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INMATES FROM MCCI GO BACK TO SCHOOL TO HELP ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Correctional Division continues to strive in assisting inmates with a brighter future, by having them utilize their time most productively, by going back to school. I'm proud to report that for the past eighteen months, nine inmates from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution have been studying for their GED (high school equivalency diplomas) online through a program run by the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission. The inmate's dedication to obtaining their diploma during the COVID-19 pandemic speaks volumes. They worked hard and stayed focused on their goals during an unprecedented time. On Tuesday, March 29, they officially became graduates of the program and received their high school diploma from the State of New Jersey during a special ceremony at MCCI.

I am gratified by the commitment these graduates made. They used their time at MCCI in a constructive manner that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. The wrong choices



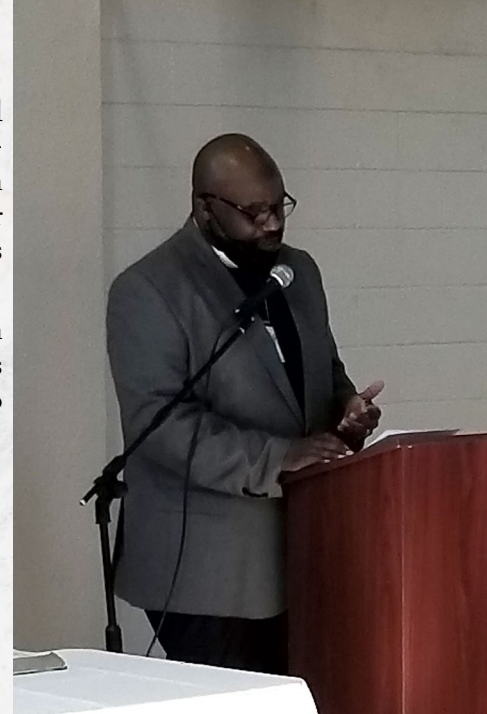
that brought the graduates to MCCI have provided these individuals the opportunity to make the right choices about furthering their education and changing their lives.

This state-of-the-art, virtual online GED program began at the jail in 2007. The most recent graduation has put the total number of graduates to 206. The inmates study math, science, social studies, reading, and writing five days a week to prepare for the GED exam. The online program runs throughout the entire year.

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The administration of the Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission consists of Michael Rhodes - GED Teacher and Lt. Daniel Hansson and Capt. Jason McCauley, who handle the program administration for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division.

Education is the key to a productive future. No one can take that knowledge away. I'm hopeful these graduates will use it as they move forward and transition back into society for positive change.



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SHERIFF GOLDEN PARTICIPATES IN ROUNDTABLE ON IMPORTANT TOPIC

Sheriff Golden was pleased to be a part of Townsquare Media 92.7 WOBN's very important roundtable discussion along with Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon Jr. and Senator Michael Testa, hosted by Reporter Vin Ebenau on March 21. The topic was on the State of NJ's early release of 6200 inmates from correctional facilities and the consequences that have resulted.



MCSO WARNS PUBLIC ABOUT PROTECTING AGAINST AUTO THEFT

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are warning the public that auto theft is on the rise in New Jersey. In an effort to protect yourself from becoming a victim, take a common sense approach by following the safety tips and report all suspicious activity to protect our communities.



- TAKE YOUR KEYS & NEVER LEAVE THEM IN THE CAR
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING EVEN IN YOUR DRIVEWAY
- ALWAYS LOCK CAR DOORS & CLOSE WINDOWS WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CAR
- REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM THE CAR WHEN PARKED
- DO NOT LEAVE GARAGE DOOR REMOTE IN THE CAR SINCE THAT CAN LEAD TO A HOUSE BREAK IN

MOVE OVER LAW



Sheriff Golden reminds all drivers to always adhere to NJ's Move Over Law when you see stopped emergency or service vehicles on the roads. The electronic sign below was illuminated on Kozloski Road in Freehold for the week of March 14 as a safety message. The law was created after Trooper Marc Castellano was struck and killed by a motorist while he was walking along the shoulder of Interstate 195.

THE NEW JERSEY MOVE OVER LAW

Slow Down. Move Over.

www.MoveOverLaw.com

Help Protect Those Who Protect You

Drivers approaching stationary emergency vehicles, tow trucks and other highway safety vehicles displaying red, blue and/or amber flashing lights must move over one lane or, if not safe to move over, then slow down below the posted speed limit.

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POLICE ACADEMY RECRUITS FITNESS

Sheriff Golden is proud to see recruits outside of the police academy working hard with physical fitness training. These basic recruits and special law enforcement officers are more than half way through the academy before they embark on careers as public safety professionals. MCSO wishes all the best of luck.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN CAREER EXPO

It was a great night for future and present members of law enforcement who attended the Law Enforcement career event at Brookdale Community College on March 8. Sheriff Golden and members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement, Communications and Corrections Divisions were proud to meet with potential recruits to provide them with an overview of our highly accredited agency. Members of Law Enforcement throughout Monmouth County participated and the MCSO thanks the Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association for their support.



MCSO FEATURED IN BLUE MAGAZINE

Sheriff Golden thanks The Blue Magazine for featuring the latest high tech virtual reality system that the MCSO's Monmouth County Police Academy uses to train members of law enforcement.

We are proud to be in the forefront of this cutting edge technology.

See below link to article:

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MCSO PRESENTS DANGERS OF STRANGERS

Kindergarten through second grade students from Shark River Hills Elementary School in Neptune were made aware of and reminded about the Dangers of Strangers on March 16 through Sheriff Golden's child safety program. S/O Iliana Santos presented the 45 minute program and taught children what to do if a stranger tries to engage them in conversation, whether on the street, on the telephone, when home alone or on the internet. This program, along with the other numerous public safety programs of the MCSO, helps keep our children out of harm's way.



COANJ MEETS TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT TOPICS

A meeting of the minds as sheriffs throughout NJ gathered together and attended the Constitutional Officers Association of NJ meeting on March 10. Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of this great group of leaders who met and discussed topics which included the opposition to 9-1-1 diversion fees, shared services and auto theft.



4TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

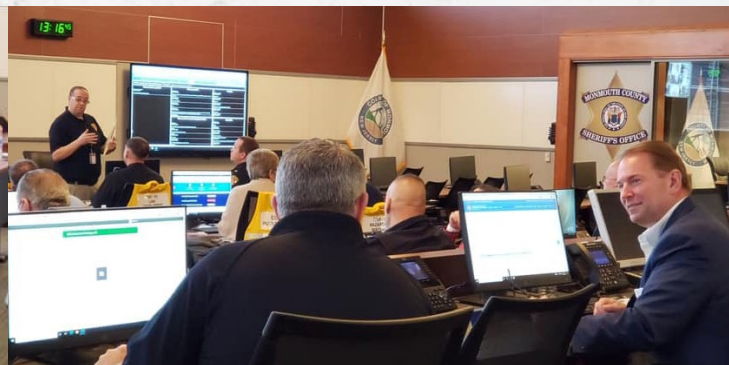
Great turnout at the 4th Annual Workshop for Municipal Government Officials held at the MCSO on March 31, which provided elected officials with the opportunity to learn about Monmouth County services and programs available to local municipalities.



Sheriff Golden who presented an overview of MCSO operations with a focus on emergency management operations and the role of county and municipal training and response, thanks Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon and Commissioner Director Tom Arnone for hosting this important workshop.

MCSO OEM PARTICIPATES IN STATEWIDE DRILL

Sheriff Golden, a leader in emergency services, activated the MCSO's Office of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center to test, train and participate in the statewide Emergency Management Mapping & Information Tracking (EMMIT) drill which took place the week of March 21. Emergency support functions from law enforcement, fire, EMS, public Health, hazardous materials and communications participated in the drill which enables local OEMS to test communications technology within the agencies.



FIRST RESPONDERS LEARN ABOUT SAFETY ON THE RAILS

Sheriff Golden thanks Chris Scanlon, Instructor of NJ Transit, for presenting a very informative lecture on March 22 at the MCSO's Shore Area Communications Center on First Responder Rail Safety, for EMS agencies throughout Monmouth County. The course covered useful information on what first responders need to know when safely handling railroad incidents. Some of the topics included safety awareness, train crews, station hazards, electrical safety, emergency shut down procedures and how to stop a train.



EMS LENDS SUPPORT DURING HALF MARATHON

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thank our EMS partners in Monmouth County who assisted with the E. Murray Todd half marathon which began at Brookdale Community College on March 13 and was sponsored by the Monmouth County Park System. Great job to all of those dedicated runners who participated.



Special Recognition & Much Gratitude To **CAPTAIN JOSE RIVERA**

Capt. Jose Rivera was a Senior Airman in the United States Air Force. He was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base for three years and at Anderson Air Force Base in Yigo, Guam for one year as a supply management journeyman. Aside from it being a great honor to serve our country, Capt. Rivera joined the Air Force because of his interest in aviation and the equipment that is utilized. The Air Force also offered tuition assistance.

Capt. Rivera was fortunate to have many role models and mentors during his career in the military and quickly learned that you are only as strong as your weakest link. His experience involved a true teamwork mentality. They were competitive as a unit, and took pride in one another's individual accomplishments. Much of what he learned he utilizes today in his own leadership style at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office.

What advice would Capt. Rivera offer others about becoming a member of the armed forces?
"You will get out what you put in. Take advantage of all opportunities that you are offered, have a plan for your future, and put in for an overseas assignment. What other career can you be paid to experience the culture and traditions of another country?"



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



VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

For the month of March the MCSO's Veteran Spotlight featured Captain Jose Rivera from our Law Enforcement Division.

Sheriff Golden, a leader in providing services and programs to our veterans through the Veterans Service Council, is proud to recognize our own vets through this new initiative at the MCSO.

We thank all of our veterans for their service.

FLAG DROPBOX A HUGE SUCCESS

It's been a little over a month since the MCSO's Flag Dropbox was unveiled but it's already filled with stars and stripes. Sheriff Golden and members of the MCSO law enforcement division have collected more than 250 flags from the dropbox and thank all who participated. This effort helps ensure that worn out flags, which are no longer able to be displayed, are retired properly.

The Flag Dropbox is located outside of the front entrance at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, 2500 Kozloski Rd. in Freehold.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March was Women's History Month and Sheriff Golden would like to recognize the many women of the MCSO who are dedicated to making this agency the best that it can be through their tremendous commitment and hard work.

March 8 was also International Women's Day and we sent a huge shout out to all women. You are appreciated.



SHERIFF ATTENDS COLTS NECK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON



Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of the Colts Neck Business Association's 12th Annual Luncheon on March 30, held at Trump National Golf Club, where he joined more than 250 business professionals and community leaders. Huge thank you to Board Member Glen J Dalakian Sr. for always helping to make this event such a success.



BEST OF LUCK TO MARION MASNICK

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO wish Marion Masnick, Clerk of the Board of Monmouth County Commissioners, the very best of luck as she retires after 36 years of service. Clerk Masnick was honored at her last Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 24.



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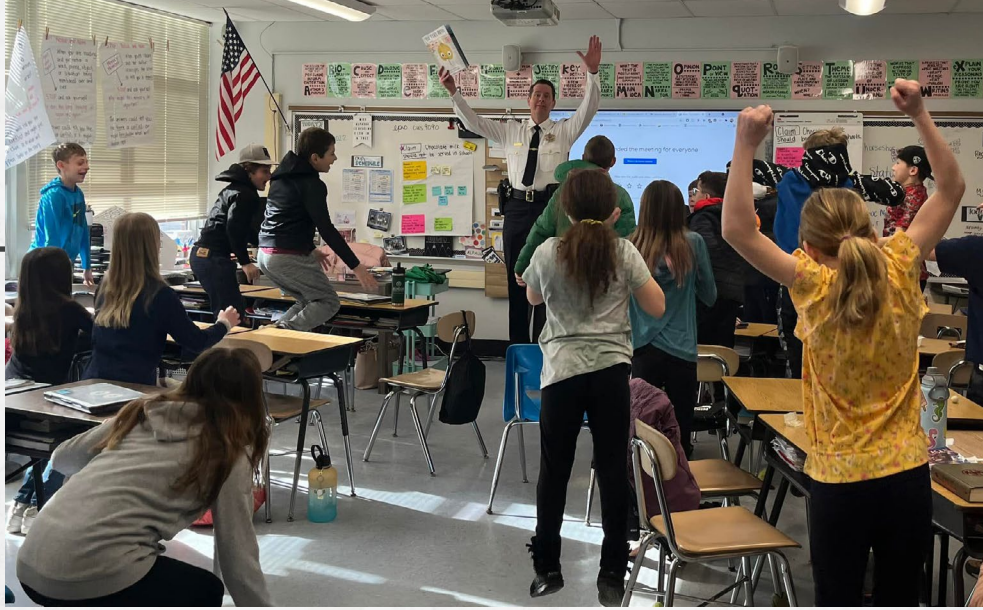
Sheriff Golden and the MCSO congratulate Monmouth County Engineer Joseph Ettore. He was honored at the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 24, after receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of New Jersey (ACECNJ) for his exemplary work on the replacement of bridge HL-18 on Kent Road over the North branch of the Metedeconk River in Howell Township.



MCSO SUPPORTS READ ACROSS AMERICA

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO support Read Across America which motivates children to read by promoting awareness.

Undersheriff Philip Meehan read to fifth graders at Lincroft Elementary on March 8, and from the looks of it he had just as much fun as the students did. There is a kid inside all of us. Thanks to Lincroft Elementary for the invite and U/S Meehan for doing a great job.



TOURS OF MCSO



Sheriff Golden is always proud to mentor future leaders in law enforcement. On March 30, the MCSO greeted good friend Professor Dave D'Amico, Brookdale Community College, and his Criminal Justice class who toured the Public Safety Center and were presented with an overview of operations.

The MCSO also welcomed Holmdel EMS Cadets who learned about public safety and emergency services.



HBD K-9 LEO

A very Happy Birthday to K-9 Leo who turned 6 on March 10 and leads a life fighting crime along with his partner S/O Mike DeLuca. The highly trained MCSO K-9 team specializes in explosive detection and patrol.

Sheriff Golden along with partners in law enforcement are grateful to have such a huge asset when it comes to reinforcing homeland security capabilities by playing a vital role in protecting our county against criminal and terroristic threats and assisting in the apprehension of suspects.



ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IS BACK

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Belmar on March 6. We are always proud to take part in this celebration which brings so many people together and glad this great event is back. Special thanks to our Honor Guard, K9 teams & operators of the MCSO sheriff's vehicles and Field Communications Unit.

