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### **SHERIFF GOLDEN AND THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS COMMEMORATE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce that the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders commemorated National Public Safety Telecommunications Week by honoring the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Communications Division's public safety telecommunicators (PST) for a job well done.

“This is a great opportunity to say thank you to all the public safety telecommunicators for their hard work and commitment in maintaining public safety,” said Sheriff Golden. “These dedicated men and women play a critical role in saving lives, and all too often that work goes unnoticed.”

To commemorate the week, which was held from April 13 through April 20, Freeholder Director Lillian G. Burry presented a proclamation recognizing the PSTs at the Board of Chosen Freeholder meeting on April 24. Senior PST Kevin O'Brien of Freehold, who began his career in 1980, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the PSTs. In addition, Sheriff Golden presented the family of Ed Moriarty, who recently passed away with a plaque in his remembrance. PST Moriarty was honored for his hard work and the difference he made in the lives of many.

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## **SHERIFF GOLDEN AND THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS COMMEMORATE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

The Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Division which is staffed with 83 public safety telecommunicators, answers 9-1-1 calls for 45 of the county's 53 municipalities and provides police, fire and EMS dispatch services.

"These men and women do an exceptional job serving Monmouth County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and deserve much credit for their dedication and professionalism," said Freeholder Director Lillian G. Burry, liaison to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office.

In 2013, the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center received approximately 177,000, 9-1-1 calls, on average, 485 9-1-1 calls are received per day.

"Our public safety telecommunicators deserve a great deal of acknowledgement for their continued efforts," said Sheriff Golden. "Without their commitment, police officers, firefighters and EMTs across Monmouth County would not be able to perform their daily duties in a safe and effective manner."

In 1991, Congress proclaimed the second week in April as the nationally recognized week of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, recognizing the crucial role of public safety telecommunications personnel.

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