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**Essex Probation Division Staff Honored with CPONJ Awards**

Eight Essex Vicinage Probation Division staff were honored with Chief Probation Officers of New Jersey Association (CPONJ) awards on Aug. 4 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton.

Frances Butler (retired) received the Meritorious Service Award for her more than 40 years of service in the probation division and her exemplary leadership. Her drive, determination, commitment, leadership and legacy will carry on for years to come in the probation division, said Dorothy Howell, the vicinage's chief probation officer.

Marilyn Kuntz received the Career Achievement Award for her 28 years of dedication and professionalism in the probation division. She has demonstrated her commitment to the division by continuously going above and beyond her normal job responsibilities in assisting the public and her fellow staff members.

Fernanda Nobles of the Child Support Unit received the Career Achievement Award for her 29 years of exemplary work ethic and knowledge. She has played a lead role in providing outstanding customer service to the children and families in the vicinage.

Marie Pierre-Philippe of Probation Supervision received the Career Achievement Award for her 17 years of dedication and leadership. She has demonstrated her continuous commitment to the Judiciary through her participation on several local and statewide committees.

Patricia Romano of Probation Supervision received the Career Achievement Award for her 22 years of exemplary work in the Probation Division. She has demonstrated professionalism and commitment as she serves the division as an expert in data entry.

Priscilla Howard of Probation Supervision received the Outstanding Achievement Award for outstanding performance in our Drug Court Unit. Her vast knowledge of the Drug Court program, team work, leadership and dedication make her an invaluable member of the team.

Kenneth James in the Child Support Unit received the Outstanding Achievement Award for his continuous dedication and willingness to volunteer his services to assist in achieving the overall goal of the division.

Andrew Kafel in Probation Supervision received the Outstanding Achievement Award for his dedication and energy and for encouraging his fellow probation officers to excel through his leadership.

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