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HURRICANE SEASON

June 1 marked the beginning of Hurricane season, and as always, it's important for all to take the proper steps to ensure safety. Preparing, planning and staying informed makes dealing with any kind of storm that may affect Monmouth County, much easier.

Hurricane season lasts through November 30, and, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's outlook is a 40% near- normal season, a 35% above normal season and a 25% below-normal season. While those numbers provide statistical guidance, everyone should be aware that it only takes one storm to impact Monmouth County to title it a bad year. In an effort to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management will be keeping a close eye on weather related events and how they may affect Monmouth County. OEM is reinforcing Know Your Zone,

which is particularly vital during hurricane season since it is designed to educate residents, businesses and visitors on the coastal evacuation zone in which they live, work or vacation. The plan identifies specific coastal evacuation



zones (A, B, C and D) that helps emergency management officials target evacuation orders to those areas that are at the most risk, based upon threat, strength, direction and forecasted storm surge. The zones allow for a clearer and more decisive messaging when evacuations are needed. As the public becomes aware of which zone they are

in, evacuation messaging will be directed toward a specific zone. For more information, please visit www.mcsonj.org/knowyourzone.

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Residents and business owners should also take the time to get an insurance check-up. Calling your insurance company or agent to make sure you have the proper insurance coverages to repair or replace your home after a flood or disaster is critical in ensuring that you can recover more efficiently. In addition, the sheriff's office will once again take disaster preparedness a step further by assisting seniors throughout Monmouth County in the event of an emergency or disaster through the STORM program. Seniors Taking on Readiness Measures, STORM, equips those who are among the most vulnerable population with emergency preparedness information, assists them in creating a family disaster plan, and, provides them with an emergency kit. STORM, which is presented throughout Monmouth County, provides people with the tools to build a plan in an effort to strengthen resiliency, sustainability and expedite recovery during emergencies and disasters.



Furthermore, the sheriff's office is urging residents to have emergency notifications and public safety information at their fingertips, through the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Application (app) for smartphones. The application is designed for Android and iOS platforms and can be downloaded for free. The app provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, which includes real-time emergency notifications through its integrated push notification system that automatically displays the message on the phone. Users are able to be instantly alerted to weather, or other emergency related situations, from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the agency's Office of Emergency Management. In addition to social media and our website, this app is another tool that we utilize to keep the public informed.

While we hope the hurricane season is uneventful, it's vital to please share this valuable information with family and friends to help maintain the utmost of safety to all throughout hurricane season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/4 – Happy Fourth of July

7/5 – Mobile County Connection

7/9-7/13 – 26th Annual Sheriff Youth Week - Monmouth County Police Academy

7/11 – Child Safety Seat Checkpoint, Monmouth County Garage, Freehold

7/18 – Bike Presentation, YMCA Freehold Borough

7/23 – Dangers of Strangers, YMCA Freehold Borough

7/25 – Monmouth County Fair Kickoff

DID YOU KNOW:

Did you know the Situational Training and Response Simulator Facility in Freehold, where members of law enforcement train in virtual real world scenarios, opened one year ago this past June?

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SAFE BOATING DURING SUMMER SEASON

As temperatures soar this summer season, many will take to the waterways. Sheriff Golden not only wants beachgoers to take the proper precautions in the water, but boaters as well.

Sheriff's Officers along with our partners in law enforcement will be out all

summer long patrolling the shore areas in an effort to ensure safety and respond to critical water related incidents.

As a reminder, it's important to follow safe boating tips:

- Check the weather conditions prior to departure
- Have a checklist and follow it prior to departure
- Operate at a safe speed, be aware of your surroundings, and stay clear of large vessels
- Make sure there is more than one person who can handle operations of the boat and that all on board know how to swim.
- Always wear a lifejacket and make sure your pets have one too.
- Do not consume alcohol prior to or while out on a vessel. It is illegal to operate a boat with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher which could result in mandatory loss of boating and driving privileges.



SHERIFF AND COUNTY CALL ON STATE TO ASK WHERE 9-1-1 FEES WENT

Sheriff Golden, Freeholder Director Thomas A. Arnone and Freeholder Deputy Director Lillian G. Burry held a news conference on June 18 calling



on state officials to find out why Monmouth County has not received funds collected through the 9-1-1 system and emergency response trust fund since 2010.

The fees, which are estimated to generate \$134 million statewide in 2018, are supposed to be allocated to a trust fund to upgrade state,

county and local 9-1-1 systems. Monmouth County residents having been paying into the trust fund since its inception in 2005 through a 90 cent 9-1-1 system and emergency response fee imposed on monthly landline and cell phone bills. However, Monmouth County has not received any funding back from the state since 2011 and county officials want it restored.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



The MCSO and partners in law enforcement are strong supporters of the Special Olympics and were proud to participate in the 35th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 6, to benefit this great organization.

A huge shout out and show of appreciation to Undersheriff Ted Freeman who has been participating in the torch run for 20 yrs and thank you corrections officer Tracey Tift who is dedicated to working closely with the Special Olympics.

SHERIFF'S OFFICERS HONORED AT 200 CLUB LUNCHEON

It's always an honor to attend the 200 Club of Monmouth County's Annual Awards Luncheon and even more of one when members of the MCSO are recognized for their hard work and determination in maintaining the safety of residents in Monmouth County.

Great job to Sheriff's Officers Royston Hercules and Charles Welles, along with six officers from the Long Branch Police Department, who were commended on June 6, for their assistance in the arrest of the suspect in the quadruple homicide on New Year's Eve, and, congrats to S/O Christopher Schrippa, who is on assignment with the U.S. Marshals, for the continued efforts of the task force throughout 2017.



AUTISM AWARENESS

Autism Awareness Coordinator Fran Hines met with members of the Colts Neck First Aid Squad on June 27, to discuss how to respond to individuals with autism. Autism awareness is a top priority for Sheriff Golden. In an effort to ensure the safety of an individual, it's important that first responders are equipped with important information when responding to a call.



MCSO SUPPORTS PRIDE MONTH

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are proud to support Pride Month and the LGBTQ community throughout the month of June. The sheriff was pleased to attend Garden State Equality's Equality Ball, 2018 in Asbury Park where several hundred people joined together to kickoff the month.



The Sheriff was also honored to recently participate in a workshop at Brookdale Community College which was held prior to Pride Month in preparation for unsafe and unwanted incidents of prejudice, bias and stereotypes that may occur.



MCSO CELEBRATES FLAG DAY

June 14 was a recognition of our Stars and Stripes as we celebrated Flag Day. The Superior Court of NJ's Monmouth Vicinage held a ceremony outside the Monmouth County Courthouse to commemorate the event in which the MCSO participated, along with the honor guard presenting the colors.



SOLO'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

A fitting tribute for MCSO's K-9 Solo was held outside of the Monmouth County Police Academy, to mark the 20th anniversary of his death. Sheriff Golden presented a beautiful portrait of the German Shepherd to handler and Retired/Sheriff's Officer Robin Eckel, at the gravesite where the K-9 is buried.



Solo died in the line of duty in Bradley Beach on June 5, 1998, during the apprehension of an individual, who was barricaded inside a home for 22 hours. Solo, a certified patrol dog, was shot and killed by the subject when he entered the home.

A special thank you to composite artist Jonny Castro, who painted the picture of

Solo. Castro is a police officer with Philadelphia Police Department. He paints pictures of members of law enforcement and K-9's who died in the line of duty and presents them to the families/agencies at no cost as a tribute and thank you for their service.

Solo is gone but will never be forgotten. RIP

RIP NANOOK

It is with deep regret that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office announced the passing of K-9 Nanook, beloved partner of Sheriff's Officer Anthony Muscarella.

The 8 year old German Shepherd, who specialized in explosive detection and patrol, died from gastrointestinal complications on June 13. Due to Nanook's pain and discomfort, veterinary specialists and S/O Muscarella thought it best that he no longer suffer.

Nanook played a pivotal role in helping to protect our county against criminal and terroristic threats and assist in the apprehension of suspects. He came to the sheriff's office upon graduating from the New Jersey State Police Canine Academy in 2011.

Nanook is gone, but will never be forgotten for his dedication in assisting to maintain public safety throughout Monmouth County. We are grateful for his service.



LT. FROM MCCI RETIRES

Job well done to Lt. James Smith of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, who was recognized by the Board of Chosen Freeholder on June 26, for 28 years of service. Lt. Smith began his career as a corrections officer in 1990 and throughout the years worked in every unit of MCCI. The last several years were spent as watch commander. Lt. Smith is also a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served from 1977-1989. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thank Lt. Smith for his service, dedication and commitment and wish him the best of luck in retirement.



CONGRATS TO MEREDITH KONDRUP ON RETIREMENT

The MCSO said goodbye to Meredith Kondrup as she retired from the agency after working for 11 years in the civil process division.

Meredith was not only an exceptional employee but a great friend to so many. Her loyalty, dedication, commitment and kindness will be missed by all.

Congrats Meredith and best of luck.



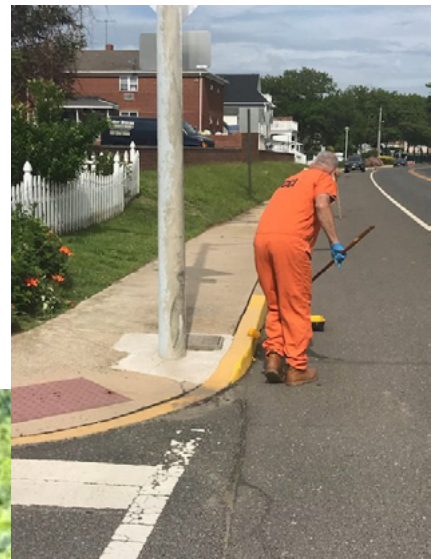
RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY

It was perfect weather to ride your bike to work and that's what staff from Sheriff Golden's Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions did as part of International Motorcycle and Scooter Ride to Work Day on June 18. This year was the 27th anniversary of the worldwide event which reduces traffic congestion, shortens commuter time, lowers fuel and frees up parking. It also helps promote the importance of wearing a helmet, checking your bike to ensure its working properly and obeying the rules of the road. Thanks to all who participated in this annual event at the MCSO.



INMATE LABOR

The MCSO inmate labor crews were busy throughout the month of June assisting towns with landscaping and painting projects in Allentown, Bradley Beach and at the Old First Methodist Church Cemetery in West Long Branch. Inmate labor provides services to towns at a cost savings.



SHERIFF GOLDEN ATTENDS HOPE CEREMONY



Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of a momentous ceremony at Hackensack Meridian Health's Jersey Shore University Medical Center on June 13, for the opening of the HOPE Tower which will provide optimum care for patients throughout Monmouth County and beyond.



METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

Congrats to the 18 members of law enforcement who completed Methods of Instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy on June 6. Undersheriff Ted Freeman along with MCSO Public Safety Telecommunicator Kristen Aras, Public Information Officer Cynthia Scott and Wall Township Police Officer Jason Kelly led the class through six days of training. All recieved their police training certifications and are now equipped and prepared to instruct fellow members of law enforcement at police academies.



HOWELL GOVERNMENT DAY

Sheriff Golden was proud to meet and mentor students at Howell Township's Student Government day on June 12, where he discussed the role of the sheriff and presented them with an overview of the MCSO. The sheriff always stresses to our youths to be a leader, participate and ask questions.



MY COUNTY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Sheriff Golden, Clerk Christine Hanlon and Surrogate Rosemarie Peters announced the winners of the My County Poster Contest during the Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting on June 26. Each year fourth grade students are asked to participate in the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey's Poster Contest. This year there was quite a bit of competition since the county

received 116 posters. Congrats to the first place winners Michela Mungiello and Leslie Garcia of St. Rose of Lima School in Freehold, second place winner Maris Child of St. Catharine School in Spring Lake and third place winner Jadyn Mehta of Nut Swamp Elementary School in Middletown. Wonderful job to all.



SALEM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VISITS MCSO

It's always great to visit other sheriff's offices and departments to share ideas and initiatives that will enhance the public safety of residents. On June 7, staff from the Salem County Sheriff's Office, which included representatives from the Office of Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Emergency Services and Communications, spent the morning at the MCSO. Sheriff Golden was pleased

to provide them with an overview of all divisions as well as take them on a tour of the 9-1-1 Communications Center, the Monmouth County Police Academy our special operations vehicles and mobile command unit. It was an informative morning and the MCSO was happy to host our Southern New Jersey partners in law enforcement.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN POLICE EXPO



The MCSO participated in the 32nd Annual Police-Security Expo in Atlantic City on June 25 and 26 where members of law enforcement attended to learn about the latest in public safety technology, equipment and vehicles. On display was the MCSO new Ford Police Interceptor for the K-9 teams.



FIELD TRIP FOR EXPLORER POST #1

It was quite an informative field trip to the Manasquan Reservoir on June 11 for the MCSO Explorer Post #1 who learned about the role of a Monmouth County Park Ranger. Sheriff Golden thanks Park Rangers Jeffrey Willever and Matt Ruding for showing the group around and inspiring them about the job of a Park Ranger.



Explorer Post #1 is a partnership with the sheriff's office and Neptune High School's JumpStart Law/Criminal Justice students.



BAYSHORE CADETS

Great job to the Bayshore cadets who competed in Keyport on June 9 hosted by the Keyport First Aid Squad Inc. The MCSO was proud to be a part of it.



GONE TO THE DOGS

K-9 TRAINING AT LIBERTY STATE PARK



Members of the MCSO K-9 Unit and Marine-1 participated in an intense joint training session on June 26 at Liberty State Park with the FBI, NJ State Police and NJ Office of Homeland Security along with additional partners in law enforcement from the tri state area. As part of the instruction, K-9 teams rode on boats for environmental training and were required to locate bombs and/or narcotics that were hidden in certain areas of Liberty State Park.



CONGRATS TO S/O RALPH IRIZZARY AND K-9 FUSE

Congrats to S/O Ralph Irizzary and K-9 Fuse for becoming certified for the first time with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Canine Division after completing a three day training exercise in National Odor Recognition Training and Testing, (NORT). The K-9 team specializes in explosive detection and patrol.



K-9 FUNDRAISER

Sheriff Golden can't thank students from the Joseph C. Caruso School in Keansburg enough, for their generous donation of \$3,462.05 to the MCSO K-9 Unit. Mrs. O'Leary's class was engaged in activities throughout the year and held several fundraisers. We are very grateful for the continued support to our K-9s. Money raised in the past has gone to purchasing a bullet proof vest for our K-9s to help keep them out of harm's way.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARI

Happy Birthday to K-9 Ari who turned 9 years old on June 17. The highly trained narcotics/patrol dog is a great asset to the MCSO K-9 Unit when it comes to assisting in the fight against drugs.



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