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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

MCSO CELEBRATES WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month, a meaningful time to recognize and celebrate the incredible contributions of women. At the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, we take great pride in the women who serve across all divisions of our agency. From Law Enforcement and Corrections to Communications, OEM, EMS, and Administration, their dedication, professionalism, and leadership are essential to the safety and well-being of our communities, and we thank them for their continued commitment, outstanding work and achievements.

There was no better time to host the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement Conference than during Women's History Month. The two-day conference, held at iPlay America on March 25 and 26, brought together many dedicated and outstanding women in law enforcement from across the state. Members of MCSO's Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions were proud to participate, as speakers addressed a wide range of topics relevant to both seasoned professionals and those just beginning their careers. During the conference, I was truly honored to be recognized for continued support of women in the field. This was especially meaningful, as it reflects the shared dedication, strength, and excellence of the many women serving in law enforcement.

A special thank you to the all-female honor guard, comprised of officers from the MCSO, Howell PD, NJIT and the Camden County Sheriff's Office, for their outstanding presence and service.

As Sheriff, I extend my sincere gratitude to the remarkable women who strengthen our agency every day. Their resilience, leadership, and professionalism set a powerful example, inspiring future generations of women to pursue careers in law enforcement and public service.



WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR OEM

Sheriff Golden announced that the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has become the first agency in New Jersey to earn accreditation through the Emergency Management Accreditation New Jersey (EMANJ) program, on March 25. The milestone also designates the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office as a 6-Star Accredited Agency, highlighting its commitment to excellence, accountability, and public safety.

This achievement reflects the professionalism and dedication of the MCSO OEM team and reinforces the commitment to preparedness and protecting our residents. The voluntary EMANJ program evaluates agencies on policies, training, and operational readiness, ensuring adherence to best practices and continuous improvement. Monmouth County OEM met rigorous standards through a comprehensive review process.



OEM'S NEW PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS

A priority of the MCSO Office of Emergency Management is to assist residents with access and functional needs during emergencies. Recently, OEM launched the Monmouth County Emergency Vulnerability & Assistance Coordination System (E.V.A.C.S.). A free, voluntary, and secure portal where residents can share confidential information to help first responders plan evacuations and sheltering more effectively.


Ensuring the safety of all residents is vital and E.V.A.C.S. helps to better prepare and assist those who need extra support.

Residents can register online, by mail, or by phone, and all information remains confidential and accessible only to emergency responders.

Online: Visit the registry portal at <https://www.mcsonj.org/evacs> and complete the online form.

By Mail: Print and complete the form and mail it to the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management, 2500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728.

By Phone: Call 1-877-MCSO-OEM to register by telephone.

 This is a public portal for the Monmouth County Emergency Vulnerability & Assistance Coordination System. Please use this portal to subscribe to alerts and stay informed.

How to Subscribe

Enter Your Phone Number and/or Email Address. Provide an address in order to receive alerts for that specific location.

You'll receive a text message and an email confirming your subscription. If you do not receive a text message, please check your spam folder.

Why Provide an Address?

Without an address, you might miss alerts targeted to specific areas that could impact your safety.

You can add up to 2 addresses for location-based alerts, such as:

- Your Home
- Your workplace
- Your child's school
- A family member's home

Update your information

If you need to update your information:

- Visit the Monmouth County Emergency Vulnerability & Assistance Coordination User Portal
- Enter and verify your account
- Update your address, phone number, email, or any other information

You can update your information at any time, including Notification Groups and Areas.

- Section 1: Preparer Information
- Section 2: Personal Information
- Section 3: Emergency Contact Information
- Section 4: Evacuation Information
- Section 5: Relocation Assistance
- Section 6: Service Animals/Pets
- Section 7: Additional Information

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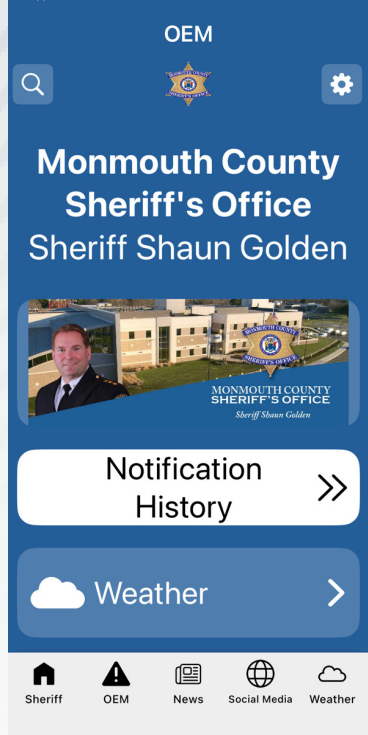
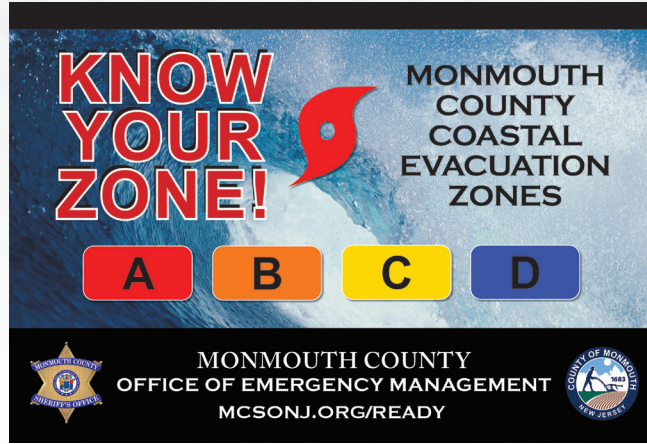
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FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

Do you know if you live in a flood prone area and if you would have to evacuate during a major storm? During Flood Safety Awareness Week, March 9-13, the MCSO stressed the importance of Know Your Zone. The program educates residents, businesses and visitors on the coastal evacuation zone in which they live, work or vacation. The MCSO also encouraged all to download the MCSO App, a valuable tool that helps residents plan, prepare, and stay informed before and during severe weather and potential flooding events.

The App provides important alerts, safety information, and resources to help keep our communities protected.



MEDSTAR AT THE FOREFRONT IN TRAINING

Sheriff Golden was proud to address MedStar EMTs during the CORE Refresher Class, held March 15, at the MCSO, as EMS professionals gathered to complete their required recertification. During the class, the Sheriff spoke about MedStar's exceptional service to residents, the plans for a future state-of-the-art EMS Training Academy, and the pride he takes in MedStar conducting its own training with dedicated instructors.

The classes were held March 15, 18 and 28. A highlight of them included hands-on mannequin simulations, allowing EMTs to practice real-time emergency scenarios and critical lifesaving techniques.

Sheriff Golden thanks EMS Director Tim Sidley, Deputy Director of EMS Josh Wilkens, and Lead Instructor Stephanie Duroo. Their leadership and commitment in preparing EMTs to provide continuous life-saving care to those in need helps make MedStar a resounding success.



NEW GEAR FOR EMTs

The MCSO EMS Division, MedStar, recently received additional Rescue Task Force ballistic protection. This gear is being deployed to MedStar providers ensuring swift and safe response to critical incidents. Sheriff Golden commends our MedStar professionals for the dedication to answering the call when every second counts.



EXCELLENT WORK FROM PSTs

Public Safety Telecommunicators were recognized by the Aberdeen Police Department on March 24, for their exceptional work during the swatting incident at Matawan Regional HS, March 9.

The police chief and PBA acknowledged the professionalism and dedication PSTs demonstrated under pressure.

Thanks to Aberdeen PD for the recognition and great work by all. That commitment does not go unnoticed.



SHERIFF RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

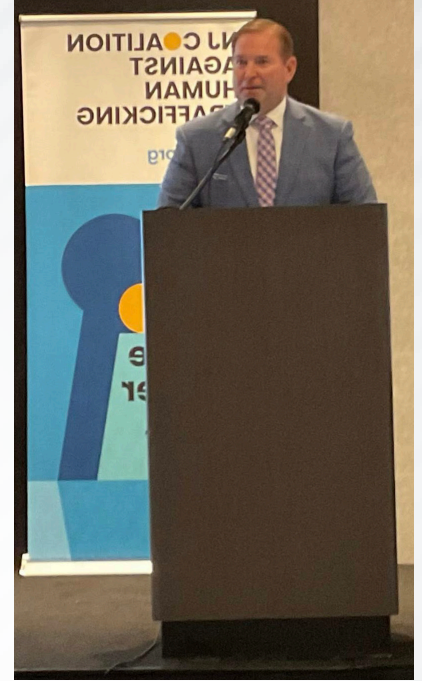
Sheriff Golden was honored to receive the Community Ambassador Award from the Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce on March 24, which recognized his commitment to public service and continued dedication to strengthening the bond between law enforcement and the community.

During the 2026 Annual Awards Luncheon, the sheriff thanked the Chamber and discussed how Ocean Township was the flagship for the MCSO MedStar Program, highlighting the team's response to more than 4,700 calls and over 3,100 transports in Monmouth County since the EMS operation began. He also recognized the MedStar team, Ocean Township police and fire departments and congratulated all honorees.



SHERIFF TAKES PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sheriff Golden was honored to take part in the fight against human trafficking as a featured speaker at the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Conference, March 5. The sheriff emphasized the critical role law enforcement has in identifying, preventing, and combating one of the largest criminal enterprises in the world. Many thanks to the Coalition for its commitment to raising awareness of this heinous crime. Working together with advocates, survivors, community leaders and partners in law enforcement, we continue to strengthen efforts to protect the vulnerable and bring traffickers to justice.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN RESOURCE FAIR

The MCSO participated in the Older Adults Resource Fair held at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, March 25. They provided public safety information, services and support offered to older adults.



COLTS NECK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Sheriff Golden attended the Colts Neck Business Association's 16th Annual Luncheon held at Trump National Golf Club, March 20. The event brings together business professionals and community leaders to enhance, promote and support local businesses which provide opportunities and are essential to the Monmouth County landscape.

During the luncheon, the festive preparations Monmouth County is making for the upcoming Monmouth NJ 250 were highlighted. It's going to be a momentous and historic occasion.



BEST OF LUCK FRED

A well deserved celebration on March 20, for Fred Migliaccio who retired as Monmouth County Fire Marshal after working 51 years in the fire service, including six as Fire Marshal.

Throughout Fred's distinguished career, he demonstrated unwavering dedication, professionalism, and a commitment to fire prevention and public safety. His leadership and expertise helped protect countless lives and properties across Monmouth County, leaving a lasting impact on the communities he served.



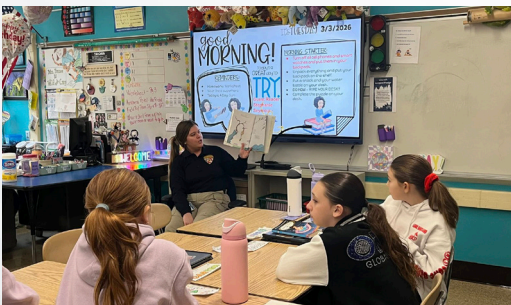
FLAG COLLECTION MARKS FOUR YEARS

The MCSO recently marked the four year anniversary of its Flag Dropbox where residents can dispose of 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 discarded properly. Once the flags are collected, they are retired during an American Flag Retirement ceremony at the Monmouth County Fire Academy. Many thanks to the Monmouth County Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore for assisting in the coordination of the retirement ceremonies. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are proud of this effort, since retiring flags in a dignified way shows great respect for our nation, and those who sacrificed and fought for our freedom. To date, 29,156 flags have been retired.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America which motivates and inspires children to read by promoting awareness was celebrated the first week of March, and members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement Division and OEM greatly supported that effort by reading to students from Lincroft Elementary, Shrewsbury Borough School, Asbury Park and Reich Hebrew Academy in Marlboro. Sheriff Golden commends all on a great job and thanks staff the invites. Together, we're helping to build a brighter future, one book at a time.



BLUE MASS

The 24th Annual Blue Mass will once again be held in Monmouth County at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, on April 7.

This special Mass brings our law enforcement community together to honor the service and sacrifice and celebrate the lives of all law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in the State of NJ.

Members of law enforcement along with the families, friends, and loved ones of our fallen heroes are warmly invited to attend.

Agencies are encouraged to send representatives. Participation by bagpipe units, color/honor guards, and motorcycle units is also welcome as we stand united in remembrance and respect.



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Men and women of the MCSO who work hard to keep our communities safe celebrated National Employee Appreciation Day, March 6. From our dedicated law enforcement and correctional police officers to public safety telecommunicators to members of OEM, MedStar operations, and police and fire academy staff, their commitment, professionalism, and hard work does not go unnoticed. Sheriff Golden thanks all employees for their service and for making a difference in Monmouth County.



A poster for the 24th Annual Blue Mass. At the top left is a gold badge with "MILLENIUM CELEBRATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT 2026". To the right is the text "THE MOST REVEREND DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M. The Bishop of Trenton". Below that is "24th ANNUAL BLUE MASS" in large gold letters. Underneath is "THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON'S CELEBRATION of LAW ENFORCEMENT". The location is "St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral 61 GEORGIA ROAD, FREEHOLD". The date and time are "Tuesday April 7th 2026 | 10:30 am". At the bottom, it says "All Law Enforcement Officers and their families, as well as the public, are invited to share in this celebration of Law Enforcement". A yellow bar at the bottom says "Luncheon ticket: \$20 per person". On the right side, there is a QR code and contact information: "For further information email, dolcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org or visit www.bluemass.org".

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

It was a great day for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Belmar, March 28. Sheriff Golden is proud that the MCSO always takes part in this celebration which brings so many people together. Special thanks to our Honor Guard, K9 teams and operators of the MCSO vehicles.



HELLO SPRING

The first day of Spring was March 20 and we were ready to welcome the season, as the days get longer and the weather warms up.

With more people out walking, biking, and driving, Sheriff Golden encourages all to stay alert and practice safety on the roads.

