TO: All Law Enforcement Officials
FROM: Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman and Chief Administrator
New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
DATE: July 31, 2017
SUBJECT: Disabled Veterans and Purple Heart Recipients Parking Placards

New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 39:4-207.10) permits exemption from payment of municipal parking meter fees, for up to 24 hours, for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients under certain, specific circumstances:

- The parked vehicle is owned by the disabled veteran or the Purple Heart recipient.
- The disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient is the driver or a passenger in that vehicle.
- The vehicle displays a unique placard issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission. (See Exhibits A1 and B1)

Disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient placards afford the vehicle owner the same privileges as the Disabled Veteran or Purple Heart license plates.

These placards are subject to renewal/recertification every 3 years. The expiration date will be the last day of the month that is punched out on the placard. The year of expiration will also be punched out. The appearance of this expiration date is the same format as on the existing Person with a Disability (PWAD) placard.

The holder of a disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient placard can also be issued a PWAD placard, if eligible. These unique placards do not replace a PWAD placard.

The disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient placard cannot be used for parking in PWAD labeled parking spots.

The holder of a unique placard will be issued a placard identification card that will match the owner information on the vehicle registration card for the vehicle in use. (See Exhibits A2 and B2)

This recipient identification card indicates the actual person who is entitled to the privilege of the unique placard.
Exhibit A1

Exhibit B1

Exhibit A2

Exhibit B2