



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## SHERIFF GOLDEN SWORN INTO FOURTH TERM ON RE-ORGANIZATION DAY



On January 7, it was an honor to be sworn in as the Monmouth County Sheriff for a fourth, three-year term, by Honorable Joseph W. Oxley, Monmouth County Superior Court, during the Board of Chosen Freeholders Reorganization Meeting at Biotechnology High School.

As sheriff, I'm privileged to be the leader of an agency with 609 officers and employees, who are dedicated to serving the public safety needs in Monmouth County through the Law Enforcement, Communications, Corrections, Civil Process and Special Operations Divisions. Our agency serves as a statewide model through strong leadership skills, commitment to public safety initiatives and innovative approaches.



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My duty for the next three years will be to continue to serve all who live, work or visit this great county, in the safest, most effective and efficient manner. The MCSO leads the way in the fight against drug abuse and has an integral role in prevention through programs and services the agency provides. Homeland security issues and counterterrorism efforts with state, county and local law enforcement agencies, to maintain the safety and security of residents and visitors throughout Monmouth County continues to be increased, as does the issue of school violence with consistent active shooter drills and training, and, gang activity through gang awareness prevention.

The Office of Emergency Management is in the forefront of emergency and disaster response and the 911 communications center provides the most exceptional emergency services through the dedication, hard work and intense training of public safety telecommunicators.

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 veterans through our Veterans Service Council with 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.

Thanks to all members of MCSO divisions for a commendable job.

I wish you all much success in 2020.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2/01/20-2/29/20**

**Black History Month**

**2/05/20 – SPA Program,  
Monmouth Regional HS**

**2/06/20 – Mobile County  
Connection, Monmouth Mall**

**2/11/20 – TEEN Cert Meeting,  
MCSO**

**2/19/20 – Child Safety Seat  
Checkpoint, Monmouth County  
Garage, Freehold**

**2/20/20 – K-9 Demo,  
Keansburg Library**

**2/24/20 – SEEK 911, Lafayette  
Mills School, Manalapan**

**2/26/20 – SPA Program, Long  
Branch HS**

## **SHERIFF CONTINUES TO FIGHT FOR 911 FUNDING**

The issue over state funding for our 911 systems remain, and Sheriff Golden continues in the fight to have money allocated for county and local 911 centers in desperate need of upgrades.

The Sheriff attended a news conference in Trenton on Jan. 24 to ensure that his and other supporters' messages are being heard.

The majority of the collected funds from taxpayers phone bills, have not been used for its intended purposes and advocates are calling on the state to be held accountable.



## DID YOU KNOW:

Did You Know in 2019 the  
MCSO Communications  
Division processed a total of  
775,648 calls?

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## SHERIFF JOINS MCPO IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF MASSIVE DRUG BUST

Sheriff Golden joined Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher Gramiccioni and other partners in law enforcement on Jan. 7 to announce a major drug bust. The yearlong investigation called Operation On the Ropes uncovered how those involved converted popular candies into illegal THC infused products out of a warehouse in Manalapan and a hangar at Monmouth Executive Airport. According to the MCPO approximately 21,000 pieces of candy were manufactured with unknown amounts of THC and totals of over 100,000 individual doses.



## CORRECTIONAL COUNTY POLICE OFFICER HONORED FOR LIFESAVING EFFORTS

Job well done to MCSO County Correctional Police Officer Richard Foley. C/O Foley was recognized by Keansburg Deputy Mayor Thomas Foley on Jan. 29 for his lifesaving efforts in July 2019, where he and another good Samaritan came to the aid of a swimmer in distress off Keansburg beach. Thank you for your continued dedication to public safety on and off duty.





## BASIC RECRUITS AND SLEDS EMBARK ON CAREERS IN LE



The Monmouth County basic and special law enforcement recruits both began twenty weeks of intense training at the Monmouth County Police Academy in January. Sheriff Golden, Prosecutor Christopher Gramiccioni and members of both of their agencies, along with Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association President Craig Weber, welcomed the recruits and discussed the advantages and challenges of a career in law enforcement. Best of luck to all.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.), was Jan. 9 and a great time to show support of our police officers. Dedicated and committed law enforcement officers sacrifice their safety to protect the public each and every day.

It's also a time to remember all who died in the line of duty. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, in 2019, 128 officers died in the line of duty.





## REMEMBERING DET. SEALS



Our hearts remain heavy over the loss of Jersey City Police Det. Joseph Seals, who was killed in the line of duty in December. On Jan. 7, Doughology in Atlantic Highlands helped to lessen the burden on his family by selling blue line doughnuts. All the proceeds of the donuts and T-shirts went to the Seals family. Many members of law enforcement and customers bought them by the dozen to assist the family. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO will never forget the sacrifice this hero made and thanks Doughology for this great effort.



## FIREFIIGHTERS GRADUATE ACADEMY

A huge congrats to the graduates of the Monmouth County Fire Academy Class 126, who are now ready to serve their communities after graduating on Jan. 22. Sheriff Golden is proud of the graduates and wishes them the best of luck in the future. Thank you for protecting the public and stay safe.





## EMTS TRAIN ON DRUG OVERDOSES



The MCSO thanks Dr. Mark Merlin of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of NJ who conducted a presentation to EMTs on how to quickly identify drugs they commonly see in emergency situations. Fifty participants attended 'Today's Drug Overdoses' held at the Shore Area Communications Center in Neptune on Jan. 21. The class covered drugs such as marijuana, opioids, as well as designer drugs and synthetics, and included an overview of Naloxone.

## CHECK PRESENTED FROM SHORE SHOWDOWN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS

The MCSO's PBA 314 & FOP 121 raised money for a well worthy cause. A total of \$2500 was presented to the Students in Recovery Club, at Monmouth U, for the treatment and recovery support from addictions, on Jan. 29.



Last April, during the first annual Shore Showdown Flag Football Tournament, members of law enforcement throughout the state, battled it out on the field to raise the money in the fight against drug abuse.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO lead the way when addressing the opioid epidemic in Monmouth County and is proud of this great initiative with partners in law enforcement to spread awareness.

We thank all for the incredible support.







## FIRST REGISTER READY PROGRAM IN THE NEW YEAR HELD IN BELMAR

The MCSO and the Monmouth County Office on Aging were proud to hold its first Register Ready Application event for 2020 in Belmar on Jan. 10. The Register Ready program equips seniors with a Ready Go Bag, an emergency evacuation bag designed to use in the event of an evacuation.

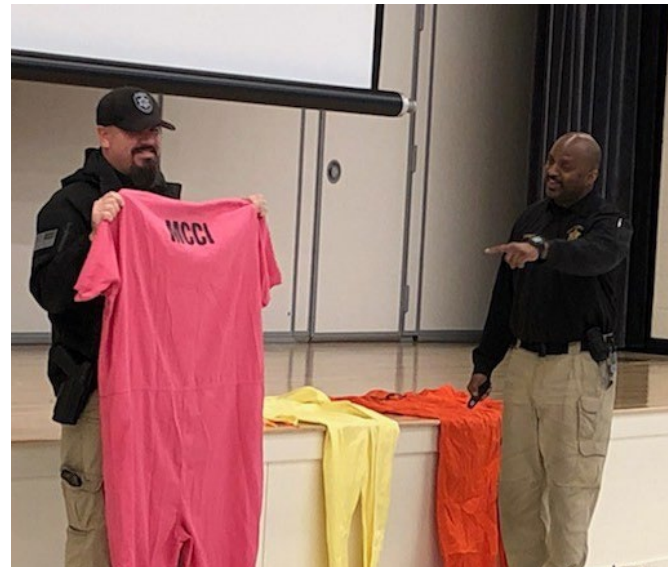
More than one hundred participants enrolled in the program. The emergency preparedness measure contains a list of emergency contacts, medical conditions and a vital documents checklist. Register Ready is another example of how Monmouth County is a leader in ensuring that residents are most prepared before they are confronted with an emergency or disaster.

## CHOICES PROGRAM MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR YOUTH

Sheriff Golden wants our youth to be aware of the dangers and negative impacts that come along with joining a gang.

The MCSO's Gang Intelligence Unit's "Choices" program run through the Corrections Division, recently 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, County Correctional Police Officers Dennis Cleary and David Carmack 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.





## VETERANS SERVICE COUNCIL MEETS AT STARS

Lots of great information exchanged and shared during the MCSO's Veteran's Service Council Meeting which was held at the STARS facility on Jan. 22.

Guest speakers included representatives from HABcore, Inc. and the American Red Cross where they discussed veterans services their agencies offer.



In addition, the Veterans Service Council consisting of staff members and representatives from various veterans service organizations discussed resiliency and suicide prevention training.

Attendees also toured the STARS facility and watched a simulated training exercise in action.

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## COMCAST NEWSMAKERS HIGHLIGHTS MCSO PROGRAMS

MCSO's Shared Services and Veterans Programs were the topics Sheriff Golden discussed on Comcast Newsmakers, Jan. 8., where he highlighted the 911 Communications Center, the K-9 Unit, Inmate Labor and veteran's services through the MCSO.





# COMMUNITY AND COUNTY AWARENESS PROGRAM



Congrats to all the students who completed the MCSO's Community and County Awareness Program and received their certificates at a ceremony on Jan. 21.

The goal of the program is to promote community and county awareness in communities and familiarize students with the Constitutional Officers. The program required visits to local community locations which include a police department, firehouse, municipal building, library, a First Aid Squad and a museum. They were also required to attend a town meeting or speak to a local official. During the visits they interviewed people, learned about the organizations and wrote a report on what they learned from each visit.

To make it a community AND COUNTY awareness certificate, three additional documented visits were required to the MCSO, the Monmouth County Clerk's Office and the Monmouth County Surrogate's Office.

A total of 110 students participated with 35 involved in both community and county.





## SHERIFF PROUD TO SPEAK AT COLTS NECK HS



Sheriff Golden is always eager to mentor and guide our youth. On Jan. 8, he was pleased to present an overview of the MCSO to students at Colts Neck High School's Law and Public Service Program. He discussed the Law Enforcement, Corrections, Communications and Special Operations Divisions. Thanks Colts Neck HS for your interest in the MCSO.

## STUDENTS PROFESSIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAM

The MCSO hosted students from Marlboro and Freehold Township High Schools in Jan. The Students Professional Awareness (SPA) Program teaches aspiring public safety professionals about law enforcement, communications and corrections as they learn about operations and tour facilities.





## GREAT JOB TO K-9 TEAM

Congrats to S/O Douglas Marino & K9 Blue who recently completed a 19 week K-9 academy for patrol in Jan., hosted by the New Jersey State Police. S/O Marino and K-9 Blue, a 2 y/o Belgian Malinois, are now a certified dual purpose explosive/patrol K-9 Team.

The K-9 Unit presently consists of eight handlers and nine K-9s with one explosive team, three explosive/patrol teams, three narcotics/patrol teams, one tracking team and one narcotics tracking team



## SOME PAWSOME BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

The MCSO K-9 Unit keeps quite busy throughout the year assisting in the fight against crime and drug abuse. In 2019 K-9 teams were called out on 247 explosive searches, 292 tracking searches and 200 narcotics searches.

Two of our K-9s had reason to celebrate this month. Skye celebrated her sixth birthday on Jan 3 and Gunner turned 6 as well on Jan. 29. Happy Birthday of these hard working K-9s.

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