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SHERIFF'S ROUNDUP

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Happy New Year! I have had the pleasure of serving as your Sheriff over the past 10 months. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has done some great things this past year and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.
– *Russell J. Bono, Sheriff*

"Making sure that custodial parents and children get the court ordered support they need is a priority."

DEADBEATS AND DUI OFFENDERS BEWARE! Since my arrival in March 2014, my office has aggressively pursued deadbeat parents who had avoided child support payments and court appearances. By using overnight raids and social media campaigns, our efforts have been very successful! Since March, 280 defendants representing over \$3.5 million in unpaid support have been arrested or turned themselves in. Anonymous tips regarding wanted

individuals may be reported by either calling the **MCSO TIP LINE at 610-278-3340** or, by filling out the online "Submit a Tip" form on the MCSO webpage at sheriff.montcopa.org, or by sending an email to sheriffwarrant@montcopa.org. Tips can also be submitted by posting a message on **Facebook** www.facebook.com/montcosheriff and **Twitter** @MontCoPASheriff.

DON'T MESS WITH OUR DOGS! Our devoted bomb, drug and patrol K9 partners received official police badges and stab proof vests, which make them more easily identifiable. The custom vests which cost approximately \$900 were paid for by fundraisers run by our staff. A new law, Rocco's Law, puts maximum penalties of 10 years in prison or a \$25,000 fine for hurting or killing a police dog.



FREE FIREARMS SAFETY & AWARENESS SEMINARS!

The right to bear arms is absolutely guaranteed under the constitution. However, responsibilities come with it. Misuse of firearms, or that right, comes with potential criminal and civil liability. Classes are taught at the Public Safety Training Campus in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania by certified instructors and are limited to 25 participants, who will receive a certificate and a free gun lock. Check our website at sheriff.montcopa.org for more information.

SENIORS ARE SAFE WITH US.

We offer free one-hour seminars at local senior housing facilities and centers covering 911 protocol, home and road safety, parking lot and mall security, telemarketing and credit card scams, and protection against burglars through our TRIAD senior program. This year, the MCSO



conducted 20 seminars and gave out 15 emergency cell phones to seniors in need. If you are **interested in having a presentation** at your facility or know of a senior in need of a 9-1-1 phone to dial for emergency assistance, please call **610-278-3335**.

MCSO hosted the 28th Annual Mid-Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Training Conference in Valley Forge.



Approximately 130 female officers from six mid-Atlantic states converged on Montgomery County in April to learn how they can better serve their communities.



DUI TASK FORCE GETS DRUNK DRIVERS OFF THE ROAD.

The District Attorney's Office and the MCSO have teamed up to target and ultimately arrest approximately 1,000 DUI offenders, who have failed to appear for court hearings or have avoided serving time in prison for driving under the influence of alcohol and other dangerous substances. Some of the cases go back to 2006 and these drivers are still on the road! We conducted our first overnight raid on DUI offenders in December and will

continue the program throughout 2015. Our goal is to avoid any more fatalities due to drunk driving. DUI offenders can either show up for their court hearings, turn themselves in to the Sheriff's Office or get escorted to the Courthouse prison by our deputies.

MCSO DEPUTIES DO MORE THAN GUARD THE COURTHOUSE.

Our law enforcement staff works extensively with other police departments and agencies in providing assistance in searches, protection, and crowd control. Earlier this year, our K9 Unit assisted local police in the **search for a missing boy in Lansdale**. Most recently, over 20 of our deputies provided **safety details** at the crime scenes the Emergency Operations Center and the homes of judges, who were under possible threats during the **Bradley Stone shooting spree** in Montgomery County. During the busiest holiday shopping weekend of the year, 15 of our deputies were part of a CERT Team that helped keep things calm for **"Die-In" protests at King of Prussia Mall**. We also set up a new county **trail safety** detail earlier this year, and helped to **guard parks and public places** for special events.

HIGH STANDARDS + CONTINUOUS TRAINING = SAFE CITIZENS



MCSO BOMB SQUAD RANKS!

Thanks to our dedicated staff, **the MCSO Bomb and Hazardous Device Disposal Unit ranks #1 in the country for case management and reporting!** They have also participated in several collaborative **training exercises** with local, state and federal agencies, and at Arcadia University utilizing their new crime scene house where area K9 units practiced sniffing out explosive chemicals, and where the bomb robot was tested for rescue missions. **Pipe bomb DNA sampling experiments** were conducted during another exercise with NMS Labs at the Public Safety Training Campus in Conshohocken.



KNOW YOUR GANGS! Our Warrants Division learned how to identify gang members, including motorcycle gangs and sovereign citizens at a special training presented by the Montgomery County Correctional Facility, the Pennsylvania State Police and the FBI. The MCSO has recently joined the East Coast Gang Investigation Association in order to continue getting the newest information about gang related activities.



MASS CASUALTY TRAUMA CARE TRAINING HELPS REDUCE PREVENTABLE DEATHS.

A number of deputies completed training to respond to mass casualty situations that may occur at the Courthouse, at bomb scenes or other events. The training was given by combat medical personnel through the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. By being highly skilled in tourniquet application, chest compressions and other surprise scenarios while under fire, our deputies are

better able to save lives by providing the highest level of emergency care while on the scene.



SECRET WEAPONS ARE NOT WELCOME IN THE COURTHOUSE!

You would be surprised to know what dangerous weapons disguised as soda cans, lipstick holders, cigarette cases, hairbrushes and pens that people try to sneak into the Courthouse. The MCSO Courthouse deputies continuously train to detect and collect all sorts of small secret weapons.