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SHAUN GOLDEN SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM AS MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF

Freehold: Sheriff Shaun Golden took the oath of office for a second three year term as Monmouth County Sheriff on January 2 during the Board of Chosen Freeholders annual organization meeting at the Monmouth County Biotech High School in Freehold. Sheriff Golden was re-elected in November and serves as the 76th Sheriff of Monmouth County. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office consists of three divisions which include law enforcement, communications and corrections and has 609 officers and employees dedicated to serving public safety needs throughout Monmouth County.

"It is an honor and privilege to have been sworn in as the Monmouth County Sheriff for a second term," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "I look forward to continuing to serve all who live, work or visit this great county in an efficient and effective manner for another three years."

Under Sheriff Golden's direction, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office has been instrumental and innovative in implementing shared services throughout all of its divisions. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management, has become a model for other counties in emergency and disaster response. The entire agency, through OEM, played a vital role before, during and after Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene.

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In addition, the issue of school violence continues to be addressed and the agency has been recognized for its extensive public safety outreach programs which are a costs savings to communities. Sheriff Golden has also initiated positive and effective steps to cut spending throughout the agency, including overtime at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office continues to meet or exceed the standards for national accreditation in law enforcement, communications, corrections and correctional health.

"I'm proud of the accomplishments made through the dedicated efforts of all of our employees who faithfully serve the people of Monmouth County," said Sheriff Golden. "Shared services, crime fighting, homeland security and school safety initiatives will remain a top priority as we move forward during the next three years."

Sheriff Golden began his career at the sheriff's office as the undersheriff in charge of the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center. He was then appointed acting sheriff when former Sheriff Kim Guadagno became New Jersey's first lieutenant governor. He is a lifelong resident of Monmouth County and was a career law enforcement officer for 19 years, starting out as a police officer with the Colts Neck Police Department before moving on to the Toms River Police Department in that same capacity. Sheriff Golden worked as a certified paramedic for MONOC, serving Monmouth and Ocean Counties, and was a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He holds a master's degree in administration from Seton Hall University, is a NJ Certified Public Manager and an adjunct professor at Monmouth University. In addition, he has received numerous certifications in incident command, homeland security and emergency management initiatives. Sheriff Golden serves as the president of the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey, (COANJ) for the 2013-2014 term.