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MCSO COMMEMORATES NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

With September being National Preparedness Month, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office reinforced the message to prepare, plan, stay informed and get involved. National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is an effort to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies. This year's National Preparedness theme was:

"Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today". It focused on different topics each week, which included: Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Prepare for Disasters, and Teach Youth About Preparedness.

The month is always a great time to reinforce Know Your Zone and learn which evacuation zone you are within by visiting mcsonj.org/ready. The Know Your Zone initiative was implemented by OEM four years ago to educate residents, visitors and businesses about coastal evacuation zones. It allows the Office of Emergency Management to direct any evacuation instructions to those that are at the greatest risk of experiencing storm surge during major coastal storms in protection of lives and property.

- First Aid Kit
- 1 Gallon of water per person, per day for at least 3 days
- Medication
- Special items (diapers, formula glasses)
- Non-perishable food/ Special dietary items
- Battery operated radio
- Cell phone chargers
- Emergency cash
- Change of clothes, footwear
- Dust mask
- Face coverings
- Rubber gloves
- Hand sanitizer



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Alert History

DID YOU KNOW:

Did You Know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in an effort to recognize the importance of the month the MCSO staff wears pink every Friday?

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Another way the sheriff's office assists the public in disaster preparedness is to encourage all residents to be equipped with an emergency kit. Emergencies and events can strike fast, so the MCSO urges all to have a kit filled with necessities, should you become displaced and have to evacuate quickly.

To keep up with the most up to date information, it's also important to like or follow the MCSO on social media through Facebook, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Twitter, @MonmouthSheriff, and Instagram, monmouthsheriff, all platforms that prove to be extremely useful before, during and after severe weather. In addition, download the agency's application for smartphones. Our app provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, which includes real-time emergency notifications through its integrated push notification system. Users are able to be instantly alerted to weather, or other emergency related situations, from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the agency's OEM.

During the last week of Hurricane Preparedness month we highlighted our extensive Teen CERT program. Teen CERT trains teens to assist when responding to and recovering from emergencies or disasters, and is a great way for youth to become more involved. Through the Teen CERT Program, students from high schools in Monmouth County learn how to prepare themselves, families and communities as they learn about life skills through emergency management preparedness. The goal is to be stronger, safer and better prepared. Training consists of approximately 22 hours and covers basic medical aid, light search and rescue, firefighting, CERT organization, disaster preparedness, disaster psychology and a final exercise scenario.

The MCSO looks forward to having our great Teen CERT members working together with us again in the future.

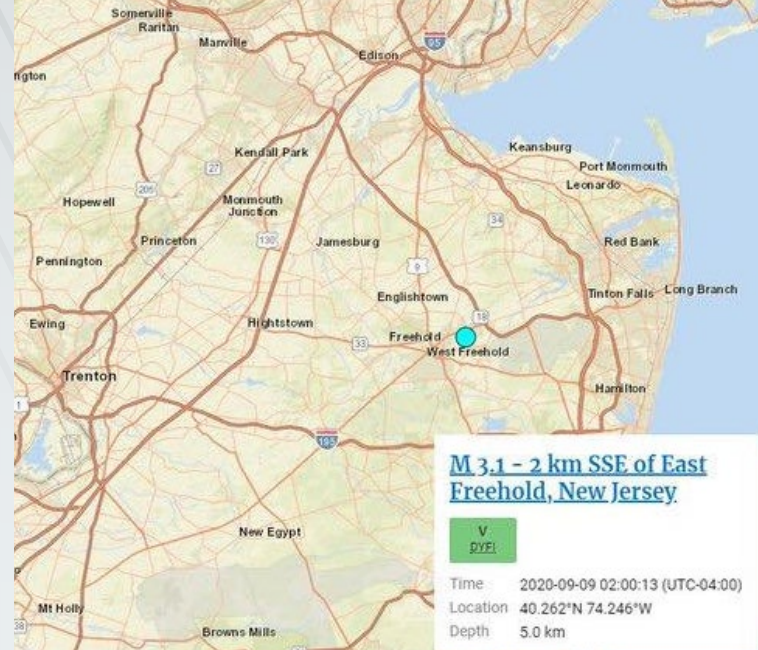
I'm proud of our exemplary work in preparedness. Throughout the year, we partner with numerous agencies, to prepare for emergencies such as natural disasters, active shooters, mass casualties and chemical threats by conducting drills, training, tabletops exercises and educational programs through OEM. These types of training exercises are critical in ensuring that we can effectively and efficiently respond to crises situations.

Please don't forget that Planning Preparing and Staying Informed are the keys to safety before, during and after a weather related event.



EARTHQUAKE SHAKES MONMOUTH COUNTY

Fortunately, the 3.1 magnitude Earthquake felt in Monmouth County and beyond on Sept. 9 did not result in any damage or injuries. However, it once again proved that we must be prepared, since emergencies and events can strike fast.



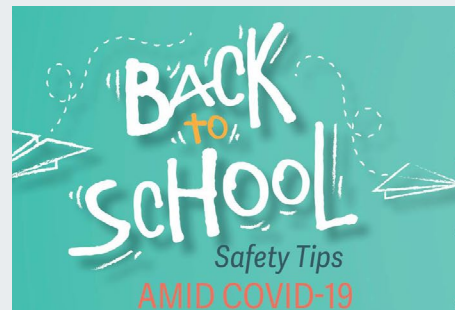
The earthquake's epicenter was in East Freehold and in very close proximity to our Public Safety Center on Kozloski Rd. The MCSO 911 Communications Center received 125 calls within a half hour period of the earthquake. There was no interruption of service, damage or injuries reported.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

With the start of a new school year, it's vital to practice back to school safety tips, particularly in these uncertain times. Throughout Sept., Sheriff Golden provided parents and students with helpful safety tips pertaining to COVID-19, bullying and the dangers of strangers. Best of luck to all for a safe and healthy school year.

BULLYING

- Talk and listen to your children. Ask questions about their day and their friends. Make sure your children are comfortable communicating with you.
- Lead by example. Do not speak to people in a mean or abusive way. Do not use a harsh tone. Be polite and let your children know to treat others the way they would like to be treated.
- Make children aware of what not to do through anti bullying approaches (don't push, tease or be mean to others).
- Teach children to be kind, polite and to take turns.
- Teach children how to react to someone who is mean to them by getting an adult, telling the person to stop or by ignoring and walking away from that person or situation.
- Be sure children understand what bullying is and that it won't be tolerated for them to bully, be bullied or watch anyone else get bullied.



- Practice healthy and proper hygiene:
 - Wash hands regularly
 - Cough or sneeze into your elbow
 - Don't touch eyes, nose, mouth
 - Don't share cups or food with others



- Stay Healthy.
- If you have a fever or feel sick tell your parents/teachers. Stay home.
- Wear face covering, maintain social distance & follow the teacher's rules.
- No bullying/Don't tease or bully anyone who has been sick.
- Support one another.
- Share information on what you learned about preventing the disease with your family.



DANGERS OF STRANGERS

- Never walk alone, always use the buddy system.
- Don't not approach or talk to strangers. If approached by a stranger asking a question ignore them.
- Do not engage, even if the stranger asks for help or has something you would want to play with such as a puppy or kitten.
- Never give out personal information about yourself or family.
- If you feel you are in a dangerous situation, yell, run and fight back.
- Do not be afraid of police, they are there to help.
- Know how to dial 9-1-1 and report suspicious activity or behavior.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

It was a somber ceremony at the Mount Mitchill Memorial in Atlantic Highlands as many throughout Monmouth County gathered to pay tribute and honor the men and women who lost their lives on 9/11, 147 of them were born, raised or lived in Monmouth County.

At the MCSO, staff reflected and remembered 9/11 as Undersheriff Ted Freeman led a tribute to the victims of 9/11 during the annual MCSO remembrance ceremony. We will always honor the lost, the survivors and the many heroes of the September 11th attacks. God Bless America.



MONMOUTH COUNTY TRIBUTE IN LIGHTS

The MCSO and Sheriff Golden were proud to honor and support Monmouth County's Tribute in Lights illuminated at Mount Mitchill the weekend of September 11, in remembrance of all the lives lost.

On the last night, lights shined bright for all of our first responders, in show of appreciation to those we lost and to those who continue to work tirelessly to keep us safe and out for harm's way. The colors included Red for our firefighters, Blue for our police officers, White for EMS and hospital workers and Green for our military.

Thanks to all who made this incredible Tribute in Lights possible to show support, reflect and remember.

POLICE UNITY TOUR

Members of the MCSO couldn't have been more proud to participate in the Police Unity Tour on Sept. 27. This year, the tour was a one day bike ride, which began in Asbury Park, to remember and raise awareness of all members of law enforcement who died in the line of duty. Sheriff Golden commends the participants who are ensuring that the sacrifices of our brothers and sisters never goes unnoticed.



LAKEWOOD POLICE OFFICER PASSING

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were deeply saddened over the loss of Lakewood Police Officer Nick Shimonovich, who passed away on Sept. 5, following a motorcycle accident. Officer Shimonovich graduated the Monmouth County Police Academy in 2018 and earned the Marksmanship Award. Thoughts and prayers go out to his parents, also members of the Lakewood PD, and the entire force. RIP Officer. Thank you for your service.



SHERIFF GOLDEN SPEAKS AT FOP CONFERENCE

Sheriff Golden was honored to be a guest speaker at the New Jersey State Fraternal Order of Police's 36th Biennial Conference in Atlantic City on Sept. 15, where he discussed the challenges members of law enforcement face during these difficult times.



BEST OF LUCK

The MCSO Dive Team Commander Bill Fancher participated in his last training exercise in Belmar, as he is retiring. Fancher was a corrections officer at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution where he worked in all areas of the facility, for 25 years. And in recent years, he was extremely dedicated to his duty as commander of the Maritime Emergency Response Team, (MERT). To commemorate his years of service, dive team members presented him with a plaque for his commitment to safety on the waterways. MERT 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. The MCSO wish him the best of luck.





END OF SUMMER SEASON

While a few beaches remained open until the very last weekend in September, all are closed now for the season, which means there are no lifeguards on duty. As a result, Sheriff Golden cautions all to not swim without lifeguards. Swimming at your own risk is dangerous and you shouldn't do it.

The MCSO thanks all the lifeguards throughout Monmouth County for their great work this summer season in maintaining the utmost of safety at the shore.

FIRST DAY OF FALL

Sept. 22 marked the first day of the fall season. Enjoy the beautiful season and all it has to offer in Monmouth County.



INMATE LABOR

The MCSO's Inmate Labor crew from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution was out on the roadways in Sept. joined by Sheriff Golden to address residents concerns with overgrown brush and extensive litter build-up. Clean up crews worked at the Route 33 overpass adjacent to Shark River Park. They also painted over graffiti under the GSP overpass by Allaire State Park.

Special thanks to Monmouth County for providing resources from the Department of Public Works. This collaborative effort helps ensure our communities and roadways stay clean and free from debris and trash.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

Child Passenger Safety Week was recognized the week of Sept. 21. The MCSO is a tremendous supporter of educating the public on how to ensure children are properly restrained while in a vehicle through its Child Safety Seat Checkpoint/SAFE Cargo Program, which teaches families how to install child safety seats. Presently, the program is by appointment only but the MCSO hopes to resume its monthly SAFE Cargo at the Monmouth County garage in the future. For more information visit www.mcsonj.org.





VFW DAY

The MCSO and Sheriff Golden were proud to commemorate VFW Day on Sept. 29 and celebrate those who sacrificed so much for our freedom. We particularly acknowledged Colonel Sam Fuoco, Ret. US Army, who passed away in April. Col. Sam was a loyal friend and strong supporter of the MCSO Veterans' Service Council. We thank Sam and all of our veterans for their service.



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The MCSO is proud to acknowledge our Hispanic Americans who represent the work force in law enforcement, corrections and communications as part of National Hispanic Heritage Month which began Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 15.

Sheriff Golden commends their dedication and commitment to public safety which has a positive impact on the agency, and recognizes all for their great efforts during the month and throughout the year.





