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SHERIFF RE-ELECTED TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

On November 8, I was honored and humbled to have been re-elected to serve as Monmouth County Sheriff for a fifth, three year term and I thank all the residents of Monmouth County for their support.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office serves as a statewide model through strong leadership skills, commitment to public safety initiatives and innovative approaches. Our 675 sworn officers and employees remain dedicated to serving the public in Monmouth

County through the Law Enforcement, Communications, Corrections and Special Operations Divisions, as well as the administration of the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management and the Monmouth County Police and Fire Academies.

The MCSO leads the way in the fight against drug abuse and has an integral role in prevention through programs and services the agency provides, such as the HOPE One Mobile Unit and our drug takeback program. We have bolstered homeland security issues and counterterrorism efforts with state, county and local law enforcement agencies, and, continue to address the issue of school violence with consistent active shooter drills and training, and, gang activity through gang awareness prevention.

This past year the MCSO has been in the forefront of combatting auto theft and calling on state officials to take immediate action on catch and release policies and failed bail reform. Our state of the art Situational Training and Response Simulator (STARS) Facility, remains the top virtual premiere training center. The sheriff's state of the art 9-1-1 Communications Center, the largest shared service in Monmouth County, continues to serve as a blueprint in emergency services through the most enhanced technology and hard work and intense training of public safety telecommunicators. The Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management is superior in emergency and disaster response and develops numerous programs and initiatives in planning and preparing.



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The Veterans Service Council remains active in assisting veterans by providing them access to needed services and training programs through the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Veterans Service Council, and, we continue to advocate for the special needs



community. In addition, the MCSO has been recognized for our extensive public safety outreach programs for seniors and children.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office remains the only law enforcement agency in New Jersey with accreditations in all five areas of operation, which include law enforcement, communications, corrections, correctional healthcare and public safety training at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

All of these accomplishments have been made through the dedicated efforts of employees from all of the sheriff's office divisions, who faithfully serve the people of Monmouth County, and, through the continued support of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners. Thank you and much appreciation to all.

Public safety, the fight against drug abuse, auto thefts, emergency services, assisting our special needs community and veterans, among other important initiatives, will remain our main focus, as we move forward into the next three years.

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AUTO THEFTS As we continue the mission to combat auto theft, one more car thief was back on the streets after he was released from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution on Nov. 3. Dayvon Savage, who entered the jail on Oct. 16, was charged with receiving stolen property, obstruction of justice, resisting arrest/eluding by flight in motor vehicle with risk of injury and unlawful taking by means of conveyance – MV, during an incident in Holmdel. This latest release reinforces Sheriff Golden's call for immediate action taken on catch and release policies and failed bail reform. It's unacceptable that another brazen offender has been added to the list of the more than one hundred individuals, who were released in a two year period, in connection with similar circumstances of second and third degree auto theft. Residents should not be placed in jeopardy in broad daylight on a busy weekend and police officers in danger, causing a state, county and local law enforcement response, including helicopters and drones, and a hospital lockdown, as a vehicle and foot chase ensued, due to a broken bail reform system.



New Jersey Car Theft Crisis

Daily Report
11/28/22

14,768 Number of vehicles stolen statewide year to date

557 Stolen in Monmouth County

20 Days State Legislature in session

0 Action on failed bail policies



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SHAUN GOLDEN, SHERIFF

*NUMBERS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE UPON
FURTHER REVIEW

SHERIFF GOLDEN SPEAKS TO TIMES SQUARE MEDIA ABOUT AUTO THEFTS & HOPE ONE

In regards to auto thefts, Sheriff Golden wants his message heard loud and clear and voiced concerns to Reporter Vin Ebenau from Times Square Media. He also discussed HOPE One, the MCSO mobile outreach component, a vital resource and innovative approach in addressing the opioid epidemic. The MCSO is pleased to have formed a great partnership with JBJ Soul Kitchen, Asbury Park Social Services Department and the Salvation Army. Through this partnership, HOPE One will be stationed at the Asbury Park Train Station the third Thursday of every month to offer help and hope to family members and individuals struggling with substance abuse disorder through services and programs.



SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

In early November the MCSO was vigilant and worked with local PDs to increase patrols at area synagogues in Monmouth County as a precaution after the FBI announced a broad threat to synagogues in NJ.

Threats such as these are always a reminder that if you See Something Say Something and report suspicious activity to police.

if you
SEE
something
SAY
something™



MCSO ASSISTS IN CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT RING TAKEDOWN

The MCSO assisted in a joint nationwide Catalytic Converter Theft Ring Takedown in November, led by US Department of Justice. Great job to all members of law enforcement locally and throughout parts of the US. This type of hard work and commitment in taking these criminals down, deters future activity and helps keep residents away from becoming targets of such thefts happening across the US.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY

- **PARK YOUR CAR IN WELL-LIT AREAS OF SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOTS.**
- **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS.**
- **LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TRIPS BACK TO YOUR CAR.**
- **DON'T LEAVE PACKAGES EXPOSED IN YOUR CAR. LOCK THEM IN YOUR TRUNK.**
- **HAVE KEYS READY BEFORE YOU GET IN YOUR CAR.**
- **DON'T SHOP ALONE; ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.**
- **LOOK IN YOUR CAR BEFORE ENTERING – DO NOT ENTER IF SOMETHING DOES NOT SEEM RIGHT.**
- **ELFS - ENTER THE CAR, LOCK THE DOORS, FASTEN SEATBELTS**



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY

With holiday shopping in full swing, Sheriff Golden reminds all to take proper precautions by practicing these safety tips to avoid becoming a victim of theft.

BEWARE OF PORCH PIRATES

For those who prefer to shop online, you need to protect yourself against porch pirates, particularly with the increase of online shopping each year. These thieves steal packages right off of your front doorstep. The MCSO shares safety tips on how to avoid porch pirates and deter them from taking off with your goods.



- Video surveillance: Keep a security camera or doorbell camera pointed at your doorstep. Some doorbell cameras allow homeowners to scare away the thief in real time.
- Track your packages: Know the date and if possible the estimated time it's expected.
- Use curbside pickup: Drive to the store; most of them offer curbside pickup.
- Require a signature: A package cannot go unnoticed if you sign for it.
- Use a post office box: This will ensure the package is handled at the post office.



TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE

Our MCSO's K-9 Unit wanted to make sure no one went hungry on Thanksgiving and with tails a wagging made a special delivery to Fulfill of Monmouth and Ocean Counties to drop off turkeys and soup. They weren't the only ones helping those in need. Even though the Monmouth County Police Academy recruits are in intense training, they haven't forgotten that this season is all about giving and made a generous donation to Fulfill as well. The 103rd BCPO/54th SLEO II class collected more than 450 food items to assist those in need. Sheriff Golden commends all for taking the time to work on a great cause.





MCSO RECOGNIZES NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH



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Shaun Golden, Sheriff

transmitter worn by an individual has a unique frequency. From January 2021 to date the MCSO has responded to 37 Project Lifesaver activations. The MCSO also works closely with the MCPO on the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry, where families register loved ones with special needs, in order for first responders to respond in the safest and most efficient way.

November was National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month and Sheriff Golden and the MCSO work hard to provide programs and initiatives that assist in maintaining the safety and wellbeing of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease. During the month, the MCSO highlighted its Project Lifesaver Program which helps locate individuals through radio signals that track people with Alzheimer's disease and autism when they wander and become missing. Project Lifesaver is a critical, lifesaving tool for families who have loved ones with a condition or illness that causes them to wander. There are currently 180 individuals on the Project Lifesaver program in Monmouth County, with 46 adults and 134 juveniles. Each radio



November is:

Alzheimer's
Disease
Awareness
Month



HURRICANE SEASON COMES TO AN END

The last day of hurricane season was Nov. 30. Of the 21 named storms, five made landfall. The MCSO's thoughts remain with those who dealt with and continue to deal with the devastation from damaging hurricanes, particularly Ian which devastated the West Coast of Florida.

Even though the season is over, Sheriff Golden says it's important to always have a plan, be prepared, stay informed and Know Your Zone www.mcsonj.org/ready. Also, download the MCSO App for the latest emergency weather related information.

KNOW YOUR ZONE!

MONMOUTH COUNTY COASTAL EVACUATION ZONES

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MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
MCSONJ.ORG/READY



Sheriff OEM



Crime Stoppers



TipSubmit



Special Needs Registry



COVID-19



Most Wanted



Inmate Information



Sex Offenders



News/Events



Sheriff Sales

CERT TRAINING RODEO

It was a great weekend of training on November 19 and 20, for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members throughout the state as they participated in a two day FEMA Region 2 CERT Workshop, held and hosted by Neptune Township Office of Emergency Management. This CERT Rodeo included first aid training, land navigation, incident management as well as hands on training at the Disaster Hill Emergency Services training



ground. Sheriff Golden commends all who participated in this extremely valuable exercise, which ensures our team members are at the ready should a disaster or emergency occur.



MERT TRAINING

Emergency response training in November for members of the MCSO's Maritime Emergency Response Team (MERT) was held at the Manasquan beach front with the focus on evidential searches where the team conducted simulated line and under water searches.

The dive team is a valuable shared service and made up of members from various Monmouth County law enforcement agencies who are trained to respond swiftly and professionally to critical incidents in our waterways.

Sheriff Golden thanks MERT for their commitment and dedication to saving lives and maintaining safety.



HONORING VETS ON VETERANS DAY AND ALWAYS

On Veterans Day, we celebrated all of our veterans who served and are serving in the armed forces. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are grateful to our veterans for their service, bravery and sacrifices they made to protect us and our country.

The below video is from our Military Honors For Forgotten Veterans event where 16 veterans and two spouses were finally provided with the proper sendoff. It is our commitment to ensure no vet will be left behind. God Bless them all.

Link to Veterans Cremains Ceremony 2022:

<https://www.mcsonj.org/veterans-services-council/veterans-initiatives/>



BLUE MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES MCSO FLAG CEREMONY

Many thanks to Blue Magazine for featuring the MCSO article on our American Flag Retirement ceremony at the Monmouth County Fire Academy.

We thank our Veterans Service Council for coordinating the event and the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America Howell Township Troop for properly honoring our flags.



Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Veteran's Service Council Spearheads Respectful Flag Cremation Ceremony at Monmouth County Fire Academy

By Michael Ferraro, Cynthia Scott, and Ted Freeman

At the Jan. 26, 2022, meeting of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Veteran's Service Council, discussion was held on destruction of American flags that were worn out, frayed or have served their normal lifespans and could no longer be respectfully displayed. A review of online resources to determine the proper means to collect and honorably dispose of the flags led the Veteran's Service Council to Monmouth Council Boy Scouts of America and to Boy Scout Troop #66 in from the Aberdeen/Matawan community, who had previously conducted a respectful flag disposal ceremony.

With the flags collected, and veteran's groups such as Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12, Association of the United States

mouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden was the genesis for the entire program. With Sheriff Golden's support, an American Flag Drop Box was placed in front of the Sheriff's Public Safety Center in Freehold, NJ to collect the retired flags. In a relatively short period of time, over 300 flags were deposited in the drop box, 1100 flags collected by American Legion Post #346 in Neptune and over 400 additional flags from other groups.

Veterans Service Council Liaison Mike Ferraro met with Fire Marshal Migliaccio and Fire Academy Director Avillo at the Monmouth County Fire Academy to examine the proposed site of the ceremony at the Fire Academy. The Monmouth County Fire Academy was selected as the location because that location had the capability of providing a safe environment for a live fire evolution, a safe area for spectators as well as safe accessibility for the Boy Scouts to safely apply the flags to the fire. The area also proved large enough to provide adequate viewing as well as safe fire control. A 10-foot by 10-foot fire pit enclosure was created for the ceremony with adequate fire protection provided on-site. After the ceremony, the fire pit was moved to another location at the Fire Academy where it can also be used for fire department training as well as future scheduled flag retirement ceremonies.

At that meeting, the subject of the burning of nylon flags was discussed, as they would likely melt instead of burn. Fire Marshal Migliaccio had the knowledge and resources to create a safe location with a non-flammable structure with a metal base in which to burn the flags.

In the early evening of June 7, 2022, with a light rain falling, the Flag Retirement Ceremony began at the Monmouth County Fire Academy. The ceremony started with brief opening comments, a poem read by Scoutmaster Robert Kee of Troop #66 and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited by all in attendance. As the properly folded flags were placed in the fire by Boy Scout Troop #66 from Aberdeen/Matawan, Echo Taps was played by two buglers. The opening comments and ceremony took approximately thirty minutes with all 1500-plus flags respectfully burned. Following the ceremony, the Fire Marshal's Office collected the materials remaining and respectfully disposed of the remains of the flags.





INMATE LABOR

MCSO's Inmate Labor crew was in Natco Park in Hazlet for several days in November assisting the Clean Community Program. They worked with the Public Works Department collecting and bagging trash and litter along the highway and removing large debris throughout the park. Sheriff Golden is pleased to provide this valuable shared service at a cost savings to towns.

MCSO PROMOTIONS

Sheriff Golden held a swearing in ceremony for Sgts. Kurt Kroeper and Claire Cuje on November 30. Sgt. Kurt Kroeper started at the MCSO in 1994 and for the past years thirteen years has been an integral member of the MCSO K-9 Unit, assisting in narcotics detection and criminal/missing person searches. Sgt. Cuje began her career as a sheriff's officer in 2003 and spent most of it working in courthouse operations and warrants.



In addition, the sheriff welcomed two new sheriff's officers, Brandon Spinner and Jacob Niedzielski to our nationally accredited agency, as they took the oath of office, and will soon endure 20 weeks of training at the Monmouth County Police Academy. Congrats and best of luck to all.

SHERIFF SPEAKS WITH FUTURE LEADERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sheriff Golden is always pleased to mentor future leaders in law enforcement and thanks the Academy of Law and Public Safety for inviting him to be a guest speaker on November 29. Sheriff Golden presented the students with an overview of the MCSO and the agency's public safety programs and initiatives. He also discussed what it's takes to become a law enforcement professional as well as the challenges.



BEST OF LUCK MEMBERS OF MCSO

MCSO says goodbye to some great members of our law enforcement and correctional divisions as they retire after many years of dedicated service. Sheriff Golden wishes Capt. Jose Rivera, Sgt. Timothy Baggitt, S/Os Stacey Grasdorf, Danielle Fowler and Donna Oster, Correctional Police Officer Helen Finlay-White and Supervising Account Clerk June Holloway the very best of luck. They were all dedicated and committed to serving the public, and, our female officers exemplified how vital it is to have women represent law enforcement.



CONGRATS TO DAWN SOMMELING

Huge congratulations to 9-1-1 Coordinator Dawn Sommeling for being appointed to President of the NJ National Emergency Number Association Chapter. Dawn has been a dedicated member of NENA since 2002 and there's no one more deserving of this position where she will continue to address and lead the chapter in assisting with 9-1-1 needs.

MCSO TOURS

Sheriff Golden welcomed numerous schools to the MCSO throughout the month, where they were presented with an overview of operations and a tour of divisions. We thank all for their interest in learning about public safety.



BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



MARLBORO HIGH SCHOOL



GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY



MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL