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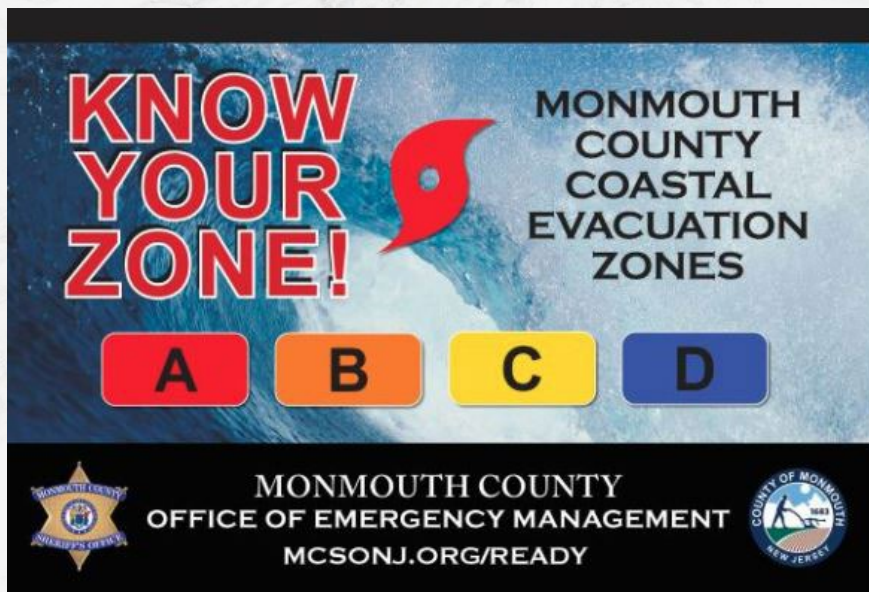
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### HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS

Hurricane season officially began June 1 and ends November 30. As a leader in emergency services, it's important for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office to stress that now is the time to take the proper precautions to ensure the safety of residents and communities.

Preparing, planning and staying informed is always of extreme importance. First, residents should Know Your Zone, a lifesaving evacuation plan, designed to educate residents, businesses and visitors on the coastal evacuation zone in which they live, work or vacation. The plan identifies specific coastal evacuation zones (A, B, C and D) that helps emergency management officials

target evacuation orders to those areas that are at the most risk, based upon threat, strength, direction and forecasted storm surge. To find your zone, visit [MCSO.NJ.ORG/READY](https://MCSO.NJ.ORG/READY) and enter your address.



Now is the time to **prepare, plan, and stay informed.**

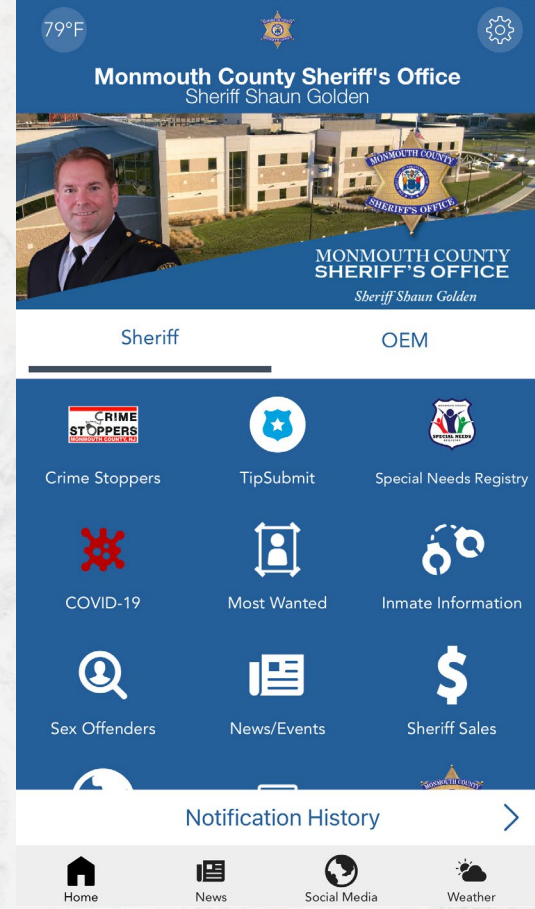
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Furthermore, the sheriff's office urges residents to have emergency notifications and public safety information at their fingertips, through the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Application (app) for smartphones. The application is designed for Android and iOS platforms and can be downloaded for free. The app provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, which includes real-time emergency notifications through its integrated push notification system that automatically displays the message on the phone. Users are able to be instantly alerted to weather, or other emergency related situations, from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the agency's Office of Emergency Management.

As always, it's also important to be sure to have a family kit, with all the basic necessities.

While we hope the hurricane season is uneventful, it's vital to please share this valuable information with family and friends since it's important to reinforce safety, and preparedness throughout the season.



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# BEACH SAFETY

The summer is in full swing and it's always important to stress safety at the shore during the season as the beaches become packed with swimmers and sun bathers. The MCSO urges all, to please make sure you/your children know how to swim before entering the water, swim when lifeguards are on duty, never swim alone, avoid rip currents and if you get caught in one, swim parallel to the shore.



## RIP CURRENTS

### Break the Grip of the Rip!

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.

[www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov](http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov)

### IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

### SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never Swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

[www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov](http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov)  
[www.usla.org](http://www.usla.org)



# LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITS GRADUATE MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

Sheriff Shaun Golden was pleased to announce the graduation of 44 newly sworn law enforcement officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy. On June 2, 15 recruits of the 102nd Basic Course for Police Officers, 20 recruits from the 53rd Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers and nine recruits from the 39th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers received their Police Training Commission certifications during a ceremony at Brookdale Community College.



These fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement by persevering and successfully completing this intense training which prepared them to serve their respective law enforcement agencies and county correctional facilities.

Becoming a member of law enforcement is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility, than maintaining public safety. The MCSO is proud of their accomplishments, commend all for a job well done and wish them the best of luck.



# MCSO PARTICIPATES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The MCSO and Sheriff Golden were proud to participate in the 39th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run held on June 10. This important event benefits Special Olympics New Jersey. Thanks to all members of law enforcement for the dedication and support. The MCSO and Manalapan Township Police Department picked up their leg on Route 9 and ended at ShopRite in Marlboro. Way to go!!!



# CONGRATS TO NEW FIREFIGHTERS

A great night at Brookdale Community College on June 14 for firefighters who graduated from the Monmouth County Fire Academy's Firefighter 1 Class 132 and Firefighter 2 Class 2013 during a ceremony. Sheriff Golden is proud of these brave men and women for their dedication, courage and commitment in maintaining safety and protecting our communities.



# HOWELL RESCUE

Sheriff Golden commends all who assisted in the rescue operation in Howell Township after a victim became trapped approximately 10 feet underground due to a trench collapse on June 30. MCSO's OEM and the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's staff were on scene along with local fire, police and EMS. After



it was determined a Vac Truck was needed for the rescue operation, the Monmouth County Department of Public Works provided two units in addition to the Howell DPW Vac Truck on scene.

All technical rescue teams collaborated and worked effectively and efficiently to free the victim who wasn't injured. This coordination was a great success and the teams who assisted should be proud of such exceptional work.

## FIREWORKS SAFETY

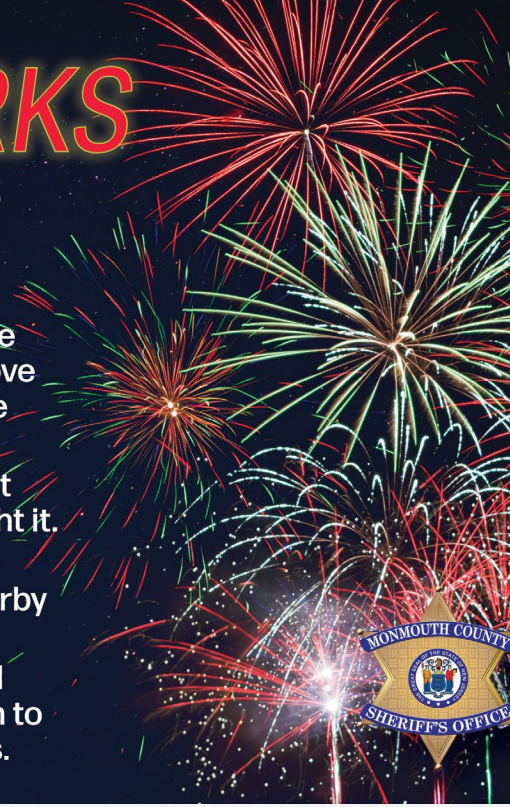
Sheriff Golden wants all to celebrate their patriotism safely while marking the upcoming Fourth of July holiday weekend. The MCSO is reminding people that fireworks are dangerous and illegal, with the exception of certain sparkling devices and novelty items, and should only be handled by the professionals. It's important to know that the danger is not only limited to general Fourth of July fireworks. Even sparklers, which are now exempt from the state's fireworks ban, should be kept away from small children, as they can easily cause harm.

In 2021, from June 29 to July 5, the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center received 489 calls related to fireworks.

Please take precautions as we honor America's independence.

# FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- Only use legal fireworks approved by your state.
- Light fireworks one at a time and keep your distance. Move away immediately once the fuse is lit.
- If the firework does not light properly, do not try to re-light it. Instead douse it with water.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of an emergency.
- Keep children away from all fireworks. Never allow them to play with or ignite fireworks.



## FAIR HAVEN WOMAN GRATEFUL TO FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Members of the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office and the MCSO recently provided a woman from Fair Haven who lost everything in a house fire, with a little bit of hope.

After the recent fire, Ann Richard's home was uninhabitable and her belongings were gone. However, her most precious belonging, the remains of her beloved family member was salvaged, after firefighters made a special trip into the home to retrieve the urn.

Ms. Richards was incredibly grateful for the efforts and thanks all involved particularly, Fire Marshal Fred Migliaccio and Undersheriff Darryl Breckenridge for making this possible.



## MCSO PROUD TO RETIRE FLAGS

As we celebrated and saluted our stars and stripes on Flag Day, June 14, we were reminded of the sacrifices many made for our freedom. That's why Sheriff Golden was proud to retire 1500 flags, with dignity and respect, that were collected from the MCSO's Flag Dropbox, during an American



Flag Retirement ceremony at the Monmouth County Fire Academy.

We thank the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America Aberdeen Troop for properly honoring our flags during the event.

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.



## A SALUTE & FINAL FAREWELL TO OUR FORGOTTEN VETS

The MCSO and Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12 continues the mission of ensuring that our forgotten veterans receive the proper burial. Sheriff Golden, MCSO staff and VVA Chapter 12 paid tribute, honored and provided 14 unclaimed veterans and one spouse with the sendoff they deserved on June 16. The cremains, which were left on the shelves of funeral homes and never claimed, were escorted from the MCSO to the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Cemetery in Wrightstown, where they were provided with an interment and full military honors. One vet served in WWI, one served in Vietnam, two served in Korea and ten served in WWII.

The MCSO is grateful for all of our veterans and will continue in this coordinated effort with VVA Chapter 12 to make certain our veterans won't be left behind.



# SHERIFF TESTIFIES AT STATE HOUSE TO RESTORE 9-1-1 FUNDING

Sheriff Golden was honored to testify at the NJ State House in front of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee regarding Assembly Bill A587, where he urged members of the committee and state legislature to restore funding to local and county 9-1-1 centers throughout NJ. Public Safety Answering Points are in need of funding, to upgrade, for the expected rebuild of the state 9-1-1 system, and, to advance technologies to next generation 9-1-1 of which NJ lags behind. Many thanks to NJAC's Executive Director John G. Donnadio and President Teri O'Connor for their continued support of this extremely important issue.



# MY COUNTY POSTER CONTEST

Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon and County Surrogate Maureen Raisch were proud to announce the top three winners of the "My County" Poster Contest, who were all commended and recognized at the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 21. These talented winners of the annual My County Poster Contest, dedicate valuable time to such creative posters about Monmouth County, and the project is a notable example of civic engagement, as it helps our students learn more about the great county we live in.



Isabella Nuzzolo of St. Leo the Great School in Lincroft, won first place for her poster called, Monmouthopoly, a game of Monopoly where the theme centered around Monmouth County.

Since the majority of fourth grade students study the state of New Jersey as part of their social studies curriculum, each year, all three Constitutional Officers invite students to enter the countywide poster contest.

School principals throughout Monmouth County are asked to get fourth grade students involved by creating their own poster that relates to Monmouth County. Once they are all submitted, the sheriff, clerk and surrogate have the tough task of judging them.

Also acknowledged for their posters were second place winners Piper Dougherty of Atlantic Highlands Elementary School and Kennedy Crowther of St. Leo the Great. The third place winner was Katie Kruszynis of Robertsville Elementary School. All winners were honored with a certificate and Barnes and Noble gift cards

The posters submitted will be displayed at the Monmouth County Clerk's Office throughout the next 12 months.





# MERT TRAINING



The Maritime Emergency Response Team (MERT) recently assisted the Monmouth County Park System in locating items that were lost at the docks at the Manasquan Reservoir. The training was an asset to the members of the team who were also glad to help out the park system.

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

Sheriff Golden thanks this dedicated team of professionals and reminds the public to always take precautions while in the water.



# HOPE ONE ON THE ROAD IN JUNE

The MCSO's HOPE One was on the road in June and visited ShopRite stores in Neptune, Middletown, Marlboro, Hazlet, Freehold and Belmar.

This mobile outreach component offers help and hope, through services and programs for individuals struggling with substance abuse.

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



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN REGISTER READY



Sheriff Golden is always pleased to assist our senior population through the MCSO's various programs to maintain health and safety. The MCSO recently presented the Register Ready program at the Bethany Towers in Keyport, a partnership between the Department of Aging and MCSO/OEM. Register ready is a special needs registry for disasters and emergencies.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3ntra3v>



## SHERIFF GOLDEN SPEAKS AT NETWORKING EVENT

Sheriff Golden was proud to be one of the keynote speakers at the Eatontown Industrial Park Association Mayor's Networking meeting on June 1, along with Monmouth County Government officials, where he spoke about the MCSO and partners in law enforcement efforts and commitment in addressing school security, auto theft and the fight against drugs.



## SHERIFF PROUD TO PARTNER WITH CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION

Sheriff Golden was proud to partner with the National Chaplains Association on June 23, where members of the MCSO and local police departments attended a cultural diversity training and discussion regarding the Orthodox Jewish communities and how all can work together to maintain the utmost of public safety.



## CONGRATS HS GRADUATES

Members of law enforcement attended numerous graduation ceremonies at the end of June to help ensure public safety. The MCSO had a presence at Monmouth County Vocational School graduations. Sheriff Golden congratulates all high school graduates in Monmouth County and wish them the best of luck.



## MCSO WELCOMES SUMMER INTERNS

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO welcomed six college students to our summer internship program. The interns were presented with an overview of the agency and toured MCSO facilities where they will assist in the Law Enforcement Division, the Office of Emergency Management, Information Technology and Special Operations. Many interns from the MCSO have moved on to become law enforcement professionals. We are pleased to have them on board and provide them with a great experience.



# CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH



## MCSO COMMEMORATES PRIDE MONTH

The MCSO was proud to support Pride Month and celebrate the LGBTQ community throughout June. During the year the MCSO is always pleased to participate in events promoting the LGBTQ community and all of its efforts.

## MCSO CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH

The MCSO commemorated Juneteenth on June 19.  
A day to reflect, educate and celebrate.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FUZE

The MCSO celebrated a very special birthday, as K-9 Fuze turned eight years old on June 23. Our hard working, highly trained K-9 specializes in explosive detection and patrol.

