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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD STAFF TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO WORK ON EDUCATIONAL DAY

ANNUAL DAY OF “ON HANDS” LEARNING EDUCATE THE CHILDREN OF PAROLE OFFICERS AND AGENCY EMPLOYEES ABOUT WHAT MOM AND DAD ACCOMPLISH FOR NEW JERSEY

TRENTON, NJ, April 29, 2019 – Many companies, organizations, and agencies hold it each year, but where else can the children of employees learn about the parole release process, see exhibitions of K9 dogs in action, and sound a shrieking police siren? At the New Jersey State Parole Board during the annual *Take Your Child to Work Day* event, of course!



The State Parole Board played host to 113 youngsters whose parents work for the agency in a variety of capacities and learned about the challenging, rewarding, and vital work that they do for a living and for the State of New Jersey.



“Our *Take Your Child to Work Day’s* event was a wonderful showcase for a younger generation, which illustrated up front and in person what one of the state’s finest criminal justice agencies accomplishes each and every day,” said State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr., who began the day by “swearing-in” the children as “Junior Parole Officers.”

The Chairman continued, “On behalf of the entire State Parole Board, I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone who made this year’s program the most educational, exciting, and fun experience ever.”

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The members of the State Parole Board collectively stated, “Programs such as the annual *Take Your Child to Work Day* at the State Parole Board are invaluable. It provides the children with a wonderful opportunity to engage with the members of a critical state agency that works tirelessly to ensure that our communities are safe and that offenders are given the chance to assimilate back into society in a positive manner.”

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid supervised offenders 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.



Photo Captions:

Photo # 1: Kayla McKay of Manahawkin, daughter of State Parole Board staffer George McKay, gets a close look and a pet of one of the police dogs.

Photo # 2: State Parole Board Executive Director Steven Tallard (left) talks with Kayla McKay (right) about the duties of police dogs and how state parole officers work with their partners.

Photo # 3: State Parole Board staffer Robert Sinicropi (left) of Hamilton (Mercer Cty.) watches as his son Michael sounds the siren in one of the police vehicles on hand during the Take Your Child to Work Day event.

Photo # 4: State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. (left) swears in the children who were on hand for Take Your Child to Work Day as “Junior Parole Officers” for the day.