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Mobile Medical Simulation Lab Comes to New Jersey

by Scott Matin, Vice President of MONOC Mobile Health Services

MONOC Mobile Health Services has recently unveiled a state of the art mobile medical simulation lab for the training of Emergency Medical Service providers throughout New Jersey.

In order to most effectively create high fidelity simulations, the proper location for this type of education is inside of a fully equipped and operational ambulance where these clinicians practice their trade every day. Participants will utilize high fidelity computerized life-like human simulation manikins, in real life scenarios, in a controlled setting to allow for safe reproducible education sessions. Students will have the hands on practice to improve their physical skills along with problem solving and teamwork skills. Guiding the experience will be highly trained facilitators who are educated to work with adult learners in a simulated teaching environment. These facilitators will not only lead students through pre-determined scenarios, but will also lead the group in formal debriefings utilizing an onboard video and audio recording system to enhance understanding and ensure competencies.

Vince Robbins, MONOC's President and CEO said, "This mobile simulation lab is the first of its kind in New Jersey and one of only a handful throughout the country. Quality education for our EMS providers equates to quality patient care for the citizens of New Jersey."

MONOC's mobile simulation lab will be available to both volunteer and paid EMS agencies throughout the state as well as EMT and Paramedic educational programs for their original and continuing educational needs.



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Get to know your County Official.....

How many years have you served as a Hudson County Freeholder?

I have served as a Hudson County Freeholder for 10 years. In 2004, I was selected to fill the unexpired term of former Freeholder William Braker. I was elected to a full term in November 2005, and was sworn into office in January 2006.

What was the first public office you held?

I served one term as an elected member of the Jersey City Board of Education.

Why did you choose to apply for freeholder?

I had always been involved with the community and wanted to serve them. I knew the concerns of the citizens, and wanted to provide them with sound solutions by being one of the decision makers.

What had been the most difficult decision you have had to make while serving as a Hudson County Freeholder?

One of the most difficult decisions I had to make as a Freeholder was voting on a budget which revealed a tax increase.

What would our readers be most surprised to learn about you?

Most readers may be surprised to know that I began my career with Hudson County as a laborer in the Division of Roads and Bridges prior to serving as the Assistant Supervisor of Roads for several years.

Who is your role model?

The late Mayor Glenn D. Cunningham was a great mentor and inspiration. Many years prior to being sworn in as the first African-American Mayor of Jersey City in July 2001, Mr. Cunningham began his career in Hudson County as a beat cop for the Jersey City Police Department. He was dedicated to serving the people of his community and his ambitions led him to the rank of Captain; Freeholder of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Commissioner with Jersey City's Alcohol Beverage Control Commission; Chairman of the Asset Forfeiture Leadership Council; board member for Jersey City Medical Center; board of trustees member for Jersey City's branch of the NAACP. President Bill Clinton nominated him for the position of United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey, the United States Senate confirmed his nomination and became the first African-American to become United States Marshal in New Jersey's history.

Why do you love Hudson County?

I was born and raised in Hudson County. Despite it being the smallest county in the State of New Jersey, it is the fourth most populous county in New Jersey and one of the most densely populated in the United States. Many people from all walks of life live in Hudson County. Many towns, such as Jersey City and Hoboken are being revitalized. Developers are investing to transform brownfields, abandoned factories, and junkyards into productive places of business and residential areas. Hudson County is not only the gateway to New York City with the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, Bayonne Bridge, PATH trains, and multiple ferry lines, but it's rich in history and culture.



Jeffrey Dublin
NJAC Immediate Past President
Hudson County Freeholder



Monmouth County Clerk Sworn in as 73rd NJAC President

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, Monmouth County Clerk M. Claire French was sworn-in as the 73rd President of the New Jersey Association of Counties. The ceremony took place in the Senate Chambers of the New Jersey State House. The flag salute was led by Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden while the invocation was performed by Hudson County Surrogate Donald W. De Leo.

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno administered the oath of office to NJAC President M. Claire French. "Claire French is a friend and a mentor," said Guadagno. "Claire has long been a leader in Monmouth County - she has served as the mayor of Wall, led the Monmouth County Improvement Authority, is in her fourth term as Monmouth County Clerk and she now will lead this great statewide organization."



NJAC President & Monmouth County Clerk M. Claire French and Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno

Upon being sworn in, President French thanked NJAC's Board of Directors and noted the remarkable leadership of her predecessor, Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin. "Jeff gave so generously of his time and talent this past year. It was a year of many accomplishments, and we are all grateful to Jeff for his leadership and friendship."

"Our team of officers for 2014 is an exceptional group of leaders. Working with First Vice President and Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon, has been and will continue to be a great pleasure. Ed Trawinski, our Second Vice President and Bergen County Administrator, will add great knowledge and experience to our team. Heather Simmons, Secretary-Treasurer and Gloucester County Freeholder, adds considerable skills as well. Jeff Dublin will continue to serve as our Immediate Past President," said French. "I am looking forward to a year of accomplishment and progress with them as the 2014 NJAC Executive Committee."

President French reminded members of the audience the achievements NJAC has made and its commitment to represent the best interests of New Jersey's twenty-one counties.

In 2013, counties were faced with a new challenge in the election process. A new precedent was created when a special General Election was held to elect a United States Senator to complete the term of the late Senator Frank Lautenberg. This meant an additional expense for the counties, as well as fast tracking work of the election offices to print and process ballots. The counties had to find funds to pay for both the special Primary election and the special General Election up front. Both the special General Election and regular General Election were held within a month apart. Fortunately, counties received relief with the up front costs by year end when the State reimbursed the counties for all the expenses of both the Special Primary and General Elections.

NJAC closely monitored The Affordable Care Act and its implications to county government. NJAC hosted a Summit on The Affordable Care Act allowing counties the opportunity to hear the various viewpoints and discussion of federal, State, and local government agencies chartered with the responsibility to implement the Act in New Jersey.

Both houses passed and sent to the Governor a bill authorizing Internet Wagering in Atlantic City Casinos under certain circumstances. NJAC supported this important and timely initiative in making New Jersey the first State in the nation to authorize Internet Gaming. The additional revenue to the Casino Revenue Fund will

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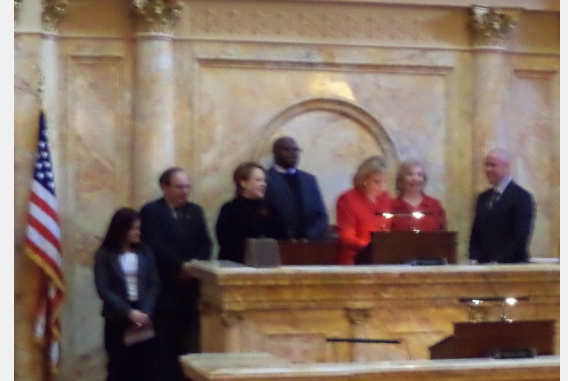
Monmouth County Clerk Sworn in as 73rd NJAC President

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provide for much needed county-based programs and initiatives for the benefit of the aged and disabled citizens of our counties.

“On the important issue of Interest Arbitration, we were very encouraged to hear Governor Christie, during his inaugural speech, state that he supports permanently linking the 2.0% cap on interest arbitration awards to the 2.0% property tax levy,” said French. “The cap is set to expire in April - that means counties will be forced to reduce or even eliminate crucial services if the cap is not extended. In 2014, we also look forward to discussing possible long-term solutions to further mitigate the reliance on the collection of local property taxes.”

Another vitally important issue to NJAC is the Transportation Trust Fund formula that was changed last year. This issue is critically important to New Jersey’s 12 urban counties. NJAC’s concern is that the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s substantial cuts to the Commissioner’s Discretionary Funding and changes to the Local Aid Formula will cause county governments throughout the State to scale back and even eliminate vital road and bridge projects. Another concern is that each county will now have three years to award the contracts or lose the funding. The permitting process is what has taken so much of the timeline in the past, and NJAC recommends a regulatory or legislative remedy that would prohibit the three year spend down period from beginning until the relevant State Departments or Commissions approve all permits accordingly. NJAC looks forward to working with the State in 2014 on these issues vital to the counties.



l to r: Gloucester County Freeholder Heather Simmons; Bergen County Administrator Ed Trawinski; Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon; Hudson County Jeffrey Dublin; Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno; Monmouth County Clerk M. Claire French; NJAC Executive Director John G. Donnadio, Esq.

NJAC President French ended her remarks by reminding the audience that the county scene is changing in so many ways but the collaboration of the talents of county leaders as members of NJAC is the vehicle that speaks with one voice on behalf of all twenty-one counties.



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Time to Check for Leaks

by Aaron Frenchman, Sales Manager for Maxons Restorations

The Polar Vortex may be gone but the aftermath of the arctic chill has left countless pipe bursts within homes and businesses causing gushing water and a disruption to services.

Maxons would like to remind you to stay vigilant during this thaw time as pipes and mains that you may not have realized were frozen are just as likely to burst when they thaw as when they freeze. Be sure to check on vacation homes and unheated interior areas like basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages and kitchen cabinets.



Water leaks from pipes are a common cause of mold growth. The worst leaks are the ones that go undetected because they are hidden out of view, like inside a wall. By the time you discover these leaks, mold has usually already started to grow. The sooner you can detect the leak or burst the better.

Some weather experts predict that this may not be the only freeze we experience this winter so be sure to reacquaint yourself with the below tips, print out the Maxons Pipe Break Tip Sheet and keep it handy.

How To Look For Leaks

- Trust yourself – you may not know what's right, but you can usually spot what's wrong.
- Puddles of water big or small under sinks, near floorboards, water marks on the ceiling, etc.
- Move the clutter – most slow leaks under sinks and in basements are missed because they can't be seen.
- If your sink has no water, or perhaps cold water but no hot water your pipe is probably frozen.
- Take the time to look in and around hard-to-find spots like crawl spaces or along outside walls.
- Look at over exposed pipes, like those leading to a water heater.
- Touch the walls and see if they feel damp.
- Keep an eye on your water meter. Turn off all faucets, outlets and water using appliances. Look at the dial on your water meter. If the dial on the water meter is moving (watch it for at least 10 minutes), it means there is water running through the meter. If the water is running through the meter and the water valve is shut off, this indicates there is a leak in the line.
- Watch your bill. Compare your current water use to past use.
- Consider installing water alarms for areas that are hard to see or reach.

Remember, leaks don't go away on their own, they only get worse with time. They cause property damage and can become expensive to repair. Take care of leaks as soon as they are identified, it saves water, money, and limits the complications of water damage.

If you need assistance with polar vortex related damage assessment, restoration, remediation, repair or just some friendly advice please give us a call and we'll do our very best to help.

For more tips on preventing pipe breaks and limiting the damage of a flood click [here](#).

To download Maxons Pipe Break Tip Sheet click [here](#).

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County Clerks Provide Input for New Jersey Automated Notary System

Cape May County Clerk **Rita Marie Fulginiti** hosted the meeting of the Southern New Jersey County Clerks on January 24, 2014 to see a demonstration of the New Jersey Automated Notary System in development for the Department of the Treasury - Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services (DORES) and to provide input to representatives of DORES and the developer. The online system is being designed to automate a manual process to create efficiency for New Jersey Notaries Public, DORES, and County Clerks Statewide.



Fulginiti said, “Peter Lowicki, the project manager for DORES, reached out to me to see the system and to provide input from a County Clerk perspective. I reached out to Elaine Flynn, Middlesex County Constitutional Officers Association (COANJ) County Clerks/Registers Section Chief, and my colleagues in South Jersey to join me in this productive meeting.”

DORES representatives and the developer will make a presentation to the 21 County Clerks at the COANJ meeting on March 20, 2014 at the Mercer County Community College. For more information on this meeting, please contact Rita Marie Fulginiti at fulginitir@co.cape-may.nj.us or (609) 465-1018.



L to R: Ocean County Clerk Scott M. Colabella; Cape May County Recording Supervisor Patricia B. Mabry; Cape May County Assistant Clerk Lizabeth Shay; Cape May County Deputy Clerk Diana L. Hevener; Gloucester County Deputy Clerk Heather L. Pool; Cape May County Clerk Rita Marie Fulginiti; Gloucester County Clerk's Chief of Staff Joe Brigandi; Gloucester County Administrative Clerk Stephanie J. Moyer; Gloucester County Administrative Clerk John Franchetti; Burlington County Deputy Clerk Wade Hale; Ocean County Clerk Notary/Passport Supervisor Kim Gallagher; Kim Cociti of New Jersey Interactive; DORES Notary Unit Supervisor Jim Zombeck; Camden County Deputy Clerk John Schmidt; DORES Assistant Chief Business Support Services Bureau Maria Pinho; DORES Assistant Director Registry and Collections Services Peter Lowicki; DORES Chief Business Support Services Bureau Robert Benco, Jr.; and J. Casey Faiman, General Manager of New Jersey Interactive.

Morris County Offers Law Enforcement Career Development Course

by Joe Garifo, Morris County Public Information Officer

A 10-week course for college students in developing a career in law enforcement will be offered at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy on Monday evenings from 6p.m. to 9:30p.m. starting February 24, 2014.

The course is a cooperative venture of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the county's Department of Law and Public Safety, and the New Jersey Community Affairs Officers Association in partnership with colleges, universities, and law enforcement groups throughout New Jersey.



Tom Mastrangelo
Freeholder Director

"Participants will be introduced to the work of law enforcement to broaden their perspectives and understanding of the criminal justice system and to better understand what it takes to enter the field of law enforcement," said **Morris County Freeholder Director Tom Mastrangelo**.

"For many of us, the image of a law enforcement officer is that which we see on television or in the movies," Mastrangelo said. "This career development course will show students that the image they often see portrayed is nothing like what being a law enforcement officer is really like."

The Law Enforcement Career Development Course is a highly competitive program that was created in 2010, and it is the first of its kind in New Jersey. The course is recommended for college students interested in criminal justice, social sciences, and justice studies, as well as those students who are undecided but have an interest in pursuing careers in the field of legal justice.

Students will get a closer look at law enforcement by being exposed to practical scenarios and hands-on instruction.

"The hands-on instruction is critical for a student," said **Freeholder Doug Cabana**, the freeholder board's liaison to Law and Public Safety. "Being exposed to what law enforcement is really like will help the students determine if this career field is right for them."

The Law Enforcement Career Development Course will cover topics ranging from domestic violence and defensive tactics to dressing for success and preparing for the written and psychological exams.



Douglas R. Cabana
Freeholder

A course description and application are available [online](#).

Completed applications for the course are due by February 14th, and may be e-mailed to retired Chief William Schievella at wschievella@co.morris.nj.us or contact him at (973) 829-8600 for more information.

The Morris County Public Safety Training Academy is located at 500 West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany.



Some Welcome Relief to Remediation in New Jersey!

The new deadline for completing a Remedial Investigation associated with contaminated sites has been extended to is May 7, 2016, which is based on the completion of several conditions by a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP).

For more details, contact John Bolan, PE, LSRP Senior Associate/Chief Environmental Engineer at jbolan@psands.com or (732) 584-0286.



Nationwide Economics

Weekly Economic Review & Outlook for February 10, 2014

by Bryan Jordan, Deputy Chief Economist of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and
Ben Ayers, Staff Economist of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

High Profile economic data disappointments give rise to growth fears

Weekly Review

Stocks rose for the first time in four weeks despite weaker than expected readings in two of the most closely followed economic indicators. The week began with a downside surprise in the Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) manufacturing index, which fell to an eight-month low of 51.3 in January, due in large part to the biggest drop in the leading new orders components in more than 50 years. The ISM's production and employment indices were also lower on the month. Still, all of these components, as well as the overall index, remained over the 50 level that indicates an expanding manufacturing sector. Employment growth disappointed as well in January; nonfarm payrolls rose by a less-than-expected 113,000 after increasing by just 75,000 in December, making for the weakest two-month gain in exactly three years. Average hours worked in manufacturing—a key leading indicator—fell for a second straight month. But November and December saw upward revisions totaling 48,000 and part of the disappointing overall job gain came from a surprising drop of 29,000 government workers—private sector employment rose by a better 142,000 jobs. There was also better news with the household survey portion of the report, as the unemployment rate fell despite a rise in the labor force participation rate.

The ISM and employment reports are not only among the most timely macro indicators, they are also perhaps the most representative measures of monthly economic performance. The weakness in these numbers suggests the possibility that the economy could be entering into a soft patch along the lines of those seen in 2011 and 2012. During those periods, economic activity slowed, inflation expectations slumped and equity prices corrected. A repeat in the near-term does now appear possible, although it remains far from certain. At least some of the weakness in last week's big reports can be attributed to low temperatures and above-average snow and ice conditions (several respondents to the ISM survey noted negative weather impacts) while numerous other recent data points, such as those on unemployment claims, personal spending, and consumer confidence, have suggested a strengthening expansion. Leading indicators, both for the economy as a whole and the labor market in particular, have continued to rise.

Any soft patch in the economy at this point should prove, like those of recent years, to be temporary. Last year ended with considerable momentum in consumer sentiment and spending along with a sizeable pickup in exports. The evolving emerging markets crisis represents a significant downside risk, but it should be considered in the context of a global economy that is mostly in recovery. Worldwide real GDP growth has been accelerating recently and leading indicators in most countries are still pointed upward. While there will be contagion from the financial strains in certain markets, there will also be positive feedback effects from the strengthening recoveries in Europe and Japan. It should be clear by now that the year ahead will be more challenging than 2013, but it is still highly unlikely that the cycle itself is soon to turn.

Weekly Outlook

The schedule of economic releases is light this week, focused on January retail sales and industrial production as well as the early reading on February consumer sentiment.

While weaker auto sales in recent months have slowed growth in total retail sales, core consumer spending (excluding auto, gasoline, and construction) demonstrate no such slowing. Consumer expenditures on clothing,

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health care, and furniture stores, in particular, have shown strong sales growth over the past year. Further slowing of vehicle sales (perhaps weather-related) should hold back overall retail sales again in January, with an expected gain of 0.3 percent. Excluding autos, retail sales are projected to rise at a slightly faster pace of 0.4 percent.

Despite a modest decline in January, levels of consumer sentiment remain much higher than the government shutdown-depressed figures during the fall. A rash of gloomy (perhaps weather-related) economic data in recent weeks is likely to lower consumer expectations for the economy in the near term. Consequently, we expect consumer sentiment to slip in early February to 79.6, back near the average for 2012.

Increasing production from the manufacturing and mining sectors (mostly from oil and natural gas extraction) combined to push up the Industrial Production Index by 3.7 percent in 2013. Further strength from the mining component of the index and colder than usual temperatures (raising output from utilities) should increase the index by 0.4 percent in January. Capacity utilization, which is approaching pre-recession levels, should rise in January to 79.5 percent—just below the long-term average.

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A Win for County Planning Agencies

On January 16, 2014, Governor Chris Christie signed legislation (A-4531: *Greenwald/Bramnick*) that provides for the extension of wastewater service area designations and sewer service area designations in wastewater management plans and water quality management plans. The bill also extends and revises various procedures and timeframes for review by the Department of Environmental Protection of certain amendments and revisions to wastewater management plans and water quality management plans. A-4531 continues the protections afforded under a 2012 law (P.L. 2011, c. 203) that was due to expire on January 17, 2014 by extending the 2012 law for another two years, until January 17, 2016.

A copy of this legislation is available at www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/A5000/4531_R1.HTM.

CONGRATULATIONS

Atlantic County Institute of Technology; Burlington County Institute of Technology; Camden County Technical Schools; Cumberland County Technical Education Center; Gloucester County Institute of Technology; Hudson County Schools of Technology; Mercer County Technical Schools; Monmouth County Vocational School District; Ocean County Vocational-Technical School; Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools; and Warren Vocational-Technical Schools are participating in the 2014 NJAC County Vocational School Cook-Off Challenge, which is taking place on May 9th at Caesar's in Atlantic City.

Angelo Genova of Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster LLC was named to NJ Biz's 2014 Power 100 List and recipient of the "Good Guy" Award at the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey's Passion Power Awards Ceremony.

Programs in Place to Help Those Battling Addiction

by Donna Flynn, Ocean County Director of Public Information Division

Substance abuse prevention, treatment and community programs are ongoing in Ocean County to help those individuals and families affected by the growing dependence on illegal drugs and alcohol.



Joseph H. Vicari
Freeholder Director
Ocean County

“These are difficult times across our nation,” said Ocean County **Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari**. “It is so important to have programs and services in place to help those battling addictions, whether drugs or alcohol.”

Ocean County **Freeholder Gerry P. Little**, who serves as liaison to the Ocean County Health Department, said that last year, almost 900 Ocean County citizens received either inpatient or outpatient care for drug and alcohol addictions through programs administered by the county health department.

“Our health department has always been proactive helping those who are battling addiction, but also working diligently to educate in order to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.” Little said. “The department is helping make a difference every day.”



Gerry P. Little
Freeholder
Ocean County

Little said about \$1.5 million was earmarked in county and state funds in 2013 to provide county residents with treatment at detox facilities and at both inpatient and outpatient programs.

The health department provides the screening, including determining income eligibility, for citizens who may need to enter treatment programs.

Little and Vicari, both former educators, recognized the health department for its active role in helping to educate and raise awareness regarding drug abuse and drug abuse prevention including working with the Ocean County Opiate Task Force, promoting proper disposal of prescription drugs, designing school programs, and participating in substance abuse forums.



“Getting information out to the public, to the schools, to our senior communities and letting them know the dangers that exist and that help is also available is an ongoing mission of the county Health Department,” Vicari said. “In working in conjunction with law enforcement, faith-based organizations, municipal alliances and a host of other organizations, the County is making an all out effort to raise awareness that drug abuse is a growing problem and its partnerships and cooperation that will help in the efforts to reduce the number of people affected by it.”



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County Priorities Part of President's State of the Union

Address *by Jim Phillips, Media Relations Manager for NACo*

America's county officials were encouraged by some issues President Obama raised in his State of the Union address including transportation and water infrastructure, economic development, healthcare and immigration reform.

"NACo was pleased to hear President Obama identify county government priority issues such as transportation funding and economic development as part of his plan to help our county economies grow," said **NACo President Linda Langston**, Supervisor of Linn County, Iowa. "Counties provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities. We can better meet the needs and expectations of the American people working closely with our federal partners as the president pledged during his State of the Union Speech."



Linda Langston
NACo President

Of particular interest to counties is transportation infrastructure funding. Counties play a critical role in our nation's infrastructure, investing more than \$106 billion each year in public works infrastructure. Counties own 45 percent of America's roadways and 228,000 bridges, and are involved in the funding and ownership of nearly one-third of airports and around 30 percent of transit systems.

Specifically, the president called on Congress to pass a new surface transportation law for federal highway, transit and safety programs and the Water Resources Development Act, both NACo priorities.

"NACo supports the president's commitment to fixing the nation's growing infrastructure deficit," said NACo First Vice President Riki Hokama, Council Member of Maui County, Hawaii. "The president understands and counties agree that failure to make smart and increased investments today will cost counties more money in the future."

Workforce issues, long-term unemployment and economic development were other county priority issues mentioned in the president's speech. Counties invest more than \$25 billion on economic development each year. This investment is especially vital as counties across the country continue to recover from the recession. In 2013 only 54 county economies, mostly in the Midwest, reached their pre-recession levels of unemployment.

"NACo supports further investment in economic development and agrees that we must invest in a skilled workforce development system to meet the needs of businesses and reduce the nation's unemployment rate," said NACo Second Vice President Sallie Clark, Commissioner of El Paso County, Colorado.

Counties and county officials are key players in financing and delivering health care. Counties invest \$70 billion annually in health services, supporting 960 hospitals and 1,550 local health departments.

"NACo agrees with the president that we must continue work together to find ways to increase access to health insurance coverage and quality care," said NACo Health Steering Committee Chair Larry Johnson, Commissioner of DeKalb County, Georgia.

Immigration reform, a long-stalled issue on Capitol Hill, is another county priority issue because of the effect the current system has on county services and taxpayers. Counties are required by law to provide emergency health, free elementary and secondary education, and public safety to all residents, regardless of immigration status. Comprehensive immigration reform is one of NACo's legislative priorities for 2014.

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Matt Chase, NACo's Executive Director, said the national legislative and policy agenda affecting counties and communities is complex and challenging, but that county leaders stand ready to work with federal partners to deliver for the American people.

"Most of the key domestic issues raised by the president tonight have a direct impact on our nation's county governments," Chase said. "This is why NACo and county elected leaders from across the nation remain committed to strengthening our intergovernmental system of federal, state and local governments. County governments play a key role in developing and funding core community building blocks like health, justice, public safety, transportation and community development services."

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\$10,000 Grant Received for Red Bank Battlefield Project

Freeholder Director Robert M. Damminger and Freeholder Frank J. DiMarco announced on January 20, 2014 that the New Jersey Historical Commission has approved a grant of \$13,032 to support the Red Bank Battlefield Signage Project.



Robert Damminger
Freeholder Director

Director Damminger said, "The grant will be used for the fabrication of new battlefield signs to be installed at the remains of Fort Mercer. The new battlefield signs will offer visitors a walking tour of the battlefield and will feature information about the fort, the soldiers who fought in the battle, the naval engagement on the Delaware River, and the impact the battle had on the Whitall family."

In her announcement letter to Director Damminger, **Sara R. Cureton, Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission** stated, "The New Jersey Historical Commission's budget for this round has remained limited, though the number of applications has risen dramatically. In this round, the Commission received more than twice the number of applications it received at this time of year, with funding requests totaling over four times the amount of funding available, so Red Bank Battlefield is to be highly congratulated on this success."



Sara Cureton
Director
NJ Historical
Commission



Frank DiMarco
Freeholder

Freeholder Frank J. DiMarco said, "Fort Mercer played a pivotal role in the American Revolutionary War and Gloucester County is proud to be stewards of this historical battlefield. The remains of Fort Mercer are located within Red Bank Battlefield Park along with the James and Ann Whitall and both visited by thousands each year. This grant will help the county add to the positive educational experience our visitors have at Red Bank Battlefield Park."

Gloucester County is providing a \$7,000.00 match. The signs will be installed this summer.

For more information, please contact Freeholder Director Robert Damminger at (856) 853-3395 Or Freeholder Frank DiMarco at (856) 853-3386.



Comcast to Buy Time Warner Cable

Comcast Corporation (Nasdaq: CMCSA) and Time Warner Cable (NYSE: TWC) announced on February 12, 2014 that their Boards of Directors have approved a definitive agreement for Time Warner Cable to merge with Comcast. The agreement is a friendly, stock-for-stock transaction in which Comcast will acquire 100 percent of the Time Warner Cable's 284.9 million shares outstanding for shares of CMCSA amounting to approximately \$45.2 billion in equity value. Each Time Warner Cable share will be exchanged for 2.875 shares of CMCSA, equal to Time Warner Cable shareholders owning approximately 23 percent of Comcast's common stock, with a value to Time Warner Cable shareholders of approximately \$158.82 per share based on the last closing price of Comcast shares. The transaction will generate approximately \$1.5 billion in operating efficiencies and will be accretive to Comcast's free cash flow per share while preserving balance sheet strength. The merger will also be tax free to Time Warner Cable shareholders.

This transaction will create a leading technology and innovation company, differentiated by its ability to deliver ground-breaking products on a superior network while leveraging a national platform to create operating efficiencies and economies of scale.



Brian L. Roberts
Chairman & CEO
Comcast

“The combination of Time Warner Cable and Comcast creates an exciting opportunity for our company, for our customers, and for our shareholders,” said **Brian L. Roberts, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**, Comcast Corporation. “In addition to creating a world-class company, this is a compelling financial and strategic transaction for our shareholders. Also, it is our intention to expand our buyback program by an additional \$10 billion at the close of the transaction. We believe there are meaningful operational efficiencies and the adjusted purchase multiple is approximately 6.7x Operating Cash Flow. This transaction will be accretive and will yield many synergies and benefits in the years ahead. Rob Marcus and his team have created a pure-play cable company that, combined with Comcast, has the foundation for future growth. We are looking forward to working with his team as we bring our companies together to deliver the most innovative products and services and a superior experience within the highly competitive and dynamic marketplace in which we operate.”



Robert D. Marcus
Chairman & CEO
Time Warner

“This combination creates a company that delivers maximum value for our shareholders, enormous opportunities for our employees and a superior experience for our customers,” said **Robert D. Marcus, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer** of Time Warner Cable. “Comcast and Time Warner Cable have been the leaders in all of the industry's most important innovations of the last 25 years and this merger will accelerate the pace of that innovation. Brian Roberts, Neil Smith, Michael Angelakis, and the Comcast management team have built an industry-leading platform and innovative products and services, and we're excited to be part of delivering all of the possibilities of cable's superior broadband networks to more American consumers.”

The new cable company, which will be led by President and CEO Neil Smit, will generate multiple pro-consumer and pro-competitive benefits, including an accelerated deployment of existing and new innovative products and services for millions of customers. Comcast's subscribers today have access to the most comprehensive video experience, including the cloud-based X1Entertainment Operating System, plus 50,000 video on demand choices on television; 300,000 plus streaming choices on XfinityTV.com; Xfinity TV mobile apps that offer 35 live streaming channels plus the ability to download to watch offline later; and the newly launched X1 cloud DVR. Comcast is also a technology leader in broadband and has increased internet speeds 12 times in the past 12 years across its entire footprint.

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Comcast to Buy Time Warner Cable *(continued)*

Time Warner Cable owns cable systems located in key geographic areas, including New York City, Southern California, Texas, the Carolinas, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Time Warner Cable will combine its unique products and services with Comcast's, including StartOver, which allows customers to restart a live program in progress to the beginning, and LookBack, which allows customers to watch programs up to three days after they air live, all without a DVR. Time Warner Cable also has been a leader in the deployment of community Wi-Fi, and will combine its more than 30,000 hotspots, primarily in Los Angeles and New York City, and its in-home management system, IntelligentHome, with Comcast's offerings.

Through this merger, more American consumers will benefit from technological innovations, including a superior video experience, higher broadband speeds, and the fastest in-home Wi-Fi. The transaction also will generate significant cost savings and other efficiencies. American businesses will benefit from a broader platform, and the Company will be better able to offer advanced services like high-performance point-to-point and multi-point Ethernet services and cloud-based managed services to enterprises. Additionally, the transaction will combine complementary advertising platforms and channels and allow Comcast to offer broader and more valuable packages to national advertisers.

Comcast will acquire Time Warner Cable's approximately 11 million managed subscribers through this merger. In order to reduce competitive concerns, Comcast is prepared to divest systems serving approximately 3 million managed subscribers. As such, Comcast will, through the acquisition and management of Time Warner Cable systems, net approximately 8 million managed subscribers in this transaction. This will bring Comcast's managed subscriber total to approximately 30 million. Following the transaction, Comcast's share of managed subscribers will remain below 30 percent of the total number of MVPD subscribers in the U.S. and will be essentially equivalent to Comcast Cable's subscriber share after its completion of both the 2002 AT&T Broadband transaction and the 2006 Adelphia transaction.

The companies said the merger agreement between Comcast and Time Warner Cable is subject to shareholder approval to both companies and regulatory review and other customary conditions and is expected to close by the end of 2014.

**This article was obtained from CityBiz List - Philadelphia.*



Youth Preparedness Council

FEMA is now accepting Youth Preparedness Council Applications!

FEMA is looking for youth leaders who are dedicated to public service, who are making a difference in their communities, and who want to expand their impact as national advocates for youth disaster preparedness. Any individual between the ages of 12 and 17 who is engaged in individual and community preparedness, or who has experienced a disaster that has motivated him or her to make a positive difference in his or her community, may apply to serve on the Youth Preparedness Council.

Youth interested in applying to the Council must submit a completed application form and two (2) letters of recommendation. Specific information about completing and submitting the application and attachments can be found in the application instructions. All applications and supporting materials must be received **no later than February 24, 2014, 11:59p.m. EST** in order to be eligible. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2014.

To access information and the application, please visit www.ready.gov.



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Federal Grants

[Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Field Initiated Projects Program](#)

Deadline is February 28, 2014
 Available: \$200,000
 Number of Awards: 20



[Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program](#)

Deadline is March 11, 2014
 Available: \$10,000 to \$147,000 available per region
 Number of Awards: 40



[Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Adult Offenders with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders](#)

Deadline is March 18, 2014
 Available: Maximum of \$600,000 over a period of 2 years
 Number of Awards: Not Specified



[Implementation Cooperative Agreements for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program](#)

Deadline is March 21, 2014
 Available: Maximum of \$1,000,000 per year for up to four years
 Number of Awards: 23



Nationwide and NACo College Scholarship

You may not have thought about it, but you're in a race against time to get ready to retire. The good news is participating in your employer's retirement plan puts you in the driver's seat. As in any race, how well you do depends on knowing when to accelerate, how to get around obstacles, and what to do as you near the finish line.

Nationwide and NACo want high school seniors to understand how important it is to start saving early to be ready for retirement.

To help them get started toward the goal, Nationwide will give four NACo college scholarships - each worth \$2,000 - to four high school seniors whose parent or grandparent participates in a 457 plan within the NACo Deferred Compensation Program. Throughout their 34 year relationship, Nationwide and NACo have been committed to helping you plan for your retirement as well as your family's future.

Details and the online application are available at www.nrsforu.com. Deadline is March 2, 2014.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPERVISING ENGINEER

The **County of Hunterdon** has an opening for a full-time position of Supervising Engineer. The incumbent will supervise the field and office engineering work involved in the design, maintenance, and construction of structures and/or systems. Duties include planning, organizing and supervising the field and office work program; makes and directs the making of investigations of conditions of structures and equipment, prepare detailed reports, supervise field and office engineering work involved in design, maintenance, and construction of highways, other roads or streets and/or bridges or some other branch of engineering. Bachelor's Degree in Civil, Mechanical, or Electrical Engineering required and at least three years of related professional engineering experience, one year of which shall have been in a supervisory capacity. Please include salary history as well as all stated requirements of this job announcement with your resume for consideration and forward to ckopec@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

ASSITANT COUNTY ENGINEER

The **County of Hunterdon** has an opening for a full-time position of Assistant County Engineer. The incumbent will assist the Supervising County Engineer with difficult field and office engineering work involved in the design, maintenance, and construction of highways, bridges, roads, and sewers and other types of engineering work. Duties include but not limited to preparation of thorough and timely technical advice, analyses and reports which can serve as the basis for sound decisions by public officials in their responsibility to assure that expenditures of funds are for optimum benefit and service to the community. Accountable for the proper operation, maintenance, repair, and construction of the County's roads and bridges; storm drainage; other services such as land acquisitions and right-of-way determinations, as appropriate; maintenance and preservation of the County's records related to road facilities. Responsible for applying thorough and extensive knowledge of modern engineering design, systems, methods, practices and equipment utilized in construction, maintenance and design, and of sound management and administrative principles and techniques. Bachelor's Degree in Civil, Mechanical, or Electrical Engineering required. Please include salary requirements with your resume for consideration and forward to ckopec@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Do you have educational or informational articles you would like published in the NJAC COUNTY BIZ?

Contact Loren Wizman, Director of Business Development, at (609) 394-3467 or loren@njac.org.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

Don't miss NJAC's next Board of Directors' meeting scheduled to take place on Friday, March 14th in Committee Room 4 of the State House Annex where you'll have the opportunity to hear board members discuss Medicaid expansion for pre-adjudicated inmates housed in county jails, interest arbitration awards, the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), and much more. Networking with county officials from begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

If you haven't done so already, please visit our website at www.njac.org for details about our highly anticipated annual celebration of county government scheduled to take place from May 7th through May 9th at Caesar's in Atlantic City and includes:

- The nation's only county vocational-technical school cook-off challenge.
- All major events and workshops hosted in the main exhibit hall.
- Informative workshops approved for continuing education credits.
- A timely legislative leadership panel discussion and county awards presentation.
- Unique networking opportunities to share resources and ideas.

Our conference begins Wednesday evening May 7th with a Meet and Greet Reception; kicks off Thursday morning with a board of directors meeting in the main exhibit hall; and, ends early Friday afternoon May 9th with the cook-off challenge. In between, you'll have the opportunity to network with county and business leaders from across the State, participate in a spirited panel discussion with legislative leaders, and earn valuable professional development credits at one of our 25 educational workshops.

For NJAC county affiliate members, please let us know if you would like to host a meeting as was the case last year with our county administrators, finance officers, public information officers, and improvement authorities. For NJAC business associates, please let us know which topics you would find helpful to learn about during the "Doing Business with County Government" segment provided each year by our county purchasing officials. Some initial topics include purchasing, pay-to-play and ethics, but we want your input.

Did you know?

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22 - Washington's actual day of birth - the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.



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| 16 Tricentennial Event Tweksbury Historical Society 25th Anniversary 11:00 a.m. Lebanon | 17  | 18 | 19 HIV Testing 8:30a.m. - 6:30p.m. Burlington County Health Department Westampton | 20 "Slavery By Another Name" 6p.m. Camden County College Blackwood | 21 Exhibition: Our Common Cause 8:00a.m. - 3p.m. Paul Robeson Galleries Newark | 22 Ghosts of Cape May Trolley Tour 7p.m. Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts Cape May |
| 23 Black History Month: Tribute to Faith Ringgold 2p.m. Atlantic City Free Public Library | 24 Exhibition: Historic New Jersey 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m. Gallery - Municipal Building S. New Brunswick | 25 Galleria Deptford Exhibit 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m. Deptford Municipal Building Woodbury | 26 | 27 Economic Summit 1p.m. - 6p.m. Mercer County Community College West Windsor | 28 Quimby Mountain Band Roy's Hall Blairstown | |

«MARCH 2014»

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| 2 Knibble 'n Knit 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Moore Yarn @ Airport Plaza Hazlet | 3 | 4 A Taste of Morristown 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Hanover Marriott Morristown | 5 Links & Drinks 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. AVE Clifton | 6 Hope & Healing After Loss Support Group 2:30p.m. - 4:00p.m. NJCC Hospice Brick | 7 | 8 Imagine Dragons: Into the Night Tour 7p.m. IZOD Center East Rutherford |
| 9 Tantric 6:00p.m. Stanhope House Stanhope | 10 350th Anniversary of New Jersey 10a.m. - 12p.m. Public Library Elizabeth | 11 Bereavement Support Group 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Martin & Edith Stein Hospice Somerset | 12 Cirque Ziva 7:30p.m. Levoy Theatre Millville | 13 | 14 Reelabilities: NJ Disabilities Film Festival 11:00 a.m. Harrison | |