



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SHERIFF GOLDEN

First I would like to wish all a Happy New Year and thank the entire staff for your hard work, commitment and support in making the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office what it is today. You should all be proud of what we have accomplished in all of our divisions. That type of dedication does not go unnoticed.

Our efforts in 2019 will continue to focus on maintaining the safety and security of our residents; through fighting crime, and, concentrating on homeland security issues, school safety initiatives and the war against drugs and violence.

As the Monmouth County Sheriff, a dad of two and an adjunct professor at Monmouth University, I'm dedicated to take action when it comes to combating the proliferation of narcotics in Monmouth County, and, will do so by working closely with sworn and civilian staff, along with our partners in law enforcement.

We will continue our public safety outreach programs through our partnerships in the communities and schools we serve. As a strong advocate of our special needs community, we will enhance our efforts in assistance through the Special Needs Registry and Project Lifesaver Program, plus, address the needs of our veterans through our ongoing initiatives in providing them access to much needed and enhanced services.

Our highly trained officers of the Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions, public safety telecommunicators of the Communications Division, and staff from the Monmouth County Police Academy, Office of Emergency Management and Special Operations Unit are among the best in the state.

The dedicated and professional efforts of the 609 men and women who faithfully serve in the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office have made this office the most accredited public safety agency in New Jersey with national accreditation in law enforcement, corrections, correctional healthcare, communications and public safety training.

I wish you all much success in 2019.



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## RE-ORGANIZATION DAY

Monmouth County began its first order of business for the New Year on Re-Organization Day held Jan. 3 at BioTechnology High School where Sheriff Golden was proud to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and have the MCSO Honor Guard present the colors.



## WINTER HAS ARRIVED WITH NUMEROUS CODE BLUE ALERTS

Due to the arctic blasts that occurred in January, Monmouth County has issued 18 Code Blue Alerts and assisted many people with sheltering to ensure no one is left out in the cold.

The MCSO's number one priority along with county and municipal partners is to ensure the safety of all Monmouth County residents throughout these Code Blue Alerts and always.



For assistance during business hours please call Monmouth County Social Services at 732-431-6000 ext. 4613 and for after hours assistance contact local police department

As always, Sheriff Golden asks to check on elderly neighbors and to limit the outdoor activity of pets. If an individual must be outdoors, avoid over exertion, keep dry and wear several layers of loose-fitting clothes. While traveling, make sure that someone knows your route and schedule and have a winter survival kit, including a blanket, in your vehicle.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEB 1. – FEB. 28**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**FEB 5-** DANGERS OF  
STRANGERS, BELMAR  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**FEB. 6** – CHILD SAFETY SEAT  
CHECKPOINT, MONMOUTH COUNTY  
GARAGE, FREEHOLD

**FEB. 7** – MONMOUTH MOBILE  
CONNECTION, MONMOUTH MALL

**FEB. 20** – EXPLORER POST 1,  
FIVE TO DRIVE, NEPTUNE HS

**FEB. 21, 22** – SEEK 9-1-1,  
JOSEPH C. CARUSO SCHOOL,  
KEANSBURG

**FEB. 28** – BASIC CORRECTIONS  
CLASS BEGINS

For a list of Hope One  
Monmouth Mobile Vehicle  
locations visit [www.mcsonj.org](http://www.mcsonj.org)  
and click on  
the Events link.

## DID YOU KNOW:

In 2018, the MCSO conducted more than 3000 homeland security checks at critical infrastructures throughout Monmouth County.

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## MCSO WARNS OF SCAM ALERT

Sheriff Golden issued a warning in Jan. against solicitation scams by individuals or organizations claiming to be associated with the MCSO. This comes after the sheriff's office received a number of calls from residents in reference to a telephone solicitation, claiming that they owed money. The scam artists say they are members of the MCSO Law Enforcement Division and are calling individuals, stating that their legal issues must be rectified immediately by paying a fine.

In the event you receive a phone call, you are not being rude, you are being shrewd, when you simply hang up.

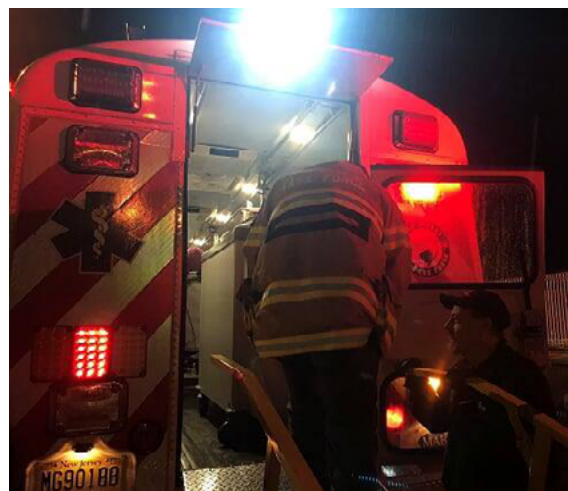
The MCSO does not make calls asking for money or contributions of any kind, nor does it authorize the solicitation of funds.



## MONMOUTH COUNTY EMS ASSISTS PARTNERS IN OCEAN

No one is more dedicated to the job than our EMS crews throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

On Jan. 9 the MCSO EMS Task Force assisted with the evacuation of 30 patients from a nursing home situation involving Carbon Monoxide in Stafford Township. The Medical Ambulance Bus from Shark River Hills was sent to the scene and MCSO Deputy EMS Coordinators worked with EMS partners from Ocean County to move and relocate wheelchair bound patients from Stafford to a temporary facility by ambulance and Medical Ambulance Buses.



The MCSO has two Medical Ambulance Buses that are utilized for large scale emergencies and are a tremendous resource when providing emergency services not just in Monmouth County but throughout the state.



## AN INSIDE LOOK AT MCCI

Sheriff Golden recently sat down with Vin Ebenau from WOBN News, Times Square Media, to discuss life inside the Monmouth County Correctional Institution and rehabilitation. You can view the entire series at [MCSONJ.org](http://MCSONJ.org) or the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.



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## COMMS DIVISION IS A 24/7 OPERATIONS

The MCSO's Communications Division is a 24/7 operation and our Public Safety Telecommunicators work day and night, playing a critical role in saving lives.

In 2018, approximately 735,000 calls were processed in the Communications Division. Through the dedication and hard work, PSTs are able to assist and serve the public in 9-1-1 emergency services. Sheriff Golden commends them all.



## WELCOME SHERIFF'S OFFICERS

The new year brings new sheriff's officers to the MCSO. On Jan. 7, Sheriff Golden was pleased to administer the oath of office to nine officers. Six of them are enduring twenty weeks of intense training at the Monmouth County Police Academy, two officers who are Special Law Enforcement Officers are attending several weeks of training and one officer already began work at the MCSO.



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## ACADEMY RECRUITS

On Jan. 9, Sheriff Golden was honored to greet all the members of the 96th Basic Course for Police Officers and the 46th Special Law Enforcement Class II at the Monmouth County Police Academy where he talked to them about leadership, courage and commitment. Recruits will endure 20 weeks of training. Congrats to all and best of luck.





## FIREFIIGHTERS GRADUATE FROM ACADEMY

Sheriff Golden was proud to attend the graduation of firefighters from the Monmouth County Fire Academy who completed intense training on Jan. 22 and 23. Job well done. Best of luck and stay safe out there.



## MCSO HOSTS CRIMINAL INTEL ANALYSIS CLASS

Members of law enforcement throughout New Jersey gathered for a two and a half day course in Criminal Intelligence Analysis, which began Jan. 22 at the MCSO. The program was created by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT) at LSU, the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. It's designed for law enforcement, investigators, supervisors, analysts and intelligence personnel.



Participants learned about the six steps in the intelligence process, the importance of critical and creative thinking and the benefits of forming strategic partnerships and collaborative networks. In addition, they discussed intelligence-led policing, information sharing, suspicious activity reporting, legal authorities and guidance.

Special thanks to instructors Ritchie Martinez, Ret. from the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Kevin Kirstein, Ret from Ocean City Maryland Police and William Wickers, Phoenix Police Department.

## MCSO REMAINS IN FOREFRONT ON AUTISM AWARENESS



The MCSO has already taken the lead in the New Year when it comes to autism awareness. Autism Awareness Coordinator Fran Hines recently spoke about the Project Lifesaver Program and the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry during the Monmouth County Special Education meeting and at Hackensack Meridian in Red Bank. He also met with members of the Monmouth Ocean Education Foundation of which Sheriff Golden is a dedicated board member, plus delivered 8 iPads to a special needs class at Bradley Beach Elementary School.



## VETS MEET TO DISCUSS ENHANCED SERVICES

A great meeting of the minds on Jan. 22 during the MCSO's Veteran's Service Council meeting. Sheriff Golden, staff members and representatives from various veteran's service organizations gathered to discuss community outreach efforts to enhance much needed services to vets.



OEM Coordinator Mike Oppgaard discussed VETS (Veteran's Emergency Training Services) where vets are trained and recruited to assist in the event of an emergency or disaster. The Veteran's Service Council meets quarterly.



## BEST OF LUCK TO C/O ON RETIREMENT

Best of luck to Corrections Officers Valorie Ohnmacht who is retiring after 25 years of service. C/O Ohnmacht worked in every area of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution and was commended on Jan. 17, by Sheriff Golden and the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders for her service and dedication.



## MCSO WELCOMES STUDENTS

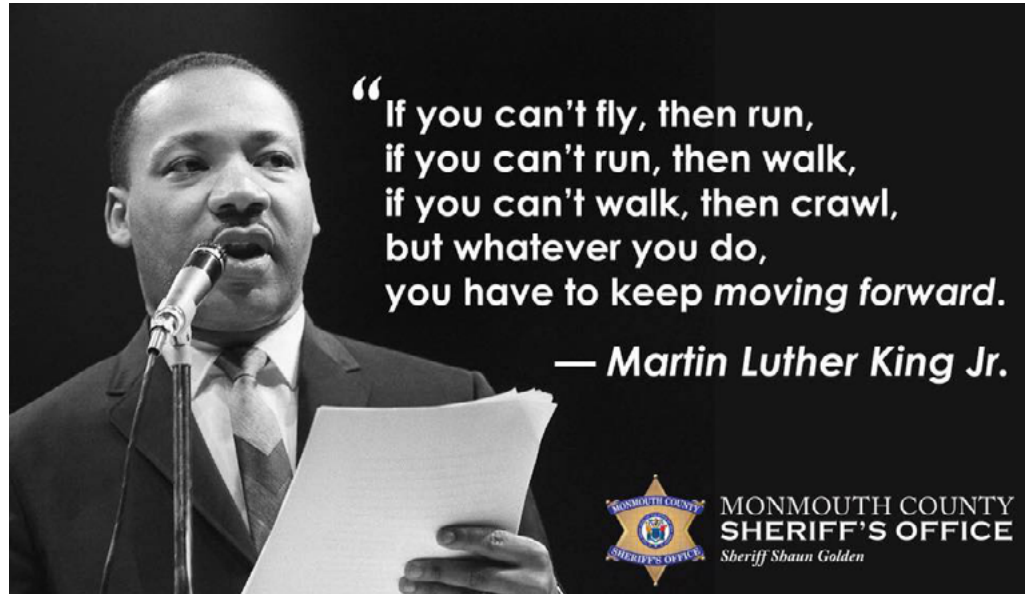
The MCSO welcomed students from Marlboro, Monmouth Regional and Keansburg High Schools in Jan. where they toured public safety facilities and were presented with an overview of law enforcement. Sheriff Golden is always pleased to have students, many who are future members of law enforcement, learn about operations, and is proud to be a mentor





## MCSO CELEBRATES MLK DAY

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO celebrated and remembered the life of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 21.



## MCSO K-9 UNIT

The MCSO K-9 Unit keeps quite busy throughout the year assisting in the fight against crime and drug abuse. In 2018 K-9 teams were called out on 200 explosive searches, 212 tracking searches and 212 narcotics searches. The K-9 Unit presently consists of seven handlers and eight K-9s with one explosive team, two explosive/patrol teams, three narcotics/patrol teams, one tracking team and one narcotics tracking team.

Two of our K-9s had reason to celebrate this month. Skye celebrated her third birthday on Jan 3 and Gunner turned five on Jan. 29. Happy Birthday to both.





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