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Dear Friends,

It has been my pleasure to continue to serve the residents of Monmouth County as Sheriff. I'm delighted to share all of the exciting things that have happened here at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office the past few months.

During these uncertain times, agencies have been forced to do more with less, and the Sheriff's Office is no exception. Still, employees from each of my divisions, continue to put public safety first, by providing a sense of security and safety to the people of Monmouth County. It's my privilege to work with such a dedicated and professional group of devoted public servants who make up this entire agency.



Throughout this newsletter, you will realize the critical role of the Sheriff's Office in ensuring public safety. The Law Enforcement Division continues to make notable arrests, which have put violent criminals behind bars. The recent re-accreditation of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution, by the American Correctional Association, confirms what I've known all along, that our jail is one of the most well run county correctional facilities in the country. As for our Communications Division, the Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch Center continues to expand its public safety communications services. In September, I was happy to announce that Freehold Township moved its police dispatch and 9-1-1 calls to Monmouth County, and as of October 1, Monmouth County will be handling police dispatch and emergency services for the Borough of Fair Haven. Both are two great examples of shared services that save taxpayer dollars.

As I look toward the next few months, I pledge to continue to evaluate and proactively participate in initiatives on crime prevention and security for the residents of Monmouth County and I will to continue to promote, and help implement, shared services as cost savings measures to taxpayers.

Again, it is a pleasure to serve you.

Please visit me at www.sheriffguadagno.com

Kim Guadagno

May



SHERIFF'S OFFICERS NO LONGER BEING CALLED THE *BROWNSHIRTS*

Some big changes for the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division in the month of May, as a uniform makeover began for the 109 Sheriff's Officers once known as the *Brownshirts*.

On May 18, all Sheriff's Office Lieutenants, Sergeants and Officers swapped out those familiar brown uniforms, for dark blue shirts and pants. The entire cost of the change was funded by the members of the Law Enforcement Division themselves.

The uniform change now conveys a more traditional look for law enforcement. Sheriff Kim Guadagno was quick to endorse the request by the division to change the uniforms at no expense to the taxpayer.

A new patch with a gold star and a red, white and blue background is affixed to the uniform tops.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office was one of the last Sheriff's Offices in the state to make the change from the brown uniforms which were designed in the early 1980s. The new uniforms, called "LAPD Blue" are less expensive and easier to maintain.



Top: L to R: Lt. G. Martin, S/O R. Eckel Lt. P. Collins
Bottom: L to R: Sgt. P. Cuevas & Capt. J. Cerrato

SHERIFF'S OFFICERS MAKE BIG ARRESTS

The Law Enforcement Division made some significant arrests in May.

Sheriff's Officers found an 18 year old male who was out on parole carrying a stolen loaded gun with hollow point bullets.



The incident happened the morning of May 13, when Sheriff's Officers were alerted by Asbury Park police to be on the lookout for a male riding a green bike. Caron Gladden, of Asbury Park, was spotted by Sheriff's Officers on the 500 block of Prospect Avenue. When the four officers surrounded Gladden, he grabbed onto what was believed to be a gun packed in his backside, ran into a nearby house and locked the door. Officers proceeded to chase Gladden, who, once inside, attempted to jump out a first floor window. After hearing several threats from Sheriff's Officers that they were going to break the door down, Gladden surrendered and was arrested.

Gladden, who wore an electronic monitoring bracelet and was on parole from Jamesburg State Prison, was charged with possession of a weapon, receiving stolen property, certain persons not to possess weapons, possession of hollow point bullets, burglary and obstruction of administration of the law. Sheriff's Officers Leonard Maxfield, John Esposito, George Jelks and Randy Morgan were involved in the arrest.

Another big arrest came after a motor vehicle stop when Sheriff's Officers pulled over a drunk driver and found a stolen, loaded handgun.

Officers Sean O'Neill and Henry Muller were working in Asbury Park on the night of May 13, when they noticed Travis Clayton, 20, of Neptune, make an illegal turn on Heck and Borden Avenues. The red Chevy Malibu he was driving had broken lights in the rear of the vehicle.

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Clayton, who was in the car with three passengers, was pulled over on Ridge and Washington Avenues. Once Sheriff's Officers approached the car they smelled alcohol and proceeded to conduct a sobriety test on Clayton, which he failed. Upon searching the vehicle, a stolen loaded handgun was recovered.

Clayton was arrested and charged with possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes, receiving stolen property, driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, as well as other charges.

Sheriff Guadagno commended the officers involved noting an arrest like this may have prevented a violent crime in one of our neighborhoods.

MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF TESTIFIES IN TRENTON

Sheriff Kim Guadagno testified in support of legislation that would require notification of law enforcement agencies when certain patients are released from state psychiatric hospitals. The issue came to Sheriff Guadagno's attention after she learned that a woman, found not guilty by reason of insanity for the murder of her parents in Morris County, was released from Trenton Psychiatric Hospital and living in Monmouth Beach, where Sheriff Guadagno once served as commissioner. "This proposal gives law enforcement agencies the tools they need to ensure that the citizens of their municipalities feel they are being protected," said Sheriff Guadagno. "We need to make certain that municipalities are notified when persons released from state psychiatric hospitals are released into their communities."

The bill, S-1840, sponsored by Senator Sean Kean, which specifically deals with people who commit murder, but found not guilty by reason of insanity, unanimously passed the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

Kathleen Gatti, a Monmouth Beach resident, who lives next door to the woman released from the psychiatric hospital, also testified. Gatti stated that her son played with the woman's dog several times, and that all along she had no idea the woman was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the murder of her parents.

During testimony, Sheriff Guadagno also stated this is not just for the protection of the residents in the community, but for the people released into the community as well. "The mental health advocates should be comforted by the fact that, should an incident involving law enforcement occur, the police are better able to respond to a patient as opposed to a suspect or criminal," said Guadagno.

The bill is waiting for a full Senate vote.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES WINNER IN THE MY COUNTY POSTER CONTEST

By the end of May, the Sheriff's Office had a winner in the My County poster contest.

Sheriff Kim Guadagno, County Surrogate Rosemarie Peters and County Clerk M. Claire French honored fourth grade student Katrina Gutierrez for her poster called, "Monmouth County, A Place You Will Love To Call Home," at the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Neptune City. "I wanted my poster to show the different places in Monmouth County and why it is such a special place to live," said Katrina.

Since the majority of fourth grade students

study the state of New Jersey as part of their social studies curriculum, the County Constitutional Officers invited students to enter the poster contest. All schools in the County were asked to get each fourth grade student involved by creating his or her own poster that relates to Monmouth County. The Sheriff's Office received more than two hundred posters. As the top winner, Katrina Gutierrez poster was displayed in the County Clerks Office, during the month of September.



June

SHERIFF'S OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Officers from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions participated in a state-wide charity event for a good cause. They ran with men and women from police



Sheriff Guadagno and the Special Olympics Crew

departments across Monmouth County as the "flame of hope" was carried for Special Olympics New Jersey. Sheriff Kim Guadagno was on hand to celebrate the morning kick-off of the 2009 Law Enforcement Annual Torch Run, in Lakewood on Friday, June 12.

This year, the Olympic-type torch run spanned 900 miles in 387 New Jersey communities. In Monmouth County, men and women from the Sheriff's Office ran alongside officers from local municipalities as the torch traveled towards the College of New Jersey in Ewing, where this year's 2009 Summer Games were held.

Officers from law enforcement agencies across the state raised more than 2.4 million dollars through the torch run and other annual fundraising events.

Some 3000 members of law enforcement participated in the run.

SHERIFF WELCOMES HOME OFFICERS DEPLOYED IN IRAQ AT STATEWIDE PARADE

A welcome home parade to celebrate the return of New Jersey National Guard Soldiers from the 50th Infantry Brigade was held at the World War II Memorial

in Trenton on Friday, June 12. Four members of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office were part of the brigade which consisted of 3000 soldiers. Sheriff's Officer Jose Medina of Howell Township, Sheriff's Officer Rodger Miller of Middletown Township, Corrections Officer Nicholas Sansevero of Toms River and Corrections Officer Sean Farrell of Jackson Township were deployed in Iraq for one year as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "This is an amazing day," said Sheriff's Officer Jose Medina. "I'm proud to serve my country and happy to be home, united with my family."

The 50th Infantry Brigade marked the end of the largest overseas deployment of the New Jersey National Guard since World War II.

"This is a day to say thank you to all these brave men and women who sacrifice so much for our country," said Sheriff Kim Guadagno. "I'm proud to have had four of my officers serve in this brigade and would like to pay tribute to their families who had to endure the hardships of having a loved one overseas."

In the past year the combat team conducted missions involving detainee operations, convoy security, force protection and operating an Area Support Group. "Our entire brigade was spread throughout Iraq. The mission was challenging, but I was happy to be a part of such a fine brigade," said Corrections Officer Sean Farrell.



Sheriff Guadagno & military personnel along with supporters

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THREE SHERIFF'S OFFICERS RETIRE

At the end of June, Sheriff Kim Guadagno acknowledged three Sheriff's Officers for their years of service with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Division. Sheriff's Officers Jeffrey Truax, Donald Slanika and Steven Lord all retired from their posts on June 30, 2009. Sheriff Guadagno commended the officers for their dedication, hard work and accomplishments, noting that all three officers faithfully served the Sheriff's Office throughout the years and will be greatly missed.

Jeffrey Truax began his career as a Sheriff's Officer in 1984 and retired with 25 years of service. Throughout his career, Officer Truax worked in the ID Bureau, Missing Persons Division, Hall of Records and up until retirement, provided security at the Monmouth County Courthouse.

Donald Slanika began his career as a Sheriff's Officer in 1984 and retired with 25 years of service. Officer Slanika is a certified fingerprint classification/comparisons specialist and spent many years in the ID Bureau. He worked in the Court Security Unit from 1994 until retirement.

Steven Lord started his career as a Corrections Officer in 1987 and retired with 22 years of service. Officer Lord was hired by the Law Enforcement Division in 1993. During his career he worked in the ID Bureau, Court Security Unit and Warrants Division. Officer Lord was a sniper with the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team and a Firearms Instructor.

July/August

MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SETS RECORD FOR YOUTH ID CARDS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office set a record for its Youth Identification Program in July by issuing 2,061 youth ID cards. Of the 2,061 cards, 1,295 were from the Monmouth County Fair, which was held from July 22nd to July 26th.

Parents are asked to complete a brief information and authorization form, a digital photo is taken and after the information and photo are placed on the card, it's mailed to the parents. The Sheriff's Office Youth ID Card Program can help ensure the safety of children and does not compromise their identity.

This year's record number would not be made possible



without the assistance and dedication of the Sheriff's Office clerical staff who worked the fair and the VISCOMP (Volunteers in Sheriff's Community Programs) volunteers that participate in community programs. Those volunteers have donated 274 hours of their time since the program began in February.

Also contributing to the record number was the Sheriff's Office summer camp ID initiative.

CORRECTIONAL DIVISION RECEIVES NATIONAL DISTINCTION

By mid August, Sheriff Kim Guadagno was proud to announce that the Monmouth County Correctional Institution and the Youth Detention Center were re-accredited by the American Correctional Association. She noted that being nationally re-accredited is a significant accomplishment and formally recognizes that the services provided continue to meet or exceed the practices of the top correctional facilities in the nation.

The Monmouth County Correctional Institution is a 1,328 bed facility which houses county, state and federal inmates as well as immigration and customs enforcement

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detainees. The Youth Detention Center is a 40 bed facility which provides safe and secure detention for juveniles.

In May of this year, both facilities successfully completed a comprehensive audit by representatives of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections. Both MCCI and the YDC received 100 percent in mandatory standards, and 99.4 percent and 98.8 percent respectively, in non mandatory standards.

According to ACA standards, the agency addresses services, programs and operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. Standards set by the ACA reflect practical and up to date policies and procedures, and function as a management tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

Sheriff Guadagno acknowledged the team effort led by Warden William Fraser and Assistant Superintendent Sebastian Trapani along with staff from both facilities for making this achievement possible.

SHERIFF MAKES TV APPEARANCES

Also in August Sheriff Guadagno participated in several televised shows geared towards our senior communities in Monmouth County. Sheriff Guadagno was a featured guest on Seabrook TV, a daily half hour program aired throughout the entire Seabrook Village, an active adult retirement community, which consists of 1,400 residents in Tinton Falls. During the interview she discussed the numerous safety programs the Sheriff's Office offers to seniors throughout Monmouth County.

Sheriff Guadagno was also a guest on Safety Links, a program produced by SCAN (Senior Citizens Activity Network). During the program the Sheriff presented an overview of the office and once again discussed the many senior programs the office offers aimed at promoting safety and security.



Sheriff Guadagno participates in Youth ID program at Keansburg Alliance Camp in July

Capt. Joe Jakub Warren County Sheriff's Office, KY, founder of Reach for Your Dreams, Anti-Drug Program, visits Monmouth County Sheriff's Office



September

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP MOVES POLICE DISPATCH AND 9-1-1 CALLS TO MONMOUTH COUNTY

Some big changes for Monmouth County's Communications Center in September, after Freehold Township moved all of its 9-1-1 services to Monmouth County. The plan for Monmouth County to take over 9-1-1 services for Freehold has been in the works for several months, and on September 1, it became a reality. The shared service is a cost savings measure for Freehold Township, and saves taxpayers money by providing Monmouth County with \$289,000 annually.

Monmouth County now answers all of Freehold's 9-1-1 calls and handles police dispatch.

The change, which Sheriff Guadagno called a great example of the ultimate shared service, provides the same or higher level of 9-1-1 services through the trained, dedicated team of public safety telecommunicators. They serve the County 24 hours, seven days a week, and are emergency medical dispatchers, emergency communication officers and National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) terminal operators.

Seven township dispatchers, who were going to lose their jobs, were hired by Monmouth County to fill the additional posts the 9-1-1 center needed for Freehold to come on board. The dispatchers are already trained; therefore money was not spent on the 9-1-1 training program. New equipment did not need to be purchased, since Freehold's system was compatible and moved to Monmouth County's facility.

Freehold Township was not the only welcome addition to the County's 9-1-1 system. By early October, the Borough of Fair Haven moved its police dispatch and emergency services to Monmouth County. The County's 9-1-1 Communications Center already answers 9-1-1 calls for Fair Haven, and now all services will be provided in the same location.

Monmouth County will be paid \$55,000 annually for its services. No hiring was needed, nor was any new equipment purchased to make the transition.



Front: Freehold Twp. Committee Members Eugene Golub, Dorothy Avallone, Mayor Anthony Ammiano & Sheriff Kim Guadagno.

Back: Freehold Twp. Committeeman Dave Segal, Communications Supervisor Ralph McChesney and Freehold Twp. Committeeman Robert McGirr.

Sheriff Guadagno noted that consolidation is the future, not just here in Monmouth County and the state of New Jersey, but throughout the country. She said, "It's a bi-partisan issue that makes sense and benefits the taxpayers."

Monmouth County's Communications Center answers 9-1-1 calls for 44 towns, dispatches for 9 police departments and 33 fire and EMS crews.

MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Monmouth County Sheriff Kim Guadagno was proud to announce in mid September that the Sheriff's Office was honored by the Department of Defense with the prestigious Pro Patria Award.

The award, which recognizes employers for their extraordinary support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve, was presented to Sheriff Guadagno during a ceremony at Drumthwacket, Tuesday, September 15th.

While performing military service, Monmouth County employees receive full pay for 90 days, and, after that time, they receive the difference in pay between the employee's regular earnings and the military base pay for active duty.

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Families continue to maintain health benefits, and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office actively supports families who have to endure the hardships when their loved ones are away. Sheriff Guadagno noted that the honor reinforces the dedication, support and long term commitment the Sheriff's Office and the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders have to our citizen soldiers.

Each year the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Department of Defense, receives numerous nominations for the Pro Patria, which is the highest state level award presented to an employer.

MasterSgt. Robert Hislip, a United States Marine Corps Reservist, and a Corrections Officer at the jail, nominated the Sheriff's Office for the award. "It's my way of saying thank you. Knowing that I can serve my country without the added hardship of financial worries makes it a lot less stressful for me and my family."

Three other New Jersey employers who also received the Pro Patria were Honeywell, NetJets, Inc. and the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.



L to R: USMC MasterSgt. Robert Hislip, Corrections Officer, Sheriff Kim Guadagno & Carmen Venticinque, State Chair, New Jersey ESGR



Monmouth County Sheriff's Office receives new mobile K-9 unit through Homeland Security grants



Sheriff's Office receives Above & Beyond award for support of employees in the military.

L to R: USMC Sergeant Michael Mindo, Sheriff's Officer, USMC GunnerySgt. Jack Santelli, USMC MasterSgt. Robert Hislip, Corrections Officer, Sheriff Kim Guadagno, Warden William Fraser, MCCI



Undersheriff Clifford Daniels retires after 39 years of service with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office