



MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Golden discussed Safety at the Shore prior to the unofficial start to the season and reinforced Monmouth County's Know Before You Go with News 12 NJ. Have a plan, know where you are going before heading out and what the rules and regulations are beforehand, since they may differ from town to town.



- Have have a plan. Know what the rules/ regulations are beforehand & follow them.
- Be aware that the rules may differ from town to town, beach to beach.
- Adhere to parking restrictions and look out for pedestrians while driving.
- Practice social distancing.
- It's recommended to wear a face covering.
- Don't rely on public facilities to be open - restrooms, eating areas etc.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Do not litter.
- Be sure to swim when a lifeguard is on duty.
- Swim responsibly, close to the shore and not in rough surf.
- Use sun block.

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Sheriff's Officers have been busy riding and walking the beat in county parks to ensure safety by making sure all are adhering to restrictions. Our parks are some of the most beautiful sights around Monmouth County and NJ, and Sheriff Golden thanks visitors who have been taking the proper precautions amid the COVID-19 crisis.

The MCSO's Communications Division, Law Enforcement Division and the Monmouth County Police Academy participated in its virtual assessment process to maintain national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies the week of May 11. With national accreditation, the Law Enforcement Division, Communications Division and Police Academy are able to compare and evaluate their operations against nationally accepted standards of practice, and continuously upgrade the Divisions' and Academy's performance.

The process included virtual visits and interviews. Sheriff Golden commends staff for their hard work and thanks assessors for accommodating the virtual assessment process. The final credentialing decision is made by the Board of CALEA Commissioners expected to take place in July.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office was the first sheriff's office in the nation to accomplish "Five Star Accreditation" for simultaneous accreditation of the Law Enforcement Division.





The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office OEM partnered with the City of Long Branch, the Monmouth County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps, the Monmouth County Division of Weights and Measures and the Manalapan Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) to ensure that meals were provided to families in need from Long Branch. The organizer of the Saint Luke's Methodist Church Food Pantry was ill and unable to operate the scheduled food distribution in Long Branch. The pantry exceeded its capacity the week before and several hundred families were relying on this operation since they had no other means for food.

As a result, MCSO OEM and Long Branch OEM initiated a plan to collaboratively assure that the pantry went on as scheduled.





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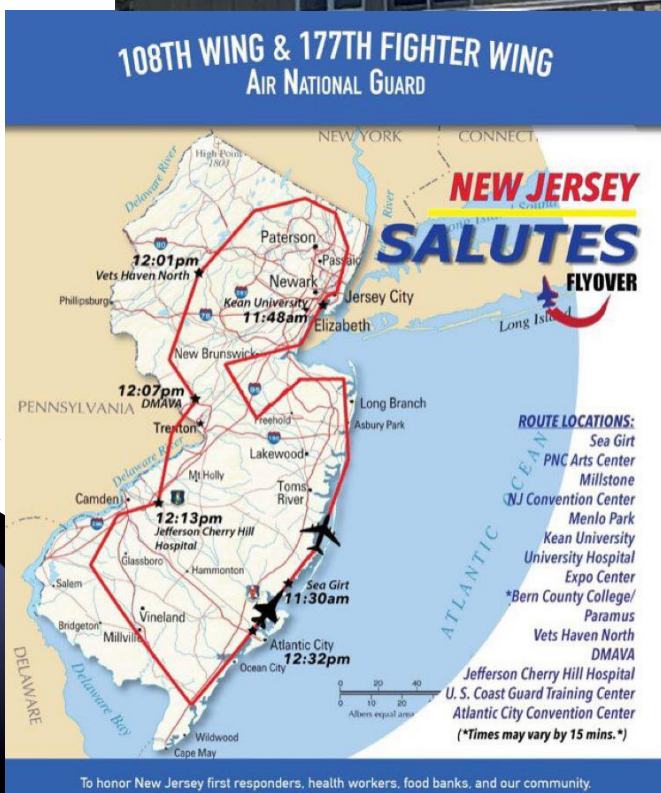
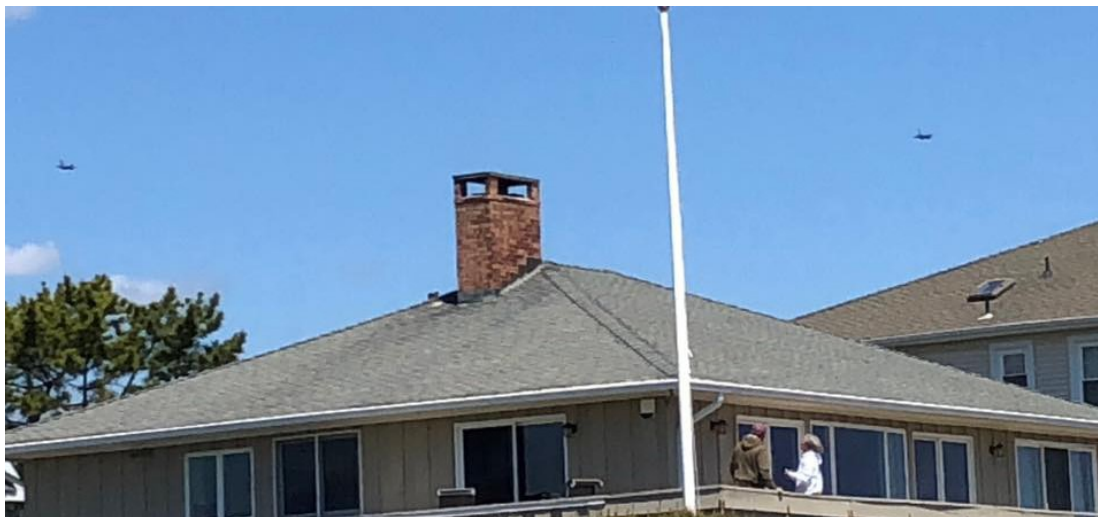


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Turnout at the PNC Arts Center testing site for healthcare workers and first responders has been light the past few weeks. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are here every Saturday supporting and cheering on our heroes. One Saturday, a special guest visited to spread some sunshine on a dreary day, our newest K-9 Maggie.



Another fantastic flyover to honor all of those on the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19. This photo was taken in Sea Girt as the 108th Wing and 177th Fighter Wing of the NJ Air National Guard took to the skies on May 12. Sheriff Golden thanks the NJ National Guard for all of its support and salutes our frontline workers



A K-9 team's safety will be increased while fighting crime thanks to a charitable donation from the non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K-9 Blue will receive a bullet and stab protective vest. The thoughtful donation will enhance the safety of our K-9 team. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is extremely grateful to Vested Interest in K9s Inc., for their generosity and dedication.

The MCSO is warning the public to be aware of SCAMS circulating across the state in an effort to take advantage of people amid the COVID-19 crisis. The SCAM that's affected at least 10 counties including Monmouth pertains to bail fraud. Scammers are calling people, and in some cases, going to their homes and knocking on doors with gloves and masks, to report that a family member has been arrested and in need of bail money. Some individuals have been scammed out of \$20,000. Under no circumstances does anyone call or show up at a home to collect bail money.

If you have become a victim contact local police immediately, and if possible, safely get a description of scammers, vehicles and license plates. In regards to any SCAM, always use your best judgement. If it doesn't seem right, it's probably not.





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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2020

MCSO recognizes, commends and thanks the sworn members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement and Corrections Division during National Police Week for their dedication to the profession.

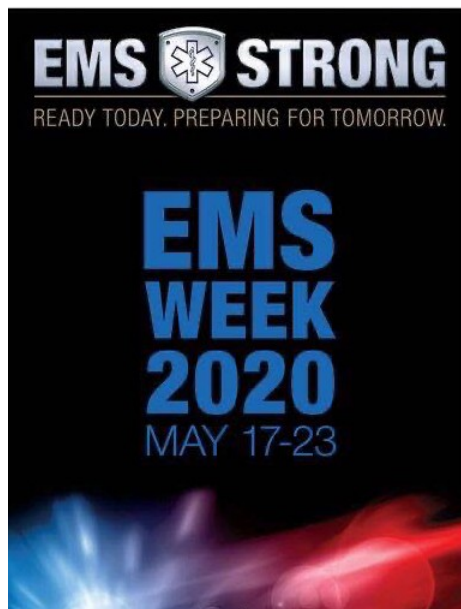
Whether they work in the courthouse, warrant/fugitive bureau, probation, civil process, the K-9 Unit or the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, these men and women take pride in their work and proudly demonstrate a commitment to law enforcement everyday.

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 especially during these challenging times, as they go beyond the call of duty, and, will never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice

WELL DESERVED RECOGNITIONS IN MAY

During National Correctional Officers Week, the MCSO honored our corrections officers who are owed a tremendous debt of gratitude for their exceptional 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. A special acknowledgement to our officers and correctional health care professionals of Centers for Family Guidance Health Network the last three months as they have had to work hard in the fight against COVID-19.





Sheriff Golden and the MCSO recognized those who work in emergency medical services as EMS Week was celebrated. Emergency Medical Service providers are the most dedicated and committed group of people, made up mostly of volunteers who administer lifesaving efforts and emergency care. We thank all, locally and across the country, and give a special shout out to the NJ EMS Task Force. EMS workers are a vital part of the front line response and have been working tirelessly to support those affected by COVID-19 and responding to daily emergencies.

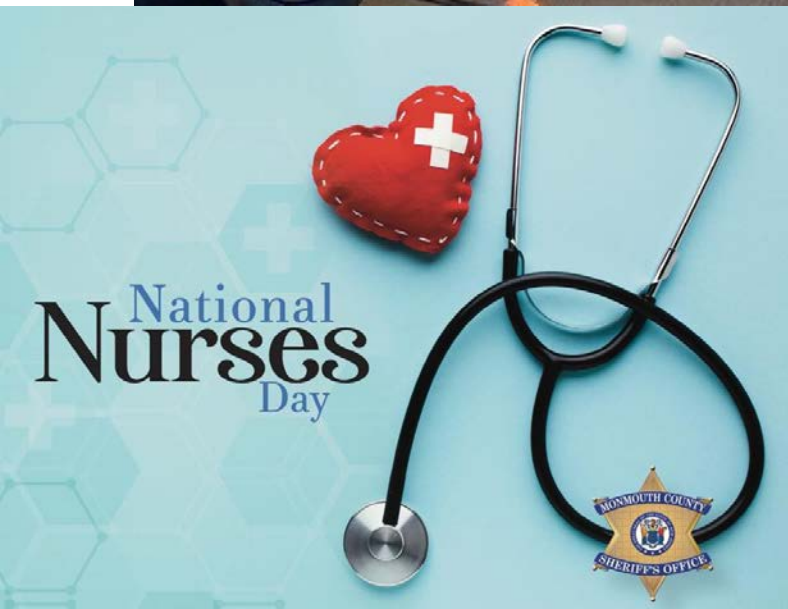


International Firefighters Day was observed May 4. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thank all of the volunteer and paid firefighters throughout Monmouth County who courageously risk their lives to protect others.

Thank for your bravery and courage. We are proud of the heroic efforts.

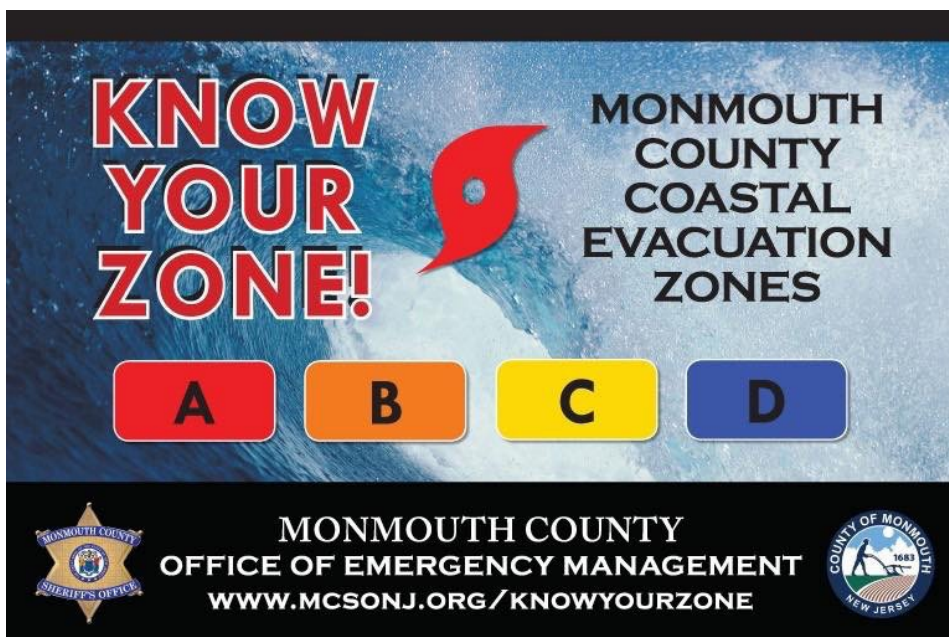


On May 12, it was a busy afternoon for our firefighters as many fought a blaze at two homes on Valentine Street in Monmouth Beach. Residents of the homes escaped unharmed. It was a collaborative mutual aid response with no injuries.



Sheriff Golden and the MCSO couldn't be more proud to celebrate National Nurses Day on May 6. A huge thank you to all of our nurses for their unwavering commitment and dedication to ensuring the highest level of care to patients amid the COVID-19 crisis and always. MCSO Sheriff's Officers were pleased to recently stand with and thank the nurses at Riverview Medical Center as they assisted a local Jeep club with a food delivery to the nurses.

Hurricane Preparedness Week was May 3 – 9. The MCSO always stresses to plan, prepare and stay informed. That includes to Know Your Zone. Know Your Zone, is designed to educate residents, businesses and visitors on the coastal evacuation zone in which they live, work or vacation. Sheriff Golden stresses that this information is particularly vital as we approach Hurricane Season which begins June 1.



Public Safety Telecommunicators raised their voices in May for ALS Awareness Month. For the MCSO this really hits home, with our own PST Daniel Mellaci, who is suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. During the month of May we saw red all through the 911 Communications Center as money was raised for ALS research by purchasing shirts in show of support. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO stand behind Daniel, the Mellaci family and all battling this disease.





On Memorial Day, Sheriff Golden and the MCSO honored and remembered our heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice and saluted all of our veterans.

GENEROUS DONATIONS TO HELP ENSURE HEALTH & SAFETY AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

A company in Freehold is committed to maintaining the safety of our first responders and is donating its time and services to disinfect emergency vehicles. All American Restoration is giving back to frontline workers by providing them with a complimentary Coronavirus disinfecting service. They have cleaned hundreds of vehicles throughout Monmouth County. This is another great example of how Monmouth County residents and businesses step up in times of need.



Thanks to Axon US our first responders on the frontlines are equipped with a large supply of PPE. The company donated surgical masks to the Correctional Division which will be utilized by corrections/sheriff's officers, public safety telecommunicators, correctional medical staff and civilian employees. Sheriff Golden appreciates the company's concern for our public safety professionals. Axon has donated surgical masks, hand sanitizers and gloves to more than 7000 agencies nationwide.



A group of friends from Monmouth County are on a mission. Shin Vo Huynh of Shrewsbury and 15 other residents from Ocean Township and Asbury Park are generously donating their time and efforts to help those working on the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19, by making 1000 face shields. They wanted to give back, and knowing there wasn't an adequate supply of PPE, began design plans and shopped for materials. Recently, they presented the MCSO with PPE. Sheriff Golden is proud of this group for taking on such a tremendous initiative and grateful for their generosity and efforts in this mission to protect our heroes.

LOCAL BUSINESSES, RESTAURANTS AND FOOD STORES SUPPORT MCSO

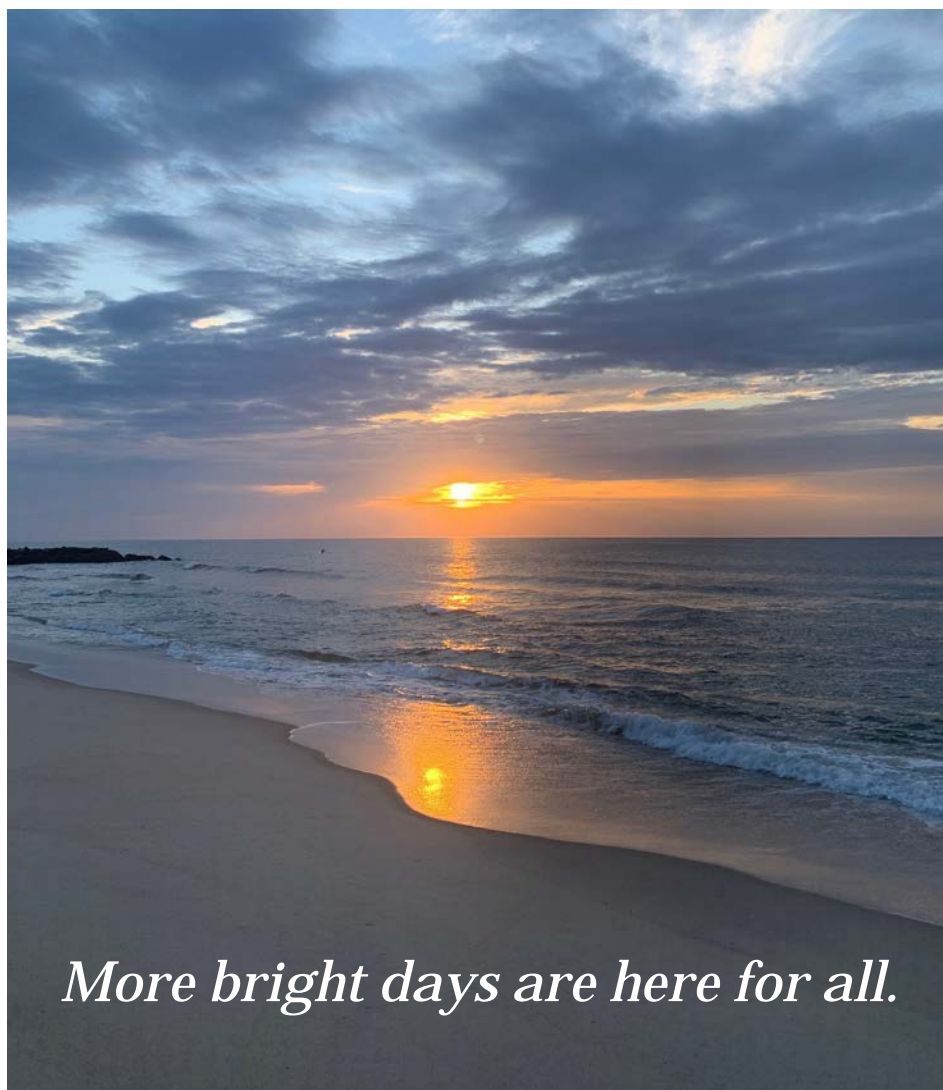
Wegmans of Manalapan generously donated muffins to the MCSO 911 Communications Center. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO appreciates all Wegmans has been doing amid the COVID-19 crisis to ensure that shoppers are safe while at the store.



A huge thank you to NJ Spine and Wellness for providing lunch from The Butcher's Block in Long Branch to the MCSO's Office of Emergency Management team. Sheriff Golden appreciates their generosity and grateful to all businesses that have been so supportive. Please be sure to support our local establishments during these difficult times as well.



Thanks to Tinton Falls Police who dropped off salad, baked ziti, chicken parm and pizza from Attilio's in Freehold for the Communications staff.



More bright days are here for all.