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MCSO FIRST IN NJ TO USE THE LATEST HIGH TECH VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING FOR OFFICERS

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is in the forefront when it comes to cutting edge technology, and on November 10, I was proud to announce the newest state of the art virtual reality platform that the Monmouth County Police Academy uses to train members of law enforcement. This high tech equipment, which includes head mounted gear, along with accessories, is designed to improve and enhance police response during crisis situations.



The MCSO was the first to deploy this new virtual reality innovative training equipment in NJ, which is aimed to ensure officers are performing at their best. It enables officers to develop skills and de-escalation techniques, in a controlled environment, when split second decisions need to be made.



Through the Apex Officer training platform, officers are fully immersed in a virtual reality situation with head gear, a back pack and other accessories. As soon as officers suit up, they forget they are in a training room and instead are virtually placed inside the crisis situation to which they are responding. Another officer creates the scenarios, with characters, and, is able to change the narrative at any moment. The variety of scenarios are endless ranging from traffic stops to domestic calls to active shooter situations. Officers conduct a debriefing at the end of each scenario.

All Monmouth County Police Academy recruits will be trained on the new equipment at the Situational Training And Response Simulator Facility in Freehold, along with officers throughout

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Monmouth County and beyond. The MCSO remains the only agency in NJ to have a dedicated building for virtual reality and hands on training, with the APEX Officer being its latest initiative. STARS is equipped with two of the APEX Officers. They were purchased through the law enforcement officer trust fund, a grant provided by the State of New Jersey.

Many thanks to Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor Lori Linskey and the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners for their continued support. It is our priority that members of law enforcement receive the highest level of training possible.



DID YOU KNOW

Did You Know that the 101st Basic Course for Police Officers Class and the 52th SLEO II class will graduate from the Monmouth County Police Academy on Dec. 22?

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FIRST RESPONDERS WORK INTENSE SITUATION IN LONG BRANCH

The tense standoff in Long Branch on November 5, reinforced even more, how vital it is that members of law enforcement receive the highest level of training to protect the public and themselves.



Sheriff Golden commends all members of Law Enforcement and First Responders who worked the scene in Long Branch where a detective from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office sustained non-life threatening injuries after being shot by a man who barricaded himself inside a home for hours. From police, fire and EMS to our public safety telecommunicators, these men and women are our heroes, who risk their lives every day to protect the public. They go above and beyond the call of duty and we thank them all.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR COURTHOUSE VESTIBULE

Monmouth County officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completed construction of the West Wing Security Vestibule portion of the Courthouse Improvement Project, on November 15. The West Wing Security Vestibule incorporates the latest security innovation to enable the MCSO Office to screen all building occupants safely and efficiently at the Monmouth County Courthouse.

This new addition will enhance the public safety of all at the Monmouth County Courthouse. Many thanks to the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners for the continued support and commitment of this project. Each day, an average of 1,700-1,800 people enter the courthouse. It's our duty to provide the utmost of safety and security to members of the judiciary, court personnel, jurors and the public.



MCSO RECOGNIZES NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

November was National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month and Sheriff Golden and the MCSO work hard to provide programs and initiatives that assist in maintaining the safety and wellbeing of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease.

During the month, the MCSO highlighted its Project Lifesaver Program which helps locate individuals through radio signals that track people with Alzheimer's disease and autism when they wander and become missing. Project Lifesaver is a critical, lifesaving tool for families who have loved ones with a

condition or illness that causes them to wander. There are currently 178 individuals on the Project Lifesaver program in Monmouth County, with 42 adults and 136 juveniles. Each radio transmitter worn by an individual has a unique frequency.

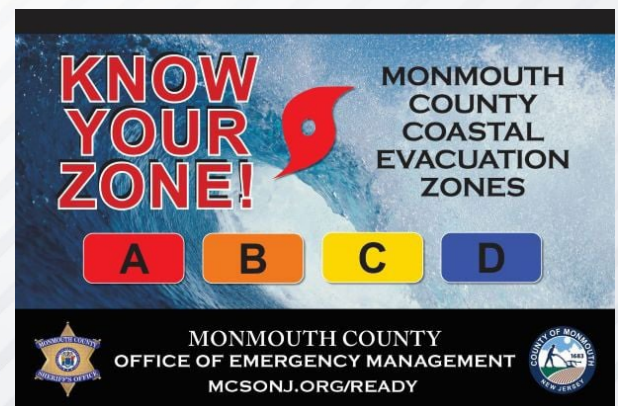
From January 2021 to date the MCSO has responded to 25 Project Lifesaver activations.

The MCSO also works closely with the MCPO on the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry, where families register loved ones with special needs, in order for first responders to respond in the safest and most efficient way. <https://www.mcsnrnj.org/>.



HURRICANE SEASON COMES TO AN END

The last day of hurricane season was Nov. 30. Of the 21 named storms, 8 made landfall with Ida hitting NJ hard. The MCSO's thoughts remain with those who dealt with and continue to deal with the devastation from Ida. Even though the season is over, Sheriff Golden says it's important to always have a plan, be prepared, stay informed and Know Your Zone www.mcsonj.org/ready. Also, download the MCSO App for the latest emergency weather related information.



CODE BLUE

There were a few brisk days in November and pursuant to state law, Monmouth County issued several Code Blue alerts. If anyone is in need of assistance during a CODE BLUE alert please call NJ 2-1-1.



SHERIFF GOLDEN URGES SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON

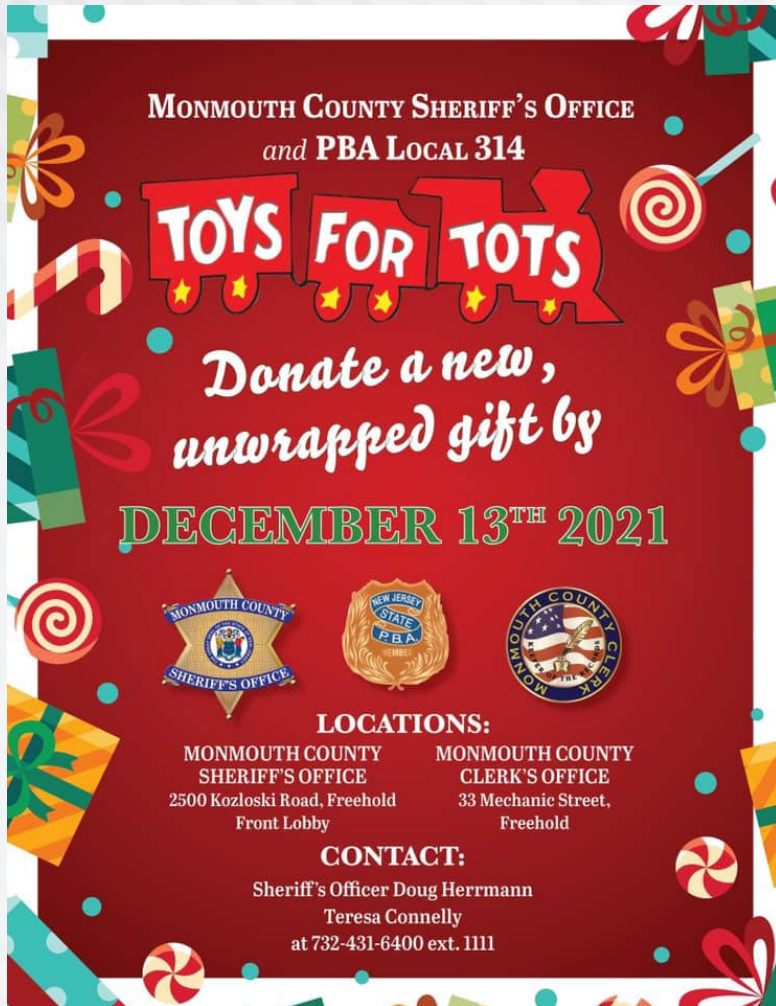
With holiday shopping in full swing, Sheriff Golden reminds all to take proper safety precautions and not leave the items you buy in plain view. Please practice these tips to avoid becoming a victim.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY

- Park your car in well-lit areas of shopping center parking lots.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Limit the number of trips back to your car.
- Don't leave packages exposed in your car. Lock them in your trunk.
- Have keys ready before you get in your car.
- Don't shop alone; especially at night.
- Look in your car before entering — do not enter if something does not seem right.
- ELFS - Enter the car, Lock the doors, Fasten Seatbelts

MCSO PARTICIPATES IN TOYS FOR TOTS

The holiday season is about giving, and keep in mind that some children aren't fortunate enough to have presents to unwrap. Sheriff Golden is pleased to support the Toys for Tots initiative once again by having a box in the front lobby of the MCSO and Monmouth County Clerk's Office to help out local families.



You can donate an unwrapped gift during this drive led by the MCSO PBA 314 from 8:30am to 4:30pm Mon-Fri at 2500 Kozloski Rd. now through Dec.13.

Please participate as this great effort spreads hope to those in need.

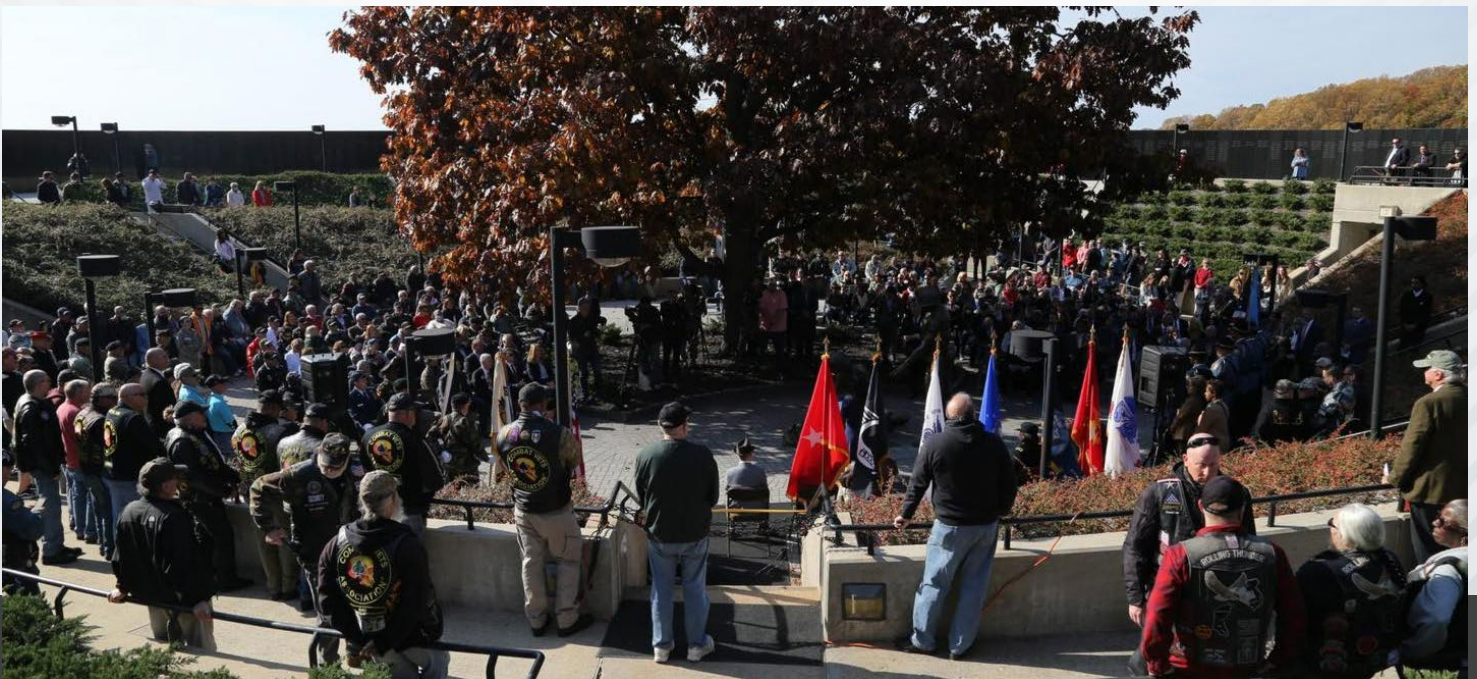
Thanks to the Monmouth County Police Academy recruits who were some of the first to donate and help make less fortunate children's Christmas special.



MCSO HONORS VETS ON VETERANS DAY

Sheriff Golden was proud to attend the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, to honor our men and women of the armed forces. Congratulations to Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon who was the recipient of The State "We Value our Veterans" Community Award from the NJ Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. We will never forget our men and women who served our country and the Veterans Day annual wreath laying is always a special event in their memory.

Gone but never forgotten.



MCSO VETS SERVICE COUNCIL PROUD OF SOLDIER ON MISSION

The MCSO's Veterans Service Council was extremely impressed with Soldier On, after touring their latest project, the Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans Community, which provides new housing for 70 veterans in need, in Tinton Falls.



Soldier On's mission is to end veteran homelessness by building permanent housing. Sheriff Golden who is committed to providing veterans with programs and services through the Veterans Service Council is grateful for this tremendous effort that helps ensure a better quality of life for our veterans that they so deserve.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS MEET AT MCSO

Sheriff Golden was pleased to welcome funeral directors from Monmouth and Ocean County to the MCSO on November 10, to inform and update them on the Cremains project, and the progress the MCSO and Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12 have been making in order for our forgotten veterans to receive the proper burial.



We are proud of our partnership with VVA NJ Shore Chapter 12 and the mission, to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of our veterans, with the assistance of funeral directors.

Many thanks to Richard Gough and Ernie Diorio, VVA NJ Shore Chapter 12, for their dedication to ensure that those who made the ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.



RIP JOHN ARMENO



Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are deeply saddened over the passing of John Armeno, Executive Director of the Sheriff's Association of New Jersey (SANJ). He was a dear friend and supporter of the MCSO who worked closely with our agency on many projects. John was a veteran of the US Army and had a long and successful career in law enforcement. RIP and thank you for your dedication and service.

A WALK IN THEIR SHOES

It was a great morning and turnout on the Asbury Park boardwalk, November 7 as Sheriff Golden, Sheriff Michael Mastronardy and members of the MCSO and Ocean County Sheriff's Office joined Ocean's Harbor House for "A Walk in Their Shoes" to help raise awareness for children and families affected by homelessness.

Homelessness remains a problem nationwide, and, in Monmouth and Ocean County as well. Both sheriffs were proud to support such an important cause and thanks all who walked.



METHODS OF INSTRUCTION HELD AT THE MCSO

Congrats to the 14 members of law enforcement who completed Methods of Instruction at the MCSO on November 24. Undersheriff Ted Freeman along with Public Safety Telecommunicator Kristin Aras, Public Information Officer Cynthia Scott, S/O Iliana Santos and Sgt. Jason Kelly - Wall Township, led the class through six days of training. Special thanks to Nick Lapetina - MCSO Systems Analyst, for the PowerPoint instruction, application and lab.

All received their police training certifications and are now equipped and prepared to instruct fellow members of law enforcement at police academies. Sheriff Golden commends all for the hard work.



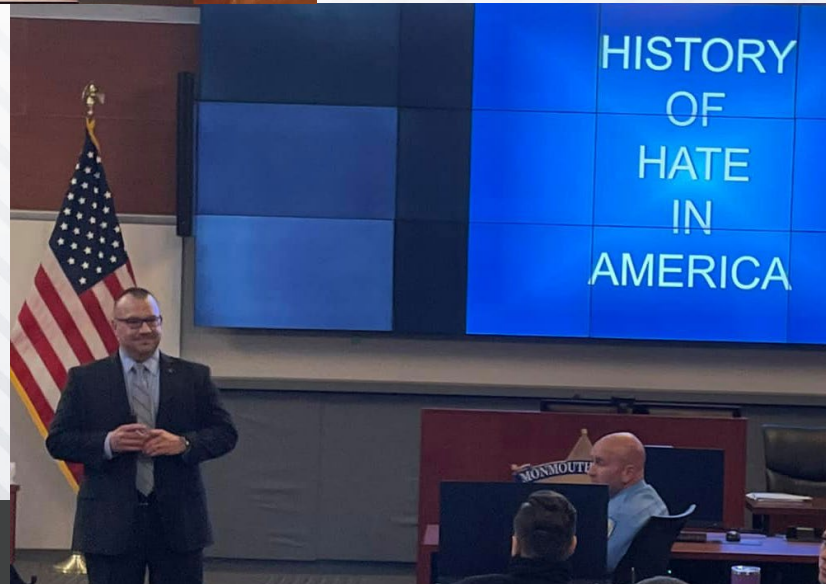
SHERIFF WELCOMES LGBTQ LE LIASONS



A great meeting at the MCSO on November 10 as Sheriff Golden welcomed LGBTQ Law Enforcement Liaisons from PDs across NJ. Dave D'Amico, Chief Investigator of the Middlesex County Dept. of Corrections and a leader in fostering and enhancing better relations between the police and the LGBTQ community, conducted the meeting. Information presented and shared

included the history of the LGBTQ community, what they have endured, issues they presently deal with, how to build a bridge of trust with the community, acceptance, inclusion and safety.

Many thanks to Dave D'Amico for providing such valuable and innovative information and for his commitment in building partnerships with LGBTQ community and police.



BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT MCSO

It's always a pleasure to welcome Professor Dave D'Amico and his students to the MCSO. Prof. D'Amico and these future leaders in law enforcement from Brookdale Community College's - Criminal Justice Police Role in Community Class toured the Public Safety Center and were provided with an overview of sheriff's office operations on November 4.



Sheriff Golden is proud to host students eager to learn firsthand about the law enforcement profession and wish them all the best of luck.



SMART WAY NEWSLETTER ANNIVERSARY

Sheriff Golden and staff at the Monmouth County Correctional facility thank the American Jail Association's Jail Magazine for featuring the SMART (Streets Making A Right Turn) Way Newsletter, in its latest issue, to commemorate the one year anniversary.

Please see below link for full story on page 36. SMART was an additional step to help reduce stress and anxiety throughout the pandemic.

<https://online.flipbuilder.com/wttx/fsyt/>



MCSO PROMOTIONAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Congratulations to all of the dedicated staff of the MCSO who were recognized on November 30 during the annual Promotional and Recognition Ceremony at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

