



SHERIFF JEFFREY R. GAHLER  
ANNUAL REPORT 2024







Jeffrey R. Gahler  
Sheriff



Colonel William Davis  
Chief Deputy

A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF GAHLER

To Our Harford County Community:

As we reflect on 2024, I remain filled with immense gratitude for the continued support and trust you have shown in your Sheriff's Office. This past year was truly remarkable, not only for the exceptional service provided by our dedicated personnel, but also for the celebration of a significant milestone - the 250th Anniversary of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

As Sheriff, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Anniversary Committee and everyone whose dedication made this yearlong celebration truly extraordinary. This 250 – year milestone stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment, sacrifice, and dedication of every member – past and present – who has shaped the esteemed legacy of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

In 2024, we again achieved significant milestones that have strengthened our Agency and its service to the community. The introduction of the new Command Unit and Crisis Negotiation Vehicle have enhanced our ability to protect and serve, while the graduation of three academy classes, contributions to national security efforts, support for communities affected by Hurricane Helene, and the successful resolution of major cases have all reinforced public safety.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our deputies and civilian staff. Their tireless commitment makes a profound impact on our county every day. Thanks to their efforts – and your steadfast support – 2024 was a year of progress and achievement.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue working together to build an even safer, stronger community for all.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey R. Gahler*

Sheriff Jeffrey R. Gahler



Our Dedicated Commitment to Community Partnership



MISSION

With courage, honor, and integrity we protect the rights and dignity of all citizens.

In partnership with our communities, we strive to preserve the peace and provide for a safe environment for all.

COURAGE

With steadfastness and purpose of mind, we accept the responsibility of overcoming adversity to remain effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of our communities.

HONOR

With distinction and pride, we protect the rights of all citizens equally.

INTEGRITY

We are responsible for our conduct, both professionally and personally.

We are honest, fair, and strong of character.

We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of ethical conduct and endeavor to be role models for others.

AGENCY WIDE STATS

Office of the Sheriff 2024

ANNUAL BUDGET:  
FY25

\$126,466,411



683

Authorized Employees

AUTHORIZED LE

331 Permanent  
23 Temporary

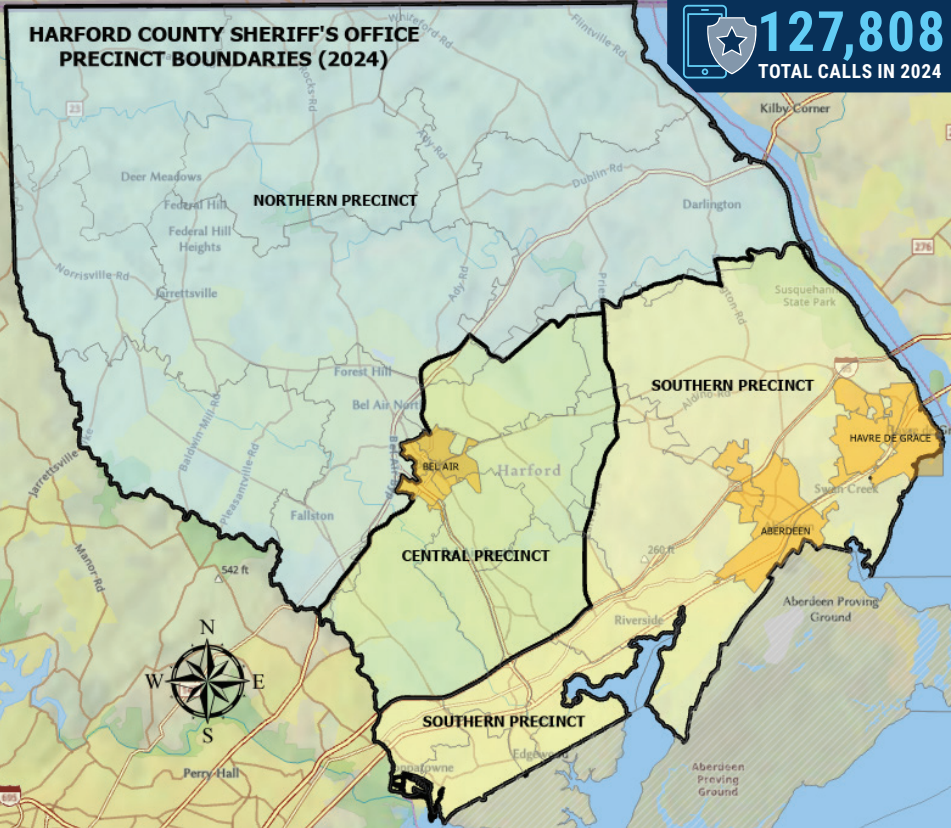
AUTHORIZED CO

154 Permanent  
3 Temporary

Calls for Service

HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
PRECINCT BOUNDARIES (2024)

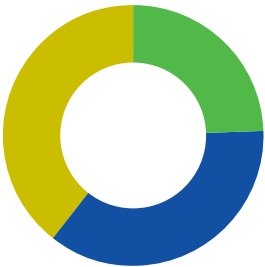
127,808  
TOTAL CALLS IN 2024



BY MONTH PER YEAR

	2022	2023	2024
JAN	11,438	11,218	9,695
FEB	10,728	9,657	11,345
MAR	11,216	10,689	10,790
APR	10,420	9,425	11,694
MAY	10,347	11,293	11,765
JUN	10,652	10,556	10,908
JUL	9,801	11,565	10,692
AUG	9,973	11,567	10,726
SEP	9,476	9,840	9,629
OCT	9,950	10,723	10,510
NOV	9,696	10,588	10,077
DEC	10,076	10,308	9,977

BY PRECINCT



34%  
Northern

Total Sq. Mi.  
417

Deputies Assigned  
58

23%  
Central

Total Sq. Mi.  
162

Deputies Assigned  
51

37%  
Southern

Total Sq. Mi.  
31

Deputies Assigned  
51

AGENCY AWARD WINNERS



Correctional Deputy of the Year Award  
Deputy First Class Brandon Klepetka



Correctional Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award  
Corporal Darnell Hill



Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year Award  
Senior Deputy Brian Bradow



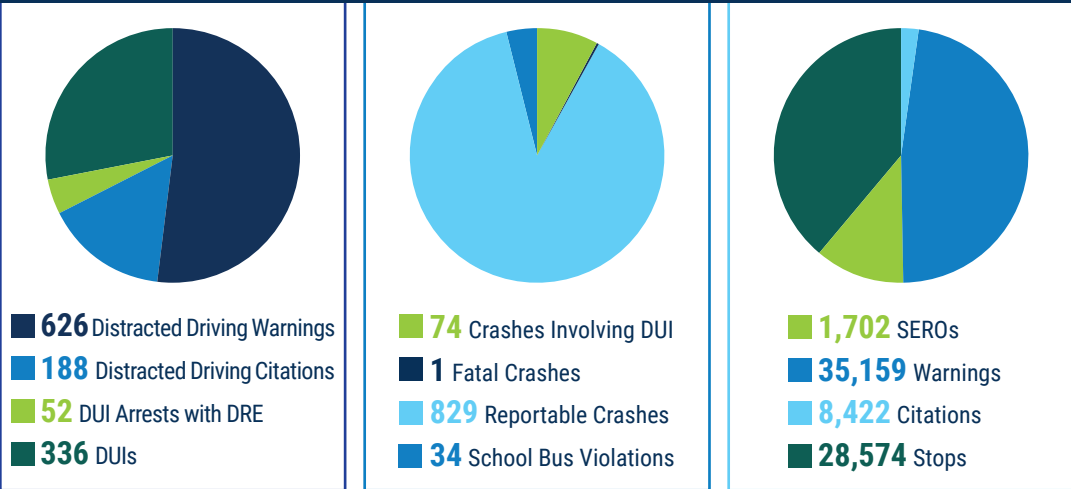
Law Enforcement Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award  
Sergeant Joseph Sanchez, Jr.



POLICE OPERATIONS BUREAU



2024 Agency Traffic Enforcement Totals



2024 TRAFFIC UNIT TOTALS



3,796 Total Traffic Stops

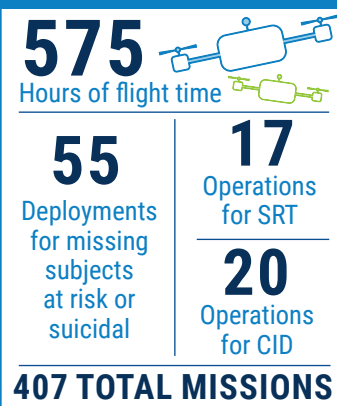
5,647 Total Violations

129 Commercial Vehicle Inspections

278 Traffic Enforcement Requests Received

5,753 School Bus Camera Violations

2024 Drone Totals



2024 Special Response Team

Barricades 12  
Security Details 2  
High Risk Search and Arrest Warrants 74

2024 Crisis Negotiation Team

Vehicle Barricades 1  
Barricades 7  
High Risk Search and Arrest Warrants 49

2024 K9 UNIT TOTALS

Calls for Service: 1,740  
Assisted on and of those

- 470 Dogs Deployed
- 325 CDS Scans
- 16 Demos
- 21 Warrant Assists
- 32 Tracks/Trails for Criminal Suspect and Missing Persons



SERVICES AND SUPPORT BUREAU



FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT (CPU) THESE ARE SOME OF THE HIGH POINTS FOR 2024:

- CPU attended/hosted a total of 319 events.
- 2024 was our highest total in Active Shooter Presentations: 42 classes with a total of 2280 students
- We only offered Stop the Bleed to the public towards the end of 2024, and we hosted 9 classes with 295 students
- CORE CLASSROOM Presentation was taught to 502 students (a good portion being HCPS students). Here we had discussions before the video and after for teaching points.
- The CORE Trailer videos were watched by approximately 350 kids.
- HOPE House request was 21 events with 415 tours.
- Christmas Drive helped a total of 188 families: a total of 264 Adults and 654 Kids received food, clothes, and toys.
- Abingdon Walmart Shop with a Cop had a total of 39 kids attend, we also provided a full dinner for all volunteers and family members of the kids, which total 124 guests.
- Fallston Walmart Shop with a Cop had a total of 17 kids.
- With the added donations from both Shop with the Cop events, the HCSO CPU Unit also was able to sponsor and adopt 11 kids from the Ashley's Clubhouse who received gifts from their Wishlist. We were also able to provide the Ashley's Clubhouse with needed materials for the Clubhouse Program, that the kids attending would benefit from.
- 2024 National Night Out had over 100 plus vendors, with 80 being civilian vendors. The Harford County Sheriff's Office 2024 NNO had every local police department represented, as well as all State L.E. agencies in attendance. Estimated attendance was between 2800-3200 people.
- 2024 Faith in Blue (Trunk or Treat) again broke record numbers. We had a total of 34 vendors and the event was attended by over 1000 people.



SERVICES AND SUPPORT BUREAU



In 2024, the Animal Control Unit responded to a total of 3,129 calls for service. The top three types of calls included 1,011 incidents of loose/stray animals, 505 cases of humane investigations, and 493 owner surrenders.

Warrant Apprehension Unit



882

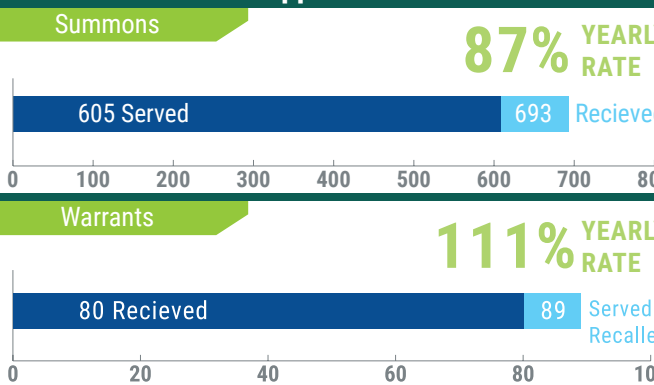
Warrant Unit Service

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Extraditions Completed

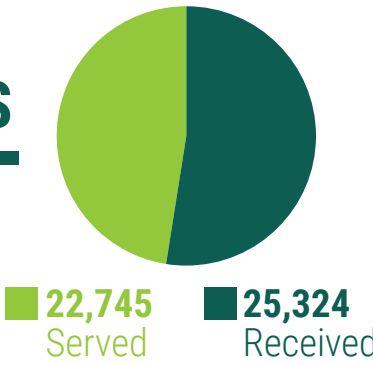
2,260 WARRANTS SERVED

Child Support Enforcement



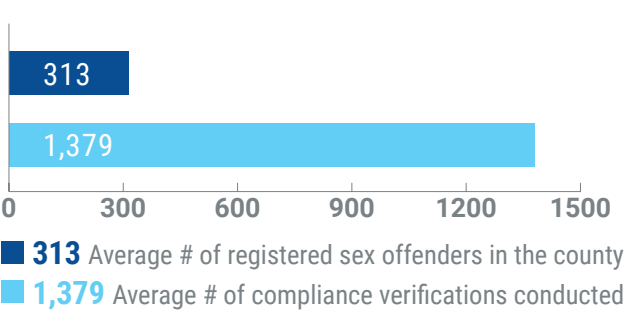
CIVIL UNIT STATISTICS

90% SERVICE RATE



In 2024, the Training Academy conducted 158 Law Enforcement Inservice classes and 70 Corrections Inservice classes. A total of 17 Law Enforcement recruits graduated across two Academy classes, along with 12 Corrections recruits and 4 Institutional Support Staff. 54 days of training were conducted for outside jurisdictions, enhancing regional training efforts.

Megan's Law



Building & Technology Services Unit (BATS) Unit

BATS consists of a Coordinator and four Law Enforcement Support Specialists. Their primary duty is to oversee nearly all AXON products, including BWCs (Body Worn Cameras), TASERS, and FLEET In-Car Video. There are more than 600 BWCs, 300 TASERS, and 200 ICVs currently in use at the Agency. BATS maintains a close relationship with Prosecutors, Paralegals, and Legal Assistants, in the Harford County State's Attorney's Office, as well as partnered and other outside Agencies, assisting in the preparation of video and photo evidence for trials. BATS processes Public Information Act requests for Attorneys, Insurance Companies, as well as private citizens. This is a time-consuming process that normally takes a team approach. The Unit also has the responsibility of facilitating building maintenance requests between the Precincts, Headquarters, and County Facilities.

2,019

REQUESTS FROM SAO  
These are requests sent to our unit by the SAO. All require BWC/ICV pulls and cases are created.

83

PIA/SUBPOENAS  
These are requested by the Records Section where all videos must be redacted prior to release.

4,446

ON CALL ARRESTS  
These appear in the On Call Records Management system. Not all require BWC/ICV pulls, some are warrant/criminal summons served so no video is needed. All must be researched by personnel to see if a case creation is needed.

51

OTHER REQUESTS (OTHER AGENCIES)  
These are BWC/ICV requests by outside agencies and some internal requests by members who don't have access to Evidence.com (HCSO Background Investigators)

1,047

REQUESTS FOR MUST APPEAR CITATIONS  
These were BWC/ICV pulls for Criminal Traffic Violations initiated by the deputies.



CORRECTIONAL SERVICES BUREAU

The Harford County Detention Center is a full-service detention facility that houses up to 820 inmates across maximum, medium, and minimum-security levels. These security levels include designated housing units for classification intake, medical holding, and restrictive housing based on the specific needs of each inmate. The Detention Center remains committed to providing quality incarceration services by offering a range of programs and resources aimed at rehabilitation and successful reentry into the community.



Programs

The Harford County Detention Center ensures that all inmates, including those in administrative segregation and protective custody, have access to a variety of programs and services. These include educational opportunities, social services, counseling, religious guidance, library access, and recreational activities. The objective of these programs is to engage inmates in meaningful activities that contribute to the safe and secure operation of the facility while also equipping them with skills to aid in their successful reintegration into society. Effective programming directly correlates with fewer repeat offenses, ultimately fostering safer communities.



Chaplain

The Chaplain's Office provides essential spiritual support and resources to inmates during their incarceration. Chaplains assist inmates in making a spiritual connection within the faith of their choice and help develop structured reentry plans. The facility currently benefits from the support of 3 volunteer chaplains. Inmates have access to Bibles, spiritual meetings, counseling, religious dietary accommodations, and worship services as part of their faith-based rehabilitation.



Community Services

The Community Services Coordinator plays a vital role as the reentry specialist for the inmate population. By collaborating with numerous community agencies, the coordinator assists inmates in transitioning back into society, ensuring they have access to the resources needed for successful reintegration.



Transport Unit

The Transport Unit ensures the safe and secure movement of inmates to and from courts, correctional institutions, and medical facilities throughout the state. In addition to in-person transport, the unit utilizes Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) technology for court appearances and medical interviews. In 2024, the Transport Unit conducted 2,514 inmate transports and facilitated 2,014 bail reviews.

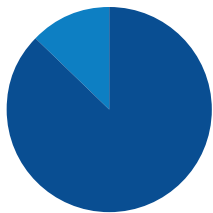


Interagency Processing Center/Booking

Operating 24/7, 365 days a year, the Interagency Processing Center (IPC) is the initial point of entry for individuals arrested in Harford County. Upon arrival, arrestees undergo fingerprinting, photographing, and warrant checks through local, state, and national databases. The IPC also employs advanced body scanning technology to detect contraband and weapons efficiently while maintaining a less intrusive search process. In 2024, the IPC processed 3,049 new intakes from 7 different local and state agencies.

The Harford County Detention Center remains committed to its mission of maintaining a secure and rehabilitative environment while ensuring public safety and the successful reintegration of inmates into the community.

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION



285 Males  
40 Females

TOTAL: 325



Warden  
Daniel Galbraith

In our commitment to delivering exceptional care to inmates in our custody, we collaborate with contractors to ensure that their nutritional and medical requirements are fully met throughout their period of incarceration.

In 2024, in conjunction with outside contracted service providers, we provided:

354,780  
Meals For Inmates

Major HVAC renovation  
improving inmate living conditions

671  
Dental Sick Calls or Visits

10,794  
Nurse Treatments were provided to include Sick Calls, Detox Checks, Wound Care, and Emergency Response

6,677  
Mental Health Screenings and Follow-up Contacts were conducted

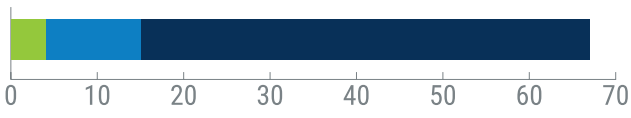
Ongoing services  
for medical, mental health, dental, substance abuse, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Office of Professional Standards

Investigations

67 TOTAL CASES INVESTIGATED



4 Civilian  
11 Sworn Corrections  
52 Sworn Law Enforcement

TYPES OF CASES

49 External Cases

18 Internal Cases

15  
Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) Eligible Cases

17  
Cases received thru Public Portal

Public Portal is a cloud-based website associated with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Office of Professional Standards database IAPro® where the public may make a complaint or compliment against a deputy, and it is immediately forwarded and uploaded into the IAPro® database and memorialized for an internal investigation.

2024 Heroin / Fentanyl Overdose Stats

212 TOTAL OVERDOSES IN HARFORD COUNTY

36% decrease from 2023

23

Confirmed Fatal  
61% decrease from 2023

35

Narcan by LE  
12% decrease from 2023

24

Fatal Including Unconfirmed  
63% decrease from 2023

26

Repeat ODs  
58% decrease from 2023

189

Non-Fatal  
29% decrease from 2023

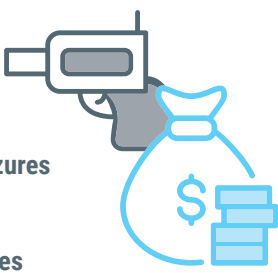
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Fatal Victims w/Prior ODs  
41% decrease from 2023

Special Investigations Division

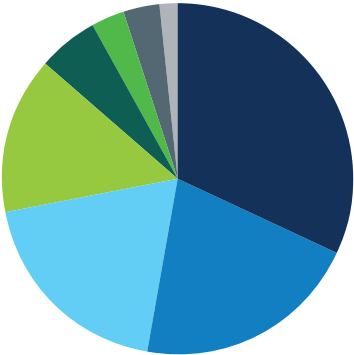
23  
Firearms

\$293,808.78  
Total street value of drug seizures  
\$371,682.17  
Total value of all asset seizures



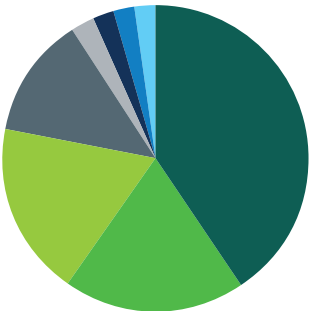
Criminal Investigations Division

MAJOR CASES



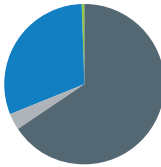
24 Robberies  
7 Unfounded cases  
18 Charged cases  
2 Exceptionally cleared cases  
4 Still active cases  
4 Homicides (4 Closed)  
40 Aggressive assaults investigated by CID  
26 Rapes investigated by CID

PROPERTY CRIMES



33 Frauds  
104 Auto thefts  
47 Burglaries  
49 APS referrals  
6 Thefts over \$25,000  
5 Thefts under \$25,000  
6 Embezzlements  
6 Elder frauds

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



1938 Reports  
104 Gun releases  
903 Assaults  
10 SSWs

Forensic Services Unit

Firearms

170

Operability Examinations

121

NIBIN Entries (Test Fire)

33

NIBIN Entries (Crime Casings)

34

NIBIN Leads

Digital

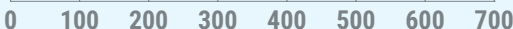
Video Analysis Requests 166  
Most of these requests were retrieval, upload, and analysis

SID or Unattended Requests 42

193 Total Case Requests  
3.53 devices examined per case on average

8 Vehicles  
62 Computers  
253 Cell Phones  
358 Alt. Devices  
SD cards, USB, skimmers, cameras, etc

681 DIGITAL FORENSIC EXAMS





# FALLEN HEROES TRIBUTE *IN REMEMBRANCE*

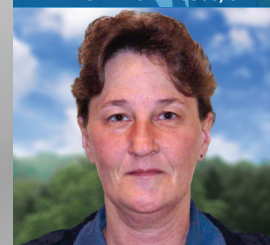
The Harford County Sheriff's Office, established in 1774, has lost seven deputies in the Line of Duty. While the month of May is set aside to honor their memory, not a day goes by that they are not part of our thoughts. We must keep the light of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, burning brightly.



Dep. Frank Bateman



DFC William Beebe, Jr.



DFC Teresa Testerman



Cpl. Charles Licato



Sgt. Ian Loughran



Sr. Dep. Patrick Dailey



DFC Mark Logsdon



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