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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE GOES PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Monmouth County: In addition to fighting crime, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is also supporting the fight against breast cancer by going **pink** the entire month of October, to recognize and draw attention to Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"It's vital that we show our support to such a serious illness and continue to bring awareness to this important cause," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "Many people are either indirectly or directly affected by this devastating disease and we are dedicated to reinforcing the message of supporting the fight against breast cancer."

To symbolize hope, the agency is proudly flying its Breast Cancer Awareness flag outside of the office in Freehold. Police cruisers have also been marked in pink and sporting pink magnetic ribbons. Every Friday throughout October, staff will wear pink in show of support and even have pink face coverings this year to spread awareness.

Many law enforcement agencies across the state acknowledge the cause in their own supportive way, since breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women. Statistics show one in eight women will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime and there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

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“Women need to be sure they do their own self breast exams as well as get a mammogram and spread awareness to others about the importance of them,” said Kristin Aras, a breast cancer survivor and Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office. “If you get treated early you can live that happy, healthy life that a lot of people are doing as breast cancer survivors.”

“However we choose to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it’s important for law enforcement to stand behind this effort for all the courageous people who are battling the disease, have lost their lives or lost loved ones,” said Sheriff Golden. “Public safety is more than making arrests, it’s also helping to arrest illnesses such as breast cancer that takes a toll on individuals with the disease and their families.”

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