



L TO R: Reverend Reginald Jackson, St. Matthew's AME, mentor to Rev. Dennis Hughes (extreme right); Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., John Giordano, Bill Sands, Karen Sutcliffe, Esq., Lt. Stephen Pringle, Judy Franklin-Urcoli and Anthony Spina.

ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S OCTOBER TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented seven County employees with October Teamwork Awards during the monthly teamwork program. The following employees were commended for their dedication and commitment to serving the public.

John Giordano, a ***Project Coordinator/Construction*** with the Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering, joined Essex County in January, 2004. A self-starter, John oversees construction permits in the Inspection Unit and makes sure that everyone is on their toes, and work is completed correctly.

Reverend Dennis Hughes, the ***Chaplain and Director*** of the Mentor Program and member of the Assessment Committee at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center, has counseled our youth, as well as staff and family members, for the past eight years, with compassion and firmness. He also is pastor of St. John's AME Church in Jersey City.

Lt. Stephen Pringle, of the Essex County Department of Corrections, became an officer 16 years ago. As Chief of the Internal Affairs Bureau and Gang Intelligence Unit, he directs investigations assigned to IAB and evaluates allegations of criminal activities and administrative violations committed by inmates, visitors and staff.

Bill Sands, ***Park Supervisor*** at Watsessing Park in Bloomfield and Glenfield Park in Montclair, joined the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs in 1979. He is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance operations of both parks including field preparation, grass cutting and litter patrol. Under his watch, significant improvements have been noticed at these facilities.

Tony Spina, a ***Multi-Disciplinary Team Convener*** with Essex County's Youth Services Commission, joined the Department of Citizen Services a year ago. Spina coordinates meetings with representatives from parole, probation, service providers and other professionals helping juveniles return to their homes from residential placements. A computer whiz, Tony turned the commission's disorganized system into a viable data-base.

Karen Sutcliffe, ***Assistant County Counsel*** in the Labor & Employment Section of the Office, started her legal career in County government 16 months ago. In this time, she has become an important resource as Assistant County Counsel with extraordinary knowledge and insight about her field. She is quick to tackle new assignments with enthusiasm.

Judy Franklin Urcoli, a ***Liaison*** with the Essex County Hospital Center, was hired 25 years ago. Given the many changes that the Hospital has undergone these past years when the facility is completed, and the upcoming move, Judy has faced a myriad of challenges. Support person for the Assistant Administrator's Office, she is the liaison between the Hospital and the Department of Public Works.