

## **Hunterdon Sheriff Brown and Team Honored For Support Of Employees Serving In National Guard**

Hunterdon County Sheriff Fred W. Brown, and his Office's senior leadership, have received special recognition from the Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) for their patriotic support of Sheriff's Office personnel serving in the U.S. Army National Guard.

Sheriff's Officer Thomas Illes and Sheriff's Investigator Raymond Scarpa, III, serve as members of the U.S. Army National Guard, in addition to their duties in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office.

According to retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel John J. Fearing, the Hunterdon County Chairman for ESGR, the organization coordinates with employers to develop and promote a culture in which employers' support and value the military service of their employees.

Sheriff Brown, First Undersheriff Robert Smith, Undersheriff Frank Cordero and Chief Warrant Officer Ed Davis were recognized by ESGR as Patriotic Employers, for their commitment to the National Guard members in the Sheriff's Office.

Colonel Fearing stated, "Sheriff Brown and his senior leadership contribute to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by their dedicated support of U.S. Army National Guard Lieutenant Illes and Specialist Scarpa. America is stronger because of their patriotism."

Sheriff Fred W. Brown, a U.S. Navy Veteran, said, "While we appreciate the recognition by ESGR, we in the Sheriff's Office could not be prouder of our staff members who volunteer to serve in the military. Supporting the National Guard is an honor for us."