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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD PROMOTES STEVEN TALLARD TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**TWENTY-TWO YEAR PAROLE BOARD VETERAN TO LEAD THE NEARLY 600
MEN AND WOMEN TASKED WITH SAFELY ASSISTING FORMER INMATES REENTER SOCIETY**

TRENTON – The New Jersey State Parole Board announced today the promotion of Director Steven Tallard who will guide the agency’s day-to-day operations as its new Executive Director. In this role, Director Tallard will oversee a multitude of duties that include managing an agency with a total of 197 civilian staff and 384 sworn parole officers and commanders who are all charged with processing and supervising more than 15,000 former inmates on parole.



New Jersey State Parole Board Executive Director
Steven Tallard

New Jersey State Parole Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said, “This agency is extremely fortunate and proud to have Director Tallard serve as a leader of the New Jersey State Parole Board because of his professionalism, experience, and intimate knowledge of parole supervision and law enforcement. I am equally confident and excited that this highly qualified and capable commander and manager will continue to uphold the agency’s high standards of promoting public safety and reducing the recidivism rate of offenders.”

Steven Tallard was named Executive Director following an interim period in which he served in that role beginning in January 2018. While handling the duties as acting Executive Director, he continued as Director of the Division of Parole.

Additionally, Director Tallard served as Director of Community Programs, a

position where he administered contracts for the operation of Community Resource Centers, the Reentry Substance Abuse Program (RESAP), Stages to Enhance Parolee Success (STEPS), residential programs, the Mutual Agreement Program in partnership with the Department of Health's, the Division of Addiction Services, and other specialized programs.

In addition to his other duties, Director Tallard also oversees the Division of Release, Human Resources, Information Technology, Fiscal, and Legal units within the agency.

The New Jersey State Parole Board is an accredited law enforcement agency sanctioned by the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police. Director Tallard previously served as the New Jersey State Parole Board's Accreditation Coordinator. During this tenure he led two successful accreditation assessments, including the agency's initial accreditation of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

Director Tallard also served as one of the principal sex offender supervision specialists for the New Jersey State Parole Board. He led the creation of the agency's Sex Offender Management Unit (SOMU), which became operational in March 2005. This program was the result of intensive research into the best practices and knowledge available in sex offender offense patterns, psychology, and crime prevention— and manages approximately 7,000 registered sex offenders.

Director Tallard also played a crucial role in developing guidelines for the New Jersey State Parole Board's use of Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking for the state's highest-risk sex offenders, for the use of polygraph testing of sex offenders, and for the development of a partnership with Rutgers University to provide comprehensive sex offender specific counseling services.

A 2008 graduate of the FBI National Academy, Director Tallard was the first New Jersey parole officer accepted into the Academy.

Director Tallard is a resident of Freehold, NJ.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid former inmates in reentering society, and to reduce the recidivism of offenders while addressing the needs of crime victims. As required by law, appointed parole board members and staff conduct approximately 13,500 hearings per year, solicit input from victims, and decide upon parole matters. Nearly 400 sworn SPB parole officers supervise more than 15,500 offenders and act as New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. Additionally, SPB officers are also active partners with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, the SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect former inmates with vocational, mental health, and related services.

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