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Before our holiday festivities begin with family and friends, I would like to take this time to wish all a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. We continue to deal with COVID-19 and the challenges of it, but we faced them head on and exceeded our expectations. That's because of the dedication and service of employees in all of our divisions. The MCSO continues to be a symbol of professional excellence as we maintain our five national accreditations. I'm thankful to have such committed employees and look forward to a prosperous 2022 as we work together on new safety initiatives and programs.



The MCSO proudly ended the year with a great ceremony at the Monmouth County Police Academy during the graduation of our 28 newly sworn in officers, which included 18 recruits of the 101st Basic Course for Police Officers and ten recruits from the 52nd Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers.

These fine men and woman have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement by persevering and successfully completing this intense training. Becoming a member of law enforcement is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility than maintaining public safety. I'm proud of their accomplishments and commend all for a job well done.



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Both classes, which were combined, consisted of 20 weeks with 780 hours of training run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers has full police powers while on duty. All recruits train in patrol concepts, defensive driving, professional development, weaponry and unarmed defense, criminal investigation, ethics, emergency medical care and physical training, along with a host of other courses. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers has full police powers while on duty.



Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers are well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies.

The recruits were committed and worked hard but didn't achieve this goal alone. The

exceptional staff of the Monmouth County Police Academy instructed and encouraged the officers during their intense training. There's no doubt the instructors' guidance and leadership will help them embark on successful careers in law enforcement. God bless all of our first responders.



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DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

Sheriff Shaun Golden is urging people to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” as law enforcement officers are putting the brakes on drunk drivers throughout the holiday season, which began Dec. 3 and ends Jan. 1.

As a result, law enforcement will be cracking down and on the lookout for impaired drivers. Therefore, if you are going to drink, don't drive. Patrols are being increased and sobriety checks will be set up throughout Monmouth County where motorists will be stopped in an effort to maintain the utmost of safety.

The national “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” holiday campaign is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving through enforcement and education.



MCSO HOSTS USE OF FORCE TRAINING BY US DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The MCSO hosted a two week in depth Use of Force Instructor Training Program, conducted by the Department of Homeland Security's Enforcement Operations Division.

Members of the MCSO Law Enforcement Division along with other agencies participated. During the training, use of force concepts were studied and participants were assigned topics to conduct their own presentations. They also took part in reality based scenario training.

All participants received certificates of training, and upon agency approval, can instruct use of force training to members of law enforcement.

Sheriff Golden thanks the DOHS for providing this extremely valuable training program to members of law enforcement in Monmouth County and beyond.



MCSO ASSISTS IN LARGE UNDERTAKING SPEARHEADED BY TEEN

Sheriff Shaun Golden was proud to assist in a huge effort to distribute disposable medical gowns to long term care centers throughout Monmouth County on December 21, at the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management's warehouse in Fort Monmouth. This tremendous undertaking was spearheaded by Tessa Campolattaro. The junior from MAST High School created One World Shared, an organization whose mission is to

obtain unused medical supplies from hospitals and surgical centers across the tri state area, and provide them to underserved countries and those in need.

Tessa's latest effort began after she received 75 thousand disposable medical gowns from the industrial supply company Grainger. The certified gowns were discontinued by the manufacturer and no longer being sold by Grainger who donated them to One

World Shared. Tessa contacted the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management for assistance in coordinating and distributing the supply to Monmouth County long term care centers. Soon after, the distribution site was set up at the OEM's warehouse in Fort Monmouth.

Tessa's dedication to helping those in need came long before this latest venture. Tessa accompanies her dad, a Pediatric Ophthalmologist, and his organization, the Institute for Latin American Concern, on trips to the Dominican Republic. During her most recent trip, she helped deliver \$250,000 worth of medical equipment, which she obtained through her efforts here in the U.S.



SHERIFF SERVES AS SPEAKER AT NJAC SUMMIT

Sheriff Golden, a leader in emergency services, participated in an important summit hosted by the New Jersey Association of Counties on "Natural Disaster Response and Recovery" on Dec.10. New Jersey 101.5's Eric Scott moderated the event, which included representatives from FEMA, the US Army Corp of Engineers, the Red Cross, Monmouth, Hunterdon and Middlesex Counties.

Sheriff Golden specifically discussed Monmouth County's response and recovery from Superstorm Sandy and initiatives that continue to be implemented through Monmouth County OEM, including Know Your Zone, the High Water Mark Initiative and STORM (Seniors Taking On Readiness Measures). Also discussed

were the strong public/private partnerships and ties Monmouth County has formed to enhance public safety during emergencies and disasters. Many thanks to NJAC for hosting this extremely informative and important summit where information and ideas were presented and shared.



HOPE ONE MAKES ITS WAY AROUND MONMOUTH COUNTY

The MCSO's HOPE One mobile unit made its way around Monmouth County at transit stations and other locations in December, offering help and hope, through services and programs for individuals struggling with substance abuse.

Sheriff Golden, a leader in the fight against drugs, was pleased to have HOPE One in Freehold Borough, Hazlet, Long Branch, Red Bank and Keyport.

We are proud to provide this innovative approach in addressing the opioid epidemic and thank NJ Transit, HOPE Sheds Light, RBJ Soul Kitchen, RWJ Barnabas Health and the Mercy Center in Asbury Park for their support.



MONMOUTH COUNTY SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sheriff Golden congratulates all the recipients of Monmouth County's Annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon on Dec. 17 and particularly acknowledges his staff from the MCSO's Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications/IT Divisions for their dedication and years of service. Great job to all.



SHERIFF WELCOMES BROOKDALE CLASS TO STARS

Sheriff Golden was proud to welcome Prof. Dave D'Amico and his students from Brookdale Community College's Criminal Justice Police Role in Community Class to the STARS building on Dec. 2. These future leaders in law enforcement learned firsthand how recruits and police officers engage in high tech training offered at the facility. They viewed the VirTra system where members of law enforcement train through virtual reality to fight real life crime to enhance public and officer safety, and toured a correctional housing unit for cell extraction drills, a domestic violence response training area, an active shooter area and a K-9 agility course.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



The annual Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation in Holmdel on Dec. 15, where wreaths were laid to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom.

Wreaths Across America is a six day nationwide event held at more than 2500 locations where wreaths are laid at cemeteries and remembrance sites. A caravan of participants began their journey in Maine and ended at Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, Dec. 18. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO will never forget all of those who have died for our freedom and those who serve.



BEST OF LUCK SURROGATE PETERS

Sheriff Golden, past President of the Constitutional Officers Association of NJ, along with Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon, President and Ocean County Sheriff Michael Mastronardy, Vice President, were proud to give Monmouth County Surrogate Rosemarie Peters a wonderful sendoff in during the COANJ quarterly meeting in at the Molly Pitcher Inn Red Bank on Dec. 9. Surrogate Peters is retiring after serving 15 years in the position and was honored by members of COANJ, where she has also served as President.

The MCSO thanks Surrogate Peters for her service and wishes her all the best.



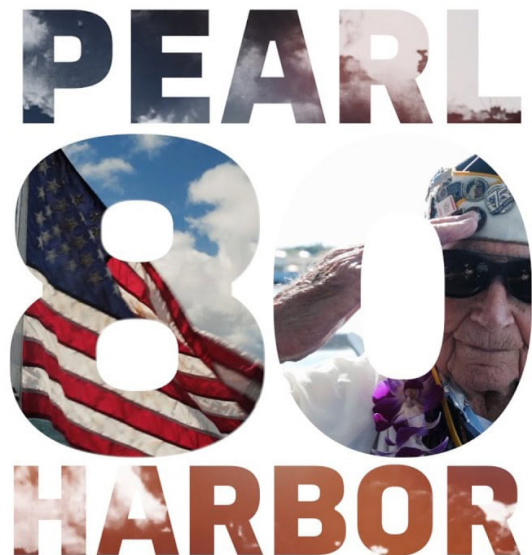
RIP TO MEMBER OF VETS SERVICE COUNCIL



Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are deeply saddened over the passing of Jewish War Veteran Sidney Marshall. Sidney, who served in the US Army and retired from Fort Monmouth, was a dedicated member and great supporter of the MCSO's Veterans Service Council. He shared many ideas and information to enhance programs and services for our veterans. Thank you for your service. You will be missed.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR

December 7 marked the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, a day that will live in infamy. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO honors and salutes all who were killed in the attack. God bless our men and women of the military who sacrifice so much for our freedom.



CPO's HELP MAKE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER THROUGH RAINE FOUNDATION



The MCSO is most proud to work with the RAINE Foundation which assists children and families in need from the Bayshore area. On December 20 and 21, correctional police officers once again geared up to help deliver gifts to ensure each child has one to open on Christmas. Every year CPO's assist with collecting gifts and travel from home to home putting a smile on a child's face. They are honored to be a part of this event which truly defines what Christmas is all about. Sheriff Golden thanks all for their continued commitment and compassion of this great cause throughout the holidays to help families in times of need.



TOYS FOR TOTS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

The MCSO's Toys for Tots collection site was a great success. In recent weeks toys and bikes were donated for local families in need, and on Dec. 14, Sheriff's Officers transported all the goods to the Toys for Tots, Red Bank Chapter in Hazlet. The holiday season is about giving, and as a result of the efforts of volunteers and the MCSO's PBA 314 Toys for Tots drive, less fortunate children will have presents to unwrap this Christmas.

Sheriff Golden thanks all who supported Marine Toys for Tots Foundation with a special thanks to Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon and staff. This great effort spreads hope to those in need.



K-9s PATROL SHOPPING AREAS TO ENSURE SAFETY

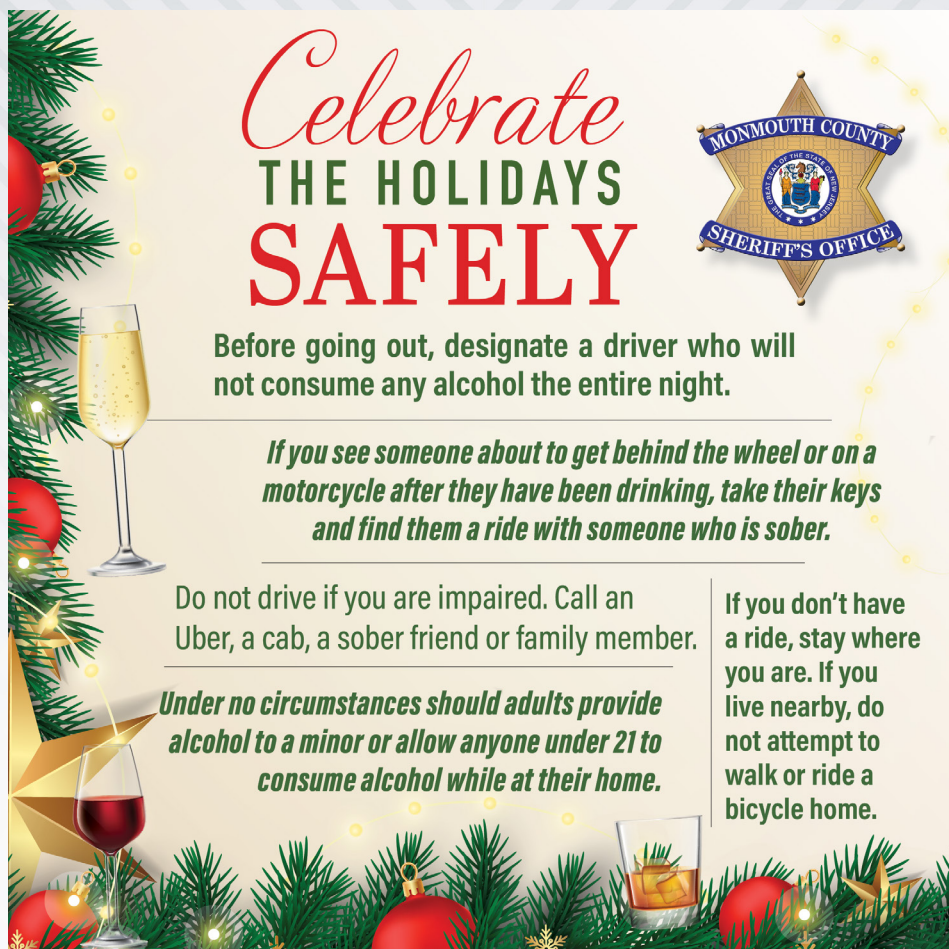
The MCSO K-9s have been busy walking the beat and working the rounds at the malls to ensure safety this time of year. They also took a break to spread some holiday cheer to shoppers, and Leo even managed to slip away to let Santa know he would like to find a big bag of bones under the tree.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TANGO



Guess who recently celebrated a birthday in Dec.? MCSO K-9 Tango turned 9 on Dec. 5. Tango is highly trained in narcotics/patrol and has been a great asset when assisting in combatting the proliferation of drugs in Monmouth County. Tango has been a member of the MCSO's K-9 Unit since 2014.



MCSO wants all to please celebrate the holidays safely and wisely. Don't Drink and Drive.

