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The Road Ahead: Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti



**Commissioner
Gutierrez-Scaccetti**

With our season of giving thanks underway and with Veterans Day just ahead, those who served and are still serving in our armed forces deserve our gratitude year-round. Back in September at our Employee Memorial/September 11 observance my cabinet colleague **Sue Fulton**, the chief administrator of the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission and a veteran herself, eloquently spoke of the life of "selfless service in defense of this nation and the values in our Constitution that acknowledge the dignity of every human being." Our vets and active duty personnel need to know we appreciate them. Please remember on this Veterans Day to make sure to say thank you to someone you know who wears the uniform. Also, take note of the story in this issue on p. 5 about the "Blue Star Memorial" marker and NJDOT's on-going commitment to veterans.

In the spirit of gratitude, we are about halfway through the New Jersey Employee Charitable Campaign. Please take time to visit the NJDOT's intranet for information on the campaign. There are dozens of charities to which you can contribute. As always, contributing is completely voluntary.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

Diane

Commissioner's Holiday Celebrations

Monday, December 10 at 10:00 am – Region North, Mr. Arlington

Friday, December 14 at 10:00 am – Region South, Cherry Hill

Thursday, December 20 at 9:00 am – Ewing Headquarters



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New Jersey winter roads can feel like the Wild West

NJDOT staff competed to be the best winter wrangler in town



On Thursday, September 27, NJDOT held its annual winter readiness ROAD-E-O training competition to determine whose extreme road skills can best tame the mean streets of Jersey (state roads, highways and interstates) during the winter season. Highway Operation Crews, Electrical Crews, and Mechanics from the various garages tested their skills during this rigorous training program.

Three competitions tested the crew members' winter readiness road skills. The Highway Operations Crew (HOC) were tested on their ability to ready the trucks with the proper snow attachments; the Electrical Crews were tested on their ability to assess their truck and equipment and technical skills; and an obstacle course tested driving abilities with a fully equipped truck and plow.

While the event is fun, exciting and invites friendly competition between staff, it also provides a safe opportunity for drivers to reacquaint themselves with the dynamics of driving a truck with a plow attached, as well as providing members of DOT HOCs to meet

with others from across the state and share best practices. These training exercises began in the early 1990s.

The event included hands-on activities that tested the participants' skill and efficiency. Participants' scores were assessed on execution time and accuracy in completing the tasks, all of which simulated what they may be facing out in the field this winter. The tasks were as follows:

HOC Training Stations

- **Plow Blade Change** – two person teams compete to change a wooden, simulated, plow blade
- **Plow Hook Up** – two person teams compete to hook up a plow to a truck, raise and lower the plow, and finally disconnect the plow
- **Loader with Forks** – two person teams use a loader with forks to pick up a pallet with a cone and a medicine ball and move the pallet from one box to another without dropping the ball. Each team member does this and their total time is calculated for scoring
- **EQ-45W** – individuals walk around a truck to simulate filling out an EQ-45W Winter Equipment Checklist form to identify deficiencies with the truck. There were 25 items that were intentionally deficient on the truck and employees were directed to verbally identify what was wrong with the truck to score points
- **Winter Quiz** – employees took an online quiz consisting of winter related questions

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HOC - 2018 Statewide Road-E-O - Training Station Results

Rank	Name (A)	Crew #	Team Member (B)	Team Member Crew #	Overall Score
1	James Smaniotto	420	Gene Montagna	420	480.225
2	Michael Johnson	326	James Ward	329	476.148
3	Mike Slusarski	416	Veronica Amey	416	474.633

ELECTRICAL - 2018 Statewide Road-E-O - Training Station Results

Rank	Name (A)	Crew #	Team Member (B)	Team Member Crew #	Overall Score
1	William Curry	389	Claude Hurley	389	285.283
2	Ray Kent	482	Josh Wilson	485	282.950

Obstacle Course Competition - 2018 Statewide Road-E-O - Training Station Results

Rank	Name	Crew #	Region	Overall Score
1	Kevin Zulin	335	Central	2017
2	Jim Racanelli	333	Central	1976
3	Danny Stevens	220	North	1974

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- **Wing and Plow / Tandem** – not a competitive station but utilized as a training tool for anyone who wants to learn more about operating a tandem, the wing, and belly plow

Electrical Training Stations

- **Electrical EQ-45** – individuals walk around a bucket truck to simulate filling out an EQ-45 Daily Truck Inspection Sheet to identify deficiencies with the truck. There were 11 items that were intentionally deficient on the truck and employees were directed to verbally identify what was wrong with the truck to score points
- **Electrical Build a Fixture** – two person teams were given some tools, materials and they had to build and wire a traffic signal fixture
- **Electrical Quiz** – employees took an online quiz consisting of electrical questions
- After each event Employee Safety staff were available to answer any safety related questions

Obstacle Course Competition

The obstacle course, like all of the day's activities, is a skills training event. It allowed drivers to refresh their skills after the summer break and have some friendly competition while doing so.

Drivers had to complete obstacles that simulated roadway hazards such as:

- Maneuver the plow along a simulated curb line
- Traverse through an offset lane (follow the curb then move away from a car)
- Back into an alley dock
- Follow a cul-de-sac to the end, then back out



L-r: Patrick Connolly, Adam Kuhn, Danny Stevens, Frank Parete, David Cerbasio, Robert Laracuente and Brandon Lebron

- Drive through an increasingly narrow lane and stop the truck with the plow in a pre-determined box

The course design included some cones with flags that the drivers needed to hit, and others that had to be avoided. Drivers were scored for the fastest time with the least amount of errors; the driver with the highest score was the winner; the region with the most drivers in the top 10 was determined the overall winner. This was a tight race with North Region pulling off the win with five top scoring drivers, Central Region coming in a close second with four top scoring drivers, and one South Region top scoring driver. In actuality, the public is the true winner of this event, because when NJDOT drivers are prepared for winter, roads will be safer for everyone.

Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti attended the event to witness firsthand the readiness of the crew.

In addition, for the first time, a member of the media was invited to attend. A local CBS television reporter was on scene and captured the excitement and challenges of the event as she rode along with a driver on the obstacle course. She was thrilled with the experience and impressed by the work being done by the NJDOT.

With more than 13,000 lane-miles of Interstate, US and State routes under NJDOT's jurisdiction to keep open and passable at all times during winter weather, the ROAD-E-O was a great way to sharpen those winter skills and get ready for what Mother Nature has in store for the Garden State this coming season.



NJDOT's ongoing Commitment to Veterans since 1945



The Blue Star Memorial marker program honors U.S. service men and women of all generations with memorial plaques placed in public spaces and landscaped to highlight the designation. The program began in New Jersey at the close of World War II, and grew nationwide.

In the final years of World War II, the Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) members sought a way to recognize service men and women who would soon be returning from battle. The GCNJ, in collaboration with the NJ Highway Commission (now NJDOT), designated a section of Route 22, between Mountainside and North Plainfield, as Blue Star Drive, so named for the Blue Star service flag used by families to denote a member being in the armed forces. It became the first

designated Blue Star Memorial location with the sign installation and planting of native New Jersey flowering dogwoods.

In January 1945, the NJ state legislature commemorated Blue Star Drive with a joint resolution establishing the Blue Star Memorial Highway Council.


The concept spread nationwide with the National Council of Garden Club's support. Today, there are more than 3,000 sites located throughout the United States, and over 33 in New Jersey. All but six New Jersey counties have a Blue Star Memorial Marker and they are: Camden, Cape May, Gloucester, Hudson, Passaic and Sussex.

The Blue Star Memorial Highway Council consists of seven members, being officers or employees of the following

NJ State Departments: DOT, Environmental Protection, Veterans Affairs, and four members recommended to the Governor for appointment by the Garden Club of New Jersey.

In addition to Council membership, the NJDOT landscape division may assist clubs with marker installation, especially if it is located along a highway or municipal park. Blue Star markers may be located along designated highways, in public parks, rest areas, civic properties, veterans' cemeteries, hospitals and other facilities serving service men and women.

Special thanks to **Lois Johann**, project engineer in the Office of Landscape Architecture, and Blue Star Memorial Highway Council Secretary/NJDOT representative, for bringing us this news.

If you have a location idea for a Blue Star Memorial marker, the application is located at www.gardenclub.org 



NJDOT Commissioner delivers pedestrian and bicycle safety message to students at Walk to School Month event

Governor's Proclamation recognizes national safety education efforts

In recognition of October as "Walk to School Month," a proclamation signed by Governor **Phil Murphy** was presented to officials at the Lawrence Intermediate School in Lawrence Township for their efforts to educate students about safety, and encourage walking and biking to school.


The proclamation was delivered by New Jersey Transportation Commissioner **Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti** who participated with about 300 fourth graders in the school's "Walk This Way" program, a national effort to raise awareness of the benefits of walking and biking, and the need for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs and projects.

"Safety in our transportation network is everyone's responsibility. There is no substitution for awareness of your surroundings, whether in your car or bicycling or walking," said Commissioner Scaccetti. "I want more school kids to feel comfortable and secure in walking or biking to their school. The NJDOT supports this through its Safe Routes to School program, which in turn

supports programs like the one here at Lawrence Intermediate School. This is how school kids develop that situational awareness that they can carry with them for the rest of their lives."

The Lawrence Intermediate School "Walk This Way" program is sponsored by the St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center in Lawrenceville, and supported by partners including FedEx, The Trenton Thunder and the Lawrence Township Police Department.

"Walk This Way" and supporting other similar programs are goals of New Jersey's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, which is a federal, state and local effort to encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk or bike to school and to improve areas where it is not safe to do so.

There have been six rounds of Safe Routes to Schools infrastructure grants awarded since 2012 in New Jersey, representing 170 projects worth \$32.4 million. A seventh round of grant applications is currently being reviewed. 



NJDOT celebrated 2018 National Hispanic Heritage Month

NJDOT celebrated 2018 National Hispanic Heritage Month on October 4, 2018 with the theme of One Endless Voice to Enhance Our Traditions. Poetry, music, dance and food filled the celebration highlighting the talents of the multi-cultural staff of Hispanic heritage. NJDOT prides itself on building a collaborative workforce through its diversity and by articulating its commitment to communities across the state.

Jay Jimenez, Chief of Staff, addressed the audience wearing traditional Puerto Rican formal attire. He sported a white hat and long sleeve cotton shirt while stating in his opening remarks, "Diversity gives power to our country...look at the Murphy Administration and the diversity there. Actions speak louder than words."



Jimenez stated that the NJDOT is committed to diversity in its workforce and in its commitment to communities. "It's up to us to educate each other, share our cultural differences...the more we are different, the more we are the same."

He ended his remarks with a recitation of the poem "Ode to the Diasporican" written by American born Puerto Rican poet **Maria Teresa Fernandez**, known as Mariposa. The poem expresses the author's deep passion for her Puerto Rican culture and heritage while also identifying and living her life as a Spanish Harlem born and raised American.

Paul Perez, who is a Trenton native, recent Trenton mayoral candidate, and President of his own company, was the keynote speaker. In his remarks, he congratulated the NJDOT on its diversity, and providing opportunities for people to advance their lives through their careers.



He shared his personal experience as the eleventh of fifteen children raised by Puerto Rican immigrant parents. His father served in the military bringing the family to reside in Fort Dix, New Jersey. Perez served in the United States Army for 20 years; in addition, eight of his siblings served in various branches of the military. "My family combined has 120 years on the frontlines [serving the United States]," said Perez. He added, if you include my nephews and sons "they add an additional 86 years of service to enhance the tradition of America."

Traditional flamenco dancers, NJDOT staff line dancers, and a guitar player serenading a maiden, entertained the audience as a traditionally garbed bride sat in her bridal chair overseeing the proceedings. As with every great celebration, it culminated with a buffet of traditional food. ➡



TID DOTS!

Tid Dots is a collection of employee awards, retirements, service anniversaries and other sharable and NJDOT pride-producing news.



Transportation Commissioner **Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti** shared her goals for the Department with the NJ Jersey Alliance for Action at its Annual Transportation Conference attendees in Monroe Township. She told the group of about 300 that she will position the NJDOT to be a 21st Century operation, require smart and coordinated capital programs from all of New Jersey's transportation agencies, and insist on industry-wide transportation planning that stabilizes finances.

NJDOT to the Rescue! Early Monday morning, NJDOT Safety Service Patrol driver **Ralph Biondi** spotted a disabled car on the shoulder and pulled over to assist. Ralph met an elderly female driver and immediately realized that there may be a problem. He called the NJ State Police dispatcher and was told that he just rescued someone who was reported missing on Sunday from NY. Thank you to NJDOT's everyday hero RALPH!



Ralph Biondi stands by his NJDOT Safety Service Patrol truck.



On October 16, **John (Jack) Longworth**, Manager, Operations Support and Engineering, was selected as the Central NJ Government Engineer of the Year for 2018 by the American Society of Civil Engineers. This award is presented to an individual who has contributed substantially to the advancement of the civil engineering profession in the government sector in the Central New Jersey region.

Longworth is responsible for a capital program of over \$300 million and a staff of over 200 employees as Manager, Operations Support and Engineering. "I want to thank my management team for their support, guidance, and encouragement. I would also like to thank and share this award with my staff as none of this would be possible without their hard work and dedication to help me carry out the Department's mission," Longworth said. He joined the NJDOT in November 2002 when he led the Movable Bridge Engineering Group.

Build a Better Mouse Trap Award competition

James Nunn, Mike Syanovitz and Ron D'agostino of Crew 333 from the Toms River Maintenance Yard, Highway Operations Central, won the Build a Better Mouse Trap Award competition held by the NJDOT Bureau of Research, announced at the 20th Annual NJDOT Research Showcase on October 17, 2018.

The Crew 333 trio devised a Post Pusher and Puller tool that enables employees to repair a fallen roadway sign without using a sledgehammer and pounding cap. The device reduces possible injury sustained by employees or those in close proximity. The tool fits all trucks in the DOT fleet that take a plow push-frame.

Certificates of recognition were awarded to two staff for their submissions. **Richard Shaw** for his idea to Treat Truck Cab Floors protecting them from the harsh work environments to which they are subjected and to **Don Borer** for his Pintle Hook Fork Attachment that mounts on a trailer that is primarily used in heavy duty towing situations. The State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) has elected to further investigate and support the funding of this project through its Innovation Incentive Program, and a few of these attachments will be fabricated, as a pilot evaluation of the concept.



Congratulations to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Borer for your innovative ideas!

NJDOT School Supply Drive ends with lots of smiles and gratitude



L-r: Sharon Bird and Tiffany Reynolds delivered four boxes filled with the generous NJDOT staff donations to the Cooper's Poynt School in Camden.



L-r: Lisa Adams, Jim Berzok, and Meg Frampton delivered boxes of NJDOT school donations to Denise Daniels, Director of Outreach and Volunteer Service, United Way of Greater Mercer County and Bobbie Panfili, Principal, George E. Wilson Elementary School, Hamilton Twp.



NJDOT North Region gets in the giving spirit. L-r Angelina Okwuogo, Debra Christensen and Yudelka Hume.

Serving the Community Extends beyond NJDOT for Two Subject Matter Experts

NJDOT employees, **John Ciccio**, automotive mechanic in Equipment Operations Central and **Michael Moran**, Operations Manager in Construction and Maintenance Engineering, have a passion for serving the public through their DOT jobs and extend that commitment in their personal lives.



John and Michael are both members of the elite, specially trained, volunteer, New Jersey Task Force 1 (NJ-TF1), the state's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team. NJ-TF1 is one of 28 federal FEMA USAR teams in the country. The team has been in existence since 1996 and is made up of first responders, medical doctors, engineers, and K-9 specialists. Although most often deployed in response to a disaster, the team can also pre-deploy ahead of a natural disaster such as a hurricane. So, when citizens are evacuating, NJ-TF1 is going in. They are frequently the first to arrive after a disaster strikes to provide search and rescue services and assist citizens to safety. NJ-TF1 operates under

the authority of the New Jersey State Police, Homeland Security Branch, and Office of Emergency Management.

Both men were on the NJ-TF1 team deployed to assist North Carolina residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. The team travels with 100,000 pounds of state-of-the-art search and rescue equipment in a convoy of trucks and cars of varying ages. John is the team mechanic who keeps the fleet running while traveling to and from the mission and on-site at the location.

"...We owe a debt of gratitude to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for all they have done. NJDOT provided three transport vehicles at a moment's notice to assist in the deployment... We want to give a special thanks to John Ciccio, NJDOT Rock Star Mechanic, who was able to deploy with the team and literally keep the convoy running. Without these vehicles and the expertise of

John Ciccio, the team would not have been able to perform any of their lifesaving operations that produced over 100 rescues and make it home safe and sound to their families. This deployment was a true reflection of partnership and team work," said **Laura Connolly**, Public Information Officer, NJ-TF1.

Michael is a safety officer, which is part of the Command and General staff. His role is to ensure that the Task Force is performing their functions safely. Typically, they find themselves in an "environment that is often plagued by heat, humidity, hazardous pollutants in water, septic waste, oil, submerged objects, rodents and reptiles," and so many other hazards, Michael explained. A safety office is cross-trained in many disciplines. His role is to assist the Task Force team members to perform their assignments as safely as possible in an otherwise unsafe environment.

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The team was in North Carolina for fifteen days, the longest deployment since Hurricane Katrina. Now, the team is once again on assignment in Florida, assisting residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the first responders and all those affected by Hurricane Michael and all of the people who have been impacted and are still trying to recover from the natural disasters that have struck across the country and abroad.

ABOUT NJ-TF1

New Jersey Task Force 1 is the state's Urban Search and Rescue Team and is one of the 28 National Urban Search and Rescue Teams managed by FEMA.

The NJ-TF1 is comprised of three specially trained teams. There are three teams so that one team is available for deployment, one team remains on standby, and a third team remains in state at all times. When FEMA deploys a team, the Federal government reimburses all costs incurred to the state.

Training for the Team takes about two years and requires a minimum of 60 hours of training every 12 months, calculated on a calendar year. Members must attend a three-day mobilization exercise at least once every three years.


The NJ-TF1 was deployed 79 times since 1998 in events ranging from building collapses, flood zones, explosions, winter storms, fires, plane crashes, explosions and more.

For more information about NJ-TF1 visit:
<https://www.njtf1.org/>



Hurricane Florence relief efforts are underway through various organizations. The United Sikhs organization is collecting funds and supplies for affected. Items requested are: comforters, blankets, flashlights, chargers, first aid kits, dry food, diapers, baby food, hygiene products and toiletries, cleaning supplies, insect repellent or financial support. Contact NJDOT employee **Jeevanjot Kaur** for further information. (732) 986-3807

New Jersey also responded to a request for assistance by the State of Georgia by deploying over twenty-five generators from the New Jersey Task Force 1 headquarters in Wall Township, New Jersey. The NJDOT provided logistical support for the deployment. The convoy traveled throughout the night to reach those areas hardest hit by the storm restoring power to assist in the cleanup efforts.

Georgia made the request through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), the national state-to-state mutual aid system. Agencies across states are able to work together to provide effective aid after a disaster. The State of Georgia will pay for all costs associated with the deployment. 

Happy 20th Anniversary Research Showcase

The 20th Annual New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Research Showcase at Mercer County Community College had more than 250 attendees. Hosted by the New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program, the annual fall program featured speakers and representatives from NJDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Universities, public agencies, and engineering consultants.

Michael Russo, Assistant Commissioner of Planning, Multimodal and Grant Administration (PMGA) and Robert Clark, Division Administrator of the New Jersey Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA-NJ) opened the event.

The keynote speaker, Commissioner **Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti**, spoke about the importance of collaboration for successful effective innovation. Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti highlighted several innovations from the Bureau of Research, from NJDOT employees in the Operations Division and from the featured foundation, The Ray, that is conducting the world's first regenerative highway project in Georgia.

Harriet Anderson Langford, Founder and President of The Ray, gave a background on how the The Ray came to fruition with the inspiration of her father, Ray C. Anderson.

Allie Kelly, the Executive Director of The Ray, described how The Ray has partnered with the Georgia Department of Transportation and various public and private entities to convert an eighteen mile stretch of highway into a living laboratory for various types of transportation technologies.

Dr. **Giri Venkateela**, senior engineer, Bureau of Research, presented the 2018 Outstanding University Student in Transportation Research Award; the 2018 Research Implementation Award; and the 2018 Poster Award.

The event was rounded out by a poster session, a connected vehicle exhibition and afternoon breakout



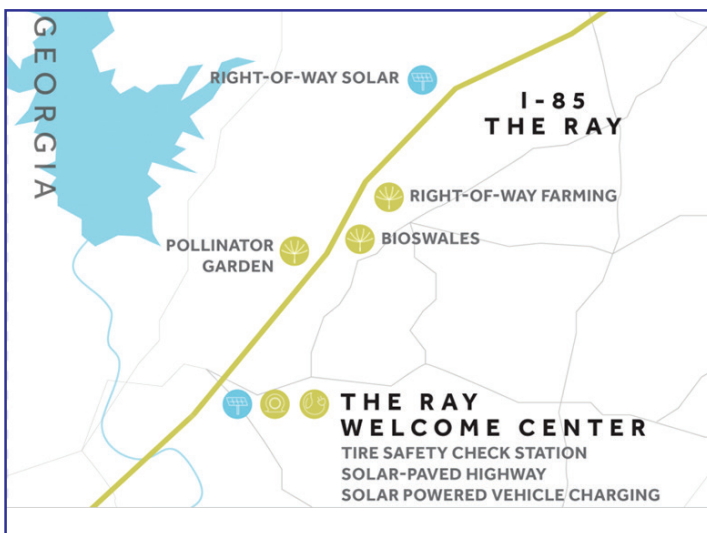
Keynote speaker Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti

sessions. The discussion topics at the breakout sessions for this year are organized by respective divisions:

Capital Program Management (CPM): *Post-Hazard Damage Assessment of Highway Structures Using Remote Sensing Technologies, 90 Minute Rule, Vibro-acoustic Amplitude and Frequency Modulation in Steel Components for Life-cycle Assessment via Innovative Demodulation Algorithms*

Transportation Operations Systems & Support (TOSS): *Analysis of Incident Injury Severity on New Jersey Roadways, Calibration/Development of Safety Performance Functions for New Jersey, Use of UAS/ Drones by NJDOT*

Planning, Multimodal & Grant Administration (PMGA): *Field Study on Removal of Dissolved Metals from Parking Lot Runoff by Catch-Basin Filters Augmented with Media Containing Water Treatment Residuals, Channel Usage, Go Bus: A Job Access Link for Low Income Populations*



Example: Pollinator Garden composition

Retirees

OCTOBER

Gary Brune, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Asst. Commissioner, 32 years; **Anthony Davis**, Civil Rights and Affirmative Action, 31 years; **Jean Pierre Dumesle**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 18 years; **Robert Gaiser**, Capital Program Management, Design Services, 49 years; **Walter Gural**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 29 years; **Eugene Mooring**, Capital Program Management, Design Services, 39 years; **Jaswantkumar Parekh**, Capital Program Management, Construction Services & Materials, 32 years; **Ashwin R. Patel**, Planning and Development, Multimodal Services, 32 years; **Vimal Patel**, Capital Program Management, Design Services, 30 years; **Dominick Petito**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 38 years; **Amanda E. Rush**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 39 years; **Matthew Sherrod**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 17 years; **Robert Siley**, Capital Program Management, Capital Program Support, 33 years; **Carol Smith**, Information Technology, 40 years; **Robert Tramontano**, Capital Program

Management, Construction Services & Materials, 18 years; **Bihn Vo**, Capital Program Management, Design Services, 33 years

NOVEMBER

Jitendrakumar Amin, Capital Program Management, ROW and Access Management, 34 years; **Robert Bates**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 15 years; **William Birch**, Capital Program Management, Project Management, 33 years; **Paul Hanczaryk**, Capital Program Management, Construction Services & Materials, 34 years

DECEMBER

Eugene Askin, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 32 years; **Ramchandra Patel**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 13 years; **Craig Prekop**, Transportation Operations Systems and Support, 33 years; **Arthur Steiner**, Capital Program Management, Construction Services & Materials, 41 years; **Mina Tsintzas**, Accounting and Auditing, 42 years; **Suzanne Ware**, Transportation Data and Safety, 42 years

Obituary

NJDOT is saddened by the passing of **John Essaian** on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. He was 60 years old.

John began his career with the NJDOT in June 1986 as a Maintenance Worker 2 and as he moved forward in his career, was promoted into the Construction and Maintenance Technician series in April 1992. At the time of his passing, he was a Construction and Maintenance Technician 2 in the Bureau of Materials Chemistry Lab in the Ewing headquarters complex.

He was kind, hardworking and was always helpful in and around the Chemistry Lab. John was a friend to all and will be greatly missed

by his colleagues and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. John was a Baltimore Orioles fan and could often be seen wearing an Orioles hat. He was also a huge Minnesota Vikings football fan. John loved model trains and lighthouses, and enjoyed going to concerts and baseball games with his friends.

Predeceased by his spouse Minta, he is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Mermoud and her husband, Benoit; his son, Harry Essaian and his wife, Melissa; three grandchildren, Alexander Essaian, Juliette and Sophia Mermoud; his brother-in-law, Frank Belknap, as well as many family and friends.

NJDOT Service Awards

December 2018

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Palmer J. Askin, Road Maintenance
Edmund Casey, Operations
Christopher Chesnut, Operations
William M. Cortright, Construction Services and Materials
Lawrence A. Gallelo, Statewide Traffic Operations
William J. Hayden, Operations
Robert Laracuente, Operations
Gerald J. Maslak, Operations
Kevin C. Mundy, Operations
Eric T. Staib, Operations
Alan R. Tani, Operations
Maurice White, Operations
Lisa M. Yunkunis, Operations

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

None at this time

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Michael J. Baglivo, Construction Services and Materials
Deborah Crawford, Operations
Maria M. Moran, Statewide Traffic Operations
Robert J. Nemo, Construction Services and Materials
Narendra Patel, Construction Services and Materials
Rajeshkuma B. Patel, Construction Services and Materials
Benjamin D. Racusin, Construction Services and Materials
Arthur Sarnese, Information Technology
Thomas V. Walsh, Road Maintenance

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Raymond G. Farley, Operations
John Senyszyn, Construction Services and Materials
Kimberly A. Stuhltrager, Operations
Ronald B. Wright, Operations

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Anthony J. Peidl, Operations

