# Cecil County Sheriff's Office

Bureau of Law Enforcement

# **Annual Report**







#### Message from the Sheriff



As Sheriff, I appreciate the continued community support as you recently elected me for my 3<sup>rd</sup> term! 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 continue to use a data driven approach to best allocate our resources.

We continue to maintain outstanding relationships and data sharing with allied federal, state, and local agencies. These are no doubt challenging times for Public Safety. As current President of the Maryland Sheriff's Association, I fight hard to keep public safety and citizen concerns relevant in Annapolis. Recent legislation has not helped to keep communities safer throughout the county and state and this is simply unacceptable.

I look forward to serving the community and maintaining the high level of professional law enforcement services that you all have come to expect. I get the pleasure of work daily with the outstanding men and women that make up the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, and I am very proud to do so.

~ Sheriff Scott A. Adams

#### **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 the agency, which epitomizes the best in law enforcement.

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Law Enforcement has 102 sworn positions and 26 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, Administrative Services, Community Resources Unit, Quartermaster, Property and Evidence and Central Records. 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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Councilmember, Rebecca Hamilton (District 2)

Councilmember, Al Miller (District 3)

Councilmember, Donna Culberson (District 4)

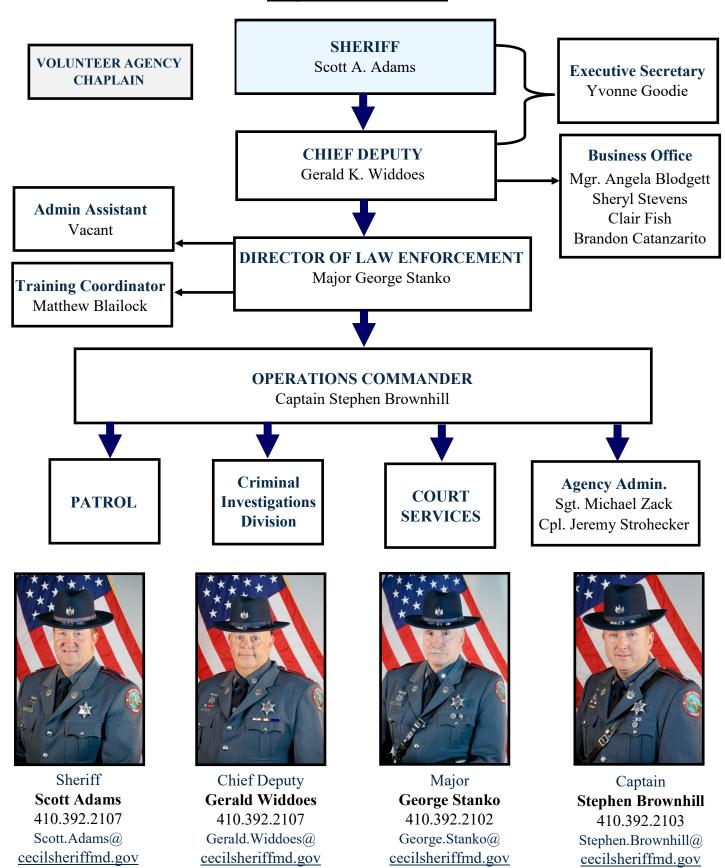


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## **Organization Chart**









**Executive Secretary** Yvonne Goodie 410.392.2107 Yvonne.Goodie@cecilsheriffmd.gov

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.



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The Financial Manager provides financial oversight, budget preparation and monitoring, and grant management for the Sheriff's Office. This support includes financial oversight of accounts payable and receivable, inmate funds, grants, budget, and purchasing in collaboration with the County Finance Department, including maintenance of financial records and preparation of financial reports.

The Financial Manager ensures the Sheriff's Office is in compliance with Federal, State, and County financial policies and procedures.



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#### **Uniform Crime Reporting**

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program is a Summary Based Reporting System (SRS) that 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.

#### **Transition to NIBRS**

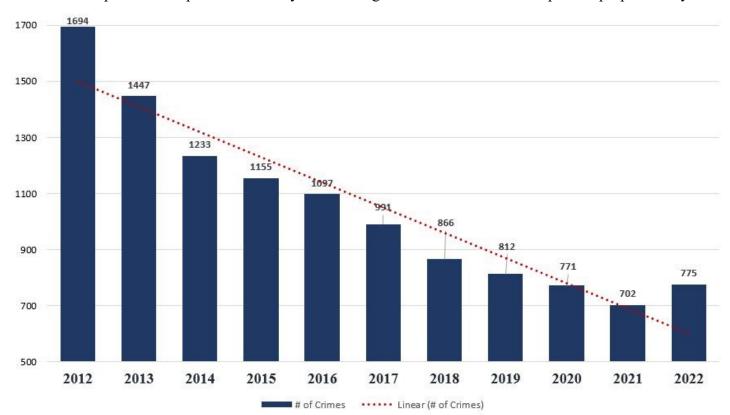
Law enforcement agencies across the country, including Cecil County Sheriff's Office, have made the transition to NIBRS reporting due to a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) mandate. In 2021, the UCR Program phased out and transitioned to NIBRS-only data collection. NIBRS or the National Incident Based Reporting System provides greater specificity in reporting offenses, allows for the collection of more detailed crime-related information, helps give context to specific crime issues and affords greater analytic capabilities of the crime data collected.

The Summary Reporting System collected data under a hierarchy rule that reported only the most serious offense in an incident. However, according to data, 10.6% of crimes committed include additional offenses. With NIBRS, there is no hierarchy rule. This allows for multiple offenses to be documented per incident. The NIBRS system also expands the classification of offenses beyond what was available under SRS. For example, under SRS there are only 8 "Part 1" offenses, while there are 52 "Group A" offenses under NIBRS. ("Group A" under NIBRS is comparable to "Part 1" under SRS.)

It is important to understand that reported crime numbers will seem higher than they were in the past for certain offense categories. This does not necessarily mean that crime has increased; it just means the way crimes are reported has changed.

#### UCR Comparison by Year

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office reported UCR data from January 2022 through May 2022. UCR data has been compiled for the period of January 2022 through December 2022 for comparison purposes only.





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The data below represents UCR data over the past 10 years. Please note that in 2021 Maryland law changed the definition of rape to include any penetration. Because the new definition is more inclusive, reported crimes of rape increased. This does not mean that rape has increased, but simply that it is being reported differently.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 2021 vs. 2022
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE total	0	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	100% increase
Murder	0	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	
Manslaughter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FORCIBLE RAPE total	21	14	19	15	10	5	16	6	4	6	28	367% increase
Rape by force	20	13	18	15	9	5	15	6	2	6	23	
Attempt to rape	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	
ROBBERY total	25	16	14	17	16	17	23	12	10	1	6	500% increase
Firearm	11	5	6	8	6	5	9	2	6	1	2	500% increase
Knife or cutting	4	3	3	1	7	2	3	3	1	0	1	
Other weapon	2	2	3	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	
Strong arm	8	6	2	8	2	8	10	6	1	0	1	
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ASSAULT total	763	589	540	440	452	453	375	398	379	354	375	6% increase (all assaults)
Firearm	26	21	22	10	9	13	13	11	4	10	6	
Knife or cutting	30	8	11	8	15	3	8	11	9	10	5	
Other weapon	29	22	12	15	14	11	8	15	11	8	9	5% decrease in aggrevated assault
Hands etc/aggravated	35	23	10	21	25	14	7	13	11	14	20	
Hands etc/simple	643	515	485	385	390	412	339	318	344	312	335*	*Not included in violent or property crime
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BREAKING AND ENTERING	319	370	232	237	179	155	120	96	80	63	57	10% decrease
Forcible entry	179	250	133	116	95	80	51	41	34	33	32	
Unlaw ful entry	114	106	86	105	69	63	51	41	23	21	22	
Attempt forciable	26	14	13	16	15	12	18	14	23	9	3	
LARCENY THEFT total	510	417	388	399	394	326	300	269	268	232	268	16% increase
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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	56	38	37	44	44	33	30	29	29	43	41	5% decrease
Auto	31	22	24	27	33	17	17	22	25	29	31	
Trucks & Buses	4	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Other vehicles	21	14	10	17	11	15	15	7	4	16	8	
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TOTAL	1694	1447	1233	1155	1097	991	866	812	771	702	775	10% increase in all reported UCR Crimes
Percentage of	compares	year prior	-17%	-6%	-5%	-10%	-13%	-7%	-5%	-9%	10%	
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Total Propert	y Crimes	825	160	PAO	617	514	450	334	311	338	366	8% increase in property crimes



# 10 Year Comparison

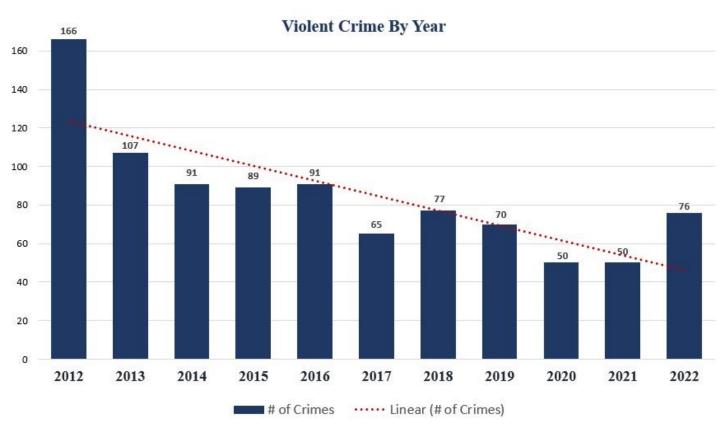
- 54% Decrease in Overall Crimes
- 29% Decrease in Violent Crimes
- 56% Decrease in Property Crimes

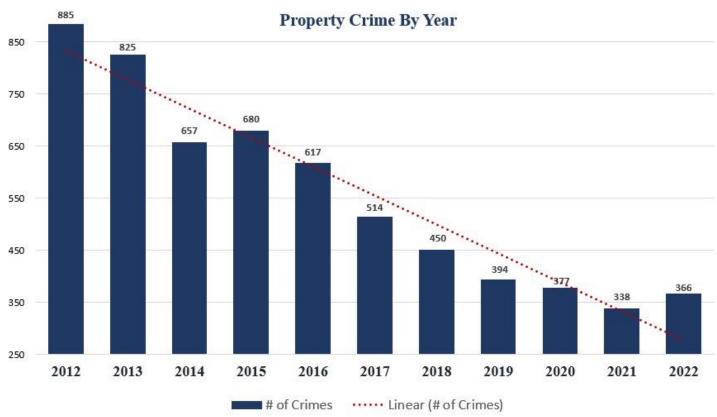




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#### **Uniform Crime Statistics Continued**







#### **Arrest Statistics**

Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) citations are the main source of arrests at the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. During 2022 there were 2,293 reports submitted; 775 were Part I (felony) crimes and simple assaults. The Sheriff's Office arrested 2,142 individuals as a result of investigations, charged with a total of 2,363 crimes, 324 which were for drug offenses. Drug arrests include citations for possession of marijuana under 10 grams (civil) and are not part of the Cecil County Drug Task Force activities.



## **Top 5 Arrest Type**

Warrant Arrests Included

- Failure to Appear-Citation
- Violation of Probation
- Assault 2nd
- Driving While Intoxicated
- Failure to Comply with Court Order

#### DRUG/WEAPON ARREST HIGHLIGHT

Between February and May 2022, CCSO conducted an investigation into a subject's involvement in heroin/fentanyl distribution in Cecil County, Maryland. CCSO applied for and received search and seizure warrants for the subject's vehicle and residence in North East, Maryland. Members of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Street Level Crimes Unit, the Cecil County Drug Task Force and Maryland State Police Special Investigation Section executed the search warrants. During the execution, the subject was involved in a suspected drug transaction with occupants of another vehicle. The occupants of the other vehicle were detained and identified. Investigators observed several blue wax stamped bags containing suspected heroin/fentanyl and a black in color revolver. Further investigation revealed a Rohm .22 caliber revolver, loaded with six rounds, three blue wax stamped bags containing suspected heroin/fentanyl and a tied bag containing suspected cocaine base (.5 grams). The search revealed one tied bag of suspected methamphetamine (8.3 gross grams) concealed on the person. The search of the subject's vehicle was executed and revealed the following:

- 109 blue wax stamped bags containing suspected heroin/fentanyl (40.5 gross grams).
- One tied bag containing suspected methamphetamine (17 gross grams).

Two subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Cecil County Sheriff's Office for further processing. The search warrant was executed of the subject's residence. The following items were located and seized from the residence:

- Suspected handwritten drug ledger.
- \$ 22,277.00 in U.S. currency in various denominations.
- 1,689 blue wax stamped bags containing suspected heroin/fentanyl.



## **Patrol Division**

**Key** Green Highlight =K9

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DEPUTY STRICKLAND

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**Patrol Division** 

The Patrol Division is one of the most visible functions of the Sheriff's Office. Patrol deputies are who the community sees responding to calls for service. 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 13). 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.

#### **Traffic Unit**

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

<u>Crash Reconstruction</u> - 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. Sheriff's deputies trained in crash reconstruction investigated 4 fatal collisions in 2022.

<u>Directed Enforcement</u> - 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.

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PATROL DIVISION BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBER OF CALLS FOR SERVICE **35,262** 

Non-Officer Initiated Calls: 12,199

MSP Handled Calls: 7.899

Officer Initiated Calls: 15,164

Reports Taken: 2,293

Arrests: 2,142

\*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.



TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS **4936** 

TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS **2457** 

**TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES** 

561

Personal Injury Crashes: 104

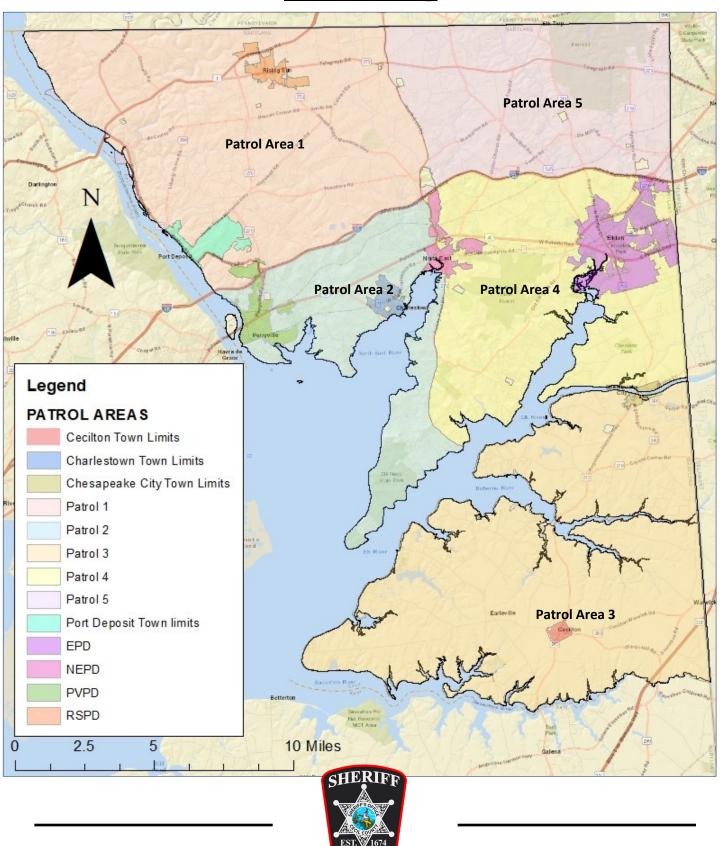
Fatal Crashes: 4

Property Damage Crashes: 301
Non-Reportable Crashes: 152





## Patrol Area Map



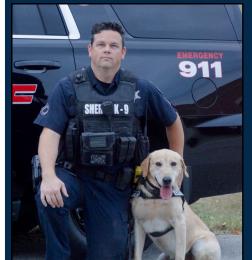


The Cecil County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit plays a vital role in assisting in. All three dogs were trained for tracking, article searches and narcotic detection. Two dogs were also trained in offender apprehension techniques. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams performed 108 CDS Scans/Searches that resulted in 354 grams of marijuana and 411 bags of heroin seized during 2022. Four new canines are being acquired to replace 1 canine that retired in 2021 and 3 that will retire in the beginning of 2023.

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 775 times and provided 23 building scans during 2022.

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 119 times during 2022.

The K-9 teams offered 8 demonstrations at numerous community events throughout the year. 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.



**Senior Deputy** Michael Thomas & K9 Roscoe



Corporal Joseph Brewer & K-9 Max



Corporal Jonathan Pristash & K-9 Kilo

#### K9 KILO RETIRES AFTER 8 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Corporal Pristash and K-9 Kilo joined together as partners in March of 2014. The two successfully completed K-9 school and quickly became a trusted, skilled partnership going in service in July of 2014. During the past 8 years K-9 Kilo had over 1000 deployments with numerous suspect apprehensions and countless drug seizures. K-9 Kilo is responsible for recovery of stolen vehicles, firearms, and large quantities of U.S. Currency. K-9 Kilo has assisted numerous police agencies to include Delaware and Pennsylvania. K-9 Kilo and Corporal Pristash, we thank you for the diligent dedication and service to the citizens of Cecil County and to the members of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. We hope you enjoy your retirement with extra tummy rubs and treats. Dogs are our best friends, and the relationship between K-9 Kilo and Corporal Pristash is special and eternal.



#### **Criminal Investigations Division**

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- \*SLCU = Street Level Crimes Unit
- \*SRU = School Resources Unit
- \*SOR = Sex Offender Registry



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Task Force Sergeant

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#### **Criminal Investigations**

During the 2022 calendar year the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division has been comprised of eight Detectives, one Sergeant and one Corporal. One of the eight Detectives was primarily assigned to the Child Advocacy Center. One Detective was assigned to the Megan's Law Unit and were responsible for monitoring registered sex offenders in Cecil County. The remaining five Detectives were classified as "general" Detectives and were assigned various cases to include, but not limited to, homicide, burglary, robbery, financial crimes, and death investigations. The Criminal Investigation Unit received 362 cases. One hundred and eighty-nine of these were closed after the investigation was completed, a 52% closure rate, well above the national average.

In 2022 a Detective 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.

Throughout the year the Criminal Investigation Division received <u>426 referrals</u> from the Department of Social Services and initiated over <u>300 cases that were jointly investigated with the Department of Social Services</u>. These cases include Child Sexual Abuse, Child Physical Abuse, Child Neglect and Child Fatality investigations. In 2022 Detectives authored and executed over 95 search warrants. This includes but is not limited to warrants for residences, vehicles, DNA, cellular phones and other electronic devices.

The Megan's Law Unit monitors approximately 147 convicted sex offenders throughout Cecil County, and makes arrests on those registered who fail to comply with registration laws.

Members of the Criminal Investigation Division have continued to attend trainings to increase their knowledge in multiple areas to include; homicide investigations, human trafficking and interview and interrogation techniques. Additionally, a Detective attended a one week long Cellbrite training where he is now certified to forensically extract data from cellular phones and other electronic devices.

Members of the Criminal Investigation attend numerous meetings throughout the year to include; multi-disciplinary reviews at the Child Advocacy Center, Sexual Assault Response meetings, Sex Offender Management Team, Human Trafficking and Intelligence meetings.

In addition to their primary assignment, members of the Criminal Investigation Division have instrumental roles in SWAT, Peer Support Team and the Crisis Negotiation Team.

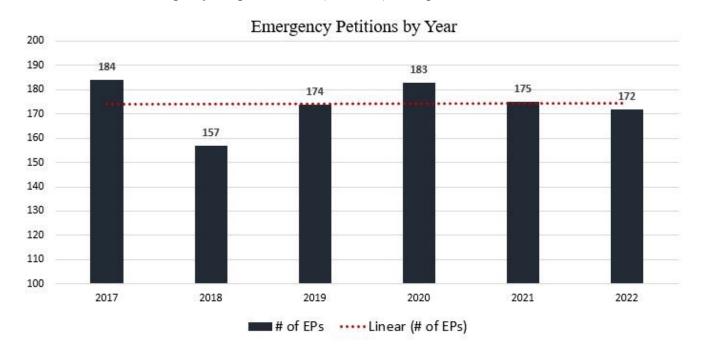
#### CASE HIGHLIGHT—STORAGE UNIT BURGLARIES LEADS TO ARREST

In December of 2022, The Criminal Investigation Division conducted investigations involving a string of reported burglaries at Public Storage facilities throughout Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Multiple victims reported thousands of dollars worth of items taken from the storage units. A review of security camera footage, from a burglary that occurred in Rising Sun, Maryland, showed two individuals cutting a hole in the fence, followed by both individuals cutting locks on 18 storage units. Individuals from the video were identified and interviews were conducted with Newark Police Department, Elkton Police Department and the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. Search warrants of the suspect's residence and vehicle were obtained and conducted. Numerous items of evidentiary were seized. An arrest warrant was served in February of 2023 on approximately 60 counts of burglary.



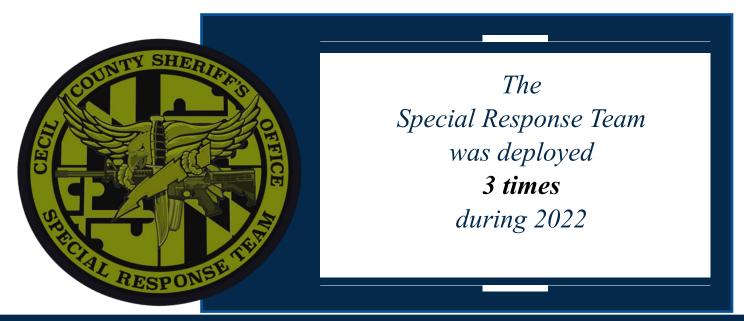
#### **Crisis Intervention**

Deputies responded to 269 calls relating to mentally disturbed or suicidal persons, resulting in 172 individuals being taken into custody and transported to the hospital for emergency evaluation. 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.



#### **Special Response Team**

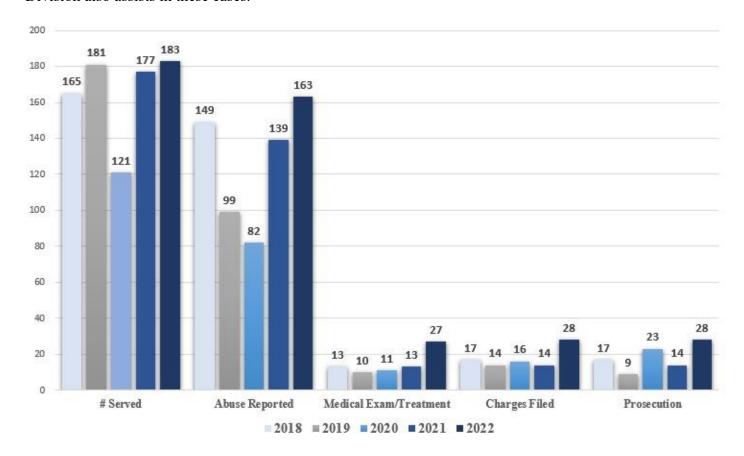
Cecil County Sheriff's' Office staffs a Special Response Team (S.R.T.), tactically trained and equipped to provide support in serving high-risk warrants and responding to incidents beyond the capabilities of regular patrol deputies. The S.R.T. also supports the Crisis Negotiations Team (C.N.T.) in critical 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.





#### **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. Cecil County Sheriff's Office detectives work with the Department of Social Services, Child Advocacy Center to investigate these cases in Cecil County. The Criminal Investigation Division also assists in these cases.



- 3% increase in the number of children served (2021 to 2022)
- 17% increase in the number of child abuse cases reported from (2021 to 2022)
- 108% increase in the number of children who received medical exams and/or treatment (2021 to 2022)
- 100% increase in the total number of charges filed (2021 to 2022)
- 100% increase in the number of cases accepted for prosecution (2021 to 2022)

Child Advocacy Center Website: <a href="https://www.cecilhelp4u.com/410.996.0100">www.cecilhelp4u.com/410.996.0100</a>



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#### **Sex Offender Registry Unit**

The Sheriff's Office also has responsibility for the Cecil County Sex Offender Registry. This includes verification, monitoring, home visits, and notification duties for registered sex offenders. Investigations are conducted if an offender fails to comply. This results in the arrest of the offender. Two deputies perform these duties.

The following is a breakdown of registered sex offenders in Cecil County, as of December 12, 2022:

**Total Active - 147** 

Tier I - 29

Tier II - 37

Tier III - 81

During 2022, a total of 10 arrest warrants were obtained for assorted violations of the sex offender registration laws. An additional 7 warrants were obtained against sex offenders for parole intake and/or violations of probations.

The Maryland Sex Offender registry can be found online at: <a href="https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch">www.dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch</a>



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# **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.

877.842.8461 www.mdcrimevictims.org

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

1.888. PREVENT www.stopitnow.org



#### Crime Scene Technician

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office has two Crime Scene Technicians. The technicians are a vital part of the Sheriff's Office and is responsible for many day-to-day calls for service. They are responsible for ensuring vital evidence is located, properly handled and analyzed in order to identify, find criminals and assist in their successful prosecution. The technicians are 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 Technicians processed 13 major crimes scenes (Homicide: 1, Suicide: 1, Assault/Stabbing: 1, Rape: 1, Burglary: 2, Auto Theft: 5 and processed evidence in-house from 8 additional cases during 2022.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **CASE HIGHLIGHT**

During the months of February and March 2022, Street Level Crimes Unit conducted an investigation of a suspected heroin/fentanyl distributor in North East, Maryland. A search and seizure warrant was obtained and executed and the following items were located and seized:

- \$324 in US Currency
- 292 Bags of Heroin/Fentanyl

The individual being investigated was charged with two counts of possession, two counts of PWID narcotic, one count of PWID heroin/fentanyl mix and two counts of possession large amount.





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#### **Crime Analysis**

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.





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#### **Definition of Crime Analysis**

The qualitative and quantitative study of crime and law enforcement information in combination with sociodemographic and spatial factors to apprehend criminals, prevent crime, reduce disorder, and evaluate organizational procedures.

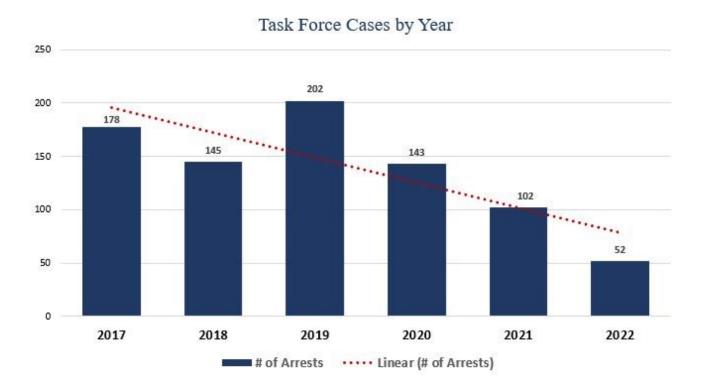
#### **Primary Purpose**

The primary purpose of crime analysis is to support (i.e., assist) the operations of a police department. These functions include criminal investigation, apprehension, and prosecution; patrol activities; crime prevention and reduction strategies; problem solving; and the evaluation and accountability of police efforts.



#### **Cecil County Drug Task Force**

The Sheriff's Office provides four investigators to the Cecil County Drug Task Force, a multi-agency unit administered by the Maryland State Police. Presently, one vacancy has not been filled. The group investigates individuals and organizations involved in the sale and distribution of controlled dangerous substances. The Task Force investigated 52 cases in 2022, resulting in the felony arrest of 6 persons, the seizure of 68,764 in U S currency, 11 firearms, 367 grams of powder cocaine, 49 grams of crack cocaine, 2.9 kilograms of fentanyl, 472 pills, 639 grams of marijuana, and 1.7 kilograms of methamphetamine. Deputies responding to reported overdose cases submit detailed information which is forwarded to the Task Force for follow-up, targeting dealers supplying persons in Cecil County with controlled dangerous substances. A grant funded Heroin Coordinator collects data involving overdoses for analysis within the framework of the Task force and interaction with federal agencies to assist with investigations.



#### **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, 15 firearms seized and 2 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. All drugs tips are documented.



#### **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.

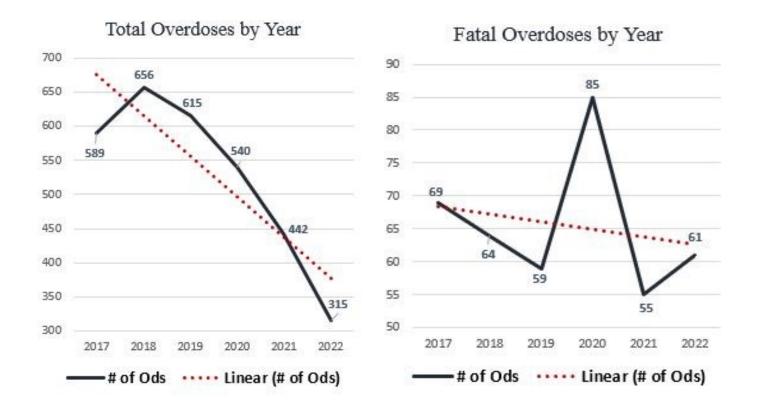
#### Cecil County Overdoses Statistics

In Cecil County during the 2022 calendar year, 315 overdoses were reported—86% involving Heroin and/ or Fentanyl. Of those overdoses, 61 of them resulted in fatalities.

- 6 were suicide or attempted suicides.
- 52 of the overdoses involved homeless individuals.

#### **2021/2022 Comparison:**

Overall overdoses decreased by 29% countywide. Fatal Overdoses increased by 11% countywide.

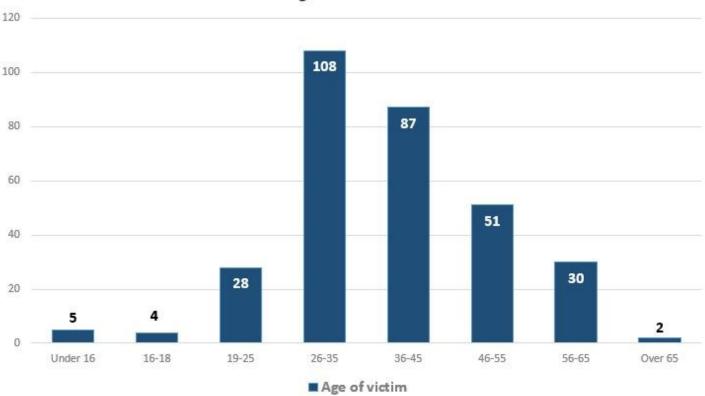


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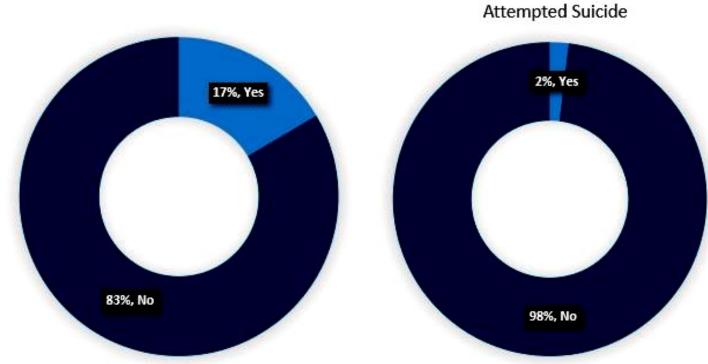


## **2022 Overdose Statistics**

#### Age of OD Victim



#### **Homeless Overdose Victims** Overdoses that were Suicide or





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#### **Street Level Crimes Unit**

The Street Level Crimes Unit (SLCU) 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, the Traffic Unit, and CID with selective enforcement and surveillance details. Unit activities for 2022: 42 Traffic Stops, 32 CDS Arrests, 92 Warrant Arrests, 43 Traffic Citations, 9 Traffic Arrests, 10 Search Warrants, 11 MCIN Operations and 9 Firearms Seized.

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.

#### SLCU CASE HIGHLIGHT

On February 3, 2022, members of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Street Level Crimes Unit ("SLCU") planned and executed a pro-active initiative aimed at criminal activity in and around North East and Elkton, Maryland, under the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network ("MCIN") grant. As part of the operation, investigators from the SLCU and Cecil County Drug Task Force ("CCDTF") performed surveillance on several locations suspected of being used to distribute controlled dangerous substances ("CDS") in Cecil County. Uniformed patrol deputies and SLCU investigators conducted traffic stops related to the surveillances.

The operation resulted in three traffic stops, during each, CDS was located and seized:

- 76 bags of heroin/fentanyl and \$815.00 in U.S. currency. Subject arrested and charged with PWID
- 4 suboxone strips and a tied bag containing .25 grams of heroin/fentanyl. Subject was released from scene pending charges
- 11 grams of suspected marijuana, 23.5 grams of methamphetamine, a digital scale and \$122.00 in U.S. currency. Subject arrested and charged with PWID

#### **School Resources Unit**

The School Resource Officer Unit provides security, investigation services, and drug abuse prevention programs in the school systems of Cecil County outside the incorporated towns that have a police department. From January 2022 until December 31, 2022, 170 cases were investigated, resulting in 29 arrests (5 CDS and 20 assaults), and 11 emergency evaluations. Seventeen non-reportable crashes were investigated on school property.

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.







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**Polygraph Services** CPL. WALLACE

SR. DFC VIVINO

Human Resources

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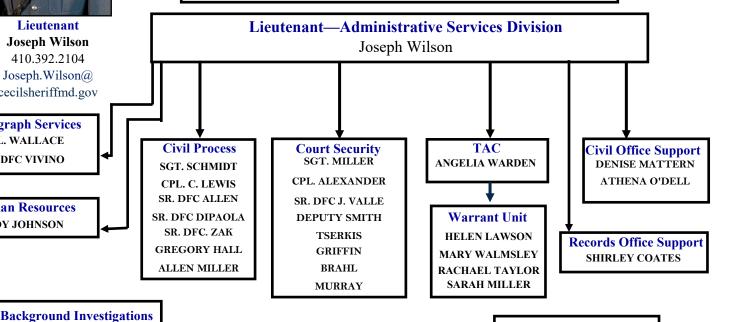
#### **Administrative Services Division**

#### **DIRECTOR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Major George Stanko

#### **Operations Commander**

Captain Stephen Brownhill





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Court Security Corporal **Don Alexander** 410.996.3021 Don. Alexander@cecilsheriffmd.gov



#### **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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#### **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 petition has been received from the issuing judge Central Records will remove the offense from all Sheriff's Office files.

#### \*PLEASE NOTE:

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office accepts Checks or Money Orders only! Cash or credit cards will not be accepted.

#### **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.

#### \*PLEASE NOTE:

For questions regarding employment with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office please contact Judy Johnson





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#### **Court Security Unit**

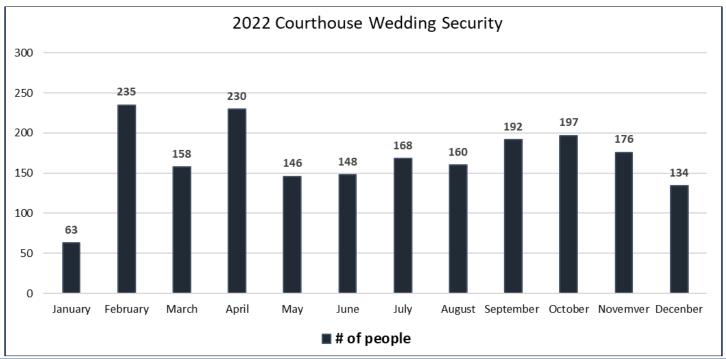
The Sheriff's Office has the duty of providing security for the Circuit Court building. The unit is staffed by 4 full time and 5 contractual deputies. All employees and persons entering the building are screened by deputies each time they enter; 106,618 persons were screened in 2022 before admittance to the courthouse. 392 knives, 110 pairs of scissors, 178 miscellaneous prohibited items, 79 canisters of OC spray, 20 metal forks, and 10 handcuff keys were prevented from being brought into the building.

The unit also provided security for 401 weddings at the Cecil County Courthouse during 2022 totaling 2007 people. Deputies also assist court bailiffs to help maintain order in the four court rooms during court proceedings.



#### Percentage of Seized Property

- Knives—48%
- MISC—22%
- Scissors—14%
- OC Spray—10%
- Ninja Tools—3%
- Forks—2%
- Handcuff Keys—1%





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#### **Civil Process Unit**

In 2022, the Civil Process Unit was comprised of 1 sergeant and 4 deputies, received 7,735 civil papers and 5,792, or 75%, were served.

Civil Process		YTD Total	YTD Total	YTD Total	YTD Total	YTD Total	% Served	% Served	% Served	% Served	% Served
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
UP-LIMOUND.	Received	1465	1468	773	578	532		h			
Evictions	Served	430	442	225	226	216				39%	41%
	Canceled/ Non-Est.	1102	1074	449	342	290					
Foreclosures	Received	31	32	14	4	5	81%	100%	64%	100%	0%
	Served	25	47	9	5	0					
ABR	Received	130	107	109	122	125	44%	To a supplement	100000000	9%	22%
	Served	57	47	30	11	27		44%	28%		
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	Received	199	265	478	417	331	×.				
Peace Orders	Served	114	153	250	211	185				51%	56%
	Non-Est.	87	102	251	162	121					
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Rent Papers	Received	5481	5274	2490	2845	2152	99%	100%	93%	99%	79%
nent rupers	Served	5479	5334	2327	2819	1694					
	D	2402	050	700	010	707					
Police Subpeanas	Received	2183 2183	950 950	709	819 819	727	100%	100%	100%	100%	1009
	Served	2100	930	709	819	121					
	Received	10177	6530	4494	5663	3867	*				
Misc/Overall	Served	4411	5093	3127	3737	2943	8			66%	76%
	Attempted	5845	6394	4001	4543	3793	4				
	Total Received	19666	14626	9067	10448	7735	100000			e de la companya de	1304000
	Total Served	12699	12066	6677	7828	5792	65%	83%	74%	75%	75%

#### **Warrant Unit**

A total of 2,490 warrants, 630 criminal summonses, and 1,502 protective orders were received, with 1,878 warrants, 210 criminal summonses, and 660 protection orders served. Five Extreme Risk Protective Orders were received and 5 were served.

Warrants, Criminal Summons, Protection Orders		2018 Total	2019 Total	2020 Total	2021 Total	2022 Total	% served				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Criminal Summons	Received Served		491 227	615 341	630 210	455 176	63%	46%	55%	33%	39%
Protection Orders	Received Served		1499 822	1749 721	1502 660	1840 892	34%	55%	41%	44%	48%
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₩arrants	Received	2736	2933	2036	2490	2141	87%	87% 89%		75%	92%
	Served	2370	2601	1892	1878	1968	01%	03%	93%	13%	32/.
	TOTAL Received	4421	4923	4400	4622	4436	68%	74%	67%	59%	CO-/
	TOTAL Served	3028	3650	2954	2748	3036	00%	14%	01%	23%	68%

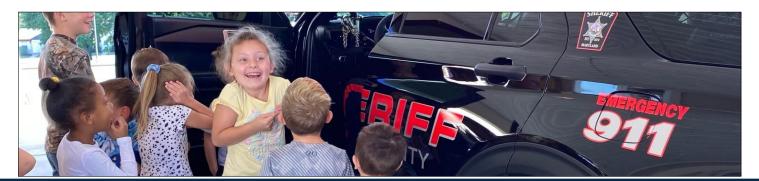


#### **Community Resources Unit**

The Community Resource Unit has continued to provide programs and services to the residents and visitors of Cecil County. Communication through the Cecil County Sheriff's Office social media (FaceBook), Nextdoor.com, and Ring.com are monitored to disseminate information and answer inquiries. Nextdoor has 12,000 households registered.

#### **Community Events Participation**

- ALICE REDMAN drills conducted at Cecil County Public Schools: 18 County Wide ALICE training participants: 328
- Harford County Community College Criminal Justice Majors- Community Resource Unit & **Recruitment Presentation**
- Recruitment presentation at Cecil College Job Fair
- ALICE Training at Tri- State Christian Academy
- Maryland Sheriff's Association hosted by Cecil County Sheriff's Office
- Recruitment presentation at Rehoboth Beach Police Department (DE)
- First Responders Day at North East Library
- Recruitment presentation at Susquehanna Workforce Job Fair hosted at Singerly Fire Company
- Community Resource Fair hosted at Gilpin Manor Elementary School
- Cecil County Sheriff's Office Cornhole Tournament hosted at Rising Sun High School
- Recruitment presentation at the Delaware County Police Academy (PA) April 2022
- Recruitment presentation at the Montgomery County Police Academy (PA) April 2022
- Town of North East Fishing Tournament
- 2022 Maryland Special Olympics Torch Run
- Badges for Baseball at Ripken Stadium June 2022
- Safetyville Rising Sun High School
- Safetyville Gilpin Manor Elementary School
- Cecil County Fair
- 2022 National Night Out
- Badges for Baseball at Ripken Stadium August 2022
- Recruitment presentation at Susquehanna Workforce hosted at Ripken Stadium
- 2022 Cops of Rooftops fundraiser for Special Olympics Maryland
- Recruitment presentation at Delaware County Police Academy (PA) October 2022
- Coffee With a Cop hosted at the Cecil County Senior Center
- ALICE Training at Cecil County Health Department October 2022, November 2022
- ALICE Training at Bethel Lutheran Church
- Cocoa With a Cop hosted at the Cecil County Senior Center





#### **Administrative Officer**

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 agency vehicles.

#### **Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office SUAS (Small unmanned aircraft system) 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 4 personnel with remote pilot license 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 boards 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 five drones. One drone is to specifically support indoor operation, with 4 others 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 heat signature during low light or nighttime conditions. In 2019 the Sheriff's Office acquired the Matrice a SUAS which has a more sophisticated FLIR and longer range and flight time. This will allow the Sheriff's Office pilots to search longer periods of time without have to land.

- 1 Evidentiary Flights
- 1 Demonstration flights





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#### **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. 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

In 2022, CPL Pristash, CPL Smith, CPL Strohecker, and CPL Brewer, attended and graduated from the prestigious West Point Command and Leadership Academy, an intensive 14-week program presented by the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police, based on curriculum developed through the United States Military Academy at West Point.







#### **Honor Guard**

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard proudly represents the sheriff's office at public events throughout the county and the region. Membership requires dedication, commitment and sacrifice. Their most solemn duty is to show honor and respect to fallen officers. They wear special dress uniforms and most often conduct flag ceremonies and presentations for different events in the community.









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#### **Performance Recognition**



# Deputy of the Year Senior Deputy Max Vivino

The following Sheriff's deputies were awarded for their outstanding work in 2021:

DFC Alexander Dowling Top Producer—DWI/DUI Arrests

DFC Alexander Dowling Top Producer—Motor Vehicle Citations

Deputy Nathan Cryder Top Producer—CDS Arrests
Deputy Nathan Cryder Top Producer—Criminal Arrests
DFC Matthew Imming Top Producer—Warrant Arrests

Cpl. Jeremy Strohecker Sheriff's Salute
Sgt. Michael Zack Sheriff's Salute
Squad A Unit Citation
Squad D Unit Citation

DFC Alexander Dowling
DFC Dontae Odom
DFC Kyle Pattman
Life Saving Award
Meritorious Service

Sr. DFC Kevin Shumaker Medal of Honor



#### **Agency Promotions**

Congratulations to the following individuals who earned promotions during 2022. Each of the individuals who were promoted completed a competitive qualification, testing and selection process.

#### **Promoted to Deputy First Class**

Donte Odom Jonathan Douglas Alexander Fowling Tyler Bondar Alyson Jackson





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Emergency: 911

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

