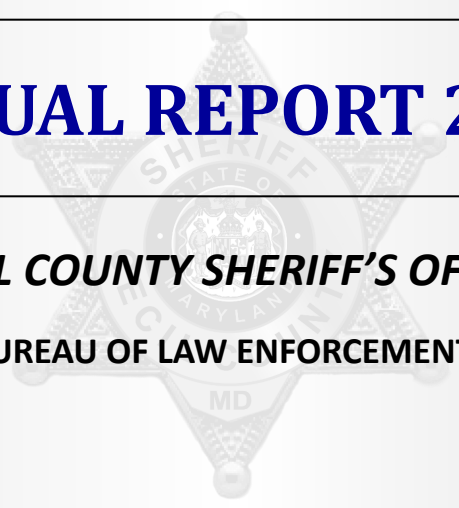




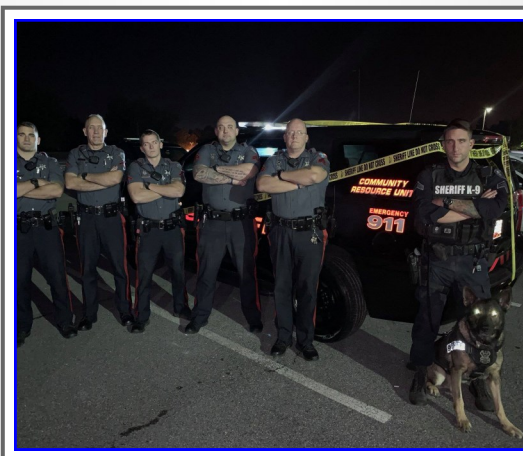
# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

**CECIL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**BUREAU OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**



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*Policing*



*Partnerships*



## Message from the Sheriff



As Sheriff, you have my solemn oath that my team of law enforcement professionals will work hand in hand with the communities we serve to make Cecil County a great place to live, work, and raise a family. The Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for the citizens of Cecil County and as such I will always hold myself and every member of this agency to the highest levels of service and integrity. We use a data driven approach in order to best allocate our resources and have outstanding relationships and data sharing with allied federal, state and local agencies. As you see, the results for 2018 show overall crime reduction with increased enforcement.

Sincerely,

*Sheriff Scott A. Adams*

Scott A. Adams  
Cecil County Sheriff

## Sheriff's Office Overview

The men and women of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office are committed to dedicated service through superior performance. Their accomplishments and contributions to the Cecil County Sheriff's Office are part of the fabric of an agency, which epitomizes the best in law enforcement.

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Law Enforcement has 98 sworn positions and 25 support staff employees. The agency is divided into three divisions; The Patrol Division consisting of Patrol Squads, the Traffic Unit and the K9 Unit; The Criminal Investigation Division consisting of the Criminal Investigations Unit, Cecil County Drug Task Force, Street Level Crimes Unit, School Resources Unit, Child Advocacy, Crime Analysis, Heroin Coordinator and the Crime Scene Technician; and The Administrative Services Division consisting of the Court Security Unit, Warrant Unit, Civil Process Unit, Human Resources, Fleet Management and Administrative Services, Community Resources Unit, Quartermaster and Property and Evidence. The function of each division is an important component in assuring the efficient delivery of police services.

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office provides full law enforcement services including enforcing both motor vehicle and criminal laws, serving warrants and civil process papers, responding to routine and emergency calls, and investigating criminal and drug violations.

We believe mutual respect, trust, and pride in our organization and the community, combined with traditional values and innovative techniques will make the community a safe place to live, work and visit.



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division is to improve the quality of life throughout Cecil County by striving to provide a secure community environment through the efficient delivery of police services.

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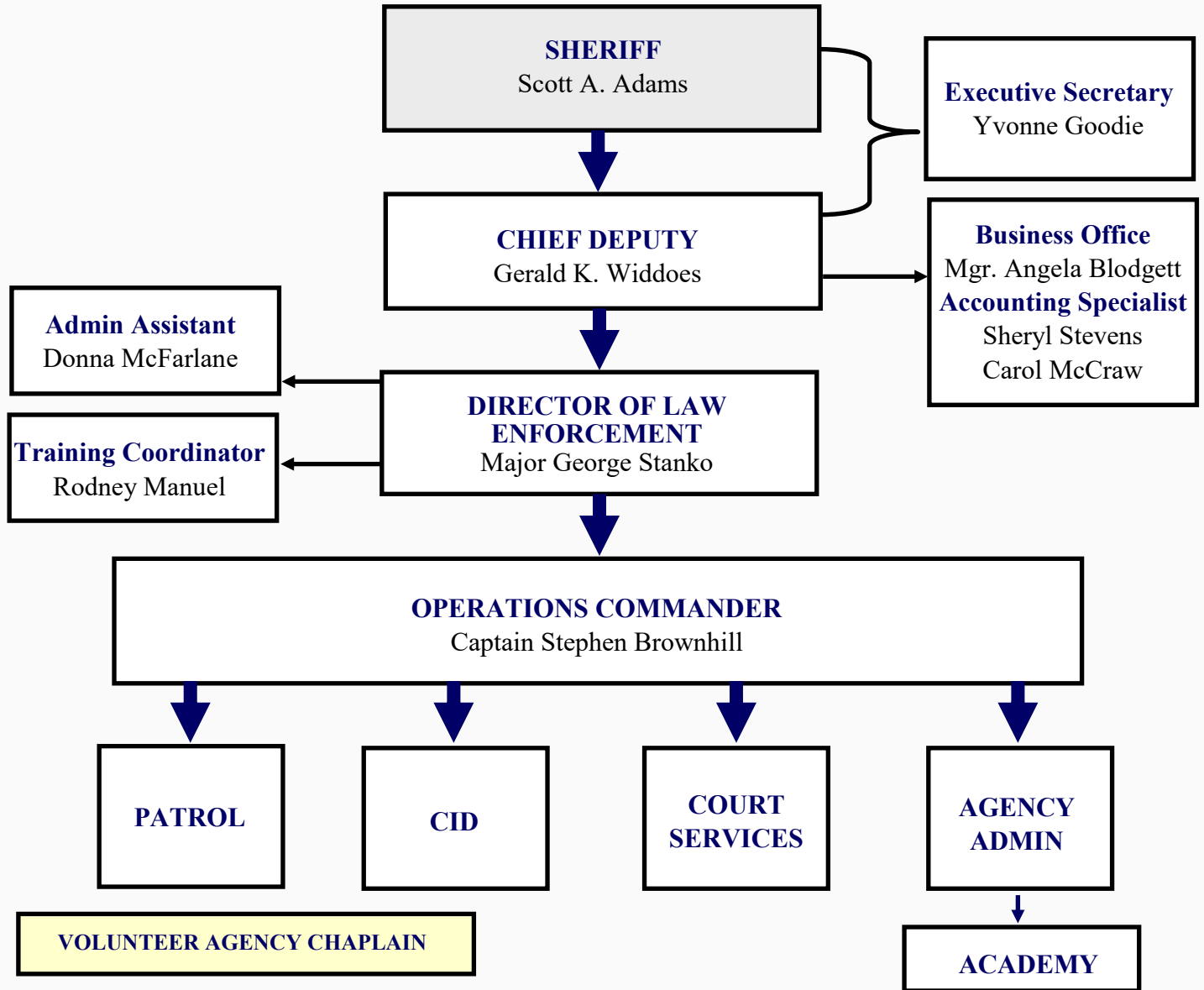


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**Organization Chart**



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### Executive Secretary

The goal of Executive Secretary is to provide essential administrative support for the Command Staff, the agency and the community. She continuously strives to provide quality customer service to employees of the Sheriff's Office as well as the public.

The Executive Secretary provides high-level executive administrative and secretarial support to the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Office Command Staff. She is also the point of contact for other county departments. The Executive Secretary is responsible for special projects and assignments within the Sheriff's Office. She monitors, answers, and forwards citizen inquiries and complaints to the appropriate division.

### Community Involvement

This team is frequently seen representing the sheriff's office at various community events.



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### Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Secretary analyzes Sheriff's Office overtime, equipment expenditures, purchasing requests and overall program costs. The Administrative Assistant also works closely with agency stakeholders and vendors to ensure all purchasing requests are met.

She ensures the financial resources are available to adequately and effectively function with overall efficiency. She oversees the procurement process of goods and services and ensures compliance with county purchasing policies and federal and state laws.

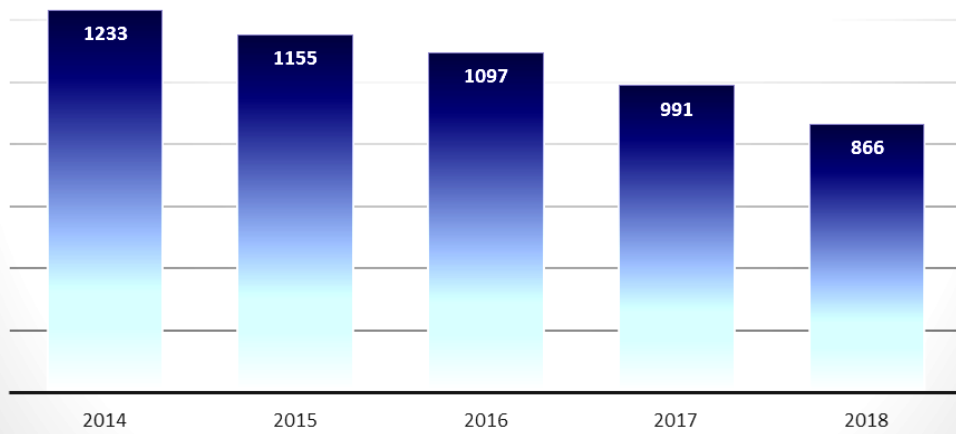


## Uniform Crime Reporting

The Uniform Crime Reporting (or UCR) program began in 1930 to meet the need for national uniform crime statistics. Crimes are classified as “Part I” or “Part II” offense categories. There are eight Part I offenses that includes violent and property crimes. Murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault are considered Part I violent crimes. Burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson are considered Part I property crimes.



### UCR Comparison by Year



## UCR

Countywide Crime Rate dropped by **16.9%**

(comparing 2016 to 2017 published UCR data and includes all law enforcement agencies in the county)



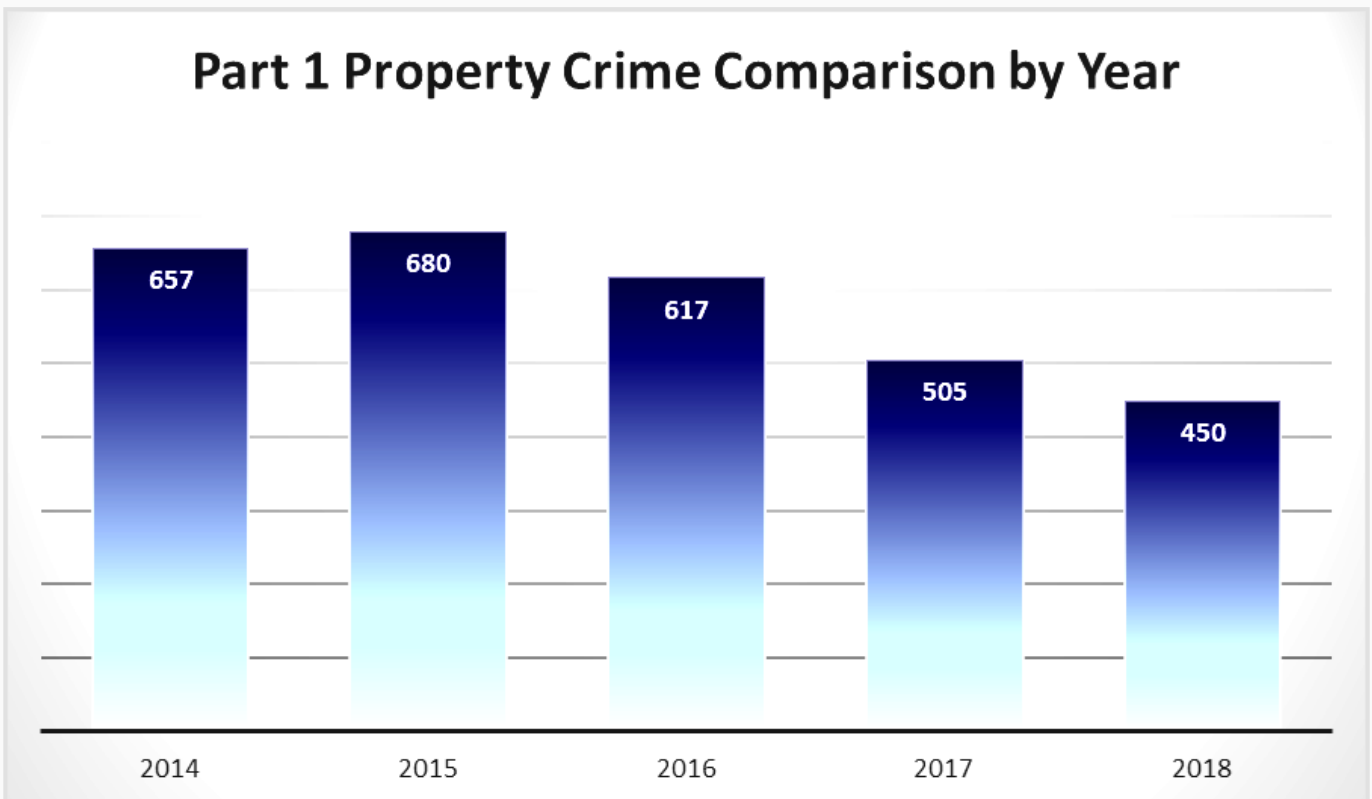
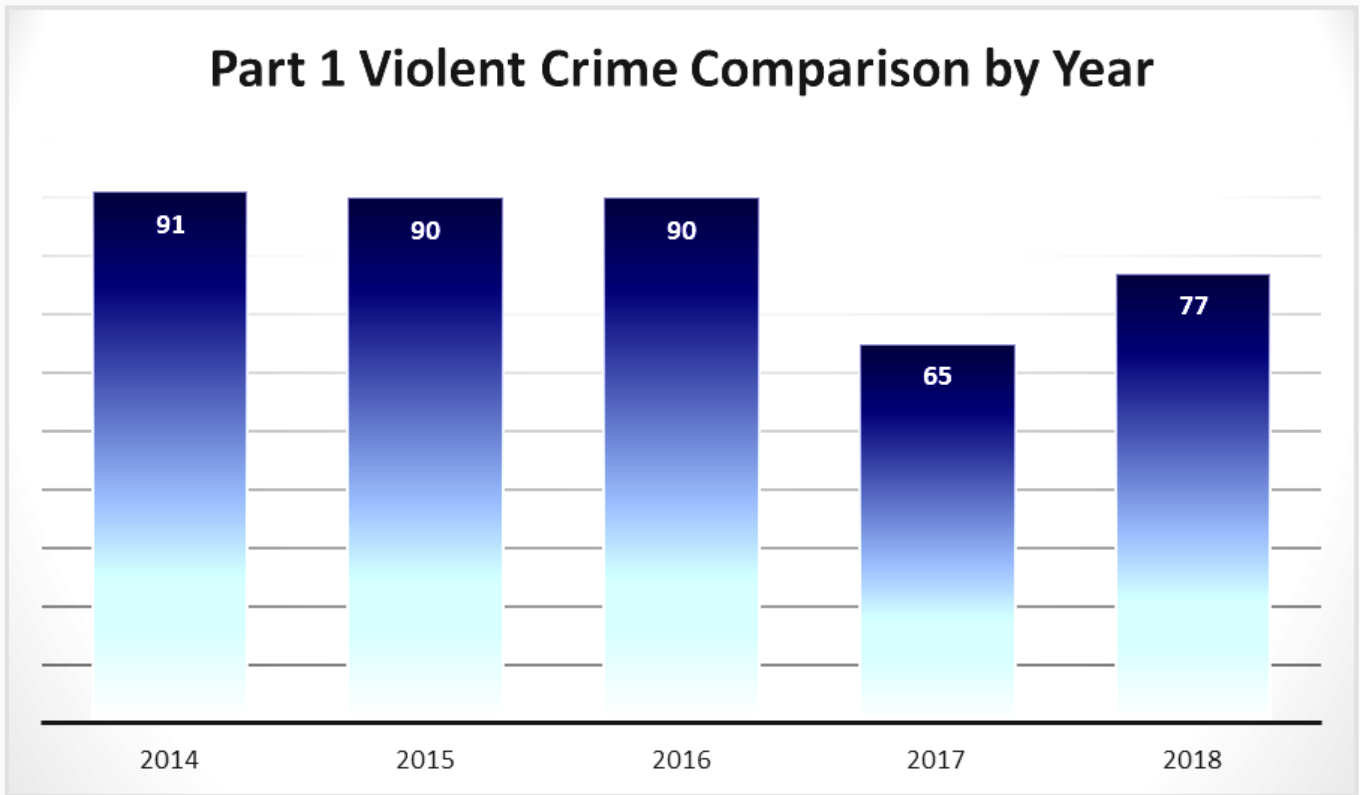
The Cecil County Sheriff's Office had significant drops in UCR reported crimes each year from 2014 through 2018.

The table to the left reflects a 30% decrease in UCR crime from 2014 to 2018; 15% decrease in Violent Crime and a 32% decrease in Property Crime (Comparing 2014 to 2018 data).

UCR Count	2014 TOTAL	2015 TOTAL	2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	2018 Total
<b>CRIMINAL HOMICIDE total</b>	3	3	2	2	2
Murder	3	3	2	2	2
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
<b>FORCIBLE RAPE total</b>	19	15	10	5	16
Rape by force	18	15	9	5	15
Attempt to rape	1	0	1	0	1
<b>ROBBERY total</b>	14	17	16	17	23
Firearm	6	8	6	5	9
Knife or cutting	3	1	7	2	3
Other weapon	3	0	1	2	1
Strong arm	2	8	2	8	10
<b>ASSAULT total</b>	540	440	452	453	375
Firearm	22	10	9	13	13
Knife or cutting	11	8	15	3	8
Other weapon	12	15	14	11	8
Hands etc/aggravated	10	21	25	14	7
Hands etc/simple	485	385	390	412	339
<b>BREAKING AND ENTERING</b>	232	237	179	155	120
Forcible entry	133	116	95	80	51
Unlawful entry	86	105	69	63	51
Attempt forcible	13	16	15	12	18
<b>LARCENY THEFT total</b>	388	399	394	326	300
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</b>	37	44	44	33	30
Auto	24	27	33	17	21
Trucks & Buses	3	0	0	1	0
Other vehicles	10	17	11	15	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	1233	1155	1097	991	866
	-15%	-6%	-5%	-10%	-13%
	2014 to 2013	2015 to 2014	2016 to 2015	2017 to 2016	2018 to 2017



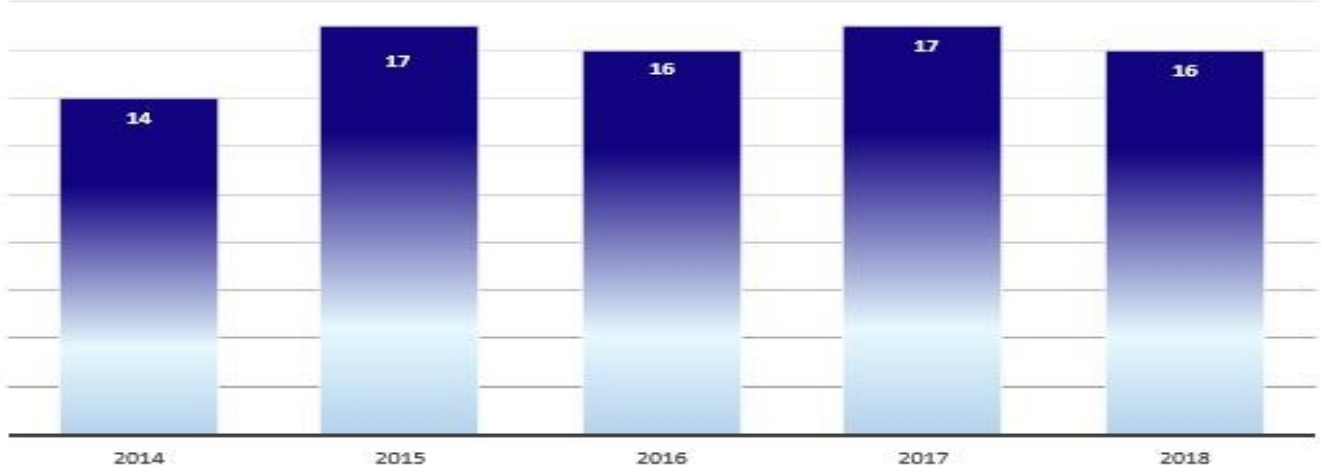
### UCR Crime Statistics



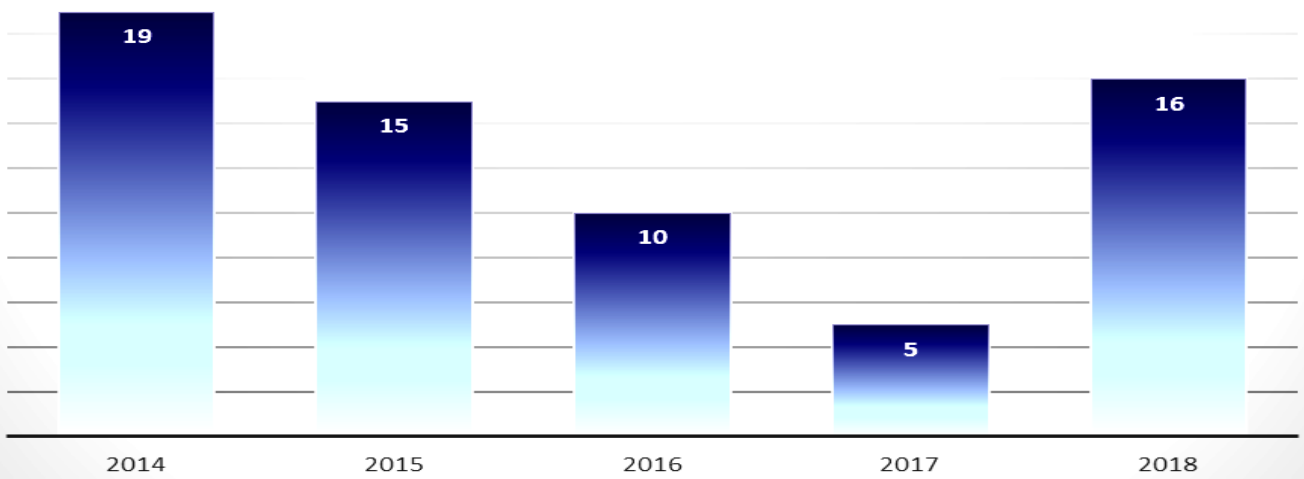




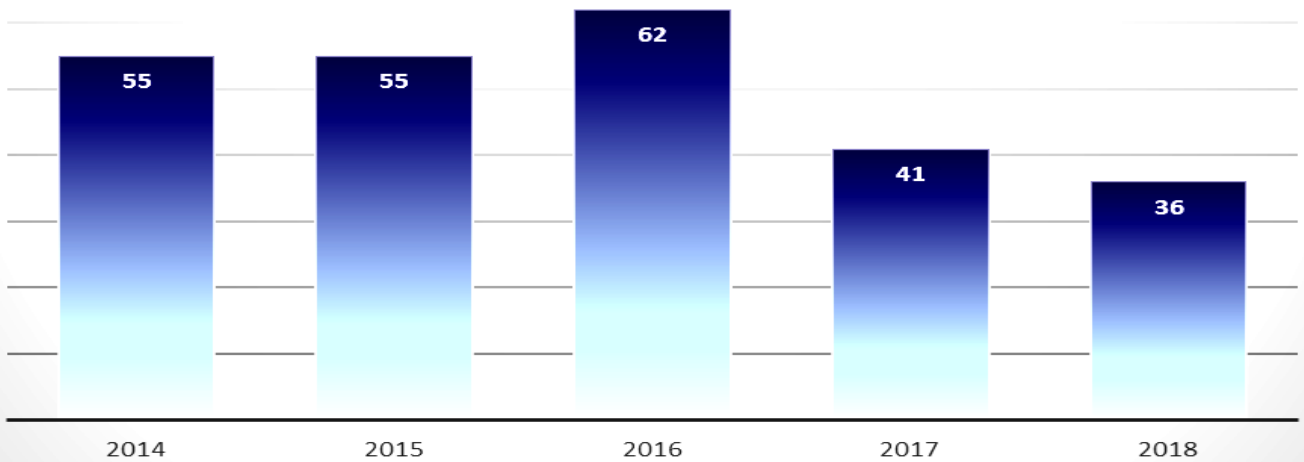
### Robbery Comparison by Year



### Rape Comparison by Year

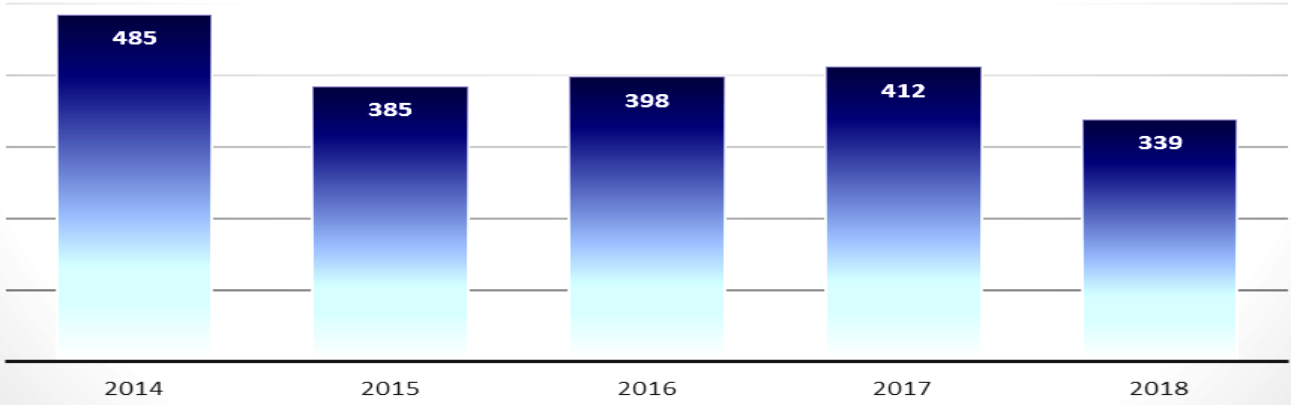


### Aggravated Assault Comparison by Year

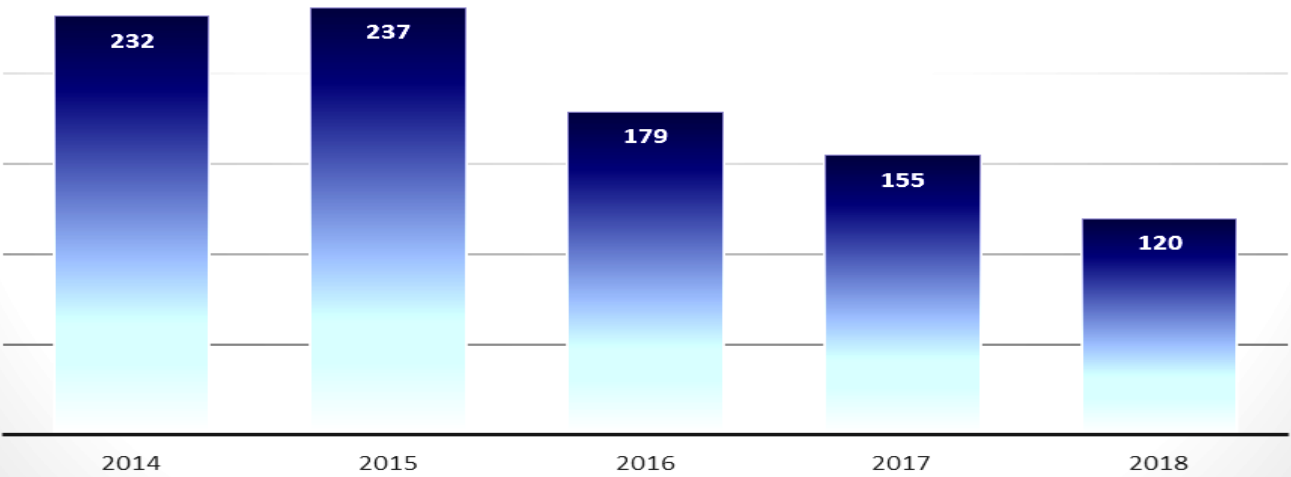




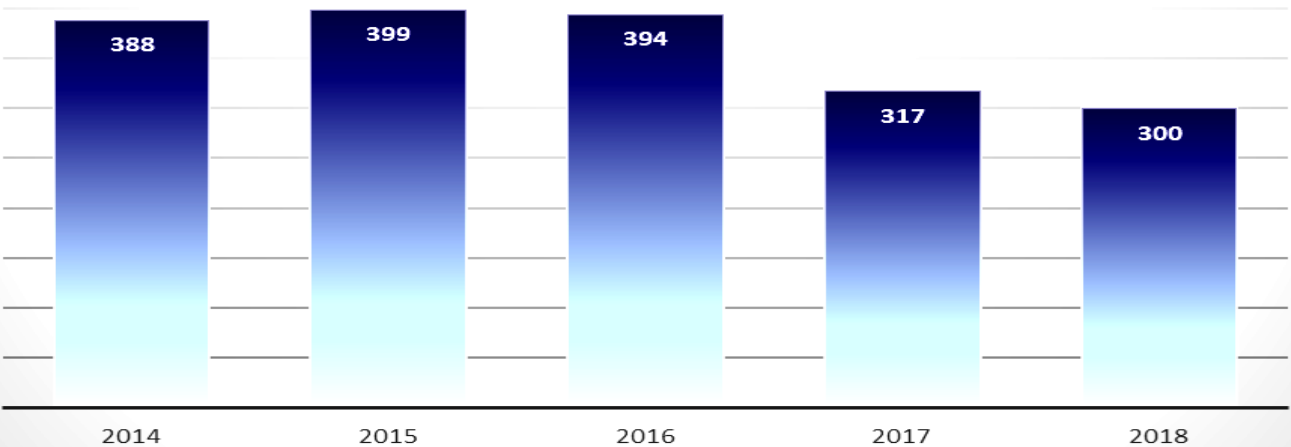
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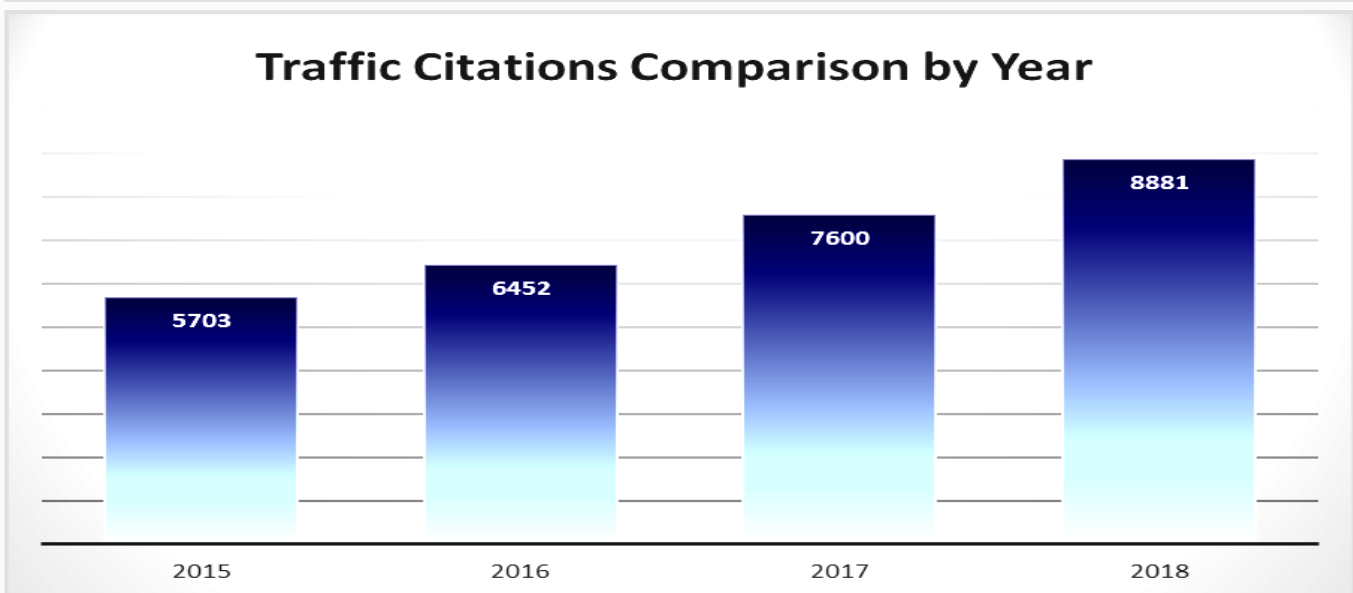
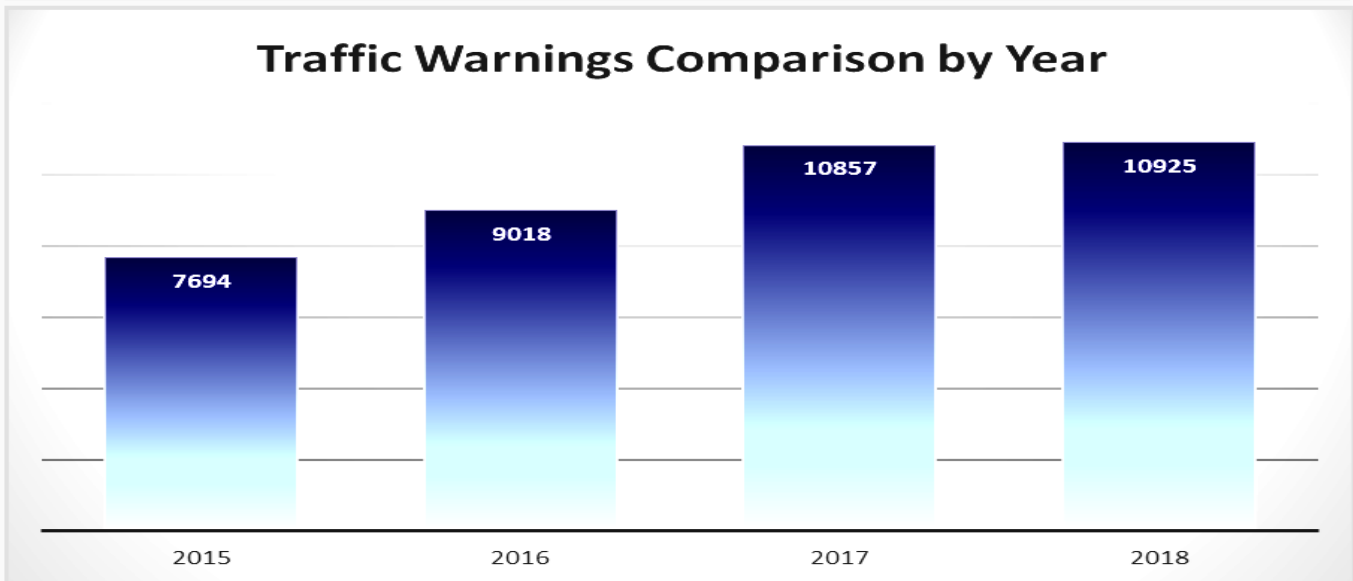
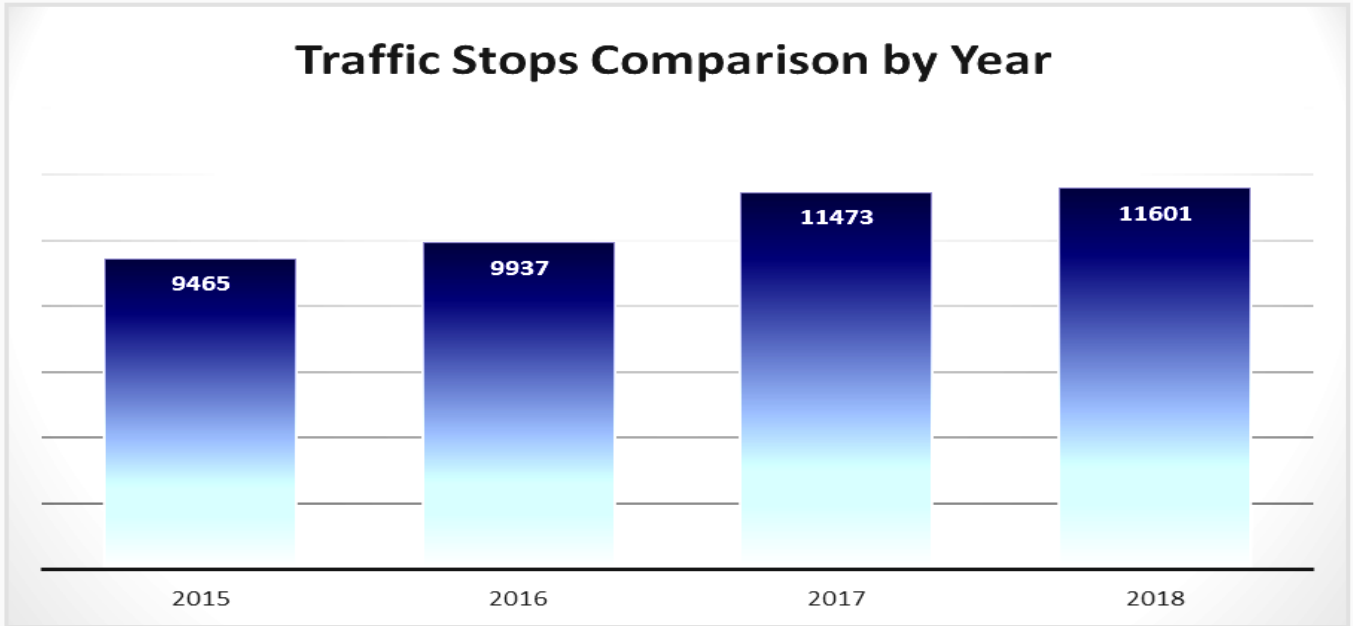


### Theft Comparison by Year





### Traffic Statistics



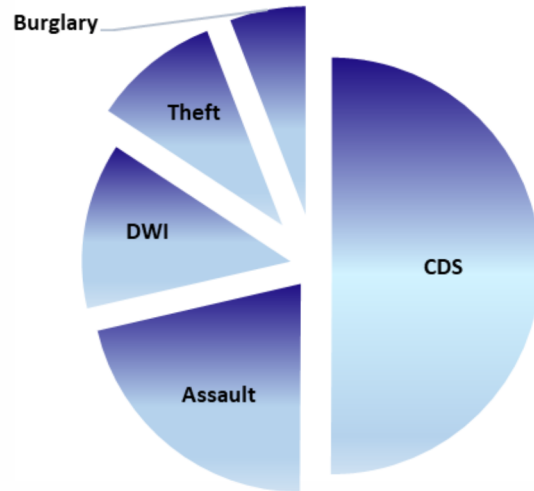


### Arrest Statistics

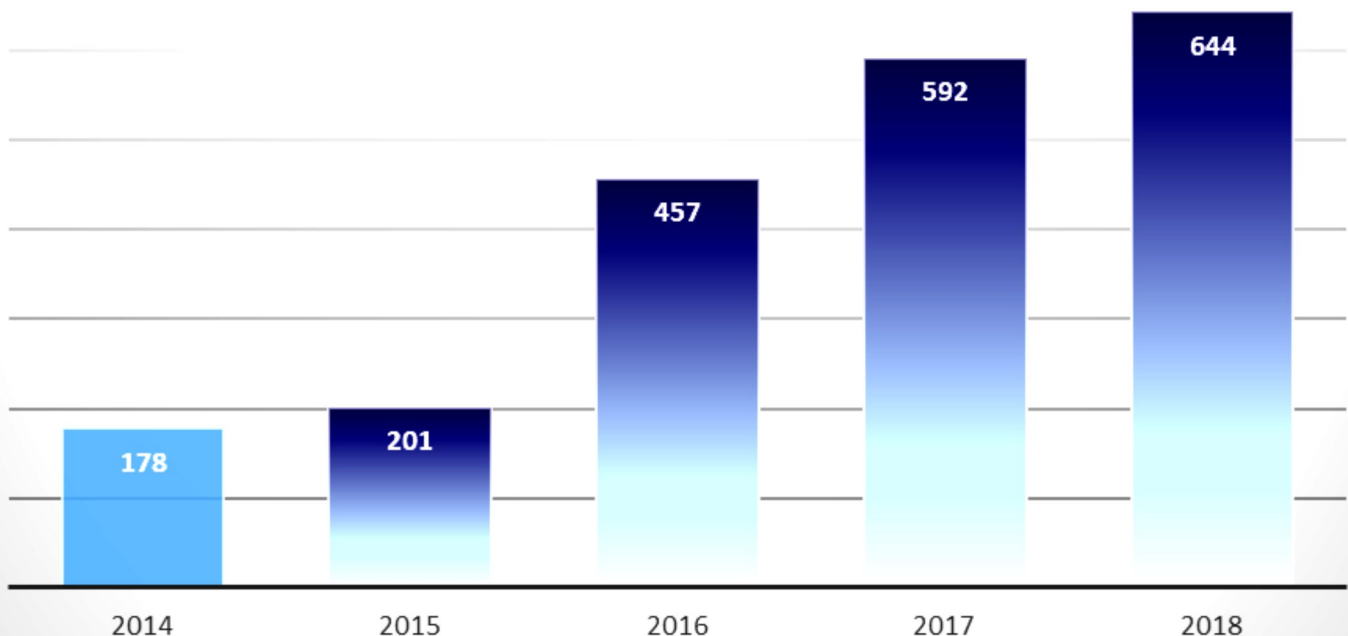
Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) citations are the main source of arrests at the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office. During 2018, there were 3,064 reports submitted; 866 were Part I (felony) crimes and simple assaults (13% decrease). The Sheriff’s Office charged individuals with a total of 3,116 crimes during 2018, 644 were for drug offenses (9% increase). Drug arrests include citations for possession of marijuana under 10 grams (civil) and are not part of the Cecil County Drug Task Force activities.

Arrests	2017	2018
<b>Criminal Citation</b>	48	47
<b>Civil Citation</b>	198	297
<b>Detained from Court</b>	34	31
<b>Juvenile Arrest</b>	151	122
<b>On View Arrest</b>	564	543
<b>Summons</b>	174	180
<b>Sentenced Inmate</b>	291	256
<b>Warrant Arrest</b>	1762	1640
<b>Total</b>	<b>3222</b>	<b>3116</b>

Top Officer Initiated Arrests



CDS Arrest Comparison by Year





**Patrol Division**

**DIRECTOR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Major George Stanko

**Operations Commander**

Captain Stephen Brownhill

**Lieutenant—Patrol Division**

Joseph Wilson

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CPL. PRUETT  
**CPL. BREWER**  
SR. DEP. MULLER  
SR. DEP. PURFIELD  
DFC SADLER  
DFC DIX \*  
DFC FITZGERALD  
DFC WHITE  
DEPUTY DARPINO  
DEPUTY LINDECAMP  
DEPUTY GRIFFITTS \*

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SR. DEP. LEWIS  
**SR. DEP. CUNNINGHAM**  
SR. DEP. PASSWATERS  
DFC SEXTON  
DFC VIVINO  
DFC J. LEWIS  
DFC DOUGLAS  
DEPUTY DAVIS

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CPL. GROCE  
**CPL. PRISTASH**  
SR. DEP. LINES  
SR. DEP. BUSCHMAN  
DFC STEWART \*  
DFC BRAVO  
DFC HOOD  
DEPUTY SHECKELLS  
DFC PATTMAN  
DEPUTY ELDTRETH  
DEPUTY ARMINGTON\*

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**SR. DEP. STEPHENS MIL**  
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DFC WATHNE \*  
DFC TORNETTA  
DFC FREYER  
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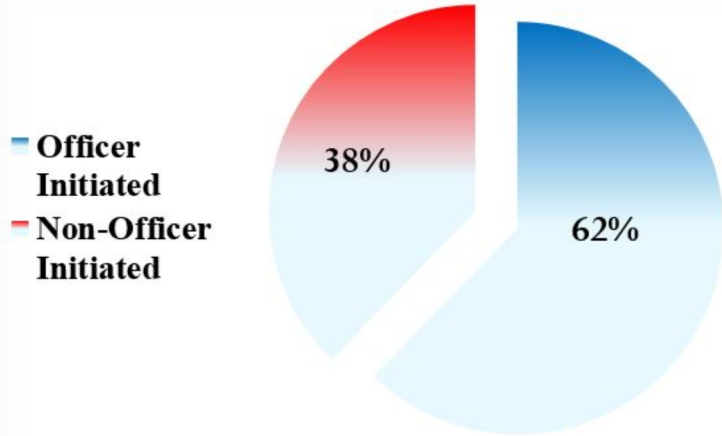
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### Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is comprised of uniformed deputies that consist of four different Patrol Squads, the Traffic Unit, and the K-9 Unit. Each Patrol Squad includes a Sergeant, two Corporals, and eight to nine Deputies. The Patrol Division provides the core police services to the community. The operations of the Patrol Division include various activities to include responding to dispatched Calls for Service (CFS), maintaining visibility in high crime areas, conducting investigations and ensuring the safety and security of Cecil County.

Cecil County is divided into five separate Patrol Areas (see Patrol Area Map on page 15). Deputies are assigned to each patrol area and are responsible for providing police service to that area. Deputies are generally assigned to a specific patrol area which allows them to become very familiar with the area and provide efficient law enforcement services.



The chart above shows that 62% of all Calls for Service handled by the Cecil County Sheriff's Office were officer initiated.

### Calls For Service

In 2018, the Patrol Division was responsible for handling 45,723 CFS. Deputies respond to dispatched CFS or Non-Officer Initiated CFS. Non-Officer initiated CFS are calls that are generally initiated by the public. Officer initiated CFS include calls that are initiated by the deputy, i.e., Traffic Enforcement.





**\*Check The Welfare** calls are when deputies are dispatched to check on a person who may be injured, ill, or who has not been heard from for a period of time.

**\*Keep the Peace** calls are when deputies respond to a civil dispute in effort to maintain public order and to prevent violence and other unlawful behavior.

**\*Mental Health** calls include Suicide, Emergency Evaluations, Suicide Attempts and Mental/Emotional Disorder Calls and Emergency Petitions.

Non-Officer Initiated Calls for Service <i>*Please Note: This table does not include all Non-Officer Initiated calls for service</i>	2017	2018
<b>Alarms</b>	1533	1283
<b>Animal Complaint</b>	351	332
<b>Assault (Simple)</b>	412	339
<b>Assist Other Agency</b>	1748	2154
<b>*Check the Welfare</b>	524	664
<b>Domestic</b>	625	522
<b>*Keep the Peace</b>	233	179
<b>Mental Health</b>	245	234
Emergency Evaluation	184	157
<b>Noise Complaint</b>	331	116
<b>Shots Fired</b>	87	84
<b>Trespass</b>	264	195
<b>Vandalism</b>	235	210
<b>Weapon Incident</b>	39	20

Officer Initiated Calls for Service <i>*Please Note: This table does not include all Officer Initiated calls for service</i>	2017	2018
<b>Traffic Enforcement</b>	11,473	11,601
<b>Warrant Service</b>	2867	3028
<b>*Extra Duty Patrol</b>	1449	1116
<b>Court</b>	1029	1052
<b>K-9 Assist</b>	934	1230
<b>Special Assignment</b>	911	802
<b>Community Contact</b>	449	560
<b>Document/Paper Pick-Up</b>	430	628
<b>Prisoner Transport</b>	121	100
<b>*Safe Streets Initiative</b>	79	65

**\*Extra Duty Patrol** include patrol efforts in the town of Cecilton, Charlestown, Chesapeake City and Port Deposit. In addition, Extra Duty Patrol includes special events that the Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services for.

**\*\*The Maryland Safe Streets Initiative (Safe Streets)** is an offender-based model established to institute collaboration and information sharing across all levels of government to dramatically reduce crime. The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention partners with local jurisdictions that demonstrate both a need for and commitment to comprehensive collaboration across their local criminal justice systems. The objective of Safe Streets is significant violent crime reduction through seamless coordination, consistent interagency collaboration, and information sharing by focusing on that core group of offenders who commit the majority of violent offenses locally."

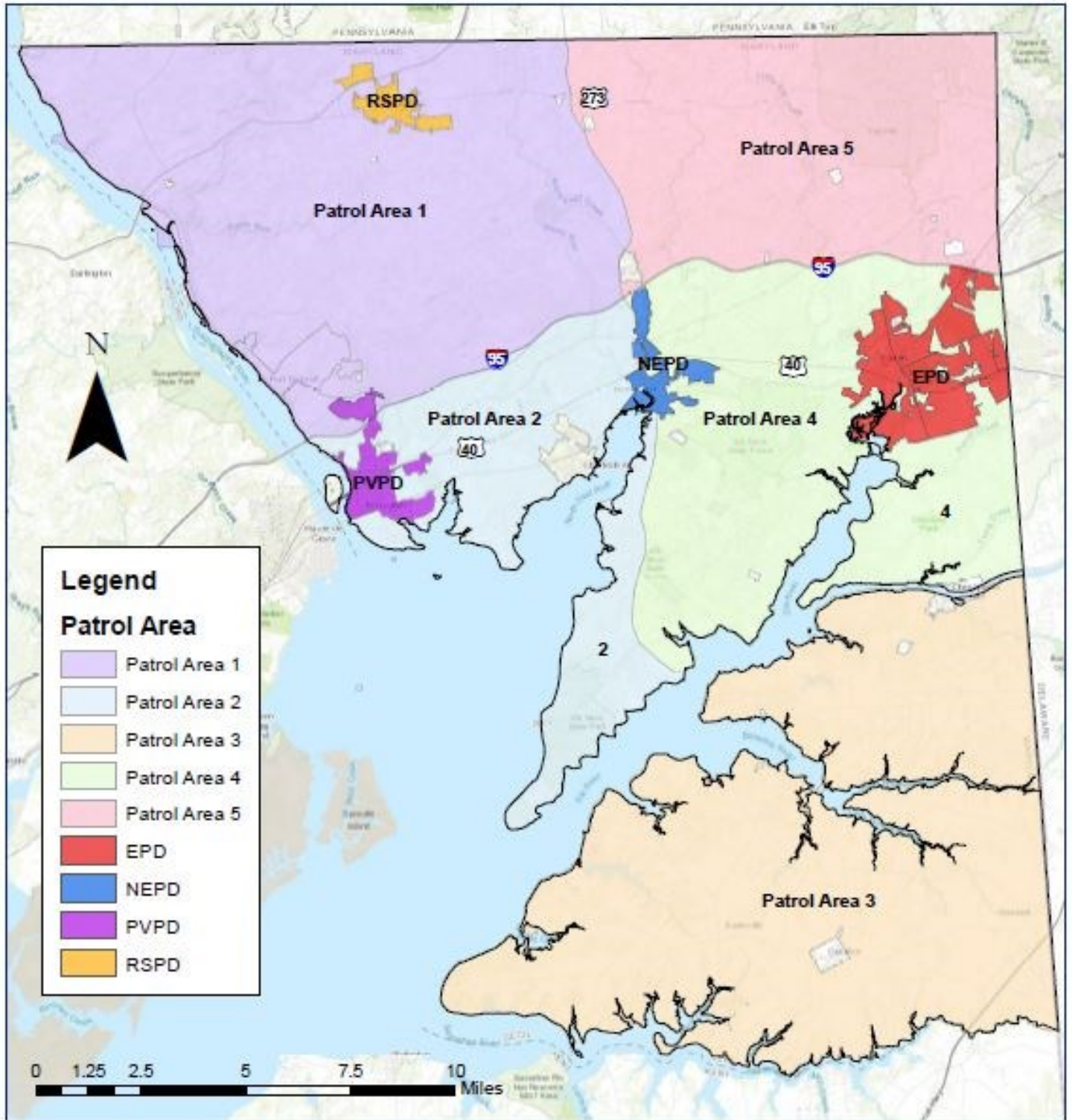


## CRISIS INTERVENTION

Deputies responded to 234 calls relating to mentally disturbed or suicidal persons, resulting in 157 individuals being taken into custody and transported to the hospital for emergency evaluation. A third group of deputies has been trained in CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) to more effectively interact with these individuals. The Sheriff's Office is continuing to train deputies in crisis intervention.



### Patrol Area Map







## Traffic Unit



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The Traffic Unit is comprised of a corporal and a deputy and is a new and growing unit within the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. The operations of the Traffic Unit include Directed Enforcement, Crash Reconstruction, and Traffic Analysis.

### Crash Reconstruction

Deputies within the Traffic Unit are trained as Crash Reconstruction Specialists. During crash reconstruction, the Traffic Unit will identify factors involved in crashes such as speed and mechanical defects. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit responds to the scene immediately after the accident to gather evidence, take measurements and take photographs in an effort to identify the cause of crashes.

### Directed Enforcement

The Traffic Unit works closely with the Highway Safety Administration (HSA), and is a member of the State Highway Safety Plan Committee, to reduce traffic deaths and injuries in Cecil County. The mission of the partnership with HSA is to effectively and efficiently administer traffic safety by

focusing efforts on DUI drivers, speed violators, distracted drivers, seatbelt violations and high collision intersections.

The Traffic Unit continues to target problem areas on county roads to reduce crashes and speeding complaints. Data collected from the radar equipped speed trailer and crash report information is shared with the Cecil County Department of Public Works to correct issues involving county roads. A partnership with analysts at Washington College provides valuable historical data which is shared with deputies to target problem areas during holidays.



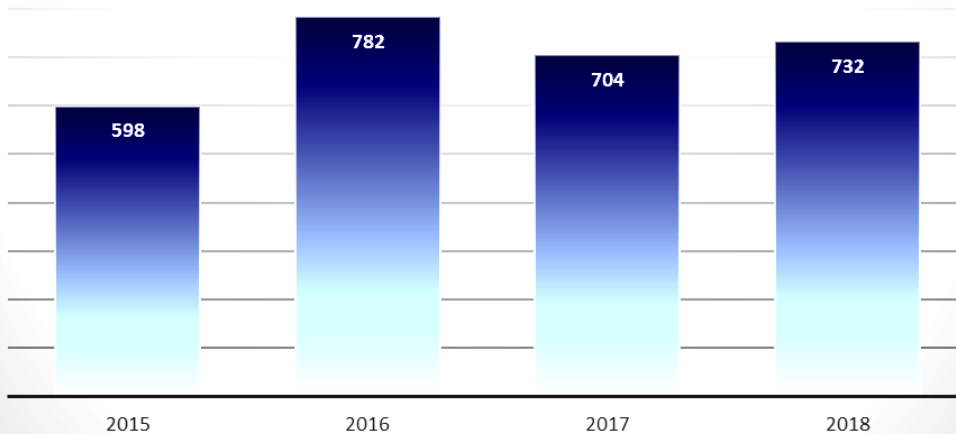


## Traffic Unit Statistics

Traffic Unit Comparison by Year		2018 Total	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total	% Change	% Change	% Change
		2018	2017	2016	2015	2018	2017	2016
Traffic Data	Citations	8881	7600	6452	5703	17%	18%	13%
	Warnings	10925	10857	9018	7694	N/C	20%	17%
	SERO	262	235	210	458	11%	12%	54%
	# Stops	11601	11473	9937	9465	1%	15%	5%
	<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC</b>	<b>31669</b>	<b>30165</b>	<b>25617</b>	<b>23320</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Crash Data	Injury Crash	125	119	150	134	5%	21%	12%
	Fatal	2	8	6	9	75%	17%	33%
	Property Damage Crash	385	338	339	337	14%	N/C	N/C
	Code 89	220	240	288	118	8%	17%	144%
	<b>TOTAL CRASH</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>31%</b>

\*Percent change is calculated by comparing displayed year to previous year  
 \*Red text represents an increase and black font represents a decrease in percentage from previous year  
 \*N/C - No Significant Change

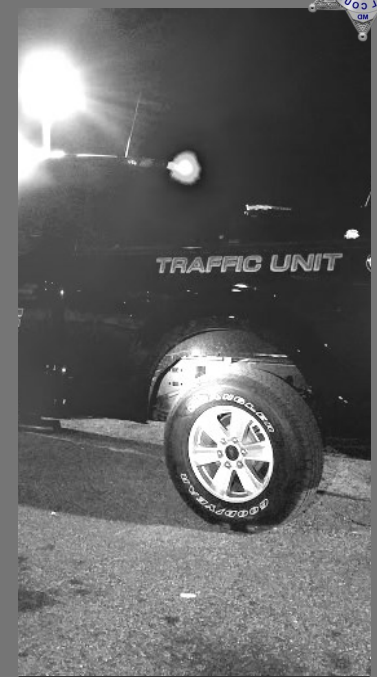
## Crash Comparison by Year



## Traffic Unit Commitment

The Traffic Unit is committed to making a positive impact on traffic safety and places a high priority on traffic related issues that come to the attention of the Sheriff's Office. The Traffic Unit is committed to the following:

- Expanding the unit to include one to two additional deputies.
- Adding a Drug Recognition Expert to assist with the Drugged Driving in the County.
- Continuing current partnerships and traffic analysis to improve roadways and lower crash rates.
- Focusing traffic enforcement in high crash areas.
- Increasing DUI efforts via working night shifts on a monthly basis.
- Conducting traffic safety checkpoints on a quarterly basis.



The table above includes Cecil County Sheriff's Office data only.

\*Code 89 – A crash where individuals exchange insurance information and no police report was written.

### Fatal Crashes



Decreased by 75%

Please visit [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org) to learn more or view the Cecil County Strategic Safety Highway Plan.



## K-9 Unit

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit plays a vital role in assisting in law enforcement operations. The agency maintains four K-9 teams made up of a handler and canine partner. All four dogs are trained for tracking, article searches and narcotic detection. Three dogs are also trained in offender apprehension techniques. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams provided 388 CDS Scans/Searches that resulted in 760 grams of marijuana, 249 bags of heroin and \$6,035 in currency being seized during 2018 as a result.

The police dogs are chosen for their superior ability to detect and locate persons, property, and evidence. They are trained to track and locate persons that have fled on foot from crime scenes. However, the teams are also used for backing up other officers on alarm calls, in building searches, fight calls, locating lost or missing persons, and in conducting security checks of businesses. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams provided back-up to patrol 1230 times, provided 32 building scans and 7 public school scans during 2018.



One K-9 team has the potential to save the agency hundreds of work hours per year because of the dog's superior sense of smell and hearing. These highly trained teams are a valuable resource to the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and are often called upon to assist other agencies. The Cecil County K-9 teams assisted other agencies 429 times during 2018.

The K-9 teams offered demonstrations at numerous community events throughout the year, including the Cecil County Fair, National Night Out, and the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy. The demonstrations provided attendees of all ages with insight on how canines are trained, and how the K-9 teams provide services to the community. The K-9 teams provided 20 demonstrations during 2018.

K9 Reports	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Aug. 2018	Sept. 2018	Oct. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2018	TOTAL	TOTAL	% change
	Mth 1	Mth 2	Mth 3	Mth 4	Mth 5	Mth 6	Mth 7	Mth 8	Mth 9	Mth 10	Mth 11	Mth 12	2018	2017	2017 vs. 2018
K9 Incident Reports	45	37	38	41	23	41	42	44	42	46	44	30	473	366	29%
CDS Scans/Searches	45	29	31	31	21	21	25	33	47	42	41	22	388	318	22%
Positive Alert by K9	44	26	27	26	19	17	24	32	35	38	35	20	343	264	30%
Criminal Activity Discovered	21	15	24	19	14	19	10	20	19	20	6	18	205	NA	NA
CDS K9 Apprehensions	20	20	21	17	12	17	16	18	22	31	16	11	221	149	48%
K-9 Tracks	0	3	1	4	0	2	4	3	1	1	1	2	22	11	100%
Building/Area Searches	0	5	7	0	6	5	2	3	1	2	0	1	32	28	14%
Public School Scans/Search	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	7	13	46%
K9 Training Sessions	6	8	2	8	2	8	2	8	2	2	2	2	52	68	24%
K9 Demonstrations	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	8	2	2	0	0	20	22	9%
Back Up Calls	52	30	74	141	76	96	142	183	193	1	113	129	1230	934	32%
Other Agencies Assisted	32	18	30	26	18	34	34	34	35	131	22	15	429	200	115%
Special Assignments	0	4	8	5	7	12	2	4	3	2	14	2	63	29	117%
Currency Seized	0	0	0	0	0	0	3188	0	0	1952	895	0	6035	17877	66%
Heroin Seized (bags)	0	24	6	6	81	6	0	2	0	66	48	10	249	35	611%
Marijuana Seized (grams)	45.5	10	46	126.3	2	3	12	16	31	395	46	27.2	760	225.2	237%
Other (Pills)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	227.45	-95%
Other (grams)	0	5.9	1.2	1	10.6	1	13.5	2.5	9.8	46	0.8	6.1	98.4	48.7	104%

\*Percent change is calculated by comparing displayed year to previous year.

\*Red text represents an increase and black font represents a decrease in percentage

\*N/C= No Significant Change.

\*NA= Not Applicable or Not Collected



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### Criminal Investigations

During the 2018 calendar year, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division has been comprised of eight Detectives, one Sergeant and one Corporal. For the majority of 2018, two of the eight Detectives were primarily assigned to the Child Advocacy Center where they were tasked with investigating allegations of Child Abuse. Two Detectives were assigned to the Megan's Law Unit and were responsible for monitoring registered sex offenders in Cecil County. The remaining four Detectives are classified as "general" Detectives and were assigned various cases to include, but not limited to, burglary, robbery, financial crimes and death investigations.



In 2018, two Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division continued to administer and monitor RAPIDS (Regional Automated Property Information Database) for Cecil County to ensure locally operated pawn shops comply with county ordinances. Detectives initiated a proactive investigation into a local second-

hand shop located on Pulaski Highway in reference to violation of the Pawn/Secondhand Dealer County Ordinance and the DLLR State Law. This investigation ultimately resulted in a search warrant being executed at the business and criminal charges being issued. CID investigated a total of 478 cases during the 2018 calendar year. This included 127 Part I cases and 351 Part II cases.

Throughout the year Detectives have initiated 126 cases that were investigated with the Department of Social Services. CID served a total of 165 children at the Child Advocacy Center. This is a 47% increase from calendar year 2017. These cases would include Child Sexual Abuse, Child Physical Abuse, Child Neglect and Child Fatality investigations.

The Megan's Law Unit monitors approximately 180 convicted sex offenders throughout Cecil County, and makes arrests on those registered who fail to comply with registration laws. In 2018, a Detective from the Megan's Law Unit spoke at a church event in Elkton, MD where attendees were educated about sex offender awareness.

Cecil County Sheriff's Office established a Special Response Team (S.R.T.), tactically trained and equipped to provide support in serving high-risk warrants and responding to incidents beyond the capabilities of regular patrol deputies. The S.R.T. also supports the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) in critical incidents involving hostages, barricaded persons, and crisis negotiations. The S.R.T. also supports the Mobile Field Force during their deployments and the Corrections Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), if requested.



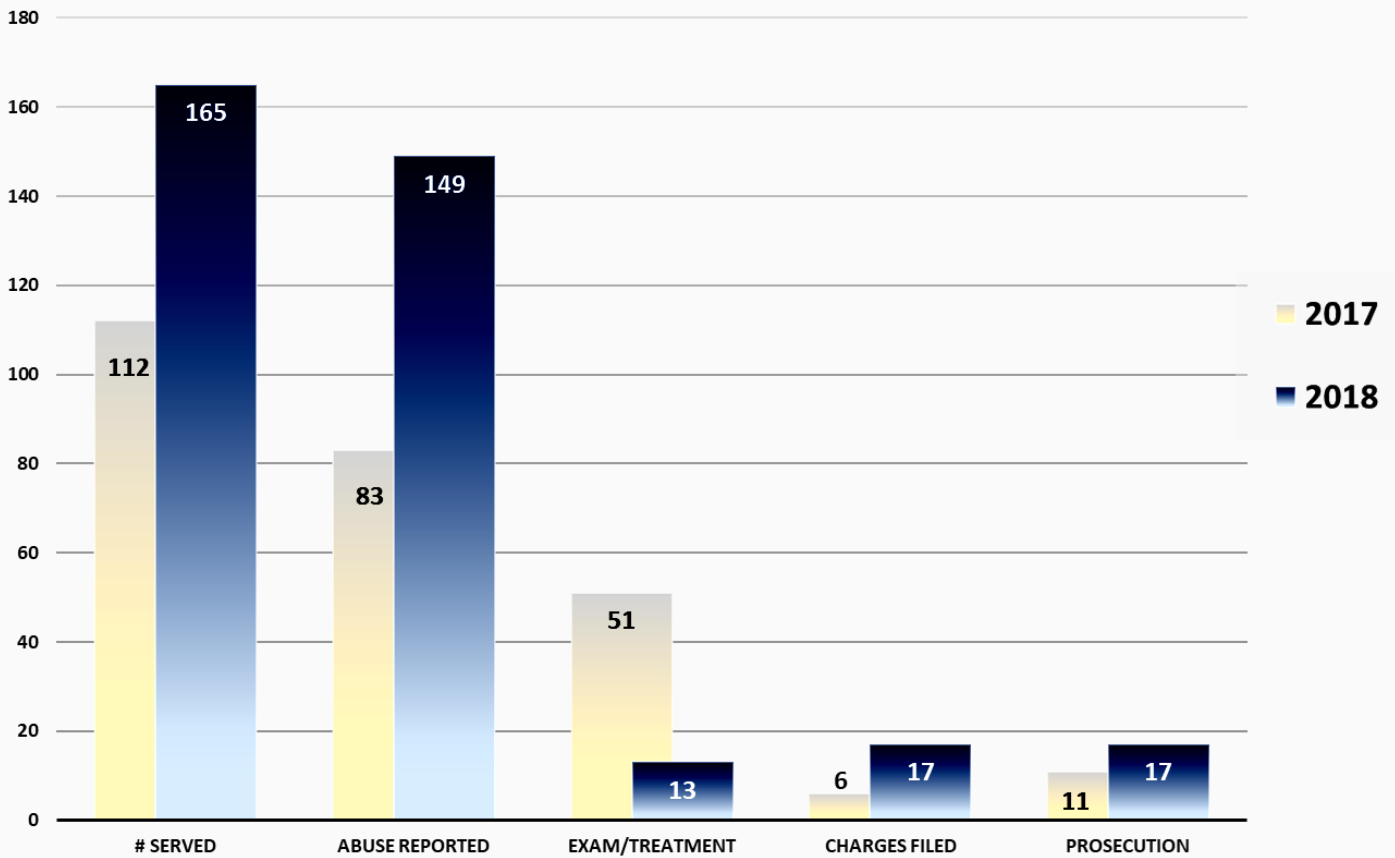
Pic Above: CID Detectives participated in No Shave November



### Child Advocacy Center

Child abuse investigations begin with a referral from a community member to the Department of Social Services, Child Advocacy Center. If a physical or sexual assault injury on a child is apparent, the police and Child Advocacy Center then begin a joint investigation by first speaking with the alleged victim and any siblings in the home. Once their account of the incident is obtained, the investigation concludes with an interview of the alleged abuser, often times a parent, at which point criminal charges may be issued for the injury to the child. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office has two full-time deputies assigned to the Department of Social Services, Child Advocacy Center to investigate these cases in Cecil County. The Criminal Investigation Division also assists in these cases.

Child Advocacy Center Cases 2017 vs. 2018



- 47% increase in the number of children served
- 80% increase in the number of child abuse cases reported from
- 75% decrease in the number of children who received medical exams and/or treatment
- 183% increase in the total number of charges filed
- 55% increase in the number of cases accepted for prosecution

Child Advocacy Center Website: [www.cecilhelp4u.com](http://www.cecilhelp4u.com)  
410.996.0100



### Sex Offender Registry Unit

Under the Criminal Investigations Division, two investigators are assigned to the Sex Offender Registry Unit. The Sheriff's Office is the designated local law enforcement unit for Cecil County and maintains the registration records of sex offenders who reside in Cecil County. Over 181 (13% increase from year prior) Sex Offenders reside in Cecil County.

The Maryland Sex Offender's Registry is maintained by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). It was created as part of the State's effort to protect children and others from those with histories of crimes against children and other sexual offenses.

The Maryland Sex Offender registry can be found online at [www.dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch)

#### Sexual Abuse Treatment and Prevention Resources



**MD Crime Victims' Resource Center:** Provides victim services, crisis assistance, legal help, victim notification, financial help, social services, national victim resources, and more.

[www.mdcrimevictims.org](http://www.mdcrimevictims.org)  
877.842.8461



**Stop It Now!:** Provides direct help with questions about child sexual abuse. We offer help through a confidential national Helpline

[www.stopitnow.org](http://www.stopitnow.org)  
1.888. PREVENT



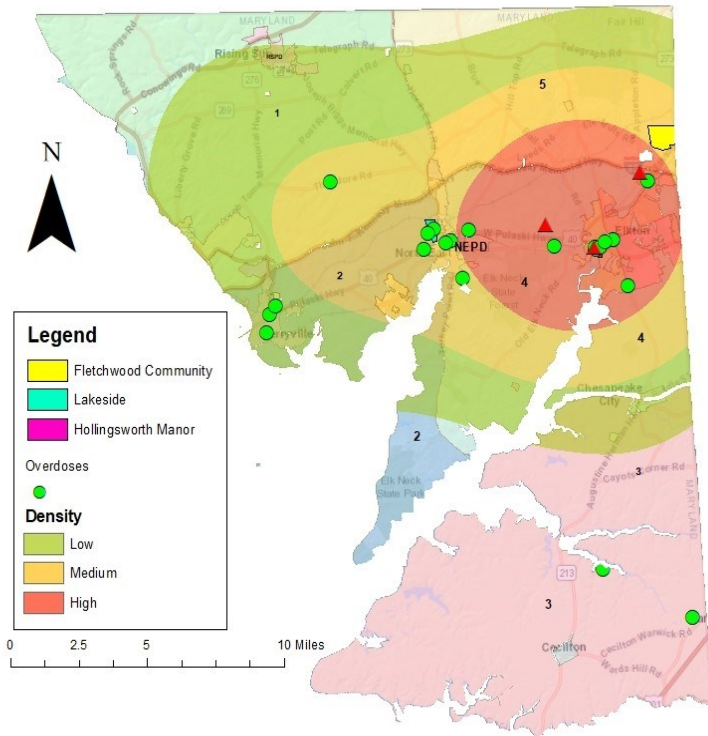
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Crime analysis is a law enforcement function that involves systematic analysis for identifying and analyzing patterns and trends in crime and disorder. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office has one full-time Crime Analyst. The analyst is able to extract data from records management systems, analyze it, and turn it into useful information. The analyst works with all divisions of the Sheriff's Office. Information on patterns helps the Sheriff's Office deploy resources in a more effective manner, and assist investigators in identifying and apprehending suspects.

The Crime Analyst maintains and monitors the Safe Streets initiative/MCIN Offender list of the most violent repeat offenders in the county, compiles and manages statistical data and conducts presentations weekly during the Sheriff's Office intelligence meeting.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to using technology to help combat crime and improve public safety in Cecil County. The Crime Analyst actively utilizes GIS technology to map crime locations, determine possible suspects and improve the effectiveness of resource deployment. In addition, statistical software is utilized to compile and analyze data from a variety of sources including police reports, CAD calls and other statistical data.

### Crime Scene Technician

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office has one Crime Scene Technician. The technician is a vital part of the Sheriff's Office and is responsible for many day-to-day calls for service. The technician is responsible for ensuring vital evidence is located, properly handled and analyzed in order to identify, find criminals and assist in their successful prosecution. The technician is able to collect fingerprints, shoe print impressions, DNA, photos and many other types of evidence. Evidence handling procedures are vital in that they ensure the evidence is preserved correctly. Failure to handle evidence correctly can result in a guilty criminal going free. The Crime Scene Technician processed 10 major crimes scenes and processed evidence in-house from 8 additional cases during 2018.



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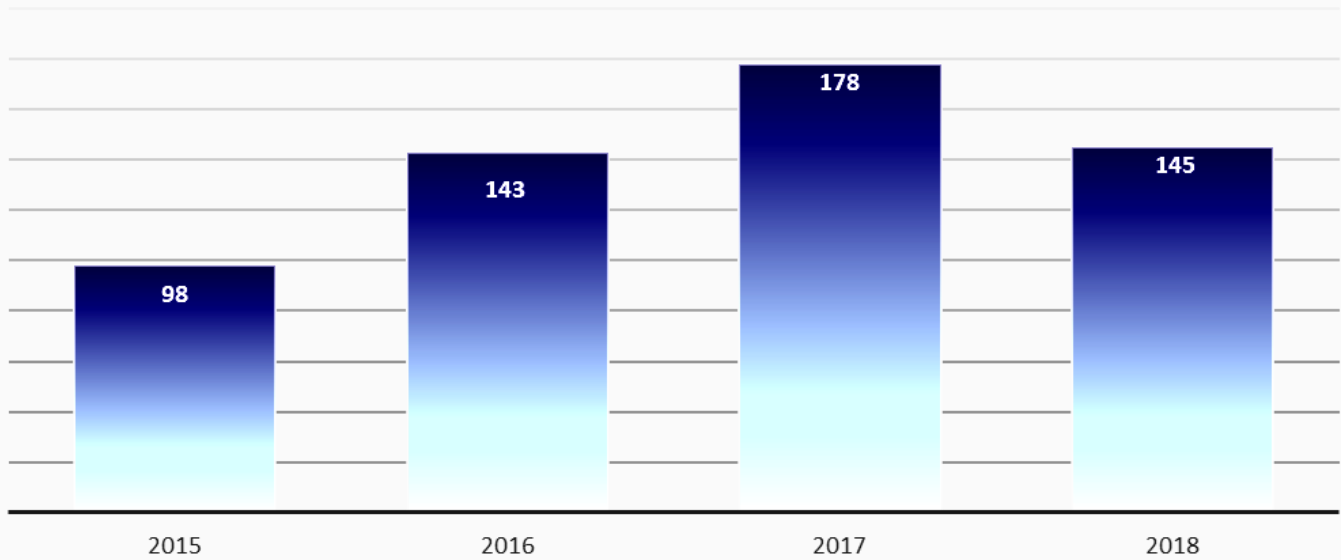


### Cecil County Drug Task Force

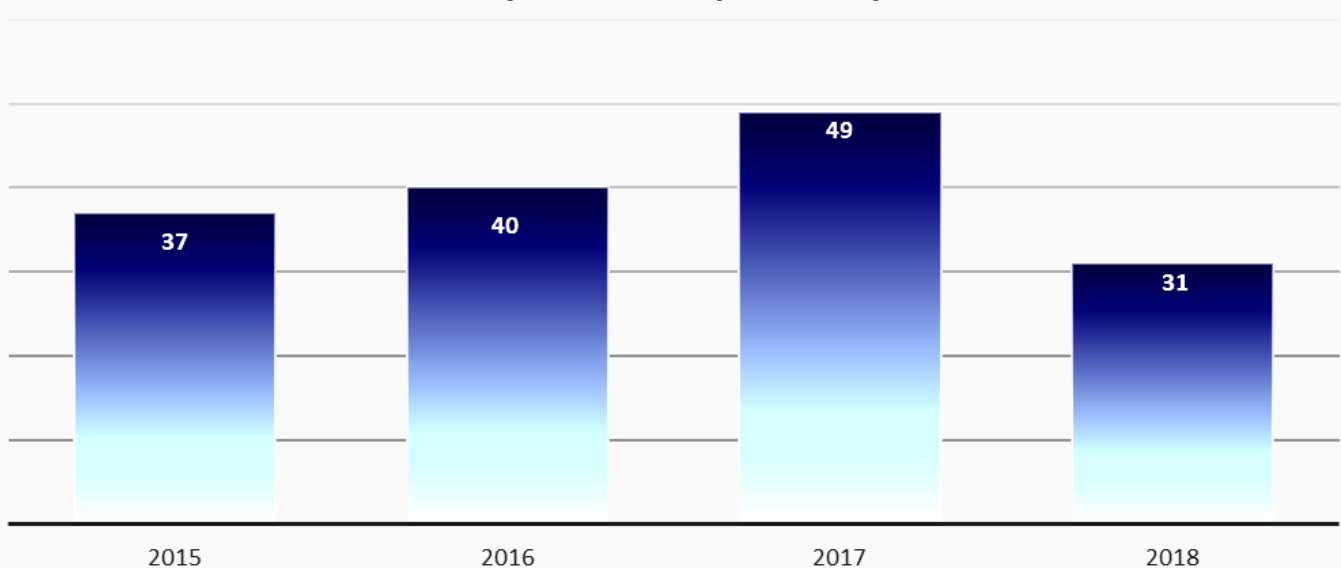
The Cecil County Drug Task Force (CCDTF) is a combined investigative effort of the Elkton Police Department, Cecil County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, the Cecil County State's Attorney's Office and the Department of Homeland Security.

The manpower and resources of the unit are directed at violations of the Controlled Dangerous Substances laws of the state of Maryland involving the sale, manufacture, importation, and smuggling of drugs into Cecil County. The unit has good working relationships with various local, state and federal drug units throughout the country. Locally, the unit works with concerned citizens, paid and unpaid confidential informants, as well as officers working in an undercover capacity in the drug community. All officers in the CCDTF have "state-wide authority," meaning that they have law enforcement powers throughout the state as virtually all drug investigations involve multiple jurisdictions.

Total Case Comparison by Year



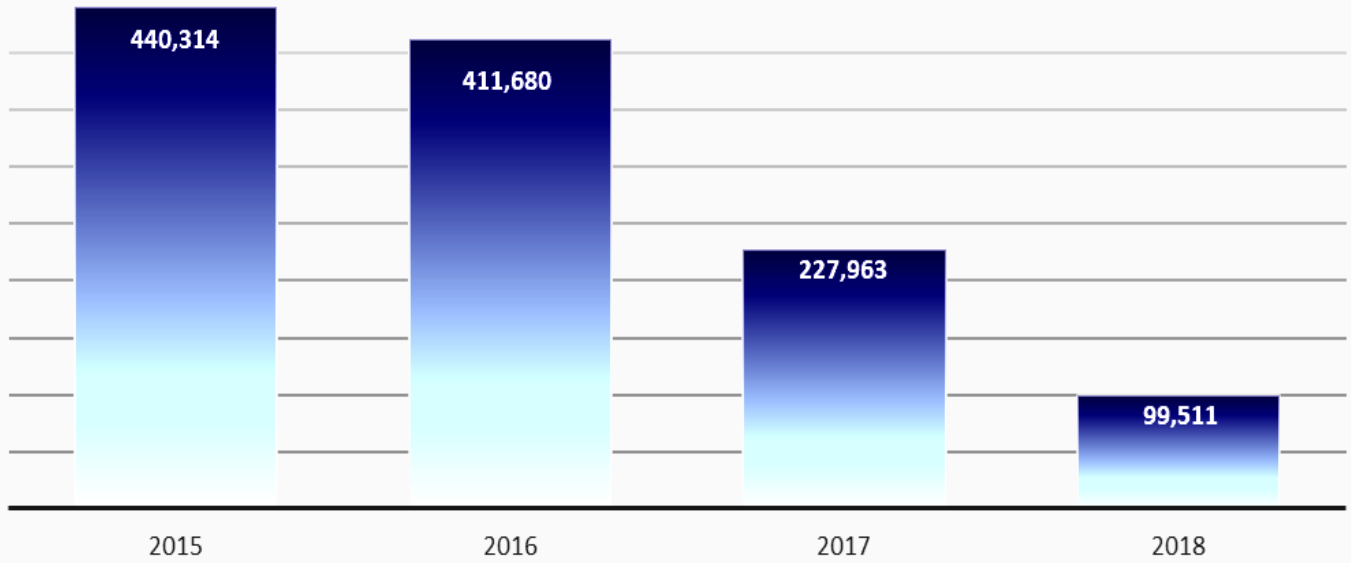
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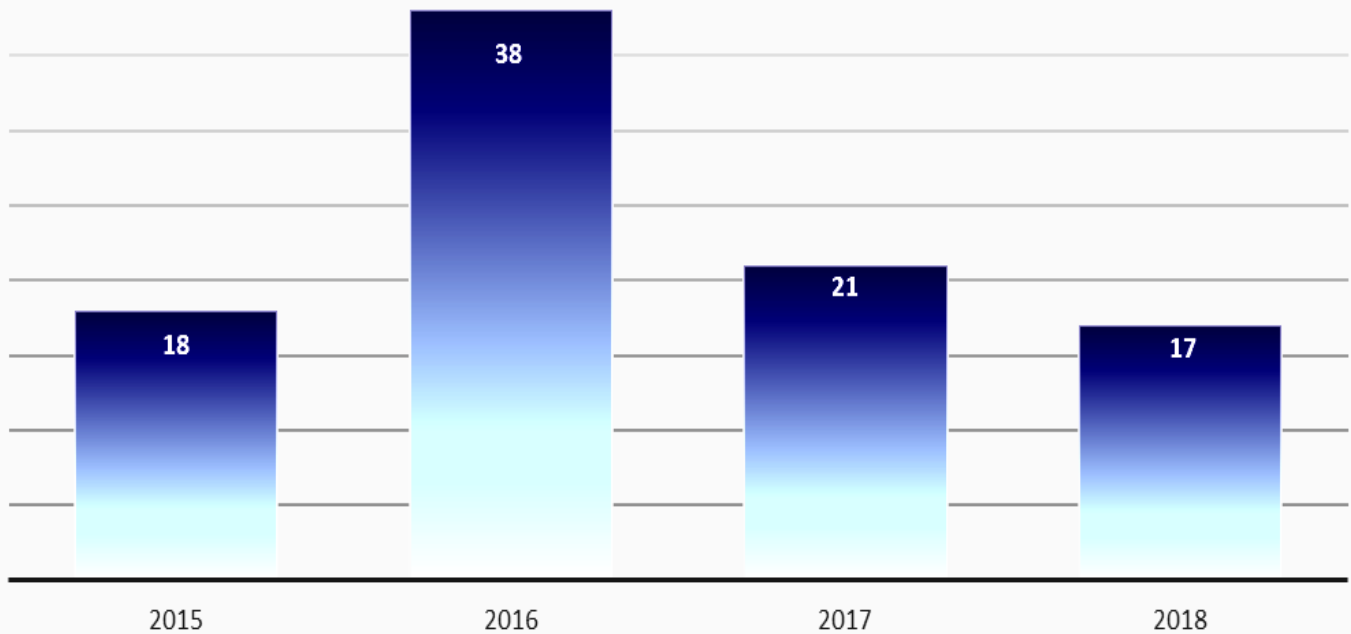


Task Force Seizures

Currency Seized Comparison by Year

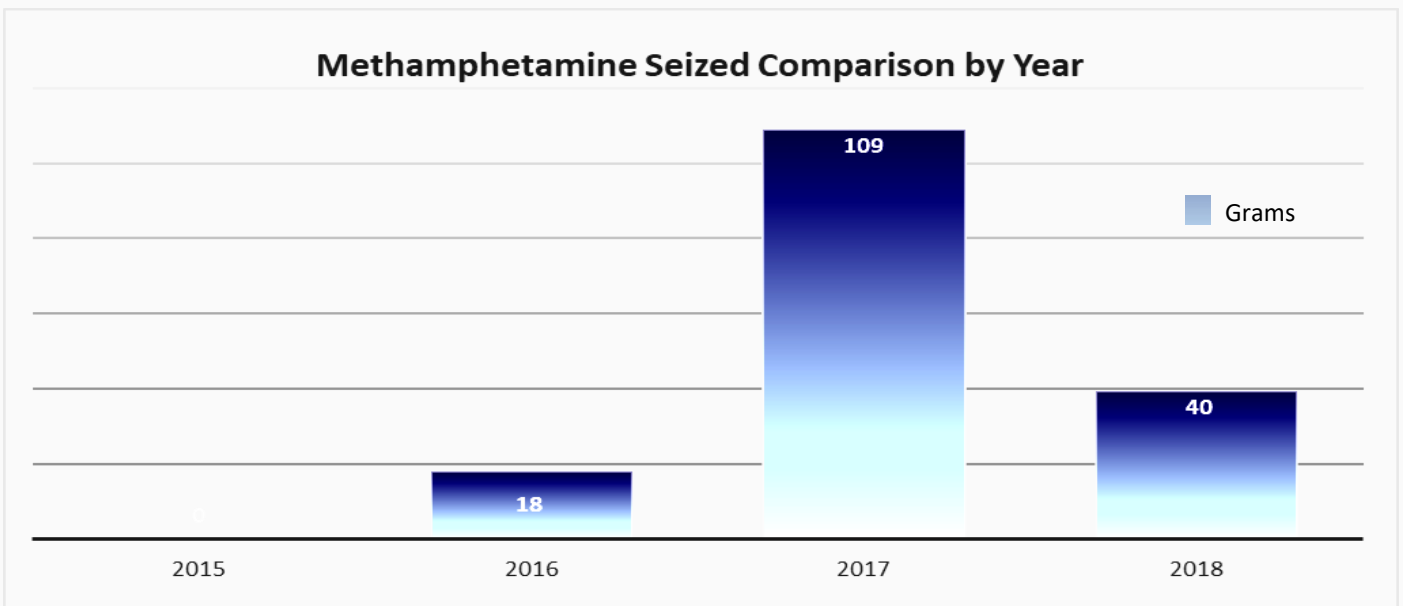
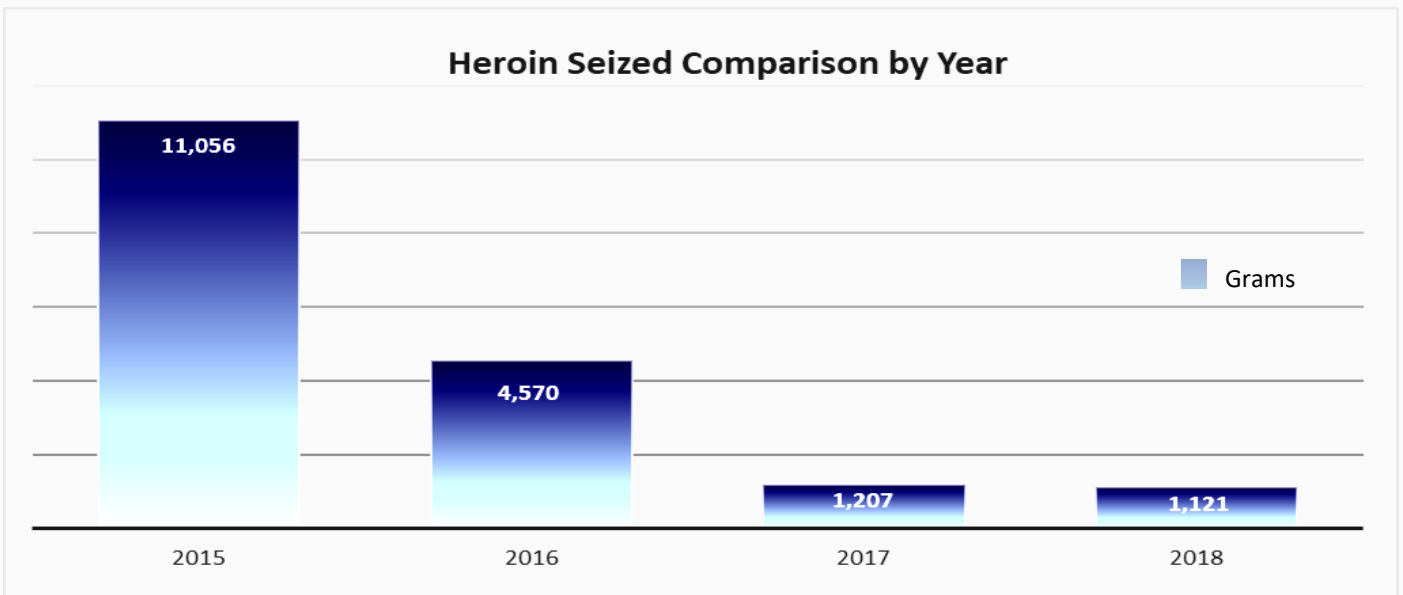
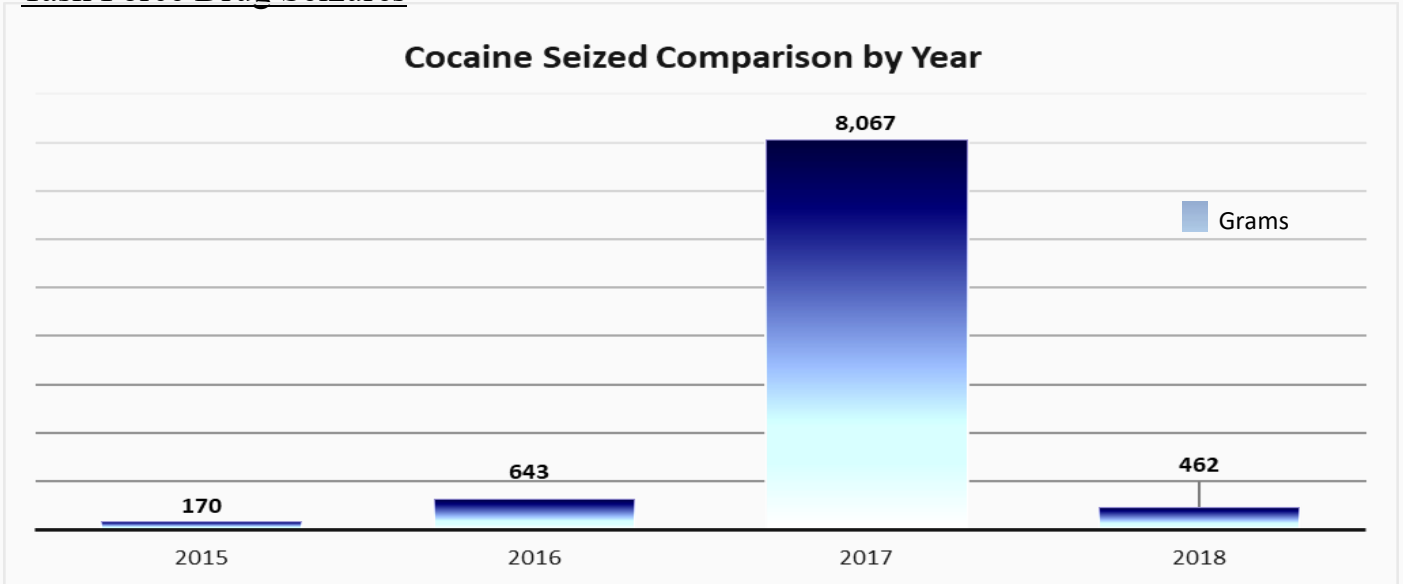


Firearms Seized Comparison by Year





Task Force Drug Seizures



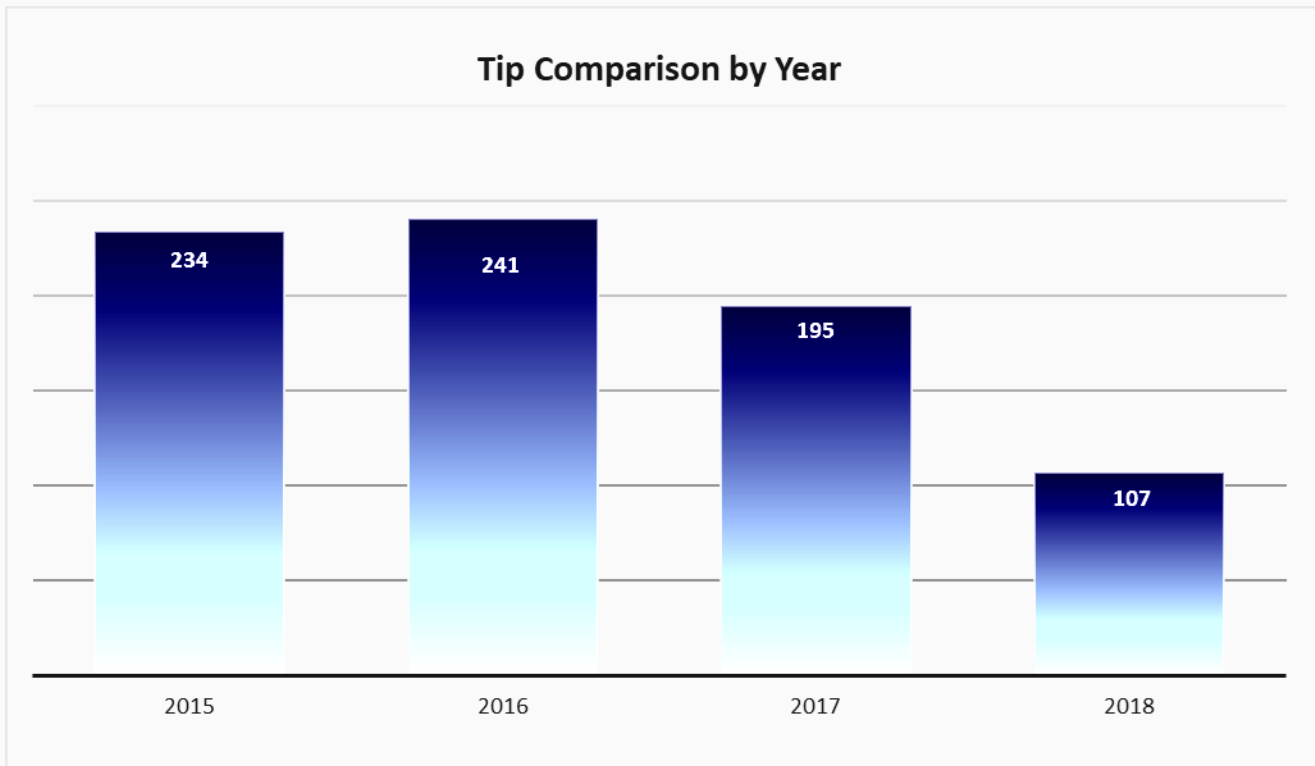


**High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area**

When drug trafficking becomes a major problem in a specific area, it may be designated as a **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)**. This allows that area to be eligible for extra resources that local law enforcement cannot provide on their own. Cecil County is designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. HIDTA’s goal is to address drug-related issues by supporting and collaborating with our law enforcement, treatment, and prevention partners. While utilizing HIDTA resources combined with the Cecil County Drug Task Force, 31 arrests were made, 17 firearms seized and 3 Drug Trafficking Organizations were dismantled.

**Tip Line**

No one knows your specific communities as well as you do. If something feels or looks suspicious, please call the CCDTF at **443-350-9125**, or in an emergency, your local law enforcement agency. All calls are handled with full confidentiality and callers remain anonymous. When you call please provide as much information as possible, including addresses, vehicle descriptions, and registration numbers. No piece of intelligence information is too small. If necessary you may leave a message, but we encourage you to call back until you can speak personally with an investigator. We document all drug tips.



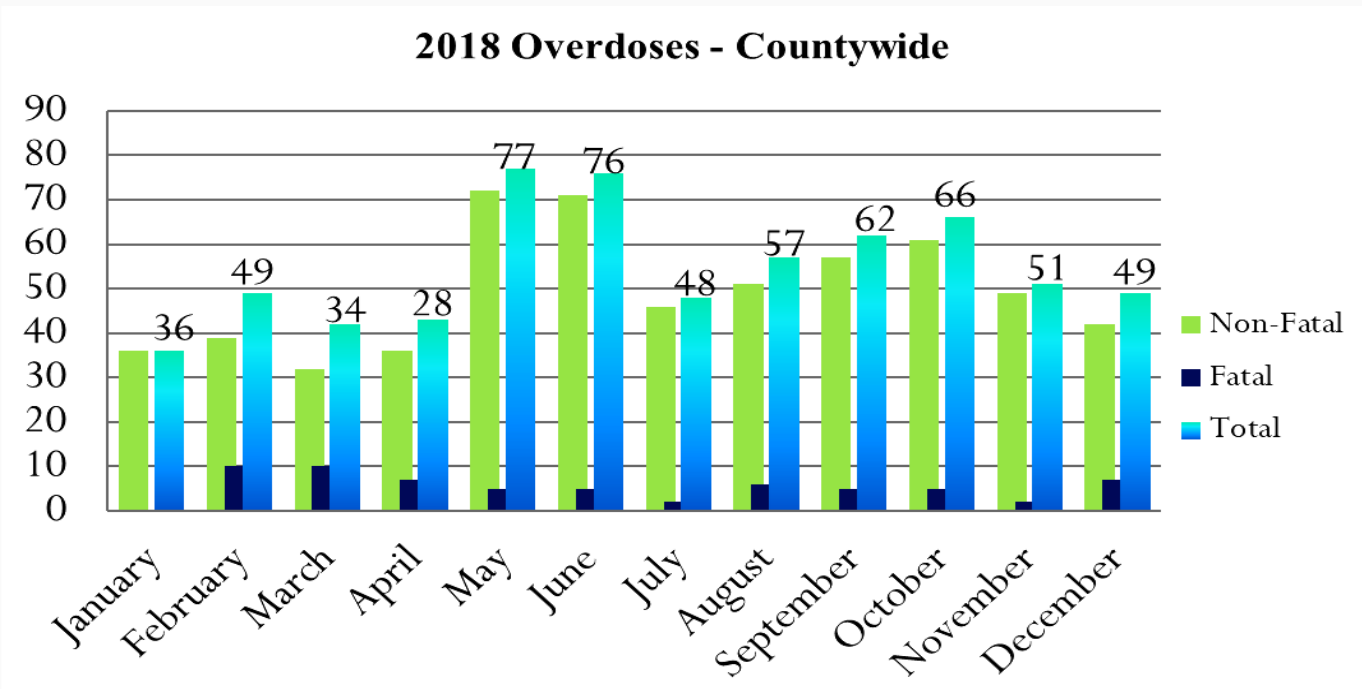
*The chart above represents the number of Tips that are either called into the Task Force office or are forwarded from other law enforcement personnel. Some of the Tips have led to a case being generated while others provide intelligence information for future cases*



### Heroin Coordinator

Through the Heroin Coordinator Grant Program funded by The Governor’s Office for Crime Control & Prevention, the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office has a designated Heroin Coordinator. The Heroin Coordinator enters all drug investigations, overdoses and drug arrests into High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program’s (HIDTA) database within 24 hours. Officers enter all overdoses into an electronic form that displays statistical results of the data. This method allows for the identification of trends and patterns in real time. The Heroin Coordinator works with the Drug Task Force and conducts in-service training for Sheriff’s Office Deputies. The training consists of proper data collection, discussing drug patterns and trends, and why evidence collection is important. In addition, the Heroin Coordinator assists the Health Department and law enforcement with Naloxone training.

#### Cecil County Overdoses Statistics



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fatal	0	10	10	7	5	5	2	6	5	5	2	7	64
Non-Fatal	36	39	32	36	72	71	46	51	57	61	49	42	592
Total	36	49	42	43	77	76	48	57	62	66	51	49	656

In Cecil County during the 2018 calendar year, 656 overdoses were reported – 93 percent involving opioids. Of those overdoses, 64 of them resulted in fatalities with 98 percent of the deaths being attributed to opioids. 88% of the Fatal Overdoses were caused by Fentanyl and or Fentanyl Related Substances and in 85% Poly Drug Use was a contributing factor. Approximately 50 Cecil County children had a parent fatally overdose in 2018.

**2017 / 2018 Comparison:** 14% Increase (589 vs 656) in Total Overdoses countywide, 17% Decrease (73 vs 64) in Fatal Overdoses countywide, 18% Increase (516 vs 592) in Non-Fatal Overdoses countywide.



## Street Level Crimes Unit

It is the mission of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Street Level Crimes Unit (SLCU) to aid the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Law Enforcement in providing safer communities throughout Cecil County through the gathering and application of criminal intelligence, and to apply that intelligence to efforts intended to prevent criminal activity as well as to stop any ongoing criminal activity. The Street Level Crimes Unit has responsibility for targeted enforcement in problem areas. They assist the Cecil County Drug Task Force in investigations and service of search and seizure warrants. They also work with K9 deputies, Patrol deputies and CID with selective enforcement and surveillance details

Below is a sample SLCU activities from 2018:

- Traffic Stops: 135
- K-9 Scans: 22
- CDS: 27
- Warrant Arrests: 24
- Citations: 194
- Traffic Arrests: 46
- Court Orders: 1 (GPS tracker for a vehicle)
- Search Warrants: 6 (4 cell phones, 2 residences)
- Safe Streets Ops: 3
- Firearms Seized: 6

One SLCU deputy is assigned to the Maryland State Apprehension Team which works in conjunction with the United States Marshal Service. This unit targets violent offenders trying to evade arrest. In 2018 the unit arrested 212 persons.



*On June 21, 2017, at approximately 11:00 AM, Deputy First Class Joseph Kenley, and Senior Deputy First Class Joseph Costa of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Street Level Crimes Unit conducted a traffic stop and seized 1510 baggies of heroin.*



## School Resource Unit

The School Resource Unit consists of one Sergeant and three Deputies. The Unit provides security, investigation services, and drug abuse prevention programs in the school systems in Cecil County outside the incorporated towns. The unit investigated 151 cases generated within the school system, arresting 52 juveniles, including 8 for controlled dangerous substance possession, 1 for alcohol violation, and 17 for assault. 8 students were transported for emergency evaluation, 55 were issued tobacco violation citations, and 15 non-reportable crashes were handled. The DARE program was presented to 550 students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and supplemental opioid lesson to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

School Resource Officers take an interactive approach with students at their schools. They not only investigate crimes in the schools but also participate in a variety of activities including the following:

- Drug prevention and alcohol prevention. The DARE program was presented to 550 students in the sixth grade.
- Coordinate and implement active shooter civilian response training (ALICE). The School Resource Unit along with the Community Resource Unit began the implementation of the ALICE Program training for Cecil County Public School (CCPS) staff. CCPS staff from twelve school buildings, along with the Central Office and the Administrative Services were trained with positive results.
- Provide police security at home football and basketball games, school dances and graduation ceremonies/celebrations.

The School Resource Officers maintain an open and honest relationship with students, which promote a positive image of law enforcement. These officers de-escalate incidents before becoming potentially dangerous and often prevent situations from occurring.





### Central Records



Under the Criminal Investigations Division, Central Records is responsible for all aspects of document control within the Sheriff's Office. The key role is to maintain the integrity of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office records. Central Records is staffed by one Administrative Assistant and one full-time Office Services

Specialist. Central Records is the repository for all reported crimes, suspected crimes, traffic accidents, arrests, injuries, fatalities and all other incidents or events maintained within the Sheriff's Office. Personnel receive specific training due to the complexity of State Statutes.

Providing service and information to the public is a vital part of Central Records. The public can request information and assistance from Records during business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Expungement

Central Records is also responsible for the expungement from files. Expungement means that information about a criminal offense is removed from court and law enforcement records. In Maryland, a petition, or formal request, must be filed with the court where the crime occurred. A judge must determine whether the petition can be granted. Once the peti-



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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*The Cecil County Sheriff's Office accepts Checks or Money Orders only!*

*Cash or credit cards will not be accepted.*





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### Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division is comprised of several different units and areas including Fleet Management, Professional Standards, Central Records, Human Resources, Property & Evidence, Civil Processing Unit, Warrants, Court Security Unit and the Community Resources Unit. This division helps to fulfill the Sheriff’s Office mission. The goal of the Administrative Services Division is to provide essential support for the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office and the community.

#### Professional Standards

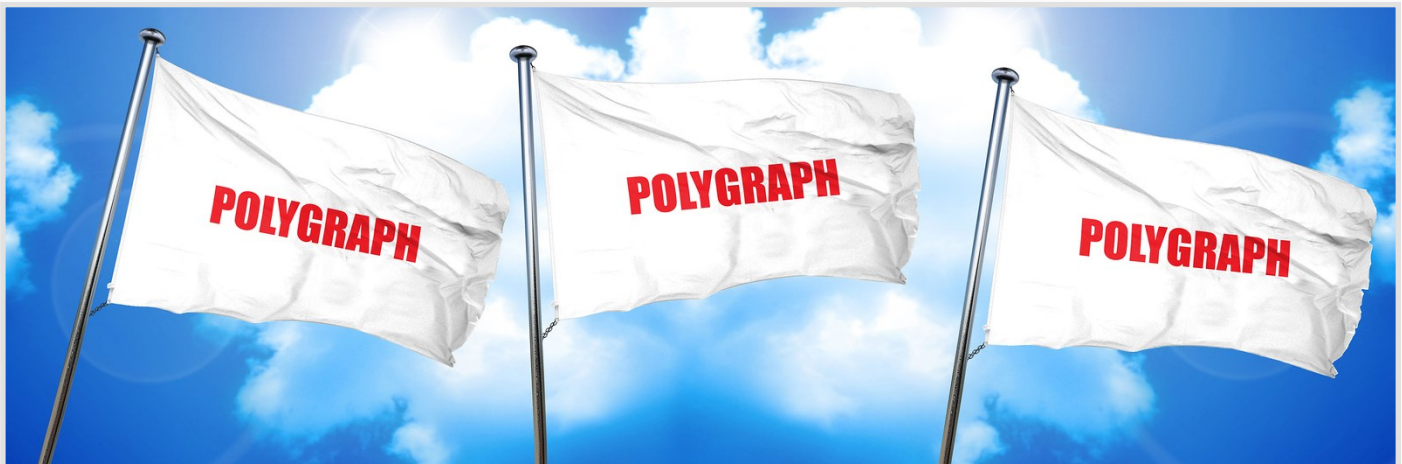
Professional Standards provides the Sheriff’s Office with the highest quality personnel, training, resources and standards to improve the delivery of police services. Professional Standard’s major function is receiving, processing, and investigating complaints made against members of the Sheriff’s Office. It is essential that all allegations of misconduct are thoroughly and objectively investigated to assure the public that official misconduct will not be tolerated. The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office is committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community to improve the quality of life in Cecil County.



#### Polygraph Services

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office utilizes polygraph examinations in criminal investigations, internal affairs inquiries and pre-employment selection processes. Because employees of the Sheriff’s Office have access to sensitive, even protected information, and they hold positions of trust in the law enforcement community, it is imperative for the Sheriff’s Office to hire only those applicants that display high integrity. The Administrative Services Division is responsible for conducting background investigations on potential employees to ensure that the Sheriff’s Office hires only the best-qualified applicants into positions of trust. A polygraph examination is an integral component of this investigative process. Additionally, polygraph examinations are used in conjunction with criminal investigations and internal affairs inquiries to verify the truthfulness of subjects' statements

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## Human Resources

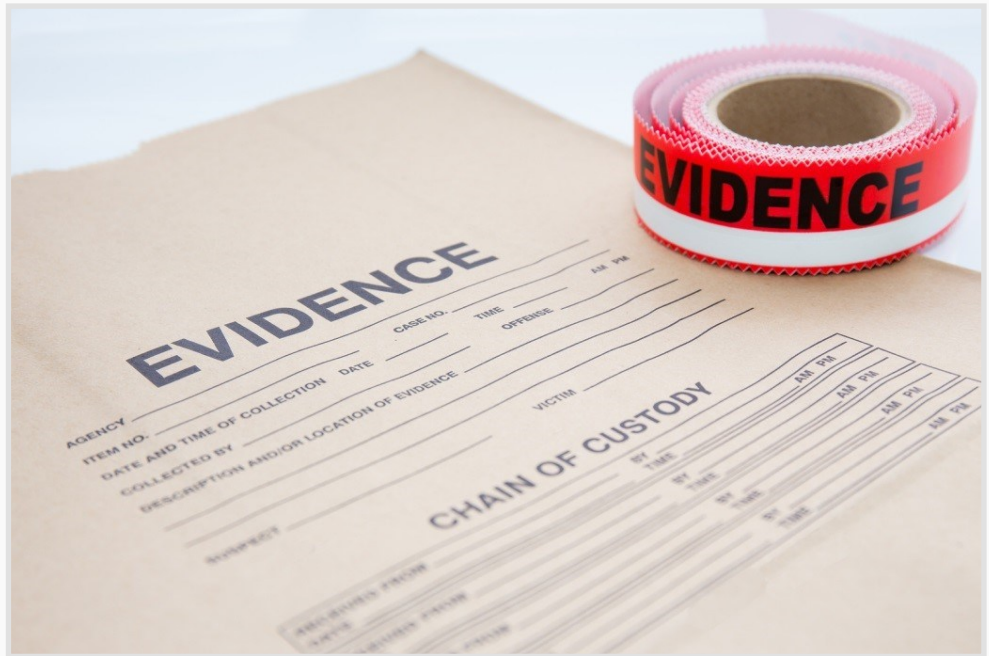
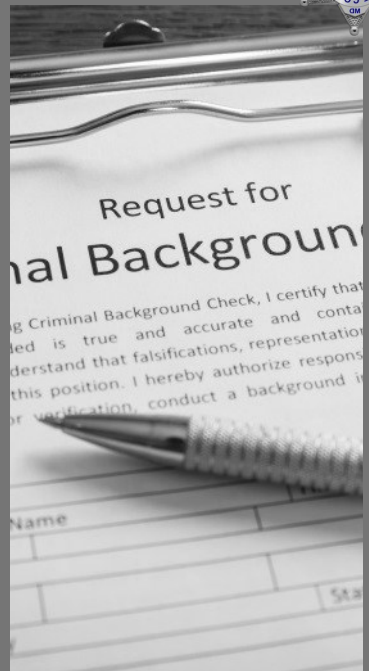
Human Resources is responsible for all management functions related to recruitment, applicant and promotional testing, and background investigations. Human Resources is the primary liaison with the Cecil County Government. The Sheriff's Office works together with the Cecil County Human Resources Department to manage issues of policy and procedure, risk assessment, worker compensation claims, performance evaluations and promotional processes.

## Quartermaster

The Quartermaster maintains inventory and supplies for most functions within the Sheriff's Office. The quartermaster is responsible for the general oversight of the Sheriff's Office equipment and supply function, to include, issuing equipment and other supplies to personnel and maintaining inventory records.

## Property and Evidence Control

Evidence and Property Control is responsible for the proper collection, control, storage, release and disposal of all property and evidence, which comes under the control of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a proper chain of custody for all items of evidence including transfers to outside laboratories for additional testing, return to the submitting agency, and transfer to Property Control for storage. Property and Evidence Control's primary assignment is to accept, log, classify, store, dispense, destroy and release property and evidence to its rightful owner, for court presentation and/or for destruction. This unit also acts as a liaison between the department and other state and local law enforcement agencies.



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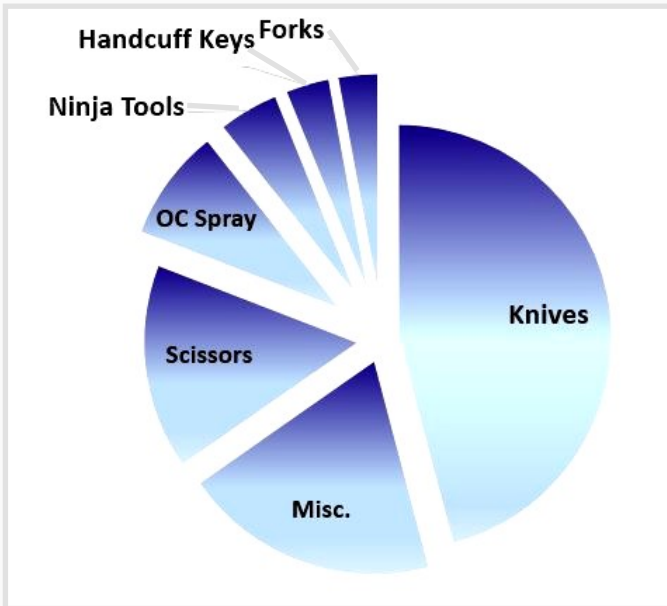
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## Court Security Unit

The Sheriff's Office provides security for the Circuit Court building. The unit is staffed by 4 full time and 5 contractual deputies. All employees and persons entering the building are screened by deputies each time they enter. 85, 786 persons were screened during the calendar year before admittance to the court house; 439 knives, 149 pair of scissors, 186 miscellaneous prohibited items, 81 canisters of OC spray, 28 metal forks, 31 handcuff keys, and 43 ninja tools were prevented from being brought into the building.

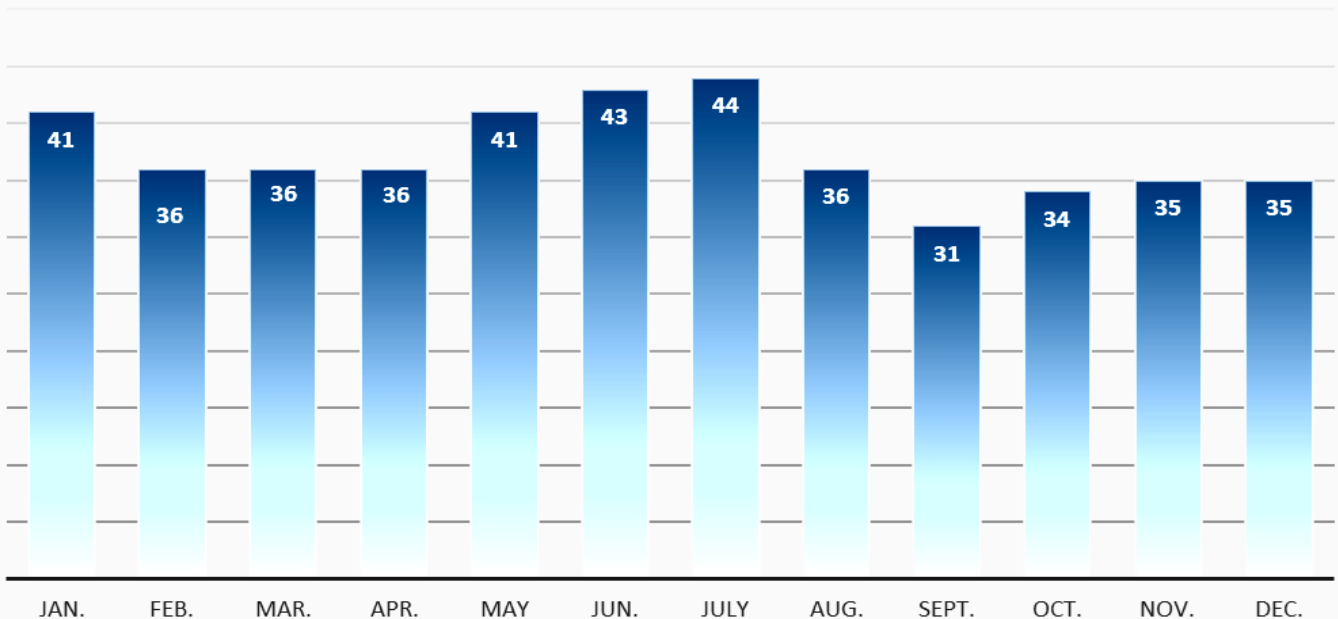
The unit also provided security for 448 weddings at the Cecil County Courthouse during 2018, totaling 3052 people. Deputies also assist court bailiffs to help maintain order in the four court rooms during court proceedings.



### Percentage of Seized Property

- Knives—46%
- MISC—19%
- Scissors—16%
- OC Spray—8%
- Ninja Tools—4.5%
- Handcuff Keys—3.5%
- Forks—3%

### 2018 Security Provided for Courthouse Weddings





## Civil Process Unit

The Civil Process Unit falls under the Administrative Services Division. Its purpose and function is to serve legal court papers. The Civil Process Unit is comprised of four deputies. These deputies are responsible for serving all civil papers issued by the courts. Examples of these papers include jury summonses, court subpoenas, criminal subpoenas, and evictions.

The Civil Process Unit also conducts Sheriff's Sales.

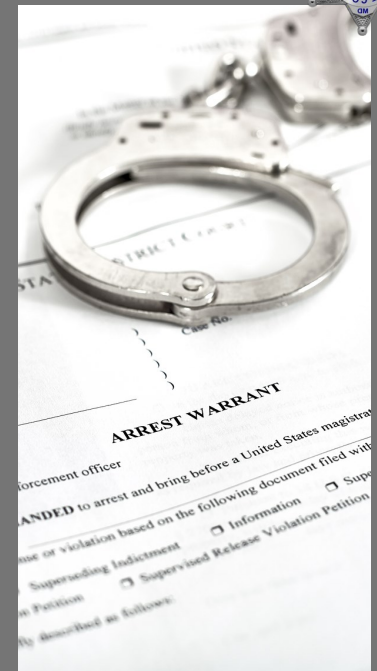
### Warrants Unit

The Warrants Unit is responsible for entering and maintaining records of warrants received and keep open lines of communication with allied agencies.

All patrol deputies are responsible for serving warrants. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office receives and process approximately 70 new warrants each month and maintains approximately 3,900 Active Wanted Persons files. These files are updated and maintained in accordance with FBI guidelines.

The Warrant Unit is also responsible for maintaining the National Crime Information Center Database (NCIC) for the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. NCIC is a computerized index of criminal justice information (i.e.- criminal record history information, fugitives, stolen properties, missing persons). It is available to federal, state, and local law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies and is operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Civil Process		YTD Total	YTD Total	YTD Total	% Served	% Served	% Served
		2016	2017	2018	2018	2017	2016
Evictions	Received	1465	1394	1465			
	Served	399	424	430			
	Canceled/ Non-Est.	1063	1118	1102			
Foreclosures	Received	46	46	31	81%	100%	50%
	Served	23	48	25			
ABR	Received	121	149	130	44%	38%	47%
	Served	57	57	57			
Peace Orders	Received	168	198	199			
	Served	92	114	114			
	Non-Est.	78	85	87			
Rent Papers	Received	4787	5213	5481	99%	100%	100%
	Served	4787	5275	5479			
Police Subpeanas	Received	6143	5722	2183	100%	100%	100%
	Served	6143	5722	2183			
Misc/Overall	Received	14823	13295	10177			
	Served	5760	5556	4411			
	Attempted	5516	6903	5845			
Total Received		27553	26017	19666	65%	66%	62%
Total Served		17204	17196	12699			



*87% of all warrants were served in 2018. A 4% increase from 2017.*



Warrants, Criminal Summons, Protection Orders		2018 Total	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total	% served	% served	% served	% served
		2018	2017	2016	2015	2018	2017	2016	2015
Criminal Summons	Received	322	313	383	401	63%	73%	51%	70%
	Served	201	228	195	280				
Protection Orders	Received	1363	1311	870	832	34%	28%	38%	44%
	Served	457	365	327	369				
Warrants	Received	2736	2745	2347	2561	87%	83%	95%	90%
	Served	2370	2274	2237	2296				
TOTAL Received		4421	4369	3600	3794				



## Community Resources Unit

It is the mission of the Community Resources Unit (CRU) to develop and enhance the bonds between the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and the residents of Cecil County through education, community policing and crime prevention initiatives. The Sheriff's Office strives for excellence in policing by partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life.

In an effort to provide the highest quality of services to our community, the Sheriff's Office organizes and administers the following community-based programs in 2018:

- The **Police Explorer Program** is a career-oriented program that gives young adults ages 14 through 20 years old the opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement by working with local law enforcement agencies. Explorers learn the skills needed to develop character and leadership and a better understanding of what society requires in order for them to grow into responsible, productive citizens.

- The **ALICE** (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training is the preeminent training available for civilians in response to Armed Intruder / Active Killers. CRU Deputies assisted by members of the Street Level Crimes Unit, (SLCU) trained more than 1,000 CCPS staff completing the program in 2018. Full scale A.L.I.C.E. drills were conducted at 10 schools from March to October. CRU worked with the schools to modify safety policies regarding A.L.I.C.E. to have instructors observe school initiated A.L.I.C.E. drills at all CCPS schools twice annually. Assistance was provided to the Newark, Delaware Police Department in training approximately 150 teachers and staff of the Christina School District from Newark High School. A.L.I.C.E. training continued for Cecil County Government staff; approximately 100 attended.



*Deputies from the Cecil County Sheriff's Office were recognized by the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and Maryland Sheriffs' Association as Maryland's 2017 Deputies of the Year for Community Service. The group was recognized for their work in support of delivering ALICE training to thousands of people in 2017.*

- **Nextdoor.com** is a great tool to keep communities aware of local events and situations. Over 6500 citizens in Cecil County are registered and using Nextdoor every day to help keep their neighborhoods safe.
- **National Night Out** is a program that encourages neighbors to gather together and get to know each other on a more personal level while also meeting with community leaders, police and fire department personnel. CRU and CCSO K9 members participated in a National Night Out Tour in partnership with the Elkton and North East Town Police Departments. K9 and UAV demonstrations were conducted in Elkton, North East and finally Charlestown, MD for several hundred residents.
- **Ask the Sheriff** is an opportunity for residents of Cecil County to ask questions directly to Sheriff Adams about any aspect of the operations of the Sheriff's Office.
- **"Fugitive Friday"** was created in partnership with the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT). It is posted on the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Facebook page weekly. Since April 17, 2018, 30 apprehensions have been made and three persons turned themselves in. Investigations have been closed by posting photos and video of suspects, including a shoplifting case, which was closed with a confession within two hours of the post. The CCSO Facebook account has been very useful to communicate with the public.



## Community Events and Outreach

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office strives for excellence in policing by providing community outreach to Cecil County Citizens. We are always looking for new opportunities in which we can impact our community and strengthen our partnership. Newly hired deputies are now mandated to spend at least one shift at a Community Resources Unit event to ensure that they all have good communication skills to interact with the public in a nontraditional law enforcement setting.

- The Cecil County Sheriff's Office set up a booth at the Cecil County Fair
- CRU assisted and coordinated a combined Trunk or Treat / National Drug Take-Back Day attended by several hundred residents in partnership with the County Health Department.
- Deputies from the Cecil County Sheriff's Office start growing their beards and mustaches to raise money for Camp Open Arms. This is the Sheriff's Office's third year raising money for this life-changing camp focused on kids born with limb disabilities. The Sheriff's Office raised over \$26,000 for this year. This year heightened involvement through local restaurants and businesses getting involved by making challenge donations to other local establishments.
- The Cecil County Sheriff's Office supported its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Shop With A Cop to benefit at-risk children. The mission of this event is *"to work cooperatively and enthusiastically to provide a memorable experience for the youth of Cecil County and to foster the relationships between youth, their families, and law enforcement."*
- Summer Literacy Reading Tour at North East Elementary School and multiple locations in North East area.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CCSO 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament hosted at the Tri State Christian Academy in Elkton. Approximately 60 teens from across the county participated.
- National Coffee With a Cop Day event at the Cecil County Administration Building with over 200 people in attendance over a two hour period).
- In addition, CCSO participated in the following community events: Cops of Rooftops fundraiser for the MD Special Olympics, Drug Recovery Walk, Fire Prevention and Fire Equipment display in North East, Wreaths across America, Holly Tree Lighting in Perryville, Christmas Caroling with teaches of North East Elementary School and CRU handed out candy canes to people along Pulaski Hwy. in Elkton on Christmas Eve.



Cecil County Fair 2018



3 on 3 Basketball Tournament championship teams.



CCSO and the Cecil County Department of Community Services co-hosted our first ever Coffee With A Cop.



### Administrative Officer

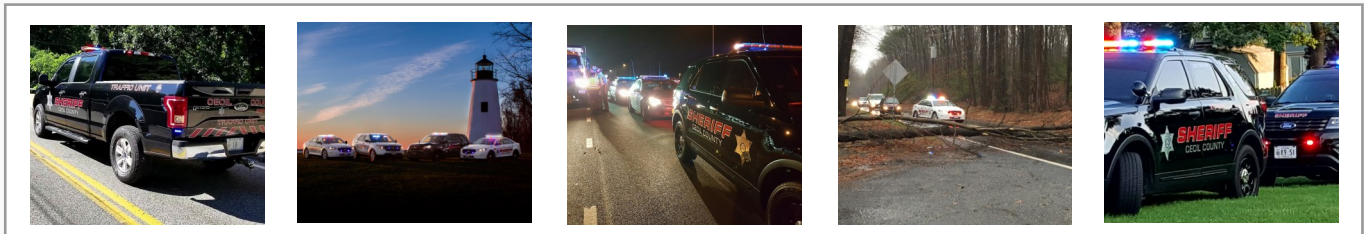


**Sergeant Angel Valle**  
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The Administrative Officer has oversight of Building Security, implements the Sheriff's Office Firearms Program, is responsible for Academy Recruits, is the Information Technology Liaison and the Records Management System Manager. Additionally, this position is responsible for Fleet Management. This position is an integral part of the Sheriff's Office and manages diverse assignments.

#### Fleet Management

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office has approximately 105 vehicles that includes Patrol Cars, Traffic Safety Vehicles, Investigation Vehicles, Police Service Technician Vehicle and Emergency Command Vehicles in its fleet. The ultimate goal and responsibility of Fleet Management is to provide our officers with safe and reliable vehicles to respond to emergencies. The Administrative Officer ensures the vehicles are inspected, repaired and maintained according to a rigorous, preventive maintenance schedule designed around their severe duty use. The Administrative Officer is also responsible for accident repairs, budgeting, special vehicle projects, driver assignments, used vehicle disposal and any other aspects of operating our emer-







## Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office SUAS (small unmanned aircraft systems) flies in support of the following operations: situational awareness, search and rescue, tactical deployments, aerial visual perspectives for crowd control and traffic incident management, temporary perimeter security, crime scene documentation, collision scene documentation, and disaster response.



The Sheriff's Office currently has 6 personnel with remote pilot licenses under the FAA's Small Unmanned Aircraft Rule (Part 107). Three additional deputies are in training to obtain their license.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office has 2 certificates of waiver granted by the FAA. The first waiver is the ability to enter into Aberdeen Proving Grounds class E airspace which borders a limited amount of the west end of the county (2017-ESA-737-P107) – at or below 400 feet AGL and under the jurisdiction of the KAPG control tower. The second waiver allows for nighttime operations under 14 CFR, part 107.29.

The Sheriff's Office currently operates 5 drones. One drone is to specifically support indoor operations, with the other 4 designed for outdoor flights. The Sheriff's Office SUAS also have low light cameras, along with FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared), or thermal capabilities. This allows the Sheriff's Office to search for persons or objects giving off a heat signature during low light or nighttime conditions.





## Cecil County Sheriff's Office SUAS flew in support of the following missions in 2018:

- FBI, Aberdeen Proving Ground – Barricaded Subject
- Search for lost, elderly dementia patient – subject located in good health
- Assist DNR Police with Rockfish Violations at Conowingo Dam
- Assist with Homicide Scene Documentation – Port Flats
- Assist Drug Task Force with Surveillance
- Assist MSP with search for illegal operations
- Assist MSP with double fatal collision – Route 40 at DE Avenue
- Assist MSP with High Risk Felony Warrant Service
- Assist DNR/MSP with search in Fairhill area for a man with a gun
- Assist U.S. Marshals/MSAT with search for stabbing suspect – apprehended in the woods while being surveilled by the SUAS.
- Assist CCSO and NCCPD with search for stolen property
- Assist EPA with an environmental violation in the county
- Provided aerial support for ALICE drills at the following schools.:
  - Cherry Hill Middle
  - Bainbridge Elementary
  - Bo Manor High School
  - Cecil Manor Elementary
  - Conowingo Elementary
  - Elk Neck Elementary
  - Kenmore Elementary
  - Thompson Estates Elementary





## Professional Development

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office is committed to delivering exceptional law enforcement training to both sworn and professional staff in order to provide proficient service in the community we serve.

### Training Stats for CCSO 2018

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office deputies attended 4624 hours of training provided by outside agencies. The Sheriff's Office proved an additional 576 hours of in-service/in-house training. Each deputy must obtain 18 hours of in-service training per the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission.

**Examples of outside agency classes:** ALICE (Active Shooter) Instructor School, Crisis Intervention Training, Court Security, Historical Cellsite Analysis, Social Media Investigations, Hostage Negotiations, SWAT School, Intelligence Gathering, Advanced Vehicle Contraband Concealment, School Safety, Interview and Interrogation, Responding to Mass Casualty Incidents, Top Gun, Advanced Crash Investigation, Death Notifications, Residential and Commercial Crime Prevention, Assault in the Digital Age.

**Examples of outside agency classes:** Firearms, OC Spray, ASP Baton, Taser

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office hosted three FBI Leadership Institute Schools that were 40 hours in length for supervisors, command and executives. Seventeen Sheriff's Office personnel graduated from these academies, as well as attendees from federal, state, and local agencies from all over the Mid-Atlantic area.



*Picture Left:* Captain Steve Brownhill upon his graduation from the FBI National Academy with Sheriff Scott Adams. Captain Brownhill is the first CCSO Deputy ever to attend this intensive 10 week residential program that brings law enforcement leaders from all 50 states as well as countries from around the world to Quantico. The Captain earned his part of The Yellow Brick Road and has set the bar high for future CCSO students.

*Picture Right:* Sergeant Adam Streight and Sergeant Michael Kalinsky on graduating from the NJ State Chiefs of Police Association's Command & Leadership Academy. This 14 week graduate level class was developed in partnership with the United States Military Academy at West Point to advance law enforcement leaders to the next level. Pictured from left to right: Captain Steve Brownhill, Sgt. Streight, Sgt. Kalinsky, and Lieutenant Joe Wilson.





## Deputy of the Year



In 2017, Senior Deputy Minker was assigned to the Cecil County Sheriff's Office School Resource Unit, spending his duty day in his assigned Cecil County Public Schools. During this time, Senior Deputy Minker was assigned a number of cases. Each investigation was handled with compassion for the victim(s) as well as the parents and family members affected by the investigation. Every assignment Senior Deputy Minker received in 2017 has been investigated thoroughly and completely.

Along with handling his usual assignments Senior Deputy Minker spent countless hours mentoring and counseling students at his assigned schools as well as teaching the D.A.R.E. program at Bo Manor Middle School. He taught one marking period at Tri-State Christian Academy, which had not previously had D.A.R.E. until he approached them and convinced them of the importance of offering the program. Senior Deputy Minker takes every opportunity to have positive interaction with his students, which in today's climate is crucial in breaking down the negative publicity we receive in law enforcement.

Since Senior Deputy Minker has been assigned to the School Resource Unit, his relationship with School personnel along with school administration has been outstanding. Senior Deputy Minker is always willing to help his fellow School Resource Unit Members, as well as other investigators and deputies of the Sheriff's Office.

To emphasize the mentoring that Senior Deputy Minker does, over the past two 1/2 years he has spent countless hours mentoring two young men whose father is in prison. During that time, he has spent his own money and his own time taking them to numerous sports events both professional and minor league. He also convinced the YMCA to add these 2 young men to his personal account so they could swim there whenever their Grandmother, who cares for them, can get them there. In one instance one of these young men was the victim of a serious crime, Senior Deputy Minker took it upon himself to help the family navigate the entire process, and to ensure this young man got the services he would need. Senior Deputy Minker has become an extended family member to these young men and their Grandmother. When one of the boy's mothers overdosed and passed Senior Deputy Minker was one of the first calls the Grandmother made and he responded immediately to assist. Senior Deputy Minker has exemplified what it means to set a positive role model for these and many other youth in his schools.

Senior Deputy Minker also was key in starting a youth support group at Bo Manor called R.A.F.T., which stands Rising Above Family Troubles. This group spawned from his presentations about Opioid abuse to the Freshman Health classes. When presenting Senior Deputy Minker noticed that the youth needed a place they could talk without judgement about how Opioid abuse has affected their families. With cooperation from the school, Senior Deputy Minker helped start this support group, which now meets on a regular basis and has become a healthy outlet for the group to process their feelings and emotions. This group meets outside of school hours and Senior Deputy Minker attends on his personal time.

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office Policy lists (in part) the criteria for the Deputy of the Year Award as "the individual who personifies what a deputy should be." Senior Deputy Minker is just that, a Senior Deputy younger deputies can look up to, ask questions of, and aspire to be like.



## Performance Awards

### Life Saving Award

On January 11, 2017, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to assist the Maryland State Police with a subject in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in Chesapeake City, after the subject fell from a boat. Sergeant Arthur Walmsley and Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne started to that location. Based on the information provided and not being completely sure as to the location of the victim Sergeant Walmsley responded the south side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal as Deputy First Class Wathne responded to the North Side. Sergeant Walmsley could hear the subject in the water screaming for help and was able to locate the subject at the Schaefer's Canal House dock, holding on for his life. Sergeant Walmsley began directing responding deputies to the location of the victim as he kept watch of the victim until deputies could get to him. Deputy First Class Wathne arriving on scene first was able to locate the subject with the assistance and direction of Sgt Walmsley. Without hesitation, Deputy First Class Wathne pulled the victim from the subzero water, with the assistance of a Maryland State Trooper and prior to EMS arrival. Due to the quick response and actions taken that day, Sergeant Walmsley and Deputy First Class Wathne certainly saved the subjects life.

Without rescue from the frigid water, the subject would most certainly have succumbed to the cold-water exposure. Pulling a subject from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal is a dangerous situation even from the docks at Schaefer's Canal House. As the tide ebbs and flows through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal the current can easily have enough force to pull a person into the water as they are struggling to pull a victim from the water. The subject was transported by Cecil County EMS to Christiana Hospital with Hypothermia and made a full recovery.

**Cecil County Policy and Procedure define the criteria for the Life Saving Award as:** A Deputy who extraordinarily participates in the saving of a human life by physical rescue or through the administration of first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Clearly, the actions of Sergeant Walmsley and Deputy First Class Wathne demonstrate a physical rescue that saved a person's life. Sergeant Arthur Walmsley and Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne's job ethic and dedication to is a credit to themselves and a positive reflection of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office.



Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne



Sergeant Arthur Walmsley



## Performance Awards



### Top Producer—CDS Arrests

During the calendar year 2017, Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne of the Patrol Division, was the agency top producer, with Twenty-three CDS Arrests. He performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2017, Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.



### Top Producer—DUI/DWI Arrests

During the calendar year 2017, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe of the Patrol Division/Traffic Unit, was the agency top producer, with Eighteen DUI/DWI Arrests. Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2017, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.



### Top Producer—Criminal Arrests

During the calendar year 2017, Deputy First Class Charles Dix of the Patrol Division, was the agency top producer, with Thirty-eight Criminal Arrests. Deputy First Class Charles Dix performed his duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2017, Deputy First Class Charles Dix continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.



### Top Producer—Warrant Arrests

During the calendar year 2017, Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne of the Patrol Division, was the agency top producer, with One hundred Seventy Warrant Arrests. Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2017, Deputy First Class Jeffrey Wathne continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.



### Top Producer—Motor Vehicle Citations

During the calendar year 2017, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe of the Patrol Division/Traffic Unit, was the agency top producer, with 1630 Motor vehicle Citations issued. Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2017, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.



Performance Awards



Sheriff Salute—Deputy First Class Michael O’Donnell

Throughout the year, Deputy First Class Michael O’Donnell has shown a professional attitude and maintains a good relationship with his peers, his supervisors, and the public. His work ethic has had a positive effect on those he works with. Deputy First Class O’Donnell is a well-rounded deputy and consistently stays proactive in his daily duties. He boasts the highest overall statistics of his patrol squad. When Deputy First Class O’Donnell is given or volunteers for an assignment, it is completed efficient and expeditiously.



Sheriff Salute—Senior Deputy Joseph Brewer

Senior Deputy Joseph Brewer is a model Deputy who sets the highest standards for himself ethically and morally. Though relationships with allied agencies have had their trials and tribulations, Senior Deputy Joseph Brewer has always maintained an outstanding working relationship with them. Senior Deputy Joseph Brewer’s dedication to his job and his work quality is a credit to himself and positive reflection of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office.



Sheriff Salute—Senior Deputy John Lines

Senior Deputy John Lines should be recognized for performing his duties in an exemplary manner and displaying initiative to do a thorough investigation and making an arrest and recovering three stolen firearms in a timely manner. His professionalism and devotion to his duty as a Sheriff’s Deputy went beyond the expectations of his normal duty assignment and his investigation skills ultimately kept firearms from being used in other crimes. This incident ultimately led to the closure of another burglary case that was being investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division.



Sheriff Salute—Senior Deputy Michael O’Donnell  
*(far left picture)*

Sheriff Salute—Deputy First Class Myles Tornetta  
*(middle picture)*

Sheriff Salute—Senior Deputy Michael Thomas  
*(right picture)*

On August 9, 2017, Deputy First Class Michael O’Donnell was assigned to investigate a theft of vehicle parts at B&H Auto, located at 1500 Pulaski Highway in Elkton. The thefts had been repeatedly occurring for over a month. Over the next two days, Deputy First Class O’Donnell, assisted by Deputy First Class Myles Tornetta and Senior Deputy Michael Thomas conducted a surveillance operation and subsequently caught two suspects in the act of stealing property from the business. The deputies located, and returned to the owner, approximately \$1,650 worth of stolen parts. Deputy First Class O’Donnell obtained confessions and charges two suspects with the thefts. Their tenacity and patience resulted in the successful arrest of two thieves and demonstrated to a local business owner, the professionalism, dedication, and pride that the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office strives for in serving the community. Deputy First Class Michael O’Donnell, Deputy First Class Myles Tornetta and Senior Deputy Michael Thomas performed their duties in an exemplary manner and displayed initiative, professionalism and devotion to duty that is beyond the expectations of their normal duty assignment.



## Performance Awards

### Sheriff Salute—Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe



In 2016, Deputy First Class McCabe was the top producer in the agency for citations and traffic arrests. He was also tied for top performer in CDS arrests. In 2017, Deputy First Class McCabe pushed himself even further with his production in all categories related to traffic. Deputy First Class McCabe also decided to embark in the field of Collision Reconstruction by attending and completing Advanced Collision Investigation. Deputy First Class McCabe was assigned to investigate a vehicular manslaughter case and quickly learned to balance his normal work schedule and duty assignments while completing this thorough investigation. Deputy First Class McCabe attended and successfully completed Field Training Officer School. During 2017, Deputy First Class McCabe assisted with field training two deputies. In Deputy First Class McCabe's first two years as a deputy, he has proven to be an asset to the Cecil County Sheriff's Office

### Sheriff Salute Unit Citation—ALICE



Members of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office have been trained as A.L.I.C.E. instructors. A core group of those members over the last year was tasked with organizing and designing an A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Escape) training program for Cecil County residents, with an eventual emphasis on the Cecil County Public Schools. Here are some of the numbers at a glance for what this dedicated team of Deputies accomplished while still maintaining their primary roles as members of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office:

Cecil County Public School Employees Taught: 1,081; Private School Teachers and Staff Taught: 150; Students Taught: 125 (Explorers and West Nottingham Academy); County Staff: 340; Sandy Cove Ministries: 300; Private Employers: 115.

Working in partnership with county business owners, the Cecil County Public Schools, Cecil County Government and a number of private schools, the group has instructed over 2,000 individuals to date in Cecil County in these lifesaving skills and began to change the way our community looks at and reacts to active shooter situations. By the end of 2017, all of Cecil County Public School staff have been trained in ALICE thanks to the dedication of these individuals as well as others. This group has formed integral relationships in the community through the A.L.I.C.E. instruction program and helps to portray the Sheriff's Office in a positive light. They have received numerous complements and do a fantastic job instructing the class.

While there are multiple instructors, the core group consists of Lieutenant Joseph Wilson; Sergeant Michael Kalinsky; Sergeant Harold Creek; Corporal Matthew Sutton; Corporal Joseph Costa; Senior Deputy Joseph Kenley; Senior Deputy Matthew Blailock; Senior Deputy Derek Minker; Senior Deputy Stavros Plagi-anakos.





### Agency Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals who earned promotions during 2018. Each of the individuals who were promoted completed a competitive qualification, testing and selection process.

#### Promoted to Deputy First Class

- Brandon Sadler
- Charles Dix
- Brian Bravo
- Robert Freyer
- Jonathan Douglas
- David Fitzgerald
- Carson White
- Jonathan Lewis
- Kyle Pattman

#### Promoted to Senior Deputy

- Joseph Kenley
- Jonathan Wight
- Tyler Price

#### Promoted to Corporal

- Joseph Brewer
- Jeremy Strohecker

#### Promoted to Sergeant

- James Keller



*Sheriff Adams with Sergeant James Keller. Sgt. Keller is a Crash Reconstructionist and Squad Supervisor.*

*Sheriff Adams with Cpl. Joe Brewer. The Corporal is a K9 handler assigned to Patrol.*

*Sheriff Adams with Cpl. Jeremy Strohecker. Cpl. Strohecker is currently an Investigator in CID.*



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 Non-Emergency: (410) 996-5500

**Detention Center**  
 (410) 996-5800

**Community Corrections**  
 (410) 996-5810

**Drug Task Force**  
 (443) 350-9125

### **Important Phone Numbers**

Adult Protective Services: (410) 996-0100  
 Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center: (410) 996-5106  
 Cecil County Animal Services: (410) 441-2040  
 Cecil County Department of Social Services: (410) 996-0100  
 Cecil County Rape Crisis Center: (410) 996-0333  
 Cecil County Health Department: (410) 996-5550  
 Cecil County Pregnancy Center: (410) 398-7888  
 Child Protective Services: (410) 996-0100  
 Domestic Abuse Hotline: (800) 634-3577

### ***Other Police Agencies***

**Elkton Police Department**  
 (410) 398-4200

**Maryland State Police – North East**  
 (410) 996-7800

**North East Police Department**  
 (410) 287-5996

**Perryville Police Department**  
 (410) 642-3725

**Rising Sun Police Department**  
 (410) 658-5353