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## MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE GOES PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**Monmouth County:** In addition to fighting crime, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is also supporting the fight against breast cancer by going pink the entire month of October.

"It's vital that we show our support to such a serious illness and continue to bring awareness to this important cause," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "Many people are either indirectly or directly affected by this devastating disease and we are dedicated to reinforcing the message of supporting the fight against breast cancer."

To symbolize hope, the agency is proudly flying its Breast Cancer Awareness flag outside of the office in Freehold. Police cruisers have also been marked in pink and sporting pink magnetic ribbons. Every Friday throughout October, staff will wear pink in show of support and even the K-9s have pink collars to spread awareness. Many law enforcement agencies across the state acknowledge the cause in their own supportive way, since breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women. Statistics show one in eight women will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime and there are more than 3.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

"However we choose to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's important for law enforcement to stand behind this effort for all the courageous people who are battling the disease, have lost their lives or lost loved ones," said Sheriff Golden.

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"Public safety is more than making arrests, it's also helping to arrest illnesses such as breast cancer that takes a toll on individuals with the disease and their families."

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office sends a very special thanks to Big Splash Graphics in Freehold and Powerhouse Signs in Red Bank for donating their time and services in support of the cause.

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