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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD PARTICIPATES IN VIRTUAL MINORITY RECRUITMENT EVENT

Parole Officers Share Thoughts About a Rewarding Career in Law Enforcement During 7th Annual Minority Male Initiative Conference

TRENTON, NJ, March 8, 2021— Two members of the New Jersey State Parole Board participated in a virtual conference to help educate minority male students about employment options and opportunities with the agency, and how a career in law enforcement can lead someone down an exciting career path. The program, *Building a Foundation for Future Success*, was hosted by *Brookdale Community College* and the *Monmouth and Ocean County Pan Hellenic Council*.



New Jersey State Parole Board Senior Parole Officer Marquis Barron and Principal Investigator William Leonard gave students an overview of the State Parole Board. In particular, the officers talked about what the men and women of the agency achieve on a daily basis, how the critical tasks are accomplished, and the important role that parole plays throughout New Jersey's communities.

Additionally, Officer Barron and Investigator Leonard provided insight regarding recruitment training at the Department of Criminal Justice training academy and the requirements needed to become a Parole Officer.

New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said "Governor Murphy has made it clear that diversity and inclusion are important hallmarks in the workplace and our agency is certainly no exception. The State Parole Board will continue to reach out to minority communities and individuals through events and initiatives such as this roundtable discussion. It is imperative that the pathway to success is lined with diverse and inclusive opportunities."

The New Jersey State Parole Board is committed to promoting and advancing public safety in

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New Jersey through the utilization of innovative, meaningful, and effective methods to help prepare offenders achieve a successful, sustainable community reintegration into society.



More than 400 sworn parole officers supervise approximately 16,000 offenders and act as New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. State parole officers partner with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces in an effort to reduce crime throughout New Jersey. The State Parole Board's Community Programs Unit collaborates with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect offenders returning to society with vocational, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, housing, and related services.

Photo caption:

New Jersey State Parole Board Sr. Parole Officer Marquis Baron (left) and State Parole Board Principal Investigator William Leonard (right) take part in Building a Foundation for Future Success, a minority male initiative virtual conference.

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