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#### **Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders Honor, Applaud and Commend Director Ronald Edwards, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on his retirement from the County of Hudson after 28 years and 11 months of dedicated service.**

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Jersey City-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners honor, applaud and commend Director Ronald Edwards, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on his retirement from the County of Hudson after twenty eight years and eleven months of dedicated service.

Ronald Edwards is a true son of Hudson County, having been born in Newark but raised in East Newark and Kearny.

He is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Administrative Science and Leadership Education.

Ron began his career in Hudson County government as a Corrections Officer in 1993, and in that position, from 1993 to 2001 worked as a K-9 handler, and thereafter from 2001 to 2006 as a K-9 trainer, wherein he supervised 37 uniformed staff members and 7 support staff members, and was also a member of the NJ Attorney General Guidelines K-9 training and Requirements Committee.

In 2006 he was elevated to the rank of Lieutenant and in this role, he integrated innovative practices to department procedures, including a scheduling system designed to streamline operations, developed, and monitored a departmental staffing plan to optimize

scheduled coverage, overtime, and vacations and was responsible to all aspects of departmental training and the development of policies and procedures.

In 2016 Ron was appointed as Deputy Director of Communications of the Hudson County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, during which time he continued the vision and initiative of his predecessors to improve the facility's culture in creating programs involving rehabilitation.

In 2017 Ron was appointed as the Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, wherein he has supervised over 500 law enforcement officers, 150 support staff, implemented programs to assist those committed to the jail to re-enter society such as educational courses, job training and a support system to try to combat recidivism, and been a strong advocate for juvenile in-home detention as an alternative to incarceration, as well as weathering the Correctional and Rehabilitation Center through the COVID-19 Pandemic.

During his career Ron has received many awards including, the NJ County Jail Wardens Association's Employee of the Year, a Proclamation on outstanding leadership from N.J. Senate, a Proclamation on outstanding leadership from N.J. Assembly, a Valor Award, and is the five-time recipient of Canine Service Award. The four-time recipient of Excellent Police Service Award, a four-time recipient of certificate of commendation, and a Recipient of Good Conduct Citation

Board Chairman Anthony Vainieri, the Board of Commissioners and County Executive Thomas DeGise join with the entire County family in honoring and commending Ronald Edwards on his retirement after twenty eight (28) years and eleven (11) months of devoted County service.

The Board of Commissioners join with the County Executive in wishing Ronald plenty of good times with his beloved family, many years of good cheer and good health in the enjoyment of retirement.

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