## FROM HORROR TO HEALING, CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE WILL REFLECT ON 9/11 Camden County College's Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility Civic Hall located in the Connector Building on the College's Blackwood Campus The campus is located at College Drive and Peter Cheeseman Road in Gloucester Township

Presentations sponsored by Camden County College's Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility will address the events leading up to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the activities of an interfaith coalition that has banded together to build a mosque in a local community despite post-9/11 fears.

## September 8, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Just prior to the 10-year anniversary of the attacks, award-winning investigative journalist, columnist and editor Murray Weiss will discuss his book The Man Who Warned America. Weiss's book tells the story of Federal Bureau of Investigation counterterrorism expert John O'Neill, a native of Atlantic City, who was widely regarded as one of the government's foremost authorities on Middle Eastern politics and terrorism. After spending nearly a decade investigating bombings orchestrated by religious extremists, O'Neill recognized Osama bin Laden as a threat long before other federal authorities did. Ironically, O'Neill had recently left the FBI and was just a few weeks into his new job as head of security at the World Trade Center when he was killed in the 9/11 attacks.

October 4, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Just a few weeks after the anniversary, at 7 p.m. Oct. 4, the Center will screen the film Talking Through Walls: How the Struggle to Build a Mosque Unites a Community. This documentary tells the story of Voorhees Township resident Zia Rahman, whose efforts to build a mosque in his suburban community are threatened by post-9/11 fears until an interfaith coalition unites in support.

Following the one-hour screening will be a panel discussion with a question-and-answer session. Rahman's widow, Zahida Rahman, will be joined on the panel by interfaith coalition members Father Joseph Wallace, Alan Respler, Lori Volpe and George Bouchey and by filmmaker Stephanie Daniels.

Both events are free and open to the public and are recommended by Center officials as development opportunities for area educators. Each will provide teachers with help in translating a historical event into a teachable moment for students of any age. New Jersey professional development credit is available.

For additional information or to attend, contact the Civic Leadership and Responsibility by telephone at (856) 227-7200, ext. 4333, or via e-mail at <u>CCLRregistrations@camdencc.edu</u>.