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Operations in the New Castle County Courthouse (NCCCH) returned to full capacity on Thursday, February 14, 2013 as services to the public reopened in all courts. We continue to focus on assisting the employees and others as they recover from Monday, February 11, 2013's tragic events. Assistance and counseling for NCCCH employees and members of the public, jurors and others who were present in the NCCCH and affected by Monday's events, will be available on-site in the courthouse through Friday, February 15, 2013. Victims' assistance counselors and others will be available at the NCCCH and based in the Pro Se Center on the 2nd floor (next to the Law Library) between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm through Friday, 2/15. To access assistance by phone and at other times, employees, witnesses, and others should call either the Delaware State Police Victim Center at 1-800-VICTIM1 or 1-800-842-8461, or the Employee Assistance Program at 1-800-343-2186.

Chief Justice Myron T. Steele of the Delaware Supreme Court stated: "We, in the Judicial Branch, are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support and assistance that we have received from many sources to help us manage the challenges resulting from the tragic events that occurred at the New Castle County Courthouse on Monday, February 11, 2013. In my remarks to the NCCCH staff vesterday, I addressed the important life-saving actions of the Capitol Police and the tremendous professionalism demonstrated by the NCCCH staff and others on Monday. We thank all who have provided assistance to us in this most difficult time. I wanted to specifically express our deepest gratitude to the first responders, including the Delaware State Police, the Wilmington and New Castle County Police Departments, and all of the law enforcement and emergency personnel involved, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the many representatives in the Executive Branch who have provided assistance, including Facilities Management and crisis services and employee assistance personnel, the Attorney General and his staff. The event on Monday could easily have shaken our system to its core because it attacked the center of our justice system – our courts. We will learn from this tragedy by evaluating security at the NCCCH and make the improvements that are needed, although tempered by the funding limitations which the Judicial Branch faces on a continuing basis. I am proud that, with our reactions to this tragic event, Delaware has come together to demonstrate our commitment to justice."

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