



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## SHERIFF GOLDEN URGES ALL TO HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND

It's been a great summer in Monmouth County, and the exceptional work of the sworn officers and staff of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, in maintaining public safety throughout the busy season is commended. As we enjoy the unofficial end of summer this Labor Day weekend, with backyard barbeques and holiday parties, there will be an increase of travelers on the roads. Law enforcement will be out in full force and remain vigilant to keep roadways safe and free of drunk drivers.



Please make the most of the Labor Day weekend, but, if you are going to drink, don't drive, it's as simple as that.

In an effort to avoid presenting a danger to oneself or others, it's important to follow these safety tips:

- Before going out, designate a driver who will not consume any alcohol the entire night.
- DO NOT DRIVE if you are impaired. Call a cab, an Uber, a sober friend or family member.
- If you don't have a ride, stay where you are.
- If you see someone about to get behind the wheel or on a motorcycle after they have been drinking, take their keys and find them a ride with someone who is sober.
- Under no circumstances should adults provide alcohol to a minor or allow anyone under 21 to consume alcohol while at their home.

In New Jersey, an individual is considered over the legal limit if he/she operates a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater.

## STAY ALIVE!

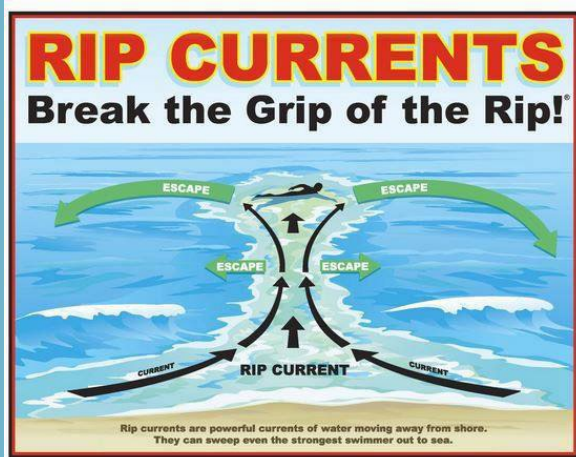


## DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

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According to National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, there were 624 fatalities in New Jersey in 2017, of them, 212 had a blood alcohol level over the legal limit.

Obeying motor vehicle laws and educating the public about the dangers of drinking and driving is the key to keeping our roadways safer. Please drive safely and enjoy the Labor Day weekend.



## SWIMMING SAFETY AT THE SHORE

Speaking of the holiday weekend, it looks like it's going to be a nice one, weather wise. However, rip currents are expected to continue to be elevated at the Jersey Shore, as the end of the summer nears.

Sheriff Golden has been speaking about the dangers of rip currents all season with Sea Girt's Chief Lifeguard Tim Harmon. As a reminder, please take precautions and never swim when there isn't a lifeguard on duty, stay out of the water when there are rip currents and if you get caught up in one, follow these safety tips.

### IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

### SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

[www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov](http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov)  
[www.usla.org](http://www.usla.org)



## PLAN AHEAD, PREPARE & STAY INFORMED

We've experienced some severe weather this summer season and certainly can't forget how hard Monmouth County was hit in July by a major storm. While we hope mother nature's wrath is gone for good, it's important to keep in mind we are in the peak of hurricane season. So far, there have only been five tropical storms in the Atlantic, but as a reminder, Sheriff Golden asks all to always plan ahead.

**BE  
READY.**



**PREPARE**



**PLAN**



**STAY INFORMED**



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[WWW.MCSONJ.ORG](http://WWW.MCSONJ.ORG)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**9/1 - 9/30**

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS  
MONTH**

**9/4**

**CHILD SAFETY SEAT  
CHECKPOINT, MONMOUTH  
COUNTY GARAGE, FREEHOLD**

**9/5**

**MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION,  
MONMOUTH MALL**

**9/7**

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS BEACH  
BASH, BELMAR**

**9/8**

**AUTISM BEACH BASH, BELMAR**

**9/19 & 9/26**

**CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

**9/28**

**YOUTH ID PROGRAM, KIDS DAY  
AMERICA, WALL**

## DID YOU KNOW:

The MCSO VISCOMP (Volunteers In Sheriff's COMmunity Programs) celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year providing volunteer support for the over 30 community outreach programs conducted by the MCSO.

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## **MCSO'S NEW SOFTWARE TO ASSIST IN SHELTER OPERATIONS**

The MCSO is always planning and preparing in the event of a weather related incident. Sheriff Golden, OEM Coordinator Mike Oppegaard, members of MCSO IT Department and Monmouth County Health Department tested and trained on a new automated shelter registration platform through ESRI Geographical Information Systems, (GIS) on August 27.

The software is a tremendous asset when registering individuals who need to be placed in a shelter, during a significant weather event, since it speeds up the registration process and makes officials aware of requests and needs of individuals.



## **SHERIFF SPEAKS ABOUT SUCCESS OF 911 TECHNOLOGY**

Sheriff Golden was pleased to talk to the The Two River Times about the advances the MCSO's Communications Center has made the past year.

On August 15, the sheriff explained RapidSOS, a technology that allows public safety telecommunicators to determine the location of an individual who dials 911 from a wireless phone.

Despite the lack of funding and a diversion from the State of New Jersey regarding the 911 system the past 10 years, the MCSO is committed to seeking out ways to improve emergency response to residents and visitors of Monmouth County and leads the way in public safety technology.





## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out proved to be a great event as law enforcement built partnerships in communities.

Sheriff Golden and MCSO staff greeted many people, discussed safety programs and presented displays and demos for all to see. The MCSO participated in National Night Out events in eight towns throughout Monmouth County on August 6.



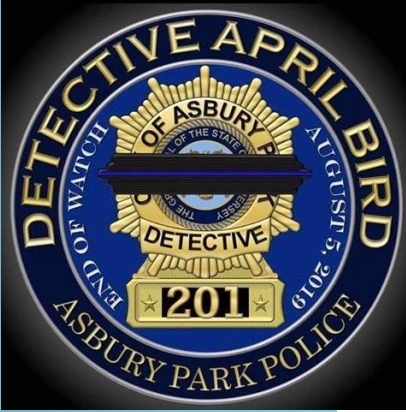
## BEST OF LUCK S/O

All the best to S/O Glenn Engelken on his retirement after 25 years of service with the MCSO. S/O Engelken worked in the warrants/fugitive bureau, court security and detention. He was also an operator of Marine 1.



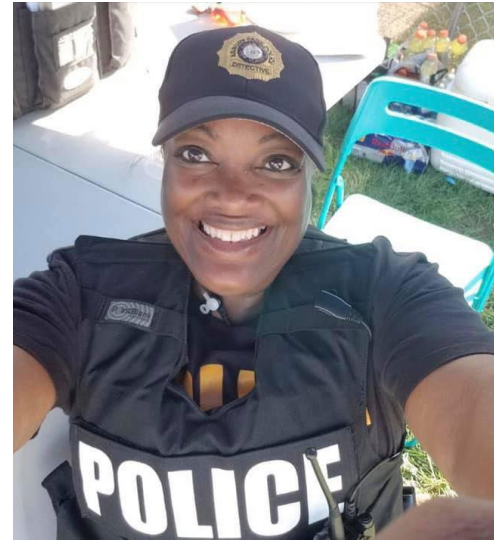


## RIP DETECTIVE



A tremendous loss for the law enforcement community in August as we mourn Asbury Park Police Det. April Bird. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are deeply saddened on the death of this dedicated and committed officer who was a great role model and leader in the community and admired by many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Det. Bird's family and members of the Asbury Park PD. You are missed. RIP



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN PAL SUMMER CAMP



Sheriff's Officers were pleased to participate in the Monmouth/Ocean Police Athletic League's summer day camp in Neptune on August 14. K-9s Skye and Gunner strutted their stuff while S/O Kurt Kroeper explained to the group the purpose of tracking and narcotic dogs and how they assist in apprehending suspects. A drone demo was also presented where campers learned the many purposes for which a drone is used.

Sheriff Golden is always pleased to mentor our youth and educate them about public safety and agency operations.





## INMATE LABOR

MCSO's Inmate Labor crew recently conducted its annual Manasquan Board of Education clean up before the school year begins. They repainted traffic lines and the interior of schools as well as maintained school parking lots. Sheriff Golden is proud of the success of this program that provides a cost savings to towns.



## MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION

The MCSO, Clerk and Surrogate's offices were pleased to offer government services to residents of Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls through the Mobile County Connection on August 26. Bringing government services to the people makes it more accessible to some who might have difficulty traveling.





## MCSO OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RESIDENTS



The MCSO Citizen Police Academy/ Law Enforcement Mini Academy is once again being offered to county residents ages 14 and above. It is a unique opportunity to learn about the complex roles of modern-day law enforcement. Speakers from the Monmouth County Sheriff's office and other public safety agencies offer insight into their roles in law enforcement as well as the role of citizens in assisting in those agencies in the war against crime and terrorism.

Enrollment in this course involves a 6-week commitment to attend weekly classes at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Public Safety Center in Freehold. Each session will take place on six consecutive Thursday evenings from 5:30 PM to approximately 7:30 PM. The first session is on Thursday, September 19. Applications can be obtained from the Sheriff's Office Website, [www.mcsonj.org](http://www.mcsonj.org), click on community outreach, then click on Citizen Police Academy/Law Enforcement Mini Academy.

## THAT'S ONE DEDICATED VOLUNTEER



A huge thank you and congratulations to Richard Eisenbeis for his dedication, commitment and unwavering support of the MCSO. Rich, a retired elementary school teacher, Citizen Police Academy alum and VISCOMP (Volunteer in Sheriff's Community Programs) volunteer, concluded eleven years as a volunteer conducting the S.E.E.K (Sheriff's Emergency Education for Kids) program which teaches 1st graders how to properly use the 9-1-1 Emergency call number.

Thanks to Rich's experience, thousands of first graders have learned the proper use of 9-1-1.

Although "retiring" from the SEEK program, Rich remains active as a VISCOMP volunteer.





# MCSO SALUTES K-9S ON NATIONAL DOG DAY



MCSO celebrated National Dog Day on August 26 and saluted all K-9s with a special acknowledgement to the MCSO's K-9 Unit. The unit consists of eight handlers and 9 K-9s who are called upon year round to assist with patrols, tracking, explosive and narcotics detection.

National Dog Day helps spread awareness of the number of dogs that need to be rescued and acknowledges all K-9s in law enforcement who work tirelessly to protect the public and help combat crime. Dogs for the blind and disabled as well as family pets are also recognized.





# ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL



The annual Italian American Festival in Ocean Township which ran from August 7-11 was a great success. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to support such a fun filled event with lots of festivities for all.

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