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PASSAIC VICINAGE PROBATION OFFICERS HONORED

Paterson – Three Passaic Vicinage Probation Officers received awards from the Chief Probation Officers of New Jersey (CPONJ) at a ceremony yesterday in Trenton. Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, presided over the program to recognize officers throughout the state. The ceremony was held during National Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week to honor probation staff for outstanding leadership and achievements in juvenile and adult supervision and in child support matters.

A certificate of outstanding achievement was presented to Passaic Vicinage Court Services Supervisor Sonia Valentin for her coordination of the probation division's medical field visit program. This program pairs juvenile probation officers with volunteer doctors, nurses and hospital social workers from St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson during select home visits. These special home visits address health issues not only for juvenile probationers, but also for other members of the family. Parents or guardians with health-related problems can have difficulty providing appropriate care and supervision of their children. In many circumstances, these families do not have the means to seek medical assistance or are unaware of how or where to go for services. Valentin's coordination of the medical home visit program effectively addresses this service gap.

Certificates of meritorious service was presented to Court Services Supervisor Donald DeHart and Senior Probation Officer Janneth Agudelo for their long-standing involvement with the probation officer field safety training program. DeHart and Agudelo have helped provide field safety training to probation officers from around the state for many years. They have shown tremendous dedication and commitment to the program by bringing their expertise to numerous training classes throughout the state.

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