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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

SHERIFF IS PROUD TO SERVE RESIDENTS FOR ANOTHER THREE YEAR TERM

I was honored to have been sworn in on January 5 as the Monmouth County Sheriff for a fifth, three-year term, during the Board of Monmouth County Commissioners Organization Meeting at Biotechnology High School. It's my privilege and duty to serve all who live, work or visit this great county, in the safest, most effective and efficient manner for another three years. I thank the residents for their continued support.



The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to serving the public safety needs in Monmouth County through the Law Enforcement, Communications, Corrections, Civil Process 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.

We are a statewide model through our strong leadership skills, commitment to public safety and innovative approaches. 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, particularly through the HOPE One Mobile Unit and drug takeback programs. We support homeland security issues and counterterrorism efforts with state, county and local law enforcement agencies, to maintain the safety and security of residents and visitors throughout Monmouth County. In addition, we continue to address the issue of school violence with consistent active shooter

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drills and training, and, gang activity through gang awareness prevention. The MCSO remains 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 Situational Training and Response Simulator (STARS) Facility, a virtual premiere training center, is used by our public safety partners in Monmouth County and throughout the State of New Jersey. The state of the art 9-1-1 Communications Center, the largest shared service in Monmouth County, serves as a blueprint in emergency services through the most enhanced technology and the hard work and intense training of public safety telecommunicators. The Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management is superior in emergency and disaster response and has developed numerous programs and initiatives in planning and preparing. The MCSO is active in assisting veterans by providing them access to needed services

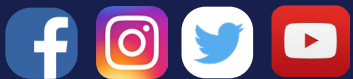


and training programs through the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Veterans Service Council. We are strong supporters and advocate for the special needs community by implementing and developing programs for families of children with autism and special needs residents, as well as training members of law enforcement how to respond to situations involving special needs individuals. In addition, the MCSO has been recognized for its extensive public safety outreach programs for seniors and children.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is the only law enforcement agency in New Jersey with national 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.

These accomplishments have been made through the commitment of employees from all of the sheriff's office divisions who are dedicated to serving the people of Monmouth County. Together with the Board of County Commissioners, we will continue to work on combatting crime and strengthening our shared services and safety initiatives so that Monmouth County remains one of the top counties in the State of New Jersey.

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SHERIFF ADDRESSES THE RISE IN CRIME IN NJ

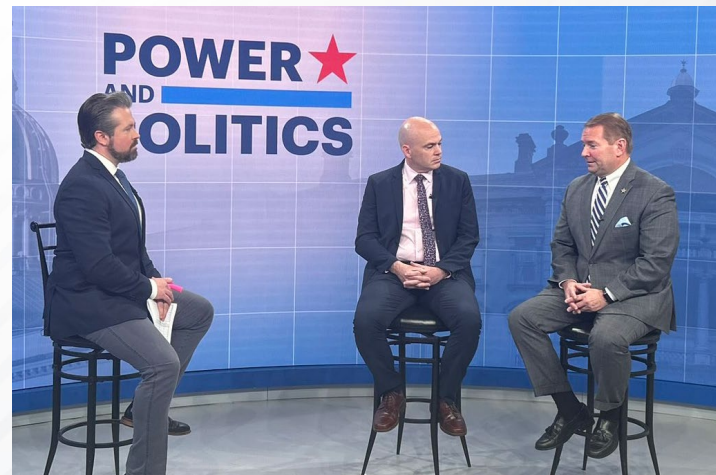
Sheriff Golden, along with partners in law enforcement, were part of a panel discussion on New Jersey 101.5 hosted by Eric Scott, during a Town Hall special: “Rising Crime in New Jersey”, on January 19. The sheriff discussed efforts law enforcement makes to combat crime and address public safety issues. Thanks to New Jersey 101.5 for keeping this topic in the forefront.



AUTO THEFT REMAINS IN THE FOREFRONT FOR 2023

It's a new year with the same problem that continues to plague our communities, auto theft. On Jan. 17, Sheriff Golden, a leader in the fight against auto theft, attended a news conference with Middletown Mayor Tony Perry, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, state/local officials and members of the Middletown Township PD to call on the NJ legislature and the Governor to end bail reform policies once and for all. A public campaign was announced urging residents to sign up for Safe Streets NJ, <https://safestreetsnj.com/>. Sheriff Golden demands that action be taken by the state since statistics keep rising.

The conversation of the growing problem of auto theft continued on Jan. 20 when Sheriff Golden was a guest on News 12 New Jersey's Power and Politics with host Alex Zdan.



SHERIFF PARTICIPATES IN OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sheriff Golden, a leader in the fight against drug abuse, participated in the Monmouth County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council's first virtual meeting of 2023 on Jan. 5. During the meeting, the national settlement agreement with Johnson & Johnson, along with three distributors, was discussed. The council provides input and advice on the disbursement of money and how it can be used to provide resources to combat drug abuse.



BRINGING HOPE INTO THE COMMUNITIES WITH HOPE ONE

The MCSO's HOPE One Mobile Unit is making its way around Monmouth County offering help and HOPE. HOPE One will be stationed in Asbury Park, Freehold, Keansburg and at Brookdale Community College on various days the next several months. Sheriff Golden is pleased to have these community partnerships, since HOPE is a vital resource and innovative approach in addressing the opioid epidemic.



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

1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 247 Carr Ave, Keansburg, NJ

3rd TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Brookdale Community College
 765 Newman Springs Rd. Lincroft, NJ

3rd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Asbury Park Train Station
 111 Main Street, Asbury Park, NJ

HOPE one
 MONMOUTH



4th THURSDAY
 OF EVERY MONTH
St. Peter's Church
 33 Throckmorton St. Freehold, NJ

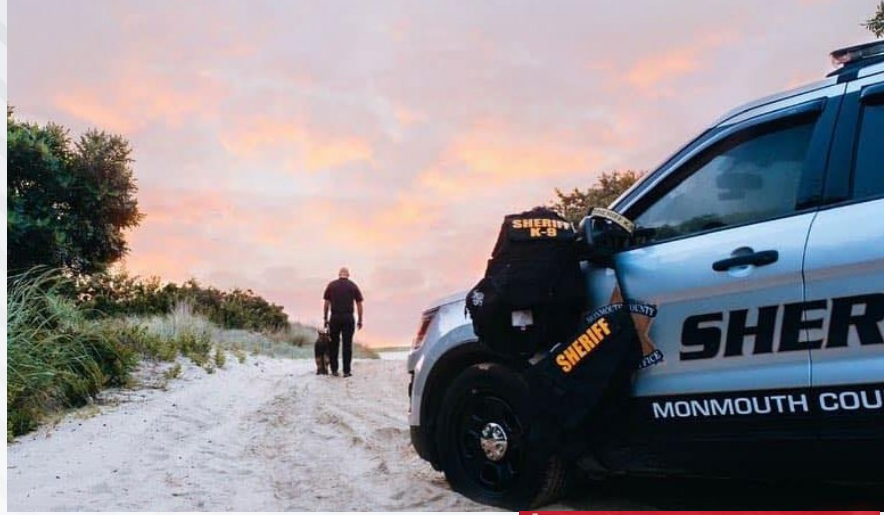


RIP K-9 ARI

The MCSO was extremely saddened to announce the passing of K-9 Ari, beloved partner of retired S/O Jay Aretino. The 14 year old German Shepherd, who specialized in narcotics detection and patrols, retired in 2021 after a long and successful ten year career assisting in combatting crime. On Monday Jan. 9, K-9s and their handlers from numerous law enforcement agencies lined up outside of Garden State Veterinary Specialists Animal Hospital in Tinton Falls, where Ari, the hard working police dog and most loyal companion, was provided with the proper send off.

Ari was a valuable asset in promoting law enforcement, maintaining public safety and combating the proliferation of drugs in Monmouth County. We are grateful to Ari for his service. He will be missed.

K-9 Ari and S/O Aretino worked together for ten and half years before both retired.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TANGO

After nine years of service, a retirement walkout was held for K-9 Tango on Jan. 25. S/O Michael Mindo and Tango, who was highly trained in narcotics/patrol, made a great team assisting in fight against drugs in Monmouth County. Tango turned ten in December and is now ready for some R & R as he remains living with S/O Mindo. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thank Tango for his exceptional service.



FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE BLAZE IN DEVASTATING FIRE

Firefighters fought a devastating early morning blaze at a home on Brookside Avenue in Hazlet on Jan. 13, where a mother, daughter and family dog tragically died after becoming trapped inside. Reports of the fire came in just after midnight and resulted in a mutual aid response of fire, police and EMS from Hazlet, Keansburg, Keyport, Union Beach, Holmdel, Middletown, Tinton Falls and Matawan along with the MCSO's Monmouth County EMS Task Force, Medical Ambulance Bus 6, the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office.

All first responders at the scene are commended for their tremendous efforts, coordination and quick and responsive actions in battling this fire and maintaining safety. The MCSO thoughts remain with the family.



WINTER WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

Although we've had a mild winter so far, fires during this time of year can be extremely challenging to fight, especially in stormy weather with frigid temperatures. As a result, Sheriff Golden and the MCSO urge all to take the proper safety precautions in an effort to avoid fires as well as assist firefighters.



WINTER WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

- Take the proper precautions when using space heaters. Keep them at least 3 feet from combustibles, away from exits and turn them off when leaving a room.
- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly.
- Have a fully charged fire extinguisher.
- Never use an oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- Clean the lint out of your clothes dryers regularly.
- Make sure your house number is visible from the street. It should be on the house as well as the mailbox.
- Always have a home fire escape plan and practice it regularly with your family.

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OEM/EMS PRESENTATIONS

Quite often first responders are not only challenged physically but emotionally as well, since they deal with traumatic events. In an effort to support all first responders, Sheriff Golden was pleased to have MCSO's Deputy EMS Coordinator Bil Rosen present "HELP" on Jan. 24, which focused on the mental health of first responders and how to recognize and cope with stress, trauma and PTSD.

"HELP" is the first of several Monmouth County OEM/EMS presentations held at the Shore Area Communications Center in Neptune.



MCSO HOSTS MEDICAL RESERVE CORP

The Monmouth County Health Department's Medical Reserve Corp, (a volunteer group), held a training session at the MCSO on Jan. 10, which included an overview of the 911 Communications Division and a presentation on the FEMA Class: You Are the Help Until Help Arrives. The class teaches laypeople about lifesaving actions to take until first responders arrive, calling 9-1-1, staying safe at the emergency scene, providing care such as CPR, bleeding control, emotional support, positioning of victims and preventing shock in all cases from a simple home accident to a terror attack.

Thanks to MCSO's Dawn Sommeling, 911 Coordinator and Andrew Caruso, Emergency Medical Technician/Deputy EMS Coordinator for leading the group through these informative presentations.





SHERIFF SWORN IN AS SANJ SECRETARY

Sheriff Golden is honored to serve another year as the Secretary of the Sheriffs' Association of NJ. The sheriff along with his colleagues Camden Co Sheriff Whip Wilson/President, Cape May Co Sheriff Robert Nolan/1st VP, Ocean Co Sheriff Michael Mastronardy/2nd VP and Bergen Co Sheriff Anthony Cureton/Treasurer all proudly took the oath of office to serve on the Executive Board on Jan. 27.

Congrats to all. Sheriff Golden, who is past president, thanks SANJ for this honor and opportunity.

Also recognized at the meeting was Sen. Robert Singer for his years of service and support of SANJ.



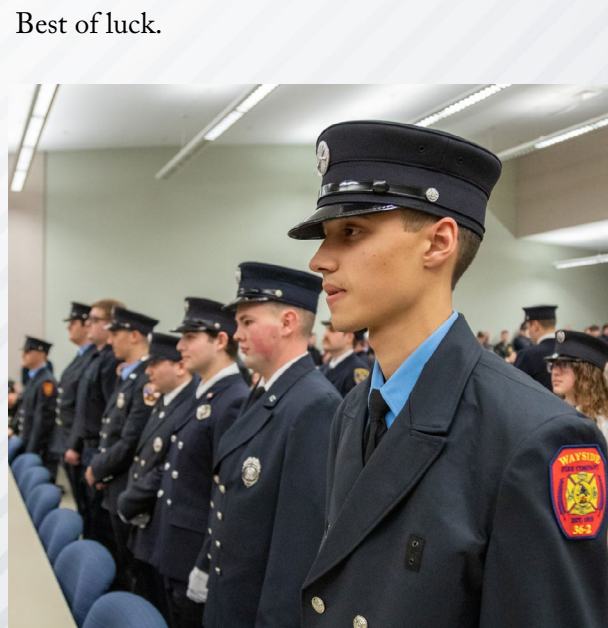
WELCOME NEW SHERIFF'S OFFICERS

Sheriff Golden welcomed four new sheriff's officers to the MCSO on Jan. 3. Congrats to S/Os Kevin Barruffe, Sarbina Capriotti, Jasmin Colon and Jackie Tumipamba who were sworn in to office and took the oath to protect and serve the residents of Monmouth County. Best of luck to all.

FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATION

Job well done to all the recruits of the Monmouth County Fire Academy who graduated on January 26. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO congratulate these new firefighters from Firefighter I Class 134 as they serve their communities in the most courageous way. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Best of luck.



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) is held on Jan. 9 and a most well deserved day for all to show support of our police officers and recognize the important efforts members of law enforcement make throughout the year. They sacrifice their safety to protect the public each and every day.

Thank you for your service and we will never forget all who died in the line of duty.



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY



SHERIFF ATTENDS STATE OF THE COUNTY

Sheriff Golden was proud to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Monmouth County's State of the County on Jan. 19. During the annual address, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone outlined Monmouth County's accomplishments, hard work and plans for the future. The great strides and efforts the MCSO makes to ensure public safety throughout the county, and, the 9-1-1 Communications Center, which is the largest shared service in Monmouth County, was also highlighted.

Sheriff Golden thanks the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the MCSO in maintaining the public safety of our residents throughout Monmouth County.



MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



NOW Hiring

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR 9-1-1 OPERATOR

- Full-time Positions
- New Competitive Salary
- Comprehensive Benefits Package
- Bilingual Applicants Encouraged
- One-year Training Period

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- **Certifications:** Emergency Medical Dispatch/Basic Telecommunicator/C.P.R.
(Evening courses for certification available at the Sheriff's Office in Freehold for applicants starting Monday, February 20th).
- Pass psychological/medical evaluation and criminal background check
- 18 yrs. or older/proof of U.S. Citizenship
- Resident of the State of NJ
- High school diploma or equivalent

JOB ALERT FROM COMMS DIVISION

Want to join a dynamic group of public safety professionals? Apply to become a Public Safety Telecommunicator at the MCSO. The position offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

Sheriff Golden has a highly trained staff who work at the 9-1-1 Communications Center and is seeking additional professionals to join the team.

No need to worry about pre-certification. Pre-requisite evening classes will be offered at the MCSO beginning Feb. 20. Space is available, so become a part of the nationally accredited Communications Division.



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For more information contact: Dawn Sommeling at DSommeling@mcsonj.org

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VETERANS COUNCIL MEETS

Great turnout and lots of information exchanged and shared during the MCSO's Veteran Service Council meeting which was held at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel on Jan. 25. Veterans programs, Monmouth County services and ways to expand outreach were discussed. The next meeting is March 15 with a location to be determined.



*"The time is
always right,
to do what
is right."*

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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MCSO RECOGNIZES MLK DAY

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO celebrated, remembered and honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 16.

MCSO TOURS

Sheriff Golden was proud to welcome students from Freehold Township High School, Keansburg High School and Hazlet Middle School to the MCSO as part of the Student Professional Awareness, SPA, Program. Students were presented with an overview of operations, saw a K-9 demo and toured the 9-1-1 Communications Center and the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. The SPA program offers students a firsthand look into law enforcement and potential careers they can explore.

The SPA program is conducted on Wednesdays for high school students with an interest in law enforcement or criminal justice.



Keansburg High School



Freehold Township High School

K-9s CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

The MCSO K-9 Unit keeps quite busy throughout the year assisting in the fight against crime and drug abuse as they are called out on explosive, tracking and narcotics searches. Three of our K-9s had reason to party this month. Skye celebrated her 9th birthday on Jan 3, Maggie turned 3 years old on Jan. 23 and Gunner celebrated his 9th birthday on Jan. 29. Happy Birthday to all of these hard working K-9s.

