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**Ocean County Department of Corrections Earns “Adopt-a-Beach” Award
from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council**

TOMS RIVER – June 8, 2016 – The Ocean County Department of Corrections (OCDC) received the New Jersey Clean Communities Council’s (NJCCC) “Adopt-a-Beach” Award for cleaning litter on public lands, such as beachfronts and pinelands, through its community education program. Grants from the NJCCC allow the OCDC to pay for the equipment and salaries necessary to keep this program going.

Accepting the award was Warden Sandra Mueller and her colleagues, Captain Joseph Valenti, Corporal Frank Gordon, Corporal Steven Foster and Master Corporal Michael Ross.

“We are proud of the assistance we have provided in helping to clean-up our environment,” Mueller said. “The entire county benefits from our community education program, which has cleaned not only the beaches but also hundreds of miles of public roads.”

“The Ocean County Department of Corrections is a terrific partner for us and has made tremendous strides in the battle against litter,” added NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber. “We are proud to salute the work and the ongoing commitment to a litter free coastline.”

NJCCC is a comprehensive, statewide litter-abatement program that has served New Jersey residents and visitors for more than 25 years. Learn more at njclean.org.

PHOTO CAPTION: Ocean County Department of Corrections Warden Sandra Mueller accepts the “Adopt-a-Beach” Award with (left to right) Captain Joseph Valenti, Corporal Frank Gordon, Corporal Steven Foster, and Master Corporal Michael Ross. NJCCC President Patrick Ryan (on right) presents award.

