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## MCSO RECOGNIZES NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

With September being National Preparedness Month, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office reinforced the message to prepare, plan, stay informed and get involved. National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is an effort to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies. This year's National Preparedness theme was: "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love" and different topics were focused on each week, which included: Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Low Cost No Cost Preparedness and Teach Youth About Preparedness.

National Preparedness Month is always a great time to reinforce Know Your Zone and learn which evacuation zone you are within by visiting [mcsonj.org/ready](http://mcsonj.org/ready). The Know Your Zone initiative was implemented by OEM five years ago to educate residents, visitors and businesses about coastal evacuation zones. It allows the Office of Emergency Management to direct any evacuation instructions to those that are at the greatest risk of experiencing storm surge during major coastal storms in protection of lives and property. Another way the sheriff's office assists the public in disaster preparedness is to encourage all residents to be equipped with an emergency kit. Emergencies and events can strike fast, so the MCSO urges all to have a kit filled with necessities, should you become

displaced and have to evacuate quickly. To keep up with the most up to date information, it's also important to like or follow the MCSO on social media through Facebook, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Twitter, @MonmouthSheriff, and Instagram, [monmouthsheriff](https://www.instagram.com/monmouthsheriff), all platforms that prove to be extremely useful before, during and after severe weather. In addition, download the agency's application for smartphones. Our app provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, which includes real-time emergency notifications through

- First Aid Kit
- 1 Gallon of water per person, per day for at least 3 days
- Medication
- Special items (diapers, formula glasses)
- Non-perishable food/ Special dietary items
- Battery operated radio
- Cell phone chargers
- Emergency cash
- Change of clothes, footwear
- Dust mask
- Face coverings
- Rubber gloves
- Hand sanitizer



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its integrated push notification system. Users are able to be instantly alerted to weather, or other emergency related situations, from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the agency's OEM.



During the last week of Hurricane Preparedness month, we highlighted our extensive Teen CERT program. Teen CERT trains teens to assist when responding to and recovering from emergencies or disasters, and is a great way for youth to become more involved. Through the Teen CERT Program, students from high schools in Monmouth County learn how to prepare themselves, families and communities as they learn about life skills through emergency management preparedness.

I'm proud of our exemplary work in preparedness. Throughout the year, we partner with numerous agencies, to prepare for emergencies such as natural disasters, active shooters, mass casualties and chemical threats by conducting drills, training, tabletops exercises and educational programs through OEM. These types of training exercises are critical in ensuring that we can effectively and efficiently respond to crises situations. Please don't forget that Planning Preparing and Staying Informed are the keys to safety before, during and after a weather related event.

## **DID YOU KNOW**

*Did You Know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in an effort to recognize the importance of the month the MCSO staff wears pink every Friday.*



## **VISIT MCSO ONLINE:**



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**9/11 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
WE WILL NEVER FORGET**

Many events were held on the 20th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks in Monmouth County to honor the lost, the survivors and the many heroes of 9/11. God Bless America.

# MOUNT MITCHILL

At the Mount Mitchell Memorial in Atlantic Highlands it was a somber ceremony, as many throughout Monmouth County gathered to pay tribute and honor the men and women who lost their lives on 9/11, 147 of them were born, raised or lived in Monmouth County.



## TRIBUTE IN LIGHTS

The MCSO and Sheriff Golden were proud to honor and support Monmouth County's Tribute in Lights illuminated at Mount Mitchill the weekend of September 11, in remembrance of all the lives lost. On the last night, lights shined bright for all of our first responders, in show of appreciation to those we lost and to those who continue to work tirelessly to keep us safe and out for harm's way. The colors included Red for our firefighters, Blue for our police officers, White for EMS and hospital workers, Green for our military and Yellow for our public safety telecommunicators. Thanks to all who made this incredible Tribute in Lights possible to show support, reflect and remember.





## LIGHT UP THE SHORE

Residents gathered along the shoreline to Light Up The Shore in Monmouth County. It was a moving way for Monmouth County to conclude 9/11 ceremonies as all held up cell phones in remembrance of the lives lost and the heroism of first responders. Sheriff Golden was proud to be in Belmar among the many participants. Thanks to all who came out in support and to Commissioner Director Tom Arnone for organizing this great tribute. We Will Never Forget.



## MONMOUTH COUNTY 9/11 AND ITS AFTERMATH

Also On the eve of the 20th anniversary many from Monmouth County gathered to view the new exhibition - Monmouth County 9/11 And Its Aftermath, which opened to the public on September 11 and runs through Veterans Day, November 11.

Sheriff Golden thanks the Monmouth County Historical Association and the Monmouth County Clerk's Office for the incredible amount of time and dedication that was spent on the exhibition. This moving exhibition honors those from Monmouth County who lost their lives on 9/11 and pays tribute to all who assisted in recovery and came together to support, comfort, guide and help during the darkest days.

Sheriff Golden was featured in the exhibition's video highlighting homeland security efforts and the strengthened and enhanced public safety initiatives that have been worked on and in place since 9/11.





# MCSO SHARES BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

With the start of a new school year, it's vital to practice back to school safety tips. Throughout September, Sheriff Golden provided parents and students with helpful safety tips pertaining to cautioning drivers while sharing the roads with school buses, teens who are about to get behind the wheel or are already driving, and, the dangers of strangers. Best of luck to all for a safe and healthy school year.

## Back to School: DANGERS OF STRANGERS



- Never walk alone, always use the buddy system.
- Don't approach or talk to strangers. If approached by a stranger asking a question ignore them.
- Do not engage, even if the stranger asks for help or has something you would want to play with such as a puppy or kitten.
- Never give out personal information about yourself or family.
- If you feel you are in a dangerous situation, yell, run and fight back.
- Do not be afraid of police, they are there to help.
- Know how to dial 9-1-1 and report suspicious activity or behavior.



## Back to School Safety

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus



## DISTRACTED DRIVING

- Do not text or talk on your cell phones while driving. It's illegal.
- Ask whoever is riding with you to make a call or answer a text on your behalf.
- Limit the number of passengers, as well as the level of activity inside the car.
- Don't drive if you're tired. Make sure you get an adequate amount of sleep each night.
- Avoid eating, driving, drinking and putting on makeup while driving.
- Do your multi-tasking outside the car.
- If you use a GPS, don't try and enter an address or location coordinates while driving.
- Don't let your knees do the driving.



## SEEK 9-1-1 BACK IN SCHOOLS

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are grateful they are finally able to bring back one of the most popular and extremely important safety programs to our youths. After a long break SEEK 9-1-1 is being presented to first graders at elementary schools in Monmouth County. SEEK teaches students the proper way to dial 9-1-1 and how to get help quickly for their own safety and for their families.



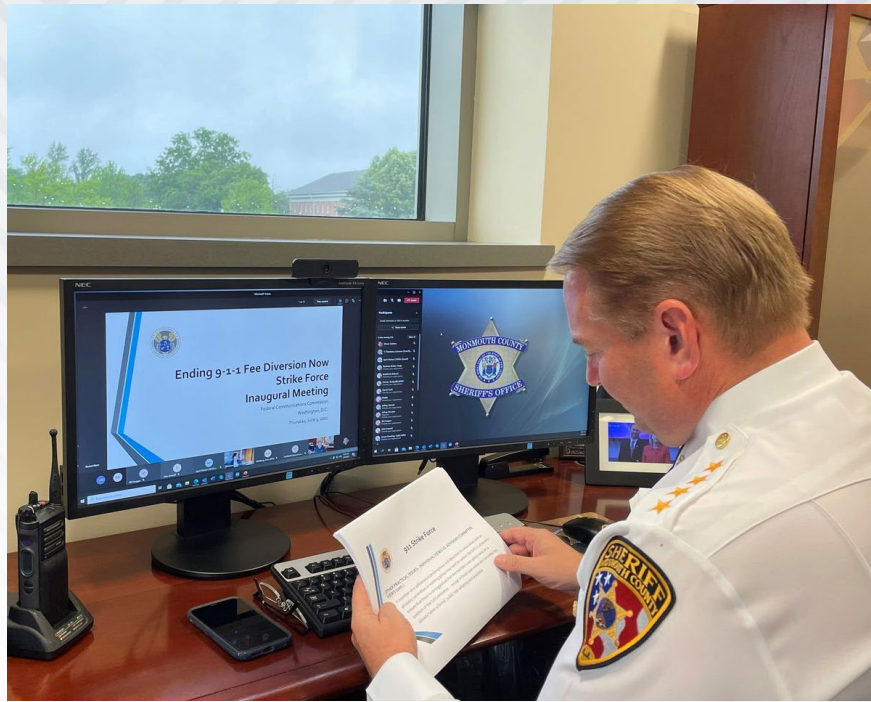


# SHERIFF GOLDEN PROUD TO SERVE 911 STRIKE FORCE

Sheriff Golden has taken great pride in serving on the 911 Strike Force and thanks the Federal Communications Commission for its dedication in taking action to end diversion fees. The strike force has been studying and addressing the ongoing issue of 911 diversion fees since June to help ensure that funding will no longer be spent elsewhere and go towards upgrading 9-1-1 systems.

To view the complete report and recommendations submitted to the US Congress see below link and scroll down to 911 Strike Force Report.

<https://www.fcc.gov/911strikeforce>



## MEET THE MAYORS



Sheriff Golden attended the annual Meet the Mayors event hosted by members of the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce on September 29. He was pleased to meet with local and county officials, share information and discuss public safety issues throughout Monmouth County.

Many thanks to the Chamber for the opportunity.





# CONGRATS TO CHIEF ROBINSON



Sheriff Golden was proud to administer the oath of office to Scott Robinson as he was sworn in as the Chief of the MCSO's Law Enforcement Division on September 8. Chief Robinson began his career at the MCSO in 2002 and has worked in every area of the Law Enforcement Division, from courthouse security to the warrants fugitive unit to administration. He is the Homeland Security Coordinator for the agency and a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 268th Session.

Chief Robinson is the utmost professional. He is committed and dedicated to continuing work on enhancing public safety initiatives and innovative approaches at the MCSO.

## MCSO RECEIVES K-9 VEST THROUGH FUNDRAISER

The extreme generosity and support of our K-9s from Creative Performance and Capital K-9 Association will help keep them out of harm's way. Creative Performance of Wall, raised a total of \$990 which was spent to purchase a bullet proof vest from Capital K-9, for K-9 Leo. The vest usually costs more than \$2000. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are grateful for the support.

Our K-9s face dangerous situations regularly and the funds raised assist in their protection.





# MCCI RECEIVES GREAT REPORT

Sheriff Golden is proud to announce that the Monmouth County Correctional Institution recently completed an unannounced inspection by the New Jersey Department of Corrections and was acknowledged for being 100 percent compliant with state standards in 2020. The annual review consisted of a comprehensive study, which encompassed all areas of the facility, and, was conducted by two state auditors from August 26 - September 1.

This grade of excellence reaffirms the fact that the Monmouth County Correctional Institution operates

## New Jersey Department of Corrections

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### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE to the

#### Monmouth County Correctional Institution

*In recognition of attaining full compliance with the requirements of NJAC 10A:31, the Manual of Standards for New Jersey Adult County Correctional Facilities during the 2020 inspection conducted on August 26, 27, 30, 31 and September 1, 2021.*

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*Glenn Eisinger*  
Glenn Eisinger, Lieutenant  
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under the highest of standards and continues to meet or exceed the state requirements set forth to run this top correctional facility.

In addition to being state certified, the Monmouth County Correctional Institution is nationally accredited by the American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare.

## SHERIFFS GATHER AT MCSO FOR SANJ

Sheriff Golden, the Secretary of the Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey, hosted sheriffs and undersheriffs throughout the state as part of SANJ's monthly meeting, at the MCSO on September 23. Those in attendance discussed sharing law enforcement efforts, initiatives, legislation, ideas and programs to enhance safety and better serve the public.





## MCSO STAFF PARTICIPATE IN MONMOUTH COUNTY WALK AT LUNCH



Monmouth County employees traded in their shoes for sneakers on September 10 and took to the fitness track outside of the MCSO to participate in Monmouth County's Walk at Lunch, which promotes the health and wellness of employees. In addition to the walk around the track, representatives and providers for Monmouth County offered wellness information. It was a great turnout. Sheriff Golden thanks all who came out to "Walk at Lunch" and the Monmouth County's Human Resources department for hosting the event.

## MCSO CELEBRATES VFW DAY

The MCSO and Sheriff Golden were proud to commemorate VFW Day and celebrate those who sacrificed so much for our freedom, on September 29. We particularly acknowledged our friends from Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12 who we work closely with on many projects, to promote veterans services. The MCSO will also never forget Colonel Sam Fuoco, Ret. US Army, who passed away in April 2020. Col. Sam was a loyal friend and strong supporter of the MCSO Veterans' Service Council. We thank Sam and all of our veterans for their service.





## POUND THE PAVEMENT FOR PURPLE



They pounded the pavement for a great cause as many participated in the 8th annual Pound the Pavement for Purple 5K run/2MI walk for Pancreatic Cancer on September 25. Sheriff Golden and members of his staff couldn't be more proud to be a part of the event to raise money and awareness for this devastating disease. Thanks to all the participants and especially Commissioner Director Tom Arnone for the dedication and commitment each year in making this event such a success.



## MCSO CELEBRATES NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The MCSO celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept.15 through October 15. We are proud to have Hispanic Americans represent the work force in law enforcement, corrections and communications. Sheriff Golden commends their dedication and commitment to public safety which has a positive impact on the agency, and recognizes all for their great efforts during the month and throughout the year.





# *First Day of* **Fall**



The first day of Fall began September 22. Sheriff Golden hopes all enjoy the beautiful season in Monmouth County that's upon us.