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“Police-Parole Partnerships” Article in NJ Municipalities Magazine *Article on Economical Public Safety Resource authored by Chairman Barnes, Mayor Smith*

TRENTON – The April 2008 issue of *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine includes an article co-authored by Chairman Peter J. Barnes Jr. and Irvington Mayor Wayne Smith.

“Police-Parole Partnerships: An Economical Public Safety Resource” describes partnerships the State Parole Board has launched with the Township of Irvington and City of Camden. The State Parole Board plans to establish Police-Parole Partnerships as a model for municipalities across New Jersey.

“With violent crime a continuing concern and local budgets as tight as ever, New Jersey’s municipalities must be creative in getting more out of existing law-enforcement resources. As Governor Corzine stated in his Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods, the solution must come in the form of intelligence-sharing and operational partnerships between municipal police departments, and their counterparts at the State and Federal levels,” the article states.

The Police-Parole Partnership in Irvington “gives municipal police officers and State parole officers better eyes for investigation, and longer arms for enforcement, with no new or additional costs to the taxpayers of the township or State.”

The article can be viewed as a PDF: <http://www.state.nj.us/parole/docs/municipalities.april08.pdf>.

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 more than 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB 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 and risk of crime.

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