



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN



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### **NEWEST MEMBER OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS A NOSE FOR SNIFFING OUT CRIME**

**Monmouth County:** Sheriff Shaun Golden welcomes the newest member to the force and he has one credential for the job, a sense of smell. Reese, the 11 month old bloodhound, who was certified by the Ocean County Sheriff's Office after 12 weeks of intense training with his handler S/O Michael Mindo, has officially joined the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

"Reese will be a significant asset to our K-9 Unit, since his sole purpose is to locate individuals," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "Through tracking and trailing, this highly trained K-9, with a stronger sense of smell than any other breed, will assist the sheriff's office and local police departments in apprehending criminals, locating missing persons and those with special needs."

Reese is the third bloodhound the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office has in the K-9 Unit. He came to the agency from the Spring River Bloodhounds in Missouri. It's estimated that a bloodhound's nose has 230 million olfactory cells, or "scent receptors"- 40 times the number in humans. They are trained to track skin cells from humans. Reese and S/O Mindo trained with bloodhound instructors from the Ocean County Sheriff's Office for twelve weeks.

During training the team tracked scent in rural, urban and residential areas and through bodies of water, the woods, fields, creeks and garbage, as well as parking lots and busy roadways.

"I'm grateful to Sheriff Golden and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for providing Reese and me with this opportunity," said S/O Michael Mindo. "During training, Reese's determination and persistence was exceptional. I'm confident that he will be a great addition to the K-9 Unit."

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office presently consists of eight sheriff's officers and ten K9s which include three tracking teams, three narcotics teams, two explosive detection teams and two explosive/ patrol teams.

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