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It's been a great summer in Monmouth County, and the exceptional work of the sworn officers and staff of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, in maintaining public safety throughout the busy season and during these challenging times is commended.

As we enjoy the unofficial end of summer this Labor Day weekend, there will be an increase of travelers on the roads.

Law enforcement will be out in full force and remain vigilant to keep roadways safe and free of drunk drivers. Please make the most of the Labor Day weekend, but, if you are going to drink, don't drive, it's as simple as that.

In an effort to avoid presenting a danger to oneself or others, it's important to follow these safety tips:

- Before going out, designate a driver who will not consume any alcohol the entire night.
- DO NOT DRIVE if you are impaired. Call a cab, an Uber, a sober friend or family member.
- If you don't have a ride, stay where you are.
- If you see someone about to get behind the wheel or on a motorcycle after they have been drinking, take their keys and find them a ride with someone who is sober.
- Under no circumstances should adults provide alcohol to a minor or allow anyone under 21 to consume alcohol while at their home.

In New Jersey, an individual is considered over the legal limit if he/she operates a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater.

Obeying motor vehicle laws and educating the public about the dangers of drinking and driving is the key to keeping our roadways safer. Please drive safely and enjoy the Labor Day weekend.



STAY ALIVE!



DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

- SHERIFF GOLDEN HONORED FOR VETS EVENT
- BEST OF LUCK JOE P
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ARI
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SHERIFF GOLDEN AND COMMISSIONER ARNONE SPEAK ABOUT HURRICANE PREPS



The summer may be coming to an end but hurricane season is not. That won't end until November 30. Sheriff Golden and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone taped a segment of Monmouth in Focus on August 30, to discuss planning, preparing and staying informed. The segment airs throughout September, which is National Preparedness Month. This year's theme is Prepare to Protect.

DID YOU KNOW

DID YOU KNOW National Preparedness Month's Weekly Themes include Make A Plan, Build a Kit, Prepare for Disasters & Teach Youth About Preparedness?

EFFECT OF TROPICAL STORM HENRI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

While Monmouth County was spared from any major effects of Henri, flooding was a big concern as with all tropical systems.

On August 22, Sheriff Golden spoke with News 12 New Jersey about the impact of Tropical Storm Henri. The MCSO works diligently to track all weather that has the potential to affect our area.



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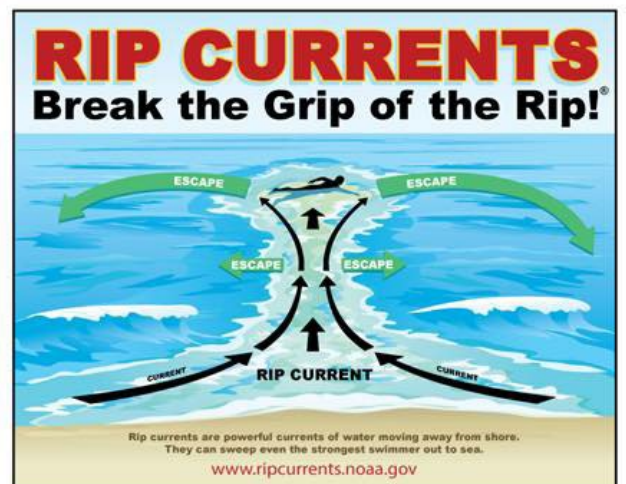
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BEWARE OF RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are expected to continue to be elevated at the Jersey Shore with dangerous surf the next few weeks.

Sheriff Golden has been speaking about the dangers of rip currents and how to avoid getting caught in one all season with Sea Girt's Chief Lifeguard Tim Harmon. As a reminder, please take precautions and never swim when there isn't a lifeguard on duty, stay out of the water when there are rip currents and if you get caught up in one, follow these safety tips.



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never Swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Sheriff Golden and staff of the MCSO were proud to meet the public, enhance community partnerships and strengthen neighborhood ties during National Night Out on August 3. The MCSO provided public safety information, displays and demos. Thanks to all who came out to support a great effort.



HOPE ONE

Sheriff Golden, a leader in the fight against drug abuse was pleased to participate in National Drug Overdose Day through HOPE One, the MCSO's mobile outreach component. The event was held in Red Bank and presented by Tigger House Foundation, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners on August 31. It included speakers, substance use resources as well as a moment of silence to remember those who lost their battle to substance use disorder.

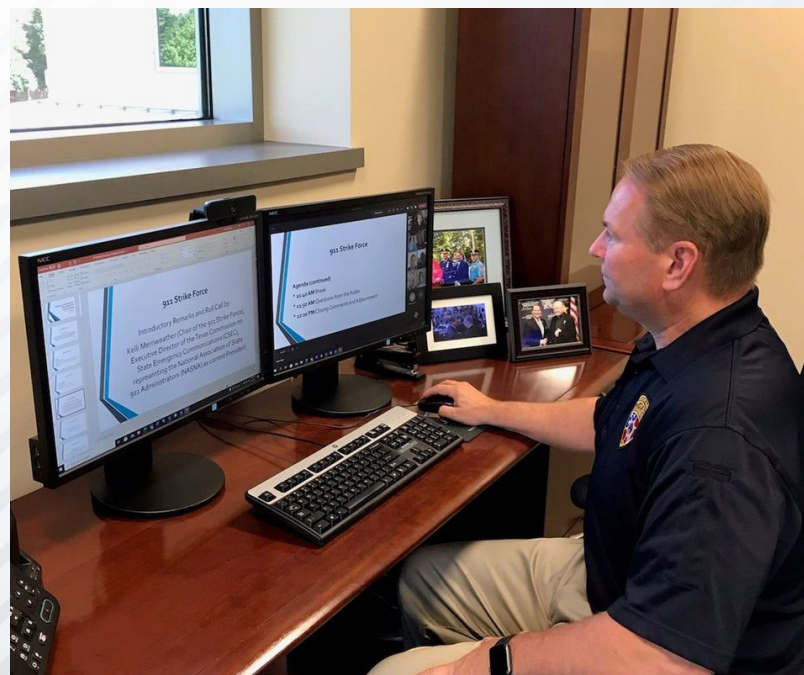


The MCSO HOPE One Mobile Unit, an innovative leading approach to addressing and combating the opioid epidemic, makes its way around Monmouth County to offer help and hope, through services and programs offered to individuals struggling with substance abuse.

It was also present in Long Branch on August 29 for its Drug Overdose Awareness Day.

SHERIFF ATTENDS FCC STRIKE FORCE MONTHLY MEETING

Sheriff Golden continues his work with the Federal Communications Commission's 911 Strike Force during August's workshop meeting, in which he is a member of its advisory committee. The focus is to study and address the ongoing issue of 911 diversion fees. The sheriff is proud to serve and represent the MCSO.



BASIC RECRUITS BEGIN TRAINING



The first full day for police academy recruits of the 101st Basic Course for Police Officers and the 52nd Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II began August 5.

They will endure 20 weeks of training at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO wish our future leaders in law enforcement the best of luck.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ASHTON

The MCSO and Sheriff Golden were pleased to be a part of Ashton Van Norde's 13th birthday celebration at the Hall of Records on August 26. Ashton is been bravely battling brain cancer and has incredible courage and determination during these challenging life circumstances. The MCSO, the Monmouth County Commissioners and the Monmouth County Fire Marshal honored Ashton and are so proud of his outstanding show of strength. Happy Birthday Ashton!



SHERIFF GOLDEN HONORED FOR VETS EVENT



Sheriff Golden was proud to be presented with this great award from the Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12 for all of the MCSO's coordination, effort and assistance with the Military Honors For Forgotten Veterans event on June 23.

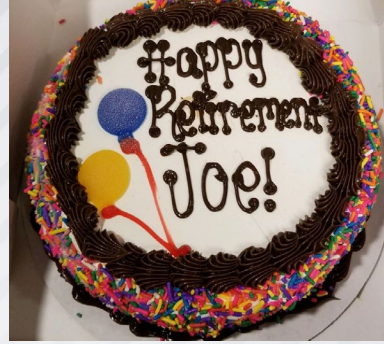
The event was a tremendous success as we paid tribute, honored and provided 23 unclaimed veterans and two spouses with the proper send off they deserved. It began in Manalapan, followed with one of the largest processions Monmouth County has ever had, before ending at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Cemetery in Wrightstown, where an interment with full military honors was held.

None of it could taken place without such great support from the Manalapan Police Department, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, CentraState Healthcare System and the Ocean County Sheriff Office.



BEST OF LUCK JOE P

The MCSO wishes Joseph Paluchowski the best of luck as he retires after 19 years of service as a senior programmer for the MCSO. Joe was a dedicated and loyal employee and will be missed by all.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ARI

It was a great sendoff to our most loyal police K-9 Ari as he retired after ten years of service. The 12yr old German Shepherd and K-9 handler S/O Jay Aretino had a last walk on August 12, as members of the MCSO Law Enforcement Division honored the team.

Ari is cross trained in narcotics and patrols and has been a valuable asset in promoting law enforcement, maintaining public safety and combating the proliferation of drugs in Monmouth County.

Thank you for your service.



NATIONAL DOG DAY



MCSO and Sheriff Golden celebrated National Dog Day and saluted all K-9s with a special acknowledgement to the MCSO's K-9 Unit on August 26. Sheriff Golden runs the largest K-9 Unit in Monmouth County consisting of eight handlers and 9 K-9s who are called upon year round to assist with patrols, tracking, explosive and narcotics detection.

National Dog Day helps spread awareness of the number of dogs that need to be rescued and acknowledges all K-9s in law enforcement who work tirelessly to protect the public and help combat crime. Dogs for the blind and disabled as well as family pets are also recognized on this day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHERIFF

A very Happy Birthday to Sheriff Golden who celebrated his birthday on August 13. He is one of the hardest working, committed leaders in public safety and emergency services and continues to make the nationally accredited MCSO one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state.



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