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## State Parole Board Releases 2009 Annual Report

TRENTON – Chairman Yolette C. Ross today announced the release of the New Jersey State Parole Board's 2009 Annual Report, highlighting the agency's overall operations and successes during the past year. The full report can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/parole/docs/reports/AnnualReport09.pdf>.

Included in the report:

*"In Fiscal 2009, the Parole Board Members and Division of Release conducted parole hearings for 10,710 State prison inmates and 2,784 county jail inmates. The agency's Revocation Unit initiated 2,432 revocation hearings, and 430 rescission hearings. The Juvenile Unit conducted 2,098 quarterly reviews and 219 annual reviews for juvenile residents, held 621 hearings to set time goals for juvenile residents, and initiated 302 juvenile revocation hearings.*

*"On the last day of Fiscal Year 2009 there were a total of 15,597 individuals under State Parole Board supervision, including individuals released on discretionary parole, those sentenced to a term of Mandatory Supervision (MSV), sex offenders sentenced to Community Supervision for Life (CSL) or Parole Supervision for Life (PSL), and sex offenders subject to Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring.*

*"The Division of Community Programs provided rehabilitative programs to more than 6,700 individuals under State Parole Board supervision. These programs, including Day Reporting Centers, Halfway Back programs, the Mutual Agreement Program, the Reentry Substance Abuse Program and others, are designed to promote successful and sustainable reentry and ensure public safety."*

The State Parole Board's 2009 Annual Report also highlights research reports during the past year that showed clear reductions in recidivism associated with State Parole Board supervision and reentry programs; the national award-winning Regional Assessment Center (RAC) initiative for the clinical assessment of technical parole violators; the agency's sex offender supervision strategies including GPS monitoring and polygraph testing; and specific targeted resources for reentry and partnerships for public safety.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey's lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct nearly 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB's sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle of recidivism and reduce risk of crime.

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