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PRESTIGIOUS PROBATION AWARD GIVEN TO PASSAIC SUPERVISOR

DeHart Honored for Exemplary Leadership and Dedicated Service

Atlantic City, N.J. óCourt Service Supervisor II Donald DeHart was honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) with the organization's óJohn Augustus Awardö, considered one of the highest honors within the community supervision system.

Brad Fairchild, president of PANJ, congratulated DeHart for his many years of service within the organization as well as his strong leadership abilities.

óDonald shows shown exemplary leadership in uniting the Line and Supervisors units in his continuing efforts to improve the safety of all officers,ö said Fairchild. öAs a member of the State Safety Committee Task Force, Donald has been instrumental with innovative change benefiting officers and the community by developing, implementing and supervising the Village Initiative.Program.ö

DeHart, who is Northern Regional Vice President of the Supervisor's Unit, from the Passaic Vicinage, began his career with the Judiciary as an investigator in April of 1986. Donald has also served as the Local President of Passaic and has held the title of PANJ Regional Representative.

DeHart received the John Augustus Award at this year's 71st annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute entitled "**Information-Interaction-Innovation**" which addresses new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age.

The award is named after the öFather of Probation,ö John Augustus, who supervised an adult drunkard who would have otherwise been incarcerated at the time. After expanding his supervisory role of successfully overseeing offenders in the community, the first law was passed in 1878 creating what has now evolved into the modern day probation system.

At the gathering, outstanding leaders among probation officers and court supervisors, as well as Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders.

With an estimated 139,000 adults and 20,000 juveniles under probation system, New Jersey is the nation's ninth largest adult probation system. There are approximately 2,800 probation officers and supervisors in New Jersey.

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