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### **MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAKES PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITY #1 AS IT PREPARES FOR STORM**

**Monmouth County:** The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is making public safety its top priority as the first major winter storm of 2015 approaches. The Sheriff's Office - Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is working around the clock to address county emergencies and assist municipalities with whatever public safety needs that may arise before, during and after the storm.

"We are doing our job and we ask that residents do the same by staying home and off of the roadways," said Sheriff Shaun Golden, whose office runs OEM. "This is a major storm and if we all adhere to the warnings, we will get through the next 24 hours without incident."

Sheriff Shaun Golden, joined by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and Deputy Freeholder Director Serena DiMaso toured the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Center Monday evening where additional Public Safety Telecommunicators are on hand and prepared for the influx of emergency calls expected throughout this significant weather event.

"Residents are being asked to not call 9-1-1 unless they experience a real emergency," said Sheriff Golden. "It's important to keep the emergency 9-1-1 lines open so that our public safety telecommunicators can process each real emergency call and help those truly in need."

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In addition, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division is prepared to assist municipalities in the event that power outages occur. Highway emergency assistance teams are being deployed to strategic locations for assistance with stranded motorists and the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MERT) is on hand in case there is a need for deployment involving water related incidents.

The Monmouth County Sheriff Office will also be continually updating its Facebook and Twitter pages throughout the storm. Please follow the social media pages for the very latest.

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