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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REINFORCES PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

It remains a principal concern and huge commitment of law enforcement to continue in the battle against heroin and opiate abuse. In 2018 there were 215 overdose deaths in Monmouth County.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office are both leaders in this ongoing fight, but can't do it alone. That's why it's important to once again remind the public to assist, by cleaning out their medicine cabinets, where addiction starts for many, since opiate and heroin use are often fueled by prescription drug abuse. Project Medicine Drop Box, where you can dispose of unwanted, unused and expired medicine from your homes is vital. The permanent collection site is located at the front entrance to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, at 2500 Kozloski Rd. in Freehold which residents can utilize at any time, all year long. Project Medicine Drop is the most beneficial program where the community and law enforcement work together to help combat this epidemic and reduce the amount of prescription drugs that are readily available.



We are aware that residents, particularly seniors, may find it inconvenient to travel to the sheriff's office and dispose of their medications. In addition, the mobile "Project Medicine Drop" provides much needed accessibility by visiting senior and recreation centers in communities throughout Monmouth County.

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Our efforts don't stop there. The many programs and services such as our HOPE One truck which makes its way around Monmouth County is also an essential asset in the fight against drug abuse. HOPE One, launched last year, travels into the communities to offer services and programs to individuals and or family members with substance use disorder. This great approach adds another resource, and through all these program, we hope to continue to secure a safer and healthier path to sober living.

STORM SAFETY

So far mother nature has been kind to us this winter. In fact, we've only dealt with two storms in February, and they could have been much worse. Nevertheless, Monmouth County worked tirelessly to treat and clear the roads. MCSO public safety telecommunicators experienced an increase in calls regarding accidents. Winter isn't over yet! Sheriff Golden cautions all to be SAFE should another storm occur.



Slow down

Avoid quick acceleration/breaking

Find out driving conditions

Everytime buckle up

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UPCOMING EVENTS

3/3 – MCSO Participates in Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade

3/5 – ACES 911, United Methodist Community, Wall

3/6 – Child Safety Seat Checkpoint, Monmouth County Garage, Freehold

3/13 – SEEK 911, Spring Lake Elementary School

3/14 – Patriots Pride Awards Ceremony, MCSO

3/19 – Telemarketing Fraud, Allentown Library

3/20 – Explorer Post #1 Forensics Class, Neptune HS

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 the 27th annual Sheriff Youth Week will be held July 8- 12. For more information and applications visit www.mcsonj.org.

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MCSO ASSISTS WITH TANKER TRUCK ACCIDENT

It was a hectic day in Marlboro Township on Feb. 22, as the areas between Routes 9 and 520 were closed when crews worked to remove the two tanker trucks that collided causing a major oil spill. The accident resulted in 3500 gallons of diesel fuel leaking from one tanker truck and 2500 gallons of gasoline from the other. The cleanup, containing the area and efforts to ensure safety were a great team effort, led by the Marlboro Police Department with the assistance of the local and county first responders. Monmouth County resources that responded included sheriff officers and the Field Comm Unit, the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management EMS Coordinators, the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office, Monmouth County Haz Mat, the Monmouth County Rapid Deployment Force and the Monmouth County Health Department.



SHERIFF GOLDEN AND MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCUSS SCHOOL SAFETY WITH SUPERINTENDENTS

Sheriff Golden attended an important round table with school Superintendents throughout Monmouth County on Feb. 22, where he along with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Monmouth County



Police Chiefs Association spoke about school safety and how their top priority is to provide the utmost of safety and security in our schools. Also discussed was Alyssa's law, which requires all NJ schools to have silent panic alarms to alert law enforcement during emergencies. Sheriff Golden thanks school officials for inviting him to speak on this important topic.

CHOICES PROGRAM

Sheriff Golden wants at risk youths to be aware of the dangers and negative impacts that come along with joining a gang. Recently, the MCSO's Gang Intelligence Unit visited the Joseph C. Caruso School in Keansburg to provide students with a realistic look into a gang member's life and why becoming a part of a gang is a bad decision.

During the presentation, Corrections Officer Dennis Cleary discussed how joining a gang is an enormous error in judgment and that becoming a gang member can lead to jail time, injury or even death.



NJ BUILD OFF TO A GREAT START

The NJBUILD Monmouth County Program is off to a great start and Sheriff Golden couldn't be more proud to support such a valuable effort. The pre-apprenticeship program assists those who have fallen on tough times (some as a result of the wrong choices that were made), by offering free training programs which enables them to reintegrate back into society and find prospective jobs.

The first class was held in early February in Neptune City, which was just a few weeks after the program's announcement.



BASIC RECRUITS WELL INTO TRAINING AT THE POLICE ACADEMY

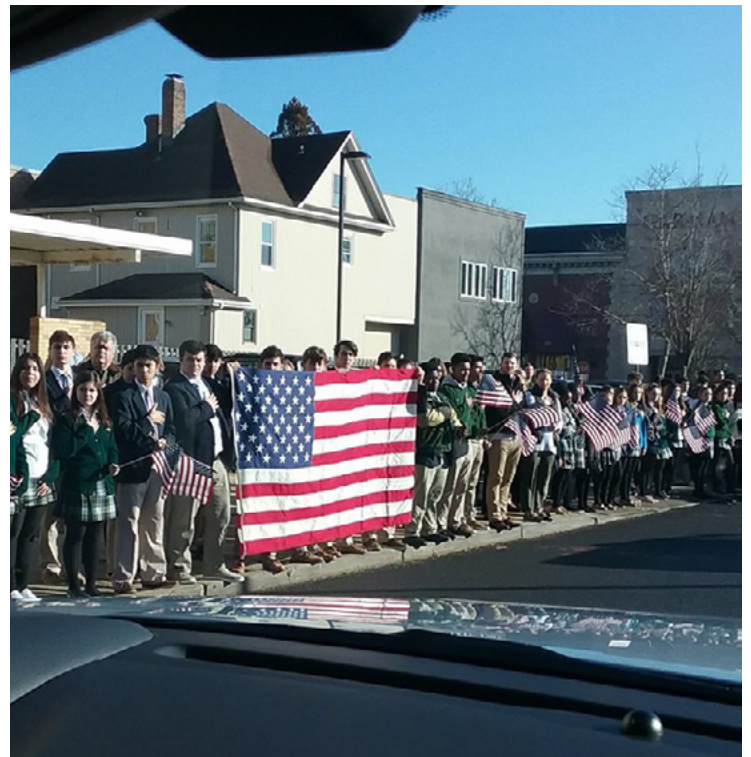


Basic recruits from the Monmouth County Police Academy are well on their way to careers in law enforcement as they progress with 20 weeks of intense training in preparation to serve their agencies. Recently, recruits received their emergency medical response certification. Six recruits from the MCSO are in the academy class. Best of luck to all.

A FOND FAREWELL



Sheriff Golden and the MCSO's heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the family of U.S. Army Pfc. First Class Jamie Riley who died in a training accident during a military exercise in New Mexico. On Feb. 4, many lined the streets of Fair Haven to salute, pay tribute and remember this fine young man, who was a graduate of Red Bank Catholic High School. Thank you for your service. RIP



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sheriff Golden was proud to commemorate Black History Month throughout February and recognize the accomplishments of staff members and our youth who are making, and have made a tremendous difference professionally and in their communities.

In addition, on Feb. 21 the sheriff was honored to lead the Pledge of Allegiance during Asbury Park's Black History Month celebration.

February is a great time to reflect on the achievements and contributions of African Americans.



• They can look nice and act friendly
• No matter how they look or act they may be out to hurt you!
• Don't be fooled - stay away from strangers!!



NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY



On Feb. 1 the MCSO was seeing red as staff participated in National Wear Red Day in support of women's heart health.

Heart disease is the number 1 killer in women. Go Red and make the commitment to lead a healthy lifestyle.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



The Monmouth County Emergency Response Team, MERT, joined partners in law enforcement and EMS in Ocean County to assist with water safety and rescue during the annual Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside Heights on Feb. 23. The great cause is to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey.



OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FOR MON/OCEAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN



A tremendous outpouring of support on Feb. 7 for the Monmouth Ocean Foundation for Children during its winter gala held in Belmar at the Sons of Shillelagh to benefit the Shore Center for Students with Autism. The funds raised will assist autistic adults who completed school and ready to begin a new chapter in their lives.

Sheriff Golden, a member of the board of directors and leader in autism awareness, couldn't think of a greater way to make an impact and difference for autistic adults and thanks all for their support.

SHERIFF SPEAKS AT COLTS NECK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Sheriff Golden was the featured speaker at the Colts Neck Business Association's monthly meeting on Feb. 13 where he discussed MCSO's operations and how the agency's public safety initiatives helps communities. A highlight of the talk was about Operation Watchdog, a beneficial partnership with businesses and residents to increase safety and help solve crimes. The modern day innovative, countywide program is a great initiative and enables business owners and residents to register their video surveillance systems with the sheriff's office in an effort to assist in and expedite criminal investigations.



For more information visit operationwatchdog.mcsonj.org.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION



Undersheriff Ted Freeman taught Methods of Instruction to members of law enforcement from the MCSO and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office beginning Feb. 20. MOI is an intense course, approved by the NJ Police Training Commission for those who plan to teach at police academies or their law enforcement agencies. The class is six days.

MCSO PRESENTS DANGERS OF STRANGERS

Third grade students from the C. Richard Applegate Elementary School in Freehold Township were made aware of and reminded about the Dangers of Strangers through Sheriff Golden's child safety program. Sheriff's Officers Iliana Santos and Michelle Melendez recently presented the 45 minute bi-lingual program and taught children what to

do if a stranger tries to engage them in conversation, whether on the street, on the telephone, when home alone or on the internet. This program, along with the other numerous public safety programs of the MCSO, helps keep our children out of harm's way.

In 2018, the Dangers of Strangers program was presented to a total of 2,754 students.



HOLMDEL FIRST AID EXPLORERS LEARN ABOUT MCSO OPERATIONS

A great evening on Feb. 5 at the MCSO with the First Aid Squad Explorers from Holmdel, who toured the facility and learned about Monmouth County emergency services and 911 operations from Sheriff Golden. The sheriff is always eager to take the time to mentor our future leaders in law enforcement and EMS.



FREEHOLD BOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL TOUR



Sheriff Golden was pleased to welcome special education students from Freehold Borough High School to the MCSO on Feb 28. where they toured operations, learned about law enforcement and got a special visit from K-9 Skye.



MANALAPAN CERT TOUR

Members of the Manalapan Certified Emergency Response Team, CERT, toured the MCSO where they learned about the 9-1-1 Communications Center, special operations and got a firsthand look at emergency vehicles utilized in emergencies.



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