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Senator Fred H. Madden, Jr.



Senator Fred H. Madden Jr., born March 30, 1954, was elected to the Senate in 2003 and re-elected in 2007.

Prior to his legislative service, he was a career law enforcement officer. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the New Jersey State Police and led the force of 4,000 enlisted and civilian employees as acting superintendent. Senator Madden retired in July of 2002 and was serving as chief of investigators in the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office when he was recalled by the Governor in October of 2002 to serve another stint as acting superintendent. He left the position in February of 2003 to seek a seat in the New Jersey Senate.

Under Senator Madden's command, the State Police established its Internet sexual offender registry, a computer crimes initiative to combat crimes against children. He also served as a member of New Jersey's State Domestic Preparedness Task Force created to address issues of homeland security and counter-terrorism.

In the Legislature, Senator Madden has worked to protect children and has advocated for veterans and first responders.

He sponsored legislation that requires certain sexual predators to wear Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to allow tracking by law enforcement and to prevent them from re-offending. He authored landmark legislation, signed into law in 2007, to keep schools and child care centers from opening on contaminated sites. Known as the "Kiddie Kollege" bill, the measure was drafted in response to a day care center by that name discovered operating on the grounds of a former

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The senator sponsored a bill giving surviving spouses of fallen police officers and fire fighters permanent workers' compensation. He pushed for the law that created the "Troops to College Program," making the transition into the classroom easier for veterans. He also sponsored legislation to honor New Jersey's service members by designating November of each year "Veterans' Month."

Senator Madden has earned recognition from numerous organizations for his legislative work, and was awarded the Family Resource Network and Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey Legislator of the Year Award in 2010; the Arc of New Jersey Legislator of the Year Award in 2009; the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter Public Servant Award in 2007; and the National Kidney Foundation's Bruce Zakheim M.D. Memorial and Advocacy Award in 2007.

The senator earned an Associate of Science degree in law enforcement from Camden County College, a B.A. from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) and an M.A. in criminal justice administration from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He has taught as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall and Rutgers universities. He currently serves as dean of the Police Academy at Gloucester County College.

Senator Madden has lived in Washington Township for three decades. He and his wife, Patti, a registered nurse, have five grandchildren.