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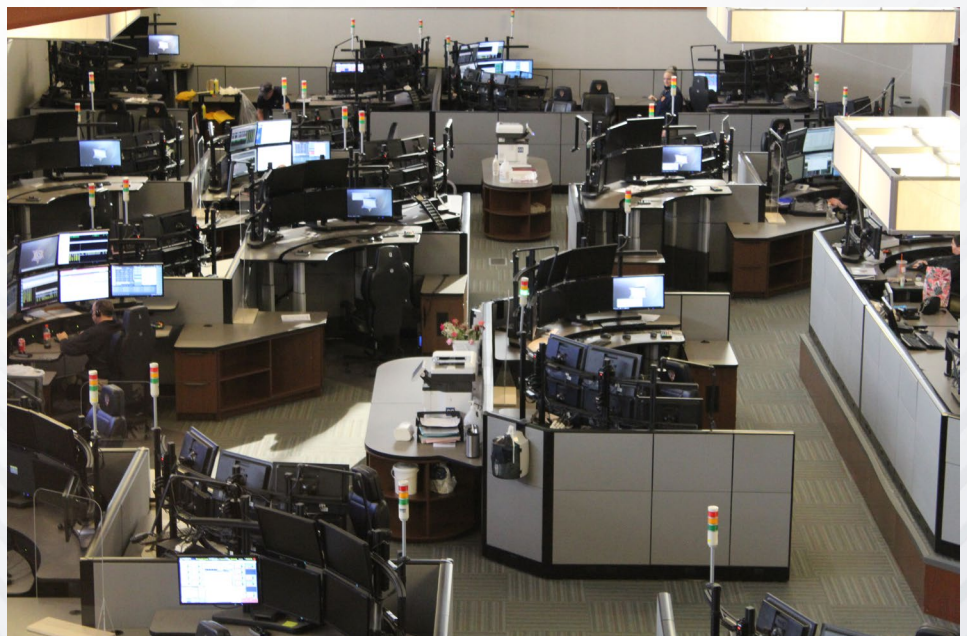
MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

9-1-1 DESERVES GREAT RECOGNITION

The 9-1-1 communications system celebrated quite the milestone in February as it turned 55 years old. On Feb. 16, 1968 the very first 9-1-1 call was placed in Alabama. 9-1-1 emergency communications have come a long way since then. I'm proud of the our state of the art 9-1-1 Communications Center, the largest shared service in Monmouth County, and I'm pleased to report that in 2022, a total of 783,905 calls were processed.

The center answers calls for 48 municipalities, provides dispatch services for 26 police departments, 83 fire companies and 40 first aid squads. Our highly trained Public Safety Telecommunicators do an exceptional job serving Monmouth County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and deserve much credit for their work in helping to ensure the public safety and health of residents in Monmouth County. We are proud to be a leader in emergency services and thank all of our partners for their commitment and dedication to saving lives.



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It's of the utmost importance to dial 9-1-1 during an emergency, but if circumstances prevent that, you can always TEXT to 9-1-1 to communicate with a Public Safety Telecommunicator.



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NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN

On Feb. 21 we were exactly 100 days out from Hurricane season which begins June 1, and Sheriff Golden says it's always good to plan ahead. Keep a disaster supply kit stocked and ready to go. Also, download the MCSO's App for emergency alerts and real time notifications at www.mcsonj.org/app



- First Aid Kit
- 1 Gallon of water per person, per day for at least 3 days
- Medication
- Special items (diapers, formula glasses)
- Non-perishable food/ Special dietary items
- Battery operated radio
- Cell phone chargers
- Emergency cash
- Change of clothes, footwear
- Dust mask
- Face coverings
- Rubber gloves
- Hand sanitizer



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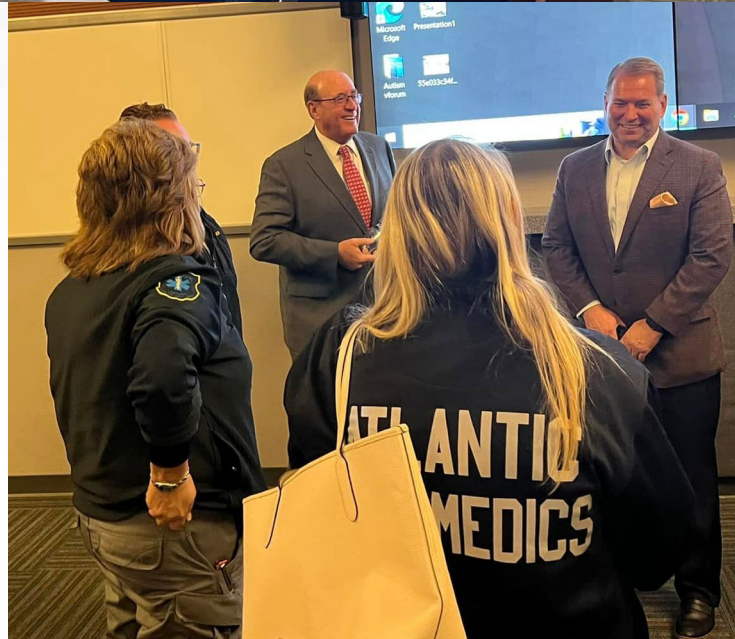
In the event of a weather related event it's most important to always be at the ready. The MCSO OEM conducted an activation exercise of the Emergency Operations Center on Feb. 10. Thanks to our partners from the Monmouth County Health Department for participating. It's vital to train, prepare and plan.





MCSO HOSTS LINE OFFICERS MEETING

The MCSO hosted the annual County EMS Line Officers meeting at the MCSO attended by EMS personnel throughout Monmouth County on Feb. 13. MCSO OEM coordinated this informative event to provide annual updates and EMS initiatives. Thanks to Monmouth County EMS Coordinator Mike Bascom for presenting insightful emergency preparedness information.



COLD WEATHER Preparedness Tips

CLOTHING

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers.
- Wear a hat. Nearly half of your body heat loss is from the top of your head.
- Wear gloves or mittens (mittens which are snug at the wrist are better than gloves.)

IN THE CAR

- Fully check and winterize your vehicle before starting your travel:
- Make sure your car battery has enough power, and your car is filled with antifreeze.
 - Keep your gas tank near full to prevent ice from forming in the fuel lines.
 - If you're planning travel, carry a winter storm survival kit:
 - Blankets
 - Flashlight
 - High-calorie snack foods
 - Jumper cables
 - Water container
 - Fully charged cell phone

AT HOME

- Let your faucets drip to prevent freezing water from pipes to burst.
- Make sure your pipes are properly insulated and leave cabinet doors open around pipes so they can receive warmth flowing through your home.
- Protect/bring outdoor plants inside.
- Provide shelter for pets and check on elderly.
- Have a flashlight and extra batteries available. Avoid using candles since these can be a fire hazard.
- If you have a fireplace or wood stove, make sure you have a good supply of firewood. Learn to use any emergency heating sources properly to prevent a fire.
- Close off unneeded rooms and place towels/rags under the doors.



SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER

Mother Nature may be in disagreement over this but on Feb. 2 our MCSO resident groundhog Deputy Sheriff Monmouth Max saw his shadow, and, after concurring with his buddy and expert Punxsatawney Phil, agreed we are going to have six more weeks of winter.



CORRECTIONS RECRUITS BEGIN TRAINING

Sheriff Golden addressed the new recruits of the 40th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers on Feb. 27 at the Monmouth County Police Academy where they will endure thirteen weeks of training. The sheriff discussed how engagement, excitement and energy will help them become the finest correctional police officers. Many of the recruits will join the ranks of the MCSO Corrections Division. Best of luck to all.



HOPE ONE

The MCSO's HOPE One Mobile Unit continues to make its way around Monmouth County offering help and HOPE and will be stationed in Asbury Park, Freehold, Keansburg and 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.

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

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FLAG DROPBOX

February marked the MCSO one year anniversary of our Flag Dropbox where residents can dispose tattered or damaged American flags. It's important to honor our stars and stripes by ensuring that worn out flags, which are no longer able to be displayed, are disposed. Once the flags are collected they are properly retired during the MCSO's American Flag Retirement ceremony at the Monmouth County Fire Academy. Two ceremonies have been held and coordinated by the Monmouth Council Boy Scouts of America. Retiring 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.



MCSO CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sheriff Golden is always proud to commemorate Black History Month throughout February and recognize the accomplishments of staff members who are making, and have made a tremendous difference professionally and in their communities. The month long celebration is a great time to reflect on the achievements and contributions of African Americans in our agencies, communities and nationwide.



SHERIFF MENTORS STUDENTS

Sheriff Golden is always proud to have the opportunity to mentor our youth, especially when the Brookdale Community College alum gets to pay it forward to these criminal justice students. The sheriff welcomed the Brookdale students to the MCSO on Feb. 21 and discussed various career paths, leadership, positive role models and internships opportunities.

And what would a visit be without a meet and greet with one of the MCSO's K-9s. Thanks to S/O Michael Mindo and K-9 Reese for the demo.



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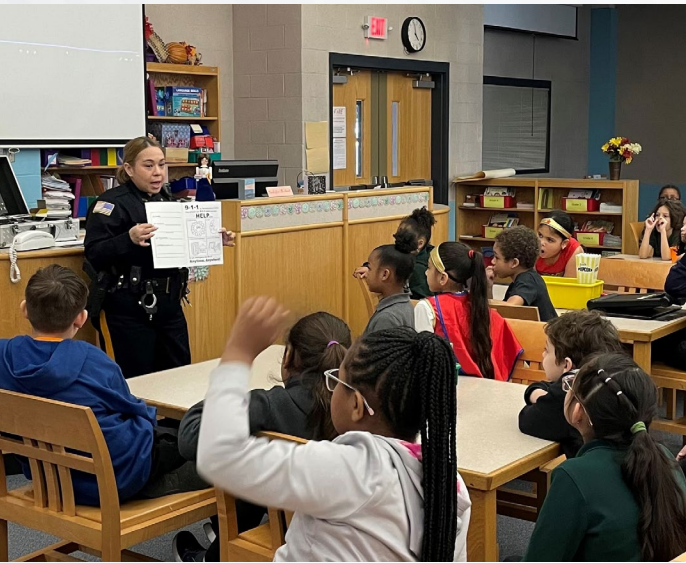
A highlight of the day for students from the Frank Antonides School in West Long Branch on Feb. 10 was getting the chance to meet S/O Michael Mindo and his partner in fighting crime, K-9 Reese, as they learned about the duties and responsibilities of being a part of the MCSO's K-9 Unit.

Sheriff Golden is always proud to welcome students to the MCSO as part of the Student Professional Awareness Program, SPA. Students are presented with an overview of operations, see a K-9 demo and tour the 9-1-1 Communications Center and the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. SPA offers students a firsthand look into law enforcement and potential careers they can explore.

MCSO PROGRAMS

S/O Iliana Santos made the rounds at schools in February to help ensure the utmost of safety for our young students. S/O Santos taught second graders the proper way to dial 9-1-1 through the SEEK 9-1-1 program at the Amerigo Anastasia School in Long Branch, Fairview Elementary in Red Bank and the Wemrock School in Manalapan, and presented the MCSO's Dangers of Strangers and Bullying to students at St. Benedict School in Holmdel.

Sheriff Golden's public safety programs are offered at schools throughout the year.





MCSO SEEING RED

Staff from the MCSO were seeing red on February 3, for National Wear Red Day. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO continued to support the fight against heart disease throughout the month of February

WELCOME INTERNS



Sheriff Golden and the MCSO welcomed five college students to our Spring internship program on Feb. 2. The interns were presented with an overview of the agency and toured MCSO facilities where they are assisting in the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions, the Office of Emergency Management, Information Technology and Special Operations. Many interns from the MCSO have moved on to become law enforcement professionals. We are pleased to have all on board and provide them with a great experience. The interns are from Monmouth University, Georgian Court University and Brookdale Community College.



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MY COUNTY

A Poster Contest for Fourth Graders

To promote awareness of the work accomplished throughout New Jersey's 21 Counties, the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey (COANJ) is sponsoring a poster contest called, "My County." All Monmouth County fourth graders are invited to design a poster for entry in the contest.

County government in New Jersey is responsible for road maintenance, jails, mortgage and deed recording, voting procedures, probate of wills, adoptions and lots more.

Design and content of the poster are at the student's discretion. Special knowledge or background is not needed. A general guideline would be to depict something which makes Monmouth County unique.





Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place winners. Nine posters will also receive honorable mention. Each of the twelve posters will be individually displayed at the County Clerk's Office.

All posters become the property of the Constitutional Officers Association and the County of Monmouth. Submission of the posters grants the Constitutional Officers Association permission to display the posters in public places.

REQUIREMENTS:

- The poster must be on standard 22" x 28" poster board
- The name of Monmouth County must be in 4-inch letters formed in black marker at the top of the poster
- The student's name, teacher's name and school must be printed neatly in the lower right hand corner on the back of the poster

Posters must be mailed or delivered no later than:
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 to:
Maureen T. Raisch, Surrogate
Monmouth County Surrogate's Office
Hall of Records, One East Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-431-7330
Surrogate@co.monmouth.nj.us
www.visitmonmouth.com



Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq.
Monmouth County Clerk

Shaun Golden
Monmouth County Sheriff

Maureen T. Raisch
Monmouth County Surrogate

MY COUNTY POSTER CONTEST

Surrogate Maureen Raisch, Sheriff Golden and Clerk Christine Hanlon are once again proud to be hosting the My County poster contest for fourth grade students. It's a fun and educational project for students to learn more about the history of Monmouth County and what makes it such a great place to visit and live. The contest is sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of NJ.