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As we move through another busy and productive summer in Monmouth County, I am pleased to share updates on several initiatives that continue to improve the quality of life for our residents. From expanding transportation services and investing in infrastructure to supporting economic development and celebrating our nation's history, the County remains committed to providing exceptional services while planning for the future. I hope you enjoy reading about the many accomplishments and exciting projects taking place throughout Monmouth County.

Expanding Transportation Services for Residents

The Division of Transportation's Ride in Monmouth program continues to accommodate more requests for rides each month. So far in 2026, Ride in Monmouth has completed more than 20,000 trips. To meet the increased demand, Monmouth County will be evaluating other ways it can provide additional transportation options for our residents. Transportation services are available to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and residents living in rural

communities. Medical trips are provided free of charge, while all other trips are just \$2.00 each way. These curb-to-curb services operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., based on availability, and can be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis by calling 732-431-6480.

Improving County Services Through Smart Government

My fellow Commissioners and I are always looking for opportunities to improve services while making responsible use of taxpayer dollars. Recently, the Department of Public Works made the strategic decision to consolidate the Shade Tree Division and merge its personnel and resources between the Highway Division and Facilities Management.

This reorganization allows expensive equipment such as bucket trucks to be shared across divisions, reducing future capital expenditures and eliminating redundant administrative oversight. Operationally, it creates a more unified chain of command for faster storm response while pairing roadside brush trimming with road maintenance. Right-of-way safety responsibilities now fall under the Highway Division, while plantings and groundskeeping are managed by Facilities Management, resulting in more efficient operations without increasing costs to residents.

Public Works Continues to Deliver Results

Our remaining Public Works divisions have also been extremely active. Facilities Management recently completed the in-house renovation of the former Fort Monmouth firehouse, which became the new MedStar Central Regional Headquarters for County EMS on June 17. The Division has since begun renovating County-owned space for the newly established Division of Integrated Health.

Meanwhile, the Bridge Division has completed the dredging of Fireman's Pond in Ocean Township and is now assisting with planning efforts for the future dredging of Lollipop Pond in Ocean Township. Fleet Services also identified seven pieces of surplus equipment that were donated to local municipalities, while the remaining surplus equipment was sold during the Spring Surplus Auction, generating more than \$375,000 in revenue for the County.

Investing in Safer Infrastructure

The Monmouth County Engineer's Office continues to oversee numerous infrastructure projects throughout the County, managing improvements from design through construction and maintenance. In addition to several ongoing bridge replacements and intersection improvements, construction will soon begin on important safety upgrades at the intersections of County Route 524 (Stagecoach Road), County

Thomas A. Arnone

Route 571 (Millstone Road), and Paint Island Spring Road in Millstone Township, as well as County Route 516 (Leonardville Road) and East Road in Middletown Township.

As part of Monmouth County's participation in America's 250th Anniversary celebration, residents will also begin seeing new commemorative "Welcome to Monmouth County" signs featuring the MonmouthNJ250 logo installed at key entry points throughout the County.

Celebrating America's 250th in Monmouth County

Monmouth County proudly hosted 250 America celebrations with several memorable events honoring our nation's history and the important role our County played in it. The MonmouthNJ250 Gala brought together community leaders, elected officials, and supporters to celebrate the beginning of this once-in-a-generation commemoration, while America's Big Birthday Parade filled Middletown Township with patriotic spirit as thousands gathered to honor the anniversary of the historic Battle of Monmouth. To learn more about the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee, go to monmouthnj250.org.

Tourism Continues to Promote Monmouth County

Monmouth County Tourism partnered with the MonmouthNJ250 Committee to present the Stars & Strides Flag Day 5K and 1-Mile Freedom Walk at Bell Works in Holmdel in June. The event was a tremendous success, attracting participants from throughout New Jersey and beyond, including visitors from New York, Vermont, and Minnesota, while raising funds to benefit the Friends of the Monmouth County Park System.

Through continued marketing, public relations, and destination promotion efforts, Monmouth County Tourism remains committed to showcasing our municipalities, attractions, local businesses, and tourism partners while strengthening the County's reputation as a premier place to visit, live, work, and play.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to request a complimentary copy of the Monmouth County Travel Guide, featuring upcoming events, attractions, and local destinations. For the latest information on everything happening throughout Monmouth County, visit MonmouthCountyTourism.com.

Supporting Economic Growth Through Open for Business

Monmouth County officially launched its Open for Business initiative on June 11 during a kickoff event at Bell Works Fort Monmouth. The new countywide program streamlines the ribbon-cutting process for new and expanding businesses through a centralized online request system that simplifies coordination among County officials, municipalities, and local chambers of commerce.

By celebrating business investment across all 53 municipalities, Open for Business in Monmouth encourages economic development, strengthens community partnerships, supports local entrepreneurs, and reinforces Monmouth County's commitment to maintaining a thriving, business-friendly environment.

As always, it is an honor to serve the residents of Monmouth County. Together with the Board of County Commissioners and our dedicated County employees, we remain focused on delivering exceptional public services, investing in our communities, and building a stronger future for generations to come. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to sharing more updates in the months ahead.



Commissioner Deputy Director Dominick “Nick” DiRocco

As the United States commemorated the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Monmouth County led the state in coordinating lasting observances and memorable celebrations of this momentous occasion.

I am grateful to my colleagues, Commissioner Director Tom Arnone and County Clerk Christine Hanlon, co-chairs of the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee, for their hard work, dedication and perseverance in establishing and implementing such a fitting tribute to America.

Monmouth County has so much rich history to offer our residents, including the InfoAge Science & History Museums at Camp Evans in Wall Township, which stand as a powerful reminder of the innovation, service and determination that have helped shape our nation.

Located on the historic former Marconi Wireless Receiving Station and the World War II-era Camp Evans Signal Corps base, InfoAge is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preserving, honoring and teaching the history of scientific innovation.



Since its incorporation in 1999, InfoAge has grown into a consortium of more than 20 science and history museums and exhibits, serving as a focal point for the preservation and interpretation of New Jersey's rich technology and military history.

New Jersey is proudly known as “the Crossroads of the American Revolution” and Monmouth County played a vital role in the fight for our nation's independence. From the Battle of Monmouth to the communities and residents who supported the Continental Army, Monmouth County's history is deeply connected to the courage and sacrifice that led to the birth of the United States.

As America approached its Semiquincentennial in 2026, it is important not only to remember the founding generation, but also to recognize the generations of Americans who continued to defend liberty, advance knowledge and strengthen our nation. InfoAge tells that continuing story through the history of communications, electronics, military service, scientific discovery and technological achievement.

The 30-acre campus is home to historic buildings that first opened in the early 1900s as a Marconi Wireless Telegraph Station. The site later served as a Navy and RCA communications laboratory during World War I and became the Camp Evans Signal Corps Research and Development Laboratory during World War II. These accomplishments earned the campus recognition on the National Register of Historic Places and designation as a National Historic Landmark.

At InfoAge, visitors can explore the evolution of wireless telegraphy and early radio, learn about electronic warfare, see historic military vehicles, experience a Cold War-era fallout shelter, discover artifacts from local shipwrecks, operate model trains and explore the history of vintage computing and broadcasting.

The campus also played a role in groundbreaking scientific achievements, including Project Diana, when radar signals were successfully bounced off the Moon in 1946, helping pave the way for future advances in space exploration and global communications.

InfoAge's mission is to preserve, honor and teach. Through hands-on STEAM education, historic artifacts and the dedication of more than 100 volunteers, the organization inspires students, families, educators and visitors of all ages to explore how science and technology can improve lives and create meaningful career opportunities.

As Monmouth County joined communities across the nation in recognizing America's 250th anniversary, InfoAge offers an opportunity to celebrate our revolutionary heritage and the spirit of innovation that continues to define our country. It is a place where history happened, where service is honored and where future generations can be inspired to become the thinkers, dreamers and visionaries of tomorrow.

For more information, including hours of operation, admission and upcoming programs, visit InfoAge.org.

Commissioner Susan M. Kiley



As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America, we not only reflect on our history, but on the shared responsibility of building a healthier, stronger future. Here in Monmouth County, that spirit of service is reflected every day through the commitment of our departments, supporting residents of all ages and backgrounds.

The Division of Integrated Health's Office of Mental Wellness & Supportive Services continues to make recovery more accessible through its Ride for Recovery program. As of the end of May, the program has provided 804 round-trip rides for more than 80 residents, ensuring individuals can reach treatment, recovery meetings, grocery stores, probation appointments, and other essential services. Their most recent community outreach efforts distributed 72 backpacks filled with essentials and comfort items for children impacted by substance use disorders.

Our Division of Social Services continues preparing for upcoming federal changes with the H.R. 1 bill affecting SNAP and Medicaid clients. We are ensuring residents remain informed and experience no interruption in benefits or services by modernizing customer service by installing wireless printers in our Freehold and Ocean Township reception areas. Additionally, staff are working on an upgraded system to implement a more efficient check-in experience, reducing wait times and providing a better overall experience.

Monmouth ACTS continues to reinforce the idea that communities are strongest when people can easily find help. ResourceConnect is a streamlined method of connecting residents to needed services by integrating live support with a state-of-the-art electronic referral system.

With one call to 732-683-8959, residents can speak with a trained social worker who can connect them with a multitude of services through our electronic-based referral system. Residents can also find Monmouth ACTS representatives in their local community to assist with programs like SNAP, NJ Family Care and more. Visit www.monmouthacts.org for dates and times.

The Division on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Services remains committed to our seniors and veterans through the upcoming Senior Art Show and Veterans Resource Fair. These events celebrate the talents of older adults while connecting veterans with valuable services and community partners.

Protecting public health remains a cornerstone of strong communities, which is why our Office of Mosquito Control has expanded educational outreach on tickborne diseases and continues weekly treatments of storm drains to reduce mosquito populations. Additionally, as part of the Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program, our Office of Public Health began beach water testing in May. Residents can find more information at njbeaches.org.

Recently, the Office of Child & Youth Services celebrated the 10th Annual Children's Mental Health Awareness event at Allaire Farms. They have also earned statewide recognition for innovative crisis response programs that are now being recommended as models for communities throughout New Jersey.

These efforts remind us the strength of our nation has always been rooted in communities that care for one another. Every ride provided, every family connected to services, every veteran supported, and every child helped represents the next chapter of Monmouth County's story and I am honored to be a part of it.



Commissioner Ross F. Licitra

As summer's light begins to fade and cooler temperatures approach, we find ourselves nearing both the end of the season and the final months of my term as Commissioner. I would like to express my deep gratitude for the incredible experience and the immense pleasure of serving the residents of Monmouth County for the past five years.

As my tenure draws to a close, I hope the work my fellow Commissioners and I have accomplished since 2021 has made a meaningful impact and improved the overall quality of life here in Monmouth County.

Throughout my tenure as Commissioner, I have been dedicated to protecting and preserving our beautiful land from overdevelopment and to ensuring our open spaces remain lush and welcoming for our residents and wildlife.

I am pleased to announce that farmland located in Upper Freehold and Robbinsville with Revolutionary War ties will be preserved as open space, approximately 115 acres, preventing the construction of two proposed warehouses. These warehouses would have negatively impacted the Upper Freehold and Allentown communities, eroding the character and spirit of a rural, small-town, agricultural community.

Since our nation turned 250 years old this year, preserving this land takes on even greater historical significance. In the days leading up to the pivotal Battle of Monmouth, 10,000 British troops encamped on this very land while General George Washington directed his forces to Allentown.



MonmouthNJ 250 Monument

Our vision is to transform this land into a Monmouth County park - an extension of Crosswicks Creek Park. Proposed plans include creating historic trails and farmers' markets. A huge thank you to my fellow Commissioners - Director Tom Arnone, Deputy Director Nick DiRocco and Commissioner Sue Kiley - for their support. Special thanks to Allentown Mayor Tom Fritts, Sue Kozel and the residents of Allentown and Upper Freehold for your unwavering advocacy and commitment to preservation.

On the occasion of our Nation's 250th anniversary, I want to reflect on the past few months of semiquincentennial celebrations. The sense of unity, pride, patriotism, and love of country was truly palpable throughout Monmouth County.

In June, we unveiled the MonmouthNJ 250 Monument at Swimming River Park in Middletown. In recognition of Monmouth County's vital role in the fight for independence, we set out to create a lasting work of art. Sculptor Brian Hanlon masterfully captured the spirit of patriotism in this remarkable monument. The monument features three striking bronze statues - The Family, The Fighter and The Patriot.

Throughout the summer months, we enjoyed a vibrant lineup of programs and events, including the Stars & Strides Flag Day 5K, the Monmouth 250 Parade in Middletown, several outstanding concerts at ParkStage and the Monmouth County Fair. A huge thank you to all our staff, park rangers, and Monmouth County 4-H for all their efforts in ensuring the Fair is an unforgettable experience.

As autumn approaches, I encourage you to explore everything Monmouth County has to offer. Monmouth is a year-round destination, boasting 157.8 miles of park trails, six pristine golf courses, local wineries and breweries, charming shops and restaurants. The Fall Parks & Programs guide is now available. Registration opens on Aug. 12 and we have a range of activities, including golf and tennis lessons, pickleball, yoga, archery, ceramics, pottery, and more. Visit monmouthcountyparks.com for more information.

Follow us on socials to stay in the loop on all our projects: @commissioner_rosslicitra. As always, I remain committed to serving our residents to the best of my ability.

Commissioner Erik Anderson



Monmouth County is the place to be, especially this year as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Nation's independence. For two and a half centuries, America's story has been shaped by communities like ours—places built on innovation, service, tradition, and the people who call them home.

Over the past several months, I've had the privilege of joining residents at events celebrating this historic milestone—from Middletown's 250 Block Party and Monmouth Beach's 250 Parade to the Monmouth250 Art Show at Thompson Park, the MonmouthNJ 250 Monument unveiling at Swimming River Park, the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Allen House, and more. These celebrations highlight Monmouth County's vital role in our nation's founding and our continued commitment to honoring that legacy.

We are fortunate to have historic sites throughout the County that tell our story—from colonial settlement and the Revolutionary War to the generations that followed. The Monmouth County Historical Commission, which I proudly

serve as liaison to, helps preserve these landmarks and supports educational initiatives that keep our history alive for future generations.

While we celebrate our history, we are equally committed to preparing for the future. This spring, I had the honor of attending graduation ceremonies across Monmouth County, including Brookdale Community College, Biotechnology High School, KEYS Academy, and my alma mater, Shrewsbury Borough School.

Each ceremony showcased the remarkable achievements of our students and the strength of our educational institutions. Brookdale Community College and the Monmouth County Vocational School District continue to earn national recognition for excellence, providing students with the tools they need to succeed.

Our Monmouth County Library System continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of our residents. In addition to traditional resources, the Library offers expanding digital services while remaining a place of learning, discovery, and community connection for residents of every age. That commitment is reflected in the nearly 900,000 visits to our 13 library branches in 2025.

Strong communities also depend on active civic participation. As liaison to the Monmouth County Board of Elections, I have seen firsthand the dedication of the staff and poll workers who work tirelessly to ensure our elections remain secure, accessible, and efficient.

Whether voting by mail, during early in-person voting—where Monmouth County has led New Jersey in participation every year since its introduction—or on Election Day, residents have more ways than ever to make their voices heard.

I was also honored to attend a naturalization ceremony at the Monmouth County Courthouse, where new citizens took the Oath of Allegiance. Witnessing individuals become American citizens was a powerful reminder that the freedoms and responsibilities we celebrate during this 250th anniversary continue to inspire people from around the world.

As your County Commissioner, I remain focused on the priorities that help keep Monmouth County one of the best places in America to live, work, and raise a family. That means preserving open space, supporting small businesses, standing with our law enforcement officers and first responders, investing in infrastructure, and delivering the high-quality services our residents expect and deserve.

It is a tremendous honor and privilege to serve you on the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to continue working every day to preserve what makes Monmouth County such a special place to call home.



Administrator Teri O'Connor

There have been many activities throughout Monmouth County celebrating our Nation's 250th birthday. To help keep that patriotic spirit alive throughout the year, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners encourages residents and businesses to display an American flag at their home or business.

In July, the County experienced several days of record-breaking heat followed by torrential rain that flooded homes and impacted local businesses. Our Department of Public Works crews worked tirelessly to clear downed trees and provide traffic control equipment to our municipalities.

Of particular note, Monmouth County Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone, on behalf of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, authorized the expedited removal of post-flooding sediment accumulation at the west end of Wesley Lake as part of a municipal assistance project following the July 6 flash flooding, at no cost to the City of Asbury Park or Neptune Township.

Monmouth County is especially proud of its Vocational School District. This year, five of its schools ranked among the top 20 New Jersey high schools for SAT scores. During his tenure, Dr. Charles Ford maintained these high standards while working cooperatively with county government to ensure students received the best possible education through responsible stewardship of taxpayer funding. One example is the internship program established with the County's Fleet Services and Facilities Management divisions, providing students with valuable hands-on experience. Several graduates have since been hired by Monmouth County. We thank Dr. Ford for his years of dedicated service and wish him the very best in his future endeavors. We also welcome his successor, Sean Meehan, who has more than 20 years of experience with the Vocational School District. We look forward to continuing and expanding this successful partnership.



In May, the County debuted a new recycling education trailer featuring a recycling superhero and interactive video games that teach the importance of recycling and its positive impact on our environment. The trailer has been visiting schools throughout the year. If you would like it to visit your school or community organization, please contact the Monmouth County Recycling Coordinator at educationrecyclingtrailer@co.monmouth.nj.us.

Congratulations to Howell resident Gary Gellman, winner of the Monmouth County Travel Guide cover photo contest. Copies of the Travel Guide are available in both digital and print formats at MonmouthCountyTourism.com.

In addition, Asbury Park and Avon-by-the-Sea were ranked among the top beaches in New Jersey by USA Today, highlighting Monmouth County's role as a top beach vacation destination.

We also want to congratulate the following County employees for their Notable Accomplishments:

- Tricia Ring Wajda, Public Information Officer, and Christopher M. Orlando, Deputy Public Information Officer, were elected to serve on the New Jersey Association of County Public Information Officers (NJACPIO) Board for the 2026–2027 term as President and Secretary, respectively.
- Michael D. Fitzgerald, County Counsel, received the New Jersey Association of Counties' Service Award.

As summer winds down and fall approaches, we encourage everyone to enjoy everything Monmouth County has to offer. From experiencing "local summer" at our beautiful beaches to visiting our breweries and distilleries as they unveil their seasonal fall offerings, there is no shortage of activities to enjoy. For those planning ahead, mark your calendars for the popular Made in Monmouth Holiday Show, which will be held at Brookdale Community College on Saturday, December 12.

For news and alerts from Monmouth County, go to visitmonmouth.com or follow @MonmouthGovNJ on Facebook, X and Instagram.



Sheriff Shaun Golden

Sheriff Shaun Golden and the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners recently held the grand opening of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office EMS Division, MedStar Central Regional Headquarters, located at 200 Corregidor Road in Fort Monmouth.



The facility will serve as a regional hub for emergency medical operations, in a continuing effort to improve response times and bring life-saving resources closer to the communities they serve.

The opening of the Central Regional Headquarters represents another significant advancement in public safety and emergency medical services for residents. This facility strengthens the ability to deliver rapid, high-quality emergency medical care while providing first responders with the resources they need to serve the public effectively.

The headquarters will house four ambulances, the Mass Casualty Response Unit, the Emergency Services Unit Rescue Truck, regional EMS supervisors and the MedStar Training Division. Two dedicated classrooms will provide space for EMS education, certification programs, and continuing professional development.

Ambulances assigned to the facility provide coverage for Tinton Falls, Long Branch, Ocean Township, Eatontown, Shrewsbury Township and Shrewsbury Borough.

Since its launch in February 2024, the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office EMS Division, MedStar has expanded to provide primary EMS coverage to 10 municipalities and primary backup coverage to five additional communities. During that time, MedStar has responded to more than 22,000 calls for service, maintained an average response time of under six minutes, and transported more than 15,000 patients to area hospitals.

The Central Regional Headquarters strengthens Monmouth County's emergency medical system and reinforces the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office's commitment to providing exceptional emergency medical care and preparedness for residents.



Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon

Monmouth County joined in the celebration of America's 250th birthday with tremendous enthusiasm! As Co-Chair of the MonmouthNJ 250 Committee alongside Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone, I was delighted to see residents throughout Monmouth County enjoying various events and activities commemorating our nation's Semiquincentennial.



Also marking this historic milestone was the online release of the award-winning MonmouthNJ 250 documentary, Monmouth County at War: Rebels, Raiders, and Revolution. The documentary, which is available for free on the MonmouthNJ 250 website and YouTube channel, chronicles the fascinating history of Monmouth County during the Revolutionary War.

Speaking of history, our Archives division is busy planning for our annual Archives & History Day this Fall. I invite everyone to attend this free event on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Brookdale Community College's Robert J. Collins Arena in Lincroft. Visit MonmouthCountyArchives.com for updates and additional information.

As the Monmouth County Clerk, I am also the Clerk of Elections and we are busy preparing for the upcoming General Election.

Election Day will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, and early in-person voting will be held from Oct. 24 through Nov. 1, while mail-in ballots will start going out to voters in September.

Visit MonmouthCountyVotes.com for detailed information about mail-in ballots, forms, deadlines and a link to download our free mobile app, Monmouth County Votes.

It is my honor to serve as your Monmouth County Clerk. To learn more about the services offered by our office, please visit MonmouthCountyClerk.gov.

Surrogate Maureen T. Raisch



What if learning about wills could actually be fun?

As Monmouth County Surrogate, I am always looking for creative ways to help residents understand the importance of planning for the future. That is why I am excited to introduce Will N. Testament, the newest member of the Monmouth County Surrogate's Office.



You can find Will featured on the County's social media channels in his new series, "I'm Just a Will." This initiative is designed to make learning about wills approachable, engaging, and even a little entertaining.

Will has an important mission: helping residents understand why every adult should have a Last Will and Testament. To support that effort, my office also created an activity booklet featuring puzzles, games, and sample wills that help guide residents through the process.

My goal is simple: to help people feel comfortable by taking the important step of creating a will. A properly prepared will is one of the greatest gifts you can leave your loved ones. It provides clear direction regarding your wishes and offers valuable peace of mind.

"I'm Just a Will" is the latest example of our commitment to innovation, education, and public service. Recent initiatives include our online probate filing portal, which allows families to begin the probate process from home, and our multilingual customer service platform, available 24/7 through our website and phone system.

It is my honor to serve as your Monmouth County Surrogate. I remain committed to ensuring our office is accessible, responsive, and focused on meeting the needs of every resident we serve.

To learn more, visit monmouthcountysurrogate.org.

Prosecutor Raymond S. Santiago



The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office recently organized and held a first-of-its-kind event: the Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation (ARRIVE) Together Resource Fair, which brought together members of law enforcement, mental health and social services organizations, and medical groups for a day of networking and resource-sharing. The event took place at Brookdale Community College with the majority of police agencies from across Monmouth County participating.



In December 2021, the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General launched ARRIVE Together as a Co-Response model in which a plainclothes officer in an unmarked vehicle arrives to a scene alongside a trained mental health professional, seeking to de-escalate an encounter between law enforcement and a person in crisis.

This model, which Monmouth County adopted in 2023, began in Long Branch (on Tuesdays) and by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office (countywide, on Wednesdays).

In 2025 the program expanded throughout the Bayshore region (on Thursdays), with the aforementioned mental health professionals going out on the calls made available by RWJBarnabas Health.

The number of ARRIVE models statewide has since grown to five, two of which are also now active in Monmouth County: the Link 2 Care model and the Critical Incident model.

The Link 2 Care model is a mechanism through which police officers can connect individuals to social services prior to the advent of a crisis, while the Critical Incident model involves mental health professionals being embedded within the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MOCERT).

"Reaction to these models has been overwhelmingly positive," Prosecutor Raymond S. Santiago said. "They not only make our jobs easier, but they promote quality of life, both for those who receive assistance and for the broader community at large."



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