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### MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CREATES TEEN CERT PROGRAM

**Freehold:** Sheriff Shaun Golden is proud to announce the creation of the first TEEN Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT), Explorer Post Program in New Jersey. The program is a National Homeland Security initiative aimed at making our communities safer by training TEENS to assist in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies or disasters.

“Under the direction of the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, Office of Emergency Management, (OEM), the TEEN CERT program will provide critical support to our overall public safety mission,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden. “It is also another opportunity for our teens to become involved in the community while providing valuable life experience and possible career direction.”

On February 7, 2017 Sheriff Golden filed a charter application with the Monmouth Council Boy Scouts of America to form the TEEN CERT Explorer Post #2. TEEN CERT will be managed by OEM. The program is open to Monmouth County residents between the ages of 14 and 20 and adults over the age of 21 who might be interested in serving as an adult leader. The training consists of approximately 22 hours and covers basic medical aid, light search and rescue, firefighting, CERT organization, disaster preparedness, disaster psychology and a final exercise scenario.

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## **MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CREATES TEEN CERT PROGRAM**

Sheriff Golden invites interested teens and their parents to an informational session held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Center, 2500 Kozloski Road Freehold, NJ 07728. Interested participants are asked to please RSVP for this event by emailing [TEENCERT@mcsonj.org](mailto:TEENCERT@mcsonj.org) or by calling 732-431-7400 ext. 1801.

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