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SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAKES PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITY #1 AS IT PREPARES FOR WINTER STORM

Monmouth County: While Monmouth County moves out of this past weekend's Nor'easter, Sheriff Shaun Golden continues to make public safety a top priority, as the approaching winter storm may cause heavy snow, high winds, the potential for power outages and minor coastal flooding. The Sheriff's Office – Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will be working throughout the duration of the storm to address county emergencies and assist municipalities with any 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, particularly Wednesday afternoon through the evening. If we all heed the warnings, pay close attention and are prepared to act accordingly, it will help lessen the impact of the storm.”

“Preparing, planning and staying informed makes dealing with weather related events that may affect Monmouth County, much easier,” said Mike Oppegaard, OEM Coordinator. “Now is the time to take basic steps and plan what you will do if heavy snow, high winds and flooding occurs or if power goes out for an extended period of time.”

Public Safety Telecommunicators are on hand and prepared for the influx of emergency calls expected throughout this significant weather event.

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

"If you have to travel, please use extreme caution and leave extra time. Safety works when we all work together" said Sheriff Golden.

Please stay up to date with the latest information from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office regarding the storm:

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