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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD PROMOTES EDWARD G. JACKSON TO DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PAROLE

**PAROLE BOARD LAW ENFORCEMENT VETERAN TO LEAD THE MEN AND WOMEN
SWORN TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE HELPING REDUCE PAROLEE REOFFENDING**

TRENTON – The New Jersey State Parole Board announced today the promotion of Edward Jackson, a 29-year law enforcement veteran, to Director of the Division of Parole. In his new role, Director Jackson will lead 384 sworn law enforcement parole officers and commanders who are responsible for the supervision of more than 15,000 offenders.



New Jersey State Parole Board Director of the
Division of Parole Edward G. Jackson

“Director Jackson is a professional, accomplished, and demonstrated leader who brings a wealth of experience to this position and a tremendous amount of education to those he will supervise,” said New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. “I look forward to the many positive contributions that Director Jackson will make at the administrative level but especially the support he will provide to our officers and commanders in the field.”

As Director of the Division of Parole, Director Jackson is charged with not only overseeing law enforcement personnel but also implements the important policies and procedures that keep those officers safe. Additionally, he manages specialized units and programs including the Special Operations Unit, the Electronic GPS Monitoring Unit, the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, and the Fugitive Recovery Unit.

Director Jackson also oversees the agency’s community programs division, which includes reentry programs that provide assistance to parolees looking to properly adjust and assimilate back into society.

In addition, he also serves as the liaison between outside law enforcement agencies as well as external community organizations which he regularly visits with and speaks to members about various aspects of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

Prior to being named as Director of the Division of Parole, Jackson served as Captain where he supervised the Fugitive Unit, Electronic Monitoring Program Unit and the Gang Unit, as well as managing several lieutenants and three parole districts.

Director Jackson was part of the first New Jersey State Parole Board class where recruits were trained in the use of firearms.

After receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration at John Jay College, Director Jackson served in the United States Army as a lieutenant platoon leader in the Air Defense Artillery Division. He later became a probation officer in Houston, TX before joining the New Jersey State Parole Board.

Director Jackson is a resident of Burlington County, 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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