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

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards for September to three Essex County employees.

Carmen Ginorio has been employed by Essex County since 2006 and has worked as a Data Processing Programmer in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs since February 2007. At 115 Clifton Avenue, Ginorio is assigned a variety of responsibilities – covering the reception area, assisting with the Golf ID Unit and working with the Business Manager. She carries a heavy workload and eagerly accepts new assignments and challenges without hesitation. Her versatility and willingness to help in any way she can is why Ginorio is being recognized with this month's Teamwork Award. She and her husband Juan have three children, Eric, Nicholas and Raquel

Tawana Brinson-Smith started her career with Essex County in March 2004 at the Essex County Correctional Facility in Newark. Originally assigned as a Data Processing Programmer, Brinson-Smith has served in a variety of capacities and always brings her commitment to improving the efficiency of the department. In 2008, Brinson-Smith successfully completed the New Jersey Human Resources Development Institute's "HR Horizons" Certificate Program and is now assigned full-time as the Human Resources Liaison for the Department of Corrections. In her spare time, she serves as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees for the We Care 4 All Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by the Department of Corrections. She and her husband Paul have two children, Armani and Brandon.

Detective Roy Sanders is a 14-year veteran of the Essex County Sheriff's Office and a retired US Marine Corp Reservist. His talents are recognized by the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies, and he is constantly requested to serve on various task forces. Sanders is currently assigned to the Newark Police Department's Fugitive Apprehension Team. He recently earned the Essex County Sheriff's Medal of Honor for risking his life to save a suspect who had crawled onto a 1.5-inch ledge on the 13th floor of a high rise building to escape arrest. Sanders is recognized as a role model and a constant source of guidance and motivation for younger officers. He enjoys fishing and traveling with his family when not on duty.