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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INMATE LABOR PROGRAM ASSISTS IN CLEAN-UP AT SCOUT RESERVATION

Manalapan: The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Inmate Labor Program was in full in operation at the Quail Hill Scout Reservation in Manalapan to assist with various projects. During the week of May 4, five inmates were transported from the Monmouth County Correctional Institutional to the reservation where they trimmed trees, cleared brush, built a retainer wall and railings and made repairs in preparation for the summer season. The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Inmate Labor Program offers much needed assistance to towns and helps lessen financial burdens they face due to budget constraints.

"I'm glad the sheriff's office is able to provide such a valuable resource and assist the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America with the maintenance of this great reservation through our Inmate Labor Program," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "The use of inmate labor to help with the cleanup of our communities and storm damage recovery is a cost savings example of shared services."

Offenders incarcerated for minor offenses with records of good behavior are eligible to be a part of the program. Inmates who enroll in the program participate in work projects as an alternative to spending their time in jail.

Last year, 1300 hours were dedicated to working on a range of projects through the Inmate Labor Program.

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The sheriff's office transports and provides the security of the inmate labor crews. Requests for inmate labor teams are made to the program coordinator, Medora Morris, and are evaluated in terms of the needs and feasibility of the project.

"This program not only helps the towns save money on labor but also assists the work crew in giving back to society," said Sheriff Golden.

Past inmate labor projects have included cleanup from storm damage recovery, carpentry, painting, working with parks and public works departments and the restoration of historic sites including a Civil War era cemetery.

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