

# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## POLICE ACADEMY RECRUITS GRADUATE AND BECOME LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS

May is always a great month to recognize our members of law enforcement. They not only work hard to maintain public safety, but participate in many local, county, statewide and national events that acknowledge the challenging work of our men and women in blue, and, pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Before we highlight those events, I'd like to congratulate the youngest members of our law enforcement community who graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy. On May 22, 93 newly sworn law enforcement and corrections officers received their police training certifications during a ceremony at Brookdale Community College. They included 17 recruits of the 96th Basic Course for Police Officers, 67 recruits from the 46th and 47th Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers and nine recruits from the 38th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers.

By successfully completing this training, these fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement and corrections. That is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility, maintaining public safety. I'm proud of their accomplishments, commend all for a job well done, and welcome six new sheriff's officers to the Law Enforcement Division and one corrections officer to the Corrections Division.





The Basic Course for Police Officers is a 20 week program with 780 hours of training. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers is a four month program and consists of approximately 600 hours of training with full police powers while on duty. Both classes are 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 13 weeks. The corrections officers engaged in physical training and drill and learned how to properly use firearms, batons, handcuffing techniques and mechanical restraints. They were also trained in unarmed self defense and emergency medical response. Classroom instruction included topics on law enforcement and ethics, stress management, contraband and evidence processing, characteristics of inmates and drug interdiction and identification.

Best of luck to all. May they always have the utmost of courage, compassion and commitment throughout their careers as law enforcement professionals.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**6/6** Mobile County Connection, Monnouth Mall, Eatontown

6/10 CERT Presentation/ Community & County Awareness, Midtown Community School. Neptune

6/12 Child Safety Seat Checkpoint, Monmouth County Garage, Freehod

6/22 HOPE One, Asbury Park Day

**6/25** Dangers of Strangers, Freeold YMC Camp

6/25-6/27 TEEN CERT Program, MCSO

6/28 Caruso School K9 Fundraising Check Presentation, Asbury Park Boardwalk Lou & Liz Show

#### **DID YOU KNOW:**

Did You Know that June 1 – November 30 is Hurricane Season? Plan, Prepare and Stay Informed.

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#### POLICE UNITY TOUR

It was wheels up on the morning of May 9 as members of the MCSO gathered at the NJ State Police Headquarters to participate in the Police Unity Tour and ride for those who died in the line of duty, all the way to Washington, Five members of MCSO's Law Enforcement Division included U/S which Darryl Breckenridge S/O Manny Rosario, S/ O Dan Ceparano, S/O Matt Lavin and S/O Will Allmann participated along members from three Correction Division which included C/O Thomas Fenton, C/O William Nagy and C/O Luca Del Giudice.



Sheriff Golden proudly supports this great mission and commends all members of law enforcement who participated for their commitment each year to remember our fallen officers and raise money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

#### **OCEAN GROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL**

A day of remembrance in Ocean Grove as the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service was held at the Great Auditorium on May 21, to pay tribute to law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty the past year, as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice throughout the years.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO salutes all officers and honors the lives and service of those who have passed.



#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Sheriff Golden recognized, commended and thanked sworn members of the MCSO Law Enforcement Division during National Police Week, which was held the week of May 12, for their dedication to the profession.

Whether they work in the courthouse, warrant/fugitive bureau, probation, civil process, the K-9 Unit or the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, these men and women take pride in their work and proudly demonstrate a commitment to law enforcement every day.

National Police Week remembers the fallen officers and honors those who are serving or have served. We thank all for their hard work in protecting the public and will never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



### NATIONAL CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to recognize the fine corrections officers and employees of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, during National Corrections Officers and Employees Week on May 5- May 11. These corrections professionals are owed a tremendous debt of gratitude for their challenging work in safeguarding lives and preserving peace in a correctional environment. There are many risks involved working as a corrections officers that compromise safety and we thank all for their service, dedication and courage.

## MCSO UNVEILS LATEST INITIATIVE IN FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS



Sheriff Golden is proud to announce the MCSO's latest initiative in the fight against the opioid epidemic called Opioids: What Every Mind Needs to Know, as he continues to lead the way in drug prevention and awareness.

The program, presented by Sheriff's Officers Iliana Santos and Michelle Tucker, kicked off at Allied Academy of Health and Science in Neptune on May 15, followed by three more schools including the College Achieve Charter School in New Jersey, Neptune High School and Bayshore Middle School in Leonardo. The 45 minute presentation details what opioids are, its origin, the most commonly used opioids, when they are and aren't safe to take, why they are

prescribed, how they are abused, why they are extremely addictive and the symptoms of addiction. The presentation also stressed what heroin is, why it is so dangerous, and the deadly consequences of the drug.



More than 700 students attended the presentations.



## SHERIFF ATTENDS NJ WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

Sheriff Golden was honored to attend the NJ Women in Law Enforcement Conference held at Monmouth University on May 23, with informative and insightful speakers who presented - Understanding Addiction and the Battle Against Opiates.



# SHERIFF GOLDEN LEADS THE PLEDGE AT THE ANNUAL TOURISM SUMMER

Sheriff Golden was proud to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Monmouth County's Annual Tourism Summer Kickoff in Belmar on May 20th. We look forward to a fantastic summer season at the shore and at other great tourist attractions and areas in Monmouth County.

#### SHERIFF TALKS SWIMMING SAFETY TIPS

Sheriff Golden talked about swimming safety on May 20 in Belmar with the host of Jersey Matters, Larry Mendte, prior to the Tourism Summer Kickorff in Belmar. The MCSO stresses to please swim when lifeguards are on duty, never swim alone, avoid rip currents and if you get caught in one swim parallel to the shore.



#### **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK**



The MCSO sent out several safety messages during Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 5 through May 11, which included to plan, prepare and stay informed, Know Your Zone, have a STORM kit filled with the basic necessities to get you through for several days, and, to download the MCSO smartphone App. The App provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, including real-time emergency notifications through its integrated push notification system.



# NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGIST IS GUEST SPEAKER AT DEM MEETING



Meterologist Dean Iovino of the National Weather Service spoke about coastal flooding, before the start of hurricane season during the MCSO's OEM quarterly meeting with municipal OEM coordinators on May 23.



### MARINE 1 RESPONDS TO BOAT FIRE

Great job to MCSO Marine 1 who responded to a boat fire by the Highlands Bridge on the border of Sea Bright Memorial Day Weekend. The US Coast Guard and Sea Bight/Highlands marine units also assisted.

### FIRST RESPONDERS DRILL

Preparation is a vital tool for all first responders and that's why a simulated mass casualty incident involving an explosion was conducted at the Situational Training and Response Simulator (STARS) facility in Freehold, May 11. The exercise was organized

> through Jersey Shore University Medical Center's William Voelkel-EMT

Training Program, in

conjunction with the NJ EMS Task Force and the MCSO. It was a tremendous learning experience for EMT students as they learned to triage, treat and transport different priority patients in a rapid manner, utilizing the Incident Command System, a hierarchical structure where they worked in a coordinated and systematical approach for a cooperative response.





#### **EMS WEEK**

The MCSO was proud to commemorate National EMS Week, May 19 through May 25. One of the themes was "Education Day" to highlight public education and provider education.



As part of that theme, it made us proud that the New Jersey EMS Task Force is fortunate to have a place to call home with its base of operations in Neptune. The Sheriff's Emergency Training Center, serves as an educational facility and coordination center for EMS statewide. It is a partnership with the MCSO, the NJ EMS Task Force and the NJ Department of Health.

The task force is a statewide disaster response and emergency planning organization, made up of individual and specialty members from both career and volunteer EMS providers.

#### SHERIFF RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Sheriff Golden was honored and humbled to receive this year's Distinguished Alumni Award during Brookdale Community College's graduation ceremony, May 16.

The esteemed award, presented to the sheriff by President David Stout acknowledges his commitment and dedicated years of service to the safety and wellbeing of Monmouth County residents.

As Sheriff Golden addressed the graduates, he commended them for a job well done and credited

Brookdale for enabling him to forge ahead and become a law enforcement professional and leader in public safety.

Best of luck to all.

#### INMATE LABOR

Now that summer is right around the corner the MCSO's Inmate Labor Program is in full swing, Crews have been out the past month assisting towns with much needed improvements at a cost savings. Inmates from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, with minor offenses and records of good behavior, are working on landscaping and painting projects and beach/swim club clean ups. Crews assisted in Allenhurst, Millstone, Keyport and Union Beach.





# MONMOUTH COUNTY CLERK HOLDS PRIMARY ELECTION WORKSHOP

Sheriff Golden met with county elections officials and municipal clerks at the Primary Election Workshop held at the MCSO and led by Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon on May 23, where the focus was on cyber security.



#### **SANJ MEETING**

Representatives from sheriff's offices across the state attended the monthly Sheriffs Association of New Jersey, SANJ, meeting on May 23 at the MCSO. The topic on the table was Civil Process where those who attended had an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and express concerns with other agencies.

#### **NJAC CONFERENCE**



Sheriff Golden attended the New Jersey Association of Counties 69th annual Conference and Celebration of County Government held in Atlantic City May 8 through May 10, with Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Monmouth County Clerk and Surrogate. The conference provides attendees with an opportunity to meet with business leaders throughout the state, tour exhibits and attend workshops and presentations. It's also a great time to share information and ideas with other counties

## SHERIFF ATTENDS DEDICATION OF VETERANS PARKING SPOT



Sheriff Golden was proud to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Monmouth County Clerk's Office ceremony as a special reserved parking spot was dedicated to veterans who visit the office. God Bless America and all vets who sacrifice so much for our freedom. The MCSO was honored to recognize Military Appreciation Month and is committed to supporting veterans through the agency's Veteran's Service Council.

#### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



We all love a parade and Freehold's Memorial Day Parade on May 27, was a great one as Sheriff Golden and the MCSO we're proud to participate & honor our fallen heroes.

### **SPRING LAKE 5**

A busy Saturday at the shore as many gathered in Spring Lake for the Spring Lake 5 on May 26 including Sheriff Golden and his team. Congrats to all who participated. Thanks to the first responders who ensured safety for the event.



## POLICE ACADEMY DIRECTOR'S RUN

With just days before graduation, recruits pounded the pavement for their annual Director's Run around the Monmouth County Police Academy on May 17. The basic, specials and corrections recruits weren't alone, in fact Sheriff Golden, Freeholder Director Tom Arnone and U/S Darryl Breckenridge led them off and afterwards each gave a pep talk on enduring careers as public safety professionals.



### **WALK AT LUNCH**

Monmouth County employees traded in their shoes for sneakers and took to the fitness track outside of the MCSO to participate in Monmouth County's Walk at Lunch on May 17, which promotes the health and wellness of employees.

In addition to the walk around the track, representatives and providers for Monmouth County offered wellness information.

It was a great turnout.





# MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION

The MCSO, the Monmouth County Clerk and Surrogate's Offices were pleased to offer government services to residents of Greenbriar Retirement Community in Marlboro through the Mobile County Connection on May 22. Bringing government services to the people makes it more accessible to some who might have difficulty traveling.



#### **EXPLORER POST VISITS**



The MCSO's Explorer Post #1 students from Jump Start Law/ Criminal Justice program at Neptune HS recently had some great environmental and educational visits including a tour of the Sandy Hook Coast Guard Station on May 17. They also toured the Situational And Training Response Simulator Facility, STARS, on May 22, where they saw a drone demo and learned about the VirTra and driving simulators used to train members of law enforcement.



Sheriff Golden always takes pride when mentoring youths who aspire to be public safety professionals and recently spoke with students from the Monmouth County Vocational School District's Academy of Law and Public Safety. It was an honor for the sheriff to meet with all the students where he presented them with an overview of the MCSO, discussed careers in public safety and the benefits and challenges that go along with it.



### MCSO TOURS



The MCSO hosted students from the Ranney School, Freehold Township, Marlboro, Wall and Keansburg High Schools throughout the month of May where they learned about law enforcement, communications and corrections and toured operations.



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