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## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is always a special month at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office as we gather together to acknowledge and support an extremely important cause, Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Staff from all of the MCSO divisions support the fight against such a serious illness to recognize and draw attention to this important cause, since many people are either indirectly or directly affected by breast cancer. Throughout the month we saw lots of pink at the MCSO to symbolize hope. Each Friday, staff wore pink in show of support to spread awareness. In addition, the agency proudly flew its Breast Cancer Awareness flag outside of the office in Freehold, police cruisers were marked in pink, sporting pink magnetic ribbons.



Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women. Statistics show one in eight women will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime and there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. Many law enforcement agencies across the state acknowledged the cause in their own supportive way. However we chose to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's important for law enforcement to stand behind this effort for all the courageous people who are battling the disease, have lost their lives or lost loved ones.



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Public safety is more than making arrests, it's also about helping to arrest illnesses such as breast cancer that takes a toll on individuals with the disease and their families. I commend our staff for their efforts which have put us in the forefront when it comes to breast cancers awareness.



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# SUPERSTORM SANDY TEN YEARS LATER

Oct. 29th marked the 10 year Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. It was the worst storm in New Jersey history and wreaked havoc in many parts of the state. Monmouth County was hit particularly hard and the MCSO, the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management, first responders and everyday heroes throughout the county worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of all who were affected. In the past ten years, OEM has made tremendous strides in planning and preparing for emergencies and disasters, and developed numerous programs to keep residents safe and away from the path of destruction, should another storm occur. OEM implemented KNOW YOUR ZONE, the High Water Mark Initiative, STORM, a comprehensive sheltering plan and much more.

We will never forget the dedication, hard work and support of all before, during and after the storm and proud of the efforts made the past ten years.

Please see link to the MCSO video on Superstorm Sandy 10 years:

<https://youtu.be/HraBX5Lv8-c>



**SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN AND THE  
MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
REFLECT UPON THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF  
**SUPERSTORM SANDY****

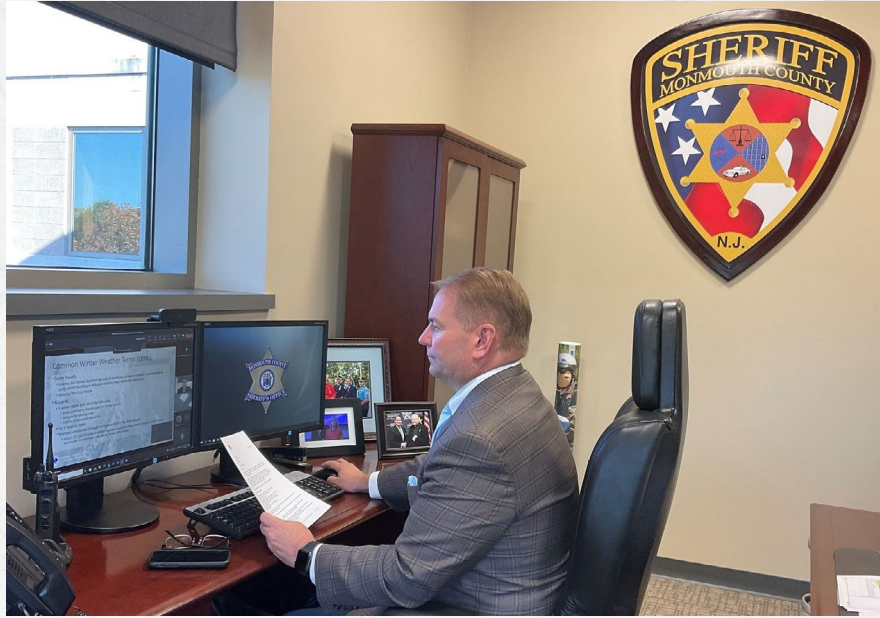


Remembering Superstorm Sandy 10 years later at the  
Fort Monmouth Fire House in Middletown, NJ.



## MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL OEM COORDINATORS

Sheriff Golden led the Monmouth County Municipal OEM Coordinators virtual meeting where he provided updates and initiatives regarding Monmouth County OEM emergency preparedness plans on Oct. 20. The sheriff discussed Register Ready and how Monmouth County is the statewide leader of the program with 3148 participants, the enhancement of storm supplies including water pallets, MREs, cots, blankets and 50 thousand new sand bags, new high water vehicles to update the water rescue fleet, and the ongoing active shooter drill/tabletop exercises. Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon and representatives from US National Weather Service Philadelphia/Mount Holly, the Monmouth County Health Department, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and MCSO's OEM were also highlighted speakers.



## MONMOUTH COUNTY POWER OUTAGES

Sheriff Golden commends all the first responders who worked to ensure traffic control and safety at intersections during the widespread power outages on Oct. 19 which affected residents and business in Neptune, Ocean Township, Wall, Avon, Bradley Beach, Asbury Park, Belmar and Tinton Falls. The outages originated at a JCP&L substation.





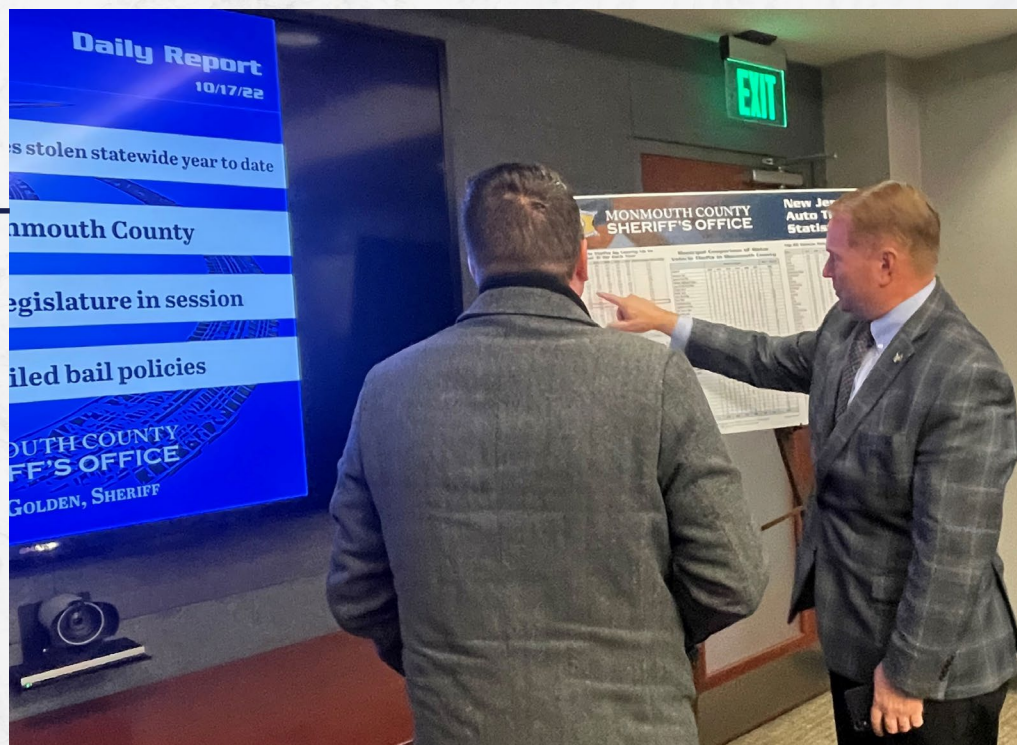
## NJ EMS TASK FORCE HOLD FULL SCALE EXERCISE

In a continuing effort to plan and prepare for disasters NJ EMS Task Force and Hackensack Meridian Health held a full scale emergency response exercise at Old Bridge Medical Center on Oct. 22. A 50 bed field hospital was constructed and volunteers who acted as patients were transferred from the hospital to the field unit. Drills like these ensure that EMS will be at the ready with resources to respond to a large scale disaster. Thanks to all participants including members of the Monmouth County EMS Task Force.



## AUTO THEFTS CONTINUE TO SOAR

Sheriff Golden talked to News 12 New Jersey Reporter Jim Murdoch on Oct. 18, pointing out statistics due to a failed bail reform policy as auto thefts continue to rise. This comes after a recent incident in Monmouth County where one of the auto theft suspects caught was previously arrested for a similar crime. The sheriff stresses that protecting our residents is of the utmost importance and catch and release policies must end now.





## SHERIFF PANEL SPEAKER ON ADDICTION

Sheriff Golden, a leader in the battle against addiction, spoke about the State of NJ's policies on marijuana and challenges law enforcement face on Oct 4, during the WEforum Group Community Conversation: The Dangerous Truth About Today's Marijuana with Laura Stack, CEO of Johnny's Ambassadors - Youth Marijuana Prevention.

Many thanks to Author Laura Stack for providing the most insightful information regarding high potency marijuana, the results of the legalization of marijuana and how adolescent use can lead to mental illness.

Sheriff Golden and Tom Arnone are in the forefront when addressing this serious issue through the programs and assistance provided by the MCSO and Monmouth County Government and were proud to be panel speakers.



## DRUG TAKEBACK

Thanks to all who supported Sheriff Golden in the fight against drugs by participating in the National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on October 29. The Drug Enforcement Administration - DEA collected 49 pounds of unwanted and expired medication that was dropped off at the MCSO by residents in Monmouth County.

The public can continue to dispose of medications all year through the MCSO's Project Medicine Drop Box, the agency's permanent collection site, which can be utilized daily at 2500 Kozloski Rd, Freehold.





## LARGE SCALE FIRE EXERCISE

Major training involving a simulated fire with a full scale water supply exercise took place on Oct. 23, at a warehouse in Millstone, where 45 fire departments from six NJ counties and one from PA participated. This drill helps ensure an efficient response to fires in rural areas to maintain adequate water supply and flow. Sheriff Golden thanks all fire companies for their participation in this extremely important exercise including the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office, and representatives from Monmouth, Mercer, Middlesex, Ocean, Burlington, Somerset and Bucks Counties.



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 9-15 and this year's theme was "Fire Won't Wait Plan Your Escape". In an effort to promote safety, Sheriff Golden shared important tips to protect you and your family should there ever have a fire in your home. The MCSO oversees the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office and thanks all the brave men and women for their dedication, courage and commitment in protecting our communities.



# **FIRE PREVENTION**

**SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN**

# **WEEK 2022**



- Make a home escape plan that all family members are aware of
- Be sure that doors and windows to the outside open easily
- Practice home fire drills
- Teach children how to escape on their own
- If you are confronted by smoke get low and go under the smoke
- Never go back inside - get out and stay out

**FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE.**



## FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL

Sheriff Golden was proud to honor and remember fallen firefighters who died in the line of duty in Monmouth County, during the Monmouth County & Wildland Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service and Medal Day at the Monmouth County Fire Academy, Oct. 16. We will never forget their sacrifice, service, courage and dedication and salute them all.



## SHERIFF SPEAKS TO NEWS 12 AT STARS



Sheriff Golden spoke with News 12 New Jersey's Lauren Due on police academy recruit training in the Situation Training and Response Simulator on Oct. 14 and how the number of recruits has been on the decline.



## LE PROMOTIONS

Sheriff Golden held a swearing in ceremony for Sgt. Tina Valle on Oct.3. Sgt. Valle began her career as a sheriff's officer in 2002 and spent most of it in courthouse operations. He then welcomed five new sheriff's officers to our nationally accredited agency, as they took the oath of office, and will now endure 20 weeks at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

Congrats and best of luck to all.



## MCSO HIGHLIGHTED DURING IACP CONFERENCE

Undersheriffs Darryl Breckenridge, Phil Meehan and Chief Scott Robinson represented the MCSO at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference 2022 in Dallas in Oct., a great educational and networking event for members of law enforcement throughout the world. Through expos and presentations from leading law enforcement experts, attendees learned about and shared information on the technology, training, critical decision making, overdose outreach, resiliency and leadership.

During the conference, in a featured video, the IACP highlighted Sheriff Golden's efforts and showed how the MCSO is in the forefront of public safety through its divisions and initiatives.



## NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

Throughout the year, first responders give so much by going above and beyond the call of duty. As part of National First Responders Day, celebrated Oct 28, the MCSO recognized all first responders for their efforts, dedication and commitment to saving lives and maintaining the safety and health of our residents and visitors in Monmouth County. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thanks and honors these everyday heroes for their service.





## WELCOME MONMOUTH COUNTY PROSECUTOR



Sheriff Golden congratulates Raymond Santiago who was sworn in as Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor on Oct. 7. The MCSO wishes Acting Prosecutor Santiago all the best and looks forward to continued partnerships and work with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office to ensure the public safety of all in Monmouth County.

## INMATE LABOR

MCSO's Inmate Labor crew was busy the month of October assisting towns and non-profit organizations with cleanup. Their most recent detail was in Allenhurst where they worked with the Department of Public Works repainting streets, curbs and crosswalks. They also spent several days at the Associated Humane Society in Tinton Falls where they cleared trails, cleaned vehicles, removed trash and built a new fence along the highway. Earlier in the month, at the Keyport Senior Center, the crew primed and painted the kitchen, manicured the grounds, and rebuilt the area for the garden club.

Sheriff Golden is proud of this collaborative effort of Monmouth County resources which help ensure that our communities and roadways stay clean, at no cost to taxpayers. Many thanks to Monmouth County Government for the support.





## MCSO RETIRES NUMEROUS FLAGS

Sheriff Golden was proud to retire 1295 flags, with dignity and respect, on Oct. 25, during the MCSO's American Flag Retirement ceremony at the Monmouth County Fire Academy.

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

The MCSO Flag Dropbox collects flags that are tattered or damaged and is located outside of the front entrance at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, 2500 Kozloski Road in Freehold.

Retiring these flags in a dignified way shows great respect for our nation, and, those who sacrificed and fought for our freedom. A total of 2661 flags have been retired.



## VETERAN SERVICE COUNCIL

Lots of important information exchanged and shared during the MCSO's Veteran Service Council meeting which was held at the Four Seasons in Wall on Oct. 6. Guest speakers included a veteran outreach aid from the state who spoke of veterans support in Monmouth County and surrounding areas, MCSO Recovery Specialist Dave Clauser who discussed how the MCSO HOPE One Mobile Outreach Unit assists veterans, and a navy chaplain talked about needed areas of support for vets. Last but not least, the Veteran Service Council held a great sendoff and wished Selma Morris the best of luck, who coordinated the council for several years.





## CITIZEN POLICE/LAW ENFORCEMENT MINI ACADEMY GRADUATES

It was a great night at the MCSO as 38 participants graduated the Citizen Police/Law Enforcement Mini Academy on Oct. 20. Sheriff Golden was proud to congratulate all and offer this five week unique opportunity to learn about the complex roles of modern-day law enforcement agencies.

Highlighted in the program were the MCSO Bicycle Patrol Unit, Detective Bureau, K-9 and MCSO Marine Units, gang awareness, an overview of the MCSO, Office of Emergency Management, Monmouth County Police Academy, Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office, tours of operations, and employment and volunteer opportunities within the agency.

Thanks to all the participants. Job well done.



## SHERIFF HONORED BY SJV



Sheriff Golden was honored and humbled to be recognized by St. John Vianney High School, his alma mater, during a ceremony after its annual HS Golf Outing Scholarship event at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club on Oct.17. The sheriff was acknowledged for his years of service and dedication to the residents of Monmouth County and for support of St. John Vianney. The sheriff and MCSO thank SJV for its continued interest in having our agency participate in school events to discuss public safety initiatives.



## SHERIFF HONORED BY VNA

Sheriff Golden was also honored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey along with Commissioner Director Tom Arnone on Oct. 27. The VNA's Community Health Center presented both with leadership awards for their dedication, support and hard work throughout the COVID 19 pandemic.



## CONGRATS TO THE CLERK

A huge congratulations to Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon for being the recipient of the Leaders of Distinction award presented to her by Senior Citizens Activities Network - SCAN on Oct. 18.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are proud of Clerk Hanlon who leads the way in many initiatives including, educating voters, preserving Monmouth County history, serving veterans and having government services readily available to residents.



## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE WOMENS RIGHT TO VOTE

The 19th Amendment Centennial Commemorative Garden outside of the Monmouth County Election Offices in Freehold is complete and in full bloom, and on Oct. 6, Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of this great ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote.

Congrats to Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon for her hard work in bringing this project to completion.





## MCSO TOURS

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO welcomed numerous schools and organizations to the agency 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.



GEORGIAN COURT COLLEGE



NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE



BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



ITALIA POLIZIA



MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



ACADEMY OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY



FOUR SEASONS MANALAPAN MENS CLUB



## CONGRATS EAGLE SCOUT

Another youth in Monmouth County is making a difference and U/S Robert Dawson was proud to present Christian Pinguelo of Colts Neck with a certificate of achievement on Oct. 19 as he became an Eagle Scout. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO congratulate this young man on such a great accomplishment.



## A SPOOKY K-9 DEMO

Looks like Skye may have made a Howl-o-ween arrest of this cute little pup dressed as an inmate. Wonder if she stole some candy during the MCSO's K-9 Demo at Marty's Howl-O-Ween Family Fest, Oct 22.

