CECIL COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

2019

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Sheriff’s Office Overview

The men and women of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office are committed to dedicated service through superior performance. Their accomplishments and contributions to the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office are part of the fabric of an agency, which epitomizes the best in law enforcement.

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office Bureau of Law Enforcement has 100 sworn positions and 28 support staff employees. The agency is divided into three divisions; The Patrol Division consisting of Patrol Squads, the Traffic Unit and the K9 Unit; The Criminal Investigation Division consisting of the Criminal Investigations Unit, Cecil County Drug Task Force, Street Level Crimes Unit, School Resources Unit, Child Advocacy, Crime Analysis, Heroin Coordinator and the Crime Scene Technician; and The Administrative Services Division consisting of the Court Security Unit, Warrant Unit, Civil Process Unit, Human Resources, Fleet Management and Administrative Services, Community Resources Unit, Quartermaster and Property and Evidence. The function of each division is an important component in assuring the efficient delivery of police services.

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office provides full law enforcement services including enforcing both motor vehicle and criminal laws, serving warrants and civil process papers, responding to routine and emergency calls, and investigating criminal and drug violations.

We believe mutual respect, trust, and pride in our organization and the community, combined with traditional values and innovative techniques will make the community a safe place to live, work and visit.

MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

As Sheriff, you have my solemn oath that my team of law enforcement professionals will work hand in hand with the communities we serve to make Cecil County a great place to live, work, and raise a family. The Sheriff’s Office is the primary law enforcement agency for the citizens of Cecil County and as such I will always hold myself and every member of this agency to the highest levels of service and integrity. We use a data driven approach in order to best allocate our resources and have outstanding relationships and data sharing with allied federal, state and local agencies. As you see, the results for 2019 show overall crime reduction with increased enforcement.
Mission Statement

The mission of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division is to improve the quality of life throughout Cecil County by striving to provide a secure community environment through the efficient delivery of police services.

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Councilmember, Al Miller (District 3)  
Councilmember, George Patchell (District 4)
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Executive Support

Executive Secretary
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The goal of Executive Secretary is to provide essential administrative support for the Command Staff, the agency and the community. She continuously strives to provide quality customer service to employees of the Sheriff’s Office as well as the public.

The Executive Secretary provides high-level executive administrative and secretarial support to the Sheriff and the Sheriff’s Office Command Staff. She is also the point of contact for other county departments. The Executive Secretary is responsible for special projects and assignments within the Sheriff’s Office. She monitors, answers, and forwards citizen inquiries and complaints to the appropriate division.

Administrative Secretary
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The Administrative Secretary analyzes Sheriff’s Office overtime, equipment expenditures, purchasing requests and overall program costs. The Administrative Assistant also works closely with agency stakeholders and vendors to ensure all purchasing requests are met.

She ensures the financial resources are available to adequately and effectively function with overall efficiency. She oversees the procurement process of goods and services and ensures compliance with county purchasing policies and federal and state laws.
The Uniform Crime Reporting (or UCR) program began in 1930 to meet the need for national uniform crime statistics. Crimes are classified as “Part I” or “Part II” offense categories. There are eight Part I offenses that includes violent and property crimes. Murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault are considered Part I violent crimes. Burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson are considered Part I property crimes.

### Reducing Crime

#### 5 Year Comparison

UCR reported crime has dropped by 30% when compared to 2015 UCR reported crime (10 year comparison—crime dropped by 43% when compared to 2009 UCR reported crime).
UCR Statistics

Part 1 Violent Crime Comparison by Year

- 2015: 90
- 2016: 90
- 2017: 65
- 2018: 77
- 2019: 70

Part 1 Property Crime Comparison by Year

- 2015: 680
- 2016: 617
- 2017: 505
- 2018: 450
- 2019: 394

Robbery Comparison by Year

- 2015: 17
- 2016: 16
- 2017: 17
- 2018: 16
- 2019: 12

Rape Comparison by Year

- 2015: 15
- 2016: 10
- 2017: 5
- 2018: 16
- 2019: 6
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UCR Statistics

Aggravated Assault Comparison by Year:
- 2015: 55
- 2016: 62
- 2017: 41
- 2018: 36
- 2019: 50

Simple Assault Comparison by Year:
- 2015: 385
- 2016: 398
- 2017: 412
- 2018: 339
- 2019: 348

Burglary Comparison by Year:
- 2015: 237
- 2016: 179
- 2017: 155
- 2018: 120
- 2019: 96

Theft Comparison by Year:
- 2015: 399
- 2016: 394
- 2017: 317
- 2018: 300
- 2019: 269
Traffic Statistics

Traffic Stop Comparison by Year

Traffic Warning Comparison by Year

Traffic Citation Comparison by Year
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Arrest Statistics

Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) citations are the main source of arrests at the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office. During 2019, there were 2,972 reports submitted; 812 were Part I (felony) crimes and simple assaults. The Sheriff’s Office arrested 1,526 individuals as a result of investigations, charged with a total of 3,389 crimes, 736 which were for drug offenses. Drug arrests include citations for possession of marijuana under 10 grams (civil) and are not part of the Cecil County Drug Task Force activities.

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<td>Sentenced Inmate</td>
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<td><strong>3222</strong></td>
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CDS Arrest Comparison by Year
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Key
* = Field Training Officer
Green Highlight =K9

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Joseph Wilson

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CPL. BREWER
SR. DEP. PURFIELD
DFC DIX
DFC FITZGERALD
DFC WHITE
DEPUTY DARPINO
DEPUTY GRIFFITTS
DEPUTY CRYDER

Squad B
SGT. SCHMIDT
CPL. C. LEWIS
CPL. WIGHT
SR. DEP. J. CUNNINGHAM
SR. DEP. PASSWATERS
DFC SEXTON
DFC J. LEWIS
DFC DOUGLAS
DFC COOK
DEPUTY DAVIS
DEPUTY PRIES

Squad C
SGT. ZACK *
CPL. GROCE
CPL. PRISTASH
SR. DEP. SCHILLING
DFC STEWART *
DFC HOOD
DEPUTY SHECKELLS
DEPUTY ELDRETH
DEPUTY KERNS
DEPUTY ODOM *
DEPUTY IMMING

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SGT. KALINSKY
CPL. SEWELL
CPL. M. CUNNINGHAM
SR. DEP. THOMAS
SR. DEP. KENLEY
SR. DEP. STEPHENS
DFC SHUMAKER
SR. DEP. WATINE
DFC TORNETTA
DFC FREYER
DEPUTY LAWRENCE

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The Patrol Division is comprised of uniformed deputies that consist of four different Patrol Squads, the Traffic Unit, and the K-9 Unit. Each Patrol Squad includes a Sergeant, two Corporals, and eight to nine Deputies. The Patrol Division provides the core police services to the community. The operations of the Patrol Division include various activities to include responding to dispatched Calls for Service (CFS), maintaining visibility in high crime areas, conducting investigations and ensuring the safety and security of Cecil County.

Cecil County is divided into five separate Patrol Areas (see Patrol Area Map on page 15). Deputies are assigned to each patrol area and are responsible for providing police service to that area. Deputies are generally assigned to a specific patrol area which allows them to become very familiar with the area and provide efficient law enforcement services.

Calls For Service

From January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, the Sheriff’s Office responded to 44,832 calls for service. Deputies respond to dispatched CFS or Non-Officer Initiated CFS. Non-Officer initiated CFS are calls that are generally initiated by the public. Officer initiated CFS include calls that are initiated by the deputy, i.e., Traffic Enforcement.
2019 CALLS FOR SERVICE: 44,832

Non-Officer Initiated Calls: 12,804
Officer Initiated Calls: 32,028
Traffic Stops: 11,035
Reports Taken: 2,972
Citations Issued: 8,574
Arrests: 1,526

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE BY YEAR

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<td>K-9 Assist</td>
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<td>911</td>
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<td>Document/Paper Pick-Up</td>
<td>430</td>
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<td>Prisoner Transport</td>
<td>121</td>
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<td>*MCIN Initiative</td>
<td>79</td>
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*MCIN focuses on identifying, disrupting, and dismantling gangs and violent criminal networks involved in the distribution of illegal drugs, the use of firearms in crimes of violence, human trafficking, or other inherently violent criminal enterprises, through enforcement, prevention, intervention, and information sharing.

*EP = Emergency Petition

CALL TYPE

*Please Note: This list does not include all Non-Officer Initiated calls for service

- Alarm 1252
- Animal Complaint 330
- Assault 245
- Assist Outside Agencies 1725
- Burglary 143
- Cardiac Arrest 136
- Check the Welfare 735
- Damage/Vandalism 208
- Disturbance 279
- Domestic 558
- Drug Complaint/Overdose 308
- Fraud 128
- Harassment 69
- Intoxicated/Impaired 18
- Keep the Peace 198
- Mental Health (174 *EPs) 248
- Missing Person 61
- Noise Complaint 129
- Parking Complaint 90
- Sexual Assault 101
- Shots Heard 82
- Suspicious Circumstance 249
- Suspicious Person 386
- Suspicious Vehicle 422
- Theft 330
- Theft from Motor Vehicle 90
- Threat 78
- Traffic Related Calls 1724
- Trespassing 267
- Weapon Incident 31
Traffic Unit

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

Crash Reconstruction
Deputies within the Traffic Unit are trained as Crash Reconstruction Specialists. During crash reconstruction, the Traffic Unit will identify factors involved in crashes such as speed and mechanical defects. The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office Traffic Unit responds to the scene immediately after the accident to gather evidence, take measurements and take photographs in an effort to identify the cause of crashes.

Directed Enforcement
The Traffic Unit works closely with the Highway Safety Administration (HSA), and is a member of the State Highway Safety Plan Committee, to reduce traffic deaths and injuries in Cecil County. The mission of the partnership with HSA is to effectively and efficiently administer traffic safety by focusing efforts on DUI drivers, speed violators, distracted drivers, seatbelt violations and high collision intersections.
The Traffic Unit continues to target problem areas on county roads to reduce crashes and speeding complaints. Data collected from the radar equipped speed trailer and crash report information is shared with the Cecil County Department of Public Works to correct issues involving county roads. A partnership with analysts at Washington College provides valuable historical data which is shared with deputies to target problem areas during holidays.
The Traffic Unit is committed to making a positive impact on traffic safety and places a high priority on traffic-related issues that come to the attention of the Sheriff’s Office. Please visit www.ccgov.org to learn more or view the Cecil County Strategic Safety Highway Plan.

*Code 89 – A crash where individuals exchange insurance information and no police report was written.
K-9 Unit

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit plays a vital role in assisting in law enforcement operations. The agency maintains four K-9 teams made up of a handler and canine partner. All four dogs are trained for tracking, article searches and narcotic detection. Three dogs are also trained in offender apprehension techniques. The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office K-9 teams provided 319 CDS Scans/Searches that resulted in 278 grams of marijuana, 639 bags of heroin and $28,534 in currency being seized during 2019 as a result.

The police dogs are chosen for their superior ability to detect and locate persons, property, and evidence. They are trained to track and locate persons that have fled on foot from crime scenes. However, the teams are also used for backing up other officers on alarm calls, in building searches, fight calls, locating lost or missing persons, and in conducting security checks of businesses. The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office K-9 teams provided back-up to patrol 1450 times, provided 21 building scans and 12 public school scans during 2019.

One K-9 team has the potential to save the agency hundreds of work hours per year because of the dog's superior sense of smell and hearing. These highly trained teams are a valuable resource to the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office and are often called upon to assist other agencies. The Cecil County K-9 teams assisted other agencies 179 times during 2019.

The K-9 teams offered demonstrations at numerous community events throughout the year, including the Cecil County Fair, National Night Out, and the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office Citizens Police Academy. The demonstrations provided attendees of all ages with insight on how canines are trained, and how the K-9 teams provide services to the community. The K-9 teams provided 15 demonstrations during 2019.

Corporal J. Brewer
K9 Max

Corporal J. Pristash
K9 Kilo

Senior Deputy J. Cunningham
K9 Ares

Senior Deputy M. Thomas
K9 Roscoe

Everything with a Purpose
Criminal Investigations

During the 2019 calendar year the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigation Division has been comprised of eight Detectives, one Sergeant and one Corporal. One of the eight Detectives was primarily assigned to the Child Advocacy Center. Two Detectives were assigned to the Megan’s Law Unit and were responsible for monitoring registered sex offenders in Cecil County. The remaining five Detectives were classified as “general” Detectives and were assigned various cases to include, but not limited to, burglary, robbery, financial crimes and death investigations.

In 2019 a Detective from the Criminal Investigation Division continued to administer and monitor RAPIDS (Regional Automated Property Information Database) for Cecil County to ensure locally operated pawn shops comply with county ordinances.

Throughout the year the Criminal Investigation Division received 465 referrals from the Department of Social Services and initiated over 100 cases that were jointly investigated with the Department of Social Services. These cases include Child Sexual Abuse, Child Physical Abuse, Child Neglect and Child Fatality investigations.

In 2019 Detectives authored and executed over 90 search warrants. This includes but is not limited to warrants for residences, vehicles, DNA, cellular phones and other electronic devices.

The Megan’s Law Unit monitors approximately 170 convicted sex offenders throughout Cecil County, and makes arrests on those registered who fail to comply with registration laws. In 2019 Detectives spoke about internet safety at a Bohemia Manor Middle School and the Elkton Moose Lodge.

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

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

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

Everything with a Purpose
Special Response Team

Cecil County Sheriff’s Office established a Special Response Team (S.R.T.), tactically trained and equipped to provide support in serving high-risk warrants and responding to incidents beyond the capabilities of regular patrol deputies. The S.R.T. also supports the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) in critical incidents involving hostages, barricaded persons, and crisis negotiations. The S.R.T. also supports the Mobile Field Force during their deployments and the Corrections Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), if requested.

Deputies responded to 248 calls relating to mentally disturbed or suicidal persons, resulting in 174 individuals being taken into custody and transported to the hospital for emergency evaluation. Additional deputies have been trained in CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) to more effectively interact with these individuals. The Sheriff’s Office is continuing to train deputies in crisis intervention.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

- Mental Health Calls increased by +6% from 2018 to 2019
- Emergency Petitions increased by +11% from 2018 to 2019
Child Advocacy Center

Child abuse investigations begin with a referral from a community member to the Department of Social Services, Child Advocacy Center. If a physical or sexual assault injury on a child is apparent, the police and Child Advocacy Center then begin a joint investigation by first speaking with the alleged victim and any siblings in the home. Once their account of the incident is obtained, the investigation concludes with an interview of the alleged abuser, often times a parent, at which point criminal charges may be issued for the injury to the child. The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office has two full-time deputies assigned to the Department of Social Services, Child Advocacy Center to investigate these cases in Cecil County. The Criminal Investigation Division also assists in these cases.

Child Advocacy Center Cases by Year

- 10% increase in the number of children served (2018 to 2019)
- 34% decrease in the number of child abuse cases reported from (2018 to 2019)
- 23% decrease in the number of children who received medical exams and/or treatment (2018 to 2019)
- 18% decrease in the total number of charges filed (2018 to 2019)
- 47% decrease in the number of cases accepted for prosecution (2018 to 2019)

Child Advocacy Center Website: www.cecilhelp4u.com

410.996.0100
Sex Offender Registry Unit

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

The following is a breakdown of registered sex offenders in Cecil County, as of January 17, 2020:

Total Active - 170
Tier I - 36
Tier II - 44
Tier III - 90

During 2019, a total of 8 arrest warrants were obtained for assorted violations of the sex offender registration laws. All have been closed by arrest. A Halloween initiative was conducted with 49 compliance checks done on offenders who are currently on probation. At least one compliance check was conducted for each of the 170 active offenders throughout 2019.

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

Sexual Abuse Treatment and Prevention Resources

MD Crime Victims’ Resource Center: Provides victim services, crisis assistance, legal help, victim notification, financial help, social services, national victim resources, and more.

www.mdcrimevictims.org
877.842.8461

Stop It Now!: Provides direct help with questions about child sexual abuse. We offer help through a confidential national Helpline

www.stopitnow.org
1.888. PREVENT
Crime Analyst

Crime analysis is a law enforcement function that involves systematic analysis for identifying and analyzing patterns and trends in crime and disorder. The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office has one full-time Crime Analyst. The analyst is able to extract data from records management systems, analyze it, and turn it into useful information. The analyst works with all divisions of the Sheriff’s Office. Information on patterns helps the Sheriff’s Office deploy resources in a more effective manner, and assist investigators in identifying and apprehending suspects.

The Crime Analyst maintains and monitors the Safe Streets initiative/MCIN Offender list of the most violent repeat offenders in the county, compiles and manages statistical data and conducts presentations weekly during the Sheriff’s Office intelligence meeting.

The Sheriff’s Office is committed to using technology to help combat crime and improve public safety in Cecil County. The Crime Analyst actively utilizes GIS technology to map crime locations, determine possible suspects and improve the effectiveness of resource deployment. In addition, statistical software is utilized to compile and analyze data from a variety of sources including police reports, CAD calls and other statistical data.

Crime Scene Technician

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office has one Crime Scene Technician. The technician is a vital part of the Sheriff’s Office and is responsible for many day-to-day calls for service. The technician is responsible for ensuring vital evidence is located, properly handled and analyzed in order to identify, find criminals and assist in their successful prosecution. The technician is able to collect fingerprints, shoe print impressions, DNA, photos and many other types of evidence. Evidence handling procedures are vital in that they ensure the evidence is preserved correctly. Failure to handle evidence correctly can result in a guilty criminal going free. The Crime Scene Technician processed 17 major crimes scenes and processed evidence in-house from 4 additional cases during 2019.
Cecil County Drug Task Force

The Cecil County Drug Task Force (CCDTF) is a combined investigative effort of the Elkton Police Department, Cecil County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, the Cecil County State's Attorney's Office and the Department of Homeland Security.

The manpower and resources of the unit are directed at violations of the Controlled Dangerous Substances laws of the state of Maryland involving the sale, manufacture, importation, and smuggling of drugs into Cecil County. The unit has good working relationships with various local, state and federal drug units throughout the country. Locally, the unit works with concerned citizens, paid and unpaid confidential informants, as well as officers working in an undercover capacity in the drug community. All officers in the CCDTF have "state-wide authority," meaning that they have law enforcement powers throughout the state as virtually all drug investigations involve multiple jurisdictions.

Total Task Force cases increased by +39% from 2018 to 2019

Total Task Force arrests increased by +52% from 2018 to 2019
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

When drug trafficking becomes a major problem in a specific area, it may be designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). This allows that area to be eligible for extra resources that local law enforcement cannot provide on their own. Cecil County is designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. HIDTA’s goal is to address drug-related issues by supporting and collaborating with our law enforcement, treatment, and prevention partners. While utilizing HIDTA resources combined with the Cecil County Drug Task Force, 47 arrests were made, 15 firearms seized and 3 Drug Trafficking Organizations were dismantled.

Tip Line

No one knows your specific communities as well as you do. If something feels or looks suspicious, please call the CCDTF at 443-350-9125, or in an emergency, your local law enforcement agency. All calls are handled with full confidentiality and callers remain anonymous. When you call please provide as much information as possible, including addresses, vehicle descriptions, and registration numbers. No piece of intelligence information is too small. If necessary you may leave a message, but we encourage you to call back until you can speak personally with an investigator. All drugs tips are documented.
Heroin Coordinator

Through the Heroin Coordinator Grant Program funded by The Governor’s Office for Crime Control & Prevention, the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office has a designated Heroin Coordinator. The Heroin Coordinator enters all drug investigations, overdoses and drug arrests into High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program’s (HIDTA) database within 24 hours. Officers enter all overdoses into an electronic form that displays statistical results of the data. This method allows for the identification of trends and patterns in real time. The Heroin Coordinator works with the Drug Task Force and conducts in-service training for Sheriff’s Office Deputies. The training consists of proper data collection, discussing drug patterns and trends, and why evidence collection is important. In addition, the Heroin Coordinator assists the Health Department and law enforcement with Naloxone training.

Cecil County Overdoses Statistics

In Cecil County during the 2019 calendar year, 615 overdoses were reported – 92 percent involving opioids. Of those overdoses, 59 of them resulted in fatalities with 92 percent of the deaths being attributed to opioids. 88% of the Fatal Overdoses were caused by Fentanyl and or Fentanyl Related Substances and in 80% Poly Drug Use was a contributing factor. Approximately 40 Cecil County children had a parent fatally overdose in 2019.

2018 / 2019 Comparison:
7% Decrease (659 vs 615) in Total Overdoses countywide, 8% Decrease (64 vs 59) in Fatal Overdoses countywide, 7% Decrease (595 vs 556) in Non-Fatal Overdoses countywide.

2017 / 2018 Comparison: 11% Increase (589 vs 656) in Total Overdoses countywide, 12% Decrease (73 vs 64) in Fatal Overdoses countywide, 15% Increase (516 vs 595) in Non-Fatal Overdoses countywide.
Street Level Crimes Unit

It is the mission of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office Street Level Crimes Unit (SLCU) to aid the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office Bureau of Law Enforcement in providing safer communities throughout Cecil County through the gathering and application of criminal intelligence, and to apply that intelligence to efforts intended to prevent criminal activity as well as to stop any ongoing criminal activity. The Street Level Crimes Unit has responsibility for targeted enforcement in problem areas. They assist the Cecil County Drug Task Force in investigations and service of search and seizure warrants. They also work with K9 deputies, Patrol deputies and CID with selective enforcement and surveillance details. One SLCU deputy is assigned to the Maryland State Apprehension Team which works in conjunction with the United States Marshal Service. This unit targets violent offenders trying to evade arrest. In 2019 the unit arrested 194 persons.

Sample of SLCU activities for 2019:

- Traffic Stops: 256
- CDS Arrests: 92
- Warrant Arrests: 81
- Traffic Citations: 475
- Traffic Arrests: 89
- Search Warrants: 25
- MCIN Ops: 47
- Firearms Seized: 2

MCIN Operations

The SLCU conducted two MCIN operations in October resulting in he following seizures: 98 bags of suspected heroin/fentanyl, Approximately 17 grams of methamphetamine, 12 packets of Suboxone (Buprenorphine and Naloxone), 10 Oxycodone pills and $1352.00 in suspected drug proceeds (Pic left). In January 2020 the SLCU conducted a MCIN Operation that resulted in the following seized: Methamphetamine: 21 grams, Marijuana: 14 grams, Oxycodone 30mg: 19 pills, Suboxone: 43 packets (25-8mg, 10-4mg, 5-12mg, 3-mg), Firearms: 1 (reported stolen) and U.S. Currency: $107.00 ($200.00 in fake U.S. currency also seized) (Pic bottom right).
School Resources Unit

The School Resource Officer Unit provides security, investigation services, and drug abuse prevention programs in the school systems in Cecil County outside the incorporated towns. The unit investigated 187 cases generated within the school system, arresting 47 juveniles, including 19 for controlled dangerous substance possession and 11 for assault. 20 students were transported for emergency evaluation and 16 non-reportable crashes were handled. The DARE program was presented to 625 students in the 6th grade and supplemental opioid lesson to 500 9th grade students.

School Resource Officers take an interactive approach with students at their schools. They not only investigate crimes in the schools but also participate in a variety of activities including the following:

- Drug prevention and alcohol prevention. The DARE program was presented to 550 students in the sixth grade.
- Coordinate and implement active shooter civilian response training (ALICE). The School Resource Unit along with the Community Resource Unit began the implementation of the ALICE Program training for Cecil County Public School (CCPS) staff. CCPS staff from twelve school buildings, along with the Central Office and the Administrative Services were trained with positive results.
- Provide police security at home football and basketball games, school dances and graduation ceremonies/celebrations.

The School Resource Officers maintain an open and honest relationship with students, which promote a positive image of law enforcement. These officers de-escalate incidents before becoming potentially dangerous and often prevent situations from occurring.
Central Records

Under the Criminal Investigations Division, Central Records is responsible for all aspects of document control within the Sheriff’s Office. The key role is to maintain the integrity of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office records. Central Records is staffed by one Administrative Assistant and one full-time Office Services Specialist. Central Records is the repository for all reported crimes, suspected crimes, traffic accidents, arrests, injuries, fatalities and all other incidents or events maintained within the Sheriff’s Office. Personnel receive specific training due to the complexity of State Statutes.

Providing service and information to the public is a vital part of Central Records. The public can request information and assistance from Records during business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Expungement

Central Records is also responsible for the expungement from files. Expungement means that information about a criminal offense is removed from court and law enforcement records. In Maryland, a petition, or formal request, must be filed with the court where the crime occurred. A judge must determine whether the petition can be granted. Once the petition
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*CRU = Community Resources Unit
Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division is comprised of several different units and areas including Fleet Management, Professional Standards, Central Records, Human Resources, Property & Evidence, Civil Processing Unit, Warrants, Court Security Unit and the Community Resources Unit. This division helps to fulfill the Sheriff’s Office mission. The goal of the Administrative Services Division is to provide essential support for the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office and the community.

Professional Standards

Professional Standards provides the Sheriff’s Office with the highest quality personnel, training, resources and standards to improve the delivery of police services. Professional Standard’s major function is receiving, processing, and investigating complaints made against members of the Sheriff’s Office. It is essential that all allegations of misconduct are thoroughly and objectively investigated to assure the public that official misconduct will not be tolerated. The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office is committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community to improve the quality of life in Cecil County.

Polygraph Services

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office utilizes polygraph examinations in criminal investigations, internal affairs inquiries and pre-employment selection processes. Because employees of the Sheriff’s Office have access to sensitive, even protected information, and they hold positions of trust in the law enforcement community, it is imperative for the Sheriff’s Office to hire only those applicants that display high integrity. The Administrative Services Division is responsible for conducting background investigations on potential employees to ensure that the Sheriff’s Office hires only the best-qualified applicants into positions of trust. A polygraph examination is an integral component of this investigative process. Additionally, polygraph examinations are used in conjunction with criminal investigations and internal affairs inquiries to verify the truthfulness of subjects' statements.
Human Resources

Human Resources is responsible for all management functions related to recruitment, applicant and promotional testing, and background investigations. Human Resources is the primary liaison with the Cecil County Government. The Sheriff’s Office works together with the Cecil County Human Resources Department to manage issues of policy and procedure, risk assessment, worker compensation claims, performance evaluations and promotional processes.

Quartermaster

The Quartermaster maintains inventory and supplies for most functions within the Sheriff’s Office. The quartermaster is responsible for the general oversight of the Sheriff’s Office equipment and supply function, to include, issuing equipment and other supplies to personnel and maintaining inventory records.

Property and Evidence Control

Evidence and Property Control is responsible for the proper collection, control, storage, release and disposal of all property and evidence, which comes under the control of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office is responsible for maintaining a proper chain of custody for all items of evidence including transfers to outside laboratories for additional testing, return to the submitting agency, and transfer to Property Control for storage. Property and Evidence Control’s primary assignment is to accept, log, classify, store, dispense, destroy and release property and evidence to its rightful owner, for court presentation and/or for destruction. This unit also acts as a liaison between the department and other state and local law enforcement agencies.

PLEASE NOTE:

For questions regarding employment with the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office please contact Judy Johnson
Court Security Unit

The Sheriff’s Office has the duty of providing security for the Circuit Court building. The unit is staffed by 4 full time and 5 contractual deputies. All employees and persons entering the building are screened by deputies each time they enter; 128,911 persons have been screened this year before admittance to the court house. 453 knives, 163 pairs of scissors, 274 miscellaneous prohibited items, 93 canisters of OC spray, 45 metal forks, and 22 handcuff keys were prevented from being brought into the building.

The unit also provided security for 420 weddings at the Cecil County Courthouse during 2019, totaling 2949 people. Deputies also assist court bailiffs to help maintain order in the four court rooms during court proceedings.

Percentage of Seized Property

- Knives—41%
- MISC—25%
- Scissors—15%
- OC Spray—9%
- Ninja Tools—4%
- Forks—4%
- Handcuff Keys—2%

![Graph showing Courthouse Wedding Security per month in 2019]
Civil Process Unit

The Civil Process Unit falls under the Administrative Services Division. Its purpose and function is to serve legal court papers. The Civil Process Unit is comprised of four deputies. These deputies are responsible for serving all civil papers issued by the courts. Examples of these papers include jury summonses, court subpoenas, criminal subpoenas, and evictions. The Civil Process Unit also conducts Sheriff’s Sales. In 2019, the Civil Process Unit, 1 sergeant and 4 deputies, received 14,628 civil papers and 12,066; 82%, were served. A total of 2,933 warrants, 491 criminal summonses, and 1499 protective orders were received, with 2601 warrants, 227 criminal summonses, and 822 protection orders served. 20 Extreme Risk Protective Orders were received. All were served.

Warrant Unit

The Warrants Unit is responsible for entering and maintaining records of warrants received and keep open lines of communication with allied agencies. All patrol deputies are responsible for serving warrants. maintains approximately 3,900 Active Wanted Persons files. These files are updated and maintained in accordance with FBI guidelines.

The Warrant Unit is also responsible for maintaining the National Crime Information Center Database (NCIC) for the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office. NCIC is a computerized index of criminal justice information (i.e. criminal record history information, fugitives, stolen properties, missing persons). It is available to federal, state, and local law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies and is operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Community Resource Unit

It is the mission of the Community Resources Unit (CRU) to develop and enhance the bonds between the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and the residents of Cecil County through education, community policing and crime prevention initiatives. The Sheriff’s Office strives for excellence in policing by partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life. In an effort to provide the highest quality of services to our community, the Sheriff’s Office organizes and administers the following community-based programs in 2019:

- **The Police Activity League** is a community organization focused on making a positive impact on the lives of "at-risk" youth in our community. The key to change for these children and their families is to provide those character building qualities that help encourage quality character and positive development through our sports, academics and recreation/mentoring programs.

- The **ALICE** (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training is the preeminent training available for civilians in response to Armed Intruder / Active Killers. Cecil County Public Schools conducted 28 full scale A.L.I.C.E. drills in 2019. Eighteen A.L.I.C.E. classes were held, with 630 participants. Cecil County Government had a full scale drill on October 10, 2019 for the county administration building. Lessons learned will be used to plan improvements to building security and procedures.

- **Nextdoor.com** is a great tool to keep communities aware of local events and situations. Over 12,000 citizens in Cecil County are registered and using Nextdoor every day to help keep their neighborhoods safe.

- **National Night Out** is a program that encourages neighbors to gather together and get to know each other on a more personal level while also meeting with community leaders, police and fire department personnel. CRU and CCSO K9 members participated in a National Night Out Tour in partnership with the Elkton and North East Town Police Departments. K9 and UAV demonstrations were conducted in Elkton, North East and Charlestown, MD for several hundred residents.

- **Ask the Sheriff** is an opportunity for residents of Cecil County to ask questions directly to Sheriff Adams about any aspect of the operations of the Sheriff’s Office.

- **“Fugitive Friday”** was created in partnership with the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT). It is posted on the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page weekly. During 2019, 90% of persons posted have been apprehended. Investigations have been closed by posting photos and video of suspects. The CCSO Facebook account has been very useful to communicate with the public.
Community Events and Outreach

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office strives for excellence in policing by providing community outreach to Cecil County Citizens. We are always looking for new opportunities in which we can impact our community and strengthen our partnership. Newly hired deputies are now mandated to spend at least one shift at a Community Resources Unit event to ensure that they all have good communication skills to interact with the public in a non-traditional law enforcement setting.

- 2nd Annual CCSO 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament hosted at Elkton High School. Approximately 62 teens from across the county participated.
- Cecil County Public Schools:
  - Cecil County Public Schools Teachers Learning Network guest speakers
  - Leeds Elementary School Back to School Night
  - North East Elementary School Halloween Book Tour
  - Elk Neck Elementary Halloween Parade
  - North East Elementary Christmas Book Tour
- Attended field days at the following schools: North East Elementary School, Bay View Elementary School, and Rising Sun Elementary School.
- Police Unity Tour escort.
- Maryland Special Olympics Torch Run.
- Coffee With A Cop in partnership with Cecil County Community Services attended by over 60 seniors at the Senior Center.
- Cops On Rooftops and Torch Run helped raise $5,488 for Maryland Special Olympics.
- No Shave November raised $32,644 for Camp open Arms.
- Shop With A Cop.
- Coffee With A Cop in partnership with Cecil County Community Services attended by over 60 seniors at the Senior Center.
- Cecil County Fair in cooperation with the Cecil Drug Free Cecil Coalition and North East High School cheerleaders.
- Additional Events: Beehive 5k Run, Cecil County Recovery Walk, Cecil County Wade Inn, Rally for Hope escort, Restoration Tabernacle Church Easter Escort, Naval Academy Run for the Annual Army/Navy game, Cecilton and Conowingo Truck or Treat, National Drug Take Back Day, Cecil County Fire Prevention Day, Rising Sun Sunfest, Elkton Downtown Classic Car Show, Holly Tree lighting, Cecil County Employee Wellness Fair, Reed Learning Center K-9 Demo, Boy Scouts tour of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office law enforcement building.
**Administrative Officer**

The Administrative Officer has oversight of Building Security, implements the Sheriff’s Office Firearms Program, is responsible for Academy Recruits, is the Information Technology Liaison and the Records Management System Manager. Additionally, this position is responsible for Fleet Management. This position is an integral part of the Sheriff’s Office and manages diverse assignments.

**Fleet Management**

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office has approximately 105 vehicles that includes Patrol Cars, Traffic Safety Vehicles, Investigation Vehicles, Police Service Technician Vehicle and Emergency Command Vehicles in its fleet. The ultimate goal and responsibility of Fleet Management is to provide our officers with safe and reliable vehicles to respond to emergencies. The Administrative Officer ensures the vehicles are inspected, repaired and maintained according to a rigorous, preventive maintenance schedule designed around their severe duty use. The Administrative Officer is also responsible for accident repairs, budgeting, special vehicle projects, driver assignments, used vehicle disposal and any other aspects of operating agency vehicles.

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**Total Fleet Breakdown**

- 61 SUVs
- 41 Cars
- 3 Trucks
- 7 Other
Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office SUAS (Small unmanned aircraft system) flies in support of the following operations: situational awareness, search and rescue, tactical deployments, aerial visual perspectives for crowd control and traffic incident management, temporary perimeter security, crime scene documentation, collision scene documentation, and disaster response.

The Sheriff’s Office currently has 5 personnel with remote pilot license under the FAA’s Small Unmanned Aircraft Rule (Part 107). Three additional deputies are in training to obtain their license.

Additionally, the Sheriff’s Office has 2 certificates of waiver granted by the FAA. The first waiver is the ability to enter into Aberdeen Proving Grounds class E airspace which boards a limited amount of the west end of the county (2017-ESA-737-P107) – At or below 400 feet AGL and under the jurisdiction of the KAPG control tower. The second waiver allows for nighttime operations under 14 CFR, part 107.29.

The Sheriff’s Office currently operates five drones. One drone is to specifically support indoor operation, with 4 others designed for outdoor flights. The Sheriff’s Office SUAS also have low light cameras, along with FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared), or thermal capabilities. This allows the Sheriff’s Office to search for persons or objects giving off heat signature during low light or nighttime conditions. In 2019 the Sheriff’s Office acquired the Matrice a SUAS which has a more sophisticated FLIR and longer range and flight time. This will allow the Sheriff’s Office pilots to search longer periods of time without have to land.

The following are examples of missions that the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office SUAS flew in support of in 2019: Assisted in multiple ALICE (Active Shooter Drills) with the Cecil County Public Schools, Assisted multiple jurisdictions to include MSP, DNR, other surrounding agencies, The Cecil County fair and Rally for hope Motor Cycle Ride.
Honor Guard

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

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office is committed to delivering exceptional law enforcement training to both sworn and professional staff in order to provide proficient service in the community we serve.

Training Stats for CCSO 2019

Each deputy must obtain 18 hours of in-service training per the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission. In addition, Sheriff Scott Adams approved 110 training orders in 2019 totaling well over 4000 hours of additional training by outside agencies.


Examples of outside agency classes: Firearms, OC Spray, ASP Baton, Taser

Three Sergeants graduated from the New Jersey State Association Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy (Sergeant Ken Russell, Sergeant James Keller and Sergeant Ron Schmidt).

“In recognizing the challenges in law enforcement during the upcoming decades, the NJSACOP has made a commitment to be in the forefront of innovation and change. The primary component of that commitment is the development of future police leaders. In 1993, NJSACOP officials traveled to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to work with the Academy's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership to adapt the fabled West Point model of command and leadership to the needs of law enforcement. The result of this collaboration is the NJSACOP Command & Leadership Academy, a unique blend of theory and application. Candidates with the greatest leadership potential are selected for this highly competitive program from municipal, county, state, and federal agencies from throughout the region. For a program of this caliber, law enforcement professionals who are selected make more than a casual commitment; it is an intensive, demanding course that will pay dividends for the participant and his or her agency for a lifetime."

In July of 2019 Major George Stank attended the 2019 Senior Leadership Seminar held at the historic Tulliallan Castle, site of the Scottish Police College. (Left 2 pics)

Sergeants James Keller and Ron Schmidt graduated from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy. (Right Pic)
Deputy First Class Brian Bravo has been employed with the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office since October 17, 2016, earning the rank of Deputy First Class in July of 2018.

The highlights of Deputy First Class Bravo’s performance and reason for the nomination for Deputy of the Year for the calendar year 2018 are as follows: Deputy First Class Bravo’s service to the community goes beyond the numbers as he routinely assists members of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office with translations for suspects and victims that do not speak the English language. On May 5, 2018, Deputy First Class Bravo was recognized by the Criminal Investigations Division of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office for assisting this unit with a rape investigation. The victim and the suspect in this investigation did not speak English, which hampered investigators efforts. Deputy First Class Bravo willingly lent his assistance in translating for these individuals, which earned him a Job Observation Report from the investigator. The report advised, “When contacted, Deputy First Class Bravo willingly extended his bilingual skill set to investigators interpreting the native Spanish language of the victim, victim’s family and suspect.”

Additionally “Deputy Bravo assisted in completing multiple in-depth interviews that lasted hours. Without Deputy Bravo’s skill set this investigation would not have been able to continue forward as fluently as it did.”

Deputy First Class Bravo also received recognition in September of 2018 for rendering his assistance in a funeral detail. The deceased, Gary Brown, had plans of being a law enforcement officer and his wife wrote a letter to the office, which read in part, “I know it meant so much to him looking down, seeing what you were doing for him and his family. I was so proud.”

Outside of the Sheriff’s Office Deputy First Class Bravo routinely gives back to his community. Throughout the calendar school year, Deputy First Class Bravo helps students at North East Middle School that suffer from behavioral health issues by engaging in a basketball program with them.

In May of 2018, Deputy First Class Bravo delivered a career day presentation to the Boys Scouts explaining to these individuals the function of a Cecil County Sheriff’s Deputy. His presentation cast a positive light on law enforcement officials throughout the region.

Deputy First Class Bravo further assisted the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office “No Shave November” program, which raises thousands of dollars for Camp Open Arms. During this event, Deputy First Class Bravo was the face of the program for the agencies Facebook account. Deputy First Class Bravo also raised several hundred dollars by selling No Shave November t-shirts at North East Middle School. During his free time, Deputy First Class Bravo also assisted in the annual Shop with a Cop program held in Cecil County.
Performance Awards

Deputy First Class Charles Dix

CDS Arrests
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Charles Dix of the Patrol Division, was the agency top producer, with Forty CDS Arrests. Deputy First Class Charles Dix performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2018, Deputy First Class Charles Dix continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.

Criminal Arrests
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Charles Dix of the Patrol Division, was the agency top producer, with Fifty-six Criminal Arrests. Deputy First Class Charles Dix performed his duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens.

Sheriff Salute
Deputy First Class Charles Dix continuously shows his natural attributes as a Law Enforcement Officer. On a regular basis, Deputy First Class Dix demonstrates his personable and dynamic personality with co-workers and citizens. Deputy First Class Dix’s honesty, integrity, generosity, and loyalty are unmatched. When given any task, Deputy First Class Dix will always complete it to the best of his ability with little or no assistance, efficiently and correctly. Deputy First Class Dix has shown and proven to his peers, friends, and leaders that he holds all the qualities and traits of being a well-respected and successful Deputy. In 2018, Deputy First Class Dix was selected by Command staff, and entrusted with the position of Field Training Officer so early in his career. During his time as a Field Training Officer, Deputy First Class Dix showed great pride, patience, and enthusiasm. Since being employed with the Sheriff’s Office Deputy First Class Dix has influenced a number of citizens and co-workers with his big heart, and positive work ethic. On several occasions, Deputy First Class Dix is contacted by Senior Deputy Jeffery Plummer who is assigned to the Maryland State Apprehension Team to assist with the apprehension(s) of wanted subjects. In addition, Sgt. Michael Kalinsky contacts Deputy First Class Dix on a weekly basis regarding the whereabouts of a wanted subject on record with the Sheriff’s Office “Fugitive Friday” list. While receiving tips via Facebook, Sgt. Kalinsky routinely relays them to Deputy First Class Dix. When met with resistance during the course of these investigations, Deputy First Class Dix remains focused, diligent, and compassionate ultimately resulting in the capture of several wanted subjects. Deputy First Class Dix has made numerous lasting ties to the community to include prominent citizens and business owners. Deputy First Class Dix volunteered his own time to assist in needy children ring the Christmas Holiday for the County’s Shop with a Cop program. Furthermore, Deputy First Class Dix played and coached with young teens in the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. This tournament is aimed as a youth outreach program for positive relations and community policing. Yearly, Deputy First Class Dix also takes part in Badges for Baseball and the Police Athletic League. All of these programs helping our community’s youth and building a stronger bond between the community and Police Agencies. Deputy First Class Dix’s actions both on and off duty reflect highly on him and as a member of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office. Daily, Deputy First Class Dix demonstrates true professionalism, respect and devotion to his duties that go beyond any expectations of his normal assignments all while holding a big smile. Deputy First Class Dix is a positive reflection to the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office.
Deputy First Class Jonathan Douglas

**DWI/DUI Arrests**
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Jonathan Douglas of the Patrol Division was the agency top producer, with Fifteen DUI/DWI Arrests. Deputy First Class Jonathan Douglas performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens.

**Motor Vehicle Citations**
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Jonathan Douglas of the Patrol Division, was the agency top producer, with Five hundred Fifty-two Motor vehicle Citations issued. Deputy First Class Jonathan Douglas performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2018, Deputy First Class Jonathan Douglas continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.

Deputy First Class Brandon Sadler

**Warrant Arrests**
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Brandon Sadler of the Patrol Division, was the agency top producer, with One hundred Thirty-two Warrant Arrests. Deputy First Class Brandon Sadler performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2018, Deputy First Class Brandon Sadler continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.
Sheriff Salute— Corporal Joseph Brewer
During the year 2018, Corporal Joseph Brewer has worked as a member of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office, K-9 Team, assigned to Squad A. During that time, Corporal Joseph Brewer has been an outstanding member of Squad A, the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office, and an asset to allied agencies. Corporal Joseph Brewer’s love for working K-9 and being a Cecil County Sheriff’s Deputy show repeatedly. Corporal Joseph Brewer’s responsibilities as a K9 Handler, has made him a valuable asset to the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office as he aids in improving cooperation with other county police agencies. These agencies, along with the Cecil County Drug Task Force regularly request Corporal Joseph Brewer; they have even rescheduled their operations around Corporal Joseph Brewer’s schedule, so he can be there to assist. Corporal Joseph Brewer can regularly be heard on the radio backing up other units offering assistance to Sheriff’s Deputies as well as allied agencies. For example because of Corporal Joseph Brewers reputation for being a reliable hard working K-9 deputy, on numerous occasions the Maryland State Apprehension Team specifically requested Corporal Joseph Brewer to assist with operations they were conducting in 2018. Likewise, both the Elkton Police Department and the Cecil County Drug Task Force conduct operations so that Corporal Joseph Brewer is available. These types of operations strengthen bonds between the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office and allied agencies and shed a positive light on the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office. Corporal Joseph Brewer worked as the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office K9 Trainer. When conducting training Corporal Joseph Brewer offers the training countywide and regularly includes the Elkton Police Departments K-9 Unit to his training sessions, as well as other agencies from time to time. Corporal Joseph Brewer regularly conducted police K-9 demos to the public, reinforcing the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office positive relationship with the community through positive interaction with children as well as adults during these demos. Corporal Joseph Brewer is a model Deputy who sets the highest standards for himself ethically and morally. Though relationships with allied agencies have had their trials and tribulations, Corporal Joseph Brewer has always maintained an outstanding working relationship with them. Corporal Joseph Brewer’s dedication to his job and his work quality is a credit to himself and positive reflection of the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff Salute— Senior Deputy Jeffrey Plummer
In 2018, Senior Deputy Jeffrey Plummer, was assigned as the Sheriff’s Office representative on the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT). Senior Deputy Plummer has displayed an unwavering work ethic that has helped him perform the functions of his current assignment at an extremely high level. Senior Deputy Plummer continually sets a positive example for his fellow deputies by offering his assistance and completing thorough, successful investigations. As a member of the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT), Senior Deputy Plummer has been a vital part of a team that in 2018 made 212 arrests through investigations of high risk wanted subjects. Senior Deputy Plummer participated in Operation Seven Sentries, a four-day initiative focused on apprehending wanted subjects in Baltimore City. Senior Deputy Plummer also helped coordinate and execute a warrant sweep in Cecil County in June 2018 that ultimately led to 14 warrant serves and 2 drug arrests. Other members of MSAT describe Senior Deputy Plummer as “consistently exceeding expectations in all areas and is a vital part of MSAT North’s operational success.” In October 2018, Senior Deputy Plummer successfully completed the New Castle County, Delaware Police Regional Basic SWAT Operator’s School. Senior Deputy Plummer promotes positive cooperation between the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office and allied agencies on a near daily basis. This aspect of Senior Deputy Plummer’s performance was demonstrated in November 2018 when he assisted in an operation that resulted in the apprehension of a subject wanted through the Elkton Police Department in connection to a double homicide. This operation involved the cooperation of multiple police agencies targeting a high-risk fugitive. The suspect was taken into custody of a result of the operation. Elkton Police Chief Matthew Donnelly wrote a letter to Sheriff Adams thanking Senior Deputy Plummer for his efforts and noting his “professionalism, cooperation, and exemplary service.”
Performance Awards

Sheriff Salute—Deputy First Class Charles Travis
In 2018, Deputy First Class Charles Travis was assigned to the Cecil County Drug Task Force. Deputy First Class Travis conducted three significant investigations that resulted in substantial seizures and subsequent convictions. In January 2018, Deputy First Class Travis began an investigation into a female distributing crack cocaine within Cecil County. The female was traveling to Reading, Pennsylvania to obtain cocaine for resale in Cecil County. In February 2018, a traffic stop was conducted after observing the female travel to the Pennsylvania location. Deputy First Class Travis seized 78 grams of powder cocaine and 5.3 grams of crack cocaine from the vehicle. The suspect was convicted of possession with the intent to distribute and received a ten-year jail sentence. In May 2018, Deputy First Class Travis began an investigation into two males distributing large amounts of heroin and methamphetamine within Cecil County. Deputy First Class Travis furthered his investigation by obtaining pen registers and using GPS units to track the suspects’ call and locations. It was determined that the suspects were obtaining their drugs from Philadelphia and then distributing them within Cecil County. During the investigation, Deputy First Class Travis seized 405 bags of heroin, 14.8 grams of methamphetamine, $1501 in US currency, and a 2005 Dodge Ram. One of the suspects received a 25-year jail sentence from the investigation. In August 2018, Deputy First Class Travis began an investigation after observing a drug transaction while performing surveillance for another case. Deputy First Class Travis was able to attach an electronic tracking device on the suspect’s vehicle, which revealed that he was traveling to New York City every ten days. A second suspect was identified during the investigation. A search warrant was ultimately executed on the suspects’ vehicle and apartment. Deputy First Class Travis seized a total of 94 grams of cocaine, 93 grams of raw heroin, 25 bags of heroin, and a handgun. The suspects in the case also received lengthy jail sentences. Deputy First Class Travis completed several other successful investigations during the year. This all occurred while Deputy First Class Travis was dealing with a personal life crisis. Deputy First Class Travis’ dedication and efforts are worthy of a Sheriff’s Salute.

Sheriff Salute—Senior Deputy Jonathan Wight
In 2018, Senior Deputy Jonathan Wight was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. In addition to his primary assignment, Senior Deputy Wight was also instrumental in developing and leading a Special Response Team (SRT) for the Sheriff’s Office. Although Senior Deputy Wight was not a supervisor, he was tasked as a team leader with the SRT Unit. Senior Deputy Wight took on the responsibility of the unit’s training, as well as planning and executing their tactical operations in high-risk incidents. During 2018, Senior Deputy Wight completed a SWAT Team Leader development course in order to better prepare himself for this role. Senior Deputy Wight also excelled in his primary role as a criminal investigator. Senior Deputy Wight led the CID unit handling the most Part I crime investigations. Senior Deputy Wight also showed his willingness to be a team player by also leading the unit in assisting other investigations. Senior Deputy Wight had a very successful 64 percent closure rate for the Part I and Part II cases that he investigated. Senior Deputy Wight handled multiple high profile lengthy investigations. Senior Deputy Wight handled a home invasion case in May 2018 that he was able to obtain a conviction for it. Senior Deputy Wight was also assigned a difficult homicide investigation that occurred in the Winding Brook community in April 2018. This investigation required countless numbers of interviews including a trip to California to further the investigation. Senior Deputy Wight was able to charge the suspect with one count of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted first-degree murder. Through no fault of his own, the witnesses became uncooperative forcing the charges to be dropped. Senior Deputy Wight has continued to investigate this incident. Despite having a heavy workload, Senior Deputy Wight also participates in multiple Sheriff’s Office community outreach programs.
Performance Awards—Specialized Unit

Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe

CDS Arrests
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe of the Traffic Unit, was the agency top producer, with One hundred Fourteen CDS Arrests. Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens.

Criminal Arrests
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe of the Traffic Unit, was the agency top producer, with One hundred Twenty Criminal Arrests. Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe performed his duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens.

DUI/DWI Arrests
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe of the Traffic Unit, was the agency top producer, with Twenty-seven DUI/DWI Arrests. Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe, performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens.

Motor Vehicle Citations
During the calendar year 2018, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe of the Traffic Unit, was the agency top producer, with Twenty-seven DUI/DWI Arrests. Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe, performed his assigned duties in an exemplary manner. The arrests attest to his enforcement initiative, dedication and ability to provide protection to all citizens. Throughout 2018, Deputy First Class Joseph McCabe continually exemplified the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession, and demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in his day-to-day performance.
Agency Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals who earned promotions during 2019. Each of the individuals who were promoted completed a competitive qualification, testing and selection process.

Promoted to Senior Deputy
Warren Shilling
Kevin Shumaker
Jeffrey Wathne

Promoted to Corporal
Michael Cunningham
Christopher Lewis
Jonathan Wight

Promoted to Sergeant
Michael Zack
Important Phone Numbers

Adult Protective Services: (410) 996-0100
Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center: (410) 996-5106
Cecil County Animal Services: (410) 441-2040
Cecil County Department of Social Services: (410) 996-0100
Cecil County Rape Crisis Center: (410) 996-0333
Cecil County Health Department: (410) 996-5550
Cecil County Pregnancy Center: (410) 398-7888
Child Protective Services: (410) 996-0100
Domestic Abuse Hotline: (800) 634-3577

Other Police Agencies

Elkton Police Department
(410) 398-4200
Maryland State Police – North East
(410) 996-7800
North East Police Department
(410) 287-5996
Perryville Police Department
(410) 642-3725
Rising Sun Police Department
(410) 658-5353