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# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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February marks the one-year anniversary of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Emergency Medical Services Operation – MedStar. This critical operation, dedicated to providing lifesaving emergency medical services to communities in Monmouth County, has proven to be a tremendous asset. Over the past year, our highly skilled EMTs have worked tirelessly to assist towns in delivering rapid, professional, and compassionate care to those in need, and I'm grateful to all for the commitment and professionalism in making this operation a true success.

MedStar has become a vital part of Monmouth County's emergency response network, ensuring that residents receive timely and high-quality medical care during emergencies. It has not only strengthened emergency medical services in the regions it serves, but has also provided critical support to local first responders, helping to ease the demand on municipal EMS agencies due to staffing shortages.

Since MedStar's inception, more than 6000 calls for service have been answered, with the average response time under 5 minutes and 30 seconds, and over 4200 patients were transported to areas hospitals. The primary coverage area MedStar services is Ocean Township, Tinton Falls, Neptune City, Sea Girt and Manasquan. In addition to covering those towns, MedStar answered more than 1400 mutual aid calls for service in neighboring municipalities.

As we celebrate this milestone, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all first responders, both career and volunteer, who dedicate their lives to protecting and caring for others. From swift responses to critical situations to compassionate care on every call, the MedStar team, which consists of more than 80 full and part time EMTs and paramedics, goes above and beyond to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents.

A special thanks to MCSO EMS Director Tim Sidley who leads the MedStar operation, and to the Monmouth County Board Commissioners for their continued to support.

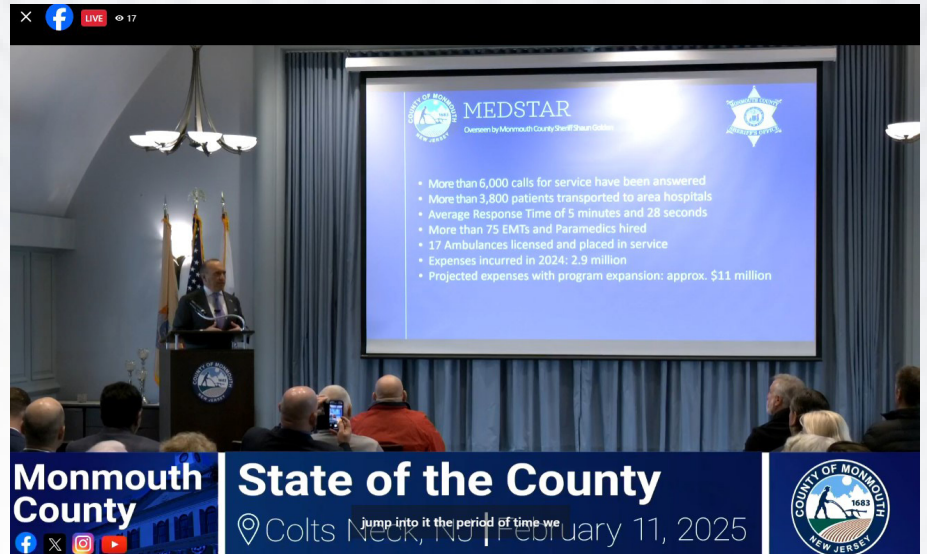




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## STATE OF THE COUNTY

MedStar was also one of the highlighted topics regarding the MCSO at the State of the County on Feb. 11, led by Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone. During the annual address, Director Tom Arnone outlined Monmouth County's accomplishments, hard work and plans for the future.



## FIRE RECRUITS GRADUATE

Sheriff Golden celebrated the graduation of the recruits from Firefighter 1 Class 140 and Firefighter 2 Class 2025 at Brookdale Community College on Feb. 18 and congratulates all. Their dedication and hard work at the Monmouth County Fire Academy has paved the way for them to serve communities as skilled firefighters. Best of luck to the next generation of first responders in keeping the residents, communities, and county safe.



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## OEM HOSTS SEVERAL PREPAREDNESS / RECOVERY EVENTS

### NJOEM BASIC WORKSHOP

MCSO OEM hosted the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, NJOEM, Basic Workshop on Feb. 6, where emergency management professionals from across the region came together to enhance their skills, share knowledge, and strengthen New Jersey's preparedness efforts. These workshops are essential for ensuring that responders are ready to protect and serve our communities in times of crisis.



### NJSP PRESENTS FROM RECOVERY FROM DISASTER

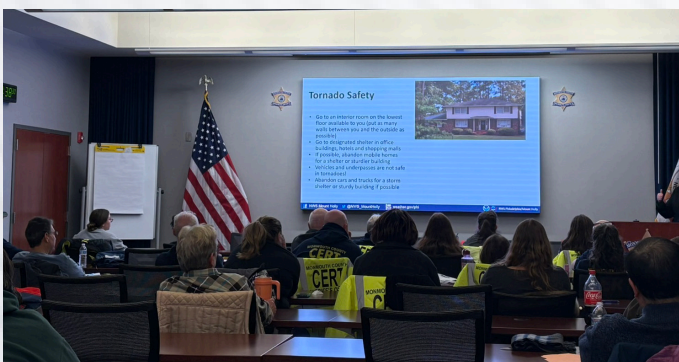
MCSO OEM, in partnership with the New Jersey State Police - OEM, hosted a two-day course on Feb. 18 and 19, Recovery from Disaster: The Local Community Role. This important training helps local officials and emergency responders understand their critical role in disaster recovery, ensuring our communities can rebuild stronger and more resilient.



### SKYWARN

OEM was proud to host Meteorologist Sarah Johnson from the National Weather Service Mount Holly for an engaging SKYWARN training session, Feb. 19.

SKYWARN is a vital program that trains volunteers to recognize and report severe weather conditions, helping the National Weather Service provide timely and accurate warnings to protect our communities.





## MCSO HOLDS SANJ MEETING

Sheriff Golden, the Secretary of the Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey, hosted sheriffs and undersheriffs throughout the state as part of SANJ's monthly meeting, at the MCSO, Feb. 20. They discussed law enforcement efforts, initiatives, legislation, programs, and upcoming events to enhance safety and better serve the public. These monthly meetings provide a platform for law enforcement leaders to ask questions, share ideas, and address concerns with fellow agencies.

By working together, we strengthen public safety and increase collaboration across New Jersey.



## SHERIFF GOLDEN SERVES AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sheriff Golden was honored to serve as the keynote speaker at the swearing-in ceremony of Ted Wittke to President of the FBI National Academy Associates NJ Chapter, Feb. 26. It was a momentous occasion celebrating leadership, dedication, and the unwavering commitment to law enforcement excellence.

Congrats to President Wittke, retired Police Chief of the Hazlet Police Department. We look forward to your leadership and the continued success of the FBI National Academy Associates New Jersey Chapter.



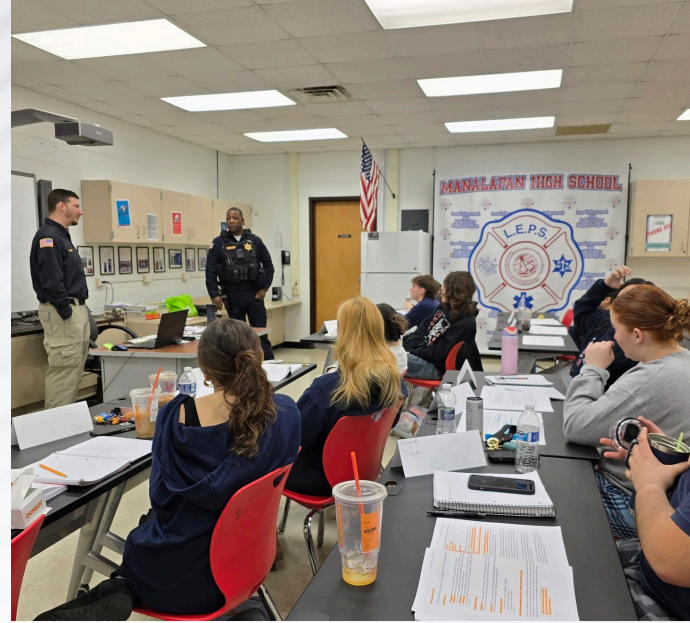


## 9-1-1 MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR FUTURE FIRST RESPONDERS

The MCSO's Communications Division has a great partnership with Manalapan High School's Law Enforcement and Public Safety Magnet Program, LEPS, which provides students with valuable training in basic telecommunicator and emergency medical dispatch courses to become a public safety telecommunicator.

In February, MCSO staff brought in members of the Law Enforcement Division to showcase the diverse career pathways in the field of public safety.

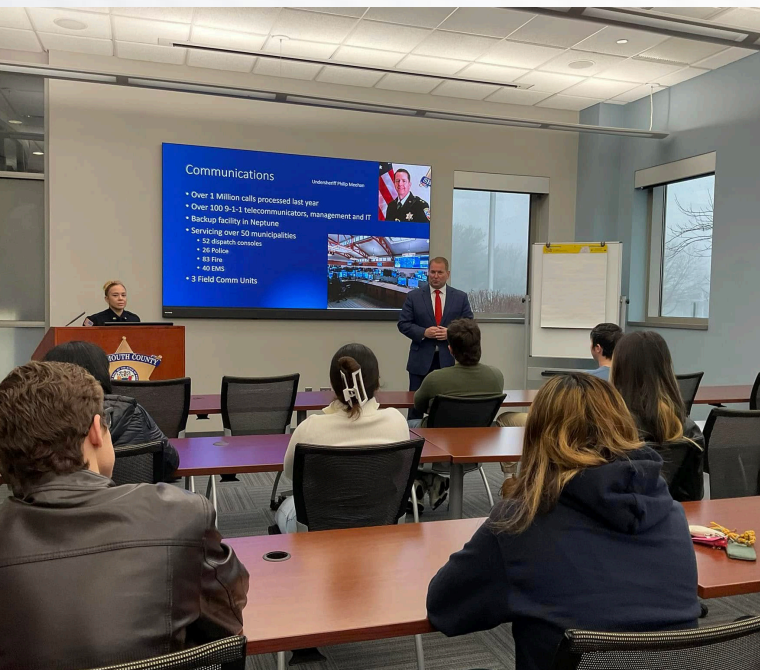
Sheriff Golden is proud to help these future first responders gain experience and explore opportunities that come with serving the public.



## SHERIFF GOLDEN MENTORS STUDENTS

Sheriff Golden, a mentor to our youth, welcomed students from Brookdale Community College's Criminal Justice class where he shared insight about the MCSO and career opportunities in law enforcement on Feb. 13. The students also toured the facilities and saw firsthand what it takes to serve and protect communities.

Best of luck to these future leaders in law enforcement.





## 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.



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN MINORITY MALE INITIATIVE CONFERENCE

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office participated in the 11th Minority Male Initiative Conference at Brookdale Community College, Feb. 28. Sheriff Officers had the opportunity to connect with participants, share insights about careers in law enforcement, and discuss the many ways to serve and protect our community. Events like these are key to engaging with aspiring public safety professionals and fostering diversity in public safety careers.





## MCCI DONATES TO HACKENSACK MERIDIAN FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Job well done to members of the Corrections Division who despite being a little hairy, were able to raise \$3500 during the No Shave November/December campaign. All the money that was raised went to a great cause this month after Correctional Police Officers presented a check to Jersey Shore University Medical Center's Trauma Unit.



## MCSO SEEING RED

Staff was seeing red in February to recognize American Heart Month as the MCSO stood together in the fight against heart disease, the leading cause of death in the US.

Wearing red helped raise awareness, promote heart health, and support life-saving prevention efforts.





## POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

A big thank you to the MCSO Maritime Emergency Response Team (MERT) for assisting in the Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside Heights on Feb.22 to benefit the Special Olympics.

MERT, made up of officers from the MCSO and various Monmouth County law enforcement agencies, worked alongside law enforcement and EMS partners in Ocean County to ensure a safe and successful event.

Hats off to all the brave plungers who took the icy dip for a great cause supporting Special Olympics New Jersey.



## MERT'S STAND OUT MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Great job to Hazlet Police Officer Doug Centrone, a member of the MCSO's Maritime Emergency Response Team, MERT. Officer Centrone braved the cold water to save Taffy, a Border Collie who fell through the icy lake in Hazlet while chasing geese. Members of MERT are highly trained in water rescue and committed to saving lives and maintaining safety.





## ONE OF MONMOUTH COUNTY'S LONGEST SERVING EMPLOYEES RETIRES

A great sendoff for Irene Tuyahov who retired from the Monmouth County Fire Academy in February. Irene dedicated 43 years of service to Monmouth County and her unwavering dedication, passion, and love for her work have been truly inspiring.

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO thank Irene for her service and commitment and wish her a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement.



## BEST OF LUCK MCSO RETIREES

Members of the MCSO Law Enforcement, Communications and Corrections Divisions retired after many years of exceptional service. Best of luck to all and thank you for the dedication to public safety.



Correctional Police Officer Giovanni Abad  
24 years of service in the MCSO Corrections Division



Lt. Wagner Moreno  
25 years of service in the MCSO Law Enforcement



Public Safety Telecommunicator Jeffrey Stiles  
32 years of service, 16 in the Communications Division



## MONMOUTHNJ 250 BREAKFAST

Sheriff Golden was proud to attend the Monmouth Ocean Development Council breakfast on Feb. 21 where Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon and Commissioner Director Tom Arnone presented and shared plans about the upcoming MonmouthNJ 250. The MCSO looks forward to this monumental celebration.



## GROUNDHOG DAY

Groundhog Day was Feb. 2 and MCSO's Deputy Monmouth Max concurred with Punxsutawny Phil for six more weeks of winter as both saw their shadow.

