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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INMATE LABOR PROGRAM STARTS THE SEASON WITH MAJOR SPRING CLEAN UP IN SEA BRIGHT

Sea Bright: Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to announce that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Inmate Labor Program is back in full operation in an effort to help restore shore towns and communities after the rough winter. Five inmates from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution spent the week of March 23 in Sea Bright where a major cleanup was conducted. Water basins were cleaned and debris was cleared away from the beachfront, dunes, side streets and parking lots.

"I'm glad the sheriff's office is able to provide such a valuable resource through our Inmate Labor Program," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "The use of inmate labor to assist the Borough of Sea Bright, as it continues to recover from remnants of a rough winter, is a cost savings example of shared services."

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Inmate Labor Program offers much needed assistance to towns, and helps lessen financial burdens they face due to budget constraints.

Offenders incarcerated for minor offenses with records of good behavior are eligible to be a part of the program. Inmates who enroll in the program participate in work projects as an alternative to spending their time in jail.

"We are grateful to have the Inmate Labor Program back here in Sea Bright," said Mayor Dina Long. "This program is a great service in assisting us with cleanup efforts as we prepare for the summer season."

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Last year, 1,300 hours were dedicated to working on a range of projects through the Inmate Labor Program. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office transports and provides the security of the inmate labor crews. Requests for inmate labor teams are made to the program coordinator, Medora Morris, and are evaluated in terms of the needs and feasibility of the project.

"The use of inmate labor to assist with cleanups, beautification projects and storm damage recovery not only helps towns save money on labor, but also assists the work crew in giving something back to society. I'm pleased we are able to provide such assistance," said Sheriff Golden.

Past inmate labor projects have included cleanup from storm damage recovery, carpentry, painting, working with parks and public works departments and the restoration of historic sites.

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