

#### From the desk of.... Sheriff Shaun Golden

# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# SHERIFF YOUTH WEEK

After last year's cancellation of Sheriff Youth Week due to COVID-19, I couldn't be more pleased to welcome the 59 recruits on July 12 and proudly hand them their certificates on July 16, as they completed the 28th annual Sheriff Youth Week Program. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office's highly recognized program is anything but an ordinary week of summer camp. It equips high school aged students with a unique opportunity to explore interests in law enforcement through police academy-style training, exercise activities and instructional sessions.

At the beginning of the week, I tell the recruits that if they bring energy, excitement and are engaged in this program, it will be an experience of a lifetime. Sheriff Youth Week provides our youth to explore the realm of possibilities of a career in public safety. As a result, many will become future leaders in law enforcement.



Each day began with drill and ended with exercise. During the week, the class learned about various law enforcement topics and agencies. An overview of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement, Communications and Corrections Divisions was provided. Interactive sessions included mock drills from the Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT), and the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team, MOCERT. A major focal point of the week was when recruits spent the day at the Situational Training And Response Simulator, STARS facility. In rotational groups, recruits learned about the VirTra Simulator, a decision making and tactical

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#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know that the 101st Basic Course for Police Officers & the 52nd Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II begins in August at the Monmouth County Police Academy?



firearms virtual threat simulator, which is equipped with five large screens and shows real life types of scenarios. In addition, K-9, Project Lifesaver, vehicle simulator, drone, dive team and motor vehicle stop demonstrations were conducted, along with a display of special operations and equipment. Also included throughout the week were presentations on vaping and opioid awareness, internet safety, women in law enforcement, emergency medical

awareness training and bicycle patrol with an interactive police bicycle course, and an entire regimen of health and fitness including a 5-K run.



A very special thank you to Executive Undersheriff Ted Freeman and his exceptional Sheriff Youth Week staff for consistently going above and beyond in making Sheriff Youth Week the best youth academy program in the state, and to the late Hon. Deputy Sheriff William Wingard and his wife, Marie, of New Jersey Gravel & Sand in Wall Township. The Wingard family has been

the sponsors of Sheriff Youth Week since 1992 and were acknowledged at the graduation ceremony for their dedication and commitment throughout the years.





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### MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO ALL FALLEN K-9s

A life size K-9 memorial/sculpture now stands above a 17 thousand pound concrete base for all to view at the Monmouth County Police Academy, and, it's a result of Devin Motani's hard work, perseverance and commitment to his Eagle Scout project. On July 28th, an unveiling of this tremendous undertaking took place with members of law enforcement, Monmouth County officials and K-9 teams in attendance.

The project was met with some challenges. Devin had to raise a large sum of money and overcome quite a few obstacles during the pandemic, but he was determined to make it work and complete this incredible endeavor. The MCSO is proud of Devin's exceptional efforts and dedication to the law enforcement community.





Devin, a Boy Scout from Troop 101 in Morganville and whose dad is a retired police officer in Howell Township, has always had strong ties to law enforcement with a particular interest in the work of police dogs and their handlers. K-9 teams work tirelessly dealing in explosive and narcotics detection as well as suspect apprehension, and, sometimes make the ultimate sacrifice.

The memorial is adjacent to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office memorial for K-9 Solo, a German Shepherd who was shot and killed during an attempted apprehension of an individual who was barricaded inside a home in 1998. Solo saved his partner, the responding sheriff's officer's life.

#### MCSO LOSES RETIRED K-9

The MCSO is extremely saddened to have recently lost retired K-9 Cida, who specialized in explosive detection and began her work with handler S/O George Jelks in 2010, also retired. Cida passed away from health issues and was a valuable asset to the MCSO until 2018. RIP and thank you for your service.



# WAY TO GO K-9 TEAM

The MCSO's K-9 Unit continues to impress all. This time kudos go to S/O Doug Marino and K-9 Blue. The K-9 team recently attended the United States Police Canine Association, Inc. Region 15 PD 1 and achieved certification in Holmdel.

The test consisted of obedience, agility, searching and criminal apprehension. Lots of hard work and training were conducted on and off duty to achieve this great accomplishment.



#### SPARED FROM ELSA



Sheriff Golden spoke with reporters about Tropical Storm Elsa. Although Monmouth County was spared from any major impact of Elsa, on July 9 it's still extremely important to take the proper precautions while at the beach before and after a storm as rough surf and rip currents become a factor.

# SAFETY AT THE SHORE



Speaking of safety, Sheriff Golden thanks Sea Girt's Chief Lifeguard, Tim Harmon, for providing the public with tips on our Safety at the Shore segments He spoke about rip currents and what to do if caught in one, lifeguard training and how to find up to the minute information on weather conditions and precautions to take before heading to the beach, through the latest technology.

MARINE 1 PATROLLING WATERWAYS

Many thanks to members of the MCSO's Marine 1 for a great job in assisting in maintaining safety on the waterways throughout July. The Marine 1 crew works diligently in responding to incidents on the water during the summer season.



### NJ TASK FORCE 1



New Jersey Task Force 1 travelled to Florida on July 1 to assist with the devastation from the Surfside building collapse. Thanks to all for the continued commitment during difficult times. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO's thoughts and prayers remain with the families, victims and first responders who worked tirelessly to assist in rescue and recovery efforts from this disaster.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICERS SWORN IN

Sheriff Golden was proud to announce the swearing in of five new sheriff's officers to the MCSO. Congrats to all who proudly took the oath of office on July 20 and now begin training at the Monmouth County Police Academy to become law enforcement professionals.



# MCSO PRESENTS FRAUD PROTECTION





The MCSO is always pleased to provide important safety information to protect our seniors from becoming victims of fraud. On July 21, Det. Kevin O'Neill presented Fraud Protection at Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls. The topics included Identity Theft, Telemarketing Fraud/Scams, Internet Fraud and Safe Surfing for Seniors.

Special thanks to Executive Dir. Philip Jean and Chair of Safety Committee Neal Grolnic for their interest in the MCSO public safety programs.

# S/O LENDS A HAND

Community Service at our best. While on routine patrol in Neptune on July 23, Sheriff's Officer Thomas Menendez observed an elderly woman struggling with shopping bags to make it up the hill back to her apartment. He stopped his car and assisted to ensure she arrived home. Sheriff Golden is proud of our officers for always helping in times of need and maintaining safety.



# SHERIFF PROUD TO ATTEND LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVIVORS DAY

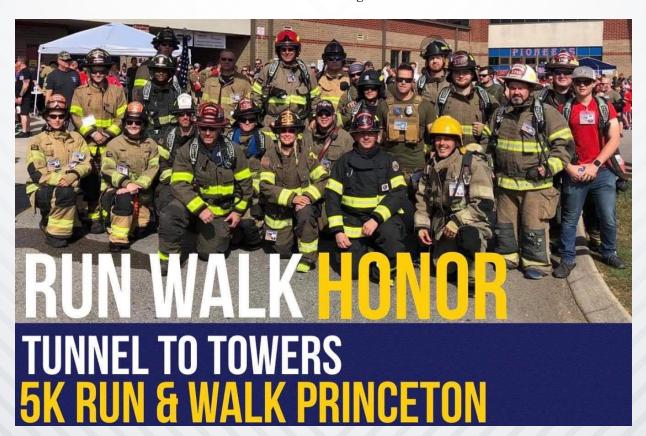


Sheriff Golden was honored and proud to be one of the attendees at the 14th Annual Monsignor Phil Lowery Law Enforcement Survivor's Day in Seaside Heights. The event held on July 13, marked a fun filled day for Survivors of family members of law enforcement, who were killed in the line of duty, to come together, enjoy themselves and form supportive relationships.

The event, named after Msgr. Lowery, who was a beloved and dedicated chaplain to law enforcement agencies, is hosted by the Storino family, owners of Jenkinson's Casino Pier and Breakwater Beach. Thank you for the generosity and unwavering support of law enforcement families.

# 9/11 RUN

This September marks the 20 year Anniversary of the September 11th Attacks. We will never forget the lives of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on that day. One way to honor them is by participating in the Run Walk Honor Tunnel to Towers Foundation on August 21. The MCSO salute all our fallen heroes.



### MCSO PARTICIPATES IN VIETNAM VETS MEMORIAL WALL CLEAN UP

The MCSO along with the Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12 was honored to participate in an annual event on July 15, at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel. Each year the wall made of black granite panels with the 2800 NJ veterans names who died in the war, are thoroughly cleaned, out of respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Home Depot donated its time and equipment to maintain the memorial.





# 911 OPERATOR RECRUITMENT

# FAIR SATURDAY OCTOBER 2ND

PRE-REQUISITE CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND ARE FREE TO MONMOUTH COUNTY RESIDENTS\*

\*PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED

FAIR AND PRE-REQUISITE CLASS REGISTRATION AT:

#### WWW.MCSONJ.ORG/911RECRUIT

- 1. COMPLETE COUNTY JOB APPLICATION AND SUBMIT WITH COPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE
- 2. PRE-REQUISITE CLASS REGISTRATION:
  - BASIC TELE-COMMUNICATOR COURSE SEPTEMBER 20TH - 24TH
  - **EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH/CPR** SEPTEMBER 27TH - 30TH

#### ADDITIONAL CLASS DATES/LOCATIONS AT

HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOV/911/HOME/ HIGHLIGHTS/CLASSES.HTML

SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN

#### MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

#### 2500 KOZLOSKI RD. FREEHOLD, NJ

- · STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9AM REQUIRED:
- · BUSINESS ATTIRE
- · CURRENT DL/SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- · RESUME

#### BI-LINGUAL APPLICANTS **ENCOURAGED TO** ATTEND!!

#### FAIR WILL INCLUDE:

- JOB OVERVIEW/FACILITY TOUR
- PANEL INTERVIEW
- **BACKGROUND CHECK** INITIATION

# 911 OPERATOR RECRUITMENT

Want to join a dynamic group of public safety professionals? Apply to become a Public Safety Telecommunicator at the MCSO. The position offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

Sheriff Golden has a highly trained staff who work at the 9-1-1 Communications Center and is seeking additional professionals to join the team.

See flyer to register for pre-requisite classes and the fair on October 2.

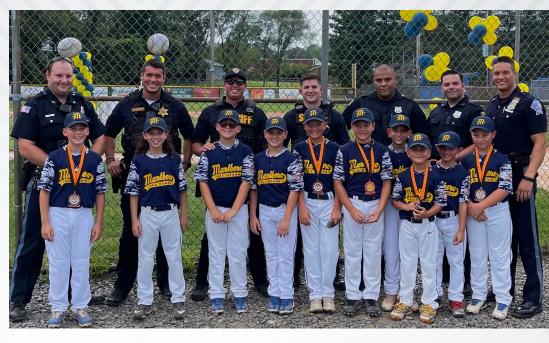


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### HOME RUN FOR MARLBORO KIDS

Sheriff's Officers were proud to recently support the Marlboro Mustangs Little League teams U9 and U10, who are both winners of the NJ State and Mid Atlantic Regional Championships. The next stop is the World Series. Job well done and best of luck to all.



#### **MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR**



The Monmouth County Fair was a great success and the MCSO was pleased to welcome all. Thanks to everyone who visited our area and got their Youth/Adult ID cards, saw a K-9 demo and learned about child safety seats, our special operations vehicles and public safety programs.





