



Civilian Service Award

On May 17, 2022, the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement, Inc. honored Ms. Jackie Pestana with the Civilian Service Award for her extraordinary commitment to the law enforcement community.

As an Employee Assistance Program Coordinator, she provides assessments and referrals, short-term counseling, workplace evaluations, and educational services to law enforcement employees and their families within the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of State Police, Division of Criminal Justice, and the Juvenile Justice Commission. She also facilitates critical incident stress management services with other local and non-profit agencies to provide coping strategies to first responders experiencing an unusual, traumatic event so they may improve their resiliency and recovery in the aftermath of such incidents.

Ms. Pestana has a warm, engaging, informal, and at times, humorous style which puts people at ease. She exemplifies the Employee Assistance Program's core values of compassion, excellence, and integrity through her words and actions. She stands up in defense of employees' rights, leads in the expansion of mental health services, or serves as a protector of confidential, honest, and ethical principles within the organization. Whatever her role, she earns her reputation for excellence by holding her ground and passionately advocating for the greater good.

She is a respected employee, leader, and clinician, making a difference within the Employee Assistance Program, positively impacting the lives of employees and families within the law enforcement community, exemplifying the mission of the Department of Law and Public Safety, and fostering good will with the public.

Congratulations Jackie!