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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MONMOUTH COUNTY DEALS WITH WINTER WONDERLAND THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY



Mother Nature hit us with a big one on Feb. 1, as Monmouth County was struck with a major snow storm that caused a huge wintry mix. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office monitored the storm from the Manasquan Inlet, which had mostly rain and wind, to Freehold where heavy snow covered the area. The scene from atop outside the MCSO Public Safety Center's 300ft HD tower in Freehold showed the snow coming down fast and fierce.



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This car accident is an example of why it's so important to stay off the roads during a major winter storm. MCSO sheriff's officers were the first on the scene of the accident on Route 18 in Colts Neck. Luckily the driver was okay. In Manasquan, firefighters and EMS crews responded to a two alarm fire at a home in Manasquan. Great job to all first responders for their efforts in fighting the fire in challenging weather conditions.



Another major storm struck the area on Feb. 18 and lasted two days and it wasn't a snow day for everyone. The MCSO's K-9 Unit had a dog day afternoon walking the beat and ensuring safety at our train stations. The weather wasn't too ruff on them and nothing stops these K-9s from sniffing out crime.

We thank Monmouth County Department of Public Works and Buildings and Grounds for the great job in treating and clearing the roads before, during and after the storms. There were more than 230 crews out there

DID YOU KNOW

Did You Know That the National Guard is assisting with operations at Mega Vaccination sites throughout the country. Always take the time to thank a member of the military for their service.



working to get the job done to ensure safety.

A special acknowledgement to the residents of Monmouth County, who heeded the warning to stay off the roads. As a result there were fewer accidents on our roadways and the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center did not have a major increase of emergency calls.

Thank You Monmouth County Public Works and Engineering!!



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MCSO WARNS TO STAY OFF THE ICE

Sheriff Golden warns people to stay away from thin ice in the wake of recent incidents in New Jersey and New York where kids fell through the ice and struggled to escape before being rescued. Walking on what appears to be frozen lakes, ponds and rivers is dangerous and a bad idea particularly with the temperatures becoming warmer.

Please take the precautions to ensure safety.



PETS AND COLD WEATHER

During wintery and bitter cold weather the MCSO cautions all to please bring in your pets from the cold. It's dangerous and they too can suffer from frostbite and hypothermia.



GROUNDHOG DAY

None of us really wanted to hear this but the MCSO's resident groundhog Deputy Sheriff Monmouth Max also saw his shadow and after concurring with his buddy Phil, agreed on Feb. 2, that we were going to have six more weeks winter.



MCSO REINFORCES PROJECT MEDICINE DROP TO HELP COMBAT DRUG ABUSE

Sheriff Golden remains a leader in the fight against drug abuse as February marked four years since the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop". The medicine drop box is located at the MCSO along with two mobile drop boxes which are transported to senior centers, in an effort to provide even



greater community outreach to residents. Throughout the years, hundreds of pounds of prescription drugs that may have ended up in the wrong hands has been collected and disposed. This partnership was another major step in the ongoing fight against heroin and opiate abuse and remains a principal concern and huge commitment of law enforcement.



Project Medicine Drop Box, where you can dispose of unwanted, unused and expired medicine from your homes, is vital. The permanent collection site is located at the front entrance to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, at 2500 Kozloski Rd. in Freehold which residents can utilize all year long. Project Medicine Drop is the most beneficial program where the community and law enforcement work together to help combat this epidemic and reduce the amount of prescription drugs that are readily available.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL MELLACI

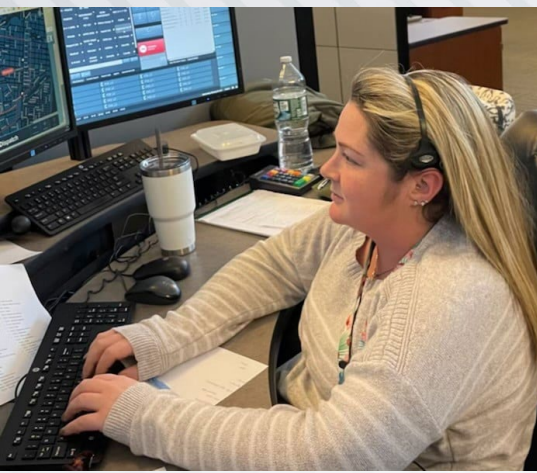
It was an emotional tribute to our own Daniel Mellaci, as family, friends and co workers gathered to honor and pay tribute to him in a flag raising ceremony outside Jersey Shore University Medical Center on Feb. 4. The tribute was organized by NJ Sharing Network and JSUMC to recognize organ and tissue donors and their families who make the lifesaving decision to become an organ and tissue donor.



Daniel, a Public Safety Telecommunicator with the MCSO since 2011 and a volunteer firefighter in West Long Branch lost his brave and courageous battle to ALS, but in his last hours gave a lifetime back by donating his organs.

Danny's brave and heroic decision to donate his organs will provide the most precious gift of life to those in need. He will forever remain in our hearts at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and our thoughts and prayers are with the Mellaci family during this most difficult time.





GREAT JOB PST

Our Public Safety Telecommunicator in training, Keli Milne who began working in the 9-1-1 Communications Center in December is certainly starting off her career at the MCSO on a positive note.

On Feb. 11, PST Milne answered a 9-1-1 call from a 16 year old male in distress who suffered a severe leg injury while skiing in the woods in Holmdel.

PST Milne spent more than 40 minutes on the phone with the scared individual who was lying in the woods in a steep incline off Holmdel Rd., until he was located by Police and EMS. She calmed the very cold and frightened individual down and found ways to distract him with conversation causing him not to panic.

Sheriff Golden commends PST Milne on this great work. It's calls such as this that makes the job of a Public Safety Telecommunicator rewarding. PSTs are rarely seen and mostly heard but what they say in those few minutes makes a world of difference to those on the other end of the line.

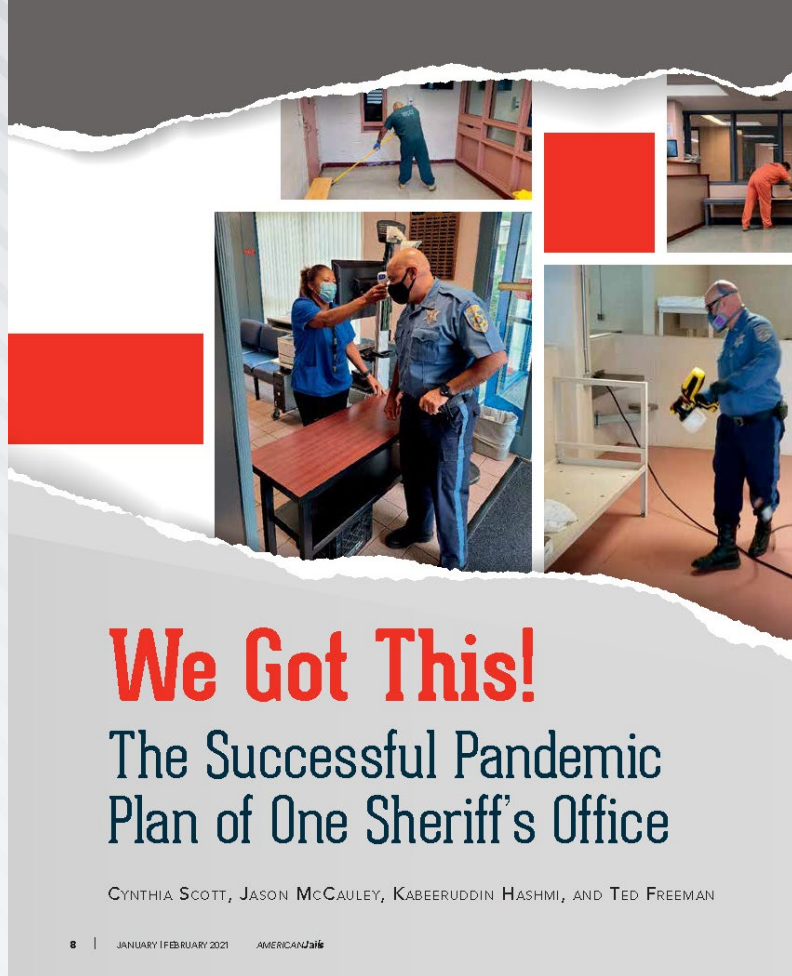
MERT TRAINING

The MCSO's Maritime Emergency Response Team, MERT, recently held training at the Manasquan Reservoir where they practiced with and utilized ropes as a mode of communication between the team and diver. This type of training is extremely important in the event that electronic communications were to fail.

MERT, a shared service, is made up of members from various law enforcement agencies who respond swiftly to critical incidents on our waterways.

Sheriff Golden thanks this dedicated team of professionals and reminds the public to always take precautions while in the water.





WE GOT THIS

Since the pandemic began correctional and medical staff from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution have been working tirelessly in challenging conditions to help ensure the health and safety of all at the facility. In the most recent edition of AMERICANjails, the exceptional work of MCCI is featured.

Sheriff Golden thanks the American Jail Association for highlighting 'We Got This! The Successful Pandemic Plan of One Sheriff's Office'.

For full article see link:

<https://www.mcsonj.org/.../uploa.../2021/02/We-Got-This-2021.pdf>

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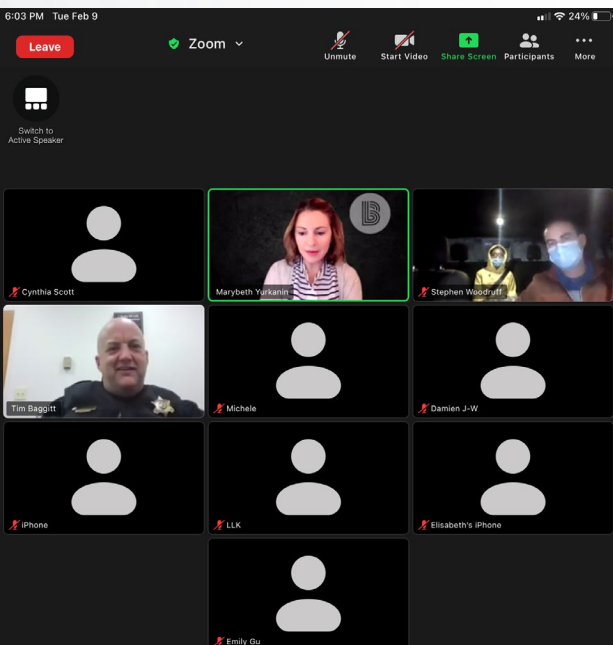
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MCSO PRESENTS PROGRAM TO BIG BROTHER BIG SISTERS

The MCSO was pleased to work with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey. On Feb. 9 Sgt. Tim Baggitt conducted a power point presentation via zoom on Internet Crimes Against Children and the dangers of it on Feb. 9. The audience consisted of mentors, parents and students. During the presentation sexual abuse, predators, online safety, cyberbullying, how to report incidents and what you can do to protect yourself were discussed.

Sheriff Golden, a leader in promoting the safety of our children, thanks Big Brothers Big Sister for their interest in having the MCSO present this vital and important information.



How to Report

1. Tell a trusted adult
 - a. Your parents/guardians > school
2. Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service
3. Collect evidence
 - a. Copy URL > screenshots >> recording; via the device its on or another device
4. Block the person and discuss your options to prevent future problems
5. Contact your local police department (could be your first step if its bad enough to constitute a crime)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sheriff Golden is always proud to commemorate Black History Month throughout February and recognize the accomplishments of staff members who are making, and have made a tremendous difference professionally and in their communities.

The month long celebration is a great time to reflect on the achievements and contributions of African Americans in our agencies, communities and nationwide.





NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO supported National Wear Red Day on Feb. 5 in the fight against heart disease.

This photo/video was taken last year when we could all gather closely but the message remains the same.



PRESIDENT'S DAY

President's Day was February 15 and the MCSO honored and remembered the leaders of our country. God Bless America. For those who are serving our country we salute you and thank all for their service.