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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITS GRADUATE FROM MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

Before our holiday festivities begin with family and friends, I would like to take this time to wish all a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. As we, together, commence our 340th Anniversary as the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, I thank each of you for your commitment to public safety, and your dedicated service to the residents of, and visitors to, our county. Each one of you, with the support of your families, have played an integral part in making the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office the premier, and most accredited, public safety agency in Monmouth County.

The MCSO continues to be a symbol of professional excellence as we maintain our five national accreditations. I'm thankful to have such loyal employees and look forward to a prosperous 2023 as we work together on new safety initiatives and programs.

The MCSO proudly ended the year with a great ceremony at the Monmouth County Police Academy during the graduation of our 28 newly sworn in officers, which



included 20 recruits of the 103rd Basic Course for Police Officers and eight recruits from the 54th Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers. These fine men and woman have demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement by persevering and successfully completing this intense training. Becoming a member of law enforcement is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility than maintaining public safety. I'm proud of their accomplishments and commend all for a job well done.

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Both classes, which were combined, consisted of 20 weeks with 780 hours of training run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers has full police powers while on duty. All recruits train in patrol concepts, defensive driving, professional development, weaponry and unarmed defense, criminal investigation, ethics, emergency medical care and physical training, along with a host of other courses. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers has full police powers while on duty. Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers are well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies. The recruits were committed and worked hard but didn't achieve this goal alone. The exceptional staff of the Monmouth County Police Academy instructed and encouraged the officers during their intense training. There's no doubt the instructors' guidance and leadership will help them embark on successful careers in law enforcement. God bless all of our first responders.



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DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

Sheriff Shaun Golden is urging people to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” as law enforcement officers are putting the brakes on drunk drivers throughout the holiday season. As a result, law enforcement will be cracking down and on the lookout for impaired drivers. Therefore, if you are going to drink, don’t drive. Patrols are being increased and sobriety checks will be set up throughout Monmouth County where motorists will be stopped in an effort to maintain the utmost of safety. The national “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” holiday campaign which lasts until Jan. 1, is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving through enforcement and education.



New Jersey Car Theft Crisis

Daily Report
12/22/22

15,839 Number of vehicles stolen statewide year to date

588 Stolen in Monmouth County

26 Days State Legislature in session

0 Action on failed bail policies



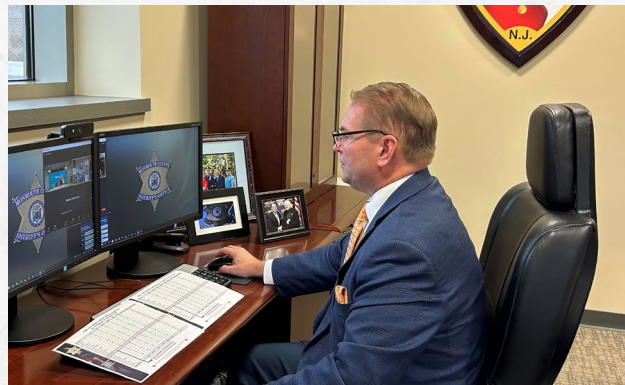
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*NUMBERS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE UPON
FURTHER REVIEW

SHERIFF GOLDEN CONTINUES TO SPEAK OUT ON AUTO THEFT

Sheriff Golden continues to have his message heard in regards to auto thefts, and discussed the continuing issue with Laura Jones on NJ Politics pointing out statistics due to a failed bail reform as auto thefts continue to rise. The sheriff stresses that protecting our residents is

of the utmost importance and catch and release policies must end now.



CONGRATS TO NEW MONMOUTH COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Congratulations to Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond Santiago who was sworn in as the Monmouth County Prosecutor during a ceremony at Brookdale Community College on Dec. 16. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO wish Prosecutor Santiago the very best and looks forward to continued partnerships and work with the Monmouth County

Prosecutor's Office to maintain the public safety of all in Monmouth County.





Visit the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Heroin Opiate Prevention Education Mobile Vehicle at

THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Brookdale Community College
765 Newman Springs Rd. Lincroft, NJ

THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Asbury Park Train Station
111 Main Street, Asbury Park, NJ

HOPE ONE

Sheriff Golden, a leader in the fight against drugs, is pleased to be partnering with Brookdale Community College. On Dec. 20, HOPE One was outside of the Student Center participating in Brookdale's Basic Needs and Wellness Event. HOPE is a vital resource and innovative approach in addressing the opioid epidemic and offers help and HOPE to individuals with substance use disorder and family members through the services and programs it provides. HOPE will be at Brookdale the third Tuesday of each month and the third Thursday of each month at the Asbury Park Train Station where the MCSO is partnering with Asbury Park and JBJ Soul Kitchen.

SHERIFF PARTICIPATES IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT

Sheriff Golden was one of the key law enforcement officials who participated in the New Jersey Association of Counties Summit on Human Trafficking, Dec. 16 with moderator Eric Scott from NJ 101.5. The Sheriff discussed the exploitation of human trafficking, and the preventative measures law enforcement in Monmouth County makes to increase public awareness and education about the risks and signs of human trafficking.

The MCSO and members of law enforcement commend the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking for its hard work and pleased to partner with them in addressing and assisting in combatting this serious issue. The New Jersey Human Trafficking Hotline number is (855) END-NJ-HT or (855-363-6548).



REGISTER READY

MCSO OEM is proud to announce that there are 3187 registered individuals on the Register Ready Program. The most recent event was held in Wall Township with partners from the Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans Services.

Register Ready allows residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families/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. Registrants are also provided with a Ready Go Bag to utilize during a disaster.

Sheriff Golden is proud that Monmouth County is the statewide leader in Register Ready, by having more participants than any other county in the state.

For more information visit : <https://www.mcsonj.org/registerready>



K-9s PATROL SHOPPING AREAS TO ENSURE SAFETY

The MCSO K-9s have been busy walking the beat and working the rounds at the malls to ensure safety this time of year. They also took a break to spread some holiday cheer to shoppers, Skye, Gunner and Leo even managed to slip away to let Santa know they would like to find a big bag of bones under the tree.



K-9 REESE GRADUATES



Our K-9 Reese and S/O Michael Mindo may have completed their twelve weeks of training back in August but the official graduation was held on Dec. 5 at the Ocean County Sheriff's Office.

The MCSO K-9 Unit which presently consists of eight sheriff's officers and ten K9s is one of the best in the state, and, Reese is a significant addition and asset in apprehending criminals and locating missing persons.

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.





CPOS HELP MAKE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER THROUGH RAINE FOUNDATION

The MCSO is most proud to work with the RAINE Foundation which assists children and families in need from the Bayshore area. On Dec. 19 our correctional police officers once again geared up to help deliver gifts to ensure each child has one to open on Christmas. Every year these dedicated CPO's assist with collecting gifts and travel from home to home putting a smile on a child's face. They are honored to be a part of this wonderful event which truly defines what Christmas is all about. Sheriff Golden thanks all for their continued commitment and compassion of this great cause throughout the holidays to help families in times of need.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The MCSO was honored to take part in the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation in Holmdel on Dec. 16, where wreaths were laid to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to participate as U/S Ted Freeman played Taps and MCSO Veteran's Services Officer Mike Ferraro read a proclamation from Monmouth County commemorating the event.

Wreaths Across America is a seven day nationwide event where a caravan of participants begin their journey in Maine and end at Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, Dec. 17.

PEARL HARBOR

Dec. 7 marked the 81st anniversary of Pearl Harbor, a day that will live in infamy. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO honors and salutes all who were killed in the attack. God bless our men and women of the military who sacrifice so much for our freedom.



SHERIFF GOLDEN MENTORS YOUTH

Sheriff Golden is always proud to mentor our youth and addressed teens during the Chabad of the Shore - Solomon Leadership Program on Dec. 14. The program engages teens who aspire to make a difference in their communities with speakers who are role models and lead by example. The sheriff commends the Solomon Leadership Team for their dedication in helping to ensure that young men and women have a bright future.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN NO SHAVE NOVEMBER



The month of November may have come and gone but the charitable efforts of MCSO's staff will continue to benefit many.

Things got a bit hairy last month as sheriff's officers and correctional police officers took a break from shaving to participate in No Shave November. As a result the Corrections Division raised \$2,100 and donated all the proceeds to the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide and the Law Enforcement Division raised \$2,150 for the Centra State Healthcare Foundation. Sheriff Golden is proud of the officers for their dedication to such worthy causes.

CONGRATS TO MCSO RETIREES & WELCOME NEW RECRUITS

A very well deserved sendoff for Sheriff's Officers James Toth and Douglas Herrmann who are retiring and were recognized at the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners meeting for many years of dedicated service. S/O Toth began at the MCSO in 1995 and S/O Herrmann in 1999. Both spent most of their career in court security. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thank the officers for their commitment and dedication to public safety.

As two of our officers retire, two more sheriff's officers are being added to the force. Sheriff Golden was proud to administer the oath of office to Alfonso Salcedo who is a transfer from the Burlington County Department of Corrections and Ricky Logan who will begin training at the Monmouth County Police Academy in January. Best of luck to both.



JOB WELL DONE PSTS

The MCSO is proud of our five Public Safety Telecommunicators who were promoted to Senior PSTs on Dec. 2 after Sheriff Golden swore in Elliot Belote, Tierney Park, Galen Baker, Jacob Fera and Melissa Emmons. All will oversee the day to day operations of the 9-1-1 Communications Center. Our PSTs are the unsung heroes of public safety and emergency operations. They play a critical role in saving lives. We thank them and wish all the best of luck.



BEST OF LUCK TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Golden wishes Sheriff Anthony Basantis the best of luck on his retirement from the Burlington County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Basantis was honored at the most recent Constitutional Officers Association of NJ meeting for his years of services, and, the MCSO thanks him for his dedication to law enforcement. Sheriff Basantis is pictured below with Ocean County Sheriff Michael Mastronardy - President of COANJ.



MCSO PROMOTIONAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Sheriff Golden was proud to present the MCSO's Promotional/Recognition Ceremony for Law Enforcement, Corrections, Communications, Special Operations Divisions and OEM on Dec. 6. Congrats to all for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the MCSO.



MONMOUTH COUNTY EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sheriff Golden congratulated all the recipients of Monmouth County's Annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon on Dec. 2 and particularly acknowledged the MCSO's staff from the Law Enforcement, Corrections, Communications Divisions and OEM for their dedication and years of service. Great job to all.



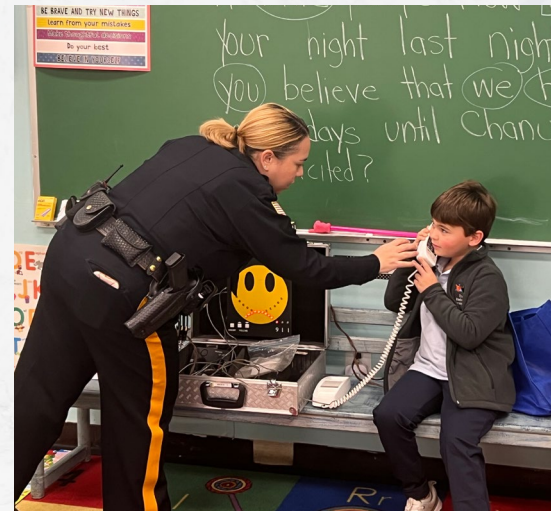
MANASQUAN HS TOURS JAIL

Students from Manasquan High School toured the Monmouth County Correctional Institution to learn about the Corrections Divisions on Dec. 14. Sheriff Golden is always eager to welcome our youth and educate them on how the MCSO maintains public safety.



MCSO PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

S/O Iliana Santos conducted three public safety programs at the Hebrew School in Marlboro on Dec. 13 which included the Dangers of Strangers, SEEK 9-1-1 and Internet Safety.



HBD TANGO

A very Happy Birthday to K-9 Tango who turned ten years old on Dec. 5. Tango is highly trained in narcotics/patrol and a great asset when assisting in combatting the proliferation of drugs in Monmouth County. He and his partner S/O Michael Mindo have been with the MCSO's K-9 Unit since 2014.





Celebrate THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY



If you see someone about to get behind the wheel or on a motorcycle after they have been drinking, take their keys and find them a ride with someone who is sober.

Under no circumstances should adults provide alcohol to a minor or allow anyone under 21 to consume alcohol while at their home.

Before going out, designate a driver who will not consume any alcohol the entire night.

Do not drive if you are impaired. Call an Uber, a cab, a sober friend or family member.

If you don't have a ride, stay where you are. If you live nearby, do not attempt to walk or ride a bicycle home.



Happy Holidays

