



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

# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### SHERIFF YOUTH WEEK

Sheriff Youth Week is the best week of the summer at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and we were extremely excited to have marked its 32nd year. At the start of the week, which began July 7, I was proud to address the recruits by encouraging them to engage and bring energy, enthusiasm, and excitement each day. After five days, the 67 participants completed Sheriff Youth Week with a graduation ceremony on July 11.

Sheriff Youth Week is a highly recognized program that equips high school aged students with a unique opportunity to explore interests in law enforcement through police academy-style training, exercise activities and instructional sessions. As a result, many will become future leaders in law enforcement.

Each day began with drill and ended with exercise. An overview of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement, Communications and Corrections Divisions was provided, and an interactive mock drill from the Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) was a great highlight. A major focal point of the week was when recruits spent half of the day at the Monmouth County Fire Academy where they got a firsthand look at training and what it takes to become a firefighter. They toured the smoke house, learned how to handle a hose and climbed the ladder. Recruits spent another great day at the Situational Training And Response Simulator, STARS facility. In rotational groups, they learned about the VirTra Simulator, a decision making and tactical firearms virtual threat simulator, which is equipped with five large screens and shows real life types of scenarios. In addition, K-9, Project Lifesaver, vehicle simulator, drone, dive team and motor vehicle stop demonstrations were conducted, along with a display of special operations and equipment. Also included throughout the week were presentations on emergency medical awareness, OEM, MedStar, the Academy of Law and Public Safety, and an entire regimen of health and fitness including a 5-K run.



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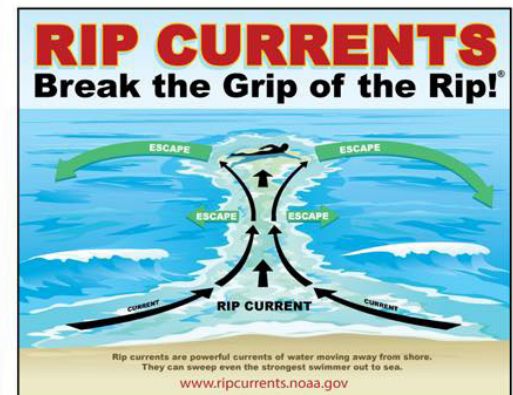


A very special thank you to Executive Undersheriff Ted Freeman and his exceptional staff for consistently going above and beyond in making Sheriff Youth Week the best youth academy program in the state. We also acknowledge James Wingard, President of New Jersey Gravel & Sand in Wall Township, for continuing the legacy started by his parents, the late Hon. Dep. Sheriff William Wingard and his wife, Marie, the original sponsors of Sheriff Youth Week since 1992.

## SAFETY AT THE SHORE

As we enter the last full month of the summer season, many take vacation and head to the shore for some fun in the sun. That's why it's important to reinforce to never swim alone, only go in the water when lifeguards are on duty and avoid rip currents. If you get caught in one don't panic and swim parallel to the shore.

The MCSO wants all to stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer season.



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## MARINE UNITS PATROLLING WATERWAYS

The MCSO's Marine Units along with our partners in law enforcement and NJSP Marine Services Bureau are doing a great job this summer patrolling our shore areas and beyond to ensure safety and respond to critical water related incidents. Please adhere to all rules in the waterways and take precautions.



## HEAVY RAINS SOAK PARTS OF NJ IN JULY

Monmouth County was spared from any major flood damage in July, especially after heavy rains deeply impacted parts of NJ, July 14, sweeping vehicles away and unfortunately claiming the lives of two people. Flash flooding is dangerous as water moves at an extremely fast pace.

Sheriff Golden reminds all to take precautions during major rain events. Never drive through flooded roadways - Turn Around, Don't Drown.

# Turn Around, Don't Drown!

- Never drive, walk or swim through flood waters.
- Six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- If told to evacuate, do so.
- Do not drive around barricades. First responders use them to direct traffic safely, out of flooded areas.



**MONMOUTH COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*Sheriff Shaun Golden*



## SHERIFF STRESSES SAFETY FOR FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND

The Fourth of July weekend was celebrated and filled with patriotism and pride and Sheriff Golden urged all to take precautions as he stressed that fireworks are illegal and dangerous, with the exception of certain sparkling devices and novelty items.

In 2025, from June 29 to July 5, the Monmouth County 9-1-1 Communications Center received 342 calls related to fireworks.

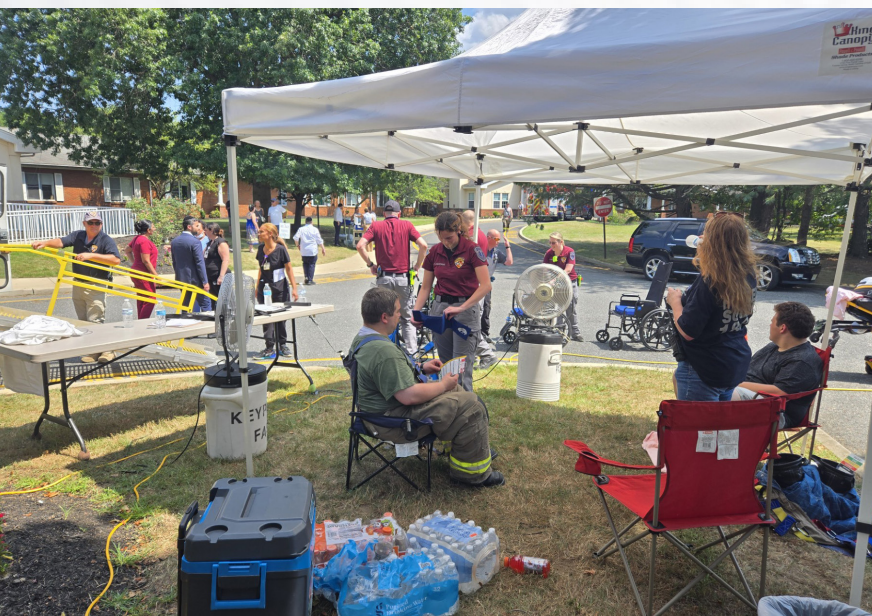


## GREAT TEAM EFFORT AT NURSING HOME FIRE

A small fire broke out on the roof of the Arnold Walter Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Holmdel, July 30. Thanks to the swift and coordinated response from first responders, the fire was safely extinguished, and residents were unharmed.

A portion of the residents were temporarily evacuated and utilized the two Medical Ambulance Buses on scene. All were safely returned to the facility in a timely and orderly manner.

Sheriff Golden commends the outstanding collaboration and team effort that ensured the health and safety of residents during the incident. Thanks to all the first responders at the scene including Holmdel Township Police, Fire and EMS, the Monmouth County Fire Marshal's Office, MCSO's EMS Operations MedStar, OEM, the Monmouth County EMS Task Force, surrounding fire departments, and Public Safety Telecommunicators who answered the calls coming into the 911 communications center.





## MEDSTAR REACHES MILESTONE

The MCSO's EMS Operation, MedStar, reached a milestone in July by responding to its 10,000th call for service since the launch in February, 2024.

MedStar has proven to be a vital asset to the emergency response system. The County run operation delivers critical care and support in the most timely and effective manner with professionalism and dedication.

Sheriff Golden commends the MedStar team who work tirelessly assisting towns by providing lifesaving emergency medical services to residents.

Join us in celebrating this milestone and let's thank all our exceptional first responders, career and volunteer for the great work they do.



## EMTS RECOGNIZED FOR LIFESAVING RESCUE

A big congratulations to two of the MCSO outstanding EMTs from MedStar. Supervisor Amanda Kahlke and EMT David Pearce, were honored by the Borough of Manasquan, July 21, for their heroic efforts in saving the life of a surfer this past May.

Thanks to their quick response, expert care, and coordination with the Manasquan Police Department and bystanders, a life was saved that day on the beach. During a moment of gratitude, the surfer who was present at the recognition, personally thanked those who helped him.

EMTs are the everyday heroes who answer the call when it matters most.





## MCSO HOSTS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Sheriff Golden was proud to host Landing Zone Education Training at the MCSO in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health on July 16. More than 90 EMTs, Emergency Managers, and CERT members attended to enhance their response capabilities and ensure safe and efficient air medical operations. Training like this strengthens community emergency preparedness and saves lives.



## FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATION

Sheriff Golden celebrated the graduation of the recruits from Firefighter 1 Class 142 during a ceremony, July 24. Their dedication and hard work at the Monmouth County Fire Academy has paved the way for them to serve our communities as skilled firefighters. Best of luck to the next generation of first responders in keeping communities and Monmouth County safe.





## SHERIFF PROUD TO SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS OF LE

Sheriff Golden was proud to swear in nine new members of the MCSO's Law Enforcement Division on July 7. The entire staff welcomes all and looks forward to watching them become law enforcement professionals.



## SHERIFF WELCOMES RECRUITS

Those nine MCSO recruits along with 53 others started at the Monmouth County Police Academy on July 21. Sheriff Golden proudly welcomed all of the future officers as they began 22 weeks of intense training, which will enable them to serve and protect residents and communities with integrity, honor, and commitment.

The MCSO wishes all the best of luck.





## SHERIFF ATTENDS LE SURVIVORS DAY

Sheriff Golden was honored to attend the 18th Annual Monsignor Phil Lowery Law Enforcement Survivors Day in Seaside Heights, July 8. The heartfelt event brings together families of fallen law enforcement officers from across New Jersey for a day of connection, remembrance and fun.

Survivors of those who made the ultimate sacrifice are given a chance to come together, build supportive relationships, and celebrate the lives of their loved ones in a warm, welcoming environment.

The event, named after Msgr. Lowery, who was a beloved and dedicated chaplain to law enforcement agencies, is hosted by the Storino family, owners of Jenkinson's Casino Pier and Breakwater Beach. Sheriff Golden thanks them for the generosity and unwavering support of law enforcement families. Their kindness makes this day possible.



## CONGRATS TO SPST

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO congratulate Elliot Belote who has risen through the ranks of the MCSO Communications Division. From Public Safety Telecommunicator to Senior PST, and now officially sworn in as Supervisor of the 9-1-1 Communications Division on July 2, Belote's dedication and leadership to public safety is a true reflection of hard work and professionalism.

## MCSO COMMS DIVISION IS HIRING

The MCSO is hiring Public Safety Telecommunicators. Join the team and become a vital part of the nationally accredited Communications Division, where you'll work alongside highly trained, dedicated public safety professionals at the 9-1-1 Communications Center. The position includes a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package. Sheriff Golden welcomes applicants who will work in a dynamic fast paced environment providing top emergency services. The application opens August 1.

**MONMOUTH COUNTY  
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SHERIFF SHAUN GOLDEN  
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

**NOW  
Hiring**  
**Starting Salary  
\$51,128**

**JOB REQUIREMENTS**

- Certifications Available through MCSO - Emergency Medical Dispatch/Basic Telecommunicator / C.P.R.
- Pass psychological/medical evaluation and criminal background check
- 18yrs. or older/proof of U.S. Citizenship
- Resident of the State of NJ
- High school Diploma or equivalent

- FULL-TIME POSITIONS
- COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS PACKAGE
- BILINGUAL APPLICANTS ENCOURAGED



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## MCSO SAFE CARGO

It's vital to ensure that children are properly restrained while in a car seat, since motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children. The next car seat installation check by the MCSO will be held August 6, at the Monmouth County Garage, located at 240 Center Street, near Kozloski Rd. in Freehold - 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

Specially trained Sheriff's Officers check the make, model, and manufacturer's number of child seats for possible recall, inspect car seat anchors and stabilize seats with additional padding to prevent rocking.



## CHILDREN MEET S/O DURING MEET AND OFFICER DAY

It was Meet an Officer Day at Yeshivat Ahavat Yisrael Preschool and Day Camp in West Long Branch on July 24. 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, all part of building strong, positive connections in the community.





## HBD REMI

The MCSO celebrated K-9 Remi's third birthday on July 29. As a skilled narcotics detection K-9, Remi plays a vital role in helping to keep our communities safe.

A special shout-out to Remi's dedicated handler, S/O Nancy Hoffman. Together, this dynamic duo works tirelessly in the fight against drugs and remains committed to protecting the residents of Monmouth County.

Happy Birthday to a fine member of the MCSO K-9 Unit.



## MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

The Monmouth County Fair was a great success, and the MCSO was pleased to welcome all. Thanks to everyone who visited the area, learned about the agency's public safety programs, special operations vehicles, met our K-9s and so much more.

