



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*From the desk of.... Sheriff Shaun Golden*

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## MARCH MADNESS

The month of March certainly came in roaring and it didn't seem to stop before four Nor'easters hit us hard. Some of those storms brought heavy snow, high winds, power outages and coastal flooding. Through it all, our divisions at the Monmouth County Sheriff's put the public's needs first, by preparing for the weather, sending the message of safety out to



the residents and addressing issues from municipalities during these weather related events.

While many around Monmouth County enjoyed their snow days during this March madness, our Office of Emergency Management, Law Enforcement and Communications Divisions worked hard through the duration of each storm, which I'm confident helped lessen the overall

impact for Monmouth County. OEM Coordinator Mike Oppgaard tracked the weather with consistent updates on the latest developments for what was expected and happening in Monmouth County, while our public safety telecommunicators dealt with the influx of emergency calls. The hard work from staff at the Department of Public Works did not go unnoticed either, as they plowed through late nights and early mornings to clear the roads.

Safety works when we all work together. I thank you all for the commitment and dedication during this rough month.

Let's all think Spring!



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## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN UDRIVE, UTEXT, UPAY

The MCSO, along with partners in law enforcement, will be cracking down on distracted drivers during the month of April as part of New Jersey's UDrive, UText, UPay, enforcement campaign.

Beginning April 1, which marks the start of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and running through April 21, the high visibility law enforcement initiative will target motorists who engage in dangerous, distracted driving behaviors, such as talking on hand-held cell phones and sending text messages while driving.



We have seen too many crashes on our roadways as a result of distracted driving and this campaign will hopefully raise awareness of the dangers. Texting and talking on a cell phone while driving, is irresponsible and illegal. It takes the focus off of the roads and may have deadly consequences that otherwise could be avoided.

## DISRUPTED TV SCHOOL SAFETY

Sheriff Golden participated in an informative panel discussion with leaders in education on school safety, student voice and how to protect students from violence on March 13. The MCSO thanks Disrupted TV, an informative show on educational issues, for producing this special edition and focusing on critical topics.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**4/1 – 4/30** Autism Awareness Month

**4/1 – 4/30** Distracted Driving Awareness Month

**4/5** - Mobile County Connection, Monmouth Mall

**4/9** - Forensics Exercise Explorer Post #1, STARS Building, Freehold

**4/11** - Annual Vest a K-9 Fundraiser, Monmouth University

**4/11** - Child Safety Seat Checkpoint, Monmouth County Garage, Freehold

**4/17** - Community Awareness Presentation of Certificates, Midtown Community School, Neptune

**4/20** - Ident Adult, Red Bank Senior Center

**4/25** - Project Lifesaver/Special Needs Registry Forum, MCSO

**4/28** - Drug Takeback Day, MCSO

## DID YOU KNOW:

Did You Know the 26th Annual Sheriff Youth Week will be held July 9th – July 13th in 2018?

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## SHERIFF SPEAKS TO STUDENTS AT RBC



Sheriff Golden sent a message out about safety to students of Red Bank Catholic High School where he spoke about internet safety, social media and the importance of if you see something say something, on March 20. The sheriff is always happy to mentor youths.

## MONMOUTH U'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT NETWORKING EVENT

The MCSO was proud to participate in the 6th Annual Department of Criminal Justice Networking Event at Monmouth University on March 28, where members of the Law Enforcement, Communications and Corrections Divisions

attended. Students had the opportunity to meet with federal, state, county and local law enforcement to obtain advice and discuss career opportunities. Meet and greets are always a great way to network.



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN CAREER DAY

Representatives from the MCSO Police Academy, Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions participated Asbury Park High School's Student Job Fair on March 23 and were pleased to provide students with advice about public safety and how to pursue a career



## MCSO TO OFFER LIFE SAVING COURSE

**FREE Training**  
**April 3, 2018 6 pm - 9pm**

### FEMA Until Help Arrives

If someone is injured, the first few minutes are critical in helping their chances of surviving serious life-threatening injuries. Would you know how to help them until professional help arrives? The FEMA Until Help Arrives program will teach you how to:

- Use simple and effective skills to save lives
- Effectively communicate with 9-1-1 Operators
- Stay Safe
- Stop life-threatening bleeding
- Managing your body under stress
- Position the injured

**YOU ARE THE HELP UNTIL HELP ARRIVES**

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from some of New Jersey's most respected prehospital providers. This is an excellent course for the general public, community groups, businesses, and houses of worship. There is no charge for this program thanks to a grant from the NJ Department of Health. This program is three hours long and contains lecture, video, and hands-on elements. The training can be offered at your facility or you can attend a session held in our training center located in Newark, NJ. Class offerings are limited so register today!

To register for the course at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, 2500 Kozloski, Freehold  
Visit <https://uhnj.enrollware.com/enroll?id=2184209> or call (973) 972-6444

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Life threatening emergencies happen fast and although first responders can be quick to arrive, You are the Help Until Help Arrives. The MCSO is pleased to be partnering with University Hospital Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response on this life saving course being offered to the public at the MCSO on April 3. Please participate and spread the word

## SHERIFF HONORED BY GIRL SCOUTS

It was a great honor for Sheriff Golden on March 2, as he was recognized by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore for being Man Enough to Be a Girl Scout Member of the Year. During the annual Women of Distinction and Community Partners 30th Annual Gala held at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club, the organization honored Sheriff Golden for his support and dedication to the young women of Monmouth County. He serves as a role model to the Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore and is committed to its mission. This award represents Sheriff Golden and the MCSO's dedication to our youth. Thanks to this outstanding organization for such a great recognition.



# MCSO ACKNOWLEDGES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

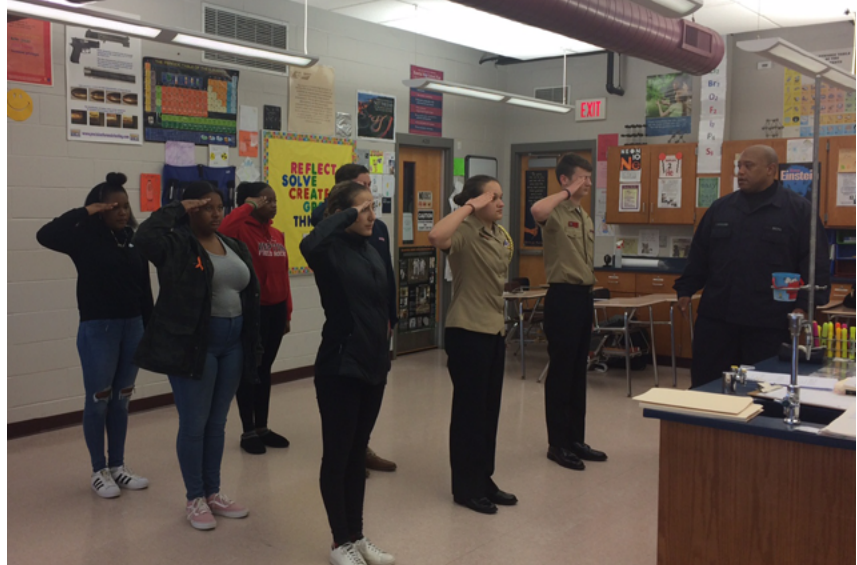
The month of March is Women's History Month and while it honors the work and contributions of women throughout history, we would also like to recognize the many women of the MCSO who are dedicated to making this agency the best that it can be through their tremendous commitment and hard work. A very special acknowledgement to former Lieutenant Governor and former Sheriff Kim Guadagno, who was not only the first LG of New Jersey, but who made history as the first female sheriff of Monmouth County.

Thanks to the great work from the exceptional women at the MCSO.



## EXPLORER POST PRACTICE DRILL & CEREMONY

Monmouth County Police Academy Drill Instructor Troy Fowlkes taught drill and ceremony to members of Explorer Post #1, JumpStart Law/Criminal Justice Program at Neptune High School on March 26. Explorer Post is a partnership with the MCSO and Neptune High School focusing on leadership and the aspects of law enforcement.



## ANNUAL EMS TASKFORCE MEETING HELD AT MCSO



The annual New Jersey EMS Task Force meeting recently took place at the MCSO and was attended by representatives from across the state. Monmouth County EMS Coordinator and New Jersey EMS Task Force Leader, Mike Bascom, discussed the high points and challenges the Task Force faced during their deployment to the US Virgin Islands after hurricane Maria.

Thanks to all the members of the task force for their hard work and dedication to administering life saving efforts and emergency care.

## CONDUCTING CEREMONIAL FAREWELL

It's something all members of law enforcement hope they never have to face, that's losing an officer while on or off duty. On March 14, funeral directors from Monmouth and Ocean Counties met at the MCSO to attend an event hosted by Sheriff Golden and presented by Sheriff James Gannon, Morris County Sheriff's Office, on the proper way to conduct a police ceremonial farewell.

During the meeting, police department plans and protocols for a ceremonial farewell were discussed and how funeral directors could be of assistance throughout the tribute, in order for it to be a lasting memory for members of law enforcement and loved ones.



## APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY/LAW ENFORCEMENT MINI ACADEMY

The MCSO's Citizen Police Academy/ Law Enforcement Mini Academy is being offered to county residents ages 14 and above.

Topics include Internet Measures, Foreclosures, CARGO, CarFit, Public Safety, Gang Monmouth County Tour of the STARS of the Sheriff's Public Display and Volunteer



Dangers and Safety Distracted Driving, Safe Importance of Fitness in Awareness, Tour of the Correctional Institution, Building, K-9 demo, Tour Safety Center, Vehicle Opportunities.

Please spread the word about this unique opportunity. Each session will take place on Thursday evening from 5:30 PM to approximately 7:30 PM. The first session is on Thursday, May 3rd.

Applications can be obtained at [www.mcsonj.org](http://www.mcsonj.org), click on community outreach, then click on Citizen Police Academy/Law Enforcement Mini Academy, or call Kathy Morrison at 732-431-6400 extension 1122.

## INMATE LABOR BACK IN ACTION

Now that spring is upon us, the MCSO Inmate labor crew is out and about assisting towns with much needed improvements at a cost savings. They began the season at Keansburg Borough Hall where inmates worked on painting the interior of the building, it was then on to Sea Bright where inmates cleaned out storm drains and they finished up the month at the Monmouth Historical Society in Freehold assisting with projects.



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## WELCOME POLICE CHIEFS

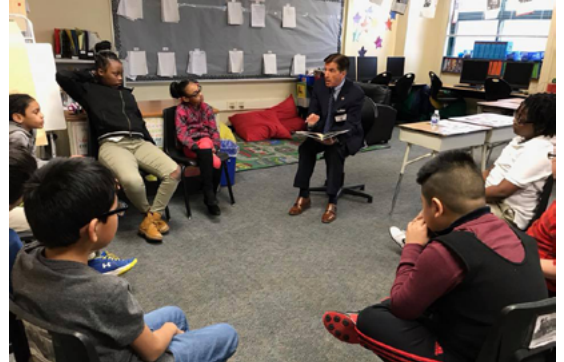


Sheriff Golden was pleased to welcome the newly sworn in police chiefs from across New Jersey who were at the MCSO's Public Safety Center the week of March 5 to attend orientation held by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. Best of luck to all.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA



U/S Michael 'Mickey' Donovan participated in Read Across America on March 1, which helps motivate children to read. Thanks to the Thurgood Marshal School in Asbury Park for the invite. It was our pleasure. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



The MCSO is always proud to participate in the annual Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 4.



## K-9 DEMO

It was all smiles for Skye at Union Beach Memorial School on March 7, where the MCSO presented an overview of the K-9 unit and held a demo.



## RIP FALKO

The MCSO is remembering K-9 Falko who died three years ago after being diagnosed with cancer. The 12 year old German Shepherd, specialized in explosive detection and was the beloved partner of retired S/O James Fay. Falko played a pivotal role in helping protect our county against criminal and terroristic threats.



# HAPPY Easter



# HAPPY Passover

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