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SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND HONOR SOCIETY FROM MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY HOLD FUNDRAISER TO KEEP K-9s OUT OF HARM'S WAY

West Long Branch: The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams were barking up the right tree on Feb.19, as various K-9 demonstrations were held at Monmouth University's Student Center. It was all part of Alpha Phi Sigma's Criminal Justice Honor Society's 3rd annual Paws for a Cause event, which raises money for a K-9 bullet proof vest.

"The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is grateful to Alpha Phi Sigma for their dedication to this cause," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "Our K-9 teams deal in narcotics and explosives detection as well as suspect apprehension and it's crucial that they are protected while maintaining public safety."

Four K-9 teams participated in the event and each officer spoke about their K-9 specialty as well as performed a demonstration.

In 1997, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office lost one of its own, K-9 Solo. Solo, a German shepherd, was shot during an attempted apprehension of a wanted individual.

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The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit presently consists of five Sheriff's Officer/K-9 handlers and dogs which include one narcotic detection team, two explosive detection teams, one narcotic /patrol team & one explosive patrol team.

In 2013, Alpha Phi Sigma raised 400 dollars for the K-9 Unit. If an individual would like to make a donation to the MCSO's K-9 Unit, all checks need to be made payable to the Monmouth County Treasurer, Hall of Records - 1 East Main St., Freehold, N.J. 07728, with a letter indicating the funds are for the MCSO K-9 Donation Fund.

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