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# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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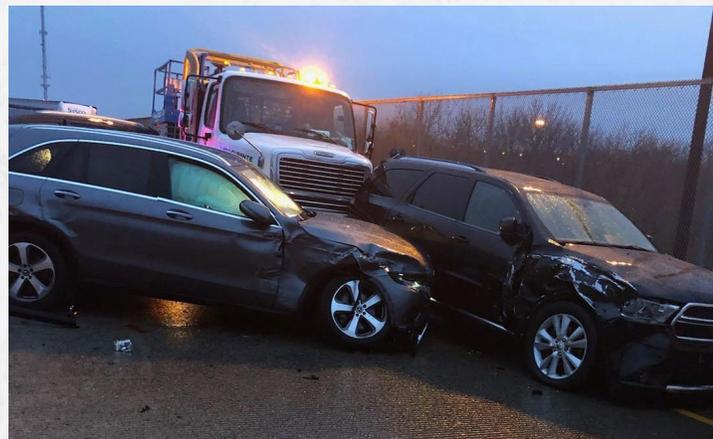


The end of January packed quite a punch as parts of Monmouth County experienced more than a foot and a half of snow on January 28 and 29. This was the worst storm, categorized as a blizzard, so far this season, which caused rough driving with slippery and icy roadways. Overall, Mother Nature wasn't kind to us in January with some severe winter weather.

On January 5, there was a major ice storm which caused a large accident off the ramp of Route 18 South

and 36 East in the Eatontown/Tinton Falls area. The crash involved many vehicles, where people were treated on scene and taken to Monmouth Medical Center and Jersey Shore University Hospital. This major event was due to severe icing conditions that caused slick and dangerous roads which resulted in the pile up. Our first responders did an exceptional job responding to the accident and maintaining safety at the scene as they treated and transported seven people to the hospital. I particularly commend the MCSO EMS Task Force, the MCSO Office of Emergency Management, multiple EMS agencies and police and fire departments from Eatontown, Tinton Falls, Long Branch and Oakhurst. The MCSO warns all to stay clear of black ice during the winter, since it has the potential to form from rain or snow combined with a drop in temperatures. Black ice is hard to spot because of its transparency but driving or walking on it can be dangerous.

A few days later on January 7, Monmouth County had its first significant snow fall with no major incidents, thanks to all who stayed off the roads and let the plows do



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their jobs. During these storms it's also important to warn drivers to clear off the top of their vehicles before driving. The snow on rooftops can easily turn to ice and become dangerous on the roads.

Temperatures dropped to the teens towards the middle of the month and at times hovered around or below freezing overnight. As always, it's important for all to dress properly, protect yourself, home, cars and pets through cold weather preparedness safety tips.

A special thanks to our public safety telecommunicators who work tirelessly during severe weather as emergency calls are on the rise, and, to the Monmouth County Department of Public Works who always do a tremendous job clearing the roadways.

Safety works when we all work together.



## COLD WEATHER Preparedness Tips

### CLOTHING

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers.
- Wear a hat. Nearly half of your body heat loss is from the top of your head.
- Wear gloves or mittens (mittens which are snug at the wrist are better than gloves.)

### IN THE CAR

Fully check and winterize your vehicle before starting your travel:

- Make sure your car battery has enough power, and your car is filled with antifreeze.
- Keep your gas tank near full to prevent ice from forming in the fuel lines.
- If you're planning travel, carry a winter storm survival kit:
  - Blankets
  - Flashlight
  - High-calorie snack foods
  - Jumper cables
  - Water container
  - Fully charged cell phone

### AT HOME

- Let your faucets drip to prevent freezing water from pipes to burst.
- Make sure your pipes are properly insulated and leave cabinet doors open around pipes so they can receive warmth flowing through your home.
- Protect/bring outdoor plants inside.
- Provide shelter for pets and check on elderly.
- Have a flashlight and extra batteries available. Avoid using candles since these can be a fire hazard.
- If you have a fireplace or wood stove, make sure you have a good supply of firewood. Learn to use any emergency heating sources properly to prevent a fire.
- Close off unneeded rooms and place towels/rags under the doors.

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# DETECTIVES MAKE ARREST OF INDIVIDUAL FOR CALLING IN BOMB THREATS

Sheriff Golden commends detectives from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division for the apprehension of an individual who called in false bomb threats to the Monmouth County Social Services offices, located in Freehold and Ocean Township. Jessica Nusbaum, 40, of Howell Township, was charged with two counts of second degree false public alarms and faces a ten-year prison term and civil fines that could total tens of thousands of dollars.

These types of threats are taken very seriously and will not be tolerated, to ensure the safety of the people who live and work in Monmouth County. A total of two phone calls were received at the Monmouth County Social Services offices located at the Human Services building in Freehold. The first call occurred on October 21 and

the most recent one was on January 24. Nusbaum stated in both calls that there were bombs in the buildings. Through a thorough investigation led by sheriff's office detectives, a search warrant was executed on Nusbaum's home in Howell Township, where evidence was collected that linked her to both calls. Detectives Randy Morgan, Theresa Mayer, Sean O'Neill and Kevin O'Neill conducted the investigation. Howell Township Police also assisted with the arrest.

## NEWS RELEASE



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SHERIFF

## MCSO SWEARING IN CEREMONY

A great ceremony at the MCSO on January 27 as five members of our law enforcement division were sworn in as lieutenants and seven as sergeants.

Sheriff Golden wishes all the best of luck as they continue to provide the utmost of public safety throughout Monmouth County. Their dedication, hard work and professionalism helps enhance safety in our communities and builds trust with the public.

Special thanks to Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon for her assistance with the swearing in ceremony.

Congrats and job well done to: Lieutenant John Esposito, Lieutenant Edna Morasse, Lieutenant Randy Morgan, Lieutenant Craig Ralston, Lieutenant Rodney Morgan, Sergeant Jeffrey Barnes, Sergeant Alexander Torres, Sergeant Timothy Carpenter, Sergeant Glenn Sonnabend, Sergeant Robert Derasmo, Sergeant Theresa Mayer and Sergeant Daniel Ceparano



## CONGRATS TO MCSO NEW CAPTAINS

Earlier in the month, Sheriff Golden was proud to appoint two new captains to the MCSO's Law Enforcement Division as Denise Palmisano and Joel Fischer took the oath of office.

Captain Palmisano is the first female captain of the MCSO Law Enforcement Division. She started out as a police and sheriff's officer in Hudson County in 1995 before she began at the MCSO in 2001. Capt. Palmisano has spent most of her career in the detective bureau and training and accreditation.

Captain Fischer, a Marine Corp Veteran, began his career at the MCSO in 2001. He worked in all operations of the law enforcement division with many years spent in warrants and the court security.

Congratulations to both of these dedicated and committed public servants.



## SHERIFF GOLDEN WELCOMES NEW RECRUITS TO POLICE ACADEMY

Sheriff Golden was proud to welcome the new recruits to the Monmouth County Police Academy on January 10, as members of the 102nd Basic Course for Police Officers and the 53rd Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II began training.

The recruits will endure 20 weeks of intense hands on and classroom training. Best of luck to these future leaders in law enforcement.



## MCSO SUPPORTS NYPD

Members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement and Corrections Division gathered at St. Patrick's Cathedral on January 28 as crowds of people lined the streets to say goodbye to fallen hero, NYPD Police Officer Jason Rivera, who died in the line of duty. We also mourns the loss of Officer Wilbert Mora who was shot and killed in the same domestic dispute. These officers sacrificed their lives to ensure the safety of others. We salute you both.



## BEST OF LUCK KEVIN MOYLAN

Best of luck to the man who always came to work with a smile on his face. S/O Kevin Moylan retired at the end of January after 27 years of service with the MCSO. S/O Moylan worked a majority of his career in the Warrant/Fugitive Unit and was recently assigned to Civil Process. On his last day members of the MCSO Law Enforcement Division staged a walkout in his honor.



# MCSO RECOGNIZES LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) was January 9. It's a well-deserved day for all to show support of our police officers.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO recognize the important efforts officers make throughout the year. They sacrifice their safety to protect the public each and every day.

Thank you for your service and we will never forget all who died in the line of duty.



# CONGRATS TO FIRE RECRUITS

Job well done to all the recruits of the Monmouth County Fire Academy who graduated on January 19. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO congratulate these new firefighters from Firefighter I Class 131 as they serve their communities in the most courageous way. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Best of luck.



# OEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Sheriff Golden and MCSO's OEM Coordinator Mike Oppegaard held their quarterly meeting with municipal OEM coordinators throughout Monmouth County on January 24 to discuss readiness, planning, preparedness initiatives and procedures when dealing in disasters and emergencies. Each coordinator also received a tablet to improve communication and enhance technology.



## COMMS DIVISION REACHES MILESTONE

Sheriff Golden reports that in 2021, the Communications Division reached a milestone by processing the most number of calls to date, which totaled 1,009,570. The Monmouth County 911 Communications Center is the largest shared service in Monmouth County. It answers calls for 48 municipalities, and, provides dispatch services for 26 police departments, 83 fire companies and 40 first aid squads. Our highly trained Public Safety Telecommunicators do an exceptional job serving Monmouth County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and deserve much credit for their work in helping to ensure the public safety and health of residents in Monmouth County.



## ORGANIZATION MEETING 2022

Sheriff Golden presented the Pledge of Allegiance during the annual Organization Meeting with the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners for 2022 at Brookdale Community College on January 6. Thanks to the MCSO's Honor Guard who participated and a big congratulations to the new Monmouth County Surrogate Maureen Raisch and County Commissioner Susan Kiley, who is serving a second term, as both were sworn in.



# SHERIFF JOINS COMMISSIONERS AT NEW COVID-19 TESTING SITE



Sheriff Golden joined the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, the Monmouth County Clerk, Surrogate and partners from Brookdale Community College and Vault Health on January 24 to announce a state funded COVID -19 testing site. The site is at Brookdale and will be open throughout February on:

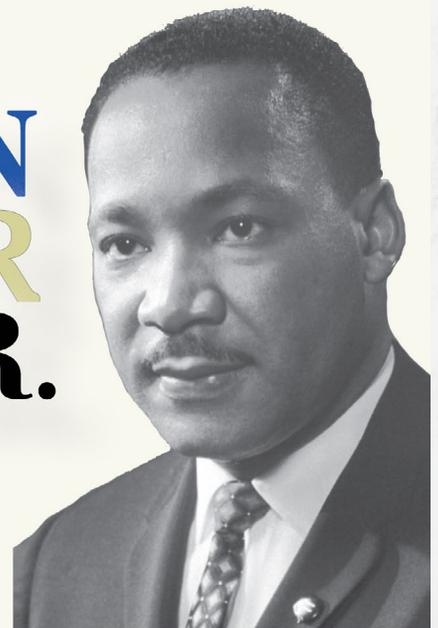
**Mondays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon**  
**Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon**  
**Friday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon**  
**Friday, Feb. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

## MCSO CELEBRATES MLK

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO celebrated, remembered and honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr on January 17.

*Remembering*

**MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING JR.**



# RIP WARDEN FRASER

MCSO and Sheriff Golden were saddened over the passing of William Fraser who served as Warden at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution from 2005 to 2011. He was a dedicated public servant and well respected in the field of corrections. Fraser worked in corrections for 34 years, most spent in New York, where he served in every uniform rank, before being named Commissioner of Corrections.

Thank you for your service. The MCSO thoughts and prayers go out the Fraser family.



## MCSO SUPPORTS PATRIOT POLAR PLUNGE

There's no better reason to jump in the ocean in the middle of the winter than to support those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO encourage all to come out Saturday, February 5 to take the Patriot Polar Bear Plunge in Sea Girt, NJ. The event is run through Sea Girt Recreation and the Local Initiative for Troops Fund for Veterans at Coastal Habitat for Humanity.

Please participate and serve those who have served us.



To Benefit the L.I.F.T. Fund for Veterans at Coastal Habitat for Humanity

## PATRIOT POLAR PLUNGE

PRESENTED BY

SEA GIRT RECREATION

AND COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**SATURDAY, FEB. 5TH - PLUNGE TIME 10:30AM**

\$40 DONATION PER PLUNGER (BY 1/25; \$50 THEREAFTER)

PRE-REGISTER BY 1/25 & RECEIVE A HOODIE

AFTER PARTY AT HARRIGAN'S PUB

The L.I.F.T. Fund (Local Initiative for Troops) at Coastal Habitat for Humanity was launched at the Sea Girt 5K in 2019 and continues to assist local veterans with critical home repairs. Let's continue to serve those who served! Come plunge with us!

PLUNGE LOCATION

Beacon Blvd. Beach  
Sea Girt, NJ 08750

REGISTER TODAY

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## SOME PAWSOME BIRTHDAYS



The MCSO K-9 Unit keeps quite busy throughout the year assisting in the fight against crime and drug abuse as they are called out on explosive, tracking and narcotics searches. Two of our K-9s had reason to celebrate this month. Skye celebrated her eighth birthday on Jan 3 and Gunner who is also eight celebrated on Jan. 29. Happy Birthday to these hard working K-9s.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO wish all a Happy New Year filled with peace, happiness and good health.