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MCSO RECOGNIZES NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September was National Preparedness Month, and I'm proud that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office continues to lead the way in emergency operations. Together, with OEM Coordinator Scott Nielsen, we emphasized the importance of preparing, planning, staying informed, and getting involved.



National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is an effort to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies. It's also a great time for us to stress Know Your Zone and learn which evacuation zone you are within by visiting mcsonj.org/knowyourzone. I thank the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners, Middletown Mayor Tony Perry and Middletown OEM staff, who, on September 29, supported our Know Your Zone initiative by unveiling new signs that will be placed in flood zone areas. The Know Your Zone initiative was implemented by the OEM eight years ago to educate residents, visitors and businesses about coastal evacuation zones. It allows the OEM to direct any evacuation instructions to those that are at the greatest risk of experiencing storm surge during major coastal storms in protection of lives and property.

We were also pleased to announce that the Monmouth County Register Ready program remains the statewide leader with 3532 participants. The program, a partnership with the MCSO OEM and the Monmouth County Office on Aging, allows residents with disabilities and their families/caregivers an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.



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National Preparedness Month was also a great time for the MCSO to host the NJ County Emergency Management Coordinators Association meeting, held Sept. 9, where state, county and local OEM coordinators, gathered to discuss critical preparedness and planning initiatives, including the State Search and Rescue Program (SAR), the Union County flood response and the Federal Surplus Property Program.

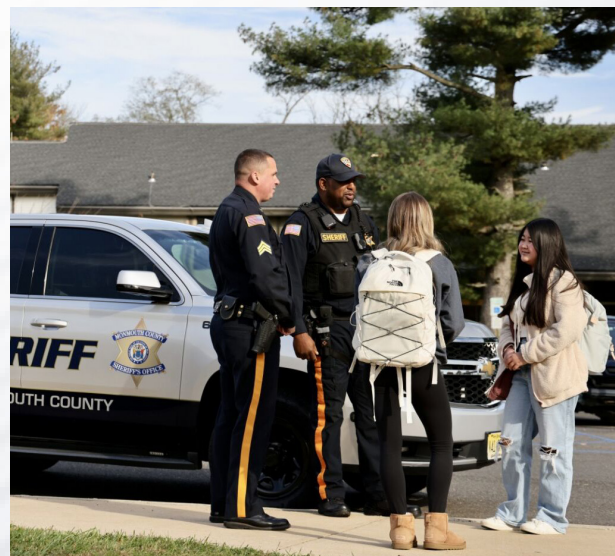
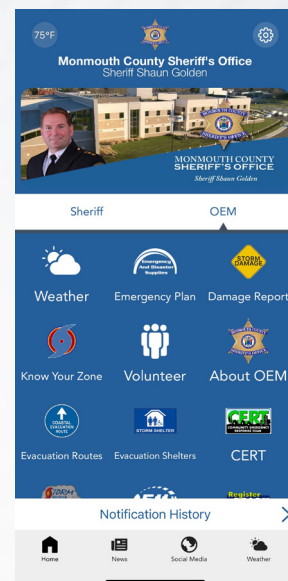
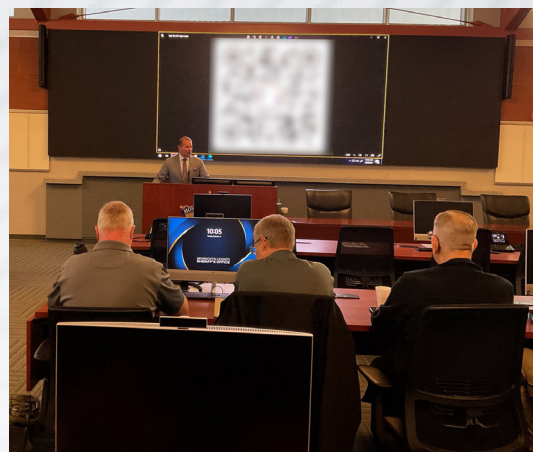
To keep up with the most up to date information, it's important to like or follow the MCSO on social media

through Facebook, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Twitter, @MonmouthSheriff, and Instagram, monmouth-sheriff, all platforms prove to be extremely useful before, during and after severe weather. In addition, download the agency's application for smartphones which provides instant access to MCSO information.

We thank our OEM partners and members of the MCSO CERT for the dedication to planning, preparing and staying informed, all, keys to safety before, during and after a weather-related event.

SHERIFF SHARES BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

With the start of a new school year, it's vital to practice back to school safety. Throughout September, Sheriff Golden provided parents and students with helpful safety tips pertaining to cautioning drivers while sharing the roads with school buses, the dangers of strangers, and teens who are about to get behind the wheel.



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9/11 ANNIVERSARY

Events were held in Monmouth County on the 24th Anniversary of September 11th , and attended by members of the MCSO to honor the lost, the survivors and the many heroes of 9/11. God Bless America. We Will Never Forget.

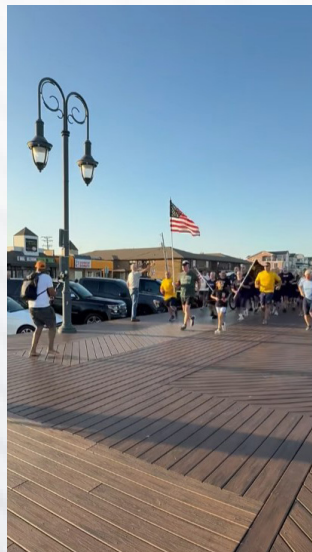
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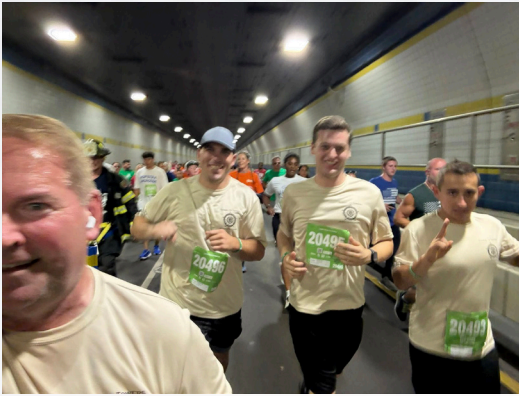


9/11 LIGHTS



TUNNEL TO TOWERS

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO staff were among the many participants running for all who were lost on 9/11 by participating in the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk, held on the last Sunday in September each year. Thank you to Tunnel to Towers Foundation for honoring our fallen heroes on Sept. 28. We salute all.



MCSO ISSUES SCAM ALERT

Sheriff Golden issued a warning against a telephone scam in September. Numerous residents reported that they received calls from subjects stating they were representatives from the MCSO, and, claimed that individuals failed to report to court.

Be advised that NO sheriff's officer from the MCSO will call to inform individuals for failure to appear, nor will they ever ask for money or claim that an arrest warrant has been issued.

Regarding any SCAM, always use your best judgement. If it doesn't seem right, it's probably not.



SHERIFF GOLDEN HIGHLIGHTS MCSO SHARED SERVICES SUMMIT

Sheriff Golden addressed attendees at the Shared Services Summit on Sept. 18, where he delivered an insightful presentation on the 9-1-1 Communications Center and the county run emergency services EMS Operation, MedStar, two key shared services under the MCSO.

The sheriff highlighted the vital role 9-1-1 serves in ensuring public safety and how MedStar contributes to rapid response and quality emergency care. The MCSO thanks Commissioner Dir. Tom Arnone and the entire Board of County Commissioners. Their support enables the MCSO to keep communities safe and lead the way in providing top notch emergency services.



NATIONAL CERT WEEK

National CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Week was Sept. 14-20 and Sheriff Golden was proud to recognize and thank all CERT volunteers for their commitment.

The MCSO's CERT is a great example of community members who train, prepare, and dedicate valuable time to assist during emergencies. Their selfless efforts truly make a difference in keeping our residents safe and ready for any situation. We commend this outstanding group of people who put public safety and preparedness first.

MEET THE MAYORS

Sheriff Golden attended the annual Meet the Mayors event hosted by members of the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 17. He was pleased to meet with local and county officials, share information and discuss public safety issues throughout Monmouth County.

Many thanks to the Chamber for the opportunity.



WALK AT LUNCH

Monmouth County employees laced up their sneakers and hit the pavement as they participated in the annual Walk at Lunch Sept. 12. The event was held at the fitness track outside of the MCSO and hosted by the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners and HR Department.

In addition to the walk around the track, representatives and providers for Monmouth County offered wellness information.

Sheriff Golden thanks all who came out to support this important cause which helps enhance a healthier workplace.



FIRE ACADEMY RECRUITS TRAIN

Monmouth County Fire Academy recruits were hard at work training on vehicle extrication and sharpening the skills that save lives during emergencies.

A big thank you to New Jersey Natural Gas for the generous donation of vehicles, which make this vital, hands on training possible. Sheriff Golden appreciates the partnership and commitment to keeping our communities safe.



WELCOME PST'S

Sheriff Golden proudly welcomed 10 Public Safety Telecommunicators to the Communications Division in September. These new members will join a team of highly trained public safety professionals and learn from the very best. Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first line of defense during emergencies, going above and beyond the call of duty every day to keep communities safe. Welcome to the team.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN JOB FAIR

The MCSO is hiring and was pleased to meet potential job seekers with an interest in public safety during the Monmouth County Job Fair at Brookdale Community College's Collins Arena, Sept. 17.

Sheriff Golden and representatives from the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions, as well as members of EMS MedStar, provided information about the agency and discussed potential future employment.

The MCSO has a dynamic group of public safety professionals and offers competitive salaries and benefits packages.

Thanks Monmouth County Government's Division of Workforce Development for providing this opportunity.



NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

National Child Passenger Safety Week was Sept. 21- 27 and draws attention to how important it is that children are secured properly in a car seat.

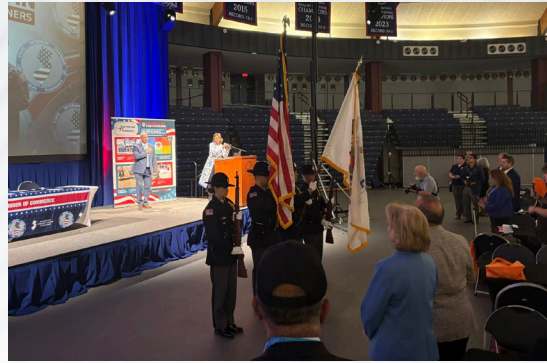
Sheriff Golden is a leader in this effort through the MCSO's monthly child safety seat inspections held at the Monmouth County Garage, 240 Center St, Freehold. The next Child Safety Seat checkpoints are Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 and no appointment is necessary.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN VETERAN'S HEALTH FAIR

The MCSO was proud to take part in the Veterans' Health Fair at Brookdale Community College, Sept. 19. The team provided information about the MCSO Veteran Service Council, which is dedicated to supporting those who served our nation.

Sheriff Golden is a strong advocate for veterans and their well-being. Events like this are so important in helping to connect veterans with resources they need. Thanks to Veterans Foundation of America, Monmouth County Government and Braven Health for the support of this important event.



NATIONAL POLICE WOMAN'S DAY

The MCSO proudly celebrated National Police Woman's Day by recognizing the dedication and service of the exceptional women in law enforcement, Sept. 12.

A special shoutout to the female officers serving in both the Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions. Their unwavering commitment to public safety, professionalism, and community impact does not go unnoticed.

Sheriff Golden and the entire MCSO thank all for their service and the positive difference they make every day.



WELCOME FALL INTERNS

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were happy to welcome three students to the fall internship program, Sept. 18, where they were presented with an overview of the agency and toured facilities. The interns will assist in the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions, the Office of Emergency Management, Information Technology and Special Operations.

Many interns from the MCSO have moved on to become law enforcement professionals. We are pleased to have all on board and provide them with a great experience. Two interns are from Monmouth University, and one is from Montclair State University.



MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION

It was great meeting Ocean Township residents during the Mobile County Connection, Sept. 10, where Sheriff Golden, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon and Surrogate Maureen Raisch were pleased to provide a wide range government services. Thanks to Councilman Robert Acerra for his support and partnership.

The Mobile County Connection enhances continuing efforts to make government services and public safety initiatives more accessible to the residents and fulfill needs in a timely and convenient manner.



POUND THE PAVEMENT FOR PURPLE

They pounded the pavement for a great cause as many participated in the annual Pound the Pavement for Purple 5K run/walk for Pancreatic Cancer, Sept. 27. Sheriff Golden couldn't be prouder to be a part of the event to raise money and awareness for this devastating disease.

Thanks to all the participants, and especially Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone for the dedication and commitment each year in making Pound the Pavement for Purple such a success.



MCSO PARTICIPATES IN PATRIOT NIGHT

The MCSO participated in Patriot Night in Sea Girt, Sept. 5, a great evening where law enforcement agencies from across the area came together to connect with the community.

MedStar was on hand, along with dedicated CERT members, K-9 teams, and drone operators who conducted a demo.

Huge thanks to the Sea Girt Police Department for organizing another wonderful event. It's always an honor to stand alongside our partners in law enforcement and engage with residents.



INMATE LABOR

The MCSO Inmate Labor program partnered with the Borough of Union Beach, Public Works Department the week of Sept. 8 where they conducted a cleanup and litter patrol of township parks, the beach front, and the grounds of the soccer complex.



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The MCSO celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. Sheriff Golden is proud to have Hispanic Americans represent the work force in law enforcement, corrections and communications. We commend their dedication and commitment to public safety, which has a positive impact on the agency, and recognize all for their great efforts.

MILLSTONE DAY

Millstone Day was a great success, and the MCSO was happy to be a part of it as staff offered public safety information.



NATIONAL POLICE K-9 DAY

The MCSO honored all of the hard-working K-9s who dedicate their lives to maintaining safety as National Police K-9 Day was celebrated Sept.1. We thank and appreciate all the exceptional K-9s who day in and day out combat crime, and, remember those who died in the line of duty.

Sheriff Golden runs the largest K-9 Unit in Monmouth County consisting of eight handlers and nine K-9s, who are trained in tracking, patrols explosive and narcotics detection.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY REESE

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO celebrated the birthday of K-9 Reese who turned four on Sept. 11. Reese, is one of the three bloodhounds from the K-9 Unit, and leads a highly successful life sniffing out crime. He has assisted in many leads and arrests, and we thank him for his service.



HAPPY FALL

The first day of Fall was Sept. 22 and Sheriff Golden hopes all enjoy the beautiful season in Monmouth County that's upon us.

