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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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RECRUITS GRADUATE FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY



As we enter into the holidays, I would like to take a moment to reflect on another year of exceptional service and dedication across each division and area of operation at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office. Your professionalism and steadfast commitment, both sworn officers and civilian personnel, continue to be the foundation of our success, and the reason Monmouth County remains a safe, supportive, and thriving place to live, work, and raise a family. We exemplify professional excellence. I'm proud and grateful to have such loyal employees and look forward to working together on new safety initiatives and programs in 2026.

One notable event that takes place at the end of each year is the Monmouth County Police Academy graduation, held at Brookdale Community College. On December 17, 89 newly sworn in law enforcement officers graduated which included 40 recruits of the 109th Basic Course for Police Officers, 18 recruits from the 60th Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers and 31 recruits from the 45th Basic Course for County Correctional Police Officers. Of them, six graduates are Monmouth County Sheriff's Officers and 25 are Monmouth County Correctional Police Officers. All the recruits received their Police Training Commission certificates and are ready to begin careers as law enforcement professionals.



There is no higher responsibility than being a member of law enforcement, which exemplifies commitment to service, sacrifice and unity. These fine men and women have demonstrated that, by persevering and successfully completing intense training which has prepared them to serve and protect our communities, with honor and integrity.

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- HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Both law enforcement classes, which were combined, consisted of 22 weeks with more than 800 hours of training, run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. Training for the corrections class was 19 weeks. Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers were well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities. All the recruits were committed and worked hard but didn't achieve this goal alone. The exceptional staff of the Monmouth County Police Academy instructed and encouraged the officers. There's no doubt the instructors' guidance and leadership will help them embark on successful careers in law enforcement.

God bless all our first responders.



SHERIFF'S OFFICERS TAKE OATH

The next Monmouth County Police Academy class begins in January and three newly sworn in sheriff officers who took the oath of office on Dec. 9, will start training. Congrats to Anthony Masterson who worked in the Monmouth County Division of Facilities Management and has always dreamed of becoming an officer, Dylan Casey who comes from a family of law enforcement professionals and Danielle Curiale who is already a first responder as a firefighter and EMT, and now aspires to be a sheriff's officer.

Best of luck to all.



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POLICE ACADEMY MEMBERS OF LE AND CORRECTIONS RETIRE

MCSO proudly recognized and honored our dedicated members of the Law Enforcement and Corrections Division who are retiring after many years of service:

Law Enforcement

S/O Diane Horel, 25yrs of service

S/O Mark Weiskopf, 25yrs of service

S/O Anthony Delucia, 25yrs of service

Jeanne Flegler, Clerical Support Staff - 28yrs of service

Corrections

CPO Brian Johnson – 25yrs of service

CPO Frank Currier – 25yrs of service

CPO Tracey Tift – 30yrs of service

Capt. Shawn Reece – 28yrs of service

CPO Eric Jackson – 35yrs of service-not shown

All demonstrated unwavering commitment, professionalism, and courage while serving. Sheriff Golden and the Board of Commissioners, extend sincere gratitude and appreciation. Congrats to all.



FIRST SNOWFALL OF THE SEASON

Monmouth County experienced its first snowstorm of the season, the weekend of December 13, with more than six inches of snow accumulating in certain areas.

Sheriff Golden urged residents to stay home and if they had to drive to slow down, allow extra travel time and give plows the space needed on the roads.

Throughout the storm, first responders across Monmouth County worked to maintain public safety despite weather conditions. Sheriff Golden commends all for their professionalism, with a special recognition to the members of the MCSO MedStar, who responded to more than 30 emergency calls during the storm and transported 20 patients to area hospitals. Their dedication and rapid response played a critical role in ensuring residents received the care they needed.

As winter continues, residents are reminded to stay informed, prepare in advance, and always put safety first.



SHERIFF ANNOUNCES MEDSTAR EMS PARTNERSHIP IN WALL TWP

Sheriff Golden announced a new partnership between the MCSO EMS Operation, MedStar, and Wall Township, Dec. 4, to provide enhanced emergency medical services to residents. The collaboration strengthens the County's commitment to public safety by improving readiness, response times, and access to high-quality emergency care in southern Monmouth County.

The partnership brings additional resources, advanced equipment, and increased operational capacity. EMTs from Wall Township will transition to MedStar, ensuring continuity of care and strengthening the countywide EMS response. MedStar will provide seamless coordination during medical emergencies through its highly trained EMS professionals.



In addition to Wall Township, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office provides EMS services to Sea Girt, Manasquan, and Neptune City, with primary backup in Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, and Brielle. MedStar also services Ocean Township, Tinton Falls, and Holmdel. Since its inception, MedStar has responded to more than 13,000 calls with an average response time of under six minutes and has transported nearly 9,000 patients to area hospitals.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office thanks the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners, the Wall Township Committee, and career and volunteer EMS professionals for their continued support and dedication to MedStar.

MEDSTAR BOLSTERS ITS FLEET

As MedStar expands services it's also bolstering its fleet with the addition of six Quick Response Vehicles. Each unit is stocked with lifesaving medical equipment that can be deployed rapidly to the scene of an emergency and help EMS crews ensure that residents and visitors of Monmouth County receive the highest level of care.

Sheriff Golden thanks all EMTs for their unwavering commitment and professionalism.



EMTS RIVAL IN ARMY/NAVY GAME

MCSO MedStar EMTs work great together, but on the football field, some are rivals. During the Army/Navy game on Dec. 14 two EMTs proudly represented their branches while continuing to serve our community.

Meet

EMT Ryan Loehr

Sergeant, Army National Guard (2019-Present)

Combat Medic

Deployed in Operation Capitol Response and Operation Inherent Resolve

Air Assault School graduate

&

EMT Charles McCall

2nd Class Petty Officer, U.S. Navy (2018-2023)

Engineman, assigned to USS George Washington (CVN-73)

Ancillary Duty: Shipboard Firefighter



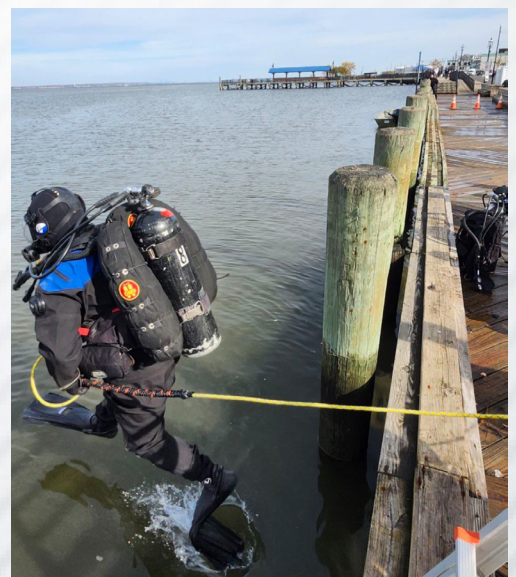
The MCSO celebrates the pride, dedication, and camaraderie that unite all who serve.

MERT TRAINING

The MCSO Maritime Emergency Response Team (MERT) conducted specialized training in December at the Keyport Marina and the Sandy Hook Coast Guard Station. During the exercises, divers successfully located and recovered a simulated missing person as part of a realistic search-and-rescue scenario and participated in hard-hat training to prepare for extensive underwater dive operations.

MERT is a shared service comprised of members from multiple law enforcement agencies who respond swiftly and effectively to critical incidents on waterways.

Sheriff Golden thanks this dedicated team of professionals for their continued commitment.



MONMOUTH COUNTY EMPLOYEE AWARDS BREAKFAST

Sheriff Golden is proud of his staff who day in and day out are committed to maintaining the safety of Monmouth County residents. Many have been working at the MCSO for numerous years and were honored along with other county employees for 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of dedicated service on Dec. 5, during the Monmouth County Employee Service Awards Breakfast.

The MCSO congratulates all and particularly acknowledges staff from the Law Enforcement, Corrections and Communications Divisions as well as the Monmouth County Police Academy.



SHERIFF PROUD TO MENTOR STUDENTS

Sheriff Golden was proud to mentor students from Monmouth University during their visit to the MCSO on Dec. 1. The students received an inside look at agency operations and a comprehensive overview of the Office of Emergency Management. We appreciate their interest in public safety and look forward to supporting the next generation of leaders in emergency management and law enforcement.



JOB WELL DONE K-9S

The K-9 Unit proudly received an award at the 2025 Attorney General's Awards Ceremony, held at the War Memorial in Trenton, Dec. 18. This honor reflects their outstanding efforts and professionalism in helping to safeguard voting sites throughout Monmouth County on Election Day.

Sheriff Golden commends all the MCSO K-9 teams for their dedication and commitment to protecting the integrity of our election. Their exemplary service continues to set the standard for public safety and law enforcement excellence.



CPOs MAKE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER FOR THOSE IN NEED

The MCSO Corrections Division is committed to working with the Raine Foundation which assists children and families in need from the Bayshore area. On Dec. 18 & 19, Correctional Police Officers once again geared up to help deliver gifts to ensure each child has one to open on Christmas. Every year these dedicated CPOs assist with collecting gifts, and travel from home to home putting a smile on a child's face. They are honored to be a part of this wonderful event which truly defines what Christmas is all about.

Sheriff Golden thanks all for their continued commitment and compassion of this great cause throughout the holidays to help families in times of need.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The MCSO's Office Toys for Tots collection drive was a tremendous success, resulting in countless toys being donated to local families in need. Sheriff's Officers transported the collected donations to the Toys for Tots warehouse in Neptune City, Dec. 17, where they will be distributed to community organizations throughout the county.

The holiday season is about giving, and because of the dedication of our volunteers and the MCSO PBA Local 314 Toys for Tots drive, many children in need will have presents to unwrap this Christmas.

Sheriff Golden thanks all who supported the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, with special acknowledgement to the Monmouth County Clerk's Office.



MADE IN MONMOUTH

Made in Monmouth was a great success, Dec. 13, at Brookdale Community College. Sheriff Golden is always proud to stand behind this important initiative that supports Monmouth County vendors and businesses, strengthens our local economy, and showcases the talent, creativity, and hard work of many here in Monmouth County.

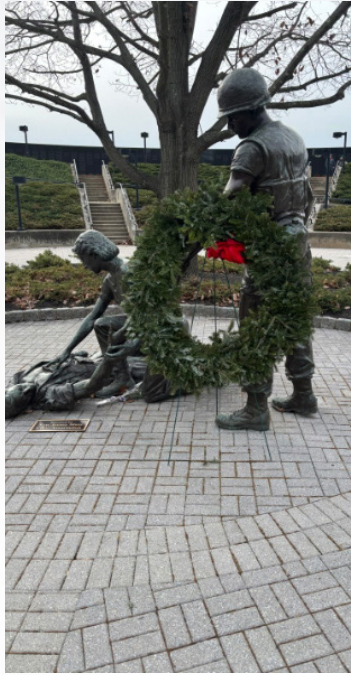
A special thank you to Monmouth County Board of Commissioners and the Division of Economic Development. Their commitment to supporting local businesses truly makes a difference.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

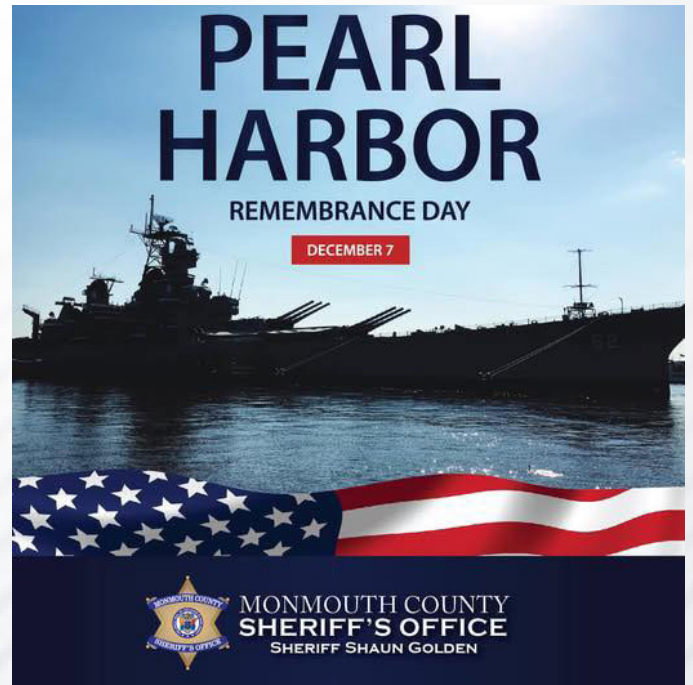
The MCSO's Veteran Service Council was honored to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation in Holmdel Dec. 10, where wreaths were laid to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom.

Wreaths Across America is a seven-day nationwide event where a caravan of participants begin their journey in Maine and end at Arlington National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday Dec. 13.



PEARL HARBOR

The MCSO honored and remembered the brave service members and civilians who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor, 83 years ago, Dec. 7. Their courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO salute all. God bless the men and women of the military who sacrifice so much for our freedom.



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY



Celebrate The Holidays Safely

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.

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 live nearby, do not attempt to walk or ride a bicycle home.



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