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### **SHERIFF OFFICE MAKES PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITY #1 AS IT PREPARES FOR STORM**

**Monmouth County:** Sheriff Shaun Golden is making public safety a top priority as the first major winter storm of 2016 approaches. The Sheriff's Office – Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will be working throughout the weekend to address county emergencies and assist municipalities with whatever public safety needs that may arise before, during and after the storm.

“We will be doing our jobs and ask that residents continue to monitor the weather and follow the direction of public safety officials,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden, whose office runs OEM. “It’s expected to be a major storm but if we all adhere to the warnings and pay close attention to the impact that heavy snow, severe flooding and high winds could have, we should all get through the weekend without incident.”

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 will be deployed to strategic locations for assistance with stranded motorists and the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MERT) will respond to flooding and other water related incidents.

Please stay up to date with the latest information from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office regarding the storm: Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram

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