



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

SHERIFF JEFFREY R. GAHLER



A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF GAHLER



★ Jeffrey R. Gahler Sheriff

To Our Harford County Community:

As we reflect on 2025, it is clear that the year stands as another exceptional period of service and achievement for the Harford County Sheriff's Office. Our success was driven by the unwavering dedication and professionalism of our members, whose commitment to the citizens of Harford County continues to define our mission and strengthen the trust placed in us.

Throughout the year, our Office supported significant local, regional and national events. The Marine Unit proudly participated in the Presidential Inauguration, and our personnel contributed to response efforts following the tragic crash between an Army helicopter and a commercial airliner in Washington, D.C.

In Annapolis, we continued to advocate for public safety and to protect the tools and authority essential to our mission. We stood firm against legislative efforts that would hinder our ability to protect our community. We also advanced several significant investigations in 2025. Through the work of our personnel and State's Attorney Alison Healey, we secured guilty verdicts in the Rachel Morin and Joppatowne High School homicide cases, bringing long awaited closure to two deeply painful chapters for our County. Additionally, our partnership with the TruBlu Network and host Chris Hansen led to the successful identification and apprehension of multiple child predators.

This year also marked the early development of two major initiatives that will strengthen our operational capabilities for years to come: the beginning of our Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) and the Drones as First Responders (DFR) Programs. While both remain in their initial phases, the groundwork laid in 2025 has established a solid foundation for continued growth, innovation, and enhanced public-safety operations.

Sadly, 2025 will also be remembered as the year we said our final goodbye to our friend and colleague, Sergeant George Gregory "Greg" Dietz. Sergeant Dietz faithfully served this Office for 27 years, and his legacy will remain a lasting part of our Agency.

Reflecting on the outstanding work performed across our Office and the service provided to our community, I remain deeply proud to serve this County and its citizens. Together, we will continue to make Harford County a safe place to call home. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Jeffrey R. Gahler



★ Col. William Davis Chief Deputy

OUR PLEDGE



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.

AGENCYWIDE STATS

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF 2025

ANNUAL BUDGET: FY26 **\$133,466,890**



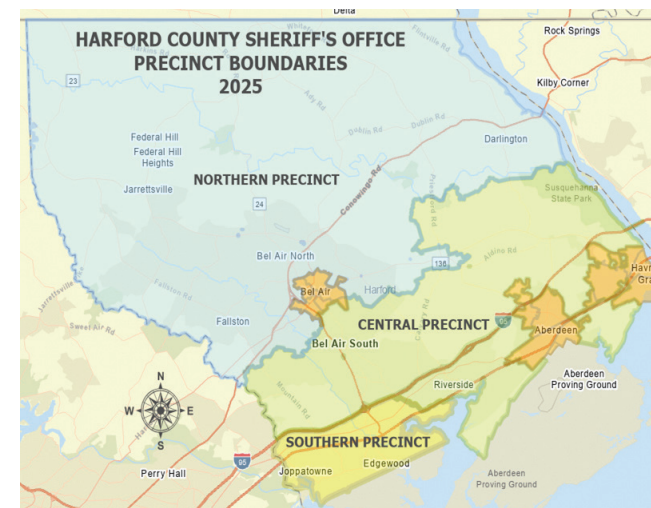
683
AUTHORIZED
EMPLOYEES

AUTHORIZED LE

331 Permanent
23 Temporary

AUTHORIZED CO

154 Permanent
4 Temporary



CALLS FOR SERVICE

125,159
Total Calls in
2025

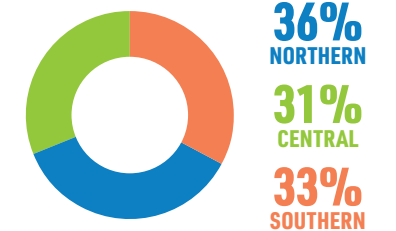


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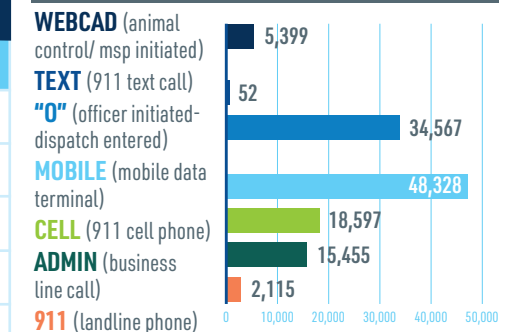
CALLS BY MONTH PER YEAR

	2023	2024	2025
JAN	11,218	9,695	9,902
FEB	9,657	11,345	9,378
MAR	10,689	10,790	10,286
APR	9,425	11,694	10,362
MAY	11,293	11,765	11,090
JUN	10,556	10,908	11,468
JUL	11,565	10,692	10,976
AUG	11,567	10,726	10,468
SEP	9,840	9,629	10,597
OCT	10,723	10,510	10,858
NOV	10,588	10,077	9,936
DEC	10,308	9,977	10,111

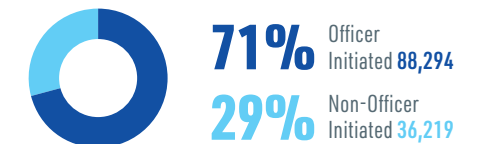
CALLS BY PRECINCT



CALLS BY SOURCE



CALLS BY CALL INITIATED



PART-ONE CRIME COMPARISON 2024/2025

CRIME TYPE	2024	2025	VARIANCE	%CHANGE
HOMICIDE	4	3	-1	-25%
RAPE (Includes Rape/Sodomy/Sex Assault with Object)	34	32	-2	-6%
ROBBERY	22	20	-2	-9%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	244	227	-17	-7%
BURGLARY	113	90	-23	-20%
THEFT	1302	1051	-251	-19%
AUTO THEFT	164	171	7	4%

Statistics reported to National Incident-Based Reporting System, as required by Federal Law.

OUR DEDICATED COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



AGENCY AWARD WINNERS



Correctional Deputy of the Year Award
Senior Deputy Jason LaRose



Correctional Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award
Sergeant Brandon Smithson



Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year Award
Senior Deputy Keith Jackson

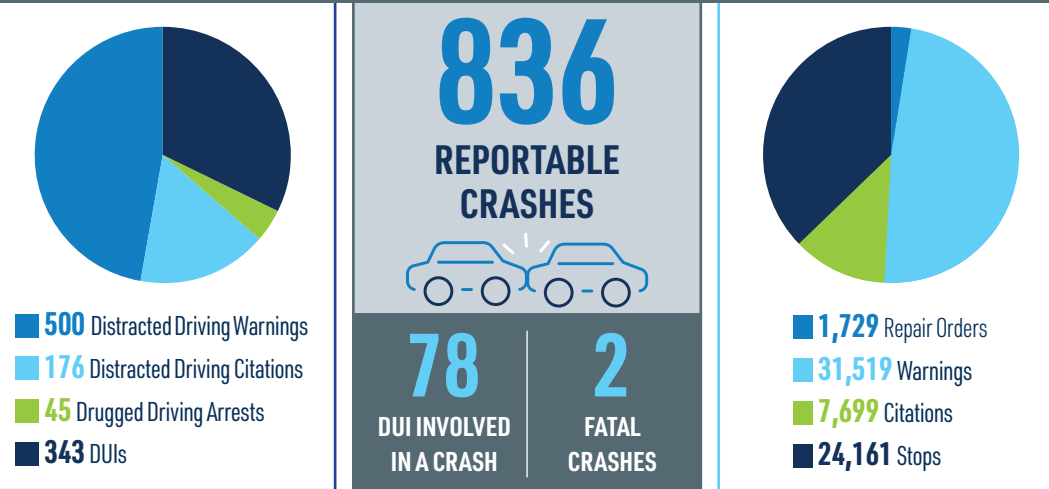


Law Enforcement Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award
Sergeant Christopher Maddox

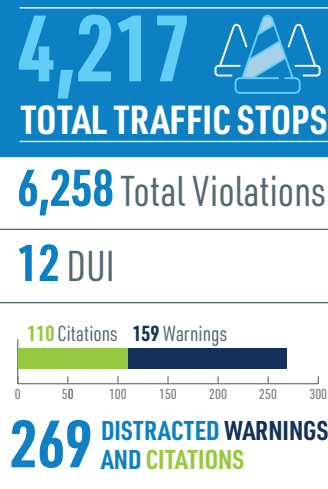
POLICE SERVICES BUREAU

Major Lee Dunbar

2025 AGENCY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TOTALS



2025 TRAFFIC UNIT TOTALS



2025 SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

- 19 SWAT Operators
- 4 Tactical EMS (1 sworn LE)
- 38 Search Warrants
- 4 Barricades
- 79 TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS/ OPERATIONS/DETAILS

2025 CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

- 20 Negotiators
- 1 Barricade
- 28 Search and Seizure Warrants
- 36 TOTAL OPERATIONS/ DEPLOYMENTS

2025 K9 UNIT TOTALS

- Calls for Service to include K9 Deployments: 1,915
- K9 Deployments: 458
- CDS Scans: 327
- Public Demonstrations: 19
- Arrest Warrants: 10
- SRT Assists: 2
- Tracks/Trails for Criminal Suspect & Missing Persons: 32

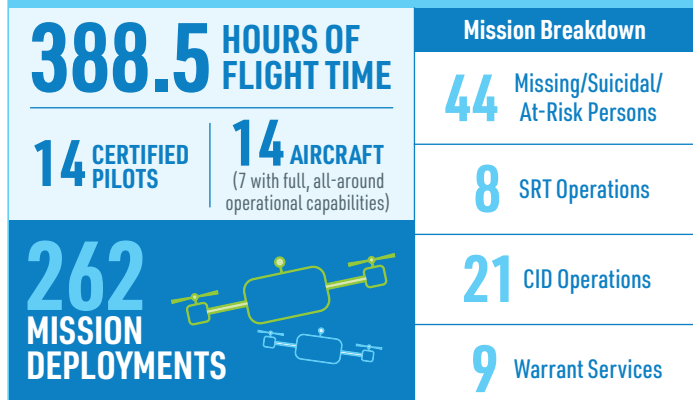
MARINE UNIT



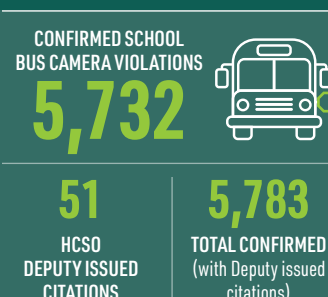
5 CALL OUTS TO ASSIST WITH EITHER JUMPERS/WATER RESCUES



2025 DRONE TOTALS



SCHOOL BUS VIOLATIONS



SCHOOL BUS CITATIONS

JANUARY	646
FEBRUARY	571
MARCH	618
APRIL	484
MAY	704
JUNE	471
JULY	47
AUGUST	10
SEPTEMBER	711
OCTOBER	580
NOVEMBER	414
DECEMBER	476



SERVICES AND SUPPORT BUREAU

Major Eric Gonzalez

School Policing Unit

The School Policing Unit ensures the safety of Harford County Public Schools while building positive relationships with students and staff. During the 2024-2025 school year, deputies delivered 133 educational presentations on bullying prevention, conflict resolution, and drug awareness; investigated more than 100 school-related threats; and provided security for 396 after-school events. The unit also conducted two week-long Youth Academies focused on leadership and team building, supported School Resource Officers' Criminal Justice Clubs, and assisted with the Badges for Baseball program to strengthen community engagement.

In 2025, the Youth Services Program transitioned from Police Explorers to Public Safety Cadets, resulting in significant growth and increased community engagement. Membership expanded from 13 to 30 cadets, and adult mentors doubled from 9 to 18. Cadets actively supported numerous community events, including Darlington Applefest, Legends of the Fog, National Night Out, Badges for Baseball, and Agency graduations, while also participating in community meetings to share their experiences and represent the Sheriff's Office. The Program continues to build strong community partnerships while developing future public safety professionals, with two current members pursuing employment opportunities with the Sheriff's Office.

Community Policing Unit

- Community Policing Unit: attended/hosted a total of 325 events.
- 58 Stop the Bleed/Active Assailant Classes were held. Overall attendance for these classes was just over 2,400 guests.
- HOPE Trailer 13 events, 273 tours.
- 2025 National Night Out was attended by 4,800-5,250 guests. Over 106 vendors between Law Enforcement, non-law enforcement resources/stakeholders.
- CORE Videos/Presentation: Combines Classroom and Trailer: 1,212 students.
- 2025 Faith in Blue (Trunk or Treat): 43 vendors, and the event was attended by over 1,000 kids.
- 2025 Christmas Drive 255 families, 822 kids. They received food, clothes, and toys. The Harford County Sheriff's Office Christmas Drive also supported numerous Church/Charity organizations throughout Harford County.
- 2025 Shop with a Cop (Abingdon Walmart): 36 kids participated, we also supported an additional 6 siblings and provided a full dinner at Joppa Magnolia Firehouse for just over 140 people. The 140 plus were volunteers, deputies and all the families/kids who were part of this event.
- 2025 Shop with a Cop (Fallston Walmart): 35 kids participated in this event, and we supported an additional 5 siblings.

Training Academy

In 2025, the Training Academy conducted a total of 199 in-service training classes, consisting of 138 Law Enforcement in-service classes and 61 Correctional In-Service classes.

The Academy graduated 15 Law Enforcement recruits from one class, including 7 HCSO recruits and 8 from outside jurisdictions. Additionally, 18 Correctional recruits graduated across two separate classes.

The Training Academy also supported regional partners by providing 76 days of training for outside jurisdictions, further enhancing cooperative training efforts.

In addition to recruit and in-service training, the Academy hosted three formal schools: Firearms, Patrol Rifle, and the HCSO Supervisor School. The Academy also offered eight elective training classes to meet specialized training needs.

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 ICVs (In-Car Videos). There are more than 600 BWCs, 300 TASERS, and 200 ICVs currently in use by 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 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.

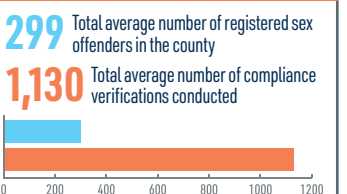
MAINTAINED A COMBINED INVENTORY OF OVER 1,450 BODY-WORN CAMERAS, IN-CAR CAMERAS AND TASERS

PROCESSED 7,507 CAMERA FOOTAGE REQUESTS FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS AND PIA INQUIRIES

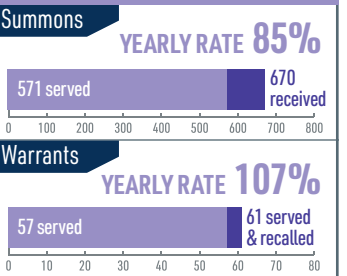
WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT



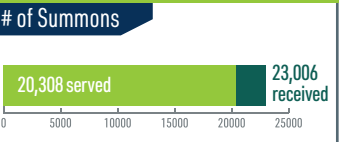
MEGAN'S LAW UNIT



CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT



CIVIL PROCESS UNIT



ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT



CORRECTIONAL SERVICES BUREAU

Warden Daniel Galbraith & Major Donald Gividen

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 45 volunteer chaplains. Inmates have access to religious material, spiritual meetings, counseling, religious dietary accommodations, and worship services as part of their faith-based rehabilitation.



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 2025, the Transport Unit conducted 2,461 inmate transports and facilitated 1,943 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 2025, the IPC processed 3,323 new intakes from 7 different local and state agencies.



Medical Advancement

On July 29, 2025, the Harford County Detention Center implemented Medically Monitored Wrist Bands (MMWB). This unique tool provides real-time physiological monitoring and improves safety for inmates who present with varying health concerns such as suicidal ideation, medically fragile withdrawal symptoms, or unpredictable behavioral health conditions. Since its implementation 178 inmates have participated in this voluntary program by wearing a MMWB.



Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Maryland law requires local detention centers to assess and provide MAT for opioid use disorders and make FDA-approved medications available to eligible inmates. In 2025, the HCDC provided MAT to 730 inmates, conducted 582 peer recovery sessions, and completed 454 discharge plans.

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.



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 2025, in conjunction with outside contracted service providers, we provided:

308,790

Meals For Inmates

425

Dental Sick Calls or Visits

12,155

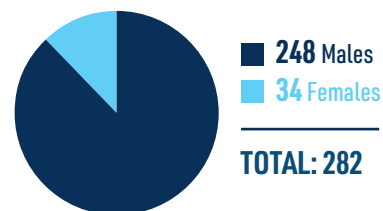
Nurse Treatments were provided to include Sick Calls, Medically Managed Withdrawal Checks, Wound Care, and Emergency Response

8,942

Mental Health Screenings and Follow-up Contacts were conducted



AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION



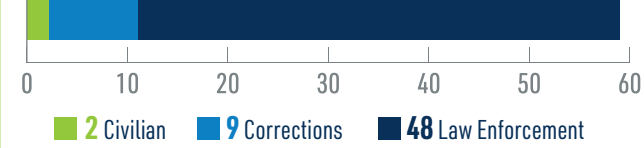
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Major John Simpson

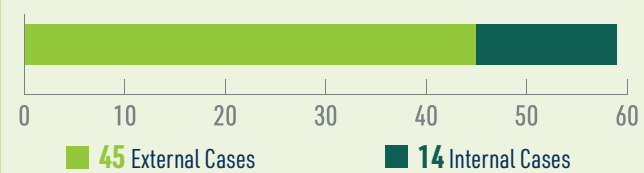
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Investigations

59 TOTAL CASES INVESTIGATED



TYPES OF CASES

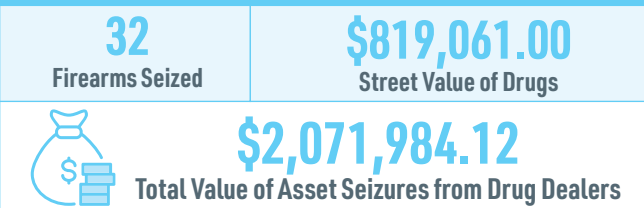


Public Portal is a cloud-based website associated with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Office of Professional Standards database IPro where the public may make a complaint or compliment against a deputy, and it is immediately forwarded and uploaded into the IPro database and memorialized for an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

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UNIT

received **3,671** barcoded evidence entries in 2025

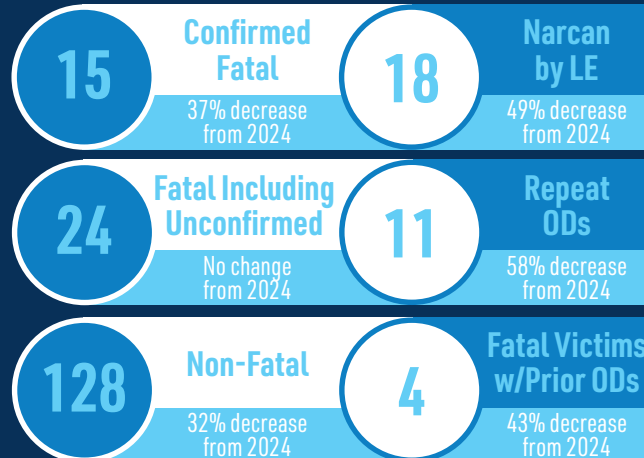
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



2025 HEROIN / FENTANYL OVERDOSE STATS

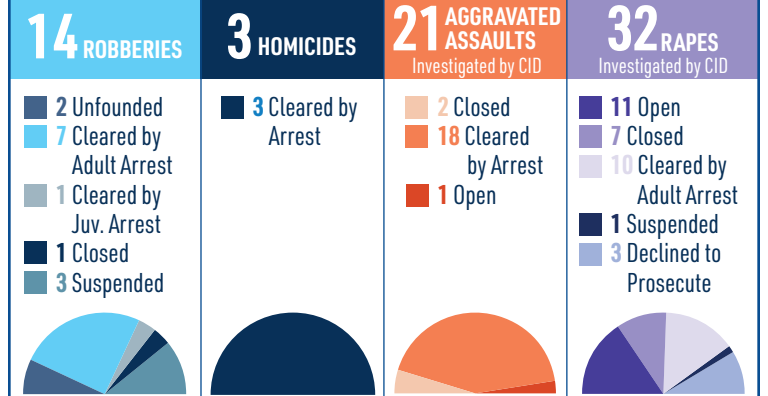
152 TOTAL OVERDOSES IN HARFORD COUNTY

29% decrease from 2024

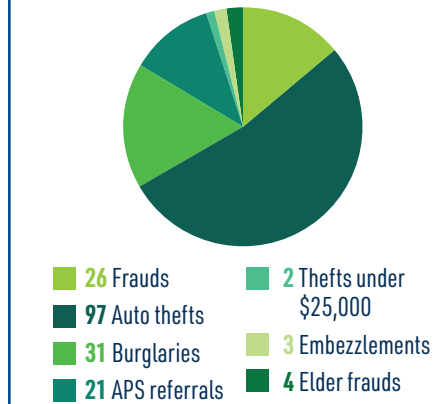


CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

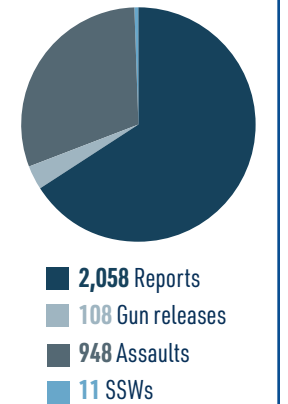
MAJOR CASES



PROPERTY CRIMES



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



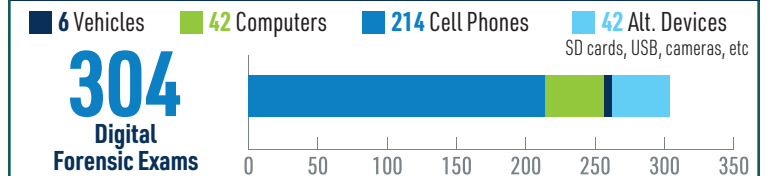
FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT



CRIME SCENE FORENSICS



175 CRIME SCENE RESPONSES





Dep. Frank Bateman



DFC William Beebe, Jr.



DFC Teresa Testerman



Cpl. Charles Licato



Sgt. Ian Loughran



Sr. Dep. Patrick Dailey



DFC Mark Logsdon



Sgt. George "Greg" Dietz

FALLEN HEROES TRIBUTE *IN REMEMBRANCE*



Since 1774, the Harford County Sheriff's Office has stood in service to its community, carried forward by the courage of those who wore the badge before us. We honor the eight deputies who made the ultimate sacrifice, remembering them not only in moments of tribute, but in the daily commitment to serve with integrity, strength, and purpose. Their legacy endures in all we do.

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