



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*From the desk of.... Sheriff Shaun Golden*

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Sheriff Golden and Monmouth County Officials providing updates to the media on COVID 19 and their strong efforts throughout the county to keep residents safe and healthy. Thanks to Monmouth County OEM and the Monmouth County Health Department for their tireless work.



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## DO THE FIVE HELP STOP CORONAVIRUS



1. **HANDS** Wash them often
2. **ELBOW** Cough into it
3. **FACE** Don't touch it
4. **SPACE** Keep safe distance
5. **HOME** Stay if you can

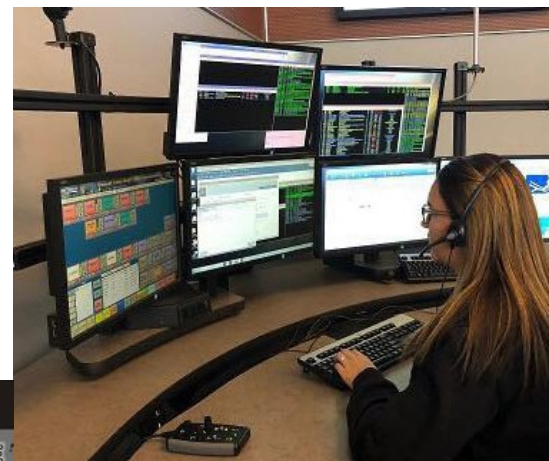
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As we continue the battle in the fight against COVID 19 Sheriff Golden urges all to keep practicing these five important safety tips each day.



National Public Safety Telecommunicators (PST) Week was held April 11-18. The MCSO's PSTs should not only be recognized for their daily work in emergency services throughout the year, but particularly the past two months, as they have been working tirelessly at the 911 Communications Center with great effort to ensure the safety of callers and themselves. We thank all of our PSTs for their tremendous commitment and dedication to saving lives.

Our PSTs do an exceptional job serving Monmouth County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and deserve much credit for the critical role they have in emergency services



BETWEEN THE THIN **RED LINE** AND THE  
THIN **BLUE LINE** OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
LIES THE THINNEST **GOLD LINE**.  
THE **GOLD LINE** REPRESENTS  
THOSE WHO RARELY ARE SEEN,  
BUT MOSTLY HEARD.

## DISPATCHERS

THE CALM VOICE IN THE DARK NIGHT.  
THE **GOLDEN GLUE** THAT HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER.





During these difficult times, along with our PSTs, Sheriff Golden also commends police, fire, EMS and our healthcare workers, who are working to ensure public safety and the health of residents in Monmouth County. A special thank you to EMS squads sent in from across the country to assist our communities as part of the FEMA National Ambulance Team to provide relief for our first responders. It was a great send off at Met Life stadium on April 23, after their two week stay.



Changes were made April 1 in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as Monmouth Ocean Hospital Services Corp., better known as MONOC, ended operations. MONOC - New Jersey's Hospital Service Corporation was the primary provider of paramedic services in Monmouth and Ocean Counties for more than 40 years.

Sheriff Golden, a former paramedic of MONOC for many years, thanks all of the dedicated and committed members of the MONOC organization that have provided years of EMS to Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

The transition of advanced life support services has been seamless with this dissolve of MONOC into two hospital carriers, Hackensack Meridian Health and RWJ Barnabas Health.



For as long as they need to get tested, Sheriff Golden and the MCSO Sheriff Officers will be at the PNC Arts Center supporting our healthcare workers and first responders. It's encouraging to see fewer people getting tested each Saturday. Thanks to all our heroes. Stay healthy, stay safe.



Even before the dog is greeted, this is what our EMTs must do as soon as they come home from a long shift. MCSO and Sheriff Golden are proud of such great efforts in the fight against this pandemic.



A very sad loss for the MCSO and many others who were fortunate enough to know or work with Retired Colonel Sam Fuoco. The Colonel passed away April 3, from complications due to COVID-19. Col. Fuoco retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Army Reserves. He was awarded New Jersey's top military honor, the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Col. Fuoco was a loyal friend and tremendous supporter of the MCSO Veterans' Service Council. He was dedicated to the agency and always there to assist with veterans' needs. Thank you for your service Colonel. You will be missed.

Sheriff Golden's thoughts go out to Col. Fuoco's family and to all of the families who have lost loved ones from this virus.



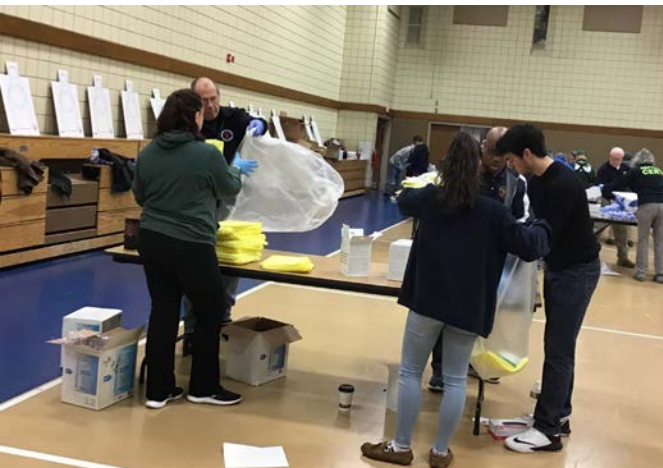




To honor First Responder Robert Weber of Middletown and in a great show of support to the family, a procession of emergency response vehicles lined up at Port Monmouth Fire Department and made their way made to this hero's home April 16. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO mourn the loss of this brave man and all of those we have lost to COVID 19.

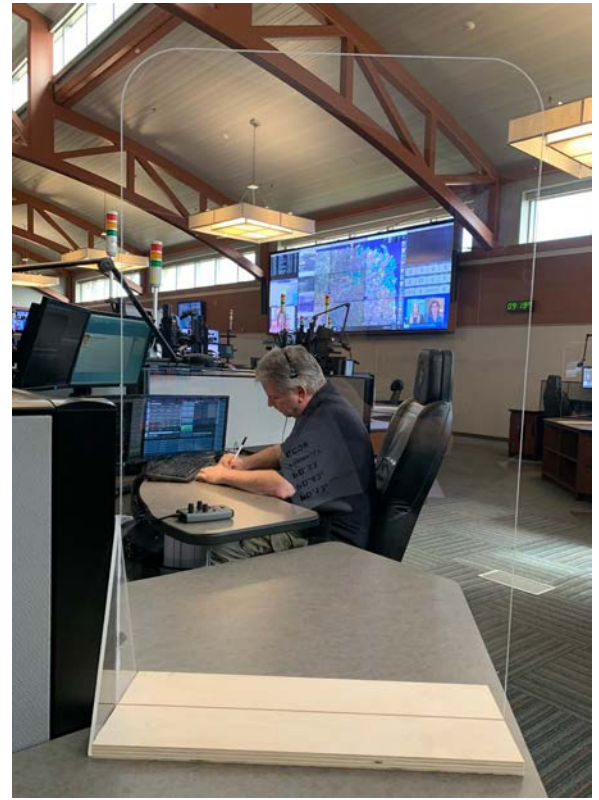


National Volunteer Week was the week of April 20 and Sheriff Golden recognized those who are making exceptional contributions during the COVID 19 crisis. These volunteers are selfless individuals filled with compassion who are meeting the challenges of adhering to social distancing as they volunteer and assist those in need. The MCSO is grateful to all.





In an effort to increase social distancing of our Public Safety Telecommunicators even more, plexiglass shields have been placed between operators at the MCSO's 911 Communications Center. Sheriff Golden thanks Monmouth County Buildings and Grounds staff who assisted with this protective measure to help safeguard our PSTs.



Residents in Monmouth County have proven once again that in times of need we come together. Meet Jessica Sawicki of Spring Lake, who donated 144 protective face shields to the MCSO after raising \$460. The idea came to her after she saw that a NJ company, Disc Makers, was recreating its business to produce the face shields.

Jessica says was wanted to provide an extra layer of protection to those on the frontlines or essential workers, and, at the same time help out a NJ business. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are grateful for her generosity.







Members and volunteers of the Keyport First Aid Squad are keeping themselves busy while social distancing, making face masks, to help protect healthcare professionals and first responders. The MCSO thanks these ladies for their dedication. It's this type of effort that helps get us through this together.



Monmouth County Parks and Golf Courses will finally re-open. Sheriff Golden wants all to enjoy but please stay safe, adhere to social distancing and stay off playground.

National Prescription Drug Takeback Day was cancelled on April 25. Until it's rescheduled, Sheriff Golden, a leader in the fight against drug abuse, is urging all to become a part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Secure Your Meds awareness campaign, by keeping unused, unwanted and expired prescription medications safe and secure until they can be disposed of properly. While all families are home due to the COVID 19 crisis its vital prescription drugs don't fall into the wrong hands





Earth Day was celebrated April 22, even if we took the time to appreciate our beautiful natural surroundings virtually, we should be grateful for all nature has to offer.



World Autism Day was April 2.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO acknowledge the disorder and those affected by it, on this day, and throughout the year by the many initiatives the agency works on to spread awareness such as Project Lifesaver and Monmouth County Special Needs Registry.

Spreading awareness is difficult during these times, but it's important to always support individuals with special needs.







MCSO K-9s Skye and Gunner doing a great job social distancing while at work. Let's all continue to adhere to the restrictions.



A ray of sunshine at the MCSO as Sheriff Golden welcomed the newest member to the MCSO K-9 Unit. Meet Maggie, our three month old Bloodhound who will be highly trained in tracking suspects and missing persons. She sure is cute, but don't let that grin fool you. We expect her to follow in MCSO K-9 Skye's footsteps with an unmatched sense of smell for tracking. S/O Elizabeth Imbriacco is Maggie's handler.



# THANK YOU

Support for those at the MCSO who are working hard to ensure safety in these difficult times, keeps pouring in. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are grateful to all of the restaurants and agencies who are making sure our Public Safety Telecommunicators, Corrections and Sheriff's Officers are taking a break during these long shifts.



Cuzzins Pizza of Freehold has been busy making the rounds in show of appreciation for our first responders and healthcare heroes. Dominic and his crew dropped off lunch at the MCSO, the Freehold Township Police Department & Centra State Medical Center. Thanks for the generosity.



Thank you to Monopol Spirits Distillery of Linden and International Flavors and Fragrances of Hazlet for sending hand sanitizers to Corrections Officers and Public Safety Telecommunicators.



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A big thank you to the Holmdel Daisies Troop #826 for sending girl scout cookies to the MCSO's 911 Communications Center. Sure looks like these talented bunch of Daisies are utilizing their time creatively.



Special shout out to local Girl Scouts for the dozens of cookies they donated to MCSO Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions.



Lunchtime for the Emergency Operations Center staff at the MCSO, was donated by Monmouth County OEM Teen CERT member Jackie Ferreria and family. Thanks to the Ferreria family for their support.



Atilios Pizza in Freehold has gone above and beyond by delivering food to the MCSO and Corrections Division, with more than enough to go around.





Thanks to Luigis of Ocean for its delicious Pizza.



Our first responder partners from Asbury Park PD, Manalapan PD and Freehold Township Fire know we are all in this together and delivered food to the MCSO Communications Division.



Beautiful sunrise over Sea Girt with hope for a bright future. Let's all remain optimistic that we can enjoy happy days at the shore soon.