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Morris County Sheriff Edward V. Rochford will face a weapons hearing Sept. 30. FILE PHOTO

Sheriff wants guns back

Wife drops complaint

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Morris County Sheriff Edward V. Rochford faces a Sept. 30 hearing before a state Superior Court judge in Passaic County to address the return of his guns, which were taken away in July when his estranged wife obtained a temporary restraining order against him.

Diana Rochford, the sheriff's wife of 41 years, asked on Aug. 14 that the temporary restraining order be dismissed, and Passaic County Family Division Judge John Selser granted the request after a brief hearing at which Diana Rochford said she was not fearful of her husband. The wife's request was granted by the judge after attorneys representing the Rochfords negotiated for hours on a consent agreement that was not made public.

Even though the temporary restraining order was dismissed, Rochford, who is serving his 21st year as sheriff, still must go through a hearing to determine whether his service weapon and

Though her complaint is confidential, authorities have said Diana Rochford's allegations included harassment and excessive calls and texts against her wishes.

other guns should be returned. The state Attorney General's Office has strict directives on procedures that must be followed when weapons are seized from law enforcement officers involved in domestic-violence cases.

Diana Rochford obtained the restraining order on July 24 from a municipal court judge in East Hanover. Though her complaint is confidential and never was aired at a hearing because she asked to dismiss the temporary restraining order, authorities have said

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UNACCOMPANIED MINORS SETTTLING IN MORRIS COUNTY

181 refugees have arrived here since January



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Migrants from Central America illegally cross into Mexico from Guatemala on the Suchiate River in June. They were all headed for the U.S. The children pictured are Jairo Garniga, 16, from Guatemala (front left), Julio Carcam, 20, from San Salvador (front center) and Antoni Castellan, 17, from Honduras (front right).

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Maritza, one of the thousands of Central American unaccompanied minors who've crossed the border into Texas, finished her perilous journey from Honduras last April.

A month later, the 16-year-old arrived in Morristown, where she is living with her father, stepmother, brother and stepsister, and attending Morristown High School as she awaits her deportation hearing.

Maritza is one of 181 such children who arrived in Morris County between Jan. 1 and July 31, according to the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. Statewide, 1,661 resettled here.

It's no wonder. Some minors have relatives here. According to the 2011 American Community Survey, 8 percent of the residents in the county — and 11 percent in the state — are not U.S. citizens.

In Morris, a number of groups, including Street Smart and the Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs, are creating or expanding programs to help the children, who need medical care, legal guidance, language lessons and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Many are traumatized from their journeys, local sources say, and, even before that, from the violence in their homelands — mostly Honduras and Guatemala — which are a major corridor for narcotics moving from South American northward.

"We're at the forefront of something that's happening nationally," said Dr. Doug Bishop, family physician at the Morristown location of Zufall Health Center, which cares for Northwest New

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"We're in a unique situation here in Morristown where there is a large Central American population. ... That's the draw for these kids."

DR. DOUG BISHOP
ZUFALL HEALTH CENTER

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- » Want to donate to Zufall Health Center's Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Minors program? Mail a check or money order, payable to Zufall Health Center, to Zufall Health Center, Unaccompanied Minors Support Program, 18 W. Blackwell St., Dover, NJ 07801. To donate with a Visa or MasterCard, call 908-526-2335, ext. 123.
- » Interested in booking a Street Smart presentation for your Morris County group? Contact Jennifer Amaya at jamaya@somersetshome.org or 973-644-4666.
- » Need affordable immigration legal advice and representation? Call the Center for Citizenship and Legal Immigration in Dover at 973-366-4770.
- » Curious as to what an unaccompanied minor's journey from Central America to the U.S. is like? Watch "Which Way Home," an HBO documentary.

Morris Twp. fire company marks 100 years of service

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MORRIS TWP. — In his 32 years with the Hillside Hose Company, Don Kubick has witnessed quite a few fires, some making more of an impression than others.

"There was the Abbey at Delbarton (circa 1974). The Center Avenue School (circa 1980)," he said. "It's hard to remember all the calls."

The call he remembers the most was his desire to serve the community.

"This was the best opportunity," said the 72-year-old retired machinist, who has been a volunteer firefighter since he was a teenager. "Besides, I wouldn't have made a good politician."

A similar desire to serve the community and "stay out of the boardroom," landed Matt Murphy on

the Hillside Hose Company three years ago.

"I was interested in community service," said Murphy, 46, who also serves as treasurer. "I was not interested in sitting in a boardroom."

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, further solidified his decision.

"I was working in lower Manhattan and saw the second plane hit," said Murphy, who is now self-employed.

Generations apart, both men are among the 40-plus volunteer members of the Hillside Hose Company in Morris Township, which officially reached 100 years of serving the community in June.

The company marked the milestone Saturday with a daylong party at Lewis Morris Park that in-

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