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### **WOMAN IN BLUE BECOMES FIRST FEMALE LIEUTENANT TO SERVE IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORRECTIONAL DIVISION**

**Freehold:** Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce the first female lieutenant of the Monmouth County Correctional Division. Lt. Susan Stephenson recently took the oath of office to the position after working at the correctional institution for 19 years.

“It is a great honor and privilege for me to promote Susan Stephenson to lieutenant,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden. “She has served as a role model to both, women and men through her hard work, dedication and leadership skills. There is no one more deserving of this position.”

Lt. Stephenson began her career at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in 1995 and worked in all sections of the facility including key operational areas such as booking, central control, disciplinary detention and protective custody housing. In 2010, she was promoted to sergeant and one year later became the supervisor of accreditation. In that role, she was responsible for maintaining MCCI's Four Star Accreditation, policies and procedures and insuring that MCCI was in compliance with all the standards implemented by the Department of Corrections and the American Correctional Association. In 2013, Sheriff Golden presented Lt. Stephenson with the Accreditation Team Excellence Award.

“Lt. Stephenson has done an exceptional job in maintaining the national accreditation of our facility,” said Warden Barry Nadrowski.

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“She and her ACA team helped meet the nationally accredited standards with above average compliance. Those are results that set MCCI apart from other correctional facilities.”

Lt. Stephenson is an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 30 Monmouth County Superior Officers and sits on the executive board as second vice president. She also dedicates her time to the RAINE Foundation, Reaching All in Need Everyday, which is made up of members who conduct a holiday gift drive to help struggling families throughout the Bayshore area of Monmouth County.

As lieutenant, Stephenson will serve as watch commander overseeing operations at MCCI.

“I’m honored to have risen through the ranks and become the first female to serve in this position at MCCI,” said Lt. Susan Stephenson. “I hope to set an example for all women in law enforcement, but particularly the younger ones, who are just starting out in this profession.”

MCCI presently has 26 female corrections officers, and one female lieutenant.

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