



**AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTATION HUSTLERS.** Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown (at podium) announces the arrest of 18 unlicensed taxi drivers for illegally hustling passengers at John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports. The crackdown coincides with the start of the holiday season and last month's change in the law, which elevated the unlawful solicitation of ground transportation from a traffic violation to a criminal offense punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,250. Looking on (l-r) is NYC Taxi and Limousine Commissioner Matthew W. Daus, PAPD Captain Joseph Scarano, PAPD Superintendent Michael A. Fedorko and Port Authority Executive Director Christopher O. Ward (11.24.2009)