

# Frederick County Sheriff's Office

## Law Enforcement Bureau



## 2022 Annual Report



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## **Forward by Sheriff Jenkins**

On behalf of the men and women of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Law Enforcement Bureau, I am proud to present our 2022 Annual Report.

Frederick County, what I like to call "The Land of Pleasant Living," continues to grow exponentially and as it does my deputies continue to excel as true professionals serving the great citizens of Maryland's largest land mass county. The population of Frederick County increased in 2022 by more than 8,600, with a total population of 281,825.

With this growth comes more homes, businesses, opportunities, traffic, and unfortunately crime. For the first time in nine years the FCSO and the Maryland State Police saw a 32% increase in Uniform Crime Report Part 1 offenses, with the biggest increase in thefts. The FCSO and MSP combined results for Frederick County, between 2021 and 2022, show Part I offenses increased by 376, an increase of 2.28 crimes committed per 1,000 Frederick County residents. Rest assured, we will continue to respond to every crime committed in this county and investigate those crimes with every effort made to apprehend the offender(s).

Your deputies completed more than 121,700 total calls for service in 2022, an increase of 2.2% from 2021. Those calls for service and their increased rates include:

- Adult Arrests - increased 22.8% to 3,085.
- Juvenile Arrests - increased 85% to 243.
- Traffic Stops - increased 23.3% to 21,541.
- Citations - increased 31% to 8,242.
- Warnings - increased 23% to 24,546.
- Safety Equipment Repair Orders - increased 39% to 546.
- Automated Crash Reporting System (vehicle incidents) - increased 2.8% to 1,085.
- Selective Enforcement - increased 6.5% to 3,825.
- Patrol Checks - increased 20% to 33,487.
- School Safety Checks - increased 24% to 6,807.

Additionally, the FCSO Traffic Unit, Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement Team, Protective Order Unit, K9 Unit, Community Deputy Unit, and School Resource Officer's all saw increases in their respective areas of responsibility in 2022.

In 2022, this agency experienced several officer-involved shootings, and I am happy to report that we had no deputies injured or killed. The Maryland Office of the Attorney General's Independent Investigation Division cleared all deputies, after a full investigation, and they all successfully returned to work.

The FCSO mission statement identifies community service as the agency's foundation. To serve the residents of Frederick County, every member of the office shares the responsibility of operating with community policing strategies in mind.

Frederick County Sheriff's Office personnel participated in approximately 100 planned community events and hosted numerous FCSO sponsored events. These sponsored events include the annual National Night Out, Law Enforcement Open House, and a "Meet the School Resource Officer Night" during 2022. A sign that things were getting back to the normal status quo, both the National Night Out and Open House events saw the largest turnout in crowds in history.

Recognizing the importance of the FCSO School Resource Officers (SROs), and for the first time ever, the agency had the "Meet the School Resource Officer Night," at Frederick High School. This event introduced students, parents, faculty, and staff to the 16 SROs who patrol the more than 70 schools in the Frederick County Public School's network. One of those SROs that I am extremely proud of is **DFC Dustin Turner**, the SRO for the Governor Thomas Johnson High School. Dustin stopped a high school female student, wielding a knife, from attacking or hurting anyone and put himself in harm's way without hesitation. These SROs go above and beyond to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every person they protect in their respective schools.

In March 2022, the agency lost one of its own when **DFC Kenneth Olander** passed away from complications of an illness. Kenny was 61 years old and was a 32-year veteran of the FCSO. He joined the agency on July 30, 1990, and served in numerous capacities to include patrol operations deputy, the traffic unit, school resource officer, and most recently as the community deputy for Myersville, Maryland. He was a long-time, certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) within the state and served as the lead DRE representative for the agency.

Over the 12-month period, the deputies on the road and the FCSO Narcotics Investigation Section (NIS) continued to work to get narcotics and weapons off the streets. In September, the NIS, in collaboration with multiple agencies, successfully executed numerous search and seizure warrants that led to more than \$330,000 in illegal drugs and currency seized. We arrested a major cocaine dealer

in Frederick and removed him and his drugs from the streets. This arrest is another example of the exemplary work this agency consistently does to remove these lethal drugs off our streets. Over this last decade I have remained at the front of the heroin/opioid/fentanyl problem in this nation keeping the focus on the local addiction and overdose issues plaguing our county. I will continue to make this a high priority.

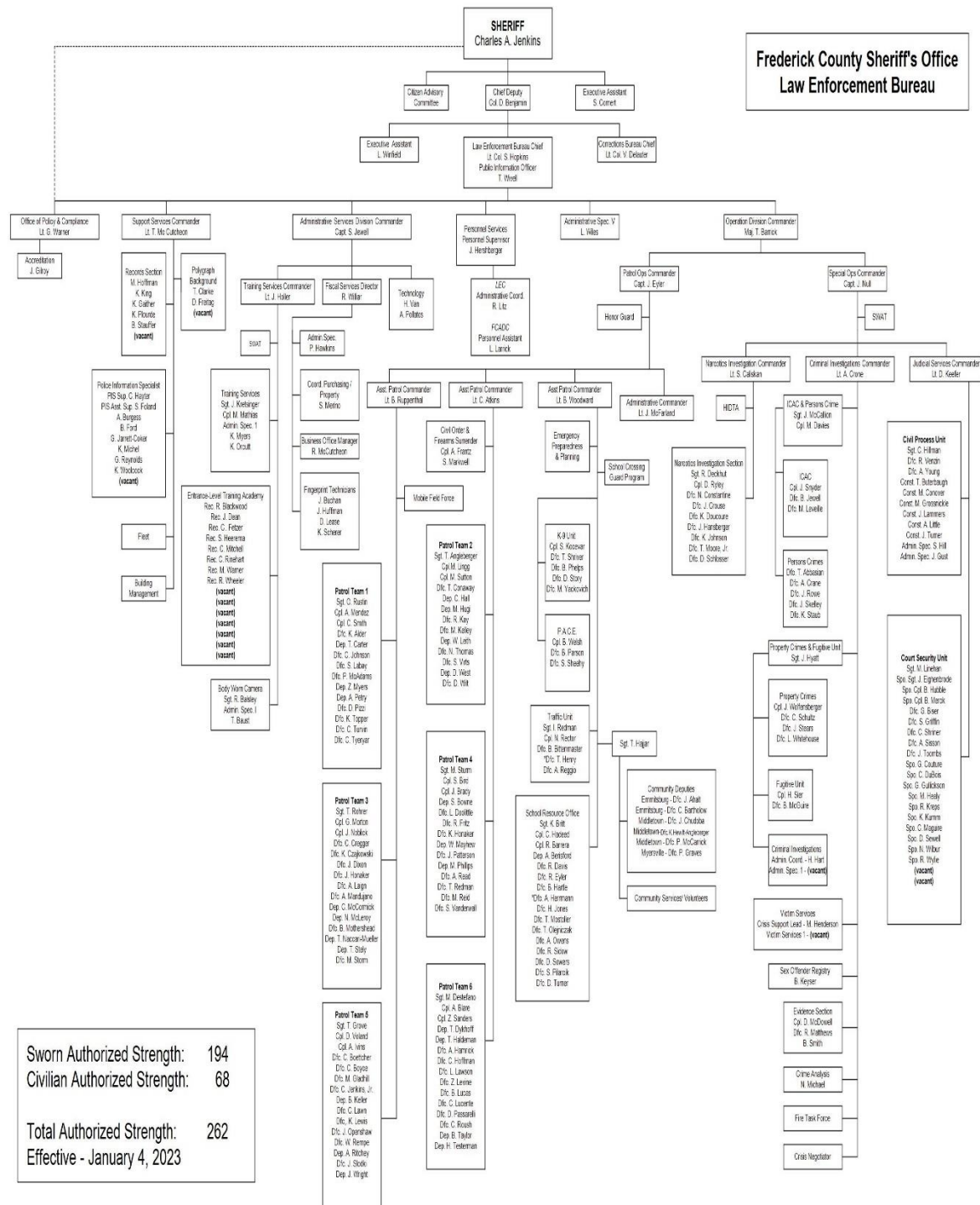
Throughout 2022, deputies and staff completed a 12-month trial of body cameras as part of their duty uniforms. In 2021, Maryland legislature mandated that all Maryland police officers are to wear body-worn cameras by 2025. I am happy to say that in 2023 we are starting with Axon for our body cameras, and all sworn personnel will wear them as part of their duty uniforms by April 1, 2023. This puts this agency two years ahead of the mandated start date of 2025.

It was my distinct honor and privilege to swear in, to a historic fifth term, as your Sheriff in 2022. I promise to continue to serve every citizen and visitor of Frederick County as I have done in my last 16+ years. My door has always been and will always be open to anyone who wants to come and see me. I am proud of this agency, the deputies, and the support staff who go above and beyond to support me and the 280,000+ citizens of Frederick County, each every day.

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# Organizational Chart

**Frederick County Sheriff's Office  
Law Enforcement Bureau**



**Sworn Authorized Strength: 194**  
**Civilian Authorized Strength: 68**  
**Total Authorized Strength: 262**  
**Effective - January 4, 2023**

## Agency Stats

Frederick County Sheriff's Office  
2022 Statistical Report

Law Enforcement Bureau

	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Actual Offenses</i>	<i>Cleared by Arrest or Exception</i>	<i>Adult Arrests*</i>	<i>Juvenile Arrests*</i>
Criminal Homicide	4	2	1	0	0
Rape	30	24	7	6	1
Robbery	16	15	4	2	4
Aggravated Assault	208	205	120	82	19
Burglary	97	95	22	16	7
Larceny-Theft	1,045	1,036	157	159	28
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	37	7	6	0
<b>Total Part I Offenses and Arrests</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>59</b>
Total Adult Arrests	3,085				
Total Juvenile Arrests	243				
Assault - Simple	861			168	71
Domestically Related Crimes	660				
Drug Arrests	659			614	45
Driving While Intoxicated Arrests	292			291	1
Arson	3			0	3
Warrants Served	1,782				
Criminal Summonses Served	559				
Motor Vehicle Collisions (reported to MSP)	1,075				
Motor Vehicle Fatalities	9				
Vehicle Traffic Stops	21,541				
Traffic Citations	8,242				
Traffic Warnings	24,546				
Equipment Repair Orders	546				
Civil Citations	13				
Juvenile Citations	5				
Criminal Citations	821				
Field Interview Reports	19				
Vehicle Storage Reports	424				
Ride-A-Long Reports	4				
Trespass Orders	425				
Missing Persons/Runaways	108				
Hate Bias Incidents	7				
Officers Killed	0				
Officers Assaulted	39				
Protective Orders Received	943				
Peace Orders Received	601				
Value of Property Stolen	2,492,347				
Value of Property Recovered	607,082				
Reports Submitted	9,223				
Calls for Service	121,331				

## **Office of the Sheriff**

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is a full-service Sheriff's Office, with roles as the primary law enforcement agency in Frederick County, responsibility for civil process service and security within the County Courthouse and responsibility for management and operations of the Adult Detention Center. The Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to the unincorporated portions of the county and support to municipal law enforcement agencies. The Office of the Sheriff consists of two bureaus, Law Enforcement (194 sworn and 68 civilians) and Corrections (137 uniformed and 30 non-uniformed). The Office of the Sheriff provides guidance and direction to all aspects of the Sheriff's Office. Personnel under the Office of the Sheriff include the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, Colonel Dave Benjamin, the Law Enforcement Bureau Chief, Lieutenant Colonel Scot Hopkins, and the Operations Division Commander, Major Troy Barrick, and their respective support staff.



## **Office of Policy and Compliance**

The Office of Policy and Compliance is under the direction of Lieutenant Gregg Warner. The investigation of allegations of misconduct is important to the management and integrity of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Complaints provide feedback about how the community perceives employees of the Sheriff's Office. Complaints also provide management information to make corrections and carry out positive action through training and policy changes. Investigations of complaints protect employees from unwarranted allegations and criticism for properly conducting their duties.

The function of Internal Affairs is to ensure that the integrity of the Sheriff's Office is maintained through an internal system of objectivity and fairness. The



Internal Affairs system calls for an impartial investigation to clear the innocent and to establish guilt of the wrongdoers. In addition, Internal Affairs facilitates fair, appropriate, and consistent disciplinary action. The Office of Policy and Compliance updated numerous general orders to reflect the changes in Maryland laws to police disciplinary processes. The Office of Policy and Compliance attended several meetings related to the implementation of the Police Accountability Act of 2021.

### **Accreditation**

Accredited since 1998, the Sheriff's Office voluntarily maintains compliance with the standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). CALEA's overall mission is to improve the delivery of law enforcement services. Accreditation is also a comprehensive model for recognizing professional excellence. CALEA is recognized as the preeminent accrediting body in the law enforcement field. The standards continually evolve to address the challenges of current issues and emerging technology.

The Sheriff's Office successfully underwent its second annual web-based review in August. A CALEA Compliance Service Member conducted a remote review of our standard files utilizing the PowerDMS™ software system. This year's review concentrated on verifying compliance with a diverse selection of standard requirements. CALEA reported there were no issues with our compliance documentation. The agency's next full accreditation review will be in 2024.

Several special orders were implemented during 2022. Special orders are utilized to amend sections of the general orders, rules of conduct, and job descriptions. Members of the Sheriff's Office who saw a need for improvement or revision to these directives initiated the changes. The accreditation manger assisted with several revisions to general orders as well as assisting other units with development of policy related processes.

### **Spokesperson**

The civilian spokesperson/public information officer coordinates the release of information to the media and Frederick County communities. This person works to build trust and community partnerships by preparing and disseminating on-time and newsworthy information to the external audiences throughout Maryland's largest land mass county.

The spokesperson manages the Sheriff's Office public website and social media sites, to include Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Additionally, this person expertly communicates the mission and vision of the Sheriff's Office through press releases, public service announcements, newsroom stories, community events and television and radio interviews.



The Spokesperson distributed more than 125 press releases, answered more than 225 media queries, and oversaw, participated in, and/or coordinated 50 community events, to include the historic 5th-term swearing-in for Sheriff Jenkins. The Sheriff's Office Facebook page reached more than 29,000 people and Twitter impressions increased to 1,051,000. The FCSO website had more than 94,500 site sessions with 62,195 unique visitors.



### **Personnel Services**

Personnel Services is under the direction of a civilian Personnel Supervisor, Jillian Rosensteel, and focuses on recruitment, management of hiring processes and provides administrative functions and direction for the people who work within the organization.

#### Personnel Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Personnel Actions	65	78	185
Secondary Employment	50	65	86
Personnel Transfers	31	96	53
Early Warning System	356	223	361
Personnel Orders	55	60	68

### **Recruiting**

The Sheriff's Office actively recruits qualified individuals to fill vacancies within the agency. The Personnel Supervisor is responsible for attending recruiting assignments and developing recruiting programs, training, and special projects. Job and recruitment fairs are utilized to expand the applicant pool. Recruiters attended eighteen recruiting events in an effort to enhance hiring potential. The agency also made concerted efforts in other areas to reach potential candidates. It updated its hiring forms, kept lists of all interested candidates spoken to at events, updated recruitment cards that included salary and benefit information, used social media platforms, held two one-day hiring events, and solicited interest from deputies to assist with recruitment events.

Two continuous hiring processes were initiated for Deputy Sheriff Recruit and Lateral positions. Conditional offers of employment were given to 63 Deputy Sheriff Recruit applicants, and of those, eight deputy recruits were hired. Conditional offers of employment were given to 17 Lateral applicants and six laterals were hired. Eight positions were filled for civilian positions within the bureau.

### **Administrative Services**

Administrative Services is under the direction of Captain Scott Jewell and is comprised of Fiscal Services, Technology, and Training and Body Worn Cameras.

### **Fiscal Services**

Fiscal Services is under the direction of a civilian director, Renee Williar, and provides a wide range of administrative and financial support services to the Law

Enforcement Bureau. Fiscal Services conducts the agency's financial functions in accordance with Frederick County policies. Fiscal Services is the primary liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the County Executive's Office, Accounting, Budget, Purchasing, and Treasurer's Offices. The Fiscal Services Director is responsible for all functions of the section. Staff includes a Financial Business Office Manager, two Property Purchasing Coordinators and four part-time Fingerprint Technicians.

### **Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable is responsible for processing payments to vendors for credit card purchases, purchase orders, contracts, operational expenses, employee uniform allowance and travel expense reimbursements. Fiscal Services is also responsible for reconciling credit card and bank statements.

### **Accounts Receivable**

Fiscal Services is responsible for collecting, recording, billing, and depositing Sheriff's Office revenues and reimbursement expenses. Revenues include fingerprinting and report fees, salary and operations recoveries, and donations.

### **Budget Development & Management**

Fiscal Services prepares the annual budget for the Law Enforcement Bureau that is submitted to the County Executive for approval to include Capital Improvement projects. The FY 2023 operating budgets totaled over \$36.1 million. Fiscal Services monitors budget expenditures and revenues to ensure the Sheriff's Office remains within the adopted budget. Staff conducts an on-going analysis of budget departments and reports. Fiscal Services establishes and manages operating budgets in the County's financial system.

### **Contracts Administration**

Fiscal Services coordinates contracts in which the Sheriff's Office participates to include purchasing contracts, hiring of deputy recruits, and law enforcement services that are provided to the towns of Emmitsburg, Myersville, and Middletown.

### **Grants Administration**

Staff provides centralized grants management and administration. This includes securing grant funding for projects that cannot be funded through the regular budget process. The Sheriff's Office receives grants from federal and state funding sources including the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs and the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

### **Purchasing**

Fiscal Services staff follows the County's Purchasing Rules obtaining necessary purchasing quotes. Fiscal Services purchases approved items and general operational items including office supplies. Staff utilizes the INFOR financial system and Frederick County purchasing credit cards to make purchases. Travel and training registration, and payments are also processed.

### **Quartermaster**

Fiscal Services personnel are responsible for overall property management and accountability. This includes issuing, tracking, and maintaining inventory of all Sheriff's Office weapons and agency property. An annual Frederick County Asset Inventory and a biannual weapons inventory are also conducted. In addition, Fiscal Services is responsible for maintenance and issuance of all phones and related equipment.

### **Research & Strategic Planning**

Staff reviews legislation for fiscal impact, compiles the annual report, prepares the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, and conducts various accreditation functions. Police equipment is researched and evaluated on a regular basis. In addition, Fiscal Services also completes staff reports for Memorandums of Understanding, coordinates special projects and presentations.

### **Fingerprint Services**

The Sheriff's Office is the only law enforcement agency in the county that provides fingerprinting services to the public. The Fingerprint Technicians printed 5,556 people (4,470 Live Scan and 1,086 inked). The number of people fingerprinted increased by 20% over 2021. Citizens need to be fingerprinted for criminal history records checks for employment or licensing purposes for a variety of reasons, including county employees in sensitive positions, medical licensing, childcare employment, liquor board licensing, adoption processes, court order compliance, and handgun qualification licensing. There are four Fingerprint Technicians who work part-time. Fingerprint services are scheduled by appointment only utilizing the online platform Acuity Scheduling.



Fiscal Services Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Law Enforcement Bureau Budget	\$32,688,120	\$33,842,736	\$36,106,071
Property Requests	170	91	163
Training Requests	152	224	282
Travel/Training Expenses	\$84,336	\$93,254	\$90,878
Fingerprinting Fees	\$128,022	\$207,242	\$207,531
Grant Programs	14	18	12
Grant Funding	\$326,251	\$390,754	\$690,377

**Technology**

The Technology Section is under the direction of a civilian director, Ha Van. The section supports and manages almost all IT products used by the Law Enforcement Bureau. It is comprised of two civilian staff who assist Sheriff’s Office personnel located at the Law Enforcement Center and Courthouse with IT related issues. One of the main responsibilities of the section is the configuration, deployment, maintenance, and administration of mobile data terminals installed in patrol vehicles, desktop computers within the buildings, and law enforcement specific software for computer aided dispatch, mobile, records management, and digital evidence management systems. To accomplish this, the Technology Section frequently works with other county departments, allied agencies, and external vendors.

Some of the projects the Technology Section worked on in 2022 included:

- Completed the build specification and inspection of a new mobile command post which is jointly operated with Emergency Management and Fire and Rescue.



- Assisted in the testing and evaluation of body worn cameras.
- Continued the implementation of a new multiagency CAD, mobile dispatch, records management, and jail management system upgrade.



### **Training Services**

Training Services is under the direction of Lieutenant Jeremy Holler and has a sergeant, a corporal and two civilian administrative specialists. It coordinates and conducts new hire, annual in-service, and specialized training for most Law Enforcement Bureau employees. Newly hired sworn employees receive several days, sometimes months of training and orientation before and after their specialized training or police academy.

The Sheriff's Office utilizes several different police academies in the region to certify new hires as a deputy sheriff. Four recruits graduated from the Howard County Police Academy after completing 1,304 hours of training and one recruit graduated from the Washington County Police Academy after completing 1,040 hours of training.

There are currently six deputy recruits attending police academies, with five attending the Howard County Police Academy and one recruit attending the Carroll County Police Academy. All deputy recruits are scheduled to complete their respective academies in 2023.

Training Services is also responsible for ensuring sworn personnel are in compliance with training requirements set by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission (MPCTC), CALEA standards, and the General Orders. It also ensures that all sworn, special police officers and civilians meet or exceed their required training. Many employees attend specialized training which goes above and beyond the minimum requirements. In addition, Training Services assists with training our agency's Special Police Officers who are assigned to Judicial Services.

Training Hours Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Sworn Personnel	22,081	39,944	25,235
Civilians & Special Police Officers	2,026	876	341

**Body Worn Cameras**

The Body Worn Camera Unit is staffed by a sergeant and a civilian administrative specialist. The nearly year-long trial period for the Body Worn Cameras was completed in 2022, and Axon was the vendor chosen. The Axon cameras will become operational for the Sheriff's Office by April of 2023. An additional civilian staff member was requested and approved for the FY24 budget.





## Support Services

The Support Services Section is under the direction of Lieutenant Tracy McCutcheon and includes Records, Police Information Specialists, Fleet Services, Building Management, Backgrounds and Polygraph.

### Records

The Records Section is responsible for the maintenance and security of the Sheriff's Office's central records. These responsibilities include report review, report control, records maintenance, records retrieval, records security, and digital archiving. Every police action is documented in writing and processed in the agency's in-house computer system and other law enforcement databases. The Records Section processes all Public Information Act requests. It offers system/security administration to the National Capital Region Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX) system and the National Crime Information Center's Maryland Electronic Telecommunication Enforcement Resource System (NCIC/METERS).

#### Agency Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Incident Reports	6,663	7,710	9,223
Incident Supplemental Reports	6,226	6,395	6,855
Arrests Processed	1,630	3,541	4,825
Warrants Received	1,764	2,249	2,727
Warrants Served	1,172	1,597	1,782
Criminal Summons Received	904	1,034	867
Criminal Summons Served	587	648	559
Civil, Criminal and Juvenile Citations	368	325	839
Vehicle Crash Reports Uploaded to Carfax	891	1,063	1,081
Vehicle Crash Reports Purchased	487 (\$2,435)	778 (\$3,890)	375 (\$1,875)
I-LEADS Records Management System Scans	20,750	23,200	25,550
Trespass Orders Processed	590	599	425
Expungements	261	272	198

### Police Information Specialists

The Police Information Specialists provide 24-hour coverage overseeing the agency's duty desk. The unit consists of a supervisor, assistant supervisor, and seven personnel. Police Information Specialists are the first point of contact with citizens both on the phone and in person. They are responsible for all non-emergency incoming phone calls to the Sheriff's Office. They also provide

assistance to all citizens who walk into the Law Enforcement Center and assist deputies in their daily duties. Personnel communicate with many outside agencies to include the media, and other law enforcement agencies including local, state, and federal agencies. Police Information Specialists processed and entered over 1,500 warrants in the CJIS system and validated over 2,500 warrants that are currently in the system.



### **Fleet Services**

The Sheriff's Office has approximately 190 vehicles in the fleet. The agency continues the gradual transition from Dodge Chargers to Ford Explorers. Most of the agency vehicles are assigned to Patrol Operations. In addition, the agency has a variety of vehicles assigned to the detention center for various needs to include the transportation of prisoners and home detention monitoring.

Thirty-six Explorers were ordered as replacement vehicles. A majority of these vehicles were outfitted by a third party as marked patrol vehicles. Additional emergency lighting was mounted below the side mirrors to increase visibility. At the request of the towns of Middletown and Emmitsburg, the Sheriff directed that an unmarked vehicle be placed in each town to enhance traffic enforcement. The Sheriff's Office also has specialty vehicles in the fleet to include utility vehicles. The agency ordered a four-wheel drive John Deere Gator to be delivered in the spring of 2023. This off-road vehicle will be used to aid in locating missing persons, large parking details and community events.



### **Building Manager**

The Law Enforcement Center serves as the headquarters for the Sheriff's Office. The building footprint is approximately 72,000 square feet which sits on 8.6 acres. The property houses a three-bay branch of the County Fleet Department. Sheriff's Office vehicles are serviced and maintained by two fleet mechanics. The complex also has a large metal pole barn that is used for storage of emergency supplies and utility vehicles.

Daily maintenance issues are reported to the building manager who then completes an online request through Frederick County Division of Public Works. A major project was completed to replace the window blinds in the Law Enforcement Center. In addition, the largest conference room in the facility received new tables and chairs to increase the functionality of the space.



In 2023, the agency intends to remodel the duty desk area where the Police Information Specialists are located. The facility will also be getting the roof replaced as part of the Capital Improvement Project coordinated by the Department of Public Works.

## **Polygraph**

The polygraph examiner is responsible for providing polygraph examinations as an adjunct to criminal investigations, employment background investigations, and internal investigations for both the Law Enforcement and Corrections Bureaus. Examinations are also conducted for outside agencies, upon request.

133 polygraphs were scheduled, and 116 examinations were conducted. 50 pre-employment polygraph exams were conducted for the Law Enforcement Bureau, and 55 pre-employment examinations for the Corrections Bureau. In addition, seven polygraphs were for civilian positions within the Sheriff's Office. Three polygraphs were administered at the request of the Office of Policy and Compliance and one for an outside agency.

## **Background Investigations**

Background Investigations is responsible for conducting all background investigations on full-time and part-time civilian personnel, volunteers, sensitive county positions, full-time sworn personnel for the Law Enforcement Bureau, and correctional officers for the Corrections Bureau. In addition, this position supports Personnel Services with recruit testing.

The background investigator is essential to the hiring of qualified and competent personnel. Because of the sensitivity, responsibility and demands of all positions with the agency, a carefully conducted and thorough background investigation must be completed on each candidate. This investigation is used to determine a candidates' suitability and qualifications for the position in accordance with recognized procedural requirements. These investigations are coordinated with Personnel Services and Training Services with stringent deadlines to meet academy availability for new deputy recruits. Background investigators completed 47 deputy background investigations and 11 Sheriff's Office civilian position backgrounds.

The Sheriff's Office also conducts background investigations for other Frederick County agencies and local governments within Frederick County. Background investigators conducted 125 investigations for county sensitive-positions.

A total of 183 background investigation were conducted.

## Patrol Operations

Patrol Operations is under the direction of Captain Jeff Eyler and has an Administrative Lieutenant, three Assistant Patrol Commanders (Lieutenant), and an Administrative Specialist. Patrol Operations consists of six Patrol Teams, Traffic Unit, Community Deputy Program, Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE), Civil Order and Firearms Surrender Program, School Resource Officer Unit, K-9 Unit and Honor Guard. Each Patrol Team and support unit/program receives first line supervision from a sergeant or corporal.

Patrol Operations is the largest and most visible section of the Sheriff's Office. It is comprised of the men and women in uniform who patrol the county's designated patrol beats twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. These highly trained and skilled professionals are the visual connection between the community and law enforcement. Patrol deputies are responsible for a wide range of duties including responding to citizen requests for law enforcement services, detecting, deterring, and preventing crime, and ensuring traffic safety. They use a variety of tools to aid them in this endeavor including mobile data computers, electronic reporting, radar/lidar, portable breath test units, night vision equipment and electronic citations and crash reporting. Additionally, each deputy is assigned a marked or unmarked police vehicle. The fleet of police vehicles include Dodge Charger, Dodge Durango, Ford Police Interceptor sedan, Ford Explorer, Ford Taurus, Chevrolet Tahoe, Chevrolet Impala, and other specialty vehicles.

### Agency Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Vehicle Traffic Stops	11,841	17,555	21,541
Citations Issued	5,038	6,053	8,242
Warnings Issued	13,565	19,457	24,546
Repair Orders Issued	438	367	546
Vehicle Crashes (Reported)	891	1,055	1,085
M/V Crashes - Fatalities	7	6	6
Selective Enforcement	1,535	3,585	3,825
Directed Patrols (Discontinued in 2022)	10,922	11,964	7,808
What's Important Now (WIN)	1,572	6,445	4,514



### **Patrol Highlights**

Patrol Operations remains the largest and most visible section of the Sheriff's Office. It is comprised of the men and women in uniform who patrol the county's designated patrol beats twenty-four hours a day, three-hundred sixty-five days a year. These highly trained and skilled professionals are the backbone and visual connection between the community and law enforcement. Patrol deputies are responsible for a wide range of duties including responding to citizen requests for law enforcement services, investigating, educating, detecting, deterring, preventing crime, and ensuring traffic safety through effective traffic enforcement. A variety of tools and techniques are implemented to aid in the completion and efficiency of this mission including new technology, FSCO Dashboard, radar/lidar, electronic speed sign trailers, portable breath test units, night vision equipment, electronic traffic enforcement paperwork through Delta, crash reporting, highly advanced evidence and reconstruction equipment and mobile data computers. Each deputy is assigned a marked or unmarked police vehicle fully outfitted.

Frederick County Public Schools remained fully operational, and the Sheriff's Office fully supported the schools with the School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit.



Patrol Operations began implementing and working closely with Frederick County Mobile Crisis during interactions with subjects in a mental health crisis. This has become a very effective working partnership providing citizens with critical resources and assistance in mental health.

The Sheriff's Office participates in the Overdose Response Program coordinated by the Health Department. The program was administered by the Patrol Operations Administrative Specialist, however, has been moved to training services. Deputies are trained and authorized to carry and administer Narcan. Opiate overdose continues to be a serious public health problem across the country. The Sheriff's Office responded to 109 overdose calls. Narcan was administered by deputies 13 times with 13 saves recorded. Frederick County experienced 243 opioid-related overdoses with 27 opioid-related fatalities.

The What's Important Now (WIN) program addresses specific locations that were identified by the Sheriff, commanders, deputies, or the public for immediate attention. These locations were constantly updated and adjusted to remain pertinent. Deputies initiated 4,514 WIN cards which is a decrease of 35.2% from 2021.

The school safety check initiative continued. The primary goal is to augment the School Resource Officer Unit activities through the use of Patrol team personnel. Patrol deputies working dayshift, when school is in session, increase their law enforcement presence through the use of school safety checks. Patrol deputies are provided a list of school locations in their assigned area and conduct checks at each school throughout their shift. Their focus is on elementary and middle schools. Deputies make themselves known to the school administration and are visible to

the students and staff by walking the hallways and stopping in the cafeteria and gymnasium. This effort is to provide a greater presence and to prevent a catastrophe at one of our schools. Patrol deputies initiated 6,807 checks which was an increase of 29% from 2021.

The Sheriff's Office participated in a large-scale active assailant scenario at AstraZeneca, a local pharmaceutical company. This scenario included allied members of the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police, Frederick County Division of Fire & Rescue Services, Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, and Public Information Officers within the county. Additionally, all Patrol Operations personnel received classroom instruction on Rescue Task Force and Active Assailant Response. Once all personnel received classroom training, they participated in a small-scale active assailant scenario at Kite Pharma, a local research company, where the classroom instruction was applied to a scenario. Additional training is being scheduled for 2023.

Patrol Operations continued to closely partner with Mobile Crisis Services when responding to calls for service involving persons suffering from mental health emergencies and disorders. Mobile Crisis responded to numerous calls for service with Patrol deputies and conducted follow-up contacts with individuals requiring substantial resources. In addition, Patrol Commanders attended monthly meetings with first responders and mental health professionals within the county to problem-solve and discuss solutions to cases.

### **The Community Assistance Volunteers (CAV)**

The CAV program uses volunteers to enhance the services provided by the Sheriff's Office to the community by improving efficiency and productivity. This program uses volunteers to handle assignments and events that do not require a deputy. Members of the program wear a uniform that identifies them as a volunteer for the Sheriff's Office. CAV volunteers are not sworn, not armed, and do not have arrest powers. The program is designed to assist and supplement operations. CAVs assist with large functions, community requests, and Project Life Saver.

CAVs assisted at the Great Frederick Fair when first through third grade Frederick County Public School students arrived for their annual field trip. CAVs assist with serious motor vehicle collisions to help shut down roadways and direct traffic. There were several community events such as 5K races where CAVs were requested to assist with traffic management.



The CAVs and deputies coordinate and maintain the Project Life Saver (PLS) Program. PLS provides members of our community who have cognitive disabilities and who are prone to wandering with a tracking device. The tracking device can be located by PLS equipment. CAVs and other agency volunteers routinely change the batteries on PLS clients' tracking devices. CAVs, volunteers and deputies are also trained in using the equipment to locate a missing PLS client.



**Civil Order & Firearms Surrender Program**

The Civil Order & Firearms Surrender Program coordinator along with the assigned corporal are responsible for the processing and management of service for Peace Orders, Protective Orders, Extreme Risk Protective Orders, Emergency Evaluations, and Firearm Transfer Orders. They also relay information to sworn personnel to ensure firearms are surrendered to law enforcement when ordered by the court. They maintain all hard copies of protective and peace order files, grant related documents, court ordered emergency evaluations, firearms transfers ordered by the court, and the surrendering of firearms documents.

**Civil Order & Firearms Surrender Program Statistics:**

	2020	2021	2022
Peace Orders Received	502	533	601
Peace Orders Served	411	437	470
Protection Orders Received	883	855	943
Protection Orders Served	729	746	777
Extreme Risk Orders Received	18	20	25
Extreme Risk Orders Served	18	20	24
Guns Surrendered	112	182	221

## **Traffic Unit**

The Traffic Unit is responsible for the majority of traffic related matters within the agency while providing support to the Patrol teams. The unit's focus is to gain voluntary compliance with the vehicle laws of Maryland thereby limiting the number of serious personal injury and fatal crashes. The unit seeks to accomplish this goal through various means including selective enforcement, crash data analysis, public outreach, coordinated efforts with highway engineering, and other enforcement.

The population of Frederick County continues to be on the increase, which translates to more vehicles being driven on Frederick County roadways. The traffic enforcement efforts of the Sheriff's Office are carried out primarily by members of the Traffic Unit and Patrol deputies. Their combined effort to reduce the number of collisions and gain voluntary compliance through selective enforcement remains a major goal.

The Traffic Unit consists of a sergeant, a corporal, three deputies and a part time deputy assigned to the County Landfill. The three deputies work the patrol schedule rotation.

### Traffic Unit Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Crashes	474	568	628
Citations	1,498	1,952	1,936
Warnings	1,798	2,191	3,398
Repair Orders	184	223	243
Traffic Arrests	40	52	97
Selective	135	620	1,023
Calls For Service	1,572	3,000	4,344

## **Crash Analysis Data**

The Sheriff's Office responded to 2,773 calls for service involving vehicle crashes. A Maryland Automated Crash Reporting System (ACRS) report was required on 1,009 crashes or 36% of the total crash calls. The Traffic Unit handled 62% of all collisions and investigated six fatal crashes.

The Traffic Unit supervisor monitors traffic and collision trends, allowing the Traffic Unit to respond to traffic-related matters, take enforcement action as appropriate and investigate collisions, thereby reducing this burden on the Patrol

teams. The supervisor also captures statistics on all motor vehicle collisions where an ACRS was completed.

Area 5 again led the county in total collisions. Area 5 is traditionally a high collision area from month to month, however, collisions decreased marginally from 2021. Area 5 had 355 more collisions than the next area, which is Area 6. Areas 5 and 6 are typically the most congested areas during commute and rush hours, which lends to its high probability of collisions. It is suggested that our agency continues with its selective enforcement efforts, with a special emphasis on the high crash areas listed above. The unit will continue to work closely with the Frederick County Department of Public Works, Frederick County Highways, MD State Highway Administration, and the Frederick County Traffic Team to evaluate roadway design, engineering, and traffic patterns to improve safety.

The Sheriff's Office investigated 435 collisions in areas outside of the nine traditional patrol areas. There are several municipalities and large subdivisions that have been designated with a separate patrol area (i.e., Lake Linganore, Spring Ridge, and Woodsboro) where the Sheriff's Office has the primary responsibility for calls for service. The Sheriff's Office also continues to investigate all collisions involving county-owned vehicles/property that occurred within Frederick County regardless of the primary jurisdiction where the collision occurred. In addition, the Sheriff's Office investigated 73 collisions located on Frederick County Public School property which was a 60% increase from 2021.

The day-of-the-week statistics are captured in the accident day-of-week report; however, it is also important to pair this with the accident timeframes report, and its relevance is clearer on this form. It is important to review the day and time of motor vehicle collisions to see if patterns emerge.

Of the 2,773 crashes, 2,143 crashes or 77%, occurred on a weekday. Tuesday and Wednesday averaged the highest frequency of crashes in comparison to the other days of the week. It should be noted that the top five days, Monday through Friday, averaged 429 crashes per day of the week while Saturday and Sunday averaged 315 crashes per day. There was a decrease in crashes of 81 crashes or 2% from 2021. The unit will continue to monitor crash data to maintain effective deployment and use of the workforce.

87% of the collisions occurred within the 15-hour time frame of 0600-2100 hours. This shows the majority of collisions start at the beginning of the morning rush hour and continue through the evening rush hour. The least number of collisions

or 5% occurred in the early morning hours between 0001-0600 hours. Again, the time period of 1501-1800 hours stands out as the most common time for reported motor vehicle crashes to occur. It accounted for 27% of the crashes and was followed by 1201-1500, accounting for 20% of all reported crashes.

**Drug Recognition Expert Program**

The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program is a nationally certified program designed to utilize highly trained personnel to detect subjects operating vehicles under the influence of various drugs. The Sheriff’s Office has six DREs that are certified through the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the State of Maryland. Frederick County is part of Maryland’s Region 4 and includes Carroll, Howard, and Washington counties. The Sheriff’s Office is required to assist Region 4 agencies if we have a DRE available.

DRE Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Central Nervous System Depressants	2	5	2
Central Nervous System Stimulants	1	0	0
Hallucinogens	0	0	0
Dissociative Anesthetics	1	1	1
Narcotic Analgesics	7	5	1
Inhalants	0	0	0
Cannabis	0	0	0
Polydrug	15	7	4
Medical Rule Out - Not completed	0	0	0
Not Under Influence	1	0	0
Total	27	20	10

The DREs conducted ten evaluations. Six of those were requested by Sheriff’s Office personnel. The remaining four requests came from outside agencies to include Frederick Police (2) and MSP Frederick (2). The laws concerning the use, sale, and dispensing of cannabis continue to change. With these changes, it is predicted that the number of cannabis-related driving under the influence of drug infractions will also increase.

The population of Frederick County continues to increase. As it does, the number of motorists traveling for work and recreation will also increase. Concurrently, Maryland continues to relax and loosen the restrictions and penalties for the use and possession of CANNABIS, as well as lowering the penalties and jail time for other impairing drugs such as heroin and fentanyl. The highest drug categories

were Central Nervous System Depressants and Narcotic Analgesics. These numbers are expected to remain high as CNS Depressants tend to be among the highest prescribed and heroin/fentanyl use continues to be an issue. Poly-drugs were the highest at (4) out of the ten tests performed.

**Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE)**

The purpose of PACE is to supplement daily operations with a cohesive group of individuals capable of acting independently and effectively to address any issue that would otherwise deplete manpower requirements of Patrol staffing.

The team works closely with other sections of the agency such as NIS and CIS with their active investigations, and Training Services with required annual or specialized training.

The year began with the team consisting of five members including a sergeant, a corporal, and three deputies. Two members were transferred from the unit during the year. The unit had a corporal and two deputies for the remainder of the year.

**PACE Statistics:**

	2020	2021	2022
Total Calls	682	1,088	1,475
Criminal Arrests	23	72	286
Traffic Arrests	47	42	86
Warrants Served	17	44	98
Total Arrests	87	159	470

Daily, the team focused its efforts on proactive criminal enforcement in communities throughout Frederick County. These efforts were based on intelligence obtained from the Crime Analyst, Patrol deputies, CIS, NIS, and I-Leads reports. The majority of the time, the team based their enforcement efforts in communities that create the most call volume resulting in criminal activity. On numerous occasions, members of the team gathered information during traffic stops or field interviews that were then passed on to members of CIS and NIS resulting in larger-scale arrests and investigations. The team was called upon to conduct in-service training, train recruits, field train new deputies, and assist with other specialized training.

**K-9 Unit**

The K-9 Unit provides support for Patrol Operations, other agency sections, and allied agencies with a highly mobile, specially trained police dogs. The police

canine has particular attributes in searching for items and/or persons that can quickly facilitate their location. Thus, resources can be managed more efficiently and effectively. Additionally, the police dog provides safety to officers, and while the canine is primarily a tool for location, it can become an instrument of force when necessary.



**K-9 Statistics:**

	2020	2021	2022
Narcotic Apprehensions	293	332	571
Vehicle Scans	411	385	606
School Scans	6	8	4
Patrol Apprehensions	10	7	9
Tracks	23	21	32
Building Searches	4	2	6
Area Searches	9	8	18

The unit is supervised by a corporal and consists of five canine teams. The unit had two dual-purpose (apprehension) and three single-purpose (detection) canine teams, with all teams trained in narcotics detection, article search, and tracking. There were significant increases in the seizure of illicit narcotics as a direct result of vehicle scans. Only one canine team is still currently certified in marijuana detection.

Additional K-9 Statistics:

	Seized		
	2020	2021	2022
Marijuana (grams)	1,925	1,367	823
Cocaine (grams)	749	392	1,919
Heroin (grams)	820	1,498	3,386
Ecstasy/Meth (grams)	68	564	294
PCP	0	4	45
Prescription Pills	395	182	239
Other CDS Items	298	236	91
Paraphernalia	446	674	1,025
Vehicles Seized	1	4	2
US Currency	\$12,878	\$15,026	\$20,213
Firearms	4	4	12

**Community Deputy Program**

The Community Deputy Program is a cooperative effort between the Sheriff's Office and three of the incorporated municipalities located within Frederick County. Three deputies are assigned to Middletown, two deputies are assigned to Emmitsburg, and one deputy is assigned to Myersville. A sergeant supervises the unit.

Community Deputy Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Calls For Service	8,041	10,621	13,202
Vehicle Stops	1,030	1,545	2,929
Selective Enforcement	492	813	972
Special Assignments/Events	91	127	93
Arrests	35	26	66
Walking Patrols	315	671	516
Bike Patrols	21	48	34
Patrol Checks	3,659	4,188	4,140
Talks	387	900	1,140

The town's contract with the Sheriff's Office to have deputies assigned to work primarily within the town limits. Deputies assigned to these communities provide a consistent law enforcement presence in the towns, handle calls for service, and enforce criminal and traffic laws. Community Deputies build relationships with

residents, business owners, and other stakeholders (such as civic organizations and churches) in the towns. This provides a more personal approach where citizens become familiar with their deputies.

Being assigned directly to the towns creates an atmosphere where deputies can quickly respond to needs or complaints that arise. Town officials frequently contact the unit supervisor or on-duty deputies regarding complaints that come in from citizens or town personnel. Many of these complaints relate to traffic issues, crossing guard issues, and suspicious people or activities.

The towns also have unique or unplanned needs that arise from time to time such as large funerals, road closures, or special stand-by requests such as when town employees are terminated from employment. Fortunately, deputies in the unit are often able to change their schedules on short notice to accommodate these requests.

Heroin, opioids, and other problems related to their use continue to be a concern in Frederick County communities. Community Deputies keep track of suspects engaging in these activities within the towns and cooperate with the NIS through information sharing and assistance on operations.

Deputies are tasked with increasing communication with the towns and residents through inclusion in town newsletters, bulletins, and providing information on the town websites and Facebook pages. Recently deputies provided information to the towns regarding phone and internet scams.

Community events in each town fully recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic, and monthly town meetings were all held in person compared to the previous year when they were being held virtually.

Deputies participated in the following special events:

Emmitsburg: Emmitsburg 4th of July Celebration, Heritage Day (Lion's Club function), National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Weekend, Annual Rosary Walk, National Night Out, MSMU back-to-school event, Halloween Parade, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Middletown: Chalk Art on Green, Movie Night in the Park, Middletown's 4th of July Celebration, National Night Out, Heritage Festival, Classic Car Show, Scarecrow Walk, Halloween Parade, War Memorial, and Christmas in the Valley Celebration.



Myersville: National Night Out, Baseball Parade, Kenny Olander 5k, Trolley Festival, and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

### **Honor Guard**

The Honor Guard is comprised of fourteen members from the Law Enforcement and Corrections Bureaus. It is a ceremonial unit that represents the agency in various local and regional events. Members demonstrate the most exceptional high standards of appearance and conduct. They complete the mission of the Honor Guard Unit as a collateral duty to their primary functions within the agency. The unit is regularly on the front lines of forming the public image of the Sheriff's Office to members of our community.



The Honor Guard participated in thirty events. They represented the agency at local assignments including parades, funerals, Corrections graduation ceremony, and two outside agency funerals. The unit conducted funeral services for DFC Ken Olander and assisted with funeral services for FPD and DFRS with active duty and line of duty funerals for their agency.

### **School Resource Officer Unit**

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit places sworn deputies in select Frederick County Public School (FCPS) buildings. Currently, thirteen deputies and three supervisors staff the unit. SROs are currently based at Frederick County high schools and work across their feeder elementary and middle schools. SROs provide primary service to 48 schools and work in conjunction with SROs from Frederick Police and Brunswick Police to provide service to all public schools. FCPS has approximately 47,000 students enrolled and 7,000 staff members.

School Resource Officers perform a variety of duties at their assigned schools. The SRO acts as a resource to the school community, which includes, students, teachers, faculty, administration, and parents. In addition to handling calls-for-service, conducting traffic enforcement and criminal investigations at their assigned schools, they assist in maintaining a safe and secure environment for students that is conducive to learning.



The SRO serves as a law enforcement officer, mentor, instructor, and role model. As part of this program, each SRO develops unique relationships with their school community. SROs attend various school meetings, training, and school functions to connect the Sheriff’s Office with the community. The program also serves as a resource to FCPS for school-based emergency planning.

SRO Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Calls For Service	4,435	6,481	7,706
School Safety Checks	1,273	3,186	3,253
CDS Investigations	20	25	67
CDS Invest. - Diversion	N/A	N/A	32
CDS Invest. - Charged	18	7	5
Assaults in School	16	65	101
Assaults Charged	9	34	15
Criminal Arrests	70	83	37
Total Juv. Rec. Diversion	N/A	N/A	95
Traffic Stops	233	175	224
Schools Threats Investigated	9	38	37



### **School Crossing Guard Program**

The School Crossing Guard Program provides crossing services at twenty-eight locations for twenty Frederick County schools. The program is designed to ensure that students and parents can safely transit from schools to property immediately adjacent to the school. The program is administered by a private vendor. The School Resource Officer Unit is responsible for oversight of the vendor, annual review of crossing locations, and consideration of requested new crossing locations.

### **Special Operations**

The Special Operations Section is under the direction of Captain Jason Null and oversees the Criminal Investigation Section, Narcotics Investigation Section, Judicial Services and SWAT.

### **Criminal Investigations**

Criminal Investigations Section is under the direction of Lieutenant Andy Crone and includes Persons Crimes Unit, Property Crimes Unit, Sex Offender Registry, Pawns Unit, Crime Analysis, Victim Services, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, Evidence Unit, Warrant/Fugitive Unit, and Frederick County Fire Investigation Task Force.

The Criminal Investigations Section consists of six supervisors and twelve detectives. The detectives are divided into four specialized units that include property crimes, person's crimes, internet crimes against children, and warrant/fugitive. Each detective receives specialized training in their areas of expertise. Four civilian personnel are also assigned to the section to include the Sex Offender Registry Manager, Pawn Administrator, Victim Services, and an Administrative Specialist.

A primary focus of the section is to reduce the number of cases being investigated by deputies assigned to Patrol Operations and to identify and locate repeat offenders. Detectives are assigned the majority of the more serious cases that require follow-up or further investigation and handle a wide variety of cases. Detectives are on-call throughout the year and can be called out on anything from a theft investigation to a homicide investigation. The combined efforts of this unit are directed towards conducting thorough investigations and preparing successful cases for prosecution. Detectives served 203 search and seizure warrants.

**Case Highlights:**

Detectives responded to the Kingscrest Apartment complex to investigate a deputy involved shooting. The deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop for a speeding violation. The vehicle refused to stop, reached high speeds, running red signals, and stop signs. The vehicle eventually came to a stop on Castle Court at which time the driver fled on foot into the apartment complex. The initial deputy chased the suspect between the buildings on Rooks Court. The suspect started firing on the deputy who returned fire striking the suspect three times. The suspect was transported to Baltimore Shock Trauma and was later released. The suspect was charged with First Degree Assault and Firearm violations.

Detectives responded to a wooded area off Stoney Creek Drive for a suspicious death. The victim was found to have suffered several gunshot wounds to her body. Twelve shell casings were located nearby. The victim had identified with both MS-13 and the 18th Street Gang. NBIN hits from two casings found at the scene had ties to two shootings in Prince George's County and Washington DC. The case remains open.

Detectives responded to Penn Shop Road in Mt. Airy. There was an extensive domestic violence history between the victim and suspect. It included a final protective order that stated the victim was not to be present at the address. After the scene was processed and interviews completed, it was determined that during a heated argument, the victim went for a box that contained a handgun. A brief struggle for the gun ended up with the suspect gaining control of the gun and backing away from the victim and into the bathroom. The suspect gave commands to stop. The victim initially stopped, then proceeded to move toward the suspect. The suspect fired one shot which struck the victim. After consultation with the State's Attorney on scene, the suspect was released without charges as the evidence showed the suspect acted in self-defense.

A Sex Offense that was called in by the eventual suspect was investigated in the Emmitsburg area. The suspect called in after receiving a text from a 13-year-old Emmitsburg female stating, "He's touching me again." This text by the female was supposed to go to a friend, however, it mistakenly went to the suspect who thought the girl's stepfather was touching her. The investigation revealed that the suspect had traveled to Emmitsburg on three different occasions and engaged in sexual acts/intercourse with the female. The suspect met the female on social media after pretending to be a 16-year-old boy. A search and seizure warrant for the suspect's apartment was obtained. The suspect was charged with three counts of Second-Degree Rape. The investigation is ongoing and to date, thirty (30) additional victims from across the country have been identified.

The Sheriff's Office responded to a Frederick residence for a report of a double stabbing that led to the suspect being fatally shot by the responding deputies. The suspect entered his parent's residence and confronted his father. The suspect then started to stab his father. The suspect's mother attempted to stop the assault and was also stabbed several times. The father ran out of the bedroom and down the steps and eventually out into the front yard. The suspect chased him outside and continued to stab and kick him while he was lying in the street. The suspect then attempted to get back into the residence, however, his mother and her mother blocked his reentry by closing the door. In closing the door, his mother was stabbed additional times on her arms. The suspect then fled the scene on foot and was located several blocks away by deputies. The suspect refused to drop the knife and less lethal options were deployed but the suspect did not comply. The suspect charged at the deputies and was shot multiple times. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. The father was also pronounced deceased while enroute to the helicopter landing zone. The mother was transported to Baltimore Shock Trauma and treated for her injuries. The suspect had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorders. The Maryland Attorney General's Office Independent Investigations Division is investigating the deputy involved shooting while the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Section is investigating the homicide incident.

CIS Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Total Cases Handled	976	981	1,300
Total Carried Over from Previous Year	138	122	151
Total Cases Closed	828	841	930
Total Cases Closed by Arrest	168	147	175
Total Cases Suspended	242	196	276
Total Carried Over to Next Year	145	136	136
Closure Rate	77%	81%	77%

**Pawn Unit**

The Pawn Unit carries out a system of identifying and recovering stolen property identified as pawned at Frederick County pawnshops and is responsible for filing criminal charges in related cases. There is a full-time Pawn Coordinator devoted to pawn activity within Frederick County. The unit handles cases for the Sheriff’s Office, Maryland State Police, Frederick Police, and other surrounding agencies in the quad state area (MD, PA, VA, and WV).

Using electronic reporting to the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System (RAPID) has shown to have been beneficial in solving property crime cases. The Pawn Unit recovered 39 items from pawn shops.

Pawn Unit Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
FCSO Cases	4	11	5
Reported Value	\$2,234	\$11,691	\$7,915
Items Recovered	5	26	21
Assist Other Cases	8	5	20
Reported Value	\$21,565	\$5,939	\$26,186
Items Recovered	60	13	56
Pawn Amount	\$5,668	\$912	\$4,411
Total Pawn Transactions	\$14,044	\$28,110	\$34,101

**Internet Crimes Against Children**

Detectives are responsible for following up on all cases involving critically missing and exploited children. Detectives work with the Center for Missing and Exploited Children for the dissemination of flyers of missing children. In addition, the Sheriff’s Office partners with the Interstate Crimes Against Children Task Force

(ICAC) and the Frederick County Cyber Crimes Task Force. Internet based companies who suspect images of child pornography report the cases to ICAC. ICAC forwards any cases linked to Frederick County and a detective is assigned. One detective is a Task Force Officer through the FBI and Homeland Security and works these cases jointly. These joint investigations lead to Federal charges with the suspects being sentenced to decades in prison for their crimes against children. Whereas in the State system, they would only be sentenced to a few years at most.

The ICAC Task Force received 285 tips (FCSO 201/FPD 84) and made 9 arrests. It should be noted that many of the cases still have device forensics pending. Otherwise, the amount of charged cases would likely be higher. In total, the ICAC detectives handled 289 cases, 84 of those cases were not related to ICAC cybertips.

### **Case Highlights:**

A Thurmont man was charged with ten counts of possession of child pornography.

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A Frederick man was sentenced to eleven years in Federal Prison after over 500 images of child pornography were found.

An Ijamsville man was sentenced to seven years in Federal prison for distribution of child pornography.

A Rocky Ridge man was sentenced to forty-five years in Federal prison for sexual exploitation and production of child pornography of two minor girls.

### **Warrant/Fugitive Investigations**

Warrant investigations consists of a corporal, a detective, and an Administrative Specialist. Arrest warrants are assigned to either the Fugitive Unit, or Patrol Operations based off a tiered rating system. Attempts are made and then the status returned to the Records Section. There were 2,341 arrests made with 25 extraditions. The Fugitive Unit conducted surveillance and arrested numerous individuals in several high-profile cases. Additionally, the Fugitive Unit partners with the United States Marshal's Service, with the main detective serving as a deputized task force officer.

### **Child Advocacy Center**

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Frederick County is a child-friendly facility designed, staffed, and equipped to provide comprehensive services to child abuse victims and their families. Direct services are offered through teams of partnering agencies representing law enforcement officials, child protection professionals, prosecutors, mental health clinicians, medical practitioners, victim services providers, and CAC staff.

There are currently five detectives assigned to the Persons Crime Unit. All the detectives assigned to this unit receive training in the “Finding Words/Child First” forensic interview techniques. They work with members from Child Protective Services (CPS) that are assigned to the Child Advocacy Center. The detectives routinely handle cases and attend meetings at the Child Advocacy Center. The detectives work very closely with the State’s Attorney’s Office on criminal investigations. Detectives attend training when available to further foster their working partnership with the CAC, CPS, and families.

### **Fire Investigation Task Force**

The Frederick County Fire Investigation Task Force is a multi-disciplinary team dedicated to investigating suspicious fire cases occurring within the county. The team is comprised of detectives, Fire Marshals from the Frederick County Department of Fire and Rescue and the Frederick County State’s Attorney’s Office. When a suspicious fire occurs within Frederick County, members from this team are called in to conduct the investigation. Team members collaborate to ensure the case is thoroughly investigated. The task force was called out to investigate 17 fires. One of those cases resulted in charges being filed. Two detectives are certified in Fire/Arson Investigations. Several additional detectives have begun to take the on-line CFI class in preparation to apply for the Fire Essentials Investigation course.

### **Case Highlights:**

Three juveniles were charged with malicious burning after an investigation into a suspicious fire to the rear of Tuscarora Elementary School. The fire was started between the dumpster and school by igniting a pile of leaves. Three juveniles were identified by school administration by reviewing the surveillance footage. Two of the juveniles were placed in the State’s Attorney’s Office Juvenile Diversion program while the third was referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice.



## **Victim Services Unit**

The Victim Services Unit (VSU) is staffed with a Crisis Support Lead and a Victim/Witness Coordinator. The Lead oversees the daily functioning of the VSU, and the Coordinator provides direct services to victims of crime. The Lead is a credentialed advocate through the Maryland Victim Service Certification Program and through the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Both members of VSU have specialized training in crisis intervention.

The unit conducted over 20 trainings and presentations for community partners, as well as in house for the Sheriff's Office. Most notably, on behalf of the Frederick County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, the unit created and disseminated in person and virtual trainings for Frederick County Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Communications staff on Non-Fatal Strangulation. Other notable events included a Domestic Violence 101 training for the Sheriff's Office Cadet Program and presentations to the State's Attorney's Office, Ft. Detrick's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Protection program (SHARP) and the Jefferson Ruritan Club regarding law enforcement victim services.



The unit contacted 1,312 victims and citizens showing a slight decrease from 2021. Of those, 823 were new contacts. The unit provided in-person services to 76 victims/citizens, including accompaniment to civil and criminal proceedings and on scene responses. Other forms of contact included phone calls, emails and letters with services such as timely emotional and logistical support, case information, crisis counseling, and referrals to appropriate agencies in the community. The unit works closely with Patrol Operations and the Criminal Investigations Section to provide these services and crisis intervention for victims and witnesses of crime but also provides support to vulnerable members of the Frederick County community, including seniors and those experiencing a mental health crisis.

VSU Statistics:

	Number of Victim/Citizens Contacted		
	2020	2021	2022
Assault	130	114	190
Child Abuse	28	26	19
Death (includes all death investigations, homicides, and suicides)	148	78	75
Domestic Violence (DV assaults, Protective Order assistance, Violations of Protectives Orders and/or DV related Stalking)	707	667	711
Elder	40	34	16
Family Violence	129	82	36
Harassment	74	86	65
Mental Health	38	105	83
Rape/Sexual Assault	36	113	117

The Sheriff’s Office and the unit are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or elder abuse, the unit often assists in making referrals/reports to Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services. The unit made 237 referrals to Child Protective Services and 31 referrals to Adult Protective Services.

The unit also oversees the facilitation of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) thru Patrol Operations and Judicial Operations. The Judicial LAP conducted 337 screens. Of these screens, 199 petitioners screened in as “high danger” and 132 of those petitioners were connected to Heartly House for further assistance. Patrol deputies initiated 307 lethality screens. Of these screens, 137 screened in as “high danger” and 52 victims were placed directly on the phone with Heartly House.

The unit also conducts investigations regarding the disposition of firearms, utilizing local, state, and federal databases. VSU investigated 57 firearm return requests, determining eligibility and identifying any restrictions. Of those, all but six were approved; the denials were based on federal disqualifiers located using the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

In April, in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness month and Maryland Crime Victims’ Rights week, the unit collaborated with The StrongHer Initiative to host a

free women's self-defense workshop at the Sheriff's Office. 26 participants joined the event with many more requesting additional workshops. Additionally, the unit participated in community outreach with Heartly House and their "Take Back the Night" event.

The unit planned, organized, and hosted the Sheriff's Office One in Four Conference "STOP, Collaborate and Listen: A Team Approach to Serving Victims of Intimate Partner Violence". It was the first One in Four conference since 2019 and over 60 participants took part. Additionally, the unit created and disseminated a Domestic Violence/Lethality Screen Refresher training for Special Police Officers and Courthouse Deputies via the Police One learning portal.

The unit represented the Sheriff's Office at multiple community meetings, including Sexual Assault Response Team, Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Frederick County, Maryland Association of Victim Services Providers, Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, and Domestic Violence High Risk MDT. The unit was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Frederick County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC), serving with the Chair and Co-Chair. In June, the unit received the "Harm Reduction Services Recognition" award from the Frederick County Health Department for consistent participation in non-fatal overdose outreach and referral.

The unit joined together with multiple partner agencies to advocate for new state legislation regarding protective orders and stalking. Thanks in part to this advocacy, new language was included in each statute that allows for a more comprehensive response to victims of domestic/intimate partner violence. Additional accomplishments for the unit include the formation and implementation of a new mental health referral process and creation of an accompanying flyer to be shared with the public, as well as facilitating the formation of a partnership between the DVCC and local auto shops to inspect victim's vehicles for tracking devices on request, free of charge.

### **Sex Offender Registry**

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that registered sex offenders in Frederick County are in compliance with the State of Maryland Sex Offender Registry. There is a program manager, detective and coordinator assigned.

The Sex Offender Registry lost several sex offenders due to death, residence change(s), incarceration, and registration term expiration. As of December, there

were 242 sex offenders. The sex offender registry is ever-growing with new sex crime convictions and offenders moving into or becoming employed in Frederick County. The sex offender registry encompasses all categories of sex offenders to include, Tier I Sex Offenders, Tier II Sex Offenders, Tier III Sex Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators.

The unit assisted deputies with active investigations utilizing OffenderWatch. Frederick Police have requested assistance utilizing OffenderWatch for sex offenses and indecent exposure investigations. OffenderWatch has also assisted NIS and ICAC with investigations involving registered sex offenders.

The Sheriff's Office charged 21 sex offenders with registry violations. Some of these sex offenders were charged multiple times throughout the year. Of those charged, 13 were for failure to register, two were for failure to notify of employment change, three for failure to notify of address change, one for failing to notify of vehicle information, and two sex offenders were for entering on restricted real property. Of those charged, two have pled guilty and were sentenced and two were placed on the stet docket. The 17 additional sex offenders charged are pending disposition in 2023.

The Sex Offender Registry has experienced increased occurrences of absconding sex offenders, entering Frederick County and/or absconding from Frederick County. The Sex Offender Registry has investigated six registrants that have absconded. Through collaboration with the U.S. Marshal's Office, Virginia State Police, D.C. Police, U.S. Postal Service, Frederick Police, and Frederick Health Hospital, the Sex Offender Registry was able to locate and establish compliance. Through these investigations, it was determined that the guidelines for extradition had changed to in state only. The guidelines were revisited with the State's Attorney's Office. The Sex Offender Registry advocated for surrounding state extradition. The State's Attorney's Office was in agreeance and modified the guidelines for registered sex offenders.

Members of the unit attended the Offender Watch Symposium. This Symposium provided presentations, workshops, and hands on training developed for persons that work directly with the management and supervision of sex offenders. Members were asked to participate in an Offender Watch Beta testing project for the new OW4 platform and Offender Watch Phoenix web-based product.

### Sex Offender Registry Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Total Sex Offenders in Frederick County	234	238	242
Sex Offenders registered/re-registered	941	921	966
Total Sex Offender compliance checks	526	882	1,243
Sex Offender charged for non-compliance	35	32	21
Non-compliant Sex Offenders that pled guilty and sentenced	7	16	2

### **Crime Analysis Unit**

The civilian Crime Analyst works closely with detectives to identify related cases, generate investigative leads, and provide information to help identify and arrest suspects. Cases are analyzed according to type of crime, geographic location, timeframe, modus operandi, and suspect descriptors. Relevant information about emerging crime trends is summarized, mapped, and sent to agency personnel via crime alerts and intelligence bulletins. Due to the frequency of multi-jurisdictional crime series, the Crime Analyst often serves as a coordinating liaison with allied agencies. Long-term crime trends are also analyzed to help command staff identify needs and allocate resources appropriately.

### Crime Analysis Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Total Maps	105	129	125
Bulletins & Alerts	82	103	106
Video Analysis	60	76	95

### **Case Highlights:**

In February, a wallet was stolen from a locker at Gold's Gym. Shortly after the theft, the suspect used the victim's stolen credit card to purchase gift cards at Walmart. The Crime Analyst was able to generate an important suspect lead by analyzing surveillance video from Walmart, identifying the type of vehicle the suspect was driving and matching it with a traffic stop reported in Frederick the same day as the theft. The analyst worked with the assigned detective to ultimately identify the suspect. After analyzing GPS data associated with the rental vehicle the suspect was using and contacting several allied agencies, the analyst was able to link the same suspect to over a dozen similar thefts at fitness centers in MD, PA, VA, DE, and GA.

In March, an armed robbery occurred in Brunswick. Two suspects wearing masks assaulted store employees and customers after displaying handguns. The Crime Analyst worked closely with Brunswick Police detectives. After reviewing surveillance video of the suspect vehicle, the Crime Analyst provided a detailed description of a vehicle and subsequently generated a lead that resulted in the identification of the vehicle's owner who was involved in the robbery. Upon reviewing the suspect's known associates, the analyst helped identify a man from Washington, DC, whose unique neck tattoo matched the description provided by one of the victims. The analyst was also able to link the case to additional commercial robberies in the region. The primary suspect was ultimately charged with robbery, assault, theft, and firearms offenses by agencies in Frederick, Howard, and Prince George's County. Brunswick Police were also able to charge a second suspect with similar offenses.

In June, currency and credit cards were stolen from a vehicle parked near the C&O Canal Towpath in Point of Rocks. The suspect used the victims stolen credit cards to purchase gift cards and merchandise at several stores. The Crime Analyst acquired details about the fraudulent transactions from the victim, met with loss prevention personnel where the credit cards were used and acquired surveillance video from multiple locations. After a review of the video, the analyst recognized the suspect as a man from Silver Spring with a history of committing similar offenses throughout the region, including prior offenses in Frederick County in 2015. The analyst linked the suspect to additional recent thefts at parks in Boyds and Poolesville and notified detectives in those cases. A large multicolored tattoo could be seen on the suspect's right arm in surveillance video from all three cases. After reviewing the suspect's incarceration history, the analyst reached out to Bergen County, NJ and acquired recent booking photographs of the suspect's arm tattoo, which were used to confirm the suspect's identity in all three cases.

Between May and July, a suspect used a retail fraud scheme to steal several thousand dollars' worth of activated gift cards from Home Depot stores throughout the MD-VA-PA regional area. The Crime Analyst worked with Home Depot Organized Retail Crime (ORC) investigators to obtain surveillance video and registration information associated with the vehicle the suspect was using. Shortly after obtaining rental information and locating recent images associated with suspect's social media, the analyst was able to identify the suspect as a man from Flint, MI. The analyst continued to work with the detective to obtain local charges and link the suspect to several additional incidents, including an armed robbery in Baltimore, where the suspect displayed a handgun to Home Depot employees who attempted to intervene during the theft.

Over the course of the past year, the Crime Analyst provided forensic video analysis for over 280 video clips in 95 separate cases. Several of those cases were solved after suspect and vehicle images obtained from analysis were depicted in crime alerts and bulletins that were shared with allied agencies or made available to the Public Information Officer who posted them on Sheriff's Office social media sites.

### **Evidence Unit**

The Evidence Unit is responsible for the collection, preservation, and storage of evidence from crime scenes, motor vehicle collisions, unusual occurrences, and disasters. This collection and storage is done in such a way as to assure its integrity and to protect its scientific and evidentiary value. The unit also develops latent fingerprints, collects trace evidence and DNA and firearm function tests. The unit examines and analyzes surveillance video evidence such as retail store, residential and bank security footage. The unit is also responsible for photographing agency functions and processing digital images.

There is a civilian Evidence Custodian, a corporal and a deputy assigned to the unit. The unit is tasked with processing in-house evidence and processing crime scenes in addition to assisting with daily operations. Additionally, there are sworn Evidence Technicians within the agency. Advanced evidence technician training was conducted to increase the capabilities of all trained deputies on the advanced crime scene equipment.

The Sheriff's Office continues to partner with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to participate in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). This is an agreement to take digital images of fired cartridge cases from crime scenes or test fired cartridge cases from seized firearms and submitting them into NIBIN. This is completed by utilizing the BRASSTRAX Acquisition Station provided by the ATF. The ATF provided an IBIS-TRAX HD3D/BRASSTRAX Acquisition Station and an enclosed cargo trailer with a Retrieve-All shell case retrieval system at no expense.

The Evidence Unit continues to use three software programs for processing digital media. The Omnivore system is a portable digital video capture tool consisting of a laptop, software, USB drives along with necessary cables and adaptors that are designed specifically for the purpose of forensic video acquisition. Omnivore contains specialized video capture software that enables users to easily capture an uncompressed copy of surveillance video evidence that is displayed on a Windows base video surveillance system. iINPUT-ACE© software is a video processing

workflow engine specifically designed for law enforcement. It was acquired to allow for instantly viewing, clarifying, and processing digital media evidence. iNPUT-ACE© provides the ability to view proprietary video files easily like drag, drop, and play video that cannot be played using traditional digital players. Other functions include video stabilization, frame averaging, resizing, and batch processing and playing multiple video clips in canvas editor. ClearID is a suite of custom designed image clarification filters organized in a tabbed workflow interface that guides the user through the image clarification process that is more simplistic than using Photoshop alone. ClearID clarification filters are integrated within the Photoshop functions.

The Sheriff's Office utilizes a FARO 3D Scanner system that uses laser technology to deliver highly detailed 3D documentation. FARO 3D Laser Scanner is used for the collection of evidence at crime scenes such as blood spatter, artifacts, and traffic crashes such as skid marks and vehicle positions. This can be documented in half the time it takes with traditional methods. FARO 3D can produce compelling reports and courtroom exhibits that accurately represent the traffic crash or crime scene. The FARO is shared by the Traffic Unit and Crime Scene Unit for accident reconstruction and crime scene documentation. This equipment was used on numerous homicides, shootings, and fatal crash scenes. This technology produces irreplaceable evidence in court proceedings and assists in securing successful prosecutions.



Evidence Unit Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Total Cases with Physical Evidence Received	2,198	2,395	1,112
Total Evidence Items Received	5,000	5,732	6,029
Controlled Dangerous Substance Cases	485	605	802
Controlled Dangerous Substance Items Received	1,670	2,208	2,773
Total Cases Firearms were Recovered	83	110	150
Total Firearms Recovered	224	302	477
Money Deposited to County Treasurer Office	\$78,742	\$362,014	\$188,537
Total Items Disposed	1,401	4,311	5,136
Total Crime Scenes Processing Hours	401.5	394.5	310
Latent Prints & DNA Developed In-House for Lab Submission	180	398	193
NIBIN Entries	128	526	835
Presumptive Investigative NIBIN Leads from ATF	22	71	134

**Crisis Negotiation Team**

The Sheriff's Office has a decentralized team with members who are assigned as a collateral duty assignment as a crisis negotiator. The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) consists of twelve negotiators who have received specialized training from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the practice of negotiations. The team also has one deputy assigned as a logistics officer. Oversight is provided by a Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader, and the Criminal Investigations Commander. The CNT was deployed to assist with individuals experiencing crisis, as well as assisting in search warrant operations. This was the first year of integrating negotiators with SWAT personnel during search warrant operations. This has proven to be extremely successful in promoting overall safety and de-escalation during these incidents. In-person trainings were conducted as agency staffing allowed and the team is currently fully staffed with only one member not certified at this time. In 2023 the goal for CNT is to broaden their training scenarios to cover incidents inside of a public school as well as assisting with accomplishing tactical objectives during critical incidents.

## **Public Safety Cadet Unit 1218**

This was the second year that the Sheriff's Office has partnered with "Public Safety Cadets" to provide a youth law enforcement program for the community. This partnership has proven to be much more beneficial, efficient, and cost effective than the previous program. Membership varied between 25-40 members at any given time. There are 26 youth members that participate in weekly meetings, various community events, ride-alongs, and other training opportunities.

Cadets assisted as role players during in-service training to help reduce the amount of sworn personnel it takes to run scenarios. Cadets also received Basic First Aid/CPR/AED training, as well as instruction in the use of tactical tourniquets and the administration of NARCAN. This training has made them better prepared to be out in the community as a volunteer, as well as providing them better abilities to assist deputies during ride along activities.



During previous years, the cadet program typically would mirror the school year running from September through early June. Advisory staff felt that it would be more beneficial to have the cadets regularly meeting and training through the summer months when there are more community details, and better availability with school not being in session. This was the first year where the program ran from February through November, then went on break through the holidays. This has proven to be a better workflow and keeps the membership more readily available to the Sheriff's Office during peak community function months.

### **Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT)**

Special Weapons and Tactics is a group of deputies that assemble when situations arise dictating the use of specialized tactical skills and equipment. These situations include high-risk/critical incidents where an imminent danger is present to either law enforcement or the public. SWAT is a decentralized team with members who are assigned to the team as a collateral duty assignment. Each team member is readily available for recall in order to respond to critical incidents and when needed for the execution of search and seizure warrants with little advanced notice.

SWAT is comprised of an average of nineteen members, which consisted of a three Team Leaders and sixteen Operators. The team conducted twenty-seven operations. The operations included twenty-five search warrants, and out of the twenty-five warrants, twelve were considered “high” risk, and were executed with a Level I response, with the remainder executed as a Level II response. One of the search warrants conducted was handled as a barricade operation when the subject refused to exit the residence for an active arrest warrant when confronted by Patrol Operations personnel. SWAT also assisted the Frederick Police on a separate barricade incident with the Tactical Rescue Vehicle and small contingent of SWAT personnel, who were directly involved with taking the subject into custody. SWAT also conducted a high-risk prisoner transport for a subject convicted of homicide. Due to an incident in the courtroom when the verdict was delivered, SWAT was assigned the transport for the sentencing hearing.

Newly passed legislation restricted the use of no-knock search warrants and enacted specific time constraints and requirements on knock and announce search warrants. SWAT did not serve any no-knock search warrants in 2022. An outside agency authored a no-knock search warrant but based on the case and the location of the target residence, SWAT chose to use a “surround and call” tactic versus a no-knock entry. All knock and announce entries satisfied the time requirements and SWAT exceeded the time required to wait after the knock and announce before making entry in several cases.

All the operations and critical incidents where SWAT was utilized resulted in no injuries to any of the involved subjects. One team member suffered a minor injury during a ballistic breach where fragmentation from the door caused a minor laceration to his leg. SWAT has continued to evolve their tactics for the betterment of everyone involved. Due to SWAT’s training and comprehensive planning, the incidents where they were requested ended successfully. SWAT routinely completes a comprehensive debrief, where they identify issues or areas where they can improve.

SWAT members are allotted two eight-hour training days per month, but due to staffing requirements not all team members were able to attend both training days each month. All SWAT members still met the individual minimum training standards set forth in COMAR, as well as the team minimum training standards for a Special Tactical Response and the service of no-knock Search and Seizure Warrants.

### **Narcotics Investigations**

The Narcotics Investigations Section is under the direction of Lieutenant Sedat Caliskan and is primarily responsible for handling narcotics investigations, vice investigations, surveillance operations and any other investigations that would require specialized, undercover personnel. It is made up of members from the Sheriff’s Office, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Frederick Police, Maryland State Police and Brunswick Police. In addition to investigations, the unit is responsible for collecting intelligence information on criminal enterprises and activities which have direct impact on Frederick County, as well as to provide assistance to other units and allied agency investigations.



#### NIS Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Search Warrants	48	85	115
Vehicle Seizures	0	1	7
Currency Seized	\$28,979	\$85,469	\$257,913
Drug Talks and Education	25	15	8
Other Special Operations	70	17	24
Firearms Seized	15	17	22
Nis Case Expenditures	\$3,348	\$3,525	\$5,415

### **Search Warrants**

The unit executed 110 search and seizure warrants. Of those, 30 were served on cell phones, 31 were served on residences, 12 were served on vehicles, and 42 were served on GPS orders and various social media accounts.



### **Special Operations**

There were 42 additional narcotics operations conducted. These operations included take downs, consent searches, controlled purchases using confidential informants and undercover deputies, directed traffic stops and surveillance operations. NIS also investigated a human trafficking/prostitution organization involving several massage parlors operating in Frederick County. As a result of this operation, numerous subjects were charged, and money seized. NIS also conducted several hotel/motel and highway interdiction operations. In addition, 57 consensual monitoring calls were conducted, and numerous confidential informants were registered.

### **Wires/Pens**

NIS conducted eight PEN registers and 15 PING orders.

### **Currency/Asset Seizures**

\$257,913 and 22 firearms were seized by NIS. Forfeiture proceedings on these monies are in various stages of litigations in civil court; therefore, final forfeiture amounts are inconclusive.

### **Case Expenditures**

NIS spent approximately \$5,415 from the cash on hand Narcotics account. Expenditures included operations for undercover narcotics purchases, informant payments, travel expenses, training, surveillance operations, prostitution/human trafficking operations, cell phone minutes and items needed for covert case operations.

### **Drug Talks and Education**

NIS conducted eight drug education programs and talks. The drug talks were conducted for the Frederick County Grand Jury, Frederick County Public Schools, and various community organizations.

### **Assist Other**

NIS assisted allied agencies with surveillance, controlled buys, technical equipment operations and manpower. Some of the federal agencies included: Homeland Security Investigations/Immigrations Customs Administration and Drug Enforcement Administration. Additional local agencies included the Montgomery County Police, Frederick Police, Brunswick Police, Maryland State Police, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Washington County Task Force, and various other units within the Sheriff's Office.

### **Annual Assessment**

The NIS focus is to reduce the supply and demand of all illegal substances in and around Frederick County by infiltrating and dismantling any drug trafficking organizations. NIS continues to be an asset for the Sheriff's Office and a resource for other units within the agency and surrounding agencies. The influx of heroin and fentanyl related overdoses and deaths continue to be a major concern to NIS and the Sheriff's Office. NIS will continue proactive efforts and self-initiate operations to focus on heroin/fentanyl, drug interdiction, hotel/motel prostitution and human trafficking operations.

### **Judicial Services**

Judicial Services is under the command of Lieutenant Dave Keefer and consists of the Court Security Unit and the Civil Process Unit. The Court Security Unit includes a sworn sergeant, a Special Police Officer sergeant, two Special Police Officer corporals, five deputies, and ten Special Police Officers. The Civil Process Unit consists of a sworn sergeant, two deputies, six Constables, and two administrative specialists.

Judicial Services used creativity, collaboration, and problem solving to adapt to the challenges presented by large docket sizes and an increase of visitors to the Courthouse. Personnel had to keep up with frequently changing policies, procedures, and practices in the courts and other agencies within the Courthouse. This required a large amount of research and careful collaboration and communication.

### **Court Security Unit**

The Court Security Unit provides security and law enforcement services to the County's multi-service court facility and its many tenant agencies. Personnel are directly responsible for security and protection of the Circuit Court facilities and staff of six Judges and two Magistrates. Law enforcement and security assistance are also provided to the District Court's three courtrooms and Judges. Personnel provide security screening of all persons entering the facility through one of the three public entrances.

The Court Security Unit also manages holding facilities for prisoners being brought to court from detention facilities all over the state and coordinates their movement to their court appearance. Court Security also handles intakes of new prisoners who are sentenced directly to incarceration as a result of court proceedings.

#### Court Security Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
People screened	104,085	123,400	174,972
Adult Prisoners	1,208	1,720	2,508
Juvenile Detainees	69	38	54
Warrants Served	32	31	29
Criminal Summons	125	237	78
Contraband items	482	872	1,467

### **Civil Process Unit**

The Civil Process Unit is required to attempt service of all court issued papers directed to it by the courts or private parties, and files the returns of those services with the courts. Constables are responsible for most of the civil paperwork received. They utilize extensive research and effort in order to locate the persons for service. Deputies are responsible for all court ordered documents requiring service by a sworn law enforcement officer. These documents include landlord complaints, evictions, and a variety of warrants, writs, and replevin orders. It is also responsible for the attachment and/or seizure of personal property and the attachment of real property, as it pertains to certain writs. Sheriff Sales are then held by public auction using an auctioneer designated by the Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the sale is to sell assets to satisfy court ordered judgments.

The overall number of civil process not served (non-est rate) for the Civil Process Unit was 12%. A fee for service is required on most of the legal process received and the unit took in \$156,450.

Civil Process Statistics:

	2020	2021	2022
Circuit Court Papers Received	2,320	3,165	3,472
District Court Papers Received	605	907	1,004
Bulk Papers Received	2,925	2,320	2,923
Evictions Received	714	483	2,166
Landlord Complaints Received	6,193	6,073	6,983
Total Papers Received	11,394	12,948	16,584
Total Papers Served	11,072	12,337	15,695
Actual Evictions	75	77	171
Fees Collected	\$114,348	\$121,661	\$156,450





**2022 Law Enforcement Awards**

Deputy of the Year

Civilian of the Year

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TYPE OF AWARD</b>
DFC Cassy Boettcher	Valor
Deputy Nathan McLeroy	Valor
Deputy Travis Stely	Valor
SGT Robert Deckhut	Life Saving
CPL Brett Welsh	Life Saving
DFC Sean Sheehy	Life Saving
DFC Bret Hartle	Life Saving - 2 Awards
Deputy Logan Doolittle	Life Saving
DFC Ralph Kay	Life Saving
Deputy Michael Kelley	Life Saving
CPL Mark Lingg	Life Saving
DFC Abigail Hamrick	Life Saving
DFC Kevin Lewis	Life Saving
DFC Bryan Bittenmaster	Life Saving
DFC Nicholas Thomas	Life Saving
DFC Dustin Turner	Outstanding Performance
Geri Reynolds	Outstanding Performance
DFC Cassy Boettcher	Outstanding Performance
Deputy Nathan McLeroy	Outstanding Performance
Deputy Travis Stely	Outstanding Performance
DFC Kevin Lewis	Outstanding Performance
CPL Amber Frantz	Outstanding Performance
SGT Marc Linehan	Outstanding Performance
DFC Christian Lucente	Outstanding Performance
CPL Chad Smith	Outstanding Performance
CPL Christopher Hadeed	Outstanding Performance
CPL Jason Brady	Outstanding Performance

DFC Sean Vanderwall	Outstanding Performance
DFC Doug Story	Outstanding Performance
Retiree Tony Ruopoli	Outstanding Performance
DFC Jason Hansberger	Outstanding Performance
DFC Daniel Schlosser	Outstanding Performance
DFC Keith Johnson	Outstanding Performance
LT Greg Warner	Outstanding Performance
Julia Gilroy	Outstanding Performance
SGT Tim Grove	Outstanding Performance
CPL David Voland	Outstanding Performance
CPL Andy Ivins	Outstanding Performance
DFC Jeremy Slodki	Outstanding Performance - 2 Awards
DFC Cody Lawn	Outstanding Performance
DFC Charles Jenkins Jr.	Outstanding Performance - 2 Awards
Deputy Justin Wright	Outstanding Performance
Deputy Brooks Keller	Outstanding Performance
Deputy Adam Ritchey	Outstanding Performance
CPL Jason Noblick	Outstanding Performance - 2 Awards
DFC Andrew Laign	Outstanding Performance
Deputy Allan Mandujano	Outstanding Performance
SGT Jeremy Kretsinger	Outstanding Performance
DFC Brady Parson	Outstanding Performance
DFC Kayla Staub	Outstanding Performance
DFC Alexander Crane	Outstanding Performance
DFC Michael Leveille	Outstanding Performance
DFC Brandon Jewell	Outstanding Performance
DFC William Rempe	Outstanding Performance
Shelly Hill	Outstanding Performance
CPL Jason Ahalt	Outstanding Performance
Patti Hawkins	Outstanding Performance
Karen Gaither	Outstanding Performance

Patrol Team 5 SGT Tim Grove CPL Andrew Ivins CPL David Volland DFC Cody Lawn DFC Kevin Lewis DFC Charles Boyce DFC Seth Pilarcik DFC Abby Berisford DFC Cassy Boettcher DFC Jeremy Slodki DFC Charles Jenkins Jr. Deputy Adam Ritchey Deputy Justin Wright Deputy Brooks Keller	Unit Citation
Swearing In Committee Renee Williar Patti Hawkins Sarah Merino Robin McCutcheon Karen Gaither Keesha King Sarah Markwell Maggie Henderson Sophia Comert Melissa Hoffman Linda Winfield Lori Wiles LT McCutcheon Todd Wivell Geri Reynolds	Unit Citation

Honor Guard CPL Amber Frantz SGT Robert Deckhut SGT Ira Redman SGT Viktoria Fogle SGT Jacob McClelland CPL Ellen Reinoehl CFC Richard Hart DFC Mark Hugi DFC Zachary Levine DFC Amber Owens DFC Jesse Patterson CFC Chris Pawlus DFC Chad Smith DFC Dillin Pizzi DFC Nicholas Thomas	Unit Citation
Project Lifesaver Volunteer Colin Capotosto Volunteer Salman Akhtar Volunteer Al Lindgren Volunteer Alison Burgee Volunteer Joseph Spelman	Volunteer Service Award
Mission BBQ of Frederick	Special Appreciation
PIO Sarah Campbell	Special Appreciation
Heatherlyn Wetzel	Special Appreciation

## 2022 Promotions

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Atkins, Chad	Lieutenant
Barrera, Randy	Corporal
Berisford, Abby	DFC
Boettcher, Cassy	DFC
Cregger, Camden	DFC
Dixon, Jessica	DFC
Doolittle, Logan	DFC
Doucoure, Kama	DFC
DuBois, Collin	SPO II
Graves, Paul	DFC
Hall, Crystal	DFC
Hart, Hannah	Admin. Coordinator
Hoffman, Chase	DFC
Johnson, Charles	DFC
Kay, Ralph	DFC
Kelley, Michael	DFC
Laign, Andrew	DFC
Lawn, Cody	DFC
Lawson, Luke	DFC
Leith, William	DFC
Lewis, Kevin	DFC
Mandujano, Allan	DFC
Mendez, Alexander	Corporal
Patterson, Jesse	DFC
Pizzi, Dillin	DFC
Read, Amanda	DFC
Redman, Ira	Sergeant
Rohrer, Travis	Sergeant
Roush, Christian	DFC
Ruppenthal, Bart	Lieutenant
Sanders, Zachary	Corporal
Smith, Chad	Corporal
Sturm, Mark	Sergeant
Testerman, Herbert	DFC

## 2022 Retirements

Name	Title	Years Service
Brashears, Dorothy	Purchasing Coordinator	32
Deater, Jason	Lieutenant	20
Ensor, Amanda	Sergeant	20
Hinckle, April	SPO II	21
Null, Jeffery	Lieutenant	20
Patton, David	SPO II	16
Patton, Theresa	SPO II	19
Ruopoli, Anthony	DFC	20
Stocks, Brian	DFC	21
Weller, Pennie	Administrative Spec.	12

DFC Kenneth Olander served the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Frederick County for thirty-two years. Kenny passed away after an extensive battle with COVID complications and was deemed a line-of-duty death. He had a distinguished career and was a very dedicated professional who proudly wore the badge. Kenny's name will be added to the wall at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC in May of 2023.

