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SHERIFF'S OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH WITH SAFETY MESSAGES, EDUCATION AND REINFORCING CAMPAIGN EFFORTS

Every September the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is proud to acknowledge National Preparedness Month and reinforce the message to prepare, plan, stay informed and get involved. National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, aimed to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies. This year's National Preparedness theme was: Disasters Happen, Prepare Now, Learn How.

Through partnerships with numerous agencies, we prepare for emergencies such as natural disasters, active shooters, mass casualties and chemical threats throughout the year by conducting drills, training, tabletops exercises and educational programs. These types of training exercises are critical in ensuring that we can effectively and efficiently respond to crises situations. It's vital



the public plays a role as well by preparing, planning and staying informed. This year's National Preparedness Month focused on different topics each week, which included: Make and Practice Your Plan, Learn Lifesaving Skills, Check Your Insurance Coverage and Save For an Emergency.

The Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management also reinforced the Know Your Zone initiative, by asking all to learn which evacuation zone they are in by visiting <http://kyz.mcsonj.org> and to verify that they have the

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proper insurance to cover a home or business from damages as a result of a storm or other emergency. This year we took it a step further by having Know Your Zone billboards put up in Union Beach and Avon-by-the Sea to remind residents in the coastal and bayshore areas to learn which evacuation zone they are in should a storm strike.

Another way the sheriff's office assists the public in disaster preparedness is through the STORM Program. Seniors Taking on Readiness Measures was created as a result of Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. It equips those who are among the most vulnerable populations with emergency preparedness information, assists them in providing a family disaster plan and provides them with an emergency kit.



To keep up with the most up to date information, we asked residents to like or follow the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office on social media through Facebook, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Twitter, @MonmouthSheriff, and Instagram, monmouthsheriff, and to download the agency's application for smartphones.

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. The OEM section of the app includes important information regarding the warning signs of hurricanes, tornadoes and flash floods as well as other weather related events. To download the free Monmouth County Sheriff's Office app, visit the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.



In conclusion, I'd like acknowledge OEM

Coordinator Mike Oppegard and staff who was commended by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at the end of the month, for the valuable work, dedication and assistance in emergency preparedness. Through this dedication, Monmouth County remains a proud leader in planning, preparing and responding to emergencies.

VISIT MCSO ONLINE:



WWW.MCSO.NJ.ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/1 – 10/31 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

10/4 – Monmouth County Connection, Monmouth Mall

10/6 – HOPE One Monmouth Mobile Unit, Eatontown Community Day

10/10 – Identity Theft, Neptune High School

10/14 – K-9 Demo – Strut Your Mutt Parade, Thompson Park, Middletown

10/17 – Child Safety Seat Checkpoint – Monmouth County Garage, Freehold

10/23 – Dangers of Strangers/Halloween Safety Talk, Brielle Public Library

10/25 – Senior Safe Driving/ Keeping Your Keys, Red Bank

10/31 – Halloween

DID YOU KNOW:

Did You Know that October 29 marks the six year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy?

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HOPE ONE SPREADS HOPE IN HOWELL & ABERDEEN

HOPE One is making its way around Monmouth County since its launch. The mobile unit was at Howell Day on Sept. 22 and Aberdeen Day on Sept. 29. Many people are coming out to learn more about the HOPE One Monmouth Mobile Unit, a vital asset in the fight against drug abuse by bringing services and programs into communities to assist those struggling with addiction and their family members. Sheriff Golden leads the way in addressing addiction through the many initiatives the MCSO provides. HOPE is the newest program which assists in a path to recovery.



9/11 NEVER FORGET

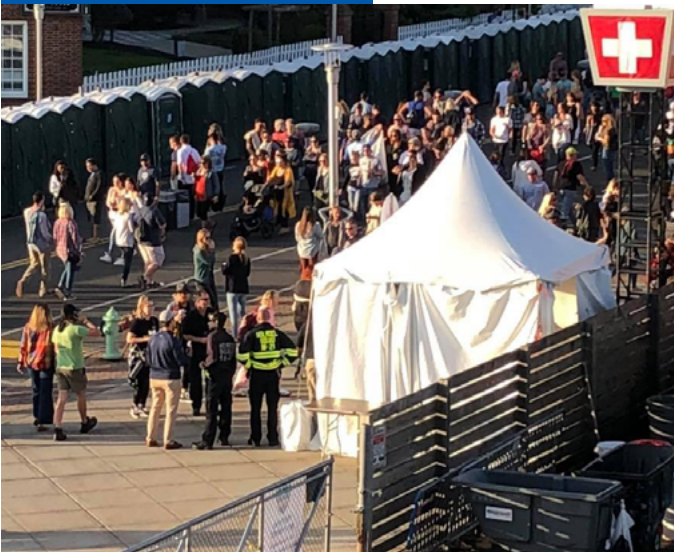
Sheriff Golden and the MCSO remembered the lost, the survivors and the heroes of 9/11 by conducting and attending remembrance ceremonies. At the MCSO Undersheriff Ted Freeman paid tribute to the victims and played TAPS during the annual MCSO's remembrance ceremony. Later that night Sheriff Golden attended the remembrance ceremony in Middletown, as the 37 residents of the township who died on 9/11 were honored and remembered during the silent walk and wreath laying at the Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens. In Belmar, Undersheriff Ted Freeman and Police Academy Director Darryl Breckenridge ran in the 9/11 Memorial/Silent Run.

God Bless America. We will never forget.

EMS PROVIDES MEDICAL COVERAGE AT ASBURY FESTIVAL

Thanks to police, fire and EMS who worked at the Sea.Hear.Now Festival on the Asbury Park Boardwalk the weekend of Sept.29, the safety and well-being of the public was well maintained. Sheriff Golden particularly commends the great job of the New Jersey EMS Task Force, members of the Monmouth County OEM EMS and local first aid squads who assisted the Asbury Park Fire Department with EMS coverage during the two day event. Staff provided medical treatment in medical tents and had roaming EMTs to address any immediate needs.

The MCSO's Field Communications 1 Unit also assisted with medical coverage and K-9 teams helped ensure safety.



K-9 DETECTION FOR POPE VISIT & RUTGERS GAME

The MCSO's K-9 team provided explosive detection protection during Pope Tawadros II of the Coptic Orthodox Church's visit to St. Mina's Coptic Orthodox Church in Holmdel, Sept. 22. S/O Mike DeLuca and Leo are highly trained in explosive detection and patrols and were happy to partner with members of the Holmdel Township Police Department to ensure safety during this visit. S/O DeLuca and Leo also worked the Rutgers football game on Sept. 29 to provide explosive sweeps and patrols.



NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

One of Sheriff Shaun Golden's top priorities is to ensure the safety and well being of our children. That includes while they are passengers in a car, since motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children. Although the MCSO acknowledged National Child Passenger Safety Week from September 23-29, it is recognized all year round.



The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office trained child safety seat specialists conduct inspections the second Wednesday of each month between 3:30pm and 6:30pm, at the Monmouth County Garage located at 240 Center Street in Freehold. In addition, the sheriff's office routinely offers informational seminars on the importance of utilization and proper installation of child safety seats as well as advises which car seat is the right one as a child grows. The agency also holds other inspections at various sites where events are held throughout the year.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Back to School Safety

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus

Students went back to school in early September, and Sheriff Golden offered safety tips so all can have a smooth transition. It's important to share the road with pedestrians and school buses during this busy time of year. According to National Safety Council, most children who lose their lives in bus related incidents are 4 to 7 years old. As they are walking, they are either hit by a bus or by a motor vehicle passing a stopped bus. The MCSO asks all to please follow these important safety tips to keep our children safe.



SEEK 911

Now that school is in session the MCSO's SEEK 9-1-1 Program which teaches first grade students the proper way to dial 9-1-1 is being taught at elementary schools throughout Monmouth County. Instructor Richard Eisbeis presented SEEK at the Bradley Beach Elementary School on Sept. 18 and the West Belmar School on Sept. 25.



STARLIGHT FOR VETS

The MCSO's very own Starlight for Veteran's event was held at Brookdale Community College on Sept. 19, where veteran's services and programs through numerous organizations were available to assist vets.

We appreciate the support from the public and all of those who participated, including the Monmouth County Clerk's and Surrogate's Offices, Monmouth County Government, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, the NJ State Veterans Chamber of Commerce, the Association of the United States Army – AUSA, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Affordable Housing Alliance. A big thank you to Brookdale Community College for providing us with the space to have this successful event.



VET CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY



It was a celebration like none other and the MCSO couldn't be more proud to attend Herminio Suarez's 100th birthday party on Sept. 10, where the World War II Veteran was presented with perhaps the greatest gift of his lifetime. At the VFW in Freehold, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Mike Ferraro, the MCSO's Assistant Veterans Services Officer, awarded Suarez with the Distinguished Service Medal, NJ's highest military award. The sheriff's office recently realized that Suarez never received the award, given for exceptional meritorious service to the government in a duty with notable responsibility, and, was influential in ensuring he would have it to celebrate his 100th birthday. It didn't end there, Sheriff Golden even made Suarez, Honorary Deputy Sheriff, in recognition of his outstanding service and appreciation for his longstanding patriotism.

Suarez may have received these well deserved and long overdue gifts, but he in fact, helped give us the greatest gift of all, by fighting for our freedom. Happy Birthday and thank you for your service.

MCSO PARTICIPATES IN JOB FAIR

The MCSO participated at the Monmouth County Job Fair on Sept. 28 at Brookdale Community College to assist those with an interest in law enforcement.



Representatives from the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions provided information about the agency and discussed potential future employment.

We are always pleased to help and mentor potential job seekers.

CORRECTIONS RECRUITS

Four weeks completed and eight more to go for the corrections recruits at the Monmouth County Police Academy where they are enduring rigorous training before they embark on careers as corrections professionals. Here they are engaging in drill. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO wish all the best of luck.



INMATE LABOR

Sheriff Golden's Inmate Labor crew worked throughout Monmouth County during the month of September assisting in painting and landscaping projects. They were in Millstone, at the Monmouth County Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls and at Camp Happiness for the blind in Leonardo. The MCSO's Inmate Labor Program offers much needed assistance to towns at a cost savings and helps reintegrate individuals back into society.



SHERIFF SPEAKS AT JERSEY SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Sheriff Golden addressed members of Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce and residents of shore communities at the annual Meet the Mayors event held Sept. 13 in Belmar. The sheriff spoke about some very important and timely topics regarding storm preparedness, planning and staying informed as well as the opioid epidemic and the services the MCSO provides in an effort to combat addiction. The advanced training and preparation of first responders throughout Monmouth County were also discussed.

Many thanks to the chamber for the opportunity to share this vital information.

GROUND BREAKING FOR ALLAIRE COMMUNITY FARM



Sheriff Golden, members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Clerk Christine Hanlon, Congressman Chris Smith and Chief Ross Licitra, MCSPCA were proud to be a part of a special ground breaking ceremony of Allaire Community Farm in Wall Twp on Sep. 18, to help support special needs children and adults, at risk individuals, families battling cancer and veterans suffering from PTSD, through farming, teaching and animal therapy.

MCSO PARTICIPATES IN SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY

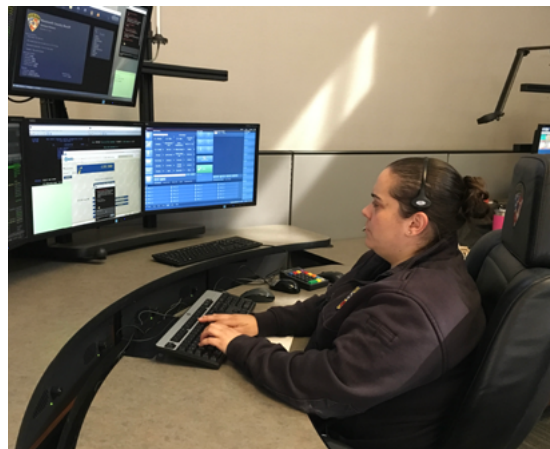
The MCSO was proud to participate in Freehold Borough's annual Senior Appreciation Day on Sept. 16 to recognize seniors in the Borough and discuss the many services we offer to them. Sheriff Golden thanks all of our older americans for the dedication and contributions they have made.



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



The MCSO celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. We are proud to have Hispanic Americans represent the work force in law enforcement, corrections and communications. Their dedication and commitment to public safety has a positive impact on the agency and the MCSO recognizes all for their great efforts during the month.



Happy Fall



**THE MCSO WISHES ALL A
WONDERFUL FALL SEASON**

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