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October is a very special time at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office as we acknowledge and spread awareness during 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 there's lots of pink at the MCSO to symbolize hope. Each Friday, staff wears pink in show of support to spread awareness. In addition, police cruisers are marked in pink, sporting pink rims and magnetic ribbons, and of course it's our girl Skye's favorite color.

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 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. Throughout the month of October, 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 year after year when it comes to breast cancers awareness.

LEADERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THANK PARTICIPANTS IN DRUG TAKEBACK

Thanks to all who supported Sheriff Golden, Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond Santiago and Englishtown Police Chief Peter Cooke in the fight against drugs by participating in the National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on October 28. 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.



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SHERIFF DISCUSSES INITIATIVES WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Sheriff Golden leads one of the most accomplished law enforcement agencies in the state and on Oct. 9 he along with Undersheriff Darryl Breckenridge and Chief Scott Robinson assembled all members of the division to meet and discuss achievements, goals commitment and dedication to keeping our residents and communities safe. We thank our members of law enforcement for their hard work and are proud that they are great leaders in public safety.

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

During the week of Oct. 10 flags at the MCSO and across the country flew half-staff out of respect and solidarity for Israel, please remember law enforcement remains vigilant for threats and suspicious activity. As always, Sheriff Golden advises that if you See Something Say Something. Dial 911 and report suspicious activity.



SHERIFF'S OFFICERS PARTICIPATE IN COFFEE WITH A COP

Sheriff's Officers were eager to meet and greet students, faculty and staff at Brookdale Community College during the recent "Coffee with Cops and Conduct" on Oct. 11, held once a month. It's a great opportunity for all to engage with Sheriff's Officers and the Office of Conduct and Compliance, to ask questions and share concerns and ideas. Sheriff Golden leads law enforcement and public safety functions at Brookdale and is proud of this great partnership.

The next event will be held November 8 at 11:45am in the library lobby



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETS

OEM Coordinator Scott Nielsen led the MCSO's Monmouth County Emergency Management Council meeting on Oct. 17 to provide an update on programs and initiatives. Topics included the hazardous mitigation plan, grant funding, preliminary damage assessments, improvements, incidents and debris management plans.



CERT TEAM TRAINS TO ASSIST THEIR COMMUNITIES

MCSO welcomed 20 new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members who began their basic training in Oct. The group of volunteers are training to assist their communities in the event of a disaster or emergency. CERT members receive more than 20 hours of training in basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, search and rescue, first aid, and disaster medical operations.

Sheriff Golden thanks all for their participation and interest in learning how to assist communities in times of need.



NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

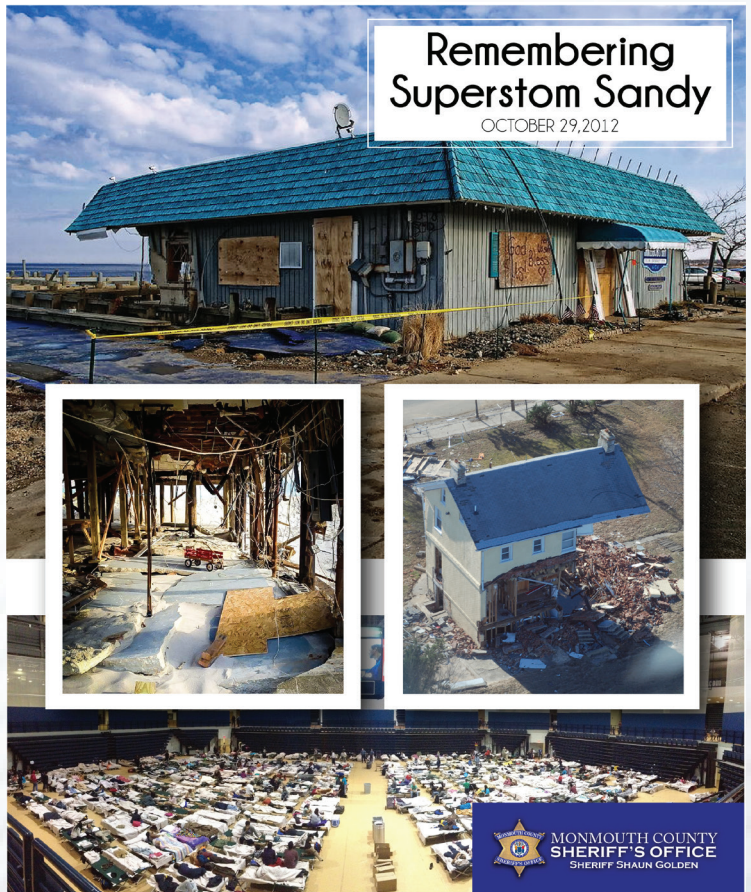
Throughout the year, first responders give so much by going above and beyond the call of duty. As part of National First Responders Day, celebrated Oct 28, the MCSO recognized all first responders for their efforts, dedication and commitment to saving lives and maintaining the safety and health of our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



SUPERSTORM SANDY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 29, marked the 11-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 11 years, Sheriff Golden and his OEM staff have 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.

It's vital that we continue to plan, prepare and stay informed.



STORM

One of the programs that was created as a result of Superstorm Sandy and unveiled by OEM less than a year after Sandy struck, was STORM, Seniors Taking on Readiness Measures. The program equips seniors with emergency preparedness information, assists them in creating a family disaster plan and provides them with an emergency kit.

The most recent STORM program was presented by Deputy OEM Coordinator Gene Hannafey at the Eatontown Community Center.



BEST OF LUCK TO PST ARAS

After 30 years of service, Public Safety Telecommunicator Kristin Aras, is 'hanging up her headsets'. Kristin was the calm voice on the other end of the line during countless emergencies, guiding many through their toughest moments. Her commitment to serving the community, dedication to public safety and quick thinking during critical situations, has no doubt saved lives. Kristin made a huge impact in the community. She was also an instructor and presented safety programs in schools and senior centers. Kristin was honored by Sheriff Golden and the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners on Oct. 12 for her service, exceptional work, compassion and strength.



THANKS TO CPO FOR SERVICE

A very fond farewell to Correctional Police Officer Andrew Quinn who retired from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution after 31 years of service. CPO Quinn was recognized by Sheriff Golden, U/S Ted Freeman, the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners and colleagues on Oct. 25 for his extreme commitment and dedication to the MCSO's Corrections Division throughout the years. He had an extremely important role at MCCI as the head of facility affairs. CPO Quinn will be missed and we thank him for his service.







MCSO RECOGNIZES NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Promoting fire safety was highlighted the week of Oct. 9 as part of National Fire Prevention Week. Sheriff Golden and the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office encouraged people to take steps and protect their homes as the importance of safety and awareness was emphasized.

National Fire Prevention Week

SAFETY TIPS

-  AVOID USING APPLIANCES WITH DAMAGED CORDS
-  INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS AND TEST THEM AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH
-  PLUG ONLY ONE HEAT-PRODUCING APPLIANCE INTO AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET AT A TIME
-  TURN OFF PORTABLE HEATERS WHEN LEAVING THE ROOM
-  NEVER LEAVE PETS OR CHILDREN UNSUPERVISED NEAR ANY HEAT SOURCE
-  STAY IN THE KITCHEN AT ALL TIMES WHEN USING THE STOVE
-  KEEP ANYTHING FLAMMABLE AWAY FROM THE STOVE TOP



FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

As part of Fire Prevention Week, we not only focused on safety and prevention but recognized the brave firefighters who risk their lives to save others and work in the most dangerous conditions. That's why Sheriff Golden, firefighters throughout Monmouth County, Monmouth County Board of Commissioner and the Monmouth County Prosecutor along with many others were honored to attend the Monmouth County Fallen Firefighter's Memorial/Awards Day hosted by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office on Oct. 8, where the sacrifice, service and dedication of the fallen were remembered.

In addition, firefighters who displayed courage and outstanding conduct the past year were awarded.

We thank all past and present for their service



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR



Sheriff Golden was honored to speak about MCSO's programs and services that support our veterans and thanked all who served our country, during the Veterans Services Resource fair, hosted by the Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Services on Oct. 25. It was a great event and provided our veterans with an opportunity to meet representatives from veterans service organizations and learn about the tremendous amount of resources, programs, services and initiatives available. We appreciate the support.



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

It was a great night at the MCSO as participants graduated from the Citizen Police Academy/Law Enforcement Mini Academy, Oct. 19. Sheriff Golden congratulated and commended all for completing this five week unique opportunity where they became familiar with the complex roles of modern-day law enforcement agencies.

During the course, participants learned about emergency preparedness from MCSO OEM, a presentation on What You Need to Know About CDS/Drugs, careers and volunteer opportunities at the MCSO, a tour of the MCSO including the history of the sheriff's office, and, a tour of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution including a gang unit/CERT presentations

Thanks to all the participants. Job well done.



SHERIFF PROUD TO SPEAK AT IMPORTANT EVENT

Sheriff Golden was proud to be the keynote speaker for MRA International's event which focused on Building a Cyber Resilience Vault on Oct. 4. The sheriff provided valuable insight and guidance on safety, security, partnerships and planning in the context of cybersecurity and resilience.



NEW ACADEMY BEING BUILT FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM

A monumental day as ground was broken for the new Achieve Academy for Adults with Autism at Brookdale Community College's Wall campus, Oct. 5. This continuing education program is committed to fostering a supportive environment where all can thrive. It will provide job training, coaching and employment placement to meet the needs of adults with Autism.

Sheriff Golden, an advocate for the special needs community and board member of Monmouth Ocean Foundation For Children, is most proud that this day has come as we work toward a bright future for young adults. A big thank you to Paul and Fran Turner for their unwavering support and Dr. Lester Richens, Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools.



MCSO PROMOTIONAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

It was a great evening for Sheriff Golden and staff as many from the MCSO's Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions were recognized for their exceptional work and dedication to public safety during the MCSO Promotional and Recognition ceremony on Oct 2. We thank all for the years of service and commitment to the MCSO.



SHERIFF WELCOMES STUDENTS TO MCSO

The MCSO had some great school visits in Oct. Sheriff Golden takes pride in welcoming and mentoring students and future leaders in law enforcement.

Schools that visited were Brookdale Community College, Monmouth Regional Highschool and Colts Neck Highschool



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