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

**Newark, NJ** – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to four Essex County employees and a student from the Essex County Vocational Technical School District.

**Evelyn Rodriguez** has been a Bilingual Clerk Typist in the Essex County Department of Corrections for 26 years. She is currently assigned to the business office, but has worked in several different civilian administrative areas throughout her career, such as, the warden's office, the record room and in scheduling. She always exhibits a pleasant, professional demeanor when she deals with the administration and the public. Evelyn is an asset to the Department of Corrections because of her wealth of knowledge and experience in the department and her ability to speak two languages to better serve those who need assistance.

**Sadira Hassell** began working in the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Community Health Services two years ago, but she has already made a significant impact on the division. Known throughout the Division as the "Matrix Queen," Sadira has transformed the Division's technology operations. She originally came to the Division through the Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) program, and proved to be such an asset that the State asked to have her salary included in our grant. Sadira creates detailed Matrices of children and the services they need, the date they entered the program, and the providers that select them each day. She uses her exemplary negotiation skills to secure providers for difficult-to-service children. She has created graphic flow-charts for the Division's grant submissions and volunteers to be a part of all Division and County Open House events.

**Detective Guy Y. Trogani** has worked in the Homicide Unit of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office for over nine years. He conducts investigations involving murders, police shootings that result in injuries or death, and suspicious deaths of suicides, infants, found bodies and construction fatalities. He often shares his knowledge of investigative procedures with his colleagues, and trains newly assigned detectives. When the office was short-staffed, he willingly accepted homicide on-call assignments, and assisted other detectives with their death investigations at all hours of the day and night. Detective Trogani's skills are so well respected that he recently assisted in formulating PowerPoint presentations about various methods of instruction for death investigations, which will be shared with other Essex police agencies.

**Vanessa King** has been with the Essex County Division of Senior Services for three years. Initially hired as a Telephone Operator in the Scheduling Unit of the Essex County Special Transportation System, Vanessa has since moved up to her current position as Receptionist/Telephone Operator for the entire Office. It did not take long for Vanessa King's communication skills and her ability to work well with older adults to be recognized. Vanessa greets everyone who enters the office with a smile and makes sure that each person gets a copy of the Senior Service Resource Guide. She is always ready for a new challenge, and did an outstanding job typing and processing the Office's numerous contracts with 31 different non-profit and municipal governmental agencies, which provide a host of services to the elderly residents of Essex County.

**Angelo Cicenica** has worked in the Essex County Department of Public Works, Division of Fleet Management as a mechanic for 20 years. In 1996, he was promoted to his current position as Storekeeper/Mechanic. Angelo's responsibilities include ordering automotive parts for all County vehicles and equipment and overseeing the stockroom to ensure that the necessary items are in stock so the mechanics can complete their jobs. In addition, he also repairs flat tires, balances tires on vehicles.