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SHERIFF'S OFFICE RETIRED INVESTIGATOR ACKNOWLEDGED DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH FOR MAKING STRIDES IN THE COMMUNITY

Monmouth County: The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is acknowledging the commitment and dedication that retired Senior Investigator Selma Morris has made throughout Monmouth County during her career at the Monmouth County Corrections Division, as part of Black History Month.

"Selma's outstanding leadership skills and professionalism did not go unnoticed throughout her years of service with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "During Black History Month, it's even more important to recognize and celebrate the achievements she has made by serving as a role model in communities"

Morris began her career at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution as a corrections officer. She rose through the ranks before retiring as the senior investigator of secured facilities in 2014. Morris was born and raised in Long Branch. When she started at the jail she witnessed firsthand how people, including some with whom she grew up, ended up on the wrong side of the law.

"I had to make a difference in the lives of youths and give back to my community, so, I aspired to inspire," said Morris. "In my spare time I took on leadership roles of organizations that provided a positive outlet for youths and provided them with guidance, skills, discipline and how to act appropriately."

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Those organizations included the National Association of Negro and Professional Women's Club where Morris served as 3rd vice president in charge of the youth club. She also helped feed the homeless and was awarded a proclamation from Neptune Township for coordinating a Black History Month program honoring unsung heroes of the community. Morris was an area chairwoman of the Monmouth County Cotillion Committee which provides scholarships to young girls. She also belongs to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers where she coordinates job fairs, and, as a member of the NAACP, was presented with the community service award from Long Branch.

"I commend Selma for the countless efforts she has made to her community, and, could not think of a more deserving person to recognize during this historic month," said Sheriff Golden. "As a law enforcement agency, serving the public, it's important to maintain diversity within the ranks."

Morris, a veteran with the U.S. Army, lives in Howell Township and is married with two children.

"I'm proud to have served as an African American female in law enforcement. It was challenging at times, but those efforts proved worthwhile, since I became a role model who mentored and helped shape the future of our young men and women."

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