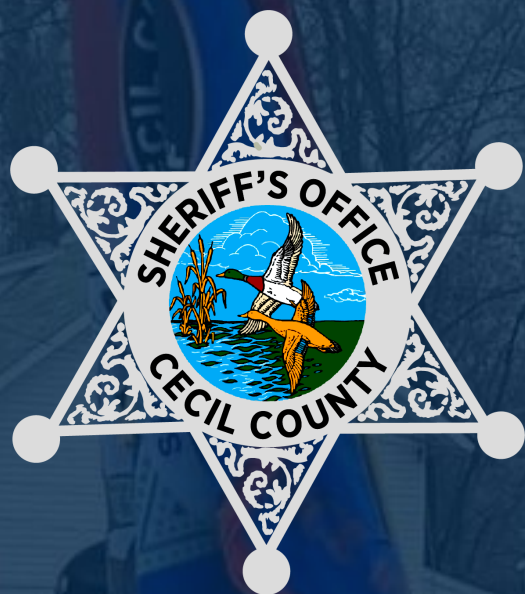# Cecil County Sheriff's Office

### Bureau of Law Enforcement

# 2023
# ANNUAL
# REPORT

*Sheriff Scott Adams*

### Everything with a Purpose

# Message from the Sheriff



It is my honor to be serving the citizens of Cecil County in my third term 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 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. Although these continue to be challenging times for Public Safety, we will work hard to provide around-the-clock services to keep you and your family safe and secure. As immediate past President of the Maryland Sheriff's Association, I fight hard to keep public safety and citizen concerns relevant in Annapolis. Recent legislation has hindered the ability of Law Enforcement to effectively police communities and has jeopardized some communities in areas of the state; this is simply unacceptable. I will continue to address these issues with the General Assembly and do all that I can to make it safer for our communities and deputies.

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 working 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'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 101 sworn positions and 26 support staff employees. The agency is divided into four 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; The Administrative Services Division consisting of Human Resources, Fleet Management, Administrative Services, Professional Standards and Training; and The Special Operations Division consisting of the Court Security Unit, Warrant Unit, Civil Process Unit, Community Resources Unit, and Central Records. The function of each division is an essential component in assuring the efficient delivery of police services.

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office provides full law enforcement services, including enforcing 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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# Cecil County Government

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Council President, Jackie Gregory  (District 5)
Council Vice President, Bob Meffley (District 1)
Councilmember, Rebecca Hamilton (District 2)
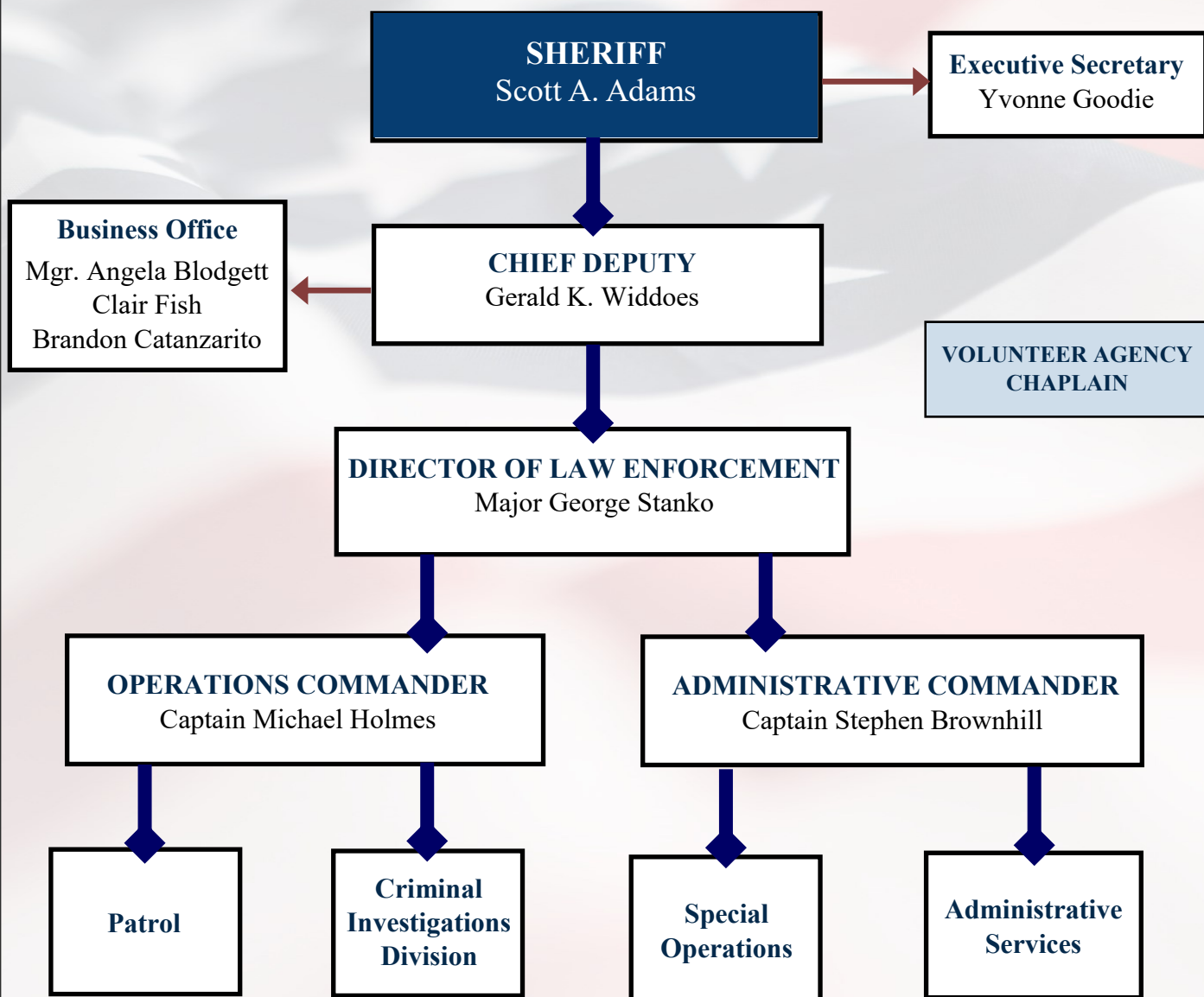Councilmember, Al Miller (District 3)
Councilmember, Donna Culberson (District 4)

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The goal of the 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.



**Finance Manager**
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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.

# 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 include 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.
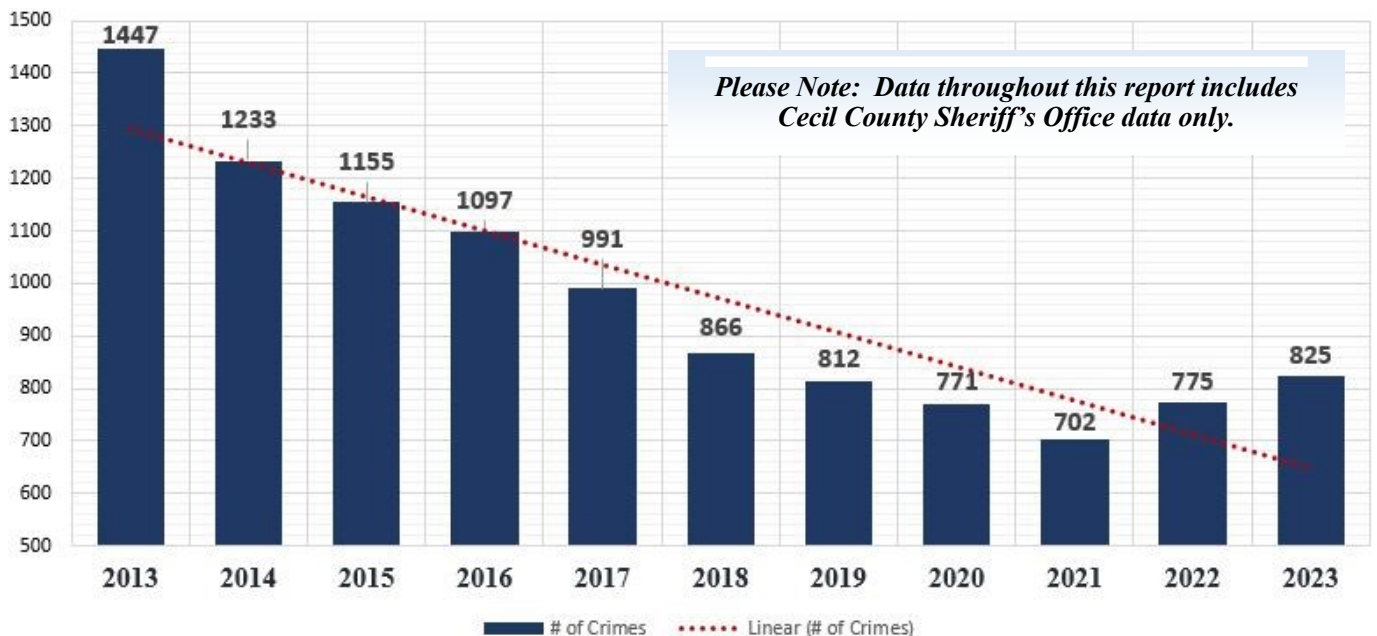
## Transition to NIBRS

Law enforcement agencies across the country, including the 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 to 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.

### 10-Year Crime Trend



*Please Note: Data throughout this report includes Cecil County Sheriff's Office data only.*

Values by year: 2013: 1447, 2014: 1233, 2015: 1155, 2016: 1097, 2017: 991, 2018: 866, 2019: 812, 2020: 771, 2021: 702, 2022: 775, 2023: 825

Legend: # of Crimes — Linear (# of Crimes)

## *HIERARCHY RULE

**UCR**: If more than one crime was committed by the same person or group of persons and the time and space intervals separating the crimes were insignificant, then the crime highest in the hierarchy is the only offense reported.

**NIBRS:** If more than one crime was committed by the same person or group of persons and the time and space intervals were insignificant, all crimes are reported as offenses within the same incident.

**For additional questions on the reporting systems, please visit https://www.2.fbi.gov/ucr**

# National Incident Based Reporting Systems

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.

**UCR—Summary Reporting Comparison by Year**
The Summary Reporting data has been compiled for calendar years 2022 and 2023 is for comparison purposes only. Data in this report is subject to change based upon late reporting and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | % Change 2022 vs. 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CRIMINAL HOMICIDE** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | **No Change** |
| Murder | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | *In 2023- 2 homicide incidents with 3 victims. |
| Manslaughter | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| **FORCIBLE RAPE** | 14 | 19 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 28 | 37 | **32% increase** |
| Rape by force | 13 | 18 | 15 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 23 | 33 | |
| Attempt to rape | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | |
| **ROBBERY** | 16 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 23 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 10 | **67% increase** |
| Firearm | 5 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 5 | |
| Knife or cutting | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| Other weapon | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | |
| Strong arm | 6 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| **ASSAULT** | 589 | 540 | 439 | 453 | 453 | 375 | 368 | 379 | 354 | 375 | 394 | **5% increase (all assaults)** |
| Firearm | 21 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 18 | 68% increase in aggravated assaults. 38 out of 67 (57%) total aggravated assaults were domestic related. 124% increase in domestic agg. assaults when comparing 2023 to 2022. |
| Knife or cutting | 8 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 13 | |
| Other weapon | 22 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 11 | |
| Hands etc/aggravated | 23 | 10 | 21 | 25 | 14 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 20 | 25 | |
| Hands etc/simple | 515 | 485 | 385 | 390 | 412 | 339 | 318 | 344 | 312 | 335 | 327 | |
| **BREAKING AND ENTERING** | 370 | 232 | 237 | 179 | 155 | 120 | 96 | 80 | 63 | 57 | 83 | **46% Increase** |
| Forcible entry | 250 | 133 | 116 | 95 | 80 | 51 | 41 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 56 | |
| Unlawful entry | 106 | 86 | 105 | 69 | 63 | 51 | 41 | 23 | 21 | 22 | 19 | |
| Attempt forcible | 14 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 23 | 9 | 3 | 8 | |
| **LARCENY THEFT** | 417 | 388 | 399 | 394 | 326 | 300 | 269 | 268 | 232 | 268 | 248 | **7% Decrease** |
| **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** | 38 | 37 | 44 | 44 | 33 | 30 | 29 | 29 | 43 | 41 | 51 | **24% Increase** |
| Auto | 22 | 24 | 27 | 33 | 17 | 17 | 22 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 38 | |
| Trucks & Buses | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | |
| Other vehicles | 14 | 10 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 8 | 12 | |
| **TOTAL** | 1447 | 1233 | 1155 | 1097 | 991 | 866 | 812 | 771 | 702 | 775 | 825 | **6% increase** |
| | -15% | -17% | -6% | -5% | -10% | -13% | -7% | -5% | -9% | 10% | 6% | |

*Percent change is calculated by comparing to the previous year*

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Violent Crimes** | 107 | 91 | 89 | 91 | 65 | 77 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 76 | 116 | **53% increase in violent crime** |
| **Total Property Crimes** | 825 | 657 | 680 | 617 | 514 | 450 | 394 | 377 | 338 | 366 | 382 | **4% increase in property crimes** |

# 10-YEAR COMPARISON
## FROM 2013 TO 2023

- 43% Decrease in Overall Crimes
- 8% Increase in Violent Crimes
- 54% Decrease in Property Crimes

### MORE INFORMATION

Please note that simple assaults are not included in Violent Crimes or Property Crimes. Includes crimes handled by the Cecil County Sheriff's Office only.

# 10-Year Crime Trend Continued

*53% increase in violent crimes when comparing 2022 to 2023*
*8% increase in violent crimes when comparing to 2013 to 2023*



**VIOLENT CRIME**

*4% increase in property crimes when comparing 2022 to 2023*
*54% decrease in property crimes when comparing to 2013 to 2023*



**PROPERTY CRIME**
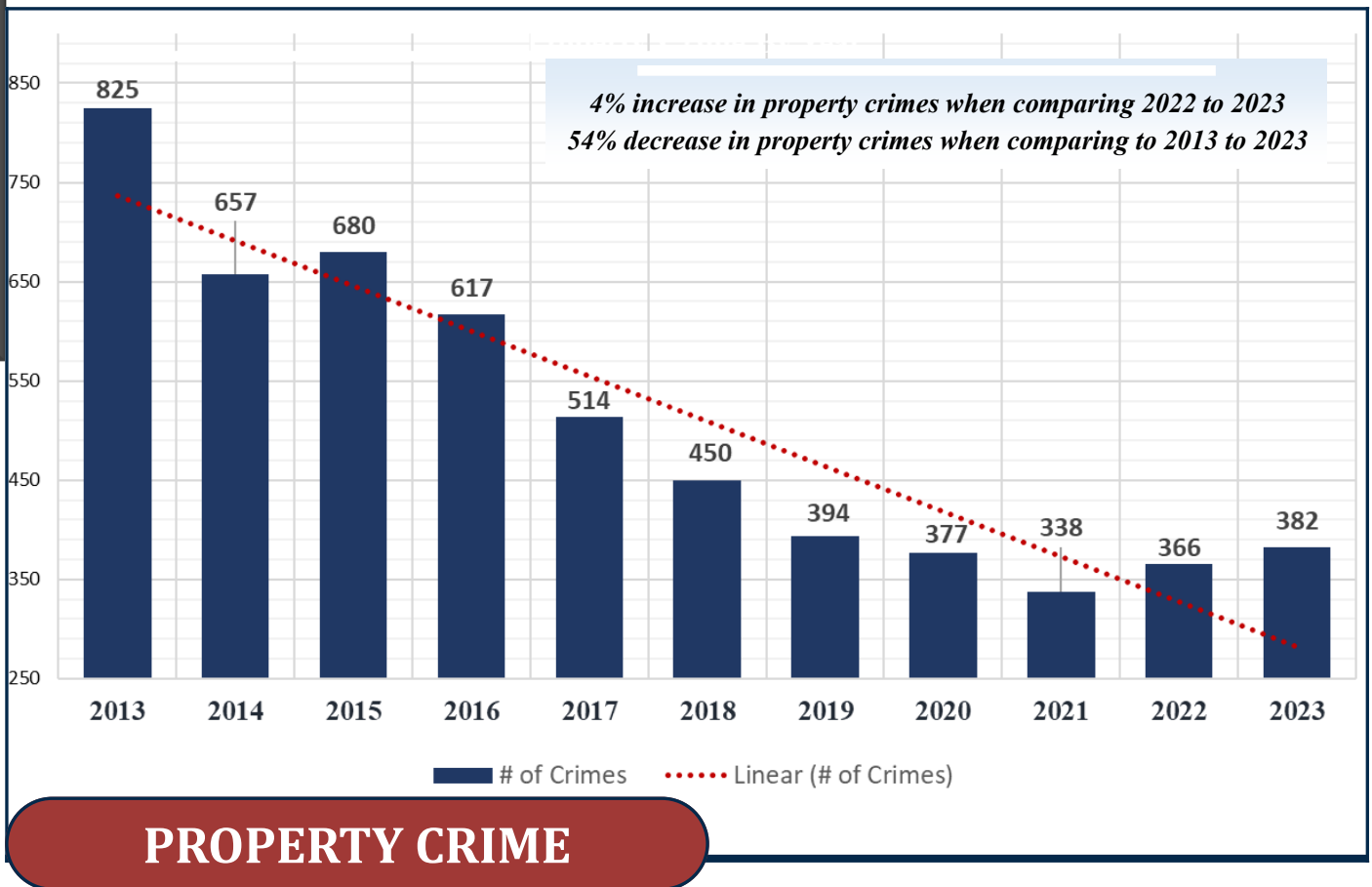
# NIBRS Statistics

| Crime against Person | Total Victim(s) | |
|---|---|---|
| 09A - Murder/Non-Negligent | 2 | 1 |
| 09B - Negligent Manslaughter | 1 | 1 |
| 100 - Kidnapping/Abduction | 1 | 1 |
| 11A - Forcible Rape | 32 | 30 |
| 11B - Forcible Sodomy | 4 | 4 |
| 11C - Sexual Assault with Object | 1 | 1 |
| 11D - Forcible Fondling | 11 | 10 |
| 13A - Aggravated Assault | 94 | 67 |
| 13B - Simple Assault | 422 | 331 |
| 13C - Intimidation | 1 | 1 |
| | 569 | Crime against Person total: 447 |

3% decrease in crimes against person when comparing 2022 to 2023.

2022 Crimes against Persons: 463

| Crime against Property | |
|---|---|
| 120 - Robbery | 11 |
| 200 - Arson | 3 |
| 220 - Burglary/Breaking & Entering | 90 |
| 23A - Larceny (pick-pocket) | 1 |
| 23B - Larceny (purse snatching) | 2 |
| 23C - Larceny (shoplifting) | 24 |
| 23D - Larceny (from building) | 21 |
| 23F - Larceny (from motor vehicles) | 40 |
| 23G - Larceny (of motor vehicle parts | 33 |
| 23H - Larceny (all other) | 125 |
| 240 - Motor Vehicle Theft | 58 |
| 250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery | 4 |
| 26A - Fraud (false pretense; swindle; | 90 |
| 26B - Fraud (credit/debit card; ATM) | 3 |
| 26F - Identity Theft | 4 |
| 270 - Embezzlement | 1 |
| 280 - Stolen Property | 8 |
| 290 - Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism | 157 |
| | Crime against Property total: 675 |

No significant change in crimes against property when comparing 2022 to 2023.

2022 Crimes against Property: 678

| Crime against Society | |
|---|---|
| 35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations | 208 |
| 35B - Drug Equipment Violations | 4 |
| 370 - Pornography/Obscene Materials | 3 |
| 520 - Weapons Law Violations | 13 |
| | Crime against Society total: 228 |

22% decrease in crimes against society when comparing 2022 to 2023.

2022 Crimes against Society: 292

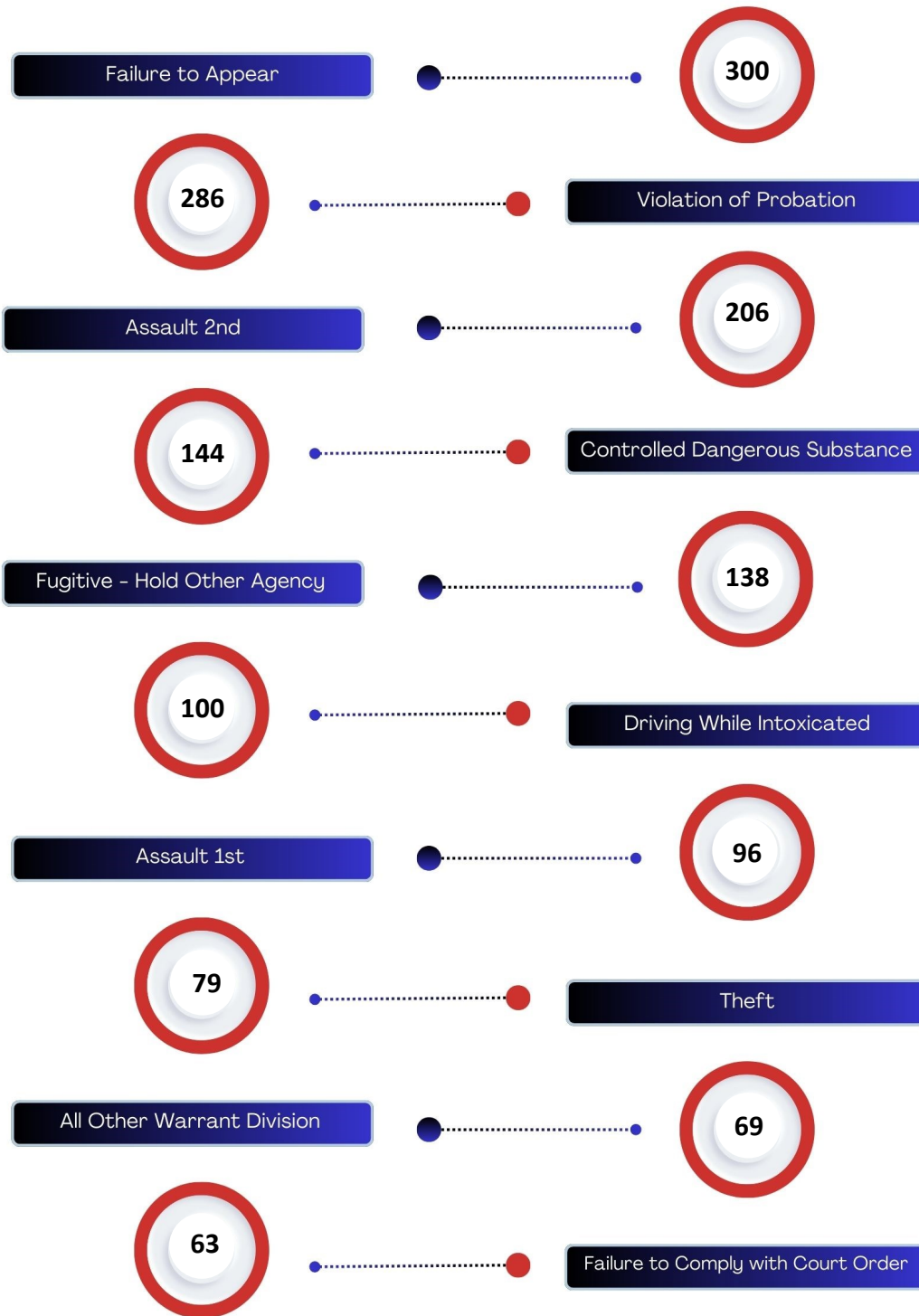| Crime against Other | |
|---|---|
| 90C - Disorderly Conduct | 15 |
| 90D - Driving under Influence | 124 |
| 90F - Family Non Violent Offenses | 77 |
| 90H - Peeping Tom | 2 |
| 90I - Runaways | 14 |
| 90Z - All Other Offenses | 237 |
| | Crime against Other total: 469 |

11% increase in crimes against other when comparing 2022 to 2023.

2022 Crimes against Other: 424

# Arrest Statistics

Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) citations are the main source of arrests at the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. During 2023 there were 2,269 reports submitted; 818 were Part I (felony) crimes and simple assaults. The Sheriff's Office arrested 1,939 individuals as a result of investigations and charged them with a total of 2,301 crimes. Due to the legalization of marijuana, drug arrests no longer include citations for possession of marijuana (personal use amounts - under 10 grams).

**Top 10 Arrest Type**—(Warrant Arrests Included)

| Arrest Type | Count |
| --- | --- |
| Failure to Appear | 300 |
| Violation of Probation | 286 |
| Assault 2nd | 206 |
| Controlled Dangerous Substance | 144 |
| Fugitive - Hold Other Agency | 138 |
| Driving While Intoxicated | 100 |
| Assault 1st | 96 |
| Theft | 79 |
| All Other Warrant Division | 69 |
| Failure to Comply with Court Order | 63 |

# Patrol Division

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SR. DFC O'DONNELL
SR. DFC PATTMAN
SR. DFC UNGER
DEPUTY SHELL
DEPUTY OWENS

### Squad B
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CPL. DONALD
CPL. PURFIELD
SR. DFC PASSWATERS
DFC IMMING
DEPUTY GRIFFO
DEPUTY CALLAHAN
DEPUTY GRIFFO
DEPUTY PAYNE
DEPUTY HARMON

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CPL. SHOCKEY
CPL. DIX
SR. DFC McCABE
SR. DFC SADLER
DEPUTY OJO
DEPUTY RICKEY
DEPUTY EICHNER
DEPUTY STRICKLAND
DEPUTY WILSON

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CPL. SHECKELLS
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DFC KERNS
DFC ODOM
DEPUTY CHEEZUM
DEPUTY STAIRIKER
DEPUTY RAIVELY

### CRU
DFC ROCK

**Key**
**Red Highlight = K9**
**CRU** = Community Resource Unit

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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 six to seven Deputies. The Patrol Division provides the core police services to the community. The operations of the Patrol Division include various activities including 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 14**). 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.

**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 the crashes. Sheriff's deputies trained in crash reconstruction investigated three fatal collisions in 2023.

**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.

## PATROL DIVISION BY THE NUMBERS

### NUMBER OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

## 40,878

Non-Officer Initiated Calls:     15,308
*MSP Handled Calls:*                *7,678*
Officer Initiated Calls:           17,892
Reports Taken:                       2,269
Arrests:                             2,301

*\*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.*

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS
## 5384

TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS
## 2535

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES
## 521

Personal Injury Crashes:        99
Fatal Crashes:                     3
*Property Damage Crashes:*   *281*
Non-Reportable Crashes:      138

# Patrol Area Map



Patrol Area 5

Patrol Area 1

Patrol Area 2

Patrol Area 4

Patrol Area 3

## Legend

### Descrption

- Patrol 1 - CCSO
- Patrol 2 - CCSO
- Patrol 3 - CCSO
- Patrol 4 - CCSO
- Patrol 5 - CCSO
- Cecilton
- Charlestown
- Chesapeake City
- Port Deposit
- EPD
- NEPD
- PVPD
- RSPD

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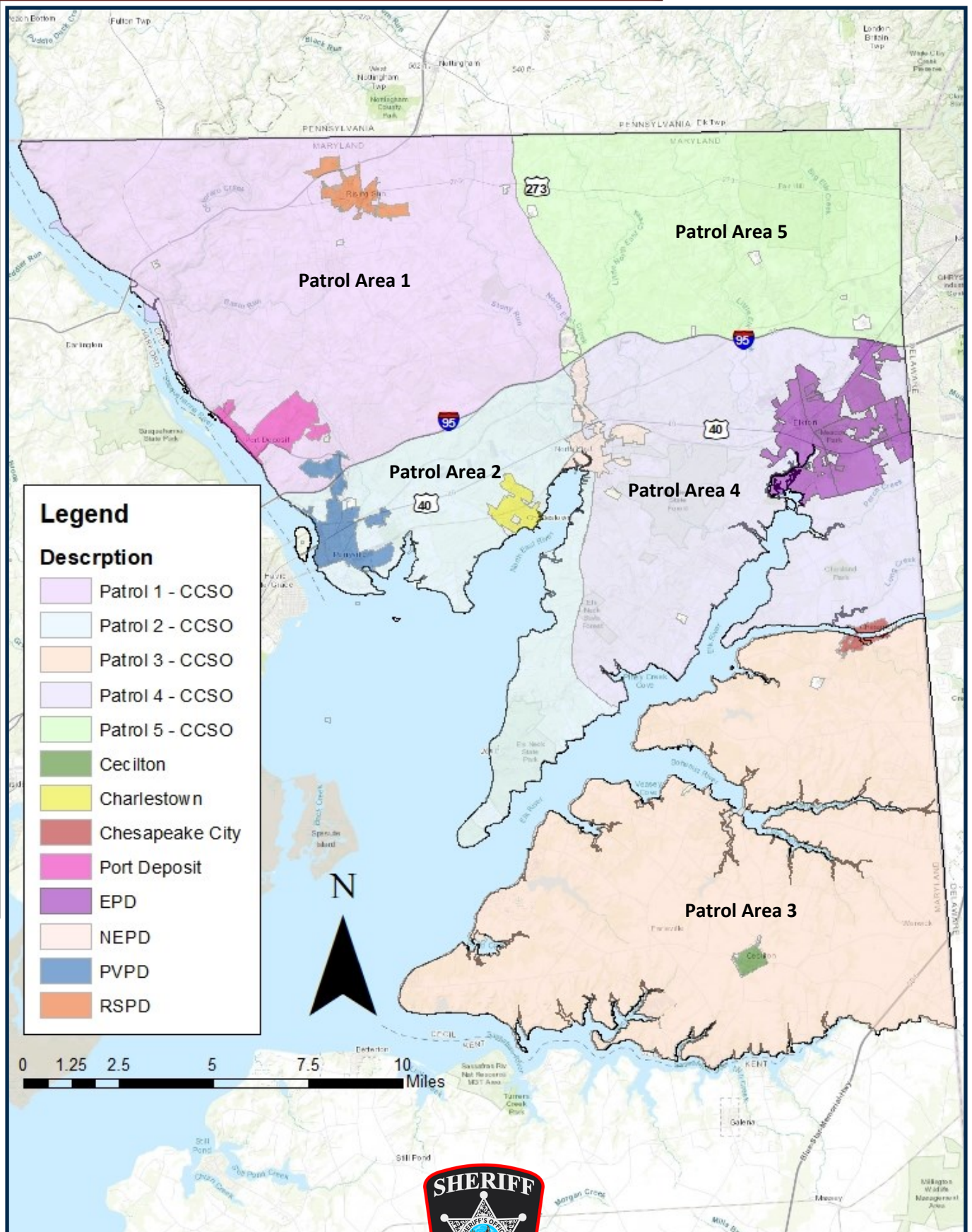
# K-9 Unit

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit plays a vital role in assisting in law enforcement operations. Four new canines were acquired in 2023 to replace 1 canine that retired in 2021 and 3 that retired in the beginning of 2023. All four dogs are trained or are in the process of being trained for tracking, article searches and narcotic detection. Three dogs are also trained or are in the process of being trained in offender apprehension techniques. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams performed 137 CDS Scans/Searches that resulted in 953 bags of heroin and $1218 in U.S. currency seized during 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 843 times and provided 11 building scans during 2023.

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 144 times during 2023.

The K-9 teams offered 7 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.

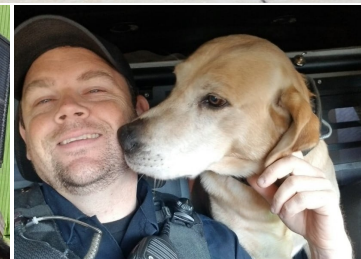## We wish our four retired K9s a happy and healthy retirement.


K9 MAX


K9 KILO


K9 ROSCOE


K9 ARIES

# K-9 Unit

Meet our new K9 Teams.
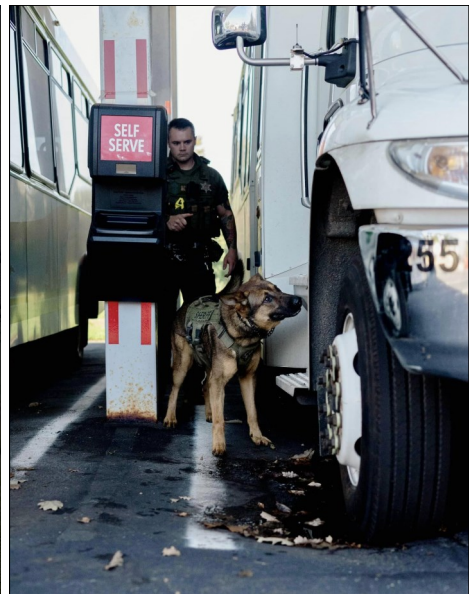


**K9 IKE &
DFC O'DONNELL**



**K9 LOKI &
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SR. DFC SADLER**
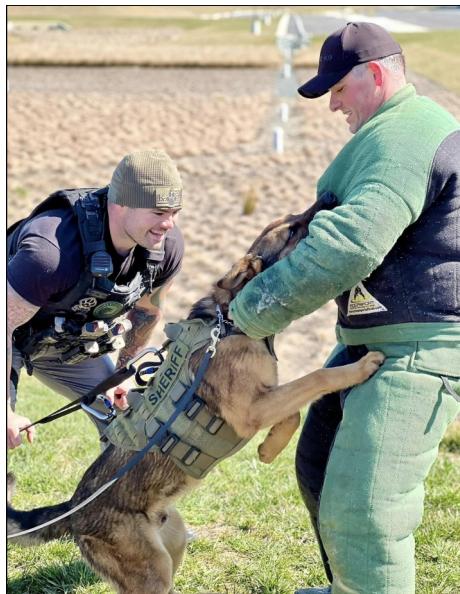






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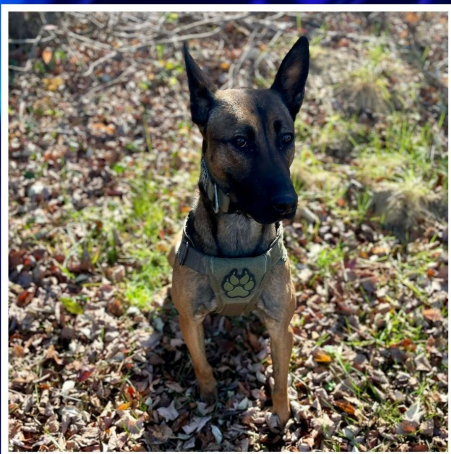




# BREAKING NEWS

"On Sunday, November 19, 2023 K9 Farrah and her handler, DFC. Matt Imming of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, assisted the Maryland State Police with locating a missing elderly male. The male had just walked away from an assisted living facility. Soon after the track was started K9 Farrah and DFC. Imming located the gentleman and provided needed medical care."

# Body Worn Cameras

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office successfully deployed the body-worn camera (BWC) program in June 2023. All deputies are now equipped with a BWC to record interactions between police and the community. The Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 requires Maryland agencies to use BWCs by July 2025, but CCSO elected to implement the program early to increase transparency. The body worn camera system provides clear evidentiary material when prosecuting crimes as well as acting as an enhanced management system of accountability.

In addition, Cecil County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles are equipped with In-Car Dash Cameras, which provide additional evidentiary video documentation.



*"The latest Getac Body-Worn Camera delivers ultra-wide angle, full HD video, even in low-light conditions. With 4G LTE capabilities and a second battery, it can go wherever the action is, providing complete situational awareness in critical scenarios."*

# Criminal Investigations Division

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# Criminal Investigations

During the 2023 calendar year the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division has been comprised of seven Detectives, one Sergeant and two Corporals. Two Detectives were assigned to the Megan's Law Unit and were responsible for monitoring registered sex offenders in Cecil County. The remaining 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 300 cases. One hundred and eighty-six of these were closed after the investigation was completed, a 62% closure rate well above the national average.

In 2023, a Detective from the Criminal Investigations Division continued to administer and monitor LEADS Online for Cecil County to ensure locally operated pawn shops comply with county ordinances.

Throughout the year the Criminal Investigations Division received **251 referrals** from the Department of Social Services. These cases include Child Sexual Abuse, Child Physical Abuse, Child Neglect and Child Fatality investigations. In 2023, Detectives authored and executed over 106 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 172 convicted sex offenders throughout Cecil County and makes arrests on those registered who fail to comply with   registration laws.

Members of the Criminal Investigations Division have continued to attend trainings to increase their knowledge in multiple areas to include; homicide investigations, human trafficking and interview and interrogation techniques.

Members of the Criminal Investigations Division 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 Investigations Division have instrumental roles in the Special Response Team, the Peer Support Team, and the Crisis Negotiation Team.

## 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, oftentimes 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 and Child Advocacy Center to investigate these cases in Cecil County. The Criminal Investigation Division also assists in these cases.

**Child Advocacy Center:** www.cecilhelp4u.com, **410.996.0100**

## CASE HIGHLIGHT—HOME INVASION LEADS TO ARREST

On August 7, 2023, two suspects entered a residence in Charlestown, Maryland while the homeowner and 3 juveniles were inside. The suspects  pointed guns at the victims and stole $15,000 in cash, approximately $4000 worth of jewelry, and additional items from the residence. Detective Jackson was able to identify one suspect via social media. The arrest of the 1st suspect  helped to identify and lead the arrest of the second suspect. A search warrant was conducted, and items that were taken from the victims were located, along with a large sum of controlled dangerous substances and multiple firearms.

# Crisis Intervention

Deputies responded to 179 calls relating to mentally disturbed or suicidal persons, resulting in 128 individuals being taken into custody and transported to the hospital for emergency evaluation.



Emergency Petitions by Year
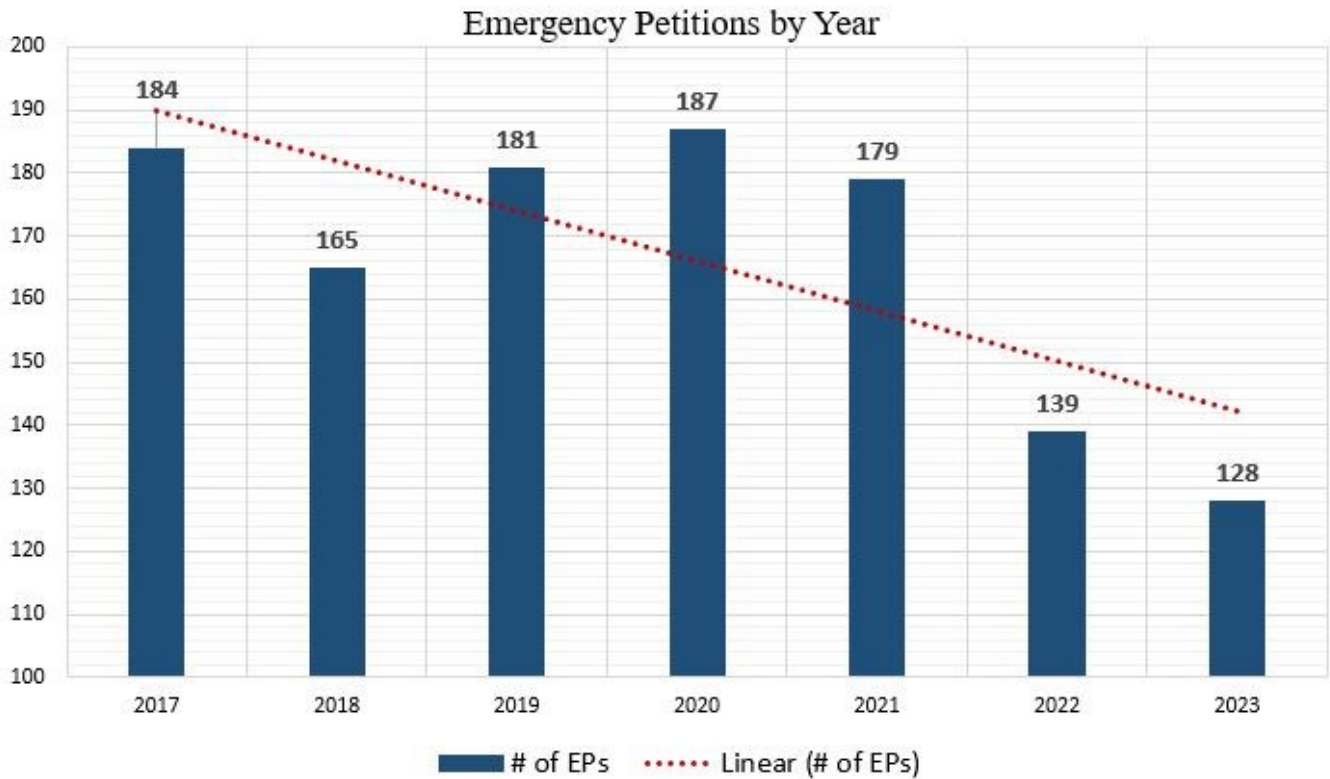
## Special Response Team

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. If requested, the S.R.T. also supports the Mobile Field Force during their deployments and the Corrections Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.).



*The*

*Special Response Team*

*was deployed*

***7 times***

*during 2023*

# Sex Offender Registry

The Sheriff's Office is also responsible 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:

| TOTAL | 172 |
|-------|-----|
| Tier 1 | 44 |
| Tier 2 | 45 |
| Tier 3 | 83 |

During 2023, a total of 17 arrest warrants were obtained for assorted violations of the sex offender registration laws. The Cecil County Sheriff's Office obtained an additional 8 warrants against sex offenders for parole intake and/or violations of probation.

The Maryland Sex Offender registry can be found online at: www.dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch



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**Sexual Abuse Treatment and Prevention Resources**

**MD Crime Victims' Resource Center:** Provides victim services, crisis assistance, legal help, financial help, 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 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 two full-time Crime Analysts. The analysts are able to extract data from records management systems, analyze it, and turn it into useful information. The analysts work with all divisions of the Sheriff's Office. Information on patterns helps the Sheriff's Office deploy resources in a more effective manner and are able to assist detectives in identifying and apprehending suspects.

They maintain and monitor the Safe Streets initiative/MCIN Offender list of the most violent repeat offenders in the county, compile and manage statistical data and conduct 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 Analysts actively utilize 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, Computer Aided Dispatched (CAD) calls, and other statistical data.

## 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 are responsible for many day-to-day calls for service. They are responsible for ensuring vital evidence is located, properly handled, and analyzed 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 41 crime scenes (Burglary: 9, Theft: 8, MDOP: 3, Weapons Violation: 1, Assault: 4, Shooting: 3, Home Invasion/Robbery: 4, Shooting: 1, Trespass: 1, Unattended Death/Suspicious Death/Suicide: 11, Sex Offense: 5, Homicide: 2, Police-Involved Shooting: 1) and processed evidence in-house from 7 additional cases during 2023.

## 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.

# 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. The group investigates individuals and organizations involved in the sale and distribution of controlled dangerous substances. The Task Force investigated 31 cases in 2023, resulting in the seizure of $9,642 in U S currency, 5 firearms, 11868 grams of cocaine, 328 grams of fentanyl, 4468 grams of marijuana, and 368 grams 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.

## Task Force Cases by Year



Bar chart titled "Task Force Cases by Year" showing # of Arrests by year with a linear trend line: 2017: 178, 2018: 145, 2019: 202, 2020: 143, 2021: 102, 2022: 52, 2023: 31. Legend: # of Arrests, Linear (# of Arrests).
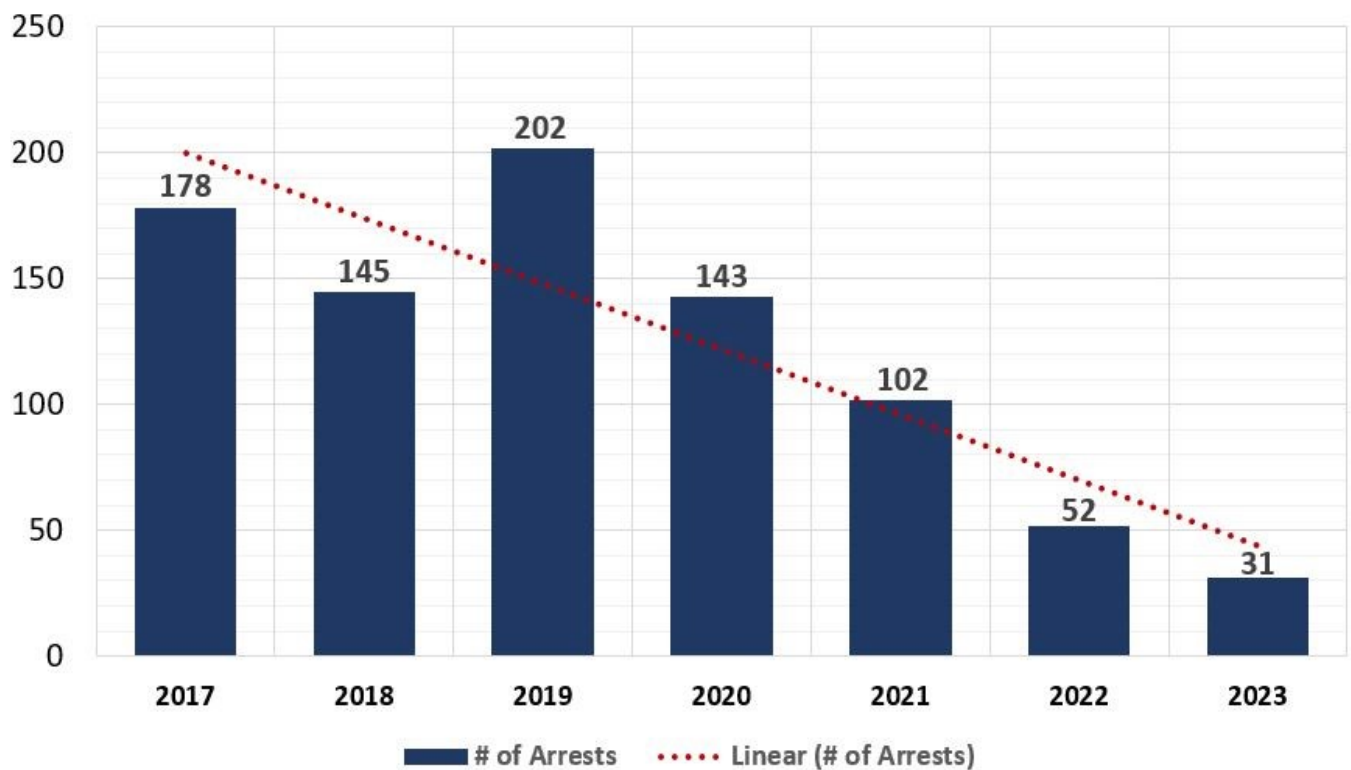
## High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

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.

## 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 may 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.

# 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 the 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 Overdose Statistics

In Cecil County, during the 2023 calendar year, 283 overdoses were reported—78% involving Heroin and/or Fentanyl. Of those overdoses, 40 of them resulted in fatalities.

- 4 were suicide or attempted suicides.
- 40 of the overdoses involved homeless individuals.

**2023/2022 Comparison:**

Overall overdoses that were reported to police *decreased by 10%* countywide. Fatal Overdoses *decreased by 34%* countywide.



Fatal Overdoses by Year



Total Overdoses by Year
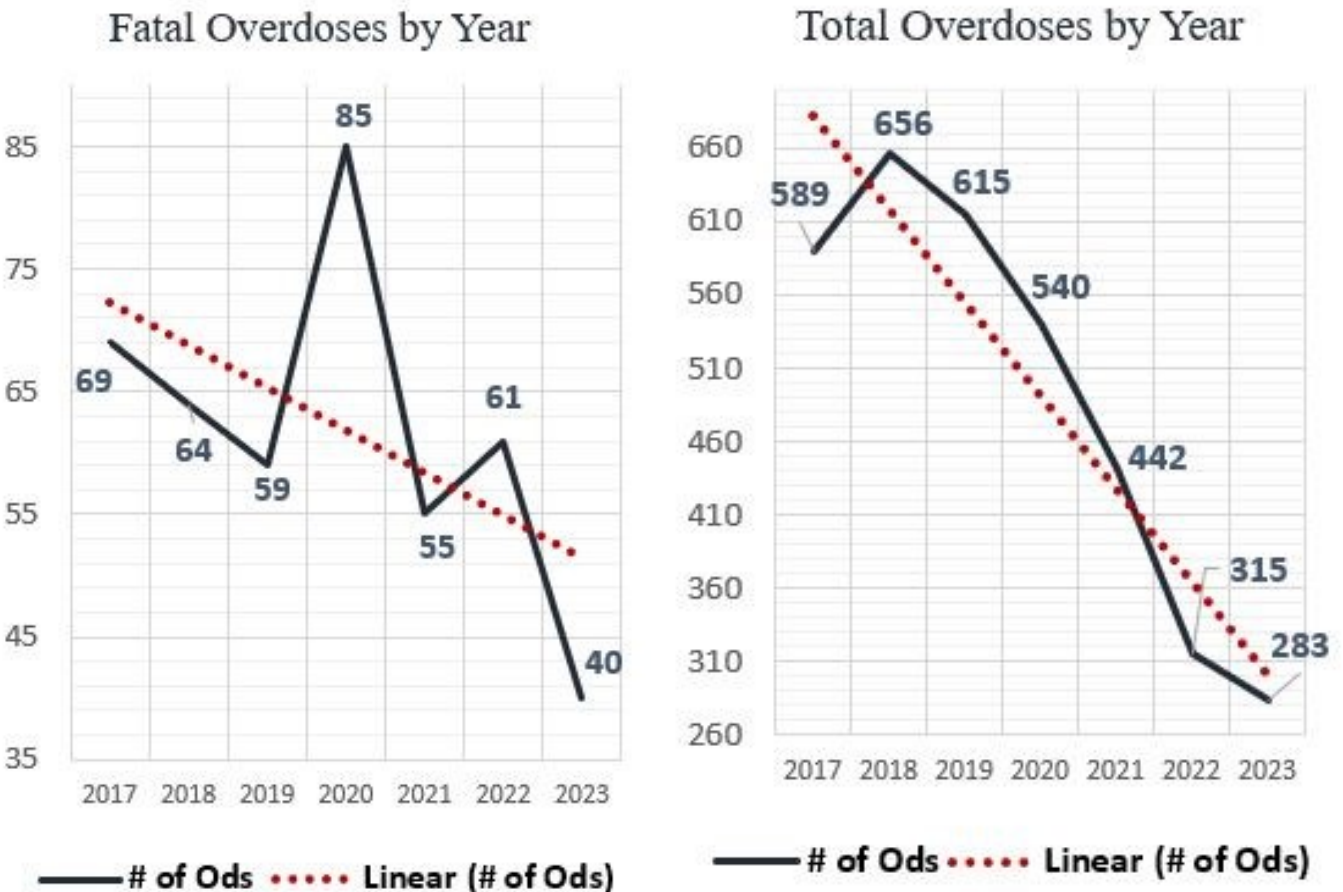
**\*Overdose statistics are subject to change based on pending OCME reports.**

## Age of OD Victim

| Age Group | Non-Fatal | Fatal |
|---|---|---|
| Under 16 | 3, Non-Fatal | 1, Fatal |
| 16-18 | 2, Non-Fatal | 0, Fatal |
| 19-25 | 18 | 3 |
| 26-35 | 98 | 12 |
| 36-45 | 73 | 8 |
| 46-55 | 37 | 5 |
| 56-65 | 42 | 10 |
| Over 65 | 6 | 1 |

■ Non-Fatal   ■ Fatal
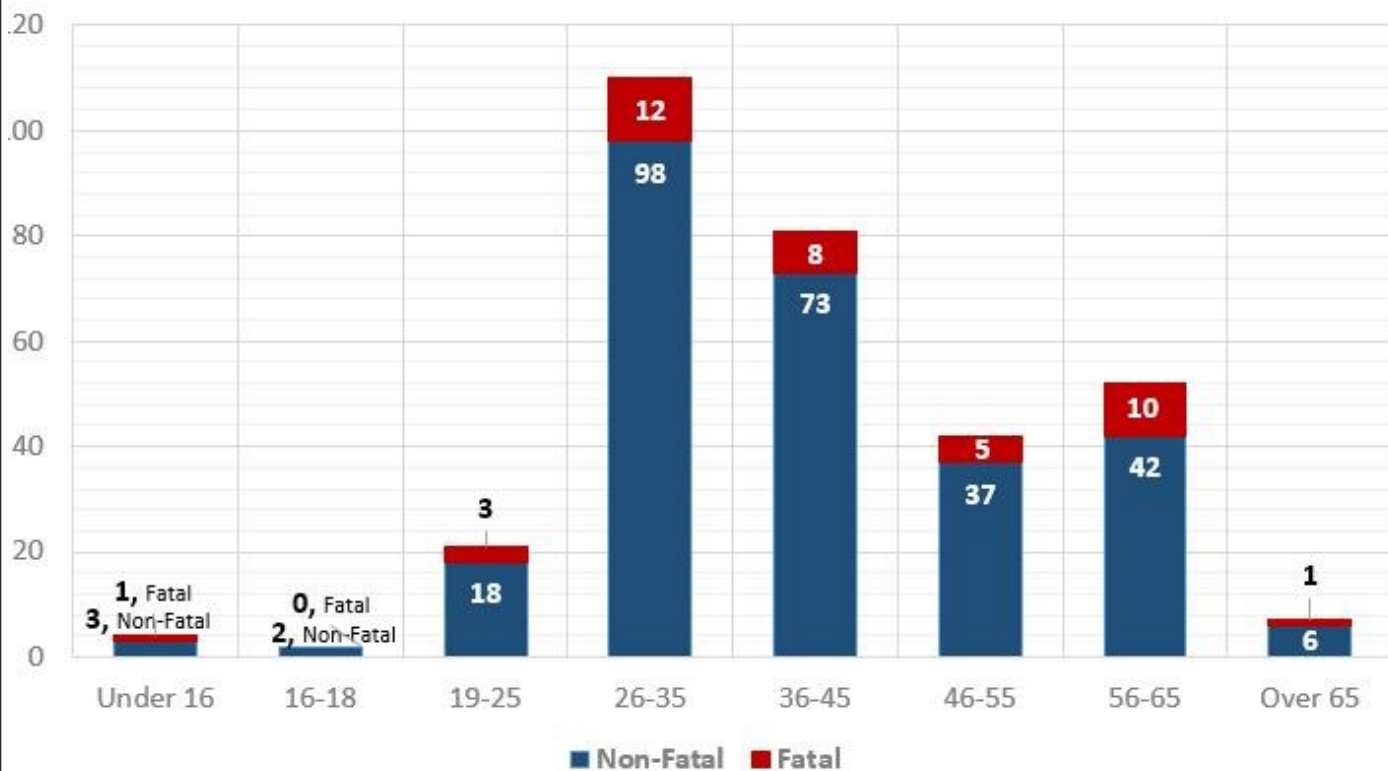
## Overdoses that were Suicide or Attempted Suicide

1%, Yes
99%, No
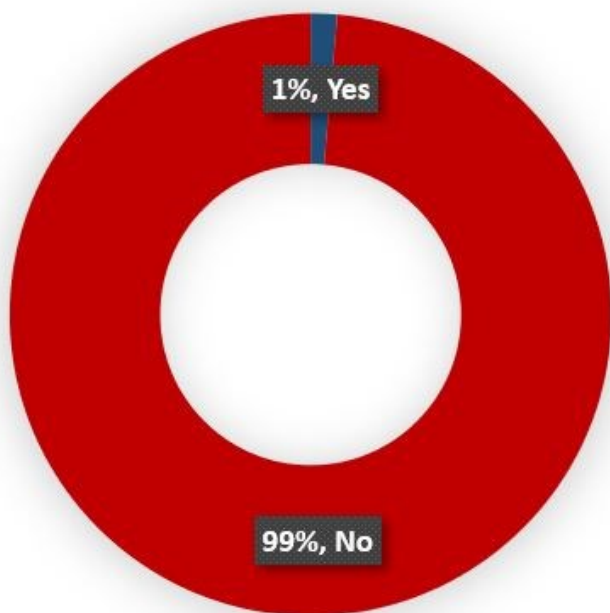
## Overdoses that Involved Homeless Victims

14%, Yes
86%, No
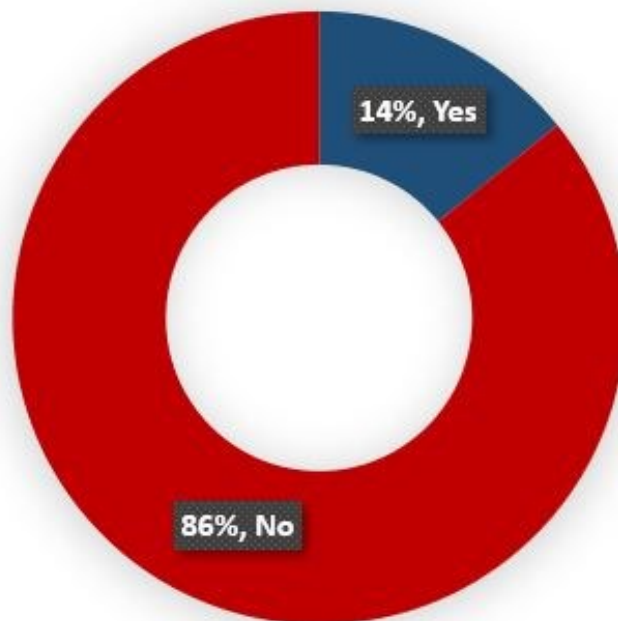
# Street Level Crimes Unit

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 with 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 2023: 26 Traffic Stops, 14 CDS Arrests, 77 Warrant Arrests, 5 Traffic Citations, 1 Traffic Arrest, 63 Search Warrants, 12 MCIN Operations and 15 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

Between February and April 2023 the Street Level Crimes Unit, investigated a CDS distribution case in Cecil County, Maryland. After a few months of surveillance, a traffic stop was conducted, and a search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a black in color non-serialized Polymer 80 9mm handgun loaded with eight rounds, two stamped wax bags containing suspected heroin/fentanyl, a suspected Oxycodone pill and glass smoking device from a top 10 MCIN offender. Search and seizure warrants were obtained for the suspect's residence and vehicle. The search warrant on the vehicle resulted in the seizure of 30.4 grams of cocaine and 31.9 grams of marijuana. The search warrant of the residence resulted in the seizure of digital scales and CDS residue.



# 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 2023 until December 31, 2023, 193 cases were investigated, resulting in 16 arrests (11 assaults), and 4 emergency evaluations. Seventeen non-reportable and 4 reportable crashes were investigated on school property.

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

# Administrative Services Division



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# Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division is comprised of several different units and areas, including Fleet Management, Professional Standards, Human Resources, Quarter Master, Background Investigations, and Training. This division helps to fulfill the Sheriff's Office mission and provides essential support for the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and the community.

The Administrative Sergeant oversees Building Security, implements the Sheriff's Office Firearms Program, and is responsible for Academy Recruits. This position is integral part to the Sheriff's Office and manages diverse assignments.

## Fleet Management

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office has approximately 105 vehicles that include Patrol Cars, Traffic Safety Vehicles, Investigation Vehicles, Police Service Technician Vehicles, and Emergency Command Vehicles in its fleet. The ultimate goal and responsibility of Fleet Management is to provide our deputies 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 other aspects of operating agency vehicles.

## 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.

## Background Investigations

Our Cecil County Sheriff's Office team is supported by dedicated Background Investigators who play a crucial role in maintaining the highest standards of integrity within our law enforcement agency. These skilled professionals meticulously investigate applicants to ensure the recruitment of individuals who uphold our commitment to public safety and community service.

# Human Resources

Human Resources is responsible for all management functions related to recruitment, applicant and promotional testing, and background investigations. The Human Resources Manager 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's compensation claims, performance evaluations, and the promotional processes.

## Polygraph Services

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office utilizes polygraph examinations in criminal investigations, internal affairs inquiries, and the pre-employment selection process. 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 who 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.

## 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.
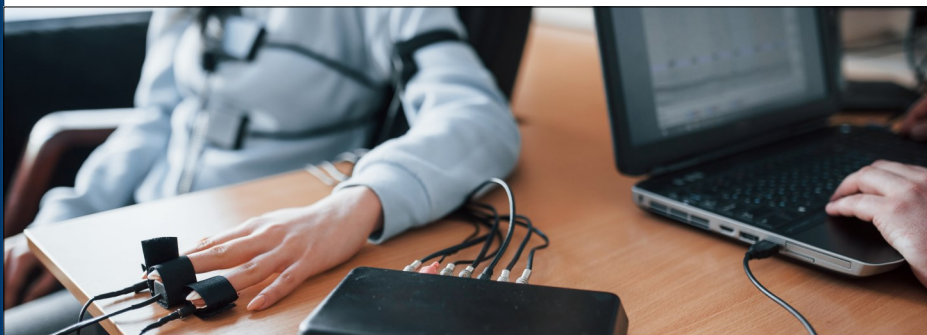
*PLEASE NOTE:*

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# Training

The Cecil County Sheriff's Office is committed to delivering exceptional law enforcement training to both sworn and professional staff so that they can provide proficient service to the community we serve. Per the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission each deputy must obtain 18 hours of in-service training each year.

*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 agency classes:* Firearms, OC Spray, ASP Baton, *and* Taser Deployment

In 2023, Corporal Lidy, Corporal Donald, and Captain Osborne 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 a curriculum developed through the United States Military Academy at West Point.



## VirTra

In 2023, The Cecil County Sheriff's Office received a large grant that was used to implement VirTra. VirTra simulations are intense, immersive, and realistic training solutions that will give officers the skills they need to be prepared for the unexpected. All scenarios are complex and have extensive branching options, so they can unfold entirely based on their decisions. In addition to reflecting real life, this complexity also encourages maximum learning, cognitive load, and skill-building. The ultimate goal of VirTra is to keep officers safe so they can return home every day.

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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; 103,672 persons were screened in 2023 before admittance to the courthouse. Deputies prevented 295 knives, 106 pairs of scissors, 162 miscellaneous prohibited items, 66 canisters of OC spray, 27 metal forks, and 5 handcuff keys from being brought into the building.

The unit also provided security for 382 weddings at the Cecil County Courthouse during 2023, totaling 2354 people. Deputies also assist court bailiffs to help maintain order in the four courtrooms during court proceedings.



## Percentage of Seized Property

- Knives—43%
- MISC—23%
- Scissors—15%
- OC Spray—10%
- Ninja Tools—4%
- Forks—4%
- Handcuff Keys—1%

### 2023 Courthouse Wedding Security

| Month | # of people |
| --- | --- |
| January | 165 |
| February | 175 |
| March | 192 |
| April | 185 |
| May | 242 |
| June | 200 |
| July | 197 |
| August | 224 |
| September | 192 |
| October | 211 |
| Novemver | 159 |
| Decenber | 212 |
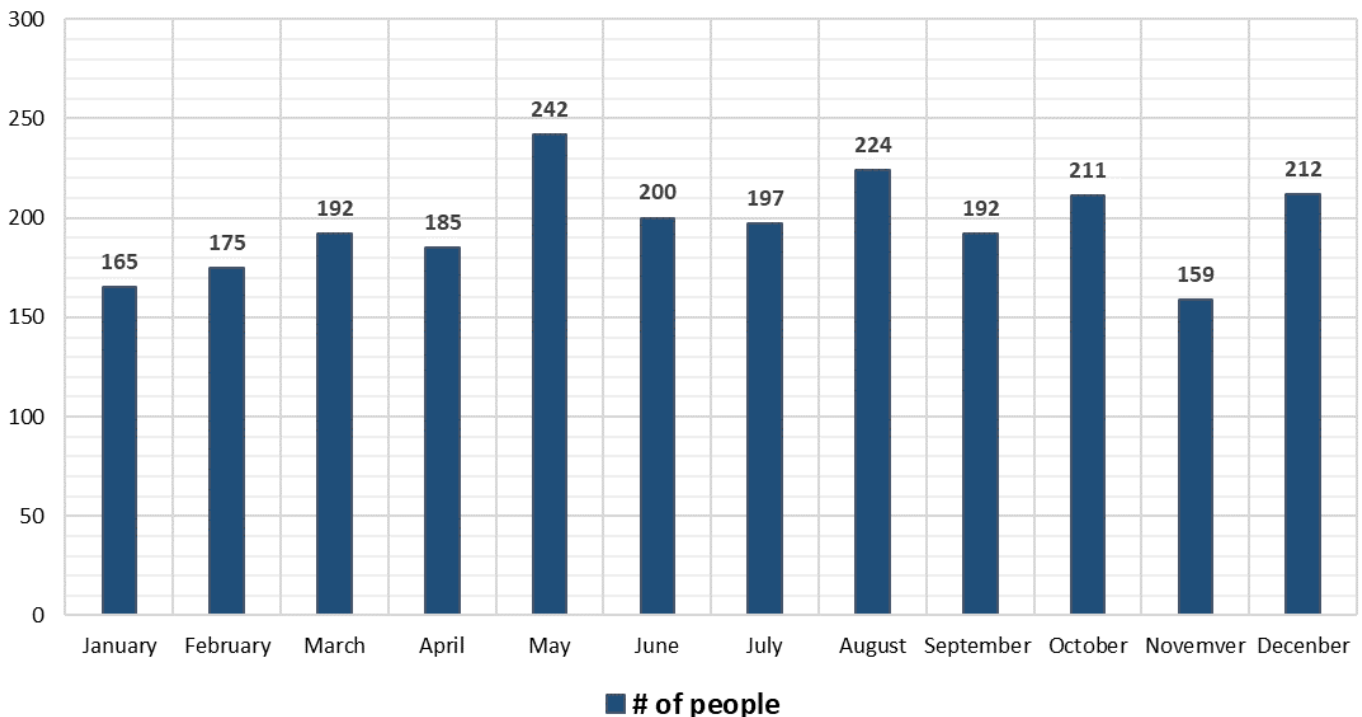
# Civil Process Unit

In 2023, the Civil Process Unit, 1 sergeant, 4 deputies and, 4 support staff, received 8,602 civil papers and 7181, or 83%, were served.

| Civil Process | | YTD Total 2018 | YTD Total 2019 | YTD Total 2020 | YTD Total 2021 | YTD Total 2022 | YTD Total 2023 | % Served 2018 | % Served 2019 | % Served 2020 | % Served 2021 | % Served 2022 | % Served 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Evictions | Received | 1465 | 1468 | 773 | 578 | 532 | 1080 | | | | 39% | 41% | 31% |
| | Served | 430 | 442 | 225 | 226 | 216 | 334 | | | | | | |
| | Canceled/ Non-Est. | 1102 | 1074 | 449 | 342 | 290 | 657 | | | | | | |
| Foreclosures | Received | 31 | 32 | 14 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 81% | 100% | 64% | 100% | 0% | 16% |
| | Served | 25 | 47 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 3 | | | | | | |
| ABR | Received | 130 | 107 | 109 | 122 | 125 | 123 | 44% | 44% | 28% | 9% | 22% | 48% |
| | Served | 57 | 47 | 30 | 11 | 27 | 59 | | | | | | |
| Peace Orders | Received | 199 | 265 | 478 | 417 | 331 | 456 | | | | 51% | 56% | 57% |
| | Served | 114 | 153 | 250 | 211 | 185 | 259 | | | | | | |
| | Non-Est. | 87 | 102 | 251 | 162 | 121 | 164 | | | | | | |
| Rent Papers | Received | 5481 | 5274 | 2490 | 2845 | 2152 | 3476 | 99% | 100% | 93% | 99% | 79% | 100% |
| | Served | 5479 | 5334 | 2327 | 2819 | 1694 | 3490 | | | | | | |
| Police Subpeanas | Received | 2183 | 950 | 709 | 819 | 727 | 427 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| | Served | 2183 | 950 | 709 | 819 | 727 | 455 | | | | | | |
| Misc/Overall | Received | 10177 | 6530 | 4494 | 5663 | 3867 | 3021 | | | | 66% | 76% | 85% |
| | Served | 4411 | 5093 | 3127 | 3737 | 2943 | 2581 | | | | | | |
| | Attempted | 5845 | 6394 | 4001 | 4543 | 3793 | 2739 | | | | | | |
| **Total Received** | | 19666 | 14626 | 9067 | 10448 | 7735 | 8602 | 65% | 83% | 74% | 75% | 75% | 83% |
| **Total Served** | | 12699 | 12066 | 6677 | 7828 | 5792 | 7181 | | | | | | |

# Warrants Office

Arrest Warrants are not issued by the Sheriff's Office. They are issued solely by the courts. The Warrants Unit of the Sheriff's Office receives these warrants for entry into various local and national Law Enforcement database systems based on the information given to us by the courts. We then make every attempt to verify the information, i.e., date of birth, hair color, eye color, tattoos, etc., to ensure it is entered into the system under the correct subject. When a warrant is served, and the offender is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer, a copy of the warrant is sent to the arresting agency to be read to the offender. Once our office verifies the agency has received their copy, the original warrant, signed by the judge, is then returned to the courts.

A total of 1,919 warrants, 429 criminal summonses, and 1,691 protective orders were received, with 1,649 warrants, 180 criminal summonses, and 879 protection orders served. Six Extreme Risk Protective Orders were received, and all 6 were served.

# Community Resources Unit

The **Community Resources 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
- CCSO Community Movie Night held at EPD
- Recruitment presentation at Cecil College Job Fair
- Maryland Sheriff's Association hosted by Cecil County Sheriff's Office
- Community Resource event "Fishing with the Fuzz" hosted by Perryville PD
- CCSO partnered with the Hussman Institute for Autism handing out sensory kits to deputies.
- Cecil County Sheriff's Office Cornhole Tournament hosted at North East Town Park
- Community Resource Fair hosted at Gilpin Manor Elementary
- Community Resource Fair hosted at the Elkton Library
- Community Resource Fair hosted at Elk Neck Elementary "Kid Print I.D"
- Cecil County Fair
- First Responder Day at North East Library
- Police Unity Tour through Cecil County
- Safetyville Rising Sun High School
- Safetyville Elk Neck Elementary School
- Badges for Baseball at Ripken Stadium August 2023
- National Night Out – Elkton
- National Night Out – Perryville
- Community Resource Event held at North Bay for a PSA
- Back to School Night hosted at Elkton High School
- Community Resource Event held at the Chesapeake City Car Show
- ALICE Training at North Bay Camp
- ALICE Training at Providence School
- ALICE Training at Health Department
- Community Resource Event held at the Hacks Point Car Show
- Coffee with a Cop hosted at Haden's Coffee Shop
- Coffee with a Cop hosted at the Cecil County Senior Center
- Cocoa with a Cop hosted at the Cecil County Senior Center
- Cecil No Shave November CCSO partnered with The Boys and Girls Club of Hartford and Cecil Co.
- Coco and Coffee with Cop hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Hartford and Cecil Co.
- Community Resource Event – Trunk or Treat hosted at Bainbridge Elementary
- Community Resource Event – Trunk or Treat hosted at Singerly Fire House
- Drug Take Back Day hosted at Elkton High School
- CCSO Community Movie Night held at EPD

# Central Records

Under the Special Operations Division, Central Records is responsible for all aspects of document control within the Sheriff's Office. Their 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 through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 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 granted from the issuing judge, Central Records will remove the offense from all Sheriff's Office files.
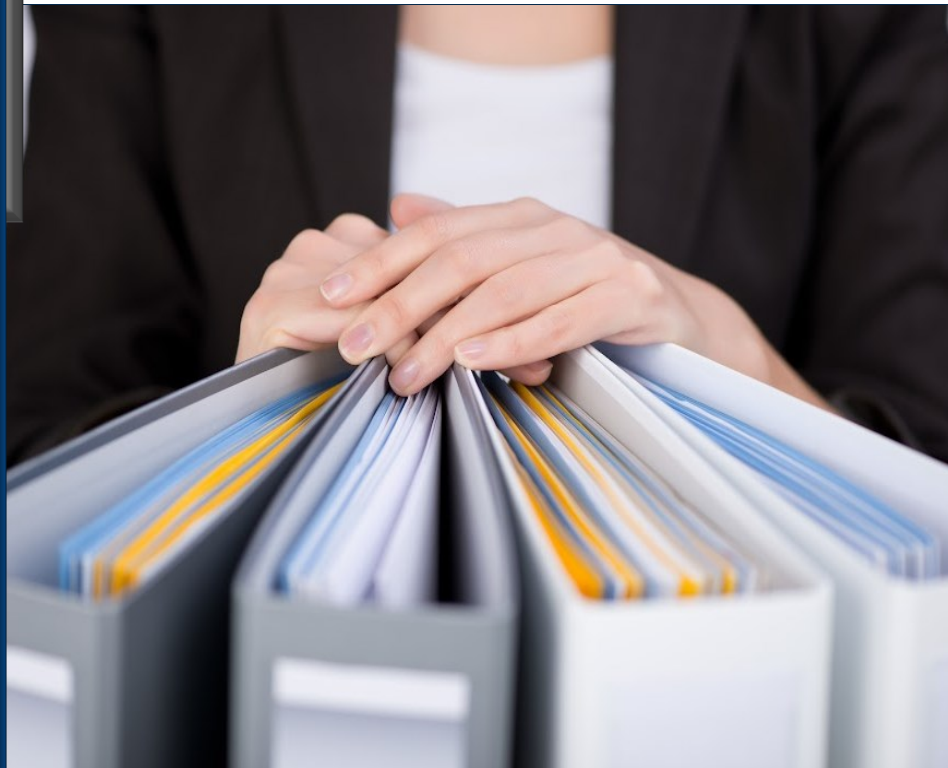


**Custodian of Records**
**Sharon Potts**
410.392.2159
recordsccso@cecilsheriffmd.gov

*PLEASE NOTE:*

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

# Small Unmanned Aircraft System

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 has 5 personnel with remote pilot licenses under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Small Unmanned Aircraft Rule (Part 107). Three additional deputies are in training to obtain their licenses.



Additionally, the Sheriff's Office has 2 certificates of waiver granted by the FAA. The first waiver allows the Sheriff's Office to enter into Aberdeen Proving Ground's class E airspace which boarders 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 has low-light cameras, along with FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared), and thermal capabilities. This equipment allows the Sheriff's Office to search for persons or objects giving off heat signatures during low light or nighttime conditions. In 2019, the Sheriff's Office acquired the Matrice, a SUAS with a more sophisticated FLIR and longer range and flight time. The Matrice will allow the Sheriff's Office pilots to search for longer periods without having to land. The sheriff's office deployed the SUAS in 11 separate incidents in 2023.

# Honor Guard

In 2023, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard respectfully and proudly represented the Sheriff's Office at public events throughout the county and the region. The trained deputies of the Honor Guard provide color guard for public events and ceremonies. Deputies on the Honor Guard team volunteer for this service and are selected based on their motivation, high standards of appearance and conduct, and aptitude for ceremonial duties. Membership requires dedication, commitment, and sacrifice. Their most solemn duty is to show honor and respect to fallen officers.

# Performance Recognition



## Deputy of the Year

### Senior Deputy First Class
# Michael Hornberger

The following Sheriff's deputies were awarded for their outstanding work in 2022:

**DWI/DUI Arrests:** Deputy Sean Rickey
**Motor Vehicle Citations:** Deputy First Class Alexander Dowling
**CDS Arrests:** Deputy First Class Alexander Dowling
**Criminal Arrests:**  Deputy Tanner Page
**Warrant Arrests:** Dominic Griffo
**Sheriff's Salute:** Cpl. Don Alexander
**Sheriff's Salute:** Cpl. Tyler Price
**Sheriff 's Salute:** Sr. DFC  Jeffrey Plummer
**Sheriff 's Salute:** Crime Analyst  Jennifer Heitz
**Sheriff's Salute:**  Corporal Michael Thomas & K9 Roscoe
**Life Saving Award:** Cpl. Jonathan Pruett
**Unit Citation:** Squad C - Sgt. Angel Valle, Cpl. Michael Thomas, Sr. Deputy Dale Smith, Deputy Heather Cotton

# Contact Information

## Cecil County Sheriff's Office
107 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 112
Elkton, Maryland 21921

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