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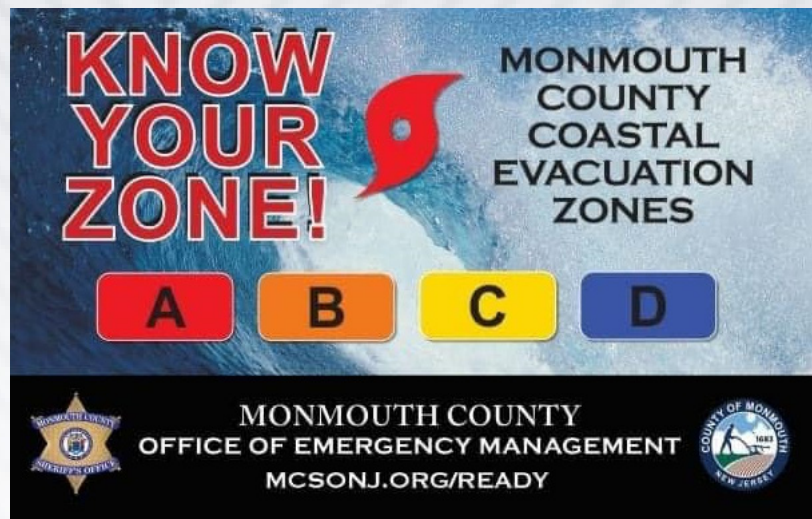


The last few days in September were quite challenging in our coastal communities as a State of Emergency was declared in New Jersey Sept. 29. Heavy and fast moving rain caused significant amounts of flooding, particularly in Neptune, Long Branch and Asbury Park. The flooding was so extreme at Fletcher Lake in Neptune that a pumping operation coordinated by Neptune Township and the Monmouth County Department of Public Works was set up as the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office sent out messages to stay away from flooded areas, to not drive through them or around barricades, and to take proper safety precautions. On Sept. 30, the cleanup began and MCSO Office of Emergency Management supplied 6 pallets of free cleanup kits for those dealing with flooded basements. Thanks to all of our first responders and public works crews who responded to the flooded areas, assisted with disabled vehicles, provided sandbags and directed traffic in Monmouth County. All did an exceptional job ensuring public safety of our residents and communities.

The timing of this storm as well as the effects of Ophelia which were felt the weekend of Sept. 23 all fell during National Preparedness Month, when the MCSO always reinforces the message to plan, prepare, stay informed and get involved.



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National Preparedness Month, Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is an effort to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies. It's always a good time to reinforce Know Your Zone and learn which evacuation zone you are within by visiting mcsnj.org/ready. The Know Your Zone initiative was implemented by Office of Emergency Management to educate residents, visitors and businesses about coastal evacuation zones. It allows OEM to direct any evacuation instructions to those that are at the greatest risk of experiencing storm surge during major coastal storms in protection of lives and property. Another way the MCSO assists the public in disaster preparedness is to encourage all residents to be equipped with an emergency kit. Emergencies and events can strike fast, so the MCSO urges all to have a kit filled with necessities, should you become displaced and have to evacuate quickly. The MCSO STORM (Seniors Taking On Readiness Measures) has provided more than 2700 kits to date.

To keep up with the most up to date information, it's also important to like or follow the MCSO on social media through Facebook, Monmouth County

Sheriff's Office, Twitter, @ MonmouthSheriff, and Instagram, monmouthsheriff, all platforms that prove to be extremely useful before, during and after severe weather. In addition, download the agency's application for smartphones. Our app provides instant access to sheriff's office related information, which includes real[1]time emergency notifications, through its integrated push notification system. Users are able to be instantly alerted to weather, or other emergency related situations, from the MCSO and the agency's OEM.

Please don't forget that Planning Preparing and Staying Informed are the keys to safety before, during and after a weather related event

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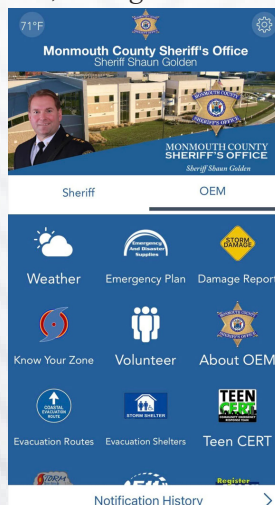
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SHERIFF SPEAKS WITH FOX NEWS WEATHER ABOUT REPLENISHMENT

Sheriff Golden discussed beach replenishment and erosion at the Jersey Shore post Ophelia and past storms, particularly Sandy, with Fox Weather on Sept. 27. It's an important topic as continued projects provide for greater sustainability of our beaches and the tourism industry.

MILITARY HONORS FOR FORGOTTEN VETERANS

Sheriff Golden continues the mission of ensuring that veterans who fought for our freedom won't be left behind. On September 28, one by one, the cremains of 21 forgotten veterans and 6 spouses from WWI, WWII, Korea and the Vietnam War eras were carried out from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in Freehold as they began the journey to their final resting place during a procession to Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, with stops at the Hall of Records in Freehold, CentraState Medical Center and Prospertown Lake in Jackson. This momentous event, Military Honors For Forgotten Veterans, led by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in support of the Vietnam Veterans of America New Jersey Shore Area Chapter 12, provided our veterans, whose remains were never claimed, with a salute to arms and a proper sendoff. We could never repay our veterans for the sacrifices they have made, but what we can do is never forget. It's most important that these veterans who served our country are given respect and provided a proper burial filled with dignity and honor. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is proud to host this significant event and is grateful for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12's efforts in their commitment and tireless work to ensure these forgotten veterans receive full military honors.

To date 133 veterans or spouses have been interred and 30 were returned to family by VVA Chapter 12. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and VVA Chapter 12 thank all who supported this outstanding event including, Brigadier General William C. Doyle, Memorial Cemetery, Ocean County Sheriff's Office, Burlington County Sheriff's Office, Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, CentraState Healthcare System, Especially for You Florist, Frank DeJeanne - Covered Bridge Manalapan, Executive Undersheriff Ted Freeman, Kate Freeman, Freehold Borough PD, Freehold Twp. PD, Manalapan PD and Jackson PD.



MCSO WILL NEVER FORGET

Events were held on the 22nd Anniversary of the September 11th attacks in Monmouth County to honor the lost, the survivors and the many heroes of 9/11. God Bless America. We will never forget.

MOUNT MITCHILL

At the Mount Mitchell Memorial in Atlantic Highlands it was a somber ceremony, as many throughout Monmouth County gathered to pay tribute and honor the men and women who lost their lives on 9/11, 147 of them were born, raised or lived in Monmouth County.



JERSEY SHORE 9/11 MEMORIAL RUN

Monmouth County Police Academy recruits ran to remember from Belmar to Spring Lake during the Jersey Shore 9/11 Memorial Run to pay tribute to those we lost and all the heroes.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN TUNNEL FOR TOWERS

Sheriff Golden and members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement, Communications and Corrections divisions, Commissioner Director Tom Arnone and Team Shamrock were among the many participants running for all who were lost on 9/11 by participating in the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk, held on the last Sunday in September each year starting at the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and ending in lower Manhattan. Thank you to Tunnel to Towers Foundation for honoring our fallen heroes. We salute all



SHERIFF GOLDEN DISCUSSES BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

With the start of a new school year, it's vital to practice back to school safety. Throughout September, Sheriff Golden provided parents and students with helpful safety tips pertaining to cautioning drivers while sharing the roads with school buses, the dangers of strangers and teens who are about to get behind the wheel. Best of luck to all for a safe and successful school year.



SEEK 911 KICKS OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

MCSO's first SEEK 9-1-1 program of the new school year was presented to first grade students of the West Belmar Elementary School on Sept. 20. SEEK (Sheriff's Emergency Education for Kids) 9-1-1 program teaches elementary school students how to dial 9-1-1. SEEK 9-1-1 is one of the most popular and extremely important youth safety programs offered by the MCSO. Sheriff Golden is pleased to provide SEEK so elementary school students know the proper way to dial 9-1-1 and how to get help quickly for their own safety and for their families.



NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

National Child Passenger Safety Week was recognized Sept. 17 through Sept. 23. The week draws attention to how important it is that children are secured properly in a car seat. Sheriff Golden is a leader in this effort through the MCSO's monthly child safety seat inspections held at the Monmouth County Garage, 240 Center St, Freehold, where trained safety seat technicians, assist parents, grandparents and caregivers.

The next Child Safety Seat checkpoint is October 11 and no appointment is necessary.



SHERIFF WELCOMES FALL INTERNS

Sheriff Golden welcomed the new group of students to the MCSO Fall internship program on Sept. 13. The interns were presented with an overview of the agency and toured MCSO facilities where they will assist 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. The interns are from Monmouth University, Brookdale Community College, Rowan University and Rutgers University.



CONGRATS TO BROOKDALE

For the second year in a row Brookdale Community College has secured the top spot as the number one community college in NJ. This is a well-deserved recognition and the MCSO is proud to be a partner with Brookdale by leading its public safety services and providing the highest level of protection for students and staff.

Sheriff Golden, an alumni of Brookdale, congratulates President David Stout, as well as the hard working and dedicated staff who help make Brookdale the best it can be.



SHERIFF GOLDEN PROUD TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF LEARNING CENTER

It was a great day for Interfaith Neighbors, Inc. who officially celebrated the opening of the The Early Childhood Learning Center of Asbury Park on Atkins Avenue, which will provide education, support and care to families and children. Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of the event on Sept. 13, as he assisted Interfaith Neighbors during the building of the center to ensure the safety for children, staff and families.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN JOB FAIR

Staff from the MCSO were proud to meet and greet potential recruits and future leaders in law enforcement at Brookdale Community College's career fair on September 28, hosted by the Monmouth County Division of Workforce Development. Members of the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions were on hand to speak to interested candidates about a career in public safety.



MCSO CELEBRATES NATIONAL POLICE WOMAN'S DAY



On National Police Woman's Day, held Sept. 12, Sheriff Golden was proud to recognize the contributions and achievements of women in law enforcement, especially those from the MCSO's Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions. Their dedication, hard work and service in protecting residents and our communities does not go unnoticed. We thank all women in law enforcement who make a difference every day. You are appreciated.



WALK AT LUNCH

Monmouth County employees traded in their shoes for sneakers and took to the fitness track outside of the MCSO to participate in Monmouth County's Walk at Lunch on September 15, which promotes the health and wellness of employees. In addition to the walk around the track, representatives and providers for Monmouth County offered wellness information. It was a great turnout. Sheriff Golden thanks all who came out to Walk at Lunch and Monmouth County's HR department for hosting the event.



FOP PARTICIPATES IN GREAT CAUSE

Sheriff Golden appreciates the Corrections Division FOP 30's contributions in the construction of the Mya Lin Terry Playground in Ocean Township on Sept. 6. This great effort is part of the Where Angels Play Foundation which began after the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting in Newtown Connecticut, where volunteers build playgrounds in memory of children who have been lost to tragic events or illness. Mya was from Ocean Township and passed away at ten years old after a brave battle with cancer.



POUND THE PAVEMENT FOR PURPLE

They pounded the pavement for a great cause as many participated in the 10th annual Pound the Pavement for Purple 5K run/2MI walk for Pancreatic Cancer on Sept. 16. Sheriff Golden and members of his staff couldn't be more proud to be a part of the event to raise money and awareness for this devastating disease. Thanks to all the participants, and especially Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone, for the dedication and commitment each year in making this event such a success.



GROUND BREAKING FOR ASBURY PARK FIRE DEPT

A monumental event in Asbury Park as community leaders, firefighters, county and state officials commemorated the ground breaking of the Asbury Park Fire Department's New Headquarters on Sept. 6, to be constructed on Memorial Drive.

Sheriff Golden, a leader in emergency services, was proud to speak at the event where he acknowledged the dedicated firefighters and the commitment to ensuring that first responders have the resources and facilities they need to continue their vital work in saving lives. Thanks to Asbury Park leaders for making this a great day.



CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The MCSO's Citizen Police/Law Enforcement Mini Academy began Sept. 21 and Sheriff Golden is proud to offer this five week unique opportunity where participants learn about the complex roles of modern-day law enforcement agencies.

In the first session, Undersheriff Ted Freeman, the coordinator of the program, presented ID Theft and Deputy OEM Coordinator Gene Hannafey provided the class with an overview of emergency management operations, where they learned about planning/preparing, hurricane safety and awareness. During the second session the MCSO Detective Bureau presented: What YOU Need to Know About Controlled Dangerous Substances and Drugs.



VETERANS SERVICE COUNCIL

The MCSO's Veterans Service Council was held at the American Legion Post in Neptune on Sept. 20. During the meeting, key events were discussed including the Military Honors For Forgotten Veterans Ceremony and the Veterans Resource Fair to be held on Sept. 28. Another important topic presented was suicide prevention resources for veterans.

Sheriff Golden thanks the council, led by Veterans Service Officer Mike Ferraro, for the exceptional work they do for our Monmouth County Veterans.



SHERIFF MEETS WITH NAVAL WEAPONS STATIONS EARLE COMMANDER

Sheriff Golden met with Naval Weapons Station Earle Base Commander Captain Kent "Brewski" Smith and EOC Manager Jason Busby at the MCSO on Sept. 7, to discuss OEM partnerships, public safety technology and veterans projects. We are proud to have this great working relationship with NWSE where information and ideas are exchanged to promote safety.



SHERIFF HOSTS EMS EDUCATORS

Sheriff Golden hosted the New Jersey Association of EMS Educators at the MCSO Sept. 13, where topics included training and the essential work of EMS. To express their appreciation, the sheriff was presented with a plaque for his unwavering support of emergency services and commitment to public safety. We thank the association for their outstanding contributions to training in NJ.



LAW ENFORCEMENT'S FAN VISITS MCSO

Sheriff Golden was proud to host Alex W. Mann at the MCSO on Sept. 5. Alex is an exceptional young man and a huge supporter of law enforcement, who routinely tours public safety agencies and learns all about operations. The MCSO was Alex's 412th visit along his route. His journeys have taken him to five states, the furthest being California, and Alex is always ambitious and eager to meet with members of law enforcement. Alex is autistic and will present autism awareness to recruits at the Monmouth County Police Academy this November. We look forward to welcoming him back.



MCSO HOSTS BOY SCOUTS

A great visit by Boy Scout Troop 91 from South Amboy who toured the MCSO and saw a drone and K-9 Demo. We are always eager to mentor our youth and provide an overview of operations.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The MCSO celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept 15 through Oct 15. Sheriff Golden is proud to have Hispanic Americans represent the work force in law enforcement, corrections and communications. We commend their dedication and commitment to public safety, which has a positive impact on the agency, and, recognize all for their great efforts during the month and throughout the year.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY REESE

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO celebrated the birthday of K-9 Reese who turned two on Sept. 11. Reese, one of the three bloodhounds from our K-9 Unit, leads a highly successful life sniffing out crime. He and handler S/O Michael Mindo have assisted in many leads and arrests, and we thank both for their service.



FIRST DAY OF FALL

The first day of Fall was Sept. 23 and Sheriff Golden hopes all enjoy the beautiful season in Monmouth County that's upon us.

