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SHERIFF GOLDEN JOINS MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICIALS IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW VACCINATION SITE

We began the New Year with the rollout of Monmouth County's vaccination plan. Although the State of New Jersey provided us with a limited amount of vaccines, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners and the Monmouth County Health Department is steadfastly working to reduce and stop the spread of the virus, by administering as many vaccines available, in an orderly and progressive manner.

Initially, in the beginning of January, sites were set up at mobile locations in Middletown, Neptune and Freehold. Those sites have ceased operations after the announcement on Jan. 22, of Monmouth County's partnership with Monmouth Medical Center to provide a primary vaccination site at Brookdale Community College's Robert J. Collins Arena.



Residents who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine must register on Monmouth County's website at www.visitmonmouth.com and use the Monmouth County COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist to be placed on the waitlist for an appointment.



The Brookdale vaccination site is open five days a week, including Saturday, and offers later hours on Mondays. The hours, which are subject to change, are: Monday from 1-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The Monmouth County Health Department will also continue to operate at the Agricultural Building in Freehold five

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DID YOU KNOW



Did You Know that the MCSO Deputy Sheriff Monmouth Max saw his shadow and after concurring with his buddy Punxsutawney Phil, agrees that we are going to have six more weeks winter.



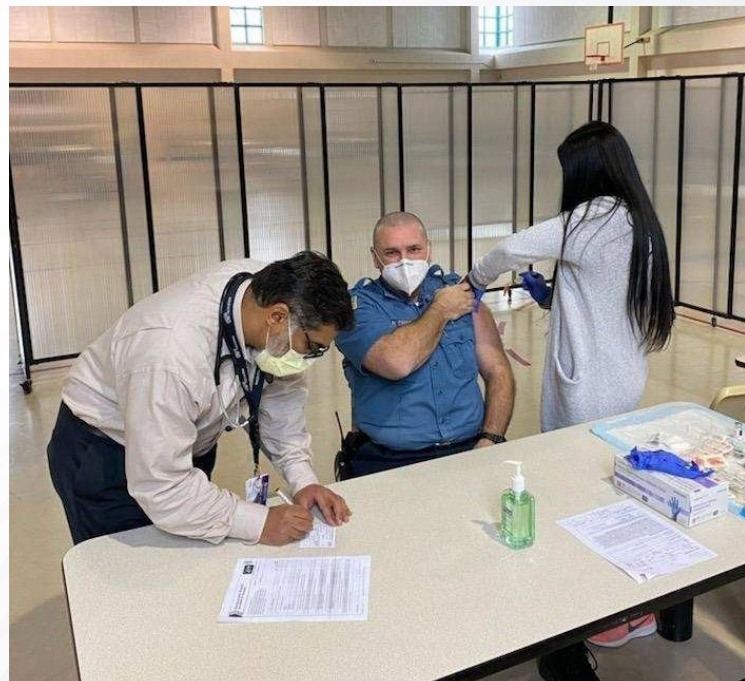
days a week, Monday through Friday, with varying times as a result of vaccine availability.

The health and safety of all healthcare workers, first responders and residents in Monmouth County are of the utmost importance. I commend the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, the Monmouth County Health Department and staff from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for their tireless and dedicated work. This latest effort affirms that we have entered the final stretch in the fight against COVID-19.

COVID VACCINATIONS GIVEN AT JAIL

COVID-19 vaccinations began at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution for sworn and civilian staff on Jan. 10. Since the pandemic started, correctional and medical staff have been working in challenging conditions to help ensure health and safety.

Sheriff Golden thanks all for a great job.



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THANKS TO HOME DEPOT FOR GENEROUS DONATIONS



Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are very appreciative to the Home Depot in Freehold as they recently donated hand sanitizer and wipes to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. Thank you Home Depot for the continued support and dedication to the health and safety of our officers and staff.

SHERIFF GOLDEN FEATURED ON WJRZ REGARDING EFFORTS DURING PANDEMIC

Sheriff Golden spoke with 100.1 WJRZ about the MCSO's divisions and initiatives and how the agency addressed the needs of residents and communities during the pandemic to maintain health and safety.

The MCSO thanks host Lisa Anderson for the opportunity to provide such valuable information.

See below link to two part interview:

<https://bit.ly/3acSLPt>



SHERIFF BEGINS CRACKDOWN ON DISTRACTED DRIVERS AND THOSE WHO SPEED

The MCSO will be putting the brakes on distracted drivers and those who speed, thanks to two grants provided by the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety. There have been too many crashes as a result of distracted driving and speed on our roadways, and, these grants are vital to help ensure safety.

The funding has been provided to law enforcement agencies to enhance traffic enforcement. Both grants total twenty thousand dollars each and are earmarked for speed enforcement and distracted driving enforcement. Sheriff's Officers will be assigned to high targeted crash locations to conduct enforcement in marked, semi-marked and unmarked police vehicles beginning Feb. 1 through Sept. 30, 2021.



WELCOME RECRUITS

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to welcome the new recruits to the Monmouth County Police Academy as members of the 100th Basic Course for Police Officers and the 51st Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II began training on Jan.11.

The recruits will endure 20 weeks of intense hands on and classroom training. Best of luck to these future leaders in law enforcement.





LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Jan. 9 was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.). A well-deserved day and a good opportunity for all to show support of our police officers. Dedicated and committed law enforcement officers sacrifice their safety to protect the public each and every day.



2020 proved to be one of the most challenging years for law enforcement as its members worked on the front lines in the battle against COVID-19, and, dealt with major protests throughout the country.

L.E.A.D. is a great time to recognize the important efforts officers make throughout the year and to never forget all who have died in the line of duty.



FLAGS FLY HALF STAFF TO REMEMBER FALLEN OFFICER

As our flags flew half-staff on Jan. 11 to honor fallen Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund released statistics on in the line of duty deaths for 2020. According to the report, there were 264, federal, state, military, tribal and local members of law enforcement who died in the line of duty, with COVID-19 related fatalities being the single highest cause. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO remember and honor all of our fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.



TED FREEMAN SWORN IN AS ACTING SHERIFF

Sheriff Golden swore in Undersheriff Ted Freeman as Acting Sheriff of the MCSO on Jan. 13, in the event of the sheriff's absence. Thank you U/S Freeman for your unwavering loyalty, dedication and support of the MCSO throughout the years.

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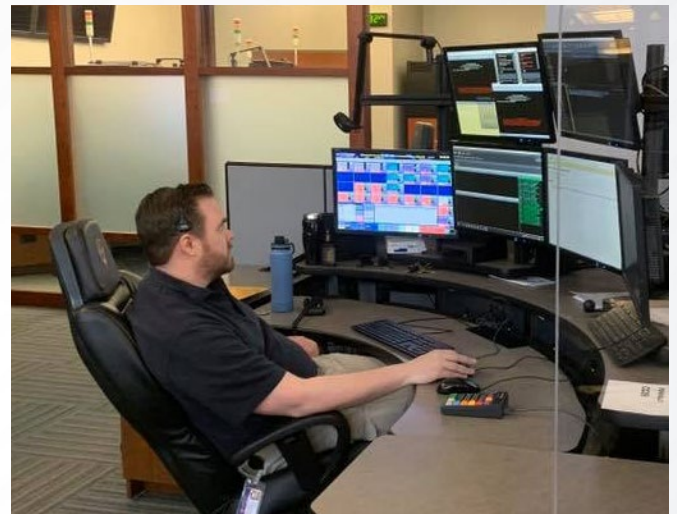
Undersheriff Freeman couldn't be more pleased that a graduate of the Sheriff Youth Week program is now a Correctional Police Officer at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. Congrats to Richard Enzerillo for becoming a part of the Corrections Division. We are proud of the many programs at the MCSO which prepare youth to become future leaders in law enforcement.



GREAT JOB TO COMMS DIVISION

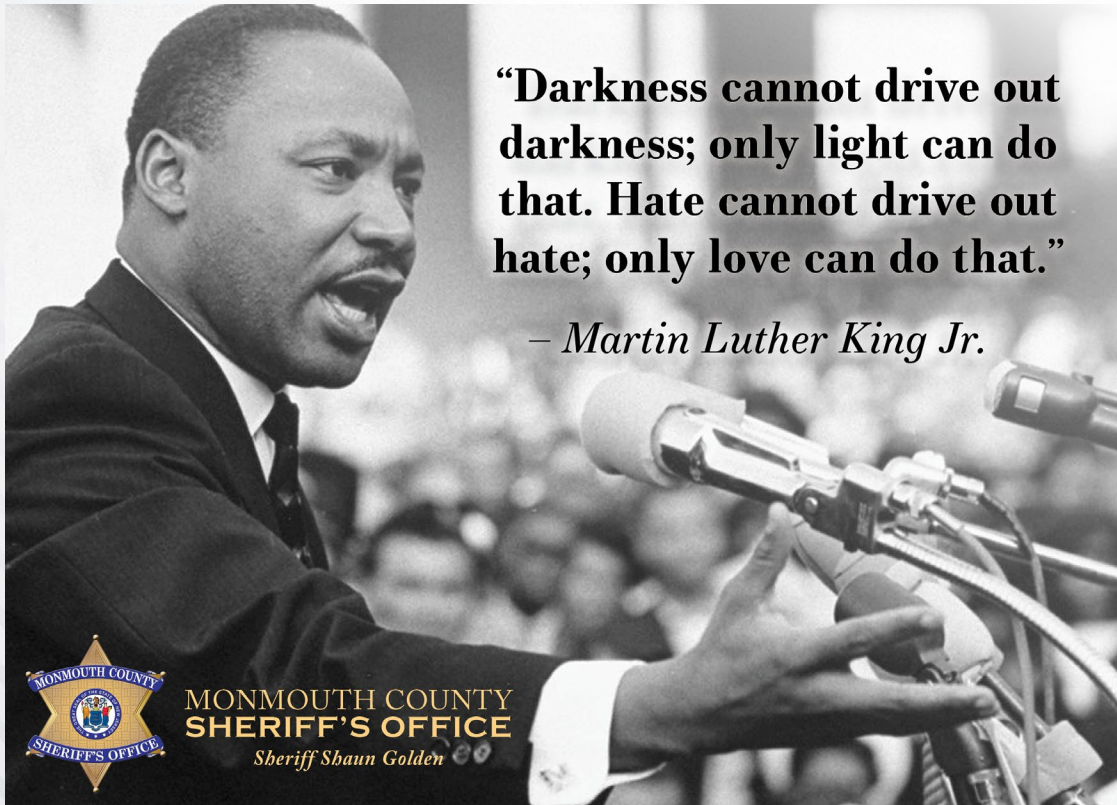
The Monmouth County 911 Communications Center is the largest shared service in Monmouth County. It answers calls for 50 municipalities, Brookdale Community College, Monmouth University and Naval Weapons Station Earle, and, provides dispatch services for 25 police departments, 80 fire companies and 39 first aid squads. Sheriff Golden reports that in 2020, the Communications Division processed a total of 742,211 calls.

This past year was difficult and the role of our highly trained Public Safety Telecommunicators became even more demanding. However, they did an exceptional job serving Monmouth County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and deserve much credit for their work in helping to ensure the public safety and health of residents in Monmouth County.



SHERIFF PROUD TO STAND ALONG COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND

Sheriff Golden was proud to stand alongside Tom Arnone, as he was appointed to serve as Director of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners during the Reorganization meeting on Jan. 7. The MCSO congratulates the Director, along with Ross Licitra and Lillian Burry who were sworn in as County Commissioners, and, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon who began her second term. They are all exceptional leaders, hardworking and will continue to serve the public well.



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

– Martin Luther King Jr.

MCSO CELEBRATES MLK DAY

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO celebrated, remembered and honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King on Jan. 18.

BUNDLE UP FOR SAFETY

January has come to an end, but cold weather will still remain in the forecast since there's no word yet if Old Man Winter will make an early departure. Now is as good a time as any to remind all to take the proper safety precautions and bundle up as a Code Blue Alerts were in effect for several days in January. For assistance call NJ 2-1-1.



SOME PAWSOME BIRTHDAYS

The MCSO K-9 Unit keeps quite busy throughout the year assisting in the fight against crime and drug abuse as they are called out on explosive, tracking and narcotics searches.

Two of our K-9s had reason to celebrate this month. Skye celebrated her seventh birthday on Jan 3 and Gunner turned seven too on Jan. 29. Happy Birthday to these hard working K-9s.

