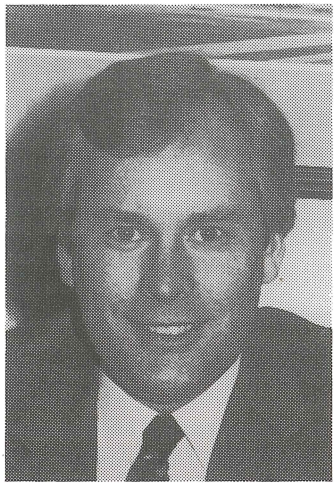


Freeholder
DAMIAN G. MURRAY
Director: Department of Law and Public Safety
Term expires: 12/31/89

Freeholder Damian G. Murray, responsible for Ocean County's Law and Public Safety Department, was the youngest Freeholder to lead the Board as its Director three years ago. This past November, voters in Ocean County elected Murray to a third term on the Board.

Freeholder Murray is Department Chairman of the following: Emergency Services, Juvenile Detention, Medical Examiner, Security, and Weights and Measures. He also serves as liaison to: Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, Coastal Counties Offshore Development Control Committee, County Jail, County Sheriff, County Surrogate, the Courts, the Jury Commission, Alternate to the New Jersey Association of Counties, Probation, the County Prosecutor, the Southern New Jersey Freeholders Association and the Tourism Advisory Council.

Freeholder Murray, 37, was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended St. Joseph's Regional High School in Montvale, New Jersey, graduating in 1967. Murray went on to Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, majoring in 'Political Science', earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1971. From

there, the future Freeholder attended Villanova University Law School, and obtained his Law Degree in 1975.

He is married to the former Patricia Carbone of Newark, New Jersey. Since 1975, they have resided in Toms River. The Murrays are the parents of five children: Deana, age 11; Bryan Patrick, age 9; Kristy, age 7; Jamie Christopher, age 4; and Lora Kathleen, 1½ years old.

From 1976 until 1978, Freeholder Murray served as the Director of the Ocean County Department of Consumer Affairs. His reputation as a vigorous consumer advocate, gained Federal and State recognition for his activities. During 1982 and 1983, Murray served as Ocean County's representative on the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.

Under Freeholder Murray's leadership as Chairman of Law and Public Safety, the Ocean County Justice Complex was completed. This unique and attractive structure houses four courtrooms currently in use, with room for three more. The Justice Complex also houses the 249 bed Ocean County Jail.

Mr. Murray is active in a number of civic organizations. Several years ago, as a member of the Toms River Jaycees, he received the prestigious award of being named as one of New Jersey's "Ten Outstanding Young Citizens" by the statewide Jaycees organization. Freeholder Murray is a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Ortley Beach; a former member of the Ocean County Council of Agencies Board of Trustees; and is also a former member of the Ocean County Big Brothers Board of Directors. The Ocean County Chiefs of Police Association honored the Chairman of Law and Public Safety for his dedication and close cooperation with the Association regarding law enforcement issues.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Ocean County, Murray headed the County and Municipal Government Campaign for 1984-85. He is also a member of Selective Service Board #11 of Ocean County; the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council, from whom he received a special award for his efforts in promoting tourism; Ocean County College Cooperative Education and Criminal Justice Advisory Committees; the Jersey Shore Irish American Club and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He serves as the Chairman of the annual Ocean County Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Freeholder Murray, an attorney, maintains an active practice in Toms River and is professionally affiliated with the Ocean County Bar Association, the State Bar Association, as well as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey. He has been the recipient of the Ocean County Bar Association's 'Young Lawyer of the Year' Award.