



# FROM THE DESK OF.... SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN

## MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

#### MCSO COMMEMORATES WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

March was Women's History Month and a great time to celebrate the incredible contributions of women. Here at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, we are proud of the women who serve in all the divisions of our agency. From Law Enforcement and Corrections to Communications, OEM, EMS and Administration, the dedication, professionalism, and leadership of our female staff play a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities and residents. They are truly inspiring, and we thank them for their hard work, achievements and commitment.

There was no better time to kick off the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement Conference, than during Women's History Month. Many dedicated women in law enforcement attended the two-day conference, "Rise And Redefine", at IPlay America on March 12 and 13. Women from the MCSO's Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions were proud to participate, as speakers covered an array of topics for members of LE with many years on the job, to young women beginning their careers. A special thanks to the all-female honor guard made up of officers from the MCSO, Hazlet PD, West New York PD and the Camden County Sheriff's Office.

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### WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

#### Women In Law Enforcement



- **READ ACROSS AMERICA**
- **ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE**

As the event came to a close participants gathered in front of the MCSO's Field Comm 1 Command Unit, standing united as a symbol of leadership, strength, and dedication to the profession.

As Sheriff, I extend my gratitude to the incredible women who help make our agency stronger every day and look forward to celebrating their continued success. Their resilience and professionalism set a powerful example for future generations, encouraging young women to pursue careers in law enforcement and public service.

## CONGRATS TO LTs

MCSO promotions to lieutenant were held to recognize the dedication and hard work of six outstanding members of the Law Enforcement Division on March 18.

Sheriff Golden was proud to swear in and recognize Daniel Ceparano, Jeffrey Barnes, Theresa Mayer, Glenn Sonnabend, Alex Torres and Timothy Carpenter.

We thank the LTs for their exceptional, service and commitment to public safety and congratulate all.



## MCSO ANNOUNCES MEDSTAR PARTNERSHIP WITH HOLMDEL

The MCSO Emergency Medical Services Operation, MedStar, began providing additional EMS support in March by serving as a backup and secondary unit to Holmdel EMS, Monday through Friday, 7am to 7pm. The partnership helps ensure that residents receive timely and efficient emergency care.

Integrating MedStar as a secondary unit to assist Holmdel EMS, enhances the ability to respond swiftly to emergencies and provide prompt and professional medical care when it's needed the most. It will strengthen the emergency response system in Holmdel and reinforce Monmouth County's commitment to the public safety and the well-being of residents.



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## EMS LINE OFFICERS MEET

The MCSO hosted the annual EMS Line Officers Meeting, bringing together more than 80 emergency medical service leaders from across the county, March 19. These gatherings foster collaboration, enhances communication, and ensures our EMS teams are prepared to respond effectively to emergencies.

During the meeting, Sheriff Golden presented a certificate of appreciation to Monmouth County OEM EMS Coordinator Michael Bascom for his many years of service to Monmouth County. A special thank you to all the dedicated EMS officers who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe. Your commitment and leadership are invaluable.



## FLAG COLLECTION MARKS THREE YEARS

The MCSO recently marked the three 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. Six ceremonies have been held and coordinated with the help of the Monmouth County Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore.

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 15,346 have been retired. The next ceremony will be held June 12.



## RIP NEWARK POLICE OFFICER

A somber morning and a very sad day for law enforcement across New Jersey and the country, as the funeral for fallen Newark Police Officer Joseph Azcona was held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, March 14. Members of the Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions represented the MCSO whose deepest thoughts remain with Officer Azcona's family and the Newark PD. The MCSO salutes this hero, will never forget the sacrifices he made and what the officer's family has to endure.



## BLOODHOUND TEAM TRAINING

Two of the MCSO's Bloodhound Teams attended a K9 Training and Tracking Academy held by the Cape May County Sheriff's Office, March 10-14.

This specialized training enhances teams' skills in scent tracking and search operations, ensuring they're always ready to assist in locating missing persons and suspects.

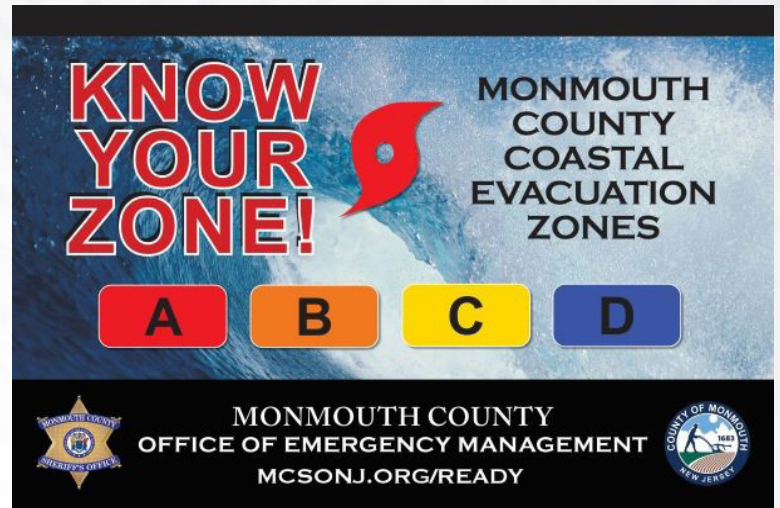
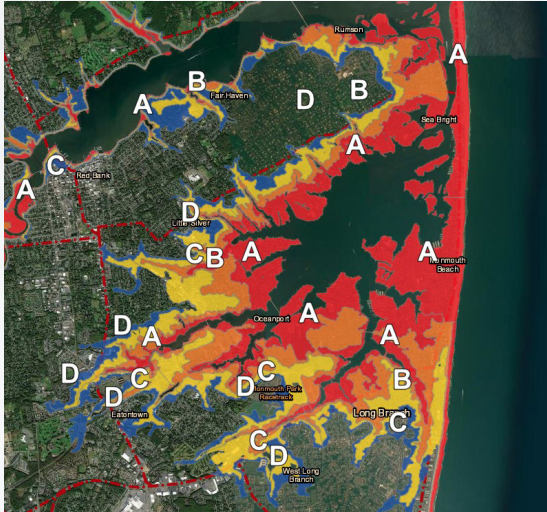
Sheriff Golden thanks the Cape May County Sheriff's Office for their commitment to training and commends the dedicated handlers and bloodhounds for their hard work.



## 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 9-15, the MCSO stressed the importance of Know Your Zone.

Know Your Zone, educates residents, businesses and visitors on the coastal evacuation zone in which they live, work or vacation. The plan identifies specific coastal evacuation zones (A, B, C and D) that helps emergency management officials target evacuation orders to those areas that are at the most risk, based upon threat, strength, direction and forecasted storm surge.



## REGISTER READY

Sheriff Golden is always proud to assist our senior population through the MCSO's various programs to maintain health and safety, and on March 26, Register Ready was presented in Keyport.

Register Ready is a partnership between the Department of Aging and MCSO/OEM. It gives residents with disabilities/functional needs and their families/caregivers an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies so first responders are properly prepared to meet their needs in a disaster or other emergency. The program also equips seniors with a Ready Go bag designed to use during an evacuation.

MCSO OEM is a statewide leader in Register Ready with more participants than any other county in NJ.



## CERT PARTICIPATES IN IMPORTANT TRAINING

The MCSO's OEM Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, participated in an insightful training session on March 19, focusing on the devastating effects of earthquakes, particularly the catastrophic one that struck Haiti in 2010, to gain a deeper understanding of disaster response and recovery efforts.

In addition to the lecture, members received hands-on training with backup tactical internet kits and deployable Starlink systems, ensuring they are prepared to establish emergency communications when traditional networks fail.

Sheriff Golden thanks our dedicated CERT volunteers for the continued commitment to enhancing their skills and serving the community.



## BEST OF LUCK ON RETIREMENT

Best of luck to two members of the MCSO. Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator Stephen Sheehan of the Communications Division is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service and S/O Timothy Wittke retired from the Law Enforcement Division with 25 years of service. Both were honored with special sendoffs. The MCSO thanks PST Sheehan and S/O Wittke for their commitment to public safety.



## SHERIFF WELCOMES EAST FREEHOLD FIRE CO

Sheriff Golden welcomed members of the East Freehold Fire Company Station 16-2 for an agency overview and tour of the MCSO on March 19. The visit provided valuable insight into the operations and strengthened collaboration between first responders. We appreciate the dedication of our local fire service and their commitment to protecting communities.



## MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION

The Mobile County Connection was held at the Marlboro Recreation Center on March 19, where Sheriff Golden, Clerk Christine Hanlon and Surrogate Maureen Raisch were pleased to have staff on-site to provide services from their offices to the community. The Mobile County Connection enhances the continuing efforts to make government services and public safety initiatives more accessible to the residents of Monmouth County by serving the public's needs in a timely and convenient fashion.



## SHERIFF ATTENDS COLTS NECK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

Sheriff Golden was proud to attend the 15th Annual Colts Neck Business Association's luncheon held at Trump National Golf Club, March 21. The event brings together business professionals and community leaders to enhance, promote and support local businesses as they share information and network.



## MCSO To Host AUTISM RESOURCE FAIR

The MCSO's biggest event to draw attention to Autism Awareness will be held April 10, when the 6th Annual Autism Forum and Resource Fair gets underway. It will be held at the MCSO for parents and caregivers of special-needs individuals. This extremely informative forum will provide insightful topics of discussion on services and programs special-needs individuals and their family members can benefit from, as well as demonstrations.

**SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN  
& THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INVITE YOU TO THE**

**6th Annual**

**AUTISM FORUM  
& Resource Fair**

**April 10th 2025  
10am-12pm**

2500 Kozloski Road, Freehold NJ

**Topics of Discussion**

- Special Needs Registry
- Project Lifesaver Overview
- Search Day Program
- Special Needs Inclusion in Schools
- Estate Planning for Special Needs Children

To register to attend, please contact: Alexa Quagliato at [AQuagliato@mcsnj.org](mailto:AQuagliato@mcsnj.org)



## LGBTQ LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON MEETING HELD AT MCSO

The MCSO hosted the LGBTQ+ Law Enforcement Liaison Meeting, March 24, bringing together members of law enforcement and leaders to discuss critical topics and share information on mental health, addiction, stress management, and support system.

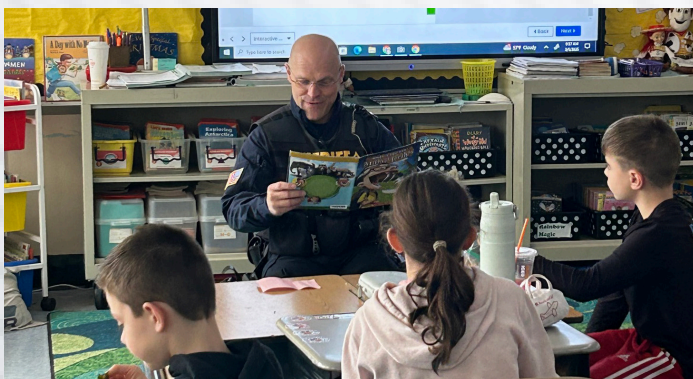
These events strengthen ties within our law enforcement community.

Thanks to all attendees, especially Co-Chair LGBTQ+ Law Enforcement Liaison Dave D'Amico and Correctional Police Officer/LGBTQ+ Liaison Jeremy August, for their dedication and efforts in making the meeting a success.



## READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America which motivates and inspires children to read by promoting awareness was celebrated the first week of March. Members of the MCSO Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions greatly supported that effort by reading to students from Lincroft Elementary and Raritan Valley Elementary School in Hazlet. Sheriff Golden commends all on a great job and thanks staff at both schools for the invite. Together, we're helping to build a brighter future, one book at a time.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Despite the chilly weather it was a great day for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Belmar, held Sunday, March 2. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO are always proud to take part in this celebration which brings so many people together. Special thanks to our Honor Guard, K9 teams and operators of the MCSO vehicles and Mobile Command Unit.

