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## MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

#### SHERIFF GOLDEN WISHES ALL A GREAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND & CAUTIONS TO CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

It has been a great summer in Monmouth County, and as the season winds down I would like to thank all of our sworn staff and partners in law enforcement, members of the MCSO emergency services operation, MedStar, and public safety telecommunications who work hard in keeping our communities safe. Whether patrolling the beautiful beaches and bustling boardwalks, ensuring safety at our fairs, community events and parks, protecting waterways or answering and responding to emergency calls, their dedication has been unwavering.



**CELEBRATE LABOR DAY  
RESPONSIBLY**  
**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**

As we enjoy the unofficial end of the summer this Labor Day weekend, there will be an increase of travelers on the roads, and, as a result, an increase in law enforcement who will remain vigilant to keep roadways safe and free from drunk drivers. Please make the most of the weekend, but, if you are going to drink, don't drive. To avoid presenting a danger to oneself or others, it's important to follow important safety tips:

- Before going out, designate a driver who will not consume any alcohol the entire night.
- DO NOT DRIVE if you are impaired. Call an Uber, a cab, a sober friend or family member.
- If you don't have a ride, stay where you are.
- If you see someone about to get behind the wheel or on a motorcycle after they have been drinking, take their keys and find them a ride with someone who is sober.
- Under no circumstances should adults provide alcohol to a minor or allow anyone under 21 to consume alcohol while at their home.



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Obeying motor vehicle laws and educating the public about the dangers of drinking and driving are the keys to keeping our roadways safer.

Drive safely and enjoy the Labor Day weekend.

## SHERIFF GOLDEN STRESSED EXTREME PRECAUTIONS DURING HURRICANE ERIN

Sheriff Golden stressed safety at the Jersey Shore as Hurricane Erin resulted in strong rip currents and dangerous surf conditions the week of Aug. 18th. Many beaches banned swimming and Sheriff Golden cautioned all to stay out of the water and avoid unnecessary risks.

Hurricane season end November 30. It's always important to plan, prepare and stay informed.



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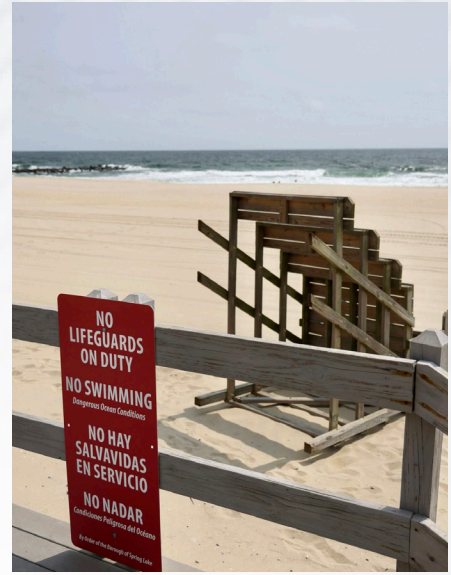
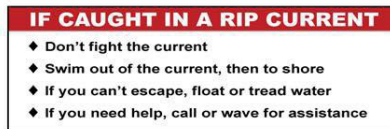
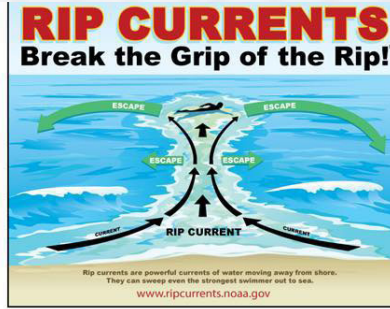
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## END OF SUMMER AT THE SHORE

With the summer coming to an end and kids heading back to school, you will see fewer lifeguards on duty. Sheriff Golden warns that it's vital to take the proper precautions while at the beach, especially when rip currents are elevated. He urges all to stay out of the water when there's rough surf and never swim alone if there are no lifeguards.



## GREAT WORK MEDSTAR

A huge thank you to MedStar EMTs for assisting and responding to numerous calls for service throughout August and ensuring that help is always within reach when needed. The MCSO appreciates the dedication of all emergency personnel working hard to keep residents safe. Great work to this team of professionals who respond to every call with skill, care and compassion.

During their busy schedule, EMTs took time out to share their knowledge and inspire the next generation of first responders as they had a blast with the Panther Police Pals in Tinton Falls, who explored EMS equipment, practiced safety skills, and learned what it's like to work on an ambulance.





## SHOUT OUT TO THE MCSO UNSUNG HEROES

Behind every emergency call is a calm, steady voice guiding the way. Public Safety Telecommunicators are the unsung heroes of the MCSO operation. They are the first to answer the call and the vital link between the public and first responders.

Their professionalism, dedication, and quick thinking save lives. Sheriff Shaun Golden and the MCSO thank our Public Safety Telecommunicators for their commitment to keeping Monmouth County residents safe.



## AUGUST IS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH

August was National Emergency Management Awareness Month, a time to recognize the important work that is done to keep communities safe in times of crisis.

Sheriff Golden proudly commends the MCSO's Office of Emergency Management and the dedicated local partners for their unwavering commitment to preparedness, coordination and rapid response.

From severe weather events to large-scale emergencies, these professionals work tirelessly to plan, prepare, train, and respond, always putting the safety of residents first.

Thank you to all emergency management personnel for being the calm in the chaos. The dedication does not go unnoticed.





## MCSO CERT CONDUCTS SHELTER TRAINING

The MCSO OEM's Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, participated in hands-on training which focused on emergency shelter operations and registration procedures, Aug. 20.

This group of dedicated volunteers practiced setting up inflatable tents, strengthening their ability to support communities during disasters and largescale emergencies. Preparedness starts with training, and Sheriff Golden is proud of CERT's commitment in keeping Monmouth County safe.



## MCSO OEM RECRUITING CERT MEMBERS

Interested in joining CERT and making a difference in your community? The MCSO's Office of Emergency Management is seeking volunteers to join the Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, which has quickly become a model team across the state.

Learn more and please sign up to become a part of your own county disaster response team [www.mcsonj.org/cert](http://www.mcsonj.org/cert).

Training includes fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

### MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Learn basic emergency preparedness and response skills. The program is a 24-hour series of valuable classes, that are enjoyable, fun and free of charge!

Following the initial training session team members will meet once a month to maintain and advance their skills.

**Location:** 2500 Kozloski Rd, Freehold  
**Time:** 6:30pm - 9:30pm

***Must attend all classes!***

***IMPORTANT: October 11th is a Saturday.***  
***Class will start at 8am - 4pm***

October 1st

Unit 1 ~ Disaster Preparedness  
Unit 2 ~ CERT Organization

October 8th

Unit 6 ~ Fire Safety & Utility Control

October 11th

Unit 3 ~ Disaster Medical Operation I  
Unit 4 ~ Disaster Medical Operation II

October 15th

Unit 5 ~ Disaster Psychology  
Unit 8 ~ Terrorism & HazMat

October 22nd

Unit 7 ~ Light Search & rescue Operations



Scan the QR Code to register.

Registration closes  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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## NATIONAL DRUG OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

August 31 is a very important day and one that should never go unnoticed, as International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized. Sheriff Golden, a leader in the battle against drug abuse, promotes the importance of education, support, and action to prevent drug overdose, through HOPE One, the MCSO permanent prescription drug takeback box, and events all year long. The MCSO HOPE One Mobile Unit is an innovative leading approach to addressing and combating the opioid epidemic as it makes its way around Monmouth County to offer help and hope, through services and programs offered to individuals struggling with substance abuse.



## MCSO HOSTS GANG AWARENESS TRAINING

The MCSO Corrections Division hosted a Gang Awareness Training Forum for law enforcement officers from across NJ, Aug. 19.

The day-long session featured presentations from key members of gang intelligence units and suppression teams and provided vital insight and valuable tools/strategies to address gang-related issues in communities.

Sheriff Golden thanks all for attending and stressed the importance of these forums. By sharing critical information, we strengthen efforts and work together toward one goal, keeping streets safe and free from gang activity.





## SHERIFF SPEAKS AT CELEBRATION OF MOESC EXPANSION

Sheriff Golden was proud to attend and speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony of Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission expansion project and facility upgrades in Tinton Falls Aug. 27th. This important initiative will allow MOESC to better serve districts, students, and staff while enhancing valuable services they provide.

Sheriff Golden fully supports the outstanding work of MOESC and is especially proud of the strong partnership the MCSO has with the commission through the GED Program offered at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, which helps individuals gain opportunities for a brighter future.



## MCSO PROUD TO SUPPORT VETS, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & DISABLED CHILDREN

The MCSO was proud to participate in the 9th Annual Play Hook – E- event in Millstone, hosted by Vito Cardinale on Aug. 24. It was a fun filled day for veterans, active-duty military members and children with special needs, who were all recognized and celebrated.

Sheriff Golden thanks members of the armed forces who have served and are serving, for their service, sacrifice and unwavering dedication to our country. That courage does not go unnoticed.





## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Sheriff Golden and staff were proud to meet the public, enhance community partnerships and strengthen neighborhood ties at National Night Out, Aug. 5.

The MCSO was in nine towns, providing public safety information, displays and demos at this annual event, where members of law enforcement and residents have a great opportunity to engage with one another.

Thanks to all who supported this exceptional event. Towns included Long Branch, Asbury Park, Neptune Twp, Neptune City, Allenhurst, Freehold Boro, Manalapan, Red Bank and Little Silver.



## SHERIFF'S OFFICERS BUILDING CONNECTIONS IN COMMUNITIES

Members of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office were proud to attend the Jersey Shore Hatzolah Carnival in Deal, Aug. 10.

Events like these are important, as they provide officers with the chance to meet children in a fun and welcoming environment. Building positive connections helps ensure that kids know they can always trust law enforcement and turn to them whenever they need help.

Jersey Shore Hatzolah is a volunteer EMS organization.





## MEET AN OFFICER DAY

It was Meet an Officer Day at Yeshivat Ahavat Yisrael Preschool and Day Camp in West Long Branch. S/O Eitan Hamber was invited to spend quality time with children to help them become familiar and comfortable around law enforcement. The young campers enjoyed learning about S/O Hamber's role, touring the patrol car, and hearing about important safety tips.



## INMATE LABOR

The MCSO Inmate Labor program partnered with Hope Lutheran Church in Freehold the week of Aug. 18, as the crew prepared the building for the upcoming school year. They painted hallways and assisted with a cleanup of the outside area. Inmate Labor is run through the Corrections Division and a great cost savings to towns.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHERIFF GOLDEN

A very Happy Birthday to Sheriff Golden who celebrated a birthday on Aug. 13.

He is one of the hardest working and most dedicated leaders in public safety and emergency services and we acknowledge his commitment in making the nationally accredited MCSO one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state.



## NATIONAL DOG DAY

National Dog Day was Aug. 26, and the MCSO celebrated all K-9s with a special acknowledgement to the agency's K-9 Unit. Sheriff Golden runs the largest K-9 Unit in Monmouth County consisting of eight handlers and 9 K-9s who are called upon year-round to assist with patrols, tracking, explosive and narcotics detection.

National Dog Day helps spread awareness of the number of dogs that need to be rescued and acknowledges all K-9s in law enforcement who work tirelessly to protect the public. Dogs for the blind and disabled as well as family pets are also recognized on this day.

