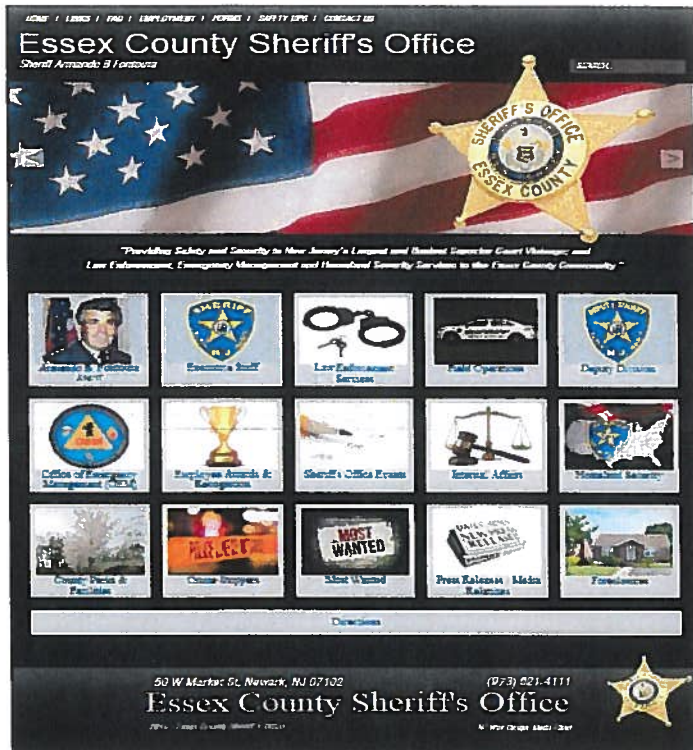




## Newsletter - Autumn 2016

### Back & Better Than Ever



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We improve communications with our neighbors through personal contact with them on a daily basis at the courthouse, in the neighborhood, in our parks and on the street.

We also cement these bonds by our participation at community meetings and civic events, and through our outreach efforts with the electronic and print media.

However, it's no secret that one of the most effective communication tools today is the Internet.

In 2007, when we first went online, we recognized the importance of cultivating positive relationships between our department and the people we serve.

Here, in a matter of seconds, our message, our achievements and our initiatives can be delivered to our neighbor's laptop or PC through our departmental website.

Our 2007 website has now undergone a complete makeover to better appeal to the eye, to provide more in-depth information, to increase our transparency and

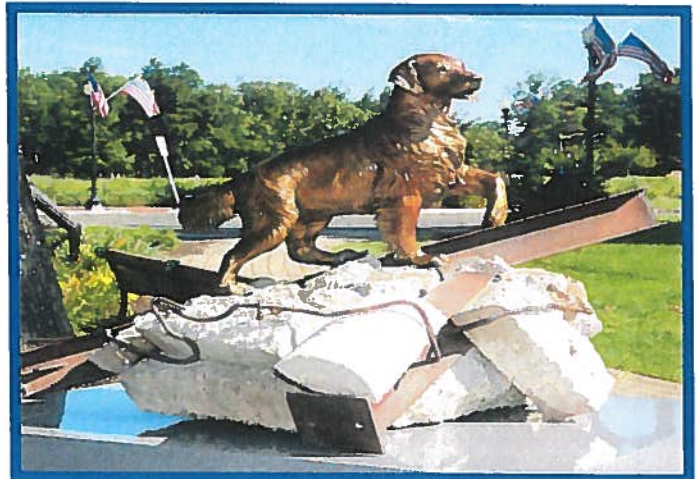
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### From the desk of Sheriff Fontoura...



*In August, the county dedicated a statue to the hard-working canines of our department, especially for their heroic role in the rescue and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, at Eagle Rock Reservation.*

*We are extremely proud to note that our department was among the first to be contacted for assistance by the New York and Port Authority police departments, and we provided and coordinated many vital support elements, such as blood deliveries, victim decontamination and the movement of heavy construction equipment.*



### K-9 Memorial at Eagle Rock Reservation

*Our K-9s were also deployed to Ground Zero. K-9 "Donzi", a cadaver dog, searched for human remains, while search-and-rescue dog "Bo" probed for the living. Bomb-detecting K-9s "Nikko" and "Twilight" scoured lower Manhattan for possible secondary devices.*

*Our K-9s and their handlers worked long and grueling hours amid the rubble, the blazing fires, the remnants of*

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continue to break down unknown barriers and establish a better sense of involvement by our residents.

"Our redesigned website serves a multitude of purposes," IT supervising officer Sgt. Darren Marshall points out. "Our site provides Essex County residents with a comprehensive view of what we do. It gives them the ability to contact us, anonymously if preferred, about problems in their neighborhood. The tips we've received from our neighbors have led to many arrests and a better quality of life in our communities."

Our website also showcases the individual and group success we've had in law enforcement, public safety, emergency management and homeland security.

"The officers in our department work hard and their visible presence is a great relief to our neighbors," Field Operations supervising officer Capt. Vito D'Alessio noted, "Our good work and achievements are highlighted via the press releases and photos posted on our website. Everyone appreciates a pat on the back and our website not only does that but also allows us to keep track of the progress we make on so many different fronts on a daily basis."

Check out our latest via our updated website. It's all about us!

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### Moving Up The Ranks



At our most recent promotional ceremony, Lts. Tammy Novak, Eduardo Carvalho, Liz Cruz and Tim Pentimone are joined by newly minted Sgts. Matt Krug, James Graves, Frank DelVecchio and Richard Garcia. These supervisory officers provide our department with a combined 150-plus years of experience and institutional knowledge.

*partially collapsed buildings, broken glass, live electrical wires and toxic fumes.*

*"Donzi" had tremendous success in detecting small particles of human flesh and bones, enabling us to bring great relief to scores of families of the victims so that they could conduct proper burials.*

*This rescue and recovery mission negatively impacted the health of all of our K-9s and their handlers, Sgt. Dave Hughes and Dets. Dave Machette, Leslie Spriggins and Frank Caminiti.*

*The monument to our K-9s forever reminds us of the loyalty, bravery and devotion to duty of our four-legged partners. I urge you visit it at Eagle Rock Reservation.*

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### Special People



Offs. Hugo Torres, Tare Richardson, George Ratel, Det. Pablo Valenzuela and Off. Michael Pedro represented our department at the 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The event helps provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. As projected, this year's run raised well over \$3 million.



### Brave Deeds Rewarded

Det. Abdullah Holmes was recently decorated by our department with our Medal of Merit and by The 200 Club of Essex County with their Valor Award for his vital role in the capture of two armed suspects who had opened fire on Holmes and his uniformed partners of Newark PD's Firearms Interdiction Team. Sheriff Fontoura and Chief Dough were on hand on both occasions to congratulate our heroic brother.

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