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## MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### SHERIFF ASSIGNS OFFICERS TO AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE AS HE CALLS ON STATE OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS THIS MAJOR PROBLEM

As many of you know, the auto theft issue is a major concern of mine and action must be taken as thefts continue to soar at alarming rates due to catch and release and failed bail reform policies. We recently announced, during a Monmouth/Ocean Auto Theft Task Force meeting that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office assigned six officers to the force. The assigned officers are deployed to certain hot spot areas throughout Monmouth County where they are assisting patrols with local police departments, continuing to investigate the surge in auto theft, which has, and is, increasing at alarming rates, and focusing on the technology aspect with additional license plate readers.



New Jersey Car Theft Crisis		Daily Report
		09/26/22
<b>12,090</b>	Number of vehicles stolen statewide year to date	
<b>492</b>	Stolen in Monmouth County	
<b>4</b>	Days State Legislature in session	
<b>0</b>	Action on failed bail policies	


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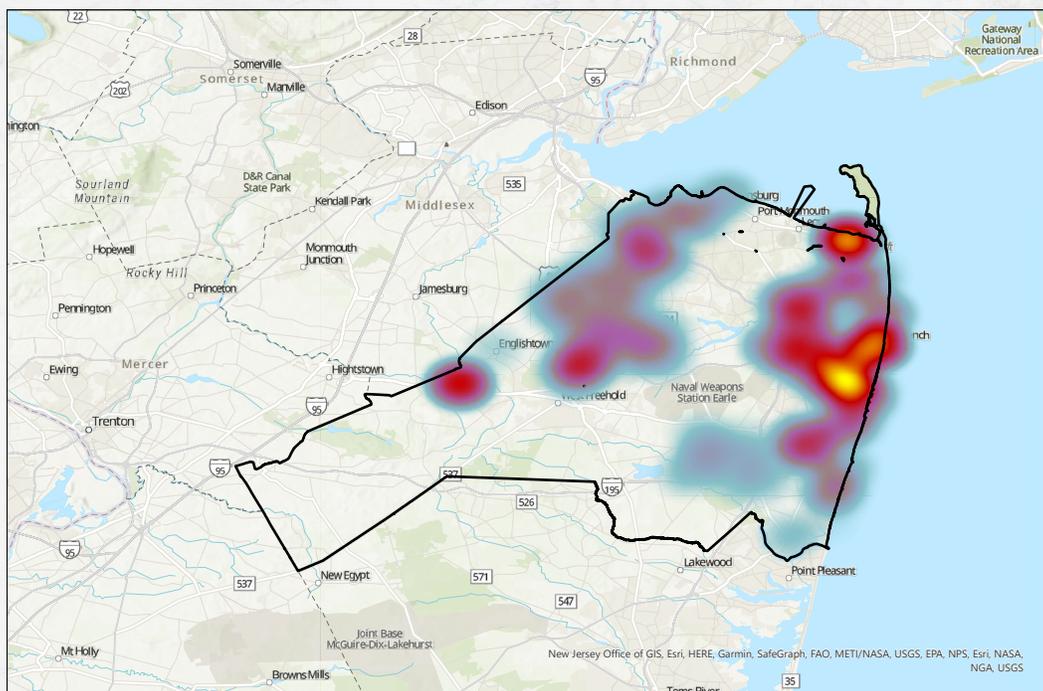
Monmouth County had 314 car thefts the first eight months of 2021 and 446 the first eight months of 2022. Furthermore, from January 2021 through August 2022, 100 individuals were committed to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in connection to those auto thefts, 82 of them were released, 28 were re-arrested on similar charges, and, 19 of those re-arrested were again released. In addition, 56 individuals were also arrested in connection to auto theft but released on a summons, of them, 35 were re-arrested on similar charges.

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Members of law enforcement have been tackling this issue from the onset and doing an excellent job. This is not a policing problem, but a policy one. The push for the legislature and Governor to address “Catch and Release” and a failed “Bail Reform Act” needs to continue and this five point plan must be adopted into law which includes:

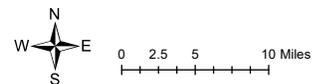
1. A stepped up scale of mandatory bail and sentencing for re-offenders similar to a three strikes policy.
2. A mandatory hold of re-offending juveniles who should receive mandatory education and counseling.
3. Increased mandatory penalties for criminal rings or enterprises that employ juveniles as mules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

Thank you to all the members of law enforcement throughout Monmouth County for maintaining the public safety of our residents. It is now up to the state officials to take charge and address this very serious issue plaguing communities.



2022 Monmouth County Auto Theft

Monmouth County Outline  
 Sparse  
 Dense



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# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September was National Preparedness Month and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office reinforced the message to prepare, plan, stay informed and get involved. National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is an effort to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies.



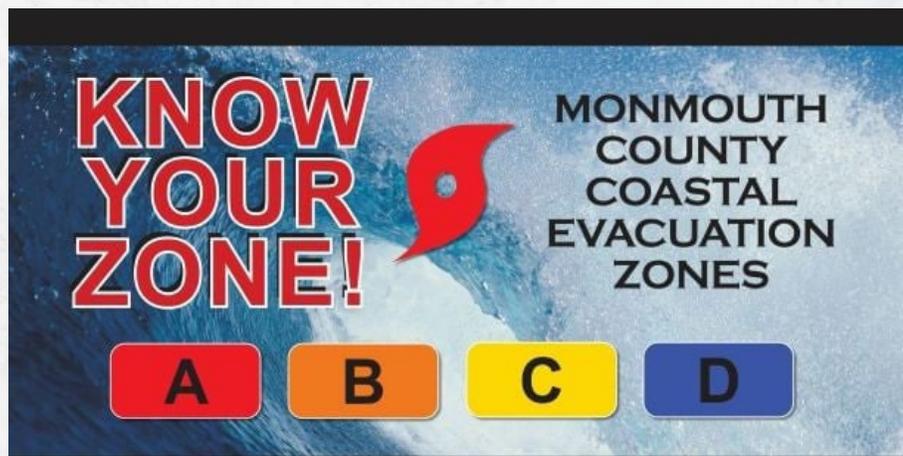
National Preparedness Month is always a great time to reinforce Know Your Zone and learn which evacuation zone you are within by visiting [mcsonj.org/ready](http://mcsonj.org/ready). The Know Your Zone initiative was implemented by Office of Emergency Management six years ago to educate residents, visitors and businesses about coastal evacuation zones. It allows the OEM to direct any evacuation instructions to those that are at the greatest risk of experiencing storm surge during major coastal storms in protection of lives and property. Another way the MCSO assists the public in disaster preparedness is to encourage all residents to be equipped with an emergency kit. Emergencies and events can strike fast, so the MCSO urges all to have a kit filled with necessities, should you become displaced and have to evacuate quickly. The MCSO STORM (Seniors Taking On Readiness Measures) has provided more than 2500 kits to 3000 residents.



Also during National Preparedness Month Sheriff Golden was proud to announce during a register ready event at St. Denis School in Manasquan that Monmouth County is the statewide leader in register ready, by having more participants than any other county in the state. The register ready program, a partnership with MCSO OEM and the Monmouth County Office on Aging, allows residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends, caregivers an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

To keep up with the most up to date information, it's also important to like or follow the MCSO on social media through Facebook, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Twitter, @MonmouthSheriff, and Instagram, [monmouthsheriff](https://www.instagram.com/monmouthsheriff), all platforms that prove to be extremely useful before, during and after severe weather. In addition, download the agency's application for smartphones. Our app provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, which includes real-time emergency notifications through its integrated push notification system. Users are able to be instantly alerted to weather, or other emergency related situations, from the MCSO and the agency's OEM.

Please don't forget that Planning Preparing and Staying Informed are the keys to safety before, during and after a weather related event.



# MILITARY HONORS FOR FORGOTTEN VETERANS

Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden continues the mission of ensuring that veterans who fought for our freedom won't be left behind. On September 8, one by one, the remains of 16 forgotten veterans and two spouses from WWII, Korea and the Cold War eras were carried out from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in Freehold as they began the journey to their final resting place during a procession to Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, with stops at the Hall of Records in Freehold, CentraState Medical Center and Prospertown Lake in Jackson. This momentous event, Military Honors For Forgotten Veterans, led by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in support of the Vietnam Veterans of America New Jersey Shore Area Chapter 12, provided our veterans whose remains were never claimed with a salute to arms and a proper sendoff. We could never repay our veterans for the sacrifices they have made, but what we can do is never forget. It's most important that these veterans who served our country are given respect and provided a proper burial filled with dignity and honor. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is proud to host this significant event and thank the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 for their commitment and tireless work to ensure these forgotten veterans receive full military honors. To date 113 veterans or spouses have been interred and 26 were returned to family by VVA Chapter 12.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and VVA Chapter 12 thank all who supported this outstanding event including, Brigadier General William C. Doyle, Memorial Cemetery, Ocean County Sheriff's Office, Burlington County Sheriff's Office, Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, CentraState Healthcare System, Especially for You Florist, Frank DeJanne - Covered Bridge Manalapan, Executive Undersheriff Ted Freeman, Kate Freeman, Freehold Borough PD, Freehold Twp. PD and Jackson PD.



## VETS DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

Some veterans will now be dressed for success after Bridging The Gap, a non profit organization, provided business attire to our veterans who are joining the job force.



Sheriff Golden, a tremendous supporter of vets, was proud attend the launch of Operation Suit Up on September 15, a great effort, held in Manasquan, to assists vets with job seeking needs.

Also, a huge congrats to Manasquan Police Officer and veteran Steven Schocket, who was the recipient of the veterans award which is granted to a recent graduate of the Monmouth County Police Academy.



## MCSO WILL NEVER FORGET

Many events were held on the 21st Anniversary of the September 11th attacks in Monmouth County to honor the lost, the survivors and the many heroes of 9/11. God Bless America.



### MOUNT MITCHILL

At the Mount Mitchell Memorial in Atlantic Highlands it was a somber ceremony, as many throughout Monmouth County gathered to pay tribute and honor the men and women who lost their lives on 9/11, 147 of them were born, raised or lived in Monmouth County.



### LIGHT UP THE SHORE

Residents gathered in Belmar Light Up The Shore. It was a moving way for Monmouth County to conclude 9/11 ceremonies as all held up cell phones in remembrance of the lives lost and the heroism of first responders.



### JERSEY SHORE 9/11 MEMORIAL RUN

Monmouth County Police Academy recruits ran to remember from Belmar to Spring Lake during the Jersey Shore 9/11 Memorial Run to pay tribute to those we lost and all the heroes.

## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN TUNNELS TO TOWERS

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were among the many participants running for all who were lost on 9/11 by participating in the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk, held on the last Sunday in September each year. Thank you to Tunnel to Towers Foundation for honoring our fallen heroes. We salute all.



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN NJ TRANSIT DRILL

MCSO's OEM team participated in a drill coordinated by NJ TRANSIT Police and OEM at the Navesink River Railroad in Red Bank on September 24. The exercise included a simulated transportation incident involving a train derailment which focused on police, fire and EMS response. Sheriff Golden commends all participants. This type of training drill is essential for first responder and emergency management preparedness.

Additional participants included Red Bank Fire Department, Red Bank Police Department, Red Bank OEM, Middletown Fire Department, Middletown Police Department, Colts Neck EMS, Little Silver Fire Company, Monmouth County Sheriff's OEM, Monmouth County Fire Marshall, Hackensack Meridian Health, NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations, Federal Railroad Administration.



# SHERIFF GOLDEN DISCUSSES BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

## Back to School: DANGERS OF STRANGERS



### Back to School Safety

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus



- Never walk alone, always use the buddy system.
- Don't approach or talk to strangers. If approached by a stranger asking a question ignore them.
- Do not engage, even if the stranger asks for help or has something you would want to play with such as a puppy or kitten.
- Never give out personal information about yourself or family.
- If you feel you are in a dangerous situation, yell, run and fight back.
- Do not be afraid of police, they are there to help.
- Know how to dial 9-1-1 and report suspicious activity or behavior.



With the start of a new school year, it's vital to practice back to school safety tips. Throughout September, Sheriff Golden provided parents and students with helpful safety tips pertaining to cautioning drivers while sharing the roads with school buses, teens who are about to get behind the wheel or are already driving, and, the dangers of strangers. Best of luck to all for a safe and healthy school year.

## RECRUITS HALF WAY THROUGH ACADEMY

Monmouth County Police Academy recruits are continuing to work hard and endure training as they are half way through the academy. Best of luck to all our future leaders in law enforcement.



## NEW CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS

Sheriff Golden was proud to swear in the MCSO's newest correctional police officers of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution on September 26, as 18 men and 4 women took the oath of office. All will now attend the Monmouth County Police Academy's Basic Course for County Corrections Officers for 15 weeks as they embark on careers as law enforcement professionals.



## BEST OF LUCK TO DEDICATED STAFF FROM MCCI

A great sendoff for Corrections Officer Meghan Lynch who was recognized by Sheriff Golden and the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners on September 20, for her dedication and service, as she retires from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution after 22 years. CPO Lynch spent most of her career at MCCI in booking. The MCSO thanks CPO Lynch for her service.



## INMATE LABOR

Oakley Farmhouse in Freehold was pleased to welcome back the MCSO's Inmate Labor crew from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution the week of September 19. Each year inmates visit the farmhouse to work on maintenance and upkeep to the grounds and house, including painting, power washing, mulch spreading, weeding, lawn care and debris removal.

Sheriff Golden is proud of this collaborative effort of Monmouth County resources which helps ensure that our communities, roadways, beaches and historic landmarks are maintained at no expense to taxpayers. This shared service is a cost savings to towns and assists in re-integrating individuals back into society.



## CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The MCSO's Police Academy/ Law Enforcement Mini Academy is well underway. Sheriff Golden is proud to offer this five week unique opportunity to learn about the complex roles of modern-day law enforcement agencies. The first session on September 22, speakers from the Monmouth County Sheriff's office detective bureaus and K-9 Units offered insight into their roles in law enforcement as well as the role of citizens in assisting law enforcement in the fight against crime and terrorism. During the second session held September 29, Deputy OEM Coordinator Scott Nielsen presented the class with an overview of emergency management operations, where they

learned about planning and preparing, hurricane safety/awareness and volunteer opportunities with OEM.



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN CAREER DAY

Staff from the MCSO were proud to meet and greet potential recruits and future leaders in law enforcement at Brookdale Community College's career fair on September 21, hosted by the Monmouth County Division of Workforce Development. Members of the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions were on hand to speak to interested candidates about a career in public safety.



## POUND THE PAVEMENT FOR PURPLE



They pounded the pavement for a great cause as many participated in the 9th annual Pound the Pavement for Purple 5K run/2MI walk for Pancreatic Cancer on September 24. Sheriff Golden and members of the MCSO couldn't be more proud to be a part of the event to raise money and awareness for this devastating disease. Thanks to all the participants and especially Commissioner Director Tom Arnone for the dedication and commitment each year in making this event such a success.

## SHERIFF ATTENDS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sheriff Golden attended quite the Centennial celebration as the Monmouth County Library System marked it's 100 Birthday on September 18. We are so proud to have such fine county libraries that offer excellent resources, services and great opportunities. A very Happy Birthday and thanks to all the hard working staff presently and throughout the years who have made it such a success.



## MCSO STAFF WALKS AT LUNCH



Monmouth County employees traded in their shoes for sneakers and took to the fitness track outside of the MCSO to participate in Monmouth County's Walk at Lunch on September 16, which promotes the health and wellness of employees.

In addition to the walk around the track, representatives and providers for Monmouth County offered wellness information.

It was a great turnout. Sheriff Golden thanks all who came out to Walk at Lunch and Monmouth County's HR department for hosting the event.



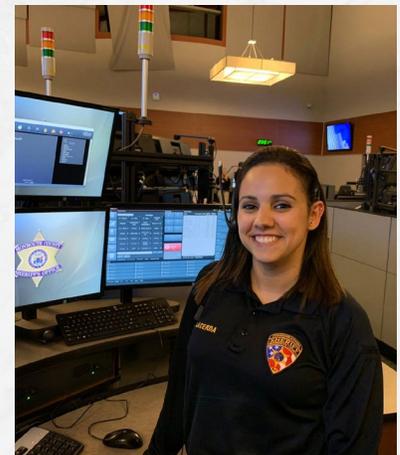
# PATRIOT NIGHT

MCSO participated in Sea Girt's first Patriot Night held September 16 where the public learned about our K-9 Unit and public safety initiatives.



# NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The MCSO celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept 15 through Oct 15. We are proud to have Hispanic Americans represent the work force in law enforcement, corrections and communications. Sheriff Golden commends their dedication and commitment to public safety which has a positive impact on the agency, and recognizes all for their great efforts during the month and throughout the year.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY REESE

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO celebrated the birthday of the youngest member of our K-9 Unit, Reese, as he turned one on September 11. This spunky bloodhound recently graduated from training but has wasted no time getting his paws wet, as Reese has already made several assists sniffing out crime.



## FIRST DAY OF FALL

The first day of Fall was on September 22 and Sheriff Golden hopes all enjoy the beautiful season in Monmouth County that's upon us.