



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECOGNIZED FOR BEING A LEADER WHEN SUPPORTING EMPLOYEES OF ARMED FORCES**

As a strong supporter of veterans services and the armed forces, I was honored and humbled along with Acting Warden Donald Sutton and Lieutenant Stephen Riznyk of the Corrections Division to receive the Patriots Pride Award on March 14, at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, where the Patriot's Pride Awards ceremony was hosted. This prestigious award recognizes those in supervisory roles for the exemplary



support to employees who serve in the armed forces. It's vital that we continue to provide support and a strong commitment to our citizen soldiers in the National Guard and Reserve especially when engaged in responding to emergencies on the home front or deployed overseas in service of their country. They fight for our freedom and sacrifice everything to keep us safe through their heroic efforts. It's our duty to our nation to strongly support them and their family members.

Employees serving in the National Guard or Reserve, or a spouse of those serving, nominate individual supervisors for their unwavering support. Myself, Acting Warden Sutton and LT. Riznyk were all nominated by Corrections Officers David Leventhal, Staff Sergeant in the National Guard. The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve assists in coordinating these events throughout New Jersey and works with employers in an effort to support and value the military service of its employees and to ensure that reservists and National Guard members can return to their jobs from active duty.

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During the ceremony Keynote Speaker Captain Brian Sheakley, Commanding Officer, Navy Operational Support Center commended the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their exceptional support of our military men and women and their families in the National Guard and Reserve, who may face hardships while fighting for our freedom.



While performing military service, Monmouth County employees receive full pay for 90 days, and, after that time, they receive the difference in pay between the employee's regular earnings and the military base pay for active duty. Families continue to maintain health benefits, and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office actively supports families who have difficulty when their loved ones are away.

During the ceremony, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office acknowledged five officers from the agency's law enforcement and corrections divisions who are currently serving on long-term active duty deployment, which includes C/O John Bork, C/O Diamond Taylor, S/O John Labozzetta, S/O Juan Cano and S/O Royston Hercules.

I appreciate all the hard work that went into making this event such a success. Special thanks to Michael Ferraro, Assistant Veteran's Service Officer – Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Monmouth County Surrogate Rosemarie Peters, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Captain Brian Sheakley, Commanding Officer, Navy Operational Support Center Fort Dix and Rocco LiCalsi, Monmouth County Chairman – ESGR.



God Bless all the members of the armed forces.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**4/2** Autism, Project Lifesaver and Special Needs Registry 2nd Annual Forum

**4/4** Monmouth Mobile Connection – Monmouth Mall

**4/7** Shore Showdown Flag Football Tournament, Monmouth University

**4/10** Child Safety Seat Checkpoint, Monmouth County Garage, Freehold

**4/11** Until Help Arrives Emergency Training, MCSO

**4/12** Monmouth County Workforce Development Spring Job Fair, Brookdale Community College

**4/18** Sheriffs Association of New Jersey SANJ Meeting, MCSO

**4/25** Bring Your Child to Work Day, MCSO

## DID YOU KNOW:

Did You Know that the Month of April is National Autism Awareness Month and also Distracted Driving Awareness Month? The MCSO will hold events to draw attention to the month and focus on programs that benefit these causes.

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## SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY FORUM HELD AT MCSO

The Monmouth County Special Needs Registry was the important topic of discussion on March 5 as the MCSO and Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office held a program where members of law enforcement discussed enhancements and updates to the registry, along with challenges towns may face when responding to individuals with special needs. The Special Needs Registry, implemented in 2016, is a partnership with the Prosecutor's Office, the MCSO and Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association.

Also discussed was Project Lifesaver, an electronic monitoring program that tracks individuals through radio transmissions.

Sheriff Golden, a strong advocate and leader in the special needs community, couldn't be more proud of law enforcement's continued efforts to ensure the safety of individuals.



## SHERIFF SPEAKS OUT AGAINST THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

Sheriff Golden sat down with members of the media in March to discuss his strong opposition to the legalization of marijuana in New Jersey and why the proposed bill, which was canceled on March 25, fell short on many levels. Also discussed were strides the MCSO and partners in law enforcement are making when it comes to addressing the opioid epidemic.



## SHERIFF SUPPORTS LONG BRANCH HEARS

In the continuing effort in the fight against the opioid epidemic, Sheriff Golden joined community leaders, members of law enforcement and residents to support a new task force in Long Branch, called Long Branch H.E.A.R.S. (Health, Education, Addiction and Recovery Support) launched on March 25. The task force's first goal is to send a message that The Stigma Ends Here. The MCSO is proud to stand behind another effort that promotes awareness, education and support in the ongoing battle against addiction.



## CLERGY MEETS WITH MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT TOPICS

Sheriff Golden, members of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office & Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association provided members of the clergy and religious organizations with a better understanding of police work, training and when it's appropriate for use of force. On March 15 pastors, rabbis and chaplains from Asbury Park, Long Branch, Manalapan and Freehold along with members of the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey gathered at the Situational Training And Response Simulator, STARS, facility to tour operations and learn about the state of the art facility.

The tour included a demonstration of the VirTra Simulator, a decision making and tactical firearms virtual threat simulator which is equipped with five large screens and shows real life types of scenarios. It provides first responders with an opportunity to train on de-escalating a situation and help address homeland security issues, counterterrorism efforts and the public safety challenges members of police, fire and EMS are faced with in Monmouth County and beyond.



## STARS VISITS



Additional tours of the STARS facility throughout March included the MCSO Explorer Post #1 who learned all about a forensic crime scene and how to investigate one, and, students from the Manalapan High School's Law and Public Safety Program (LEPS).



## EARLY MORNING DRILL FOR RECRUITS



It's early morning drill each day for recruit classes at the Monmouth County Police Academy. Best of luck to the Basic Recruits, SLEO II's and Correction Recruits who all graduate on May 22.



## MCSO EMS COORDINATORS ASSIST IN HAZLET FIRE

A quick response of firefighters, MCSO EMS Task Force and the operators of the Medical Ambulance Bus 6 who were all on scene a structure fire in Hazlet on March 27, where no injuries were reported.

## MONMOUTH U NETWORKING EVENT



Meet and greets are a great way for students to network. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to be a part of the 7th Annual Department of Criminal Justice's Networking Event at Monmouth University on March 27, where members of the Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions attended. Students had the opportunity to meet with federal, state, county and local law enforcement to obtain advice and discuss career opportunities. Best of luck to many of our future leaders in law enforcement.

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## GANG AWARENESS



It's important for 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.

## DANGERS OF STRANGERS

Kindergarten, first and second grade students from the Spring Lake Heights Elementary School were made aware of and reminded about the Dangers of Strangers through the MCSO's child safety program. Sheriff's Officer Michelle Melendez presented the 45 minute bi-lingual program on March 7, 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.



## ISRAELI NATIONAL POLICE VISIT

Sheriff Golden is always eager and proud to speak with other members of law enforcement from throughout the country and world about the outstanding services the MCSO's 9-1-1 Center provides. On March 11, it was a great exchange of information with members of the Israeli National Police who toured the MCSO.

They saw first hand how the 9-1-1 Communications Center works and were able to gain insightful knowledge about operations. They also shared their own information about emergency communications.



## JAPANESE JUDGE TOUR

Sheriff Golden was happy to host Judge Yusuke Tatzaki of Japan as he toured the MCSO's Public Safety Center to learn about and view our law enforcement, communications and special operations on March 7. Judge Tatzaki visited the Monmouth Vicinage to become familiar with court operations and Monmouth County agencies.



## SHERIFF SPEAKS TO GROUP ABOUT SAFETY PROGRAMS



Sheriff Golden spent a great afternoon with members of the Young at Heart senior outreach group at the Tower Hill First Presbyterian Church in Red Bank, on March 8, where he spoke about the role of the MCSO. The sheriff is always eager to discuss the safety measures, initiatives and programs we provide to communities.

## KUDOS TO MCSO VOLUNTEERS



The MCSO proudly acknowledges and appreciates the hard work and dedication of the agency's volunteers.

Without their assistance, some very important safety programs would not be made possible. Here volunteer Richard Eisenbeis, a retired school teacher is teaching first grade students at an elementary school in Long Branch, the proper way to dial 9-1-1 through the MCSO SEEK 911 program.

## COLTS NECK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Sheriff Golden was proud to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Colts Neck Business Association's 11th Annual Luncheon on March 26. It's a great gathering where business professionals and community leaders throughout Monmouth County have the chance to network and share information.



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL BELMAR ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



The MCSO always looks forward to participating in the annual Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade which was held on March 3. Special thanks to the Honor Guard, K-9 teams and operators of Field Comm Units. We are always proud to take part in this annual event which brings so many people together.



## READ ACROSS AMERICA

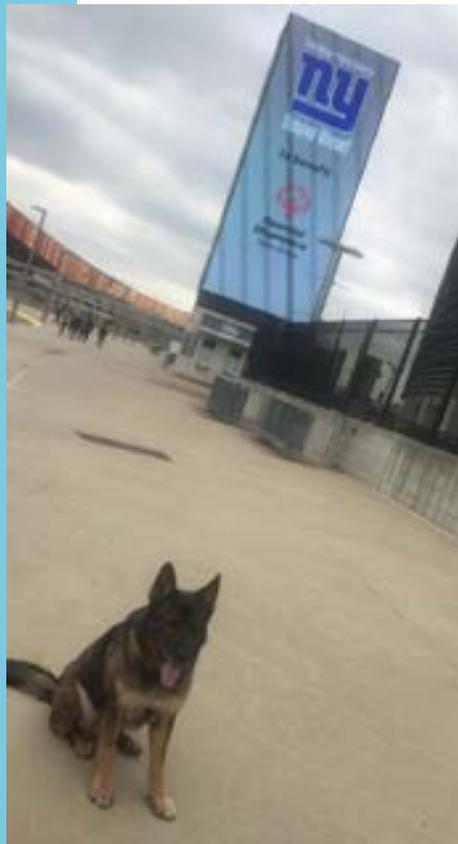
The MCSO supports Read Across America which helps motivate children to read. On March 1, Police Academy Director Darryl Breckenridge read to students at the Barack Obama Elementary School in Asbury Park as S/O Kurt Kroeper and K-9 Skye provided a K-9 demo.



## MCSO TOURS



Throughout the month of March students from Saint John Vianney, Neptune, Keansburg and Middletown high schools toured the MCSO and learned about operations of the law enforcement, corrections and communications divisions. Sheriff Golden is always pleased to mentor youth and discuss careers in public safety.



## ARI ON THE BEAT

K-9 Ari was walking the beat at Met Life Stadium on March 15 to assist in safety patrols at the Special Olympics.



## MONMOUTH COUNTY SPCA

It was a paw-fect evening at the Monmouth County SPCA in Eatontown, on March 28, where an open house was held to thank and show donors how beneficial their support has been in assisting the growth of the shelter and community programs, as well as saving the lives of thousands of animals. The MCSO works extremely close with the SPCA and is pleased to stand behind this great organization.

## K-9 FUNDRAISER

The unwavering support from students and faculty from the Joseph C. Caruso School in Keansburg to the MCSO's K-9 Unit does not go unnoticed. Their most recent fundraiser was held on March 14 at Texas Roadhouse in Holmdel to support the K-9 Unit. Thanks for your generosity throughout the year.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEO

A very special shout-out and Happy Birthday to the MCSO's K-9 Leo who turned 3 on March 10. S/O Michael DeLuca and K-9 Leo specialize in explosive detection and patrols and have been a member of the K-9 Unit since May, 2018.

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