 jobs for every billion dollars spent on diesel retrofit technology.

Senator Carper values the nation's transportation assets as economic catalysts and has worked diligently to protect and further develop our transportation systems. He introduced S. 775, the National Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2007, which, unfortunately, has not yet become law; however, it demonstrates Senator Carper's advocacy for investment in the development and maintenance of the nation's transportation infrastructure to improve its safety and efficiency. The bill proposed creating a commission to examine the state of the nation's rail system, highways, bridges, and ports and included a strategy to maintain and grow our current infrastructure to meet our future needs in a logical, responsible and fiscally sound manner.

Senator Carper has served on the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee since 2001. He led the efforts to increase port security in the wake of 9/11, and was instrumental in the passage of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002. MTSA regulated access control to transportation facilities and included adoption and implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), the "security benchmark" for controlling access to our nation's seaports. Senator Carper worked closely with maritime officials to ensure its effective implementation while preserving the uninterrupted free-flow of international commerce.

Since 2001 he has served on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee which has jurisdiction over the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In 2007, Senator Carper was a conferee on the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA), which reauthorized projects and studies by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on flood control, navigation, and environmental topics. The WRDA includes projects that improve the nation's ability to consistently and efficaciously conduct waterborne commerce.

The Senator served on the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee in 2007 and 2008. This committee has jurisdiction over the U.S. Coast Guard, coastal zone management, transportation and highway safety, inland waterways, ocean navigation, safety and transportation, and the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Senator Carper is a dedicated public servant who has worked tirelessly throughout his distinguished career to advance and grow the competitiveness of the nation's transportation system and the maritime industry in particular. His accomplishments enable seaports to operate safely and efficiently while creating and sustaining important, good paying jobs. He has consistently been a most enthusiastic ambassador of the port industry both in Washington and in his home state of Delaware. His unwavering advocacy of U.S. ports, their critical issues, the women and men who work in the maritime industry and those who make it their profession has provided an invaluable stimulus fostering the growth of international commerce and enhancing the nationwide economic stimulus derived from trade and port activities. Senator Carper is a deserving recipient of the prestigious award and industry recognition.

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The Port of Wilmington Maritime (POWMS) is a non-profit apolitical membership organization dedicated to promoting economic development through the support of businesses in and around the Port. It acts as a liaison between port management and affiliated businesses, as well as local government and federal organizations. Membership is drawn from both the maritime and business communities.

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