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MCSO RECOGNIZES AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Every April, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office commemorates National Autism Awareness Month. To start, the staff kicks off the month by lighting it up blue to recognize the importance. From there, the effort continues to spread as the MCSO and partners in law enforcement promote awareness of the disorder. This year, we were grateful to receive decals from Autism Awareness With The Kelly Family, who donated them to law enforcement agencies throughout Monmouth County, which were proudly displayed on police cruisers.

At the helm of the MCSO efforts is our Project Lifesaver Program, a wristlet program, which uses radio signals to track individuals with autism or Alzheimer's disease, if they wander and become missing, and, the Special News Registry, a partnership with the MCSO, Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and Monmouth County Police Chiefs Association. We are also proud of our extensive Autism Awareness training for members of law enforcement throughout Monmouth County, public safety telecommunicators, police academy recruits and staff at the MCSO. This vital training ensures that first responders are equipped with information and understand the problems associated with autism in order to effectively assist an individual who needs help. Without this training, an individual's behavior can be misinterpreted.



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As a result of the great need and importance of these initiatives, the MCSO was proud to hold the 3rd Annual Autism Forum and Resource Fair, on April 28. It brought together Project Lifesaver clients, family members, members of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Monmouth County Prosecutors Office, Monmouth County Office on Aging and local law enforcement. Speakers included Acting Prosecutor Lori Linskey who discussed the Monmouth

County Special Needs Registry, Sheriff's Officer Patrick Luke who provided an overview of Project Lifesaver, Collen Smith from the Monmouth County Office on Aging, Gary Weitzen Director of POAC Autism Services, Public Safety Telecommunicator Kristin Aras and Captain Mike Matunas, Spring Lake Heights PD. The collaborative effort enabled us to provide, share and communicate information to special needs advocates and family members of special needs individuals. It also provided participants with the



opportunity to learn about programs, ask questions and share ideas. Demonstrations included K-9 tracking with S/O Kurt Kroeper and Bloodhound Skye, Project Lifesaver and a drone presentation.

As the Monmouth County Sheriff, and a board member of the Monmouth/Ocean Foundation for Children, we should all be proud of the strides we make in keeping Autism Awareness in the forefront, not only during National Autism Awareness Month, but always. It is because of those efforts that the MCSO leads the way in Autism awareness.

Thank you all for the continued support.



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MCSO PARTICIPATES IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK

Thanks to all who supported the MCSO fight against drugs by participating in National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on April 30. The Drug Enforcement Administration collected 67 pounds of unwanted and expired medication that was dropped off at the Public Safety Center by residents in Monmouth County.



The public can continue to dispose of medications all year through the MCSO's Project Medicine Drop Box, the agency's permanent collection site, which can be utilized daily at 2500 Kozloski Rd, Freehold.



SHERIFF GOLDEN URGES CONGRESS TO HELP END 911 DIVERSION FEES

Sheriff Golden emphatically urged congress to adopt the report and recommendations made by the 911 Strike Force, which he worked on to end 911 diversion fees, during the New Jersey Association of Counties press conference in Hunterdon County on April 5.

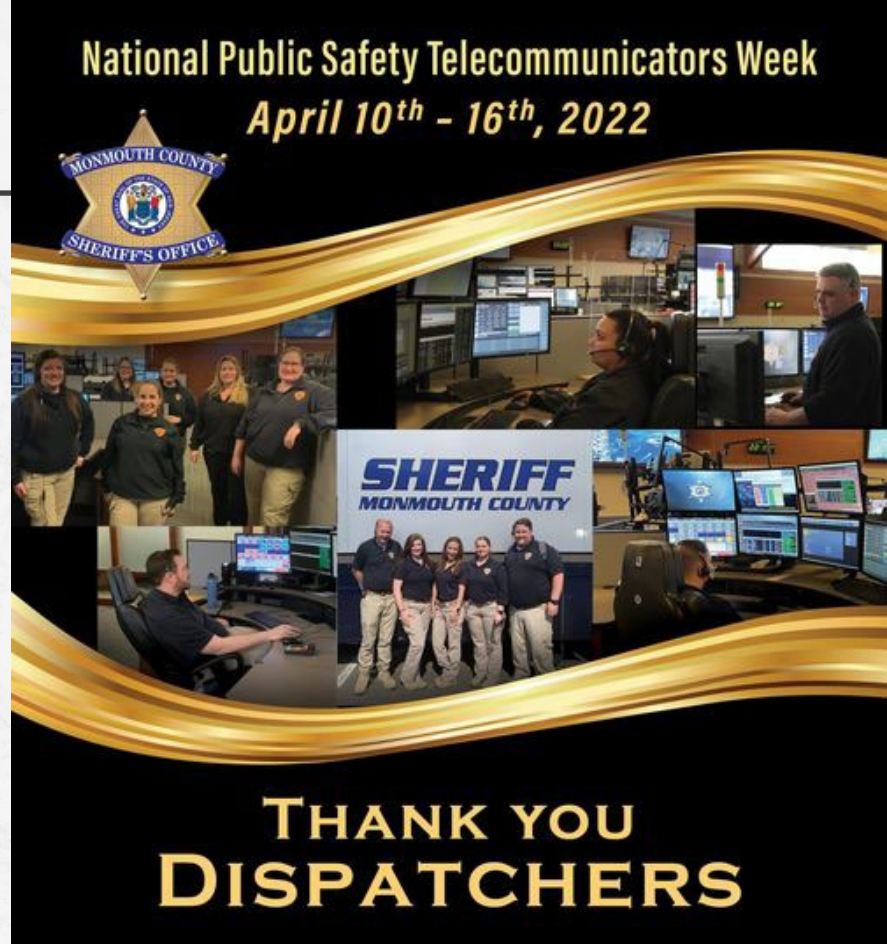
The state collects millions of dollars a year to support public safety answering points throughout NJ. However, it continues to divert those 911 fees, which forces counties to bear the financial burden for the much needed upgraded technology that's essential in maintaining public safety. Sheriff Golden thanks Hunterdon County officials for



hosting the event and for the tour of their 911 Communications Center, along with John Donnadio, NJAC Executive Director and Teri O'Connor, NJAC President and Monmouth County Administrator.

MCSO CELEBRATES PST WEEK

Sheriff Golden was proud to acknowledge National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, from April 10 - 16. The MCSO commends all public safety telecommunicators from the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center for a job well done and thanks them for their hard work in maintaining the health and public safety of residents in Monmouth County. Our dedicated staff of PSTs, are the unsung heroes in emergency services and committed to saving lives 24/7. In 2021, the MCSO Communications Division reached a milestone by processing more than one million calls. We are grateful to all of our highly trained PSTs.



SEE SOMETHING-SAY SOMETHING



In the wake of the April 12 subway shooting in Brooklyn, Sheriff Golden and the MCSO reminded all that if you See Something-Say Something. Report suspicious activity to police and if it's an emergency call 911.

We commend all the first responders for their dedication and hard work at the scene.

SHERIFF GOLDEN SPEAKS TO NEWS 12

Sheriff Golden spoke to News 12 New Jersey in Sea Bright on April 25 regarding storm planning and preparedness for an upcoming special expected to be aired in May. Stay tuned.



OEM ASSISTS WITH KEYPORT WATERMAIN BREAK



The MCSO Office of Emergency Management assisted in providing emergency bottled water for residents at a senior complex in Keyport after a water main break on April 22.

MCSO ASSISTS SENIORS IN KEYPORT



The health and safety of seniors throughout Monmouth County is of extreme importance to Sheriff Golden, and, the MCSO tries to assist them with many needs. Recently staff visited the Bethany Manor in Keyport for seniors to become a part of the Register Ready Emergency Card Program, a partnership with OEM and the Monmouth County Office Of Aging. The Register Ready Program equips seniors with a card that includes emergency and medical information to assist first responders.



OEM HELPS DISTRIBUTE COVID TESTS TO SCHOOLS

The MCSO Office of Emergency Management helped distribute rapid COVID tests to schools throughout Monmouth County from the OEM warehouse at Fort Monmouth, also in April. This is a partnership with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management where more than 75 thousand tests are being distributed to schools. Sheriff Golden thanks all for their efforts.



VIETNAM VETERANS NJ SHORE AREA CHAPTER 12 CELEBRATES MILESTONE



Sheriff Golden was proud and honored to be a guest speaker at the Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12's Dinner Dance to celebrate their 40th anniversary on April 30. The MCSO is in the forefront when supporting and providing veterans services and programs, and, works closely with VVA Chap 12, whose dedication and commitment to our veterans and the community is exceptional.



VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

The MCSO's Veteran Spotlight featured Sgt. Wagner Moreno from our Law Enforcement Division for the month of April.

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 initiative at the MCSO.

We thank all of our veterans for their service.



Special Recognition & Much Gratitude To

SERGEANT WAGNER MORENO

Sgt. Wagner Moreno is a member of the United States Army Reserves where he serves as Chief Warrant Officer 3 and specializes as an Army Aviator, fulfilling a childhood dream. Throughout the years he has been stationed at Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico, McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, Multi Forces and Observers South Camp and South Sinai Egypt. In 2017, Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden had the unique opportunity to proudly assist in virtually administering the oath of office to Sgt. Wagner Moreno, while actively serving his country in Egypt.

Being a member of the military has opened lots of doors for Sgt. Moreno and taught him leadership skills which he brings to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office every opportunity he can. The sgt's role model is General George S. Patton, since he was an exceptional leader who was never afraid to lead from the front.

What advice would Sgt. Moreno offer others about becoming a member of the armed forces?
"Becoming a member of the military is not for everyone but if you choose it, it can be very rewarding."



Sheriff Shaun Golden & the
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Thank Our Military Personnel



MCSO PATICIPATES IN JOB FAIR

Sheriff Golden was proud to meet and greet potential recruits and future leaders in law enforcement at Brookdale Community College's career fair on April 6, hosted by the Monmouth County Division of Workforce Development. Members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions were on hand to speak to interested candidates about a career in public safety. Thanks to all who participated. On April 27 the MCSO also participated in a job fair at Freehold Borough High School where they met with high school students.



BROOKDALE STUDENTS VISIT STARS



Sheriff Golden is always proud to welcome Prof. Dave D'Amico and his students from Brookdale Community College's Criminal Justice Class to the Situational Training And Response Simulator facility. These future leaders in law enforcement learned firsthand how recruits and police officers engage in high tech training offered at the facility on April 13. 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, a domestic violence response training area, an active shooter area and was presented with a K-9 demo.

K-9 TEAM SPEAKS TO YOUTH

S/O Ralph Irizzary and K-9 Fuze had a great visit with students at Long Branch High School on April 5, where the team presented a demo and provided an overview of the MCSO's K-9 Unit. Fuze is cross trained in explosive detection and patrols. Sheriff Golden thanks Long Branch for the invite and is always pleased when students learn about our highly trained K-9 Unit who assist in combatting crime and maintaining safety in Monmouth County.



CONGRATS TO OEM'S TALENTED INTERN

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO congratulate Prabhnoor Singh, our Office of Emergency Management intern for completing 72 hours of work for his internship. Singh is a senior at Monmouth County Academy of Allied Health and Science and we wish him all the best.



MCSO SUPPORTS EAGLE SCOUT

Congrats to former Sheriff Youth Week recruit Joseph Martino on becoming an Eagle Scout where he was dedicated and committed to building a new grotto for Mary's Place by the Sea in Ocean Grove.

Lt. Thomas Campagnolo of the Corrections Division attended the event on April 24 and presented this hard working scout with a Certificate of Merit. Eagle Scout Martino personally asked Lt. Campagnolo to attend his Court of Honor, because of the influence he had on him at Sheriff Youth Week.



FREEHOLD FIRE DEPARTMENT REACHES MILESTONE

Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of the Freehold Fire Department's milestone as the 150 anniversary was celebrated on April 24. Thanks to all the firefighters for their bravery and courage throughout the years.



FIREFIGHTER RECRUITS SHOWCASE

A great job to our firefighters in training at the Monmouth County Fire Academy.

On April 14 Firefighter Recruits 1 showcased their training from the past few months during the Putting It All Together Day. Best of luck to all.



MCSO CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO asked all to support and protect the environment on Earth Day, April 22 and always. Reduce Reuse Recycle Restore Replenish.

MCSSO CELEBRATES NATIONAL PET DAY

Sheriff Golden and the MCSSO acknowledged all of our K-9s from the Law Enforcement Division, who work tirelessly to protect the public and help combat crime, as National Pet Day was celebrated on April 11. Our 9 K-9s are great pets to 8 sheriff's officers who are with them 24/7, but they are also the hardest working K-9s in Monmouth County, who are called upon year round to assist with patrols, tracking, explosive and narcotics detection.

