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SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN APPOINTED TO NEWLY CREATED FCC 911 STRIKE FORCE

Monmouth County: Sheriff Shaun Golden is honored to be appointed as a member of the newly created 911 Strike Force by the Federal Communications Commission, which will study and address the ongoing issue of 911 diversion fees.

“As the Monmouth County Sheriff, I take great pride in serving as part of this newly created strike force and look forward to actively participating and representing the Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office, which runs the 911 Communications Center, the largest shared service in the county,” said Sheriff Shaun Golden. “I thank the FCC for its dedication to taking action in creating this advisory committee to end diversion fees. This will help ensure that funding will be spent on upgrading 9-1-1 systems, which will enhance the safety and well-being of our residents during emergencies.”

“America’s 911 system needs an update for the digital age,” said FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel. “But as we’ve seen, 911 fee diversion can shortchange public safety by delaying those updates. I am happy that the Strike Force will soon be getting to work on ideas that will help ensure that the fees that American consumers pay to support 911 will go to 911. Thank you to Kelli Merriweather for agreeing to lead this group, and welcome to all of the new 911 Strike Force members. I look forward to your work and your findings.”

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As stated by the FCC, the 911 Strike Force shall study how the federal government can most expeditiously end diversion of 911 fees and charges by states and other taxing jurisdictions (911 fee diversion).

In carrying out this study, the 911 Strike Force shall: (i) determine the effectiveness of any federal laws, including regulations, policies, and practices, or budgetary or jurisdictional constraints regarding how the federal government can most expeditiously end 911 fee diversion; (ii) consider whether criminal penalties would further prevent 911 fee diversion; and (iii) determine the impacts of 911 fee diversion.

The Monmouth County's 9-1-1 Communications Division currently dispatches for 26 law enforcement agencies, 83 fire departments, 40 first aid squads and answers 9-1-1 call for 50 of the 53 municipalities with a staff of 130. In 2020 the 9-1-1 Communications Center processed 742,211 calls. The Communications Division is nationally accredited by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement.

Additional information about the 911 Strike Force is available at www.fcc.gov/911strikeforce.

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