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Greetings Atlantic County Residents and Families!

It is my distinct honor to serve as the elected Sheriff of Atlantic County, which would not have been possible without your support!

Since taking office in January 2018, my staff and I have been working diligently to focus on issues important to Atlantic County residents, regardless of political affiliation. These issues were important campaign topics and areas that have profound meaning to me both professionally and personally. I am referring to the health and wellness of my staff, to better serve our residents, as well as the overall health and wellness of our community here in Atlantic County.

We have launched several initiatives to enhance our professionalism and our level of community engagement at the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office. Our mission is to increase the personal & professional development of our staff, through training and accountability, to enhance the quality of life for our residents via public health ventures.

We have set lofty goals for the Sheriff's Office which require hard work, commitment and relentless follow up from our leadership in order to achieve them. I am pleased to report to you that we have made significant strides both inter-organizationally and in terms of our community engagement projects. These outcomes are based on bi-partisan efforts to work together and are a result of complete "buy-in" and dedication from my staff. Additionally, we have formed several strategic partnerships with businesses, community organizations, government officials and law enforcement groups to bolster our efforts. Concurrently, we remain steadfast on our core mission which is to address crime in our communities and protect our county court facilities.

I have assembled a "**Progress Report**" which summarizes our initiatives/efforts thus far in 2019 which I hope you take the time to review. If there are any questions or suggestions regarding our activities, please contact us, we would love to hear your feedback.

I am humbled by the support of our community and sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve you!



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## Community Engagement:

- ✓ Created "Hope One" Recovery Project. **(As of February 2019, we have *connected 175 individuals with treatment services via Hope One*)**
- ✓ Formulated the Sheriff's Foundation, Non-Profit to offset community engagement program funding
- ✓ Created Hope One / A.C.L.E.A.D Offices at Criminal Courthouse
- ✓ Conducting "***Becoming Your Own First Responder***" seminar for the private sector
- ✓ Partnered with The Prosecutors Office creating A.C.L.E.A.D Diversion Program
- ✓ Partnered with Family Court to assist parents in recovery
- ✓ Toy Drive Program: collected over 1,000 toys for distribution
- ✓ Provided backpacks for school age children in need
- ✓ Created community service credit program for high school students
- ✓ Started Recovery Yoga
- ✓ Established ACSO Speaker's Bureau to work with area colleges & conduct community outreach
- ✓ Modified ACSO applicant section to expand recruiting efforts through colleges & US military
- ✓ Used social media in communications & increased followers, began tracking for measurement
- ✓ Redeveloped innovative agency website to further improve outreach and communication
- ✓ Created emergency I.D. program assisting those seeking treatment
- ✓ Added additional medication drop boxes to local communities

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## Professional Development

- ✓ Restored the Staffing Level to 100%
- ✓ Restructure of chain of command for clearer reporting standards and increased accountability
- ✓ Promotions of Sergeants & Lieutenants for increased staff accountability
- ✓ Specialized squad-officer positions
- ✓ Developing program of consistent leadership for all sworn supervisors
- ✓ Instituted an Employee of the Month Program
- ✓ Established a Monthly Newsletter
- ✓ Trained/certified Active Shooter Instructors
- ✓ Conducting our own in-service training
- ✓ Implemented tactical firearms program
- ✓ OC Spray instructor
- ✓ Bleeding control/Tactical First Aid instructors
- ✓ Expandable baton instructors
- ✓ Additional rifles added for enhanced protection to court facilities
- ✓ Developed a Class III Police Program for the County High Schools
- ✓ Teamed up with State & Federal Law Enforcement Agencies to develop an Intelligence Unit
- ✓ Developed an in-house training program to limit unnecessary overtime
- ✓ Officer Resilience work group
- ✓ Enhanced level of scrutiny on all purchases assuring we stay within budget
- ✓ Instituted three Special Response Teams in both courthouses. Teams can quickly respond to neighboring ACIT & Special Services as well
- ✓ Expanded and enhanced training for all employees
- ✓ Civil Courthouse new muster room and administration offices for increased work flow efficiency
- ✓ Developed intelligence data sharing with the NJSP Regional Operations Command Center
- ✓ Developed a video recorded Interview Room
- ✓ Conducted SWAT Team training during normal work hours in order to reduce overtime
- ✓ Assigned Officers to HIDTA & Federal & State Law Enforcement Agencies
- ✓ 14 new agency vehicles
- ✓ Instituted weekly explosive devices sweeps in both courthouses
- ✓ Implement the ACSO historical project