



FROM THE DESK OF.... SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN

MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SHERIFF GOLDEN IS PROUD TO UNVEIL FLAG DROPBOX

This month, I was proud to unveil the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Flag Dropbox, recently installed for residents to dispose of tattered or damaged American flags.

It's important to honor our stars and stripes by ensuring that worn out flags, which are no longer able to be displayed, are retired properly. By disposing flags in a dignified way shows great respect for our nation, and, those who sacrificed and fought for our freedom. The Flag Dropbox is located outside of the front entrance at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, 2500 Kozloski Road in Freehold and can be utilized seven days a week.

The flags will be collected by the Boy Scouts of America, Monmouth Council who will properly honor the retirement of our national symbol.



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VETERANS SPOTLIGHT

Special Recognition & Much Gratitude To ★


CAPTAIN JOEL FISCHER

Capt. Fischer is a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed worldwide out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and led a Squad on Combat Operations in Iraq in 2003. Capt. Fischer joined the Marines for the challenge, adventure and direction in his life. The Military service boosted his confidence and expanded his comfort zone. He learned how to handle difficult and stressful situations, and overcome seemingly impossible obstacles.


Capt. Fischer's role model who influenced his leadership style greatly was a platoon sergeant that led by example, guided his troops and looked out for their welfare.

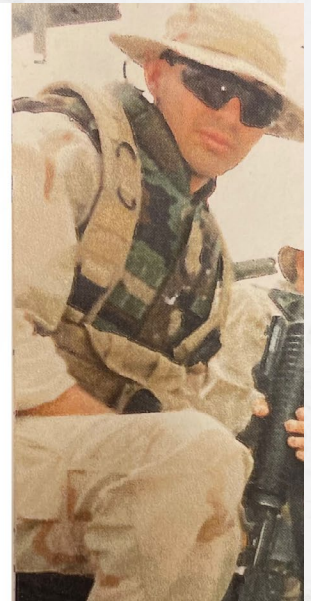
What advice would Capt. Fischer offer others about becoming a member of the armed forces?

"It is difficult, you will be cold, wet, tired and hungry for the majority of your time, but you will be stronger as a result and overcome any future adversities that you are faced with. Never give up on yourself or your team."



Sheriff Shaun Golden & the
MONMOUTH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Thank Our Military Personnel





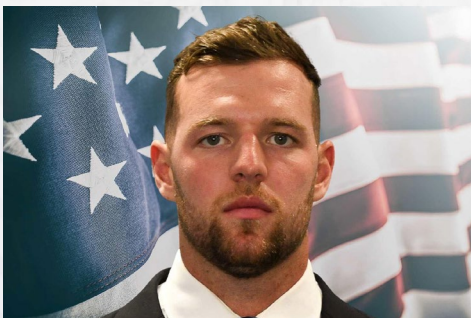
During the month of February the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office announced the launch of the Veteran Spotlight, where each month a veteran of the MCSO is featured.

Sheriff Golden, a leader in providing services and programs for our veterans through the Veterans Service Council, is proud to recognize our own vets who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

The first veteran highlighted for February was Capt. Joel Fischer of the MCSO's Law Enforcement Division.

We thank all of our veterans for their service.

RIP HOMETOWN HERO



Members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement Division along with many other agencies gathered in a procession on February 25, to honor and remember Kyle Mullen of Manalapan. Kyle died from an unknown illness after completing intense Navy Seal training. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO's thoughts and prayers remain with the family of this hero. RIP



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SHERIFF GOLDEN REMAINS A LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE



Sheriff Golden remains a leader in the fight against drug abuse as February marks five years since the MCSO joined the New Jersey Attorney General's Project Medicine Drop. The medicine drop box, where you can dispose of unwanted, unused and expired medicine from your homes, is located at the MCSO, 2500 Kozloski Rd. in Freehold, along with two mobile drop boxes which are transported to senior centers, in an effort to provide even greater community outreach to residents.



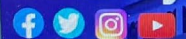
Throughout the years, hundreds of pounds of prescription drugs that may have ended up in the wrong hands have been collected and disposed. This partnership was another major step in the ongoing fight against heroin and opiate abuse and remains a principal concern and huge commitment of law enforcement.

SHERIFF GOLDEN LEADS PLEDGE AT STATE OF COUNTY

Sheriff Golden was proud to lead the Pledge of Allegiance on February 17 at the first ever State of the County, presented by County Commissioner Director Thomsa A. Arnone and the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners.



Monmouth County



State of the County

Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone
here and around the globe. |
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pledge allegiance to the flag



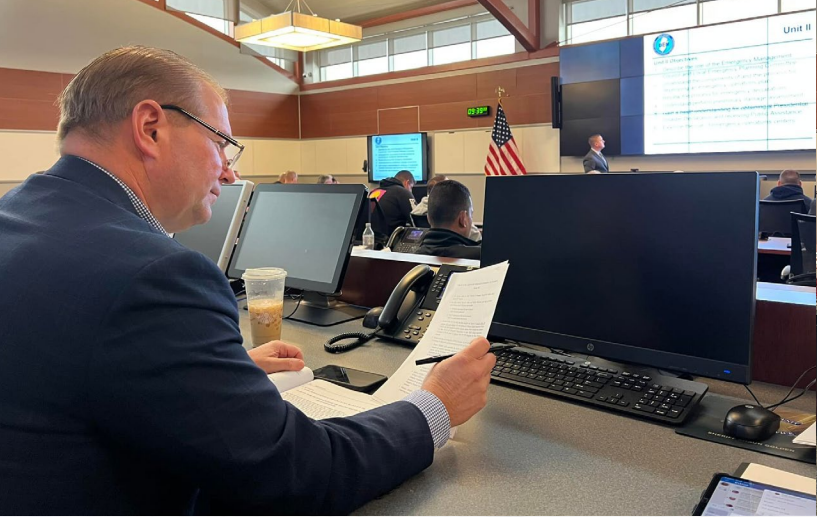
BEST OF LUCK TO MIKE O

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO wish Mike Oppegaard, the very best of luck as he retired after 29 years of service, spending 11 as the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator. Mike's hard work, experience, professionalism and dedication is why Monmouth County leads the way and serves as a blueprint for the State of New Jersey in emergency services. His ability to coordinate, direct, organize and communicate during emergencies and disasters have helped ensure the health and safety of the residents in Monmouth County.

Mike has a proven track record and through the years developed and implemented innovative programs and solutions to emergency and crisis management situations.

Mike was a dedicated public servant and loyal friend. Thank you for your outstanding service.





MCSO HOSTS BASIC WORKSHOP IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sheriff Golden hosted the Basic Workshop in Emergency Management at the MCSO on February 3, presented by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management. An overview of emergency management in the state and the roles and responsibilities of emergency management coordinators were discussed.

Thanks to all emergency managers who attended. It's forums such as these that enhance training, preparing and planning when dealing in emergencies and disasters.

MERT TRAINING

The MCSO's Maritime Emergency Response Team, MERT, recently held training at Sandy Hook where they practiced surf tactics and deployment utilizing RAPID Diver, a scuba system worn over a uniform or dry suit during emergencies when quick action needs to be taken.

MERT, a shared service, is made up of members from various law enforcement agencies who respond swiftly to critical incidents on our waterways.



CONGRATS TO SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS



Four sheriff's officers and two corrections officers from the MCSO are now certified instructors to teach defensive tactics to police recruits and fellow officers after recently completing the Gracie Survival Tactics course. The course, approved by the Attorney General's Office, trains officers and teaches them tactics aimed to keep themselves and suspects safe while carrying out their job functions.

MCSO IS RECRUITING



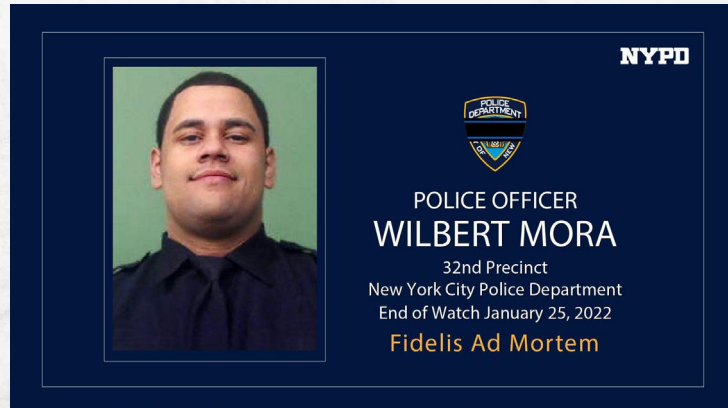
Thanks to those who attended Monmouth County's Trade and Jobs Fair on February 24 at the Freehold Career Center.

The MCSO's Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions were represented and Sheriff Golden thanks all for their interest in becoming a part of the MCSO. We look forward to working with future recruits who will join our highly accredited agency.

THANKS TO RECOVERY CENTERS OF AMERICA FOR SUPPORT



An informative presentation was made at the Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association meeting on February 23, by Brian Gillespie, a treatment advocate for Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay and retired member of law enforcement. Sheriff Golden thanks him for speaking to our law enforcement leaders about the importance of recognition and the resources available to first responders who need assistance in the fight against addiction and substance abuse.



FINAL FAREWELL TO NYPD POLICE OFFICER

Members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions, along with countless officers from PDs near and far, bid a final farewell to fallen hero NYPD Officer Wilbert Mora at St. Patrick's Cathedral on February 2. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO salute Officer Mora who continued to save lives even after he was gone, as an organ donor.

We also mourn the loss of Officer Jason Rivera who was laid to rest January 28, He was shot and killed in the same domestic dispute. These officers sacrificed their lives to ensure the safety of others. We salute you both. RIP

MY COUNTY POSTER CONTEST

Sheriff Golden, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon and Surrogate Maureen Raisch are once again proud to be hosting the My County poster contest for fourth grade students. It's a fun and educational project for students to learn more about the history of Monmouth County and what makes it such a great place to visit and live. The contest is sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of NJ.



Sponsored by
The Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey (COANJ)

MY COUNTY

A Poster Contest for Fourth Graders

Design and content of the poster are at the student's discretion. Special knowledge or background is not needed. A general guideline would be to depict something which makes Monmouth County unique.

Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place winners. Nine posters will also receive honorable mention. Each of the twelve posters will be individually displayed in a County Administration Building.

All posters become the property of the Constitutional Officers Association and the County of Monmouth. Submission of the posters grants the Constitutional Officers Association permission to display the posters in public places.

County government in New Jersey is responsible for road maintenance, jails, mortgage and deed recording, voting procedures, probate of wills, adoptions and lots more. To promote awareness of the work accomplished throughout New Jersey's 21 Counties, the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey (COANJ) is sponsoring a poster contest called, "My County." All Monmouth County fourth graders are invited to design a poster for entry in the contest.

- The poster must be on standard 22" x 28" poster board
- The name of Monmouth County must be in 4-inch letters formed in black marker at the top of the poster
- The student's name, teacher's name and school must be printed neatly in the lower right hand corner on the back of the poster

Posters must be mailed or delivered no later than

**MONDAY,
MAY 2, 2022 to:**

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Monmouth County Sheriff
SHAUN GOLDEN

Monmouth County Clerk
CHRISTINE GIORDANO HANLON, ESQ.



Monmouth County Surrogate
MAUREEN RAISCH

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sheriff Golden is always proud to commemorate Black History Month throughout February and recognize the accomplishments of staff members who are making, and have made a tremendous difference professionally and in their communities.

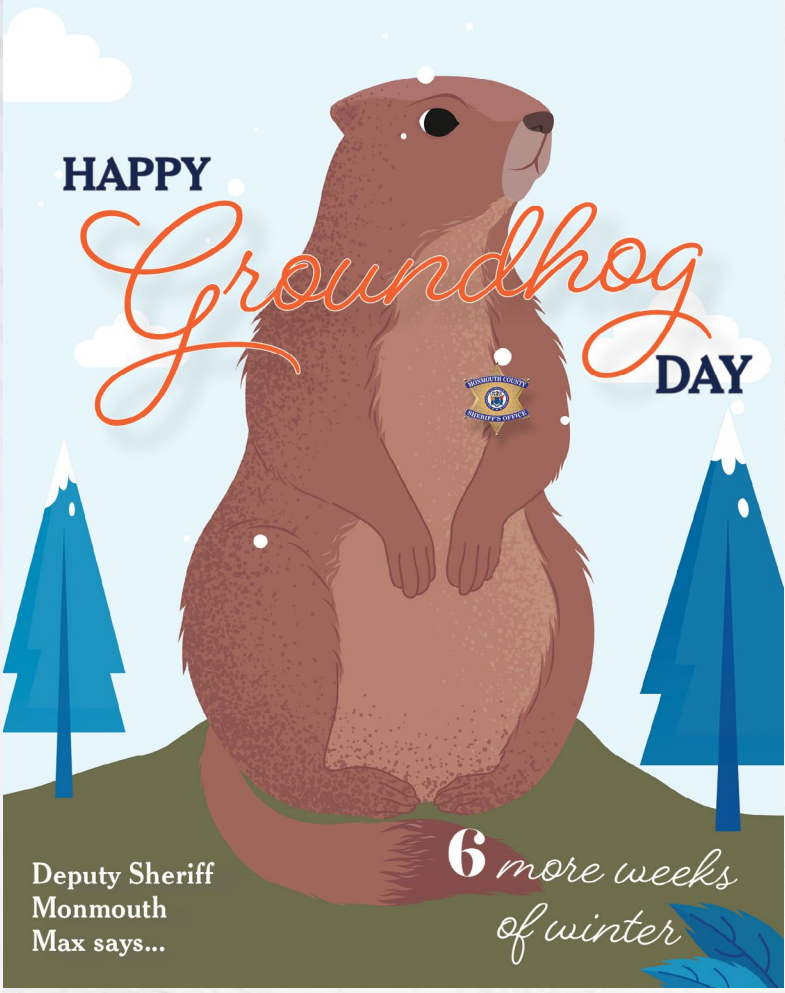
The month long celebration is a great time to reflect on the achievements and contributions of African Americans in our agencies, communities and nationwide.



NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

We were seeing red at the MCSO on February 4, for National Wear Red Day. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO continue to support the fight against heart disease throughout the month of February.





GROUNDHOG DAY

None of us really wanted to hear this, but the MCSO's resident groundhog Deputy Sheriff Monmouth Max also saw his shadow and after concurring with his buddy Phil, agreed on Feb. 2, that we were going to have six more weeks of winter.



PRESIDENTS' DAY

President's Day was February 21 and the MCSO honored and remembered the leaders of our country. God Bless America. For those who are serving our country, we salute you and thank all for their service.