



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITS GRADUATE POLICE ACADEMY



It was my great pleasure to finally announce the graduation of 64 newly sworn law enforcement officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy. After an extended training program, as a result of COVID-19, on August 3, 16 recruits of the 98th Basic Course for Police Officers and 48 recruits from the 49th Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers received their police training commission certifications, during an outdoor ceremony at the East Freehold Showgrounds.

These fine men and woman demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement by persevering and successfully completing this intense training amid the many challenges they had to meet as a result of the pandemic. Becoming a member of law enforcement is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility, than maintaining public safety. I'm proud of their accomplishments and commend all for a job well done.

The Basic Course for Police Officers is a 20 week program with 780 hours of training. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers is a four month program and consists of approximately 600 hours of training with full police powers while on duty.





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## DID YOU KNOW:

Did You Know that September is National Preparedness Month and this year's theme is

“Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.”

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Both classes are run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. Recruits train in patrol concepts, defensive driving, professional development, weaponry and unarmed defense, criminal investigation, ethics, emergency medical care and physical training, along with a host of other courses.

As a result of training through a pandemic, which was obviously a first for all, some classwork was conducted online, and other lectures and presentations were set up in the bays of the MCSO, with adequate distance apart. All recruits and training officers wore face coverings and followed proper protocol during police academy training.

Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers are well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies.

Congrats to all. These officers should all be proud for all they have endured.



## WELCOME RECRUITS

As recruits graduate, new ones begin. The 99th Basic Recruit Class and 50th SLEO II class from the Monmouth County Police Academy began training the week of August 3. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO wish all the best of luck as they work hard to become public safety professionals and our future leaders in law enforcement.



## MCSO MAKES SIGNIFICANT ARREST

Sheriff Golden commends detectives from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division for the apprehension of an individual who called the agency's 9-1-1 Communications Center on Aug. 12, claiming he had planted a bomb at the Monmouth County Probation Office in Ocean Township.

Teddy Dowe, 45, of Asbury Park, was charged with two counts of creating a false public alarm, hindering, and tampering with physical evidence. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit conducted a thorough investigation through cell phone tracking and surveillance that led to his arrest at an apartment in Asbury Park on Aug. 13.

These types of threats are taken very seriously and will not be tolerated, to ensure the safety of the people who live and work in Monmouth County. This is a major disruption, causes fear to those who are targeted and ties up law enforcement resources, since the incidents are treated as potentially serious threats to the public.

Detectives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Asbury Park Police Department assisted the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in the arrest.



## K-9 TEAM RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION



MCSO K9 Blue, received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from the non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Blue, who specializes in explosive detection/patrols, vest was embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Marie Jennings".

This thoughtful donation will enhance the safety of our K-9 team. The MCSO is extremely grateful to Vested Interest in K9s Inc., for their generosity and dedication. Members of our K-9 Unit are called upon year-round to assist local police departments with narcotics detection, explosive detection and criminal or missing person searches and it's crucial they are protected while maintaining public safety."

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c) (3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9s is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 3,980 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.



## DONALD SUTTON BECOMES WARDEN



There's no one more deserving of the role of warden at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution than Don Sutton. He was recently sworn in to the position by Sheriff Golden, with his wife and colleagues by his side.

Warden Sutton, the most dedicated and committed public servant, began his career in Corrections in 1995 and worked his way up the ranks throughout the years. He holds an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Brookdale Community College and is a Certified Public Manager.

In his personal life, he proudly serves as a Trustee for the Frances Foundation for Kids Fighting Cancer.

Congrats Warden Sutton. The MCSO wishes you the best of luck.

## CONGRATS CAPTAIN



A well deserved congrats to Jose Rivera who was recently sworn in by Sheriff Golden as Captain of the MCSO, where he will be in charge of law enforcement operations. Capt. Rivera began his career in law enforcement in 1999 and for 21 years worked his way up at the MCSO. Most of his work has been with the warrant fugitive unit and the detective bureau. Capt. Rivera is the only certified polygraph examiner at the MCSO and the only bi-lingual one in the State of NJ. Best of luck.



## A WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION FOR OEM

Sheriff Golden is extremely proud of the dedicated and exceptional work, as well as the tireless efforts from MCSO's Office of Emergency Management during COVID-19. On Aug. 13, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders presented OEM with a proclamation, commending them for their hard work and support of municipalities, residents and long term care facilities. Great job to all in maintaining health and safety.



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AMID ISAIAS

Sheriff Golden spoke with the media on the precautions to take regarding tropical storm Isaias which struck on Aug. 4 and caused major power outages and damage across Monmouth County. The storm resulted in trees being uprooted and downed power lines and took several days to recover in many areas.





## STORM CAUSES RISE IN 911 CALLS

The MCSO 9-1-1 Communications Center received 10,813 calls as a result of Tropical Storm Isaias. Compared to last year, at the same time, the 9-1-1 center received 2,106 calls.

Sheriff Golden commends our public safety telecommunicators and first responders for a job well done. They were dedicated and committed to maintaining public safety through their hard work.



## TORNADO WARNINGS

Two tornados were confirmed as Tropical Storm Isaias swept through the state, and one touched down in Lincroft on Aug. 19. The MCSO shares important information to help ensure safety.

# TORNADO TERMINOLOGY



### Tornado Watch

Weather conditions could lead to the formation of severe storms and tornadoes. **BE PREPARED:** Know your safe location. Be ready to act quickly if a Warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching.

### Tornado Warning

A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar, meaning a tornado is occurring or expected soon. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

### Tornado Emergency

An exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.



# KNOW YOUR ZONE

In the wake of Isaias, Sheriff Golden reminds and urges all to KNOW YOUR ZONE! HAVE A PLAN! More Info at [www.mcsonj.org/ready](http://www.mcsonj.org/ready).

**KNOW YOUR ZONE!**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY COASTAL EVACUATION ZONES**

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# MCSO APP

And be sure to download the MCSO Smartphone App. The App, designed for Android and iOS platforms, provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, which includes real-time emergency notifications through its integrated push notification system.

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# MARINE 1 RESCUES STRANDED BOATERS

Great job out on the waterways as MCSO's Marine 1 responded to a capsized vessel in the Sandy Hook Bay on Aug. 11. Upon arrival, responding officers observed three males in the water and safely brought them onto Marine 1.

Assisting marine units were the U.S. Coast Guard, NJ State Police, Atlantic Highlands Fire Dept, Highlands Fire Dept and Brevent Park Fire Co.

Sheriff Golden commends all for their quick and decisive actions, including MCSO Public Safety Telecommunicators who coordinated the multiple units involved in the rescue.



## MERT TRAINING

Water rescue and emergency response training for members of the MCSO's Maritime Emergency Response Team (MERT) was recently held in Belmar and at the Manasquan Reservoir. The dive team is a valuable shared service and made up of members from various Monmouth County law enforcement agencies. They are trained to respond swiftly and professionally to critical incidents in our waterways, such as swimmers in distress, fishing incidents and weather related events.

Sheriff Golden thanks MERT for their commitment dedication and urges the public to always take precautions when out on the waterways.





## SAFETY AT THE SHORE SEGMENT ON JETTIES

August marked the last of the MCSO Safety at the Shore segments with Sheriff Golden and Sea Girt's Chief Lifeguard Tim Harmon where they discussed staying away from the jetties as they are slippery and dangerous.



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## SWIMMING SAFETY



As beach goers spend their last few weeks enjoying the summer season and catching a few rays, it's crucial to only swim when lifeguards are on duty to maintain the utmost of safety at the shore. After Labor Day lifeguards are usually gone and swimming at your own risk is a bad idea.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHERIFF GOLDEN

Sheriff Golden celebrated a very Happy Birthday in August and the MCSO wished a happy day to one of the hardest working, committed leaders in public safety and emergency services. The sheriff's dedication to the profession has made the nationally accredited MCSO one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state.





# NATIONAL DOG DAY

The MCSO celebrated National Dog Day on Aug. 26 and saluted all K-9s with a special acknowledgement to the 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 on this day.

In addition, the MCSO thanks and acknowledges the Monmouth County SPCA. Chief Ross Licitra and his staff do an outstanding job, saving the lives of so many animals through rescue and adoptions services.



*The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is proud to celebrate*  
**National Dog Day**

