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## **Morris/Sussex Vicinage to Hold Graduation Ceremony for Sussex Participants**

The Morris/Sussex Vicinage will hold an in-person graduation ceremony for 11 participants of the recovery court program in Sussex County on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the historic courtroom on the second floor of the historic courthouse at the Sussex County Justice Center, 43-47 High St., Newton.

Superior Court Judge Robert M. Hanna will preside over a ceremony that will acknowledge participants' achievements in recovery. New Jersey State Police Superintendent Col. Patrick J. Callahan will be the guest speaker.

The Judiciary's recovery court program operates within the Superior Court to address nonviolent drug-related cases. The rigorous program requires completion of five phases of drug and alcohol treatment that includes intensive probation supervision, frequent drug testing, and virtual court appearances. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows supervisors to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

The recovery court program in Sussex County has 85 participants.

For more information about the vicinage's recovery court program or the commencement ceremonies, contact Sussex Recovery Court Coordinator Jennifer Gulden at 862-397-5700, ext. 75319.

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