



# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## POLICE ACADEMY RECRUITS COMPLETE TRAINING

Before our holiday festivities begin with family and friends, I would like to take this time to wish all a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. This year was filled with challenges, particularly COVID-19, but we faced them head on and exceeded our expectations. That's because of the dedication and commitment of employees in all of our divisions. For that we should look forward to a prosperous 2021, as we work together on new safety initiatives and programs.



Usually we end the year with a great ceremony at the Monmouth County Police Academy and celebrate our newly sworn in officers. Due to the recent winter storm, the official ceremony has been postponed until January. However, on December 16, the last day of training, 18 recruits of the 99th Basic Course for Police Officers and 14 recruits from the 50th Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers were recognized for completing the Monmouth County Police Academy.

These fine men and woman demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement by persevering and successfully concluding this intense training amid the

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many challenges they had to meet from the pandemic. Becoming a member of law enforcement is a great privilege, since there is no higher responsibility than maintaining public safety. Their accomplishments are commended by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for a job well done.

Both classes, which were combined due to COVID-19, consisted of 20 weeks with 780 hours of training and run through the Monmouth County Police Academy. The Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers has full police powers while on duty.

All the recruits trained in patrol concepts, defensive driving, professional development, weaponry and unarmed defense, criminal investigation, ethics, emergency medical care and physical training, along with a host of other courses.



As a result of training through the pandemic, lectures and presentations were set up in large classroom settings, with adequate distance apart. The recruits and training officers wore face coverings and followed proper protocol at all times.

Upon successful completion of the police training commission approved curriculum, the officers are well prepared to serve their respective law enforcement agencies.

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 during their intense training. There's no doubt the instructors' guidance and leadership will help them embark on successful careers in law enforcement.

God bless all of our first responders.

## DID YOU KNOW:

**Did You Know Undersheriff Michael (Mickey) Donovan is retiring from the MCSO after 13 years of service. Prior to that, he was with the MCPO for 23 years and also spent 7 years with Neptune City PD. Congrats and Best of luck.**

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# COVID-19 MOBILE TESTING SITE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

December 8th marked the first day of Monmouth County's expedited COVID-19 mobile testing initiative for first responders and health care workers and the first stop was Middletown.

This effort, led by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Monmouth County Health Department helps ensure the health and wellbeing of our frontline workers as they protect and serve. They risk their lives every day as they respond to critical incidents to protect the residents of Monmouth County. The four towns where mobile testing is being held are Middletown, Wall, Ocean Township and Manalapan.



# MONMOUTH COUNTY'S FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON

Monmouth County had its first snowfall of the season on Dec. 16 with snow in the western parts of the county and rain and moderate flooding in the coastal areas. Sheriff Golden spoke about storm preps and how to plan and prepare. The MCSO thanks the Monmouth County Department of Public Works who pretreated county roads ahead of the winter storm and worked hard to clear the roadways to ensure safety.





## CODE BLUE

December had a few cold spells and pursuant to state law, Monmouth County issued several Code Blue Alerts.

If anyone is in need of assistance please call NJ 2-1-1..



## SHERIFF ISSUES WARNING ABOUT SCAMS



Sheriff Golden issued a warning against a telephone scam where a caller claimed to be from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office. An elderly man was told to turn himself in to the MCSO after receiving a phone call from an individual posing as a detective. The call appeared as if it was coming from the MCSO Office phone number, since scammers use technology to modify a call from a number when, in actuality, it is not that number. This is called spoofing, where an individual believes the call is legitimate.

Complaints to the MCSO can be directed to (732) 431-6400.

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



## NEVER FORGET PEARL HARBOR

December 7th marked the 79th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, a day that will live in infamy. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO honor and salute all who were killed in the attack. God bless our men and women of the military who sacrifice so much for our freedom.



## MCSO PARTICIPATED IN RAINE FOUNDATION HOLIDAY DRIVE

The MCSO is most proud to work with the RAINE Foundation which assists children and families in need from the Bayshore area. On December 18, correctional police officers once again geared up to help deliver gifts to ensure each child has one to open on Christmas. Every year 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 event which truly defines what Christmas is all about.

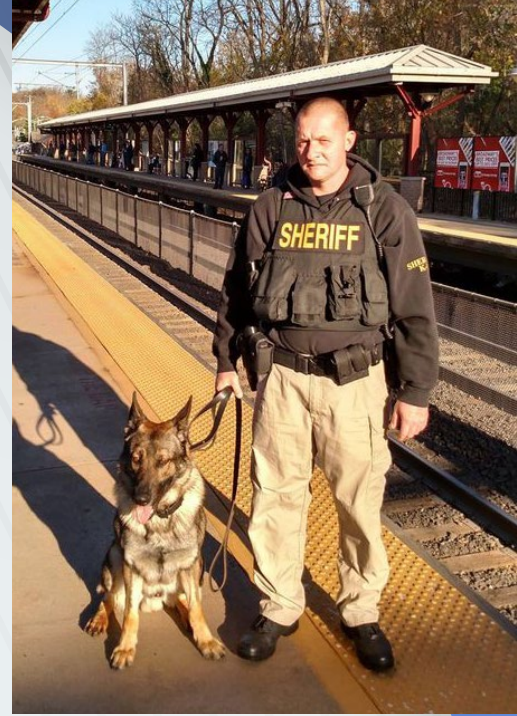
Sheriff Golden thanks all for their continued commitment and compassion of this great cause throughout the holidays to help families in times of need.





## PLANES TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

Whether by planes, trains or automobiles the MCSO K-9 Unit works hard throughout Monmouth County conducting homeland security checks at critical infrastructure, assisting in the fight against drugs and suspect apprehension. Great job to the MCSO K-9 Unit.



## A K-9 CHRISTMAS

While working the rounds at the mall to ensure safety, K-9s Skye and Gunner took time out to make a deal with Santa this year. They won't touch any of his milk and cookies on Christmas Eve as long as he leaves them a big bag of bones under the tree.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TANGO



Guess who recently turned 8 years old? K-9 Tango celebrated his birthday on December 5. Tango is highly trained in narcotics/patrol and has been a great asset when assisting in combatting the proliferation of drugs in Monmouth County. Tango has been a member of the MCSO's K-9 Unit since 2014.

## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH SAFETY

MCSO wants all to please celebrate the holidays safely and wisely. Don't Drink and Drive.



**Before going out, designate a driver who will not consume any alcohol the entire night.**



**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.**

**Do not drive if you are impaired. Call an Uber, a cab, a sober friend or family member.**

**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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