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# AUTO THEFT

Auto theft is an ongoing issue in Monmouth County and across the state. On May 3, I joined local and county officials at the Middletown Police Department where a

news conference was held to address this problem plaguing our County. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and our partners in law enforcement have been tackling auto theft from the onset. It is not because of the lack of those efforts, but because of a failed system that must be addressed and fixed. Monmouth County had 63 car thefts in

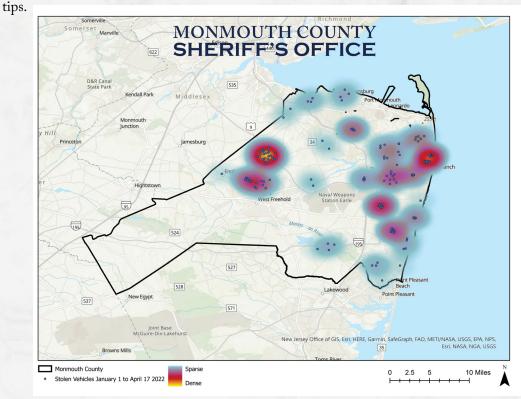


the first quarter of 2021 and 129 car thefts the first quarter of 2022. That increase is unacceptable and we continue to call on the State of New Jersey to enact stiffer penalties into law for offenders who commit these crimes which include:

- A stepped up scale of mandatory bail and sentencing for re-offenders similar to a three strikes policy.
- A mandatory hold of re-offending juveniles who should receive mandatory education and counseling.
- Increased mandatory penalties for criminal rings or enterprises that employee juveniles as mules in the commission of the crime.
- Increased penalties and mandatory sentencing for criminal actors using electronic GPS tracking devices.
- Include a central transparency list of offenders and prosecutions to include publish arrests, rearrests, court outcomes and sentences.
- In addition, the process of catch and release must also end.

- HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK
- THE HURRICANE FACTOR
- MILITARY **APPRECIATION** MONTH
- **ARMED FORCES DAY**
- **SHERIFF GOLDEN COMMEMORTES HONOR DAY**
- NJROTC STUDENTS **VISIT STARS**
- WALL OF HEROES
- **HONOR AND** REMEMBER

Thanks to members of law enforcement throughout Monmouth County for maintaining the public safety of residents and for working diligently to address this problem. We urge owners to protect their investment in their vehicle as well, by following the listed safety





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



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#### SUMMER SEASON KICKOFF

Sheriff Golden was proud to attend Monmouth County's Summer Tourism Kickoff event in Asbury Park on May 23 to discuss the plans for a great season ahead. He also commended first responders in regards to the response to the large scale event in Long Branch on May 21.





Ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost concern as we enter the summer season at the Jersey Shore and members of law enforcement will respond accordingly in the best interest of the public.

#### **EMS WEEK**

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO recognized those who work in emergency medical services as EMS Week was celebrated from May 15 - 21. Emergency Medical Service providers are the most dedicated and committed group of people, made up mostly of volunteers, who administer lifesaving efforts and emergency care. We thank all, locally and across the country, and give a special shout-out to the NJ EMS Task Force. EMS workers were a vital part of the front line response throughout the pandemic and responded to daily emergencies. We appreciate all who serve and provide lifesaving care.





#### NJ EMS TASK FORCE MEETING

Sheriff Golden was proud to welcome members of the NJ EMS Task Force to the MCSO on May 26, particularly on the heels of EMS Week. This key meeting of the minds was led by State Leader/President Mike Bascom, who presented an overview of the importance of mission readiness, the goals and accomplishments of the task force, planning and the utilization of equipment.

Thanks to all for this tremendous commitment.



#### FLAGS FLY HALF STAFF IN THE WAKE OF SCHOOL MASSACRE

Flags flew half staff outside of the MCSO and throughout the country in the wake of the mass shooting in Texas, that took the lives of 19 students and two teachers. As our hearts will remain broken over this tragic and unspeakable act, Sheriff Golden stresses that the MCSO will continue to work closely with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and our partners in law enforcement to ensure that schools are safe, in an effort to protect educators, school employees and all the children, who are our most precious and valuable resource.





SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN

TO ALL WHO SERVE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK May 11 - 17, 2022

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The MCSO commemorated National Police Week May 11 - 17 to recognize and thank all our members of law enforcement, and honor and remember the brave men and women who have died in the line of duty. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO will never forget the sacrifices they made and what their families have had to endure. Thank you for your service. We salute you.

# MCSO PARTICIPATES IN UNITY TOUR

It was an incredible journey for thousands of cyclists who made their way from NYC to DC the week of May 9 to participate in the Police Unity Tour and honor our fallen officers. Fifteen members of the MCSO rode to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. S/O Manuel Rosario was proud to ride for Deputy Sheriff's Officer Phillip Campas of Kern County, CA and to meet this heroes family in DC.

Sheriff Golden is grateful for the tremendous effort from law enforcement nationwide. We salute all of our fallen heroes.





#### MIDDLETOWN MEMORIAL

Middletown Township held a day of remembrance on May 20, where Sheriff Golden, county and local officials gathered to honor and remember members of law enforcement who died in the line of duty.





#### NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WEEK

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to recognize the fine correctional police officers of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, during National Correctional Officers Week, which was held May 1 - 7. These corrections professionals are owed a tremendous debt of gratitude for their exceptional work in safeguarding lives and preserving peace in a correctional environment. There are many risks involved working as a correctional police officer that compromise safety and we thank all for their service, dedication and courage.

The Monmouth County Correctional Institution is nationally accredited in corrections and correctional healthcare.



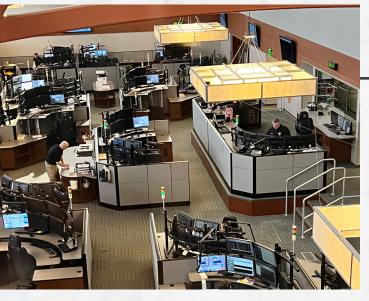
## HOPE ONE SUMMER TOUR

MSCO's Hope One mobile unit is on the road this summer heading to ShopRites throughout Monmouth County to offer help and hope, through services and programs for individuals struggling with substance abuse and their families. Hope One kicked off its tour in West Long Branch on May 24 and was also in Wall Township on May 31.



Sheriff Golden, a leader in the fight against drugs, is proud to provide this vital resource and innovative approach in addressing the opioid epidemic and thanks ShopRite for its support.

Our stops in June include Shrewsbury, Neptune, Middletown, Marlboro, Howell, Hazlet, Freehold, Belmar and Aberdeen.



## PST ASSISTS IN FINDING MISSING CHILD WITH AUTISM

Sheriff Golden commends members of the Englishtown Police Department, and the MCSO's Public Safety Telecommunicators for a job well done in finding a missing eight year old autistic girl and bringing her home safely. First responder training on how to respond to children with autism led to a happy ending for all.

#### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Sheriff Golden shared hurricane preparedness tips with reporter Brian Thompson of WNBC during Hurricane Preparedness Week and stressed to Plan, Prepare & Stay Informed. Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30, so now is the



time to determine your risk, develop an evacuation plan, assemble a supply kit and make a family plan including your pets.

# Hurricane Preparedness Week May 1-7, 2022

Determine your risk. Develop an evacuation plan. Assemble disaster supplies. Get an insurance checkup. Strengthen your home. Help your neighbor. Complete a written plan.

## THE HURRICANE FACTOR

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On May 17, Sheriff Golden was featured on News 12 New Jersey's The Hurricane Factor special where he discussed hurricane preparedness and the extreme progress Monmouth County had made in planning since Superstorm Sandy.

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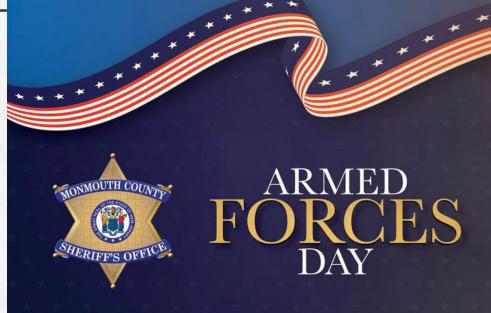
#### MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



During the month of May the MCSO honored and thanked all members of the military as Military Appreciation Month was recognized. Sheriff Golden gratefully appreciates all who are serving, their spouses and our veterans. Thank you for your service.

#### ARMED FORCES DAY

On May 21 the MCSO celebrated all members of the military for Armed Forces Day. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thank all for their courage, sacrifice and service.



#### SHERIFF GOLDEN COMMEMORATES HONOR DAY

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO participated in Honor Day sponsored by the Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club as part of Fleet Week on May 27, to recognize and pay tribute to active duty members of the Navy and Marines. The daylong event celebrated our military men and women who were brought in from New York, where they enjoyed the festivities. The MCSO was proud to be a part of this special event to honor those who protect our country and freedom. Thanks to Howell Township Police Athletic League's Chris Hill, Saint John Vianney High School, where Sheriff Golden is an alumnus, and, several other schools that supported this great event.

MONMOUTH COUNTRY







Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to host members of Colts Neck High School's NJROTC program at the Situational Training And Response Simulator facility on May 13, where they learned firsthand how recruits and police officers engage in high tech virtual training. Students 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, also experienced firsthand the latest high tech equipment designed to improve police response during crisis situations, through the Apex Officer.



### WALL OF HEROES

Sheriff Golden and Monmouth County Officials were proud to attend Howell Township's unveiling of the Wall of Heroes on May 12, which honors the brave sacrifices veterans from Howell made for our country.





#### HONOR AND REMEMBER

On this past Memorial Day we honored, remembered and celebrated all of the heroes who died while serving our country and sacrificed so much for our freedom. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO salute all on this Memorial Day. Thank you for your service.

