



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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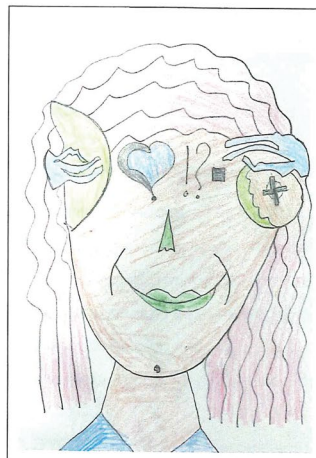
## SHERIFF GOLDEN PROUD TO ANNOUNCE S.M.A.R.T.

Positivity coming out of our correctional institution is something to be extremely proud of and those who have created this momentum are to be commended. On April 20, 2020, the S.M.A.R.T (Streets Making A Right Turn) Way Newsletter made its debut at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution.



This newsletter is comprised of short stories, poetry and artwork submitted by inmates currently housed at MCCI. It came about amid COVID-19, when safety protocols had to be implemented in every section of the jail, and inmate interaction was severely restricted for the safety of the inmates and staff. It was an additional

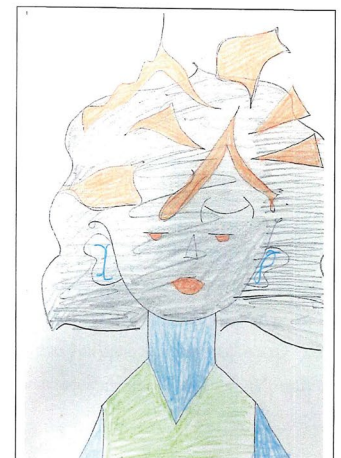
step to help reduce stress and anxiety during the pandemic which, due to the extraordinary measures taken by the medical, social service and correctional staff, helped maintain a safe environment through exceptional safety and screening protocols and through the expanded use of video communications capabilities.



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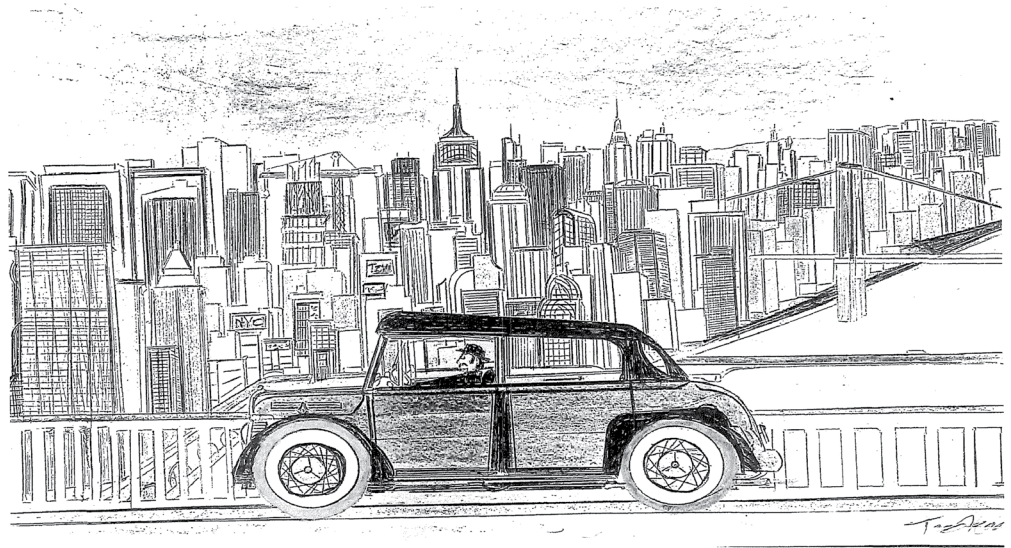
As long as the world keeps spinning, we as people stay dizzy and make mistakes, even fall down. But it's up to us to redo and pick ourselves back up.

By Shakir Torrence



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Artwork by Tanner Koch-Shamblin

## **DID YOU KNOW:**

Did You Know the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry is a voluntary service open to all citizens with disabilities who reside, attend school or are employed in Monmouth County and created to help police officers and other emergency service personnel better assist residents with special needs in the event of an emergency. Log onto

**<https://www.mcsonnj.org>**  
for more information.

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Social Services/Substance Abuse Services Supervisor Stephanie Ruane and her team received much positive feedback from the inmate population when the idea for a newsletter created from contributions from the inmate population was initially discussed. Twenty submissions were received out of which fourteen were chosen for inclusion for the first edition of the S.M.A.R.T. (Streets Making A Right Turn) Way Newsletter.

Inmates may submit their stories, poetry or artwork through Social Services or Substance Abuse Services. The newsletter is seen by all inmates, staff and administration and is printed bi-monthly. Submissions must be approved, must have a positive message and be free of negative or derogatory comments.

In the formative stages of the SMART Way Newsletter, Ms. Ruane provided two books to the inmates participating: *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne. Inmates were asked to read the books and then asked to share their thoughts on ways that they could apply what they learned in those two books to positively influence each of their own lives.

A special thanks to Supervisor Stephanie Ruane and her Social Services and Substance Abuse teams for creating the idea of the SMART Way Newsletter and providing this unique forum for expression combined with motivational readings that positively impact the participants.

More importantly, these articles illustrate and prove to our contributors the truth to what novelist George Eliot once said, "It's never too late to be what you might have become".



## MCSO Becomes Re-Accredited

Sheriff Golden is extremely pleased and proud to announce that the MCSO Communications Division, Law Enforcement Division and the Monmouth County Police Academy have been re-accredited during the final virtual hearing for national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies on July 31. With this honorable distinction, 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 thanks all for their dedication, commitment and hard work through the process and thanks member of C.A.L.E.A. for their support

The Monmouth County Police Academy was the first training academy in the state to receive national accreditation and the MCSO was the first sheriff's office in the nation to accomplish "Five Star Accreditation" for simultaneous accreditation of the Law Enforcement Division, Communications Division, Youth Detention Center, Correctional facility and Correctional Healthcare.





## MCSO SUPPORTS THOSE ON LONG LINES WAITING AT MVC AMID LACK OF PLANNING BY STATE

It was chaos at the Motor Vehicle Commission throughout Monmouth County for most of July, as people gathered by the hundreds in Freehold, Eatontown and Hazlet. As a result, Sheriff Golden and the MCSO activated OEM and assisted those waiting on long lines in the sweltering heat, due to the State of NJ not having a re-opening plan. In the heat and rain MCSO supported and assisted residents and kept them cool and dry with bottled water, ice pops and ponchos. Sheriff Golden will always have our residents' backs and pleased to see that the MCSO efforts made a difference.





# MONMOUTH COUNTY DEALS WITH DANGEROUS HEAT

The month of July was extremely hot with dangerously high temperatures soaring into the 90s. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO have been reminding all to take precautions during this sizzling summer season.

Even K-9 Skye has to take a much needed break during these dog days of summer. She's been working in this steamy weather assisting in the fight against crime but needs to cool off too.



- STAY HYDRATED BY DRINKING PLENTY OF WATER
- AVOID THE SUN
- STAY INDOORS IN AN AIR CONDITIONED AREA DURING EXCESSIVE HEAT, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN AND THOSE WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS
- NEVER LEAVE A CHILD OR PET UNATTENDED IN A VEHICLE
- CHECK ON THE ELDERLY, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
- AVOID STRENUOUS ACTIVITY OUTSIDE
- AVOID ALCOHOL & CAFFEINE
- USE A HIGH SPF SUNSCREEN
- DRESS IN LOOSE, LIGHTWEIGHT COLORED CLOTHING
- IF YOU EXPERIENCE HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE IMMEDIATELY CALL 9-1-1 FOR HELP
- TRY TO CONSERVE ELECTRICITY SINCE THE DEMAND INCREASES DURING EXCESSIVE HEAT

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## MCSO APP

Monmouth County experienced some flooding and power outages in July as a result of heavy thunderstorms, but nothing of major significance, compared to what we experienced a year ago. If you recall, severe weather caused thousands of power outages and service wasn't restored for several days the week of July 22, 2019.

As a reminder, Sheriff Golden urges all to download the MCSO's App for the latest storm related information and to report damage in the area. To download the free Monmouth County Sheriff's Office app, visit the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

Please remember to ONLY utilize 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies and call your utility company to report power outages.



## TROPICAL STORM FAY

Sheriff Golden spoke with Channel 7 Eyewitness News about Tropical Storm Fay hitting the Jersey Shore with flooding, high winds and rip currents on July 10, and the precautions residents and visitors needed to take.



## SHERIFF GOLDEN AND CHIEF LIFEGUARD TIM HARMON SHARING SAFETY TIPS AT THE SHORE

Throughout the month of July, Sheriff Golden and Chief Lifeguard Tim Harmon of Sea Girt discussed safety at the shore this summer season. Topics included precautions being taken at the beach amid COVID-19, the dangers of rip currents, what to do if caught in one and swimming safety.





## MARINE 1 ASSISTS WITH WATER RESCUE



It was a busy day in the water on Sunday, July 12, as MCSO's Marine 1, along with NYPD Air Sea Rescue, FDNY's Marine Unit and the U.S. Coast Guard, rescued four people from a sinking boat off the tip of Sandy Hook. One victim was air lifted and flown to the hospital. All are safe as a result of the quick response and decisive actions of the teams who responded. Sheriff Golden commends all for such great work.

## SHERIFF GOLDEN ATTENDS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO HELP ENSURE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF RESIDENTS

Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of a great initiative between Monmouth County Government and the Grunin Foundation regarding the new COVID-19 testing program. This announcement held in Asbury Park on July 21, is a public private partnership that offers free testing in densely populated municipalities throughout Monmouth County. The towns include Asbury Park, Long Branch, Freehold Borough, Neptune Township, Red Bank and Keansburg.

The MCSO commends the Board of Chosen Freeholders for helping to ensure the health and safety of residents in those areas.





# COUNTY ANNOUNCES MAJOR CHANGES TO COURTHOUSE

Monmouth County officials held a groundbreaking ceremony on July 9 to mark the start of construction of the West Wing Security Vestibule at the Monmouth County Courthouse. This will incorporate the latest security innovation to enable the MCSO to safely and efficiently screen all building occupants.

The purpose of the project is to ensure safe entrance and exit for the general public, court officials and staff from the building.

Each day, an average of 1,700-1,800 visitors enter the courthouse. It's our duty to provide the utmost of safety and security to members of the judiciary, court personnel, jurors and the public.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by the winter of 2022.







## MCSO BIKE PATROL UNIT

Sheriff's Officers are riding up and down the Jersey Shore to help ensure the safety of residents and visitors during the summer season. Sheriff Golden's bike patrol unit is part of the MCSO community policing efforts to interact with and assist the public.



## MCSO INCREASES INSERVICE TRAINING FOR SHERIFFS OFFICERS

In an effort to maintain the utmost of safety for sheriff's officers and suspects during an apprehension, Sheriff Golden has implemented in-service training to be conducted bi-annually. The MCSO is at the forefront in law enforcement training and the first agency in Monmouth County to require self defense and hand cuffing re-training. All 120 sheriff's officers received training over a four day period which consisted of self defense, proper handcuffing, immobilization, control, search, de-escalation, use of force and arrests, among other tactics.

This type of continued training is vital for members of law enforcement since it enhances and builds upon their knowledge of this important matter.





## RECRUITS READY TO EMBARK ON CAREERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Recruits from the 98th Basic Course for Police Officers and the 49th Special Law Enforcement Officers SLEO II Class have been training for weeks and met all the challenges amid COVID-19. While some classwork was conducted online, other lectures and presentations were set up in the bays of the MCSO, with adequate distance apart. All wore masks and followed proper protocol during police academy training. On Aug. 4 they will officially graduate and embark on careers in Law Enforcement.



## K-9 SKYE SHOWING MAGGIE THE ROPES

We always said K-9 Skye will have some pretty big paws to fill one day, due to her reputation as one of the most successful Bloodhound trackers in the state. That's why Skye is showing MCSO newest K-9 Maggie the ropes during her monthly training with Bloodhounds from NJ, NY and Connecticut to prepare them national certification. Maggie officially starts her training in the fall.

