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Dear Friends,

It will come as no great surprise that 2009 has brought many challenges to the people of Monmouth County and the Sheriff's Office.

Some of our most valuable programs will have to be put on hold, and many positions must be eliminated. But I pledge to you that I will do everything I can to ensure that public safety will not suffer. The Sheriff's Office will maintain its presence in Monmouth County and will continue to provide a sense of security and safety to the citizens of Monmouth County.



At the beginning of 2009, I was happy to report that overtime at the jail was at an all time low in 2008. The actual budgeted figure for overtime was \$5,430,000; a total of \$3,845,901 was spent, at a cost savings of \$1,584,099. Next year we may not be able to boast about such successful numbers.

Our partnership with the U.S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force has expanded in an effort to put more violent and dangerous fugitives behind bars, where they belong. The Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit made a total of 1,016 arrests, served 185 domestic violence orders and conducted 188 motor vehicle stops during the first four months of 2009. One of those arrests included a man from Fresno, CA who thought he could elude police by hiding out in Asbury Park.

The foreclosure area of our Civil Process Division has been more than keeping up with the times. The foreclosure section of our website was recognized by the state for providing some of the most comprehensive and up to date information on foreclosures.

I know that we, at the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, as well as the people of Monmouth County, will survive this climate and thrive when the economy turns around. As John F. Kennedy said, "A rising tide lifts all boats." I will see to it that we do the best we can through our Law Enforcement Division, 9-1-1 Emergency Call Center, Civil Process Unit and Correctional Institution to further the security and safety of our residents.

Please visit me at www.sheriffguadagno.com.

Kim Guadagno

January

SHERIFF'S OFFICERS MAKE SIGNIFICANT ARREST

This year, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit hit the ground running and continues to make significant arrests that have put violent offenders behind bars and have helped help keep our neighborhoods safe. A total of 283 arrests were made in January. These arrests ranged from violent fugitives to offenders who owed money for child support.

A notable arrest occurred on January 9, when a Florida man wanted for aggravated sexual assault of a six year old boy was arrested in West Long Branch. Anthony Francis Maffia, 34, had a warrant for his arrest from Port St. Lucie, Florida. Maffia allegedly molested the young boy over several months dating back to 2007.

Recent tips led seven Sheriff's Officers, members of the US Marshals New York, New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force and Long Branch Police to 103 Monmouth Road in West



Long Branch where Maffia was staying. Once inside, officers arrested Maffia and found prescription drugs, narcotics paraphernalia and pornographic materials. The partnership between the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the US Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force is vital, and it makes an arrest like this possible.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is proactive in putting sex offenders behind bars and wants residents to know if a sex offender lives nearby. Logging onto www.sheriffguadagno.com will allow you to access the free national website <http://www.familywatchdog.us/> which provides accurate information for locating registered sex offenders.

QUICK FACT - It is estimated that approximately 71% of child sex offenders are under 35 and knew the victim at least casually. About 80% of these individuals fall within normal intelligence ranges; 59% gain sexual access to their victims through seduction or enticement.

MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEDICATED TO ASSISTING PEOPLE DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS

As the number of foreclosures in Monmouth County rose, the Sheriff's Office Civil Process unit rang in the new year faced with a large workload. Throughout this difficult process people often need assistance and don't know where to turn. The Sheriff's Office is now offering a comprehensive resource guide dedicated to helping families during these tough times.

The information can be accessed through www.sheriffguadagno.com and by clicking on the **foreclosures** section which leads to the **resource guide brochure**.

Important resources that are available include information on the U.S. Department of Treasury's Making Homes Affordable Program and New Jersey's Foreclosure Mediation Program, which provide qualified homeowners who are facing foreclosure with information about resources, such as help from housing counselors, attorneys and neutral mediators to resolve loan delinquency. Other information is from the New Jersey State Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs and the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. Both agencies have materials for homeowners, with downloadable booklets, frequently asked questions and schedules of seminars. Additional resources in the guide include state housing resources, county legal services and shelter assistance. For detailed information on foreclosures in Monmouth County log on to www.sheriffguadagno.com.

SHERIFF ISSUES YOUTH DETENTION CENTER REPORT

Monmouth County Sheriff Kim Guadagno presented an in depth report on the Youth Detention Center to the Board of Chosen Freeholders during their executive session on Thursday, January 22nd. The report came after questions were raised about the high cost of running the facility, which presently houses 20 to 25 juveniles per day, with operational costs of more than five million dollars annually. With such high costs and a significant decrease

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in detainee population, a review of the operations of the Youth Detention Center was conducted and research undertaken to ascertain if Monmouth County can provide equal, if not better services to the juvenile population at a significant reduction in expenditure.

The 20 page report provided a background of the YDC and gave an overview of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), which provides home detention to certain juvenile offenders. The JDAI had a dramatic impact on the YDC population and cost per client ratio. In addition, the report examined potential cost savings with regionalization, and provided the Board with a balanced look at the alternatives of keeping the YDC open versus possibly closing the facility.

As part of the research, YDC workers, as well as state, county and local officials from numerous youth service

agencies were interviewed, and a review of the operating costs was conducted, along with research at the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center. The Sheriff's Office concluded that the population at the YDC is and will remain under capacity, the cost of operating the YDC will continue to rise and that the Board should consider shared services for the YDC. The concerns of the stakeholders could be addressed, regionalization could save between \$1.17 and \$2.17 million dollars, and a shared service arrangement could provide equal or better services to the stakeholders if there is a transportation component to address the concerns of families.

The decision was ultimately up to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, which decided in a 3 to 2 vote to keep the Youth Detention Center open.

February

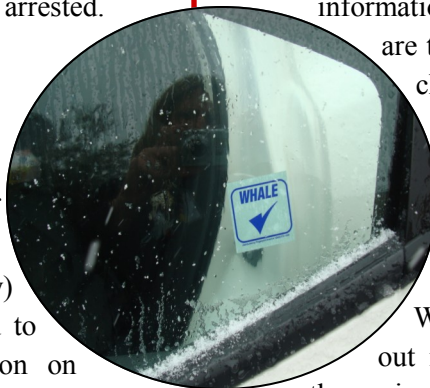
A frigid February didn't slow down the Special Investigations Unit. A total of 343 arrests were made for the month which included warrants for violent fugitives as well as for those cited for non-payment of child support. A total of 49 domestic violence restraining orders were served and 18 motor vehicle stops were conducted.

A stolen handgun and \$14,000 in cash were recovered at a home in Asbury Park, and the owner was arrested.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNVEILS THE W.H.A.L.E. PROGRAM

Also in February, the Sheriff's Office stepped up efforts to ensure the safety of children riding in car seats by unveiling the W.H.A.L.E. (We Have A Little Emergency) Program. W.H.A.L.E. provides a method to place easily accessed medical information on stickers attached to children's car seats. In 2008, CentraState's Emergency Department treated 159 children under the age of 16 who were in car accidents.

If a parent or guardian becomes incapacitated during an



accident, first responders have no easy way of identifying a child or knowing if he/she has an existing medical condition. W.H.A.L.E. changes that by providing information on medical conditions, emergency contact numbers and the child's identity.

W.H.A.L.E. consists of one label to be placed on the child's car seat, as well as four decals placed in specific areas of the car that immediately alert responders that vital information is available. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of accidental deaths to children, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office combined its child safety seat program, which is funded wholly by state and federal grants, with a \$550.00 contribution from CentraState Healthcare Foundation to create W.H.A.L.E. This program is being carried out in an effort to build relationships with the private sector and to protect the most vulnerable in our county, our children. The public-private partnership in the W.H.A.L.E. program will result in more efficient rescue efforts by emergency personnel, save valuable time and, quite possibly, children's lives.

March

MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS MAN WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ROBBERY OUT OF CALIFORNIA

In March the Special Investigations Unit made 247 arrests. A notable one was the result of exceptional police work from coast to coast. Cauro Sanchez, 35, was wanted by Fresno, California



authorities for robbing and shooting a woman in the face at a convenience store on March 9. Fresno police believed Sanchez had ties to New Jersey after discovering an ID card with an Asbury Park address. After the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Fresno Police Officers, Sheriff's Officers Sean O'Neill and Henry Muller discovered that Sanchez had an active warrant in Monmouth County, along with criminal traffic warrants out of Freehold Township. Interviews and leads led the officers and members of the Asbury Park Police Street Crimes Unit to a home on Fourth Avenue, in Asbury Park where a car with California plates was parked in the driveway. The fugitive was inside the apartment and arrested.

The Sheriff's Office was contacted by Fresno authorities on March 19, and less than 24 hours later, two Sheriff's Officers, with the assistance of the Asbury Park Police Street Crimes Unit had Sanchez behind bars.

Sanchez was charged with being a fugitive from justice with bail at \$750,000, hindering apprehension with bail at \$10,000, failure to pay child support, along with other charges out of Freehold Township. Sanchez was in the United States illegally, and was also held on an Immigration and Customs enforcement detainer.

CORRECTIONS OFFICERS GRADUATE

Graduation day came on March 17 for the 11 Corrections Officers from the 25th Basic Course

for County Corrections Officers at the Monmouth County Police Academy in Freehold.

The Corrections Officers completed an intensive eleven-week curriculum that prepares them for careers as corrections professionals. To date, 441 Corrections Officers have completed the Basic Course for Corrections Officers at the Monmouth County Police Academy. During the graduation address, given by Undersheriff Ted Freeman, the jail was referred to as a city within a city and Corrections Officers are the police force of that city, where strength is mental as well as physical and attitude is paramount to survival.

Training for the Basic Course for Corrections Officers is coordinated by Sergeant Wayne Olsen of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division.

Special awards at the graduation were presented to Patrick J. McCaffrey Jr. for Academics, Michael A. Pecoraro for Marksmanship, Frank Oliva for Physical Fitness and Joseph J. Antunez for Merit.

At the end of the ceremony, the graduates were left with strong advice from Undersheriff Ted Freeman that might have meant even more to them during these times of economic uncertainty. "Commencement means beginning. As you commence your future, I ask you to apply one word, a word that can make the difference between success and failure in any taking," said Undersheriff Freeman, "That word is enthusiasm."

Graduates of the 25th Basic Course for County Corrections Officers were Joseph J. Antunez, Dana L. Gallo, Latonya C. Johnson, Patrick J. McCaffrey Jr., Brian M. McMenemy, Frank Oliva, III, Bryan L. Patterson, Michael A. Pecoraro, Christopher J. Rooney, Jeffrey M. Simon & Joseph M. Yellen Jr.



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BILL TO REVISE SEASIDE BATHING ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

Some good news came along at the end of March. In an effort to save tax-payers money, Sheriff Guadagno, along with Senator Sean Kean and Assembly members Dave Rible and Mary Pat Angelini fought hard to do away with duplicative beach club inspections.

Under the previous state law, Sheriff's Officers were required to ensure that private beach clubs were operating safely, but the same duties were also covered by the Department of Health and Senior Services. During testimony in Trenton, Sheriff Guadagno stated, "This is a clear example of wasteful spending as the duplication of services costs taxpayers money and takes Sheriff's Officers away from other law enforcement responsibilities."

Now that Governor Corzine signed the bill into law, enforcement of private beach club inspections will be conducted solely by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade 2009



April

In the month of April a total of 143 arrests were made. This figure included warrants for violent fugitives as well as offenders for non-payment of child support, domestic violence restraining orders and motor vehicle stops



The Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit also kept busy during the first few weeks of April, specifically at the Wal-Mart, in Howell Township, which

received numerous bomb threats. The store was evacuated each time, and our Sheriff's Officers and their bomb sniffing K-9's searched the building for explosives on six occasions. An employee was arrested on April 21 for making the threats.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit presently consists of six dogs; five explosive detection teams and one tracking team. The Sheriff's Office K-9 teams are called upon year-round to assist local police departments with explosive detection and criminal or missing person searches.

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Sheriff Guadagno was busy during the first few weeks of April. On April 1st, the Sheriff's Office unveiled a new Foreclosure Program. The Sheriff presented the latest information about foreclosures and how the office is dealing with the increase, to the Monmouth County Board of Realtors. It was the first in a series of presentations on foreclosures that the office is taking on the road.

It was then off to schools in Howell and Manalapan Townships, where Sheriff Guadagno and public safety telecommunicators taught children how to dial 9-1-1. SEEK (Sheriff's Emergency Education for Kids) 9-1-1 teaches first grade students how to use the 9-1-1 emergency number properly.

The program is presented to first grade classes throughout Monmouth County. The students are sworn in as deputy sheriffs for the day and then learn who to call during an emergency. The importance of using the 9-1-1 emergency call-in number is vital to public safety. The goal of SEEK 9-1-1 is to teach children how to get help quickly.

The SEEK 9-1-1 program includes a fun video featuring animated characters and a catchy theme song reinforcing the central message. Instructors also provide a hands on interactive session using telephone simulators to role play various emergency scenarios. Scenarios include what happens when a child hangs up without speaking to a 9-1-1 telecommunicator, handling an injury, what to do if you are home alone and see a prowler and when it is not appropriate to call 9-1-1.



After teaching children how to dial 9-1-1, it was on to talking to senior citizens about identity theft. Sheriff Guadagno and Undersheriff Ted Freeman presented the program to a group at the Wall Senior Club in Wall Township. Identity Theft is something that many people can become victims of, particularly seniors. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Identity Theft Program discusses how identities can be stolen, the monetary and emotional impact on a victim, techniques used by identity thieves, preventative measures to keep from becoming a victim and safety tips. Some tips include the proper storing of personal documents, shredding old financial records and limiting the number of credit cards carried in a wallet. The Sheriff's Office is proud to participate in this initiative to ensure that the residents of Monmouth County remain safe from identity theft.

Pictures at a Glance



Sheriff's Office VISCOMP program unveiled
"Volunteers In Sheriff's Community Programs"
Members of the Program donated 195 hours of their
time since February



Sheriff Kim Guadagno and Former
Sheriff Joe Oxley present John Wanat
with a plaque for his years of service