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Monmouth County Officials Attend New Jersey Election Security Tabletop Training Exercise

PRINCETON, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon attended the New Jersey Election Security and Preparedness Tabletop Exercise (TTX) in Princeton on Tuesday, Sept. 10, alongside fellow County election officials, and representatives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, and the County's Office of Emergency Management and Information Technology Services.

This first of its kind in New Jersey training event was hosted by the New Jersey Division of Elections, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness in an effort to work with State election officials to identify the best practices and areas for improvement in emergency and cyber incident planning and preparedness.



During the event, Monmouth County election officials participated in tabletop exercises (TTX) that simulated attacks on election systems, as well as other types of emergencies that could impact elections. They also participated in discussions with cyber and selection experts to improve election emergency preparedness.



“The New Jersey Election TTX Training was a great opportunity to test our emergency planning by being faced with a variety of emergency scenarios,” said Clerk Hanlon. “All of the scenarios presented were real election problems that had occurred in the past in different areas of the country. Participating in this exercise helped us to evaluate emergency planning we have already done and to learn from the experts about other ways to improve our election protocol.”

“Preparing for election emergencies, whether they are physical or cybersecurity related, is a top priority for the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office and all of the Monmouth County elections and emergency management officials,” said Clerk Hanlon. “We are actively collaborating with the State of New Jersey, the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management and the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office to be ready for all types of emergencies. Maintaining the public trust in our election system is a top priority for all of us.”



Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon being interviewed by New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way

Through events like this, County, state, and federal officials are working together to secure the integrity of elections and the overall elections process.

For questions about this event, please contact the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office by emailing CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us or calling 732-431-7324, ext. 8735.

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