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POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION

Before our holiday celebrations begin with friends and family, I would like to wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. I'm grateful to have such dedicated and committed employees throughout all of our divisions and look forward to a prosperous 2019, as we work together on new public safety initiatives and programs.

The Monmouth County Police Academy ended the year with 35 newly sworn law enforcement/corrections officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy. On Dec. 13, 15 recruits of the 95th Basic Course for Police Officers and 20 recruits from 37th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers received their police training commission certifications during a ceremony at the Monmouth County Police Academy in Freehold.



By successfully completing this training, these fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement and corrections. There is no greater commitment than maintaining public safety and I commend all for a job well done.

The Basic Course for Police Officers is a 20 week program with 780 hours of training, run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. Recruits train in patrol concepts, defensive driving, professional development, weaponry and unarmed defense, criminal investigation, ethics, emergency medical care and physical training, along with a host of other courses. Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers are well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies.

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Training for the Basic Course for County Corrections Officers is 12 weeks. The corrections officers engage in physical training and drill and learn how to properly use firearms, batons, handcuffing techniques and mechanical restraints. They also train in unarmed self-defense and emergency medical response. Classroom instruction includes topics on law enforcement and ethics, stress management, contraband and evidence processing, characteristics of inmates and drug interdiction and identification.



The recruits could not have achieved this goal alone. The exceptional staff of the Monmouth County Police Academy instructed and encouraged the officers during their intense training. There's no doubt the instructors' guidance and leadership will help them

embark on successful careers in law enforcement.

MCSO ADDS NEW K-9 TEAM TO FIGHT CRIME

In the continuing effort to fight crime, Sheriff Golden welcomed the newest team to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Sheriff's Officer Devon Mockus and K-9 Harley, a four-year old Labrador Retriever, graduated from the Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Training Academy Class on December 7, after 13 weeks of intense training in explosive detection.

S/O Mockus and his partner Harley will prove to be a great asset to Monmouth County and local police departments. K-9 teams are extremely essential when it comes to bolstering homeland security capabilities by playing a vital role in protecting our county against criminal and terroristic threats, combatting the proliferation of drugs, as well as assisting in the apprehension of suspects.



During the graduation ceremony, held in Mountainside, five teams received diplomas. They met all the requirements set forth by the State of New Jersey, Office of Attorney General guidelines. The K-9 graduate teams, who trained through tracking scent, consisted of three explosive teams and two narcotics teams.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1/1 - New Year's Day

1/3 - Mobile County Connection - Monmouth Mall, Eatontown

1/7 - Sheriff's Officers Swearing In - MCSO

1/9 - 96th Basic Recruit Class Begins, Monmouth County Police Academy

1/11 - Dangers of Strangers - Keansburg

1/16 - K-9 Demo - Neptune High School

1/17 - Ident Adult - Middletown Senior Center

For a list of Hope One Monmouth Mobile Vehicle locations visit www.mcsonj.org and click on the Events link.

DID YOU KNOW:

Did You Know that Gideon Crawford was the Monmouth County Sheriff 300 years ago from 1717-1722?

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They trained in vacant buildings, lots and offices, the Situation Training and Response Simulator (STARS) facility in Freehold and with the United States Park Police K-9 and Marine Units at Ellis and Liberty Islands. The academy also focused on case law, crime scene preservation, basic obedience, agility, environmental training and socialization with crowds.

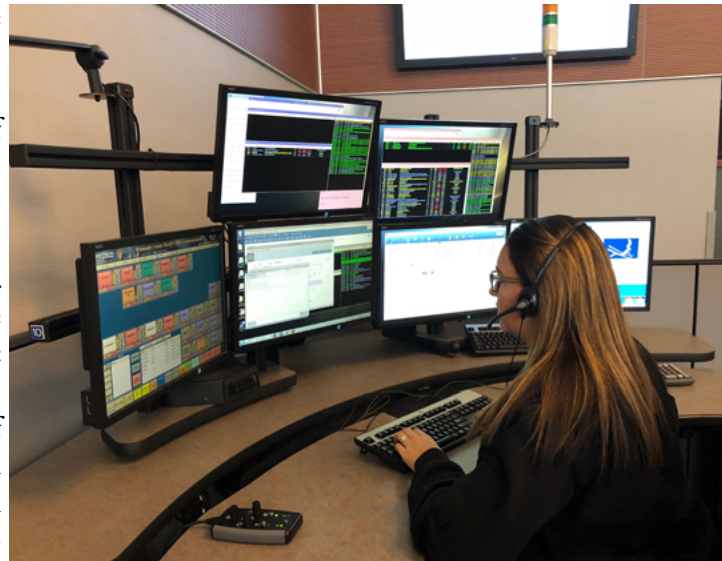


The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit presently consists of seven handlers and eight K-9s. The Unit includes one explosive team, two explosive/patrol teams, three narcotics/patrol teams, one narcotics team and one tracking team.

911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER UTILIZES NEW LIFE SAVING TECHNOLOGY

The first and most important question in every 9-1-1 call a public safety telecommunicator asks is '9-1-1 Where's Your Emergency'. Until recently, if a caller didn't have an exact address and used a cell phone, the location was not easy to determine. Sheriff Golden's 9-1-1 Communications Division is utilizing new technology, which provides fast and accurate device location data for 9-1-1 calls from wireless phones to ensure the utmost of safety.

Previously, wireless calls were difficult to pin point. Unlike landlines, they are not connected to a specific address and dispatchers relied on the location of cell phone towers. Through Rapid SOS, Monmouth County is now able to receive fast and accurate caller location data during 9-1-1 calls placed from an iPhone with iOS 12 or from Android phones version 4.0 and up, which speeds up response time.



Approximately 80 percent of emergency 9-1-1 calls received at the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center are from mobile devices. The center processes more than 780,000 calls annually.

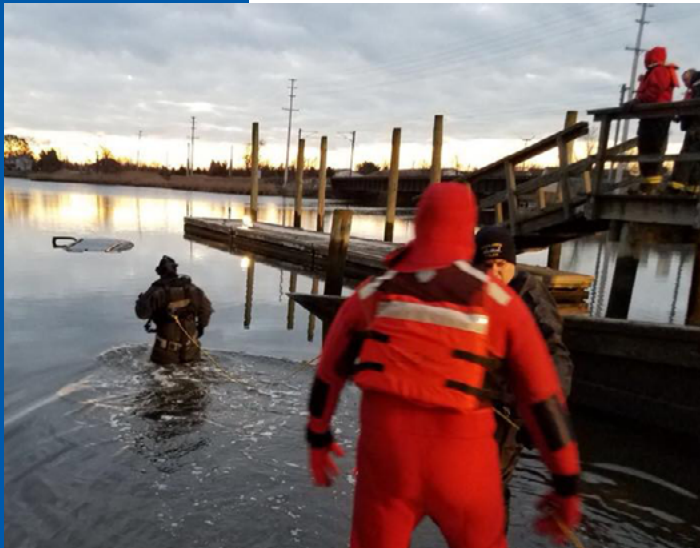
That's why location information enabled by Rapid SOS, a company which was created to transform emergency communication through cutting edge technology, is vital

during an emergency call, since it saves precious time when dispatching first responders.

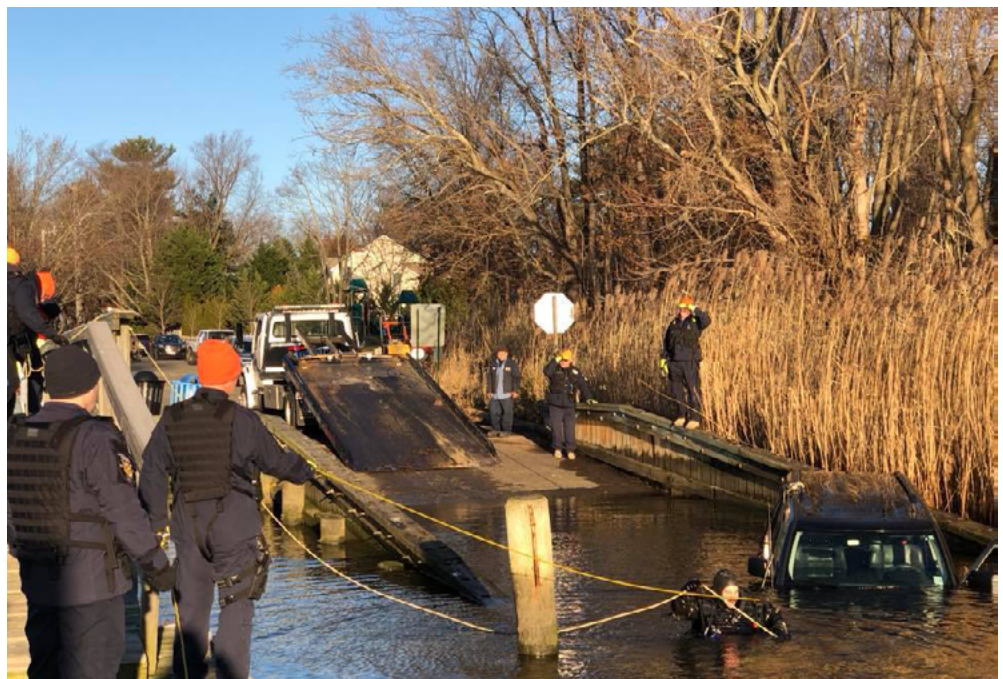
The Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center has already utilized the Rapid SOS system on numerous emergency calls, some which involved domestic incidents, special needs individuals and individuals with substance use disorder.

MERT RESPONDS TO LITTLE SILVER

The Maritime Emergency Response Team (MERT) responded to a car submerged in the water in Little Silver on Dec. 7. They initially searched the area to ensure there were no people in or around the vehicle, and, once that was determined the vehicle was secured and removed.



Sheriff Golden commends all for great teamwork. In addition to MERT, the coordinated response included Little Silver Police, Fire, EMS and the NJ State Police Unit who all worked together for a safe outcome.



HOPE ONE

The MCSO's HOPE One Monmouth Mobile Unit has been making the way around Monmouth County since its launch. The last HOPE One event of the year, in the fight against drugs abuse, was held at the Freehold Raceway Mall on Dec. 6. The mobile unit

draws attention to and sends a message of HOPE through the services and programs offered to individuals with substance use disorder.



CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS

One of the best gifts to give yourself and your child this holiday season is to ensure that they are properly restrained while in a car seat, since motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children. If you have any doubt your child's seat isn't installed properly please get it checked out.

Just a reminder that the MCSO holds inspections the second Tuesday of every month at the Monmouth County Garage, located at 240 Center Street, near Kozloski Rd. in Freehold from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.



COMMUNITY AND COUNTY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Congrats to all the students who completed the MCSO's Community and County Awareness Program and received their certificates at a ceremony on Dec. 4.

The goal of the program is to promote community and county awareness in communities and familiarize students with the Constitutional Officers. The program required visits to county and local community locations which include a police department, firehouse, municipal building, library, a First Aid Squad and a museum. They also had to attend a town meeting, local services club and



meet a boy/girl scout leader. During the visits they interviewed people, learned about the organization and wrote a report on what they learned from each visit.

A total of 35 students participated. Schools included Manalapan High School's Law Enforcement/Public Safety (LEPS) program and Neptune High School's JumpStart Law/Criminal Justice Program.

Sheriff Golden is proud to offer such a great opportunity to these fine young men and women.



MONMOUTH COUNTY EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sheriff Golden congratulates all the recipients of Monmouth County's 40th Annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon who were recognized on Dec. 14 and particularly acknowledges his staff from the MCSO's Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions for their dedication and years of service.



FOND FAREWELL TO SGT VIZZI



The MCSO wishes Sgt. Richard Vizzi the best of luck in retirement after 23 years of service. Sgt. Vizzi, an Air Force veteran, worked in all areas of the law enforcement division including Court Operations and the Warrant/Fugitive Bureau. He was also a Detective Sergeant in the Criminal Investigative Bureau, and, he most recently served as the supervisor of the Civil Process Bureau.

Thank you for your dedication to public safety.

BEST OF LUCK TO GARY McTIGHE



Also retiring after nearly 26 years of service is Gary McTighe. McTighe began in the Corrections Division where he coordinated inmate programs and worked with Monmouth County Vocational Schools. He then moved to the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management and served as Deputy Coordinator and liaison to municipalities. He assisted with planning initiatives and was involved in multiple critical incidents. Thank you for your continued commitment and best of luck.

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

Things got a bit hairy at the MCSO last month as sheriff's officers took a break from shaving in November, all for a good cause. A total of 31 officers participated in No Shave November and raised more than \$2100 for the American Cancer Society.



This month long effort not only raised money but also acknowledged those who have lost their hair to cancer treatments. Sheriff Golden is proud of the officers for their dedication to such a great cause. A special thanks to FOP 121 and PBA 314 who made contributions.



SHERIFF PARTICIPATES IN WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Sheriff Golden was honored and humbled to attend the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony held Dec. 12 at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel. He placed a wreath in remembrance of those men and women who died serving our country, and by their sacrifice, remind all of us of the price of freedom. Wreaths Across America is a six day nationwide event held at more than 1400 locations where wreaths are laid at cemeteries and remembrance sites. A caravan of participants began their journey in Maine and ended at Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, Dec. 15. God Bless America, those who have died for our freedom and those who serve.



TOYS FOR TOTS

The holiday season is about giving and thanks to the efforts of volunteers and the MCSO's PBA 314 Toys for Tots drive, less fortunate children will have presents to unwrap this Christmas. During the month of Dec. a ton of toys and 17 bikes were donated and collected for local families in need. Sheriff Golden thanks all who support Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. This great effort spreads hope to those in need.



FRAN HINES PLAYS SANTA FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The holidays for some students at Belmar Elementary School started early thanks to MCSO's Autism Awareness Coordinator Fran Hines, who came bearing some wonderful educational gifts for students. Through his Colton and Friends Foundation,



he was able to provide students with the gift of technology by donating eight chromebooks to a class. Sheriff Golden is extremely proud of the commitment the sheriff's office makes when leading the way in autism awareness throughout Monmouth County. This success is due in large part, to the knowledge and expertise of Fran Hines, who works closely with the sheriff to assess and address the needs of the special community.

THANKS TO KEANSBURG SCHOOL FOR GREAT SUPPORT OF K-9s



A huge shout out to the Joseph C. Caruso School in Keansburg for its dedication in assisting the MCSO and the Monmouth County SPCA. Recently, students from the school set up a gift wrapping station at Boscov's Monmouth Mall. All donations will be donated to Sheriff Golden's K-9 Unit and the SPCA.

The unwavering support of this school throughout the years does not go unnoticed. We thank the students and staff for their dedication and commitment and for always putting the animals needs first.



K-9s STRUTTING THEIR STUFF

MCSO's Skye, Gunner and Fuse may have become students of the week after their visit to Red Bank Catholic High School on Dec. 17, where handlers S/O Kurt Kroeper and S/O Ralph Irizzary conducted a demo with their K-9s and presented an overview of the MCSO's K-9 Unit.



It's always great to inform the public and our youth about the critical role the MCSO explosive, narcotics and patrol dogs have in maintaining public safety.



SKYE VISITS SANTA

Bloodhound Skye is always busy making the rounds and sniffing out crime, but she had some time to snuggle up with Santa, wish him a Merry Christmas and tell him what treats she wants to find underneath her tree.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!



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