



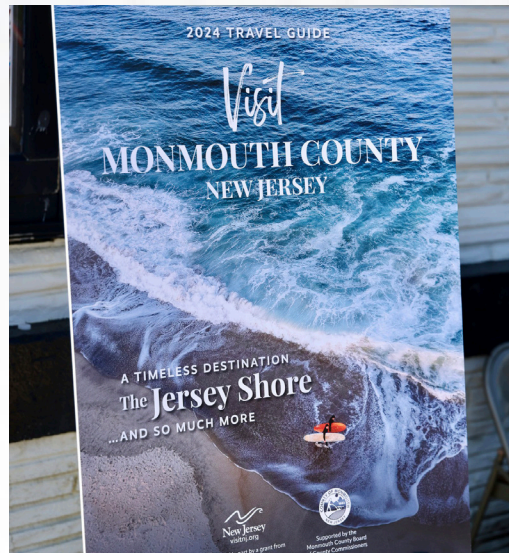
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# MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Monmouth County's annual tourism kickoff to the summer was held in Asbury Park at the Stone Pony on May 21 and I was pleased to join the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, the Monmouth County Clerk and local officials as the summer season was discussed. Safety is the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office top priority. As the number of residents and visitors increase in Monmouth County, particularly at the shore, law enforcement will be out patrolling areas on foot, by bike and in vehicles, and looks forward to working with the public to help maintain the safety of all.

Here at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, we continuously stress not to drink and drive. Before going out, designate a driver who will not consume any alcohol. 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 see someone about to get behind the wheel, or on a motorcycle after they have been drinking, offer to find them a ride or alert your nearest law enforcement agency.

For the many beachgoers, following the proper precautions when swimming is of the utmost importance, as we unfortunately deal with drownings each year and must make rescues due to dangerous rip currents. That's why it is vital and why we stress all summer only to swim when lifeguards are on duty. Also, be sure that children and adults know how to swim before entering the water, and never swim alone. Avoid rip currents, and if you get caught in one, swim parallel to the shore. In addition, know the weather forecast when swimming in the ocean and be aware of rough surf and signs telling you not to swim.

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## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- Have a checklist and follow it prior to departure.
- Always wear a life jacket
- Operate at a safe speed, be aware of your surroundings, and stay clear of large vessels.
- Make sure there is more than one person who can handle operations of the boat.
- Be sure that all know how to swim.
- Wear a life jacket properly.
- Do not consume alcohol prior to or while out on a vessel. It is illegal to operate a boat with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher which could result in mandatory loss of boating and driving privileges.



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**IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT**

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

**SAFETY**

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never Swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:  
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov  
www.usla.org

Recently we recognized Safe Boating Week. To reiterate once again, if you are boating out on the waterways, it's important to practice safe boating tips. The MCSO Marine 1 and 2 Units, along with partners in law enforcement, will be patrolling the shore areas throughout the season to ensure safety and respond to critical water related incidents.

Summer at the shore is one of the best times of year in Monmouth County. Let's all enjoy the season and think safety.

## NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Along with the summer also comes the threat of hurricanes. As part of Hurricane Preparedness Week held May 5- May 11, Sheriff Golden and OEM staff featured the importance of planning, preparing and staying informed. Topics included the MCSO App, KNOW YOUR ZONE, Register Ready, the STORM Program and CERT. This information is particularly vital as we approach Hurricane Season which begins June 1 and ends November 30.

Visit MCSO ONLINE:



WWW.MCSO.NJ.ORG

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MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
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**National Hurricane Preparedness Week**

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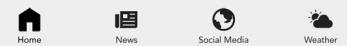
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## CERT CONTINUES TRAINING

During a weather related event, it's nice to know that the MCSO Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, run through OEM is at the ready. Sheriff Golden commends all members for their continued hard work and training to ensure that they are most prepared and well equipped to assist during an emergency.

Throughout the month of May, CERT and members of the Monmouth County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) attended the 2024 Animal Emergency Working Group Symposium. The mission is to provide guidelines for rapid response to disasters affecting the health, safety, and welfare of animals. CERT also participated in a workshop presented by NJOEM, FEMA, and Somerset County OEM where they learned new skills or practiced old ones in bleeding control, amateur radios, shelters, safe food handling, and incident command system forms. Finally, CERT members practiced setting up and taking down tents in the event they need to be utilized for emergency shelter or disaster relief.



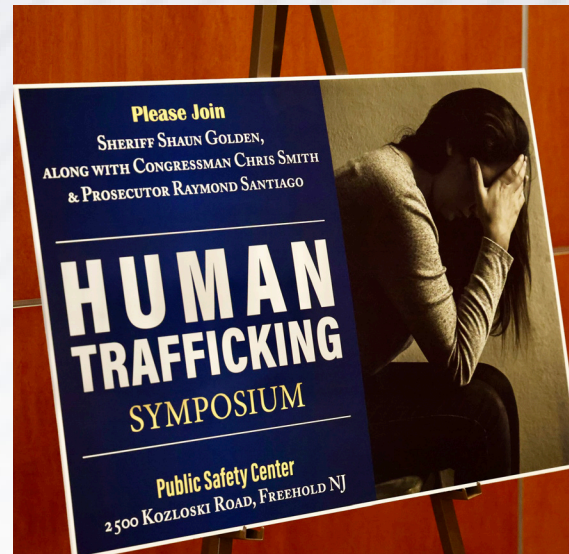


## SHERIFF GOLDEN HOSTS HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM

Sheriff Golden was proud to host the MCSO's Human Trafficking Symposium with Congressman Chris Smith, a leading voice in the fight against this heinous crime, and Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond Santiago on May 20, along with a panel of experts on this extremely critical topic, including Julia Einbond - Covenant House New Jersey, Amanda Leese -Volunteers of America, Chief Christopher J. Winters - Pine Hill Borough Police Department, Andrea Nurko, Department of Homeland Security- ICE and Hilary Evans 3Strands Global.

Human Trafficking is one of the most under reported and largest criminal enterprises in the nation. Topics at the symposium included federal laws passed to combat human trafficking, law enforcement efforts in preventing and prosecuting, resources for victims, protection and emergency services.

Bringing together stakeholders from law enforcement, government, nonprofit organizations, and educational sectors, works towards developing comprehensive strategies to combat this reprehensible crime.



## RECRUITS GRADUATE FROM POLICE ACADEMY

The graduation of 80 newly sworn law enforcement officers from the Monmouth County Police Academy was held at Brookdale Community College on May 21. Ten recruits of the 106th Basic Course for Police Officers, 44 recruits from the 57th Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers and 26 recruits from the 42nd Basic Course for County Corrections Officers received their Police Training Commission certifications during a ceremony at Brookdale Community College.

These fine men and women have demonstrated their commitment by persevering and successfully completing intense training. We especially commend the three sheriff's officers and 26 correctional police officers from the MCSO who graduated.

There is no higher responsibility than maintaining public safety and therefore becoming a member of law enforcement is both a great challenge and privilege. We are proud of the graduates' accomplishments.





## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN UNITY TOUR RIDE FOR FALLEN OFFICERS

It was quite the morning at Mercer County Park in West Windsor where men and women in blue from New Jersey to California gathered together to kick off the Police Unity Tour to ride for those who died on May 9.

Fifteen members of the MCSO from the Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions peddled down to DC, and, each one rode for a fallen officer.

Sheriff Golden proudly supports this great mission and commends all members of law enforcement who participated for their commitment to remember those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice and to raise money for National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.



## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MCSO commemorated National Police Week, May 12-18, as we recognized and thanked all our members of law enforcement and honored and remembered the brave men and women who have died in the line of duty. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO will never forget the sacrifices they made and what their families have had to endure. Thank you for your service. We salute you.



# National Police Week



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## MCSO HOLDS CEREMONY IN REMEMBRANCE OF OFFICERS

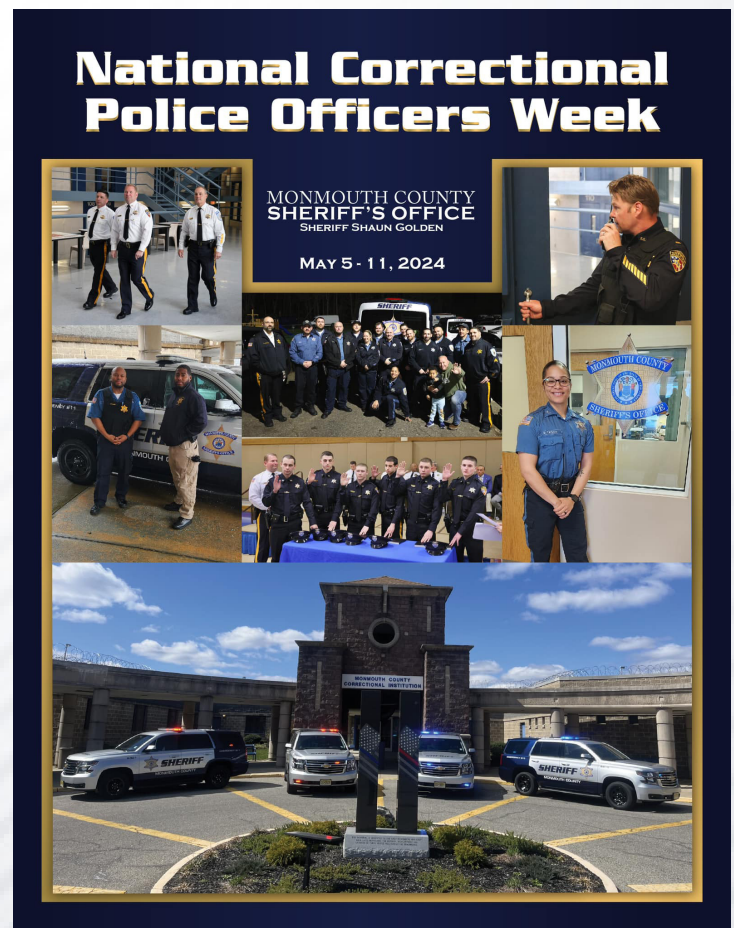
In remembrance of MCSO officers who have gone before us, the Law Enforcement Division held a ceremony on May 24 in front of the Monmouth County Police Academy. A wreath was placed to memorialize 16 officers as their names were read. Sheriff Golden thanks family members for the support and ensures them that loved ones will never be forgotten for their service, commitment and dedication to public safety.



## NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WEEK

Sheriff Golden and the MCSO were proud to recognize the fine correctional police officers of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, during National Correctional Police Officers Week, May 5 - 11. These corrections professionals are owed a tremendous debt of gratitude for their exceptional work in safeguarding lives and preserving peace in a correctional environment. There are many risks involved working as a correctional police officer. We thank all for their service, dedication and courage.

The Monmouth County Correctional Institution is nationally accredited in corrections and correctional healthcare.





## MCCI'S GANG UNIT PRESENTS AT MONMOUTH U

Correctional Police Officers who are part of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution's Gang Intelligence Unit do fantastic work in and outside of the facility regarding gang prevention and awareness. CPOs Carlos Pineiro and Gilbert Reed presented 'Know the Gang Signs' at Monmouth University on May 24. During the presentation, CPOs provided a realistic look into a gang member's life and discussed signs that gang members use. They also stressed why becoming a part of a gang is an error in judgement that can lead to jail time or even death.

The Gang Intelligence Unit travel to schools throughout Monmouth County to present, 'Know the Gang Signs', as Sheriff Golden wants our youth to be aware of the dangers and negative impacts that come along with joining a gang.



## SHERIFF PARTICIPATES ON NJ 101.5 TO DISCUSS ONGOING AUTO THEFT CRISIS

Sheriff Golden was a featured guest on New Jersey 101.5's town hall special 'Locked Down Defending Your Car and Home' hosted by Eric Scott on May 30. Reasons for the ongoing number of auto thefts and home invasions, ways to reduce them, and how to protect yourself were examined and discussed. Sheriff Golden has been calling for action on this continuing problem plaguing our communities and placing residents in harm's way. He stressed that this is not a policing problem but a policy one, which needs to change, beginning with bail reform, changes to the juvenile justice system and stiffer penalties for criminal rings or enterprises that employ juveniles as mules in the commission of the crime. The MCSO thanks Eric Scott and his team for keeping this discussion going through such forums.





## MCSO RECOGNIZES EMS WEEK

EMS Week was held from May 19-24 and Sheriff Golden commends all of our EMS providers for their exceptional work and efforts to maintain the health and safety of our residents. These everyday heroes go beyond the call of duty. We salute all EMTs, paid and volunteer, who serve and provide lifesaving care. During EMS week, the sheriff spoke with Tim Sidley, the Director of MCSO's EMS Operations and EMT Amanda Kahlke about MedStar, the MCSO County run EMS operation, which launched in February to assist towns in the central region of Monmouth County.



## SHERIFF FEATURED ON MONMOUTH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PODCAST

Sheriff Golden thanks Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce for having him as a guest speaker on it's Chamber Cast at Bell Works, May 26, to discuss the MCSO MedStar program. To date, MedStar has answered more than 1400 calls with a response time on average of under six minutes.



MRCC ChamberCast

[monmouthregionalchamber.com](http://monmouthregionalchamber.com)



## MCSO PARTICIPATES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY JOB FAIR

Great turnout at the Monmouth County Job Fair held at the Monmouth County Fire Academy, May 15. The MCSO is actively recruiting and was pleased to meet, mentor and advise potential career seekers with an interest in Law Enforcement, 9-1-1 Communications, Corrections or EMS.

Sheriff Golden thanks the Board of County Commissioners for providing this event, where job seekers had the chance to apply directly on site for Monmouth County Government employment opportunities.

Together, we're building a brighter future for Monmouth County.



## HOPE ONE OFFERS ASSISTANCE AT DAY OF HOPE WALK

The MCSO's HOPE One Mobile Unit was one of the focal points during the Day of Hope Walk, sponsored by JBJ Soul Kitchen on May 14th as many walked to spread awareness about mental health and addiction services, and support those in need. HOPE One is a vital resource and innovative approach in addressing the opioid epidemic and assists individuals with substance use disorders and family members through the services and programs it provides.

Sheriff Golden thanks JBJ Soul Kitchen for hosting this meaningful event as we all continue to provide hope and help for those in need.





## MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION

The Mobile County Connection was held at the Monmouth County Library headquarters in Shrewsbury on May 8, where Sheriff Golden, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon and Surrogate Maureen Raisch were pleased to have staff on-site to provide the services of their offices directly in the community.

Information about MCSO's programs including HOPE One was offered, along with the public safety services available to residents.

A big thank you to Shrewsbury Mayor Kim Eulner and Councilman Jim Daley for their support at the event.



## NATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS DAY

International Firefighters Day is observed each year on May 4th. On that day all are asked to remember firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all. Sheriff Golden thanks all the brave men and women.





## MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

May was Military Appreciation Month, and all at the MCSO were honored to pay tribute to the brave men and women who serve and have served our country. The sacrifices they have made do not go unnoticed. The MCSO express gratitude and support for our military members and their families.



## HONORED TO PARTICIPATE IN HONOR DAY

The MCSO participated in Honor Day at the Eagle Oaks Golf And Country Club as part of Fleet Week, on May 23, to recognize and pay tribute to members of the US Military and also benefit Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Sheriff Golden was proud to be a part of this special event to honor those who protect our country and freedom. Thanks to the schools and non-profit organizations for their support of this daylong celebration.





## GRAND RE-OPENING FOR VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

May 7 is a special day for the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Museum. This year, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for its grand re-opening. The memorial was first dedicated on May 7, 1995, then, exactly three years later the museum opened, and, ten years ago on May 7, 2024, the Huey helicopter, that served during the Vietnam War was dedicated. The Huey anniversary was marked with a tribute to the brave crew members.

Veteran's Service Officer Mike Ferraro, who runs the MCSO's Veterans Service Council, was proud to be a part of the ceremony.



## REMEMBERING OUR VETS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is held the last Monday in May each year and the MCSO honors, remembers and celebrates the brave heroes who died while serving our country and sacrificed so much for our freedom. Sheriff Golden and the MCSO salute them all.





## INMATE LABOR

The MCSO Inmate Labor crew lent a hand along the waterfront in Keyport the week of May 20, to assist in preparing for Memorial Day events where they landscaped, refilled and maintained the stones on the sidewalks.

Sheriff Golden's Inmate Labor program is a cost savings to towns and helps re-integrate individuals back into society.



## BLUE CLAWS EDUCATION DAY

Sheriff Golden was proud to support the Jersey Shore BlueClaws in May with a message of safety. During the summer while students are on a field trip at the stadium, game days also turn into education days. The MCSO is pleased to be providing important information on safety programs for our youth and looks forward to cheering on those Blue Claws this season.





## AMERICA'S 250

America's 250th Anniversary is coming up in 2026 and what a celebration it will be.

On May 2, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone and Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon highlighted Monmouth County's plans, preparations and strategy to mark this major event, during the 73rd NJAC Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

Sheriff Golden is proud to be a part of the Monmouth NJ 250 Committee as 250 years of rich history, progress and pride will be commemorated.



## POSTER CONTEST JUDGING

It was a tough task for Sheriff Golden, Clerk Christine Geiordano Hanlon and Surrogate Maureen Raisch as they judged and chose among the top posters of the My County Poster Contest on May 13, sponsored by the Constitutional Officers Association of NJ each year. The beautiful posters highlight how fourth grade students view Monmouth County. The top three winners out of the hundreds of entries will be announced in late June at the Board of County Commissioners meeting. Thanks to all the students who participated. It's a great and fun way to learn about Monmouth County.





## SHERIFF YOUTH WEEK

Are you ready for an unforgettable experience this summer?

Sheriff Golden announces that the MCSO is accepting applications for Sheriff Youth Week 2024. This unique program offers high school students a hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement. Many of our Sheriff Youth Week participants have become law enforcement professionals.

Come spend a week with our dedicated team, from July 8-12, and learn about MCSO operations, and gain valuable insight into the world of public safety.

For more information visit [www.mcsonj.org](http://www.mcsonj.org) go to Community Outreach and click on Sheriff Youth Week.

### MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



SHAUN GOLDEN, SHERIFF

### SHERIFF YOUTH WEEK | July 8-12, 2024

MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY  
2000 KOZLOSKI RD. FREEHOLD, NJ

*The Sheriff Youth Week program offers a unique opportunity for young people to explore interests in law enforcement through police academy-style training, drill and exercise programs and instructional sessions at the Monmouth County Police Academy, 2000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ.*

The 31st. Annual Sheriff Youth Week is being held July 8 through July 12, 2024, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Each day's session begins with drill instruction and ends with one hour of physical training. Each recruit will receive a certificate from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office upon completion of the academy.

Recruits are taught by municipal, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff's Youth Week is free of charge and open to all Monmouth County residents of high school age - which means - just graduated 8th grade and going into high school in September, already in high school or just graduated from high school. Students will only be asked to provide a completed physical form once their application is approved, and background check successfully completed.



Successful applicants will be sent a letter of acceptance.

For more information, please contact Undersheriff Ted Freeman at (732) 431-6400 x1110.

NOTE: All participants are responsible for their transportation to and from Sheriff Youth Week. Students must also bring their own lunch each day.

PLEASE ATTACH - Application form and info sheet for Sheriff Youth Week 2024