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**“SURVIVORS OF THE TRIANGLE”  
RECEIVE PANJ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
*PANJ President Praises Organization's Compassion and Commitment  
to Grieving Families of Fallen State Troopers*

*Atlantic City, N.J.* – Survivors of the Triangle today were honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) with the William H. Thomas Citizen of the Year Award, the Association's highest award for a regular citizen or civic organization.

Every year PANJ acknowledges an individual or organization that has made contributions for humanitarian and charitable purposes. This award was first given to William (Bill) Thomas approximately twelve years ago in order to recognize his efforts on behalf of crime victims and the citizens of New Jersey.

PANJ President Brad Fairchild praised the dedicated efforts of the Survivors of the Triangle, led by Michelle Carroll, in their compassion and assistance to the grieving families of fallen New Jersey State Police Troopers.

“The Survivors of the Triangle an incredible group of dedicated individuals who devote their time and energies to assist families of State Troopers who are killed in the line of duty,” said PANJ President Brad Fairchild. “The intervention of Survivors of the Triangle during most difficult moments for grieving families is an inspiration to the rest of us. Their assistance from the day of the tragedy and for many months and years after is a testament to the compassion of its membership.”

**Michelle Carroll** is the President of the Survivors of the Triangle, a New Jersey Chapter of Concerned of Police Survivors, Inc., which provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Ms. Carroll's husband, Billy Carroll, was killed in the line of duty in 1984.

This year's 71<sup>st</sup> annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute entitled **“Information-Interaction-Innovation”** addresses new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age. 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, in addition to serving and leading their respective divisions.

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.