

ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

2017

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GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM 2017

History

In recognition of the important role that crime prevention plays in the reduction and control of crime in Maryland, a Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Program was established in 1980. The purpose of this program is to recognize those citizens, community groups, law enforcement agencies, and law enforcement officers who have made outstanding contributions to the furtherance of crime prevention in their departments and in their communities. These awards are given once a year.

Development and Implementation

The Steering Committee of the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute was given the responsibility for developing and implementing the Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Program. A special Subcommittee of the Institute's Steering Committee was formed to develop the awards categories and criteria. The categories and criteria were then voted on and approved by the full Steering Committee.

Each year the Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Program is announced in a letter to all law enforcement agencies throughout the State. Law enforcement departments are invited to submit nominations for individuals, departments, and agencies for each of the six categories. The 2017 categories were as follows:

- A. Law enforcement agency award - for a comprehensive crime prevention program.
- B. Law enforcement/correctional officer award - for officers whose primary responsibility is not crime prevention.
- C. Community group, organization, and individual citizen award.
- D. Law enforcement agency crime prevention program award - for outstanding proactive crime prevention program.
- E. Law enforcement officer award for performance of a specified number of residential and/or commercial security surveys.

(These categories and their criteria are subject to change from year to year as the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute broadens the scope of its activities.)

The Awards Subcommittee screened the nominations that were submitted and selected the recipients for each of the five categories.

**CATEGORY A
GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARD
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

2017

This award was given to law enforcement agencies that met the 2017 criteria for a comprehensive law enforcement agency crime prevention program.

The criteria* were as follows:

1. Participation in programs identified by the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute.

- Personal Security

- Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention
- Crime Prevention Programs for the Elderly
- Crime Prevention Programs for Youth
- Drug Abuse Prevention Programs

- Residential Security

- Operation Identification
- Neighborhood Watch
- Home Security

- Commercial Security

- (Notes:
- a) This list may be expanded from year to year as the programs of the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute expand.
 - b) Departments who by the nature of their responsibility are not involved in one or more of the above programs may apply for consideration under Category A by submitting the following: 1) documentation detailing why they are not involved in the above program(s) and; 2) detailed information regarding a substitute crime prevention program for each of the Institute's programs in which the department is not involved.)

2. Involvement of patrol officers in residential/commercial security surveys. (A security survey is defined as an on-site, in-depth survey of the premises for security weaknesses.)

* (These criteria are subject to change from year to year as the Institute broadens the scope of its activities. Departments will be notified of any such changes.)

3. Residential and/or commercial security training must be included in the department's recruit, in-service, or specialized training curriculum.
4. Crime prevention public information component – e.g., newspaper articles, radio shows, etc.
5. Officer and citizen recognition for crime prevention activities – e.g., commendation letters, chiefs' certificates, etc.
6. Support of the National Crime Prevention "McGruff" Campaign.

(Note: For past recipients, departments must: 1) indicate that the nominee has received this award in the past and specify the year(s); 2) be sure to limit the documentation of activities to those performed AFTER receipt of the last award.)

Fourteen agencies in the State met the criteria for this award. They are as follows:

- *Anne Arundel County Police Department*
- *Baltimore County Police Department*
- *Charles County Sheriff's Office*
- *Frederick City Police Department*
- *Frostburg State University Police Department*
- *Gaithersburg Police Department*
- *Howard County Police Department*
- *Rockville City Police Department*
- *Salisbury University Police Department*
- *Towson University Police Department*
- *University of Maryland Police Department, College Park*
- *Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office*
- *Washington County Sheriff's Office*
- *Westminster Police Department*

CATEGORY B

GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARD FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT/CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

2017

This award was given to law enforcement/correctional officers who, as judged by the Awards Subcommittee, made an **outstanding** effort in their department and in their communities to develop and implement crime prevention programming.

Thirty-one officers were selected to receive recognition under this category. They are as follows:

***Detective First Class Jennifer Aaron,
Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office***

Dfc. Aaron sets up monthly informational display boards in the High School's cafeteria during lunch shifts that have topics directly associated with crime prevention. Her displays are tailored to youth crime prevention through positive decision making. She works closely with the students of her school to provide information that is appropriate with current trends the students are experiencing. Some of her monthly topics include safe dating to include date rape prevention, anti-bullying, anti-drug, safe holiday shopping and suicide prevention. Her efforts have assisted in leading to a communicative environment.

One of the most honorable things about her efforts is that she pays for many of the materials utilized on her display boards with her own money. She takes such interest in the wellbeing of the youth at her school; she often refers to them as her kids.

***Detective Bernard Adkins,
Anne Arundel County Police Department***

Detective Adkins is one of the Vice Unit Detectives. He, along with a partner detective, investigate prostitutions and human trafficking crimes. During the past year Detective Adkins, along with his partner Det. Dickey, made several significant case closures along with numerous routine prostitution cases. One of these cases involved a 15 year old female that met with a 27 year old male. Once the agreed sex act was completed, the male produced a gun and took his money back and put her out of the car. The male was later identified and charged with both felonies and misdemeanors. A search warrant was also served on the suspect's home which led to him being Federally indicted on the crimes.

A second case of worthy mention is one where the detective set up a meeting at a local hotel from a social media site. A male brought the female prostitute to the hotel and as he was leaving was detained and identified. He was also found in possession of a loaded handgun. He was charged with various misdemeanor human trafficking and handgun

violations. Knowing that these individuals rarely stop their behavior they were able to identify this same subject attempting to recruit young girls for prostitution. They were able to have an undercover female pose as a juvenile and were able to have the suspect further incriminate himself. He was subsequently sentenced to 10 years in prison. Had it not been for the extra efforts of the detective and his partner this suspect could still be exploiting young girls for his own financial gain.

These detectives routinely assist others when not required to do so, such as answering calls even when not on duty without compensation. Their diligence for the work they do takes predators off the street making Anne Arundel County a safer place to work and live.

***Police Officer First Class Bonita Alicea,
Howard County Police Department***

During this nomination period, PFC Alicea's crime prevention efforts have been simply remarkable. Due to her consistent and inclusive communication with the various cultural groups, PFC Alicea has created an environment of trust and transparency between the Howard County Police Department and the community in which she serves. As the Multicultural Liaison for the Department, PFC Alicea is constantly relied upon by other officers for updated information and/or statistics as it relates to the culturally multifaceted community. Furthermore, PFC Alicea has established the expectation within the community that no matter what an individual's cultural background, the Howard County Police Department is dedicated to identifying their core needs and meeting those needs with exceptional services/programs.

***Corporal Steven Almendarez,
Anne Arundel County Police Department***

The efforts and determination of Cpl. Almendarez and his partners of the Recruitment unit to build a strong foundation of trust in the community, while working to obtain minority representation among sworn officers that is reflective of the Anne Arundel County Community, are both inspiring and impressive. The time and dedication that Cpl. Almendarez and these officers committed to working with our community leaders this past year, while putting in long hours mentoring children ranging from Elementary School through High School, reflects on their strong work ethic and character. These officers are Anne Arundel County's Unsung Heroes.

Cpl. Almendarez attended numerous community outreach events this past year. Recruiters have attended non-traditional recruitment events to build strong relationships with the community while enhancing awareness of job opportunities.

Cpl. Almendarez and his partners of the Recruitment unit coordinated and participated in events at Maryland City Elementary School, Hilltop Elementary School and Annapolis High School. These self-initiated community outreach activities ranged from reading in English and Spanish to young children to mentoring High School students. In addition,

these officers gave presentations to both parents and students, and worked inside the classroom with ESL (English as a Second Language) students.

The success of their efforts is a direct result of the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Recruitment Model to place a primary emphasis on Community Outreach and building relationships in the community. The impact that these three officers have had on this organization is measured by the great relationships they have built with Community Leaders throughout the county and the strong foundation of trust they have built in our neighborhoods. Their hard work, dedication and drive to improve relationships in the community have not gone unnoticed. They often work long hours behind the scenes to improve Anne Arundel County.

***Captain Kevin Leahy, Lieutenant Charles Baker, Lieutenant Chris Schmidt,
Lieutenant Jason Stoddard,
Charles County Sheriff's Office***

In January Capt. Leahy had a meeting with Sheriff Berry in reference to the creation of the Charles County Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy. Lt. Baker, Stoddard and Schmidt were selected to assist with the creation and organization of the inaugural academy. Without hesitation they began laying the foundations of the first citizens Police Academy. They began by reaching out to other police agencies throughout the region who already conduct such academies seeking advice about how to run a thorough academy. In addition to researching they created our Agency's CPA logo, theme and participant folders. Contact was made with instructors and a schedule of classes was created with topics for each class session. They knew of the importance of this inaugural academy and its instant impact it would have on those attending.

They spent many hours preparing for the academy and making sure each and every possible detail was covered. Starting this from scratch was an enormous undertaking but all accepted the challenge with enthusiasm and dedication in getting things done. The Academy ran from September 28th to December 7th, 2016. On the last day a graduation ceremony was held. The attendees presented the Sheriff with a class plaque as an appreciation of the CPA.

We have gained twenty-one ambassadors for the Charles County Sheriff's Office and for the profession of law enforcement.

***Sergeant Shawn Craig,
Harford County Sheriff's Office***

Sergeant Craig is currently assigned to the Criminal Patrol Division as a supervisor and is also responsible for additional collateral duties that may come to his attention. During the past year, Sergeant Craig has been proactive during his tours of duty resulting in criminal and traffic related arrests. He has used his experience from the road and courtrooms to teach new recruits in the academy the importance of a good testimony. Sergeant Craig also volunteers his time with many community related events, such as the

police explorers program and other school related functions. He is active in every aspect of the job and dedicates his time to not only helping his fellow deputies but also the youth of Harford County.

***Officer John Davis,
Gaithersburg Police Department***

Officer Davis is currently assigned to the Operations Bureau where he focuses on calls for service, criminal investigations and community patrols. During the past year, Officer Davis expressed an interest in working with the Community Services Office and the City's Youth Centers, attending community meetings and events. This engaging opportunity allowed him to meet with citizens outside the usual call for service. Officer Davis makes it a point to check in with the Community Services Office to see what events he can attend or assist with, making adjustments when possible, so that he can remain involved.

***Detective Daniel Dickey,
Anne Arundel County Police Department***

Detective Dickey is one of the Vice Unit detectives. He, along with his partner investigate prostitutions and human trafficking crimes. During the past year Detective Dickey, along with his partner Det. Adkins, made several significant case closures, along with numerous routine prostitution cases. One of these cases involved a 15 year old female that met with a 27 year old male once the agreed sex act was completed the male produced a gun and took his money back and put her out of the car. The male was later identified and charged with both felonies and misdemeanors. A search warrant was also served on the suspect's home, which led to him being Federally indicted on the crimes.

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***Deputy First Class Ronald Fleming,
Harford County Sheriff's Office***

Dfc. Fleming is assigned to a midnight shift patrol unit, and is responsible for patrol functions. He routinely conducts numerous checks of at risk businesses and residential communities. Dfc. Fleming conducted 1,041 patrol checks within his area, including a crime prevention assessment of each location. He teaches crime prevention techniques to the citizens in his patrol area. Dfc. Fleming retired from the Baltimore City Police force as a Sergeant before being hired by the Harford County Sheriff's Office. He routinely conducts patrols on foot, and physically checks businesses' overall security. Dfc. Fleming has built many relationships within the community he serves and plays an important role as a crime prevention practitioner. Dfc. Fleming has received awards for his overall performance as a police officer and as a community leader.

***Senior Deputy First Class Shane Fraser,
Harford County Sheriff's Office***

Senior DFC Fraser is currently assigned to the Criminal Patrol Division where he focuses on calls for service, criminal interdiction and conducts community patrols. During the past year, Senior DFC Fraser has made numerous DUI arrests and has assisted with various traffic related enforcement programs focusing on seatbelt violations, use of cell phones and many other distracted driving habits. Senior DFC Fraser is dedicated and determined to keeping citizens safe during their travels.

***Corporal Martin Freeman,
Anne Arundel County Police Department***

The efforts and determination of Cpl. Martin Freeman and his partners of the Recruitment unit to build a strong foundation of trust in the community, while working to obtain minority representation among sworn officers that is reflective of the Anne Arundel County Community, are both inspiring and impressive. The time and dedication that Cpl. Freeman and these officers committed to working with our community leaders this past year, while putting in long hours mentoring children ranging from Elementary School through High School, reflects on their strong work ethic and character. These officers are Anne Arundel County's Unsung Heroes.

Cpl. Freeman attended numerous community outreach events this past year. Recruiters have attended non-traditional recruitment events to build strong relationships with the community while enhancing awareness of job opportunities.

Cpl. Freeman and his partners of the Recruitment unit coordinated and participated in events at Maryland City Elementary School, Hilltop Elementary School and Annapolis High School. These self-initiated community outreach activities ranged from reading in English and Spanish to young children to mentoring High School students. In addition,

officers gave presentations to both parents and students, and worked inside the classroom with ESL (English as a Second Language) students.

***Deputy First Class Thomas French,
Harford County Sheriff's Office***

Dfc. French was assigned to patrol shift 3 at the Southern Precinct and responsible for patrol functions. He is very proactive in the communities where he works through his constant vehicle interdiction traffic stops. He also conducts patrols on foot in these communities resulting in drug arrests. Dfc. French made 132 arrests, including 38 which were self-initiated. Dfc. French constantly takes the time to learn about the community he polices, identifying the issues in the area and taking a proactive approach to show a presence in the communities. His hard work and dedication has resulted in some significant drugs arrests and investigations resulting in the seizure of large amounts of cash and drugs. Dfc. French participated in a charity soccer match to raise money for an individual that was killed by a drunk driver and raised over 5,000 dollars. He also participates in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Dfc. French has also received awards for his overall performance as a police officer and community leader.

***Patrolman First Class Jason Hall,
Howard County Police Department***

PFC Hall truly loves his job as a School Resource Officer, and the people he serves in that capacity which is reflected by the dedication and motivation shown through his work each and every day. PFC Hall is a positive role model in the community that he serves; he goes above and beyond the scope of his duties to provide outreach to the community in selfless acts of genuine kindness. He is an outstanding representative of the Howard County Police Department and embodies our mission of community policing. PFC Hall fosters relationships with the community and bridges gaps in the school between the students, school administration and police. His extensive community outreach as a police officer directly demonstrates crime prevention by mentoring and educating students before they enter society as adults.

***Officer Antonio Hardy,
Maryland Transit Administration Police Department***

Officer Hardy's primary responsibilities are the protection of life and property, the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension and arrest of violators and the reduction of crime in his assigned location. His responsibilities also include the safety and protection of passengers and employees, and the protection of property and equipment of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). Officer Hardy conducted 1,570 property checks, 810 bus checks, and 20 vehicle assessments to prevent criminal activity in parking lots, on the light rail, Metro trains, MARC commuter trains and MTA bus service. Additionally, Officer Hardy issued 12 criminal citations, 58 traffic citations, 51 state citations, 8 parking citations, 99 warnings, 1 Part 1 crime arrest, and 20 warrants arrests.

During this period Officer Hardy was assigned to the Northern and Southern District in various assignments. Through his diligence on patrol, he contributed to the reducing of Part 1 crime rate for the Maryland Transit Administration Police by -6% (226) compared to the previous year of (241) incidents. It is the work of officers like Officer Hardy that make a difference in communities and strive to make every community safer. Officer Hardy's hard work resulted in him receiving a letter of recognition from the Chief of Police. Officer Hardy is truly a model officer, whose outstanding efforts have impacted the crime rate, communities and provided safer rides on public transportation.

***Patrolman First Class William Harris,
Howard County Police Department***

PFC Harris routinely takes the initiative and seeks out groups and organizations that have had little to no contact with the local Police Department in his position as the Youth Liaison. PFC Harris forms positive relationships and has a dedicated interest in Youth and their success. He is a positive role model and has proven he is vested within the Community he serves. PFC Harris has been requested and also volunteered to participate in youth events at local schools utilizing his personal time during his off hours. PFC Harris continues to be passionate and facilitate positive change between youth and the Howard County Police Department.

***Patrolman First Class Joel Henderson,
Howard County Police Department***

PFC Henderson, through his community outreach efforts as a patrol officer, provided a constant police presence in a specific area of the community he serves regarding panhandlers. PFC Henderson was able to locate and identify a mother and her infant daughter who were in need of resources. PFC Henderson took a vested interest in their welfare by ensuring that they were in a safe area and were well shaded and not exposed to the harsh elements to include excessive heat. PFC Henderson made sure that the infant had adequate hydration, baby formula, and diapers. He provided food and water purchased with his own money. The interaction PFC Henderson had, not only with the mother and infant, but with other citizens who are homeless, has opened the lines of communication and provided a sense of security and trust between citizens and the Howard County Police Department.

***Patrolman First Class Meghann Holloway,
Howard County Police Department***

During the nomination period, PFC Holloway's efforts as the Department's Mental Health Liaison, have allowed a decrease of the stigma associated with mental health issues within Howard County and to increase mental health awareness. As the mental health liaison, PFC Holloway affords those who have either been directly involved in a mental health crisis as well as those who have been impacted by a mental health event,

the opportunity to reach out to her for resources. PFC Holloway has been able to demonstrate that the Howard County Police Department has a vested interest in its citizens and community and that mental health related issues are a top priority.

***Officer Steven Jackson,
Maryland Transit Administration Police Department***

Corporal Jackson's primary responsibilities are the protection of life and property, the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension and arrest of violators and the reduction of crime in his assigned location. His responsibilities also include the safety and protection of passengers and employees, and the protection of property and equipment of the Maryland Transit Administration. During this period, Corporal Jackson conducted 1,998 property checks, 623 bus checks, and 31 vehicle assessments. These patrol activities help to prevent crime at stations, parking lots, on the light rail, Metro trains, Metro buses, and commuter trains. Additionally, Corporal Jackson issued 5 criminal citations, 4 traffic citations, 63 state citations, 7 parking citations, 20 warnings, and 8 warrants arrests.

During this period, Corporal Jackson was assigned to the Southern District in various assignments. Through his diligence on patrol, he was an integral part in reducing the Part 1 crime rate for Maryland Transit Administration Police -6% (226) compared to the previous year (241). Corporal Jackson is very dedicated and conducts numerous checks on his own initiative. On April 29, 2017, Corporal Jackson was off duty and heard several people yelling for police assistance. He responded to the area where he observed a victim lying in the street bleeding from the neck area. He also observed a suspect walking up to the victim with a knife in his hand stating, "I told him." Without regard for his own safety, he withdrew his service weapon and ordered the suspect to drop the knife. The suspect did not comply but turned and walked away. Corporal Jackson called for assistance and advised of the situation. He began to follow the suspect repeating his command for the subject to drop the weapon. Shortly thereafter, Baltimore County Police arrived and were able to take the suspect into custody. The victim was transported to the hospital with life threatening injuries. Undoubtedly, the action of Corporal Jackson helped to save the victim's life and took a very dangerous suspect off the street.

***Corporal Marc Lay,
Howard County Police Department***

Cpl. Lay has during calls for service to include domestic and runaway investigations identified several youths who are at risk due to their familial situations. Cpl. Lay chose to focus on three families in crisis, for whom to provide mentoring efforts. Through his mentoring of these young males, Cpl. Lay has taken a vested and earnest interest in providing guidance and influence. He is teaching these young men to make the right choices by respecting their mothers, authoritative figures to include police, teachers, their siblings and most importantly themselves. These children, who have everything going against them are now better equipped to be leaders and not followers and hopefully avoid additional adverse police contact or arrest as they mature and become young men.

Cpl. Lay also attends the youth's promotional ceremonies, and is a presence at their schools and outside of school activities. He has met with the families at local entertainment and arcade centers utilizing his own time and money to provide the children with new experiences.

***Deputy First Class Terry Lindsey,
Harford County Sheriff's Office***

Dfc. Lindsey provides police services to the communities through preventive patrol and conducting investigations and maintenance of public order. While on patrol Dfc. Lindsey frequently conducts businesses checks in the area that require attention. Dfc. Lindsey does an outstanding job establishing positive relationships with business stakeholders in his patrol area. Dfc. Lindsey's hard work and dedication towards crime prevention has resulted in an approximate twenty-five percent (25%) precinct reduction in calls for service in his patrol area. Dfc. Lindsey is individually responsible for creating a unique community policing presence within all the communities in his patrol area. Dfc. Lindsey has also received awards for his overall performance as a police officer and community leader.

***Deputy First Class Gilberto Martinez,
Harford County Sheriff's Office***

Dfc. Martinez was assigned to the criminal patrol division, Northern Precinct and is responsible for patrol functions. Dfc. Martinez has gone above and beyond his investigations making sure he produces top quality work and arrests. Dfc. Martinez constantly makes relationships within his patrol communities to locate further criminal acts targeting certain areas. Dfc. Martinez has investigated and cleared many criminal cases within his patrol area. Due to Dfc. Martinez's policing style his area has routinely seen a decreased level of criminal activity while he is working. Dfc. Martinez utilizes his abilities and specialized skills to ensure all investigations are handled appropriately. Dfc. Martinez routinely shows his ability to speak a second language (Spanish) to investigate cases. Dfc. Martinez has maintained his leadership role within the community he serves.

***Corporal Chad McFarlane,
Anne Arundel County Police Department***

The efforts and determination of Sgt. McFarlane and his partners of the Recruitment unit to build a strong foundation of trust in the community, while working to obtain minority representation among sworn officers that is reflective of the Anne Arundel County Community, are both inspiring and impressive. The time and dedication that Sgt. McFarlane and these officers committed to working with our community leaders this past year, while putting in long hours mentoring children ranging from Elementary School through High School, reflects on their strong work ethic and character. These officers are Anne Arundel County's Unsung Heroes.

Sgt. McFarlane attended numerous community outreach events this past year. Recruiters have attended non-traditional recruitment events to build strong relationships with the community while enhancing awareness of job opportunities.

Sgt. McFarlane and his partners of the Recruitment unit coordinated and participated in events at Maryland City Elementary School, Hilltop Elementary School and Annapolis High School. These self-initiated community outreach activities ranged from reading in English and Spanish to young children to mentoring High School students. In addition, officers gave presentations to both parents and students, and worked inside the classroom with ESL (English as a Second Language) students.

***Detective Michael Moorhouse,
Anne Arundel County Police Department***

Detective Moorhouse is a District level detective within the Eastern District. His primary duties are to investigate crimes that occurred within the district. Detective Moorhouse goes beyond his investigative responsibilities and routinely volunteers for events like Badges for Baseball at Ripkin Stadium to assist with youth from all over the county who would not normally have this opportunity. This event brings children and police together in a common love of baseball. This shows the youth they can and do have something in common with members of the law enforcement community. This builds a level of trust and understanding between the two groups. Detective Moorhouse understands this and enjoys being able to bridge a gap that exists in the community, also being able to share a skill with the youth.

***Master Patrol Officer Aaron Perkins,
University of Baltimore Police Department***

MPO Perkins ensures the safety of the University of Baltimore staff, faculty and students by employing contemporary patrol techniques, responding to calls for service, issuing citations, servicing warrants and summons, preparing reports and other related enforcement duties. In addition, he actively practices sound crime prevention techniques as he is in touch with the campus community sharing his knowledge base on a daily basis. He is responsible for a "focus" area which entails getting to know all occupants in his patrol area while forming bonds.

MPO Perkins is actively engaged with the campus community. On a daily basis, MPO Perkins interacts with faculty, staff and students. MPO Perkins also demonstrates concern and commitment and ensures satisfaction when he provides services to the larger community of Baltimore that reflects favorably on UB. MPO Perkins presently holds the position of Chief Information Security Officer for the grass-root community based organization TOPKATS.

The organization was formed to mentor inner city individuals in the Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia areas. MPO Perkins provides the necessary leadership and guidance to affect all the individuals that he meets. MPO Perkins' peers reflect upon his

role in being critical to mold today's youth in Baltimore and the community as a whole. MPO Perkins has a remarkable vision and spirit that is a huge benefit to today's youth.

***Sergeant Sabrina Pirtle,
Maryland National Capital Park Police Department, Montgomery County Division***

In 2014 Sergeant Pirtle, a 16 year veteran of the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, founded the community outreach organization JEDI Works, Incorporated or “J-Works.” Growing up in a family with ten kids in an impoverished neighborhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sergeant Pirtle witnessed firsthand how the lack of access to a positive environment could affect one’s future.

J-Works was designed to encourage young people to help build communities, explore their talents and develop skills needed to support a sustainable community. During this period J-Works Program had a back-pack giveaway, and a Toy, Hat, and Glove give away. Many of these families would not have had these items if it were not for J-Works. Since its inception, J-Works has affected hundreds of families and children in both Montgomery and Prince George’s County. In addition to her involvement in J-Works for the past two years, she had volunteered with a Prince George’s County Court Ordered Youth Diversion Program.

Sergeant Pirtle’s involvement in J-Works and the Prince George’s County Youth Diversion Program is mostly done on her own time. She devotes many of her Saturdays meeting and mentoring teens in the J-Works Program. Because of Sergeant Pirtle’s work with youth, many teenagers who are headed down the wrong path have changed the course of their lives to become productive members of society.

***Officer Andrew Watson,
Maryland Transit Administration Police Department***

Officer Andrew Watson’s primary responsibilities are the protection of life and property, the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension and arrest of violators and the reduction of crime in his assigned location. His responsibilities also include the safety and protection of passengers and employees, and the protection of property and equipment of the Maryland Transit Administration. During this period, Officer Watson conducted 2,200 property checks and 415 bus checks. These patrol activities help to prevent crime at stations, parking lots, on the light rail, Metro trains, Metro buses, and commuter trains. Additionally, Officer Watson issued 3 criminal citations, 15 traffic citations, 119 state citations, 29 parking citations, 106 warnings, 49 warrant checks, 52, vehicle stops, 269 field interviews, 8 Part 1 crime arrests and 7 warrants arrests.

During this period, Officer Watson was assigned to the Southern District in various assignments. Through his diligence on patrol, he was an integral part in reducing the Part 1 crime rate for Maryland Transit Administration Police -6% (226) compared to the previous year (241). Officer Watson is a hard worker and goes above and beyond to make the property and riding experience safer for citizens. Officer Watson is professional

in appearance and presents a positive reflection upon Maryland Transit Administration Police. Officer Watson is proactive, highly productive, and serves to inspire his colleagues. Officer Watson continually exhibits the attributes that distinguish him amongst his colleagues and the communities that he serves. Officer Watson is a true asset to the Maryland Transit Administration Police.

***Corporal Gregory Young,
Harford County Sheriff's Office***

Corporal Young is a patrol shift supervisor assigned to the Patrol Operations, Southern Precinct. Cpl. Young supervises Deputies assigned to the shift and ensures their performance. Due to Cpl. Young's dedication and performance of laws and regulations, a suspect was charged with several additional charges regarding firearms violations. During one scenario Cpl. Young went above and beyond the initial call for service. Cpl. Young not only arrested an individual for breaking in vehicles but obtained a search and seizure warrant for the suspect's address, resulting in several other stolen items and the recovery of firearms and ammunition. Cpl. Young constantly shows his dedication for his work as a law enforcement officer and a community leader.

***Corporal Russell Ziebell,
Anne Arundel County Police Department***

Cpl. Ziebell was chosen to restart the Western District PACT (Police and Community Together) unit due to the quality of his work, interpersonal and organizational skills. He has been instrumental in rebuilding relationships with the Western District communities he serves. This relationship has opened doors to communications, which assisted with solving crimes occurring within the Western District Communities. Cpl. Ziebell has attended numerous community events promoting crime prevention and building relationships. Cpl. Ziebell received numerous letters of appreciation from community members and a certificate of commendation from the Chief. Cpl. Ziebell has worked tirelessly to be an effective member of the Crime Prevention philosophy and build relationships to better all who live in the Western District.

CATEGORY C

GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARD FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS

2017

This award was given to community groups, organizations, and individual citizens in Maryland who, as judged by the Awards Subcommittee, made **outstanding** contributions to the furtherance of crime prevention in their communities.

Eight groups and/or individuals were selected to receive recognition under this category. They are as follows:

Mrs. Christine Borman-Bozick,
(nominated by Frederick Police Department)

Mrs. Borman-Bozick is a Frederick County Public School employee who has been instrumental in assisting the Frederick Police Department with a program at Monocacy Middle School. The program, Monocacy Middle School Criminal Justice Club (MOMS CJC), is a bi-weekly youth club for students who are interested in the law enforcement field. She has assisted with identifying students who not only had an interest but could find the program beneficial. Since implementing the club, there has been a decrease in behavioral issues and an increase in problem solving.

Mrs. Loretta Hinton,
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)

Mrs. Hinton is being nominated for her hard work and dedication being the Secretary for our District I Community Coffee Club hosted at one of our local deli/coffee shops "Jason's Deli" here in College Park, MD. University of Maryland Police and Prince George's County Police (COPS) officers teamed up and established an open forum for citizens to come and enjoy coffee and engage with community officers.

District 1 Coffee Club is a place where citizens and police can work together to enhance our community and develop solutions to any neighborhood challenges that might be present in our city, College Park, MD. The Coffee Club is a public forum for ALL citizens, business owners, organizations, and public officials. Everyone is given the opportunity to share his or her views on any topic of discussion. (It is understood that the Coffee Club does not endorse any political or religious organizations.)

* This is an excellent opportunity for community members and the police to engage in informal discussions of topics related to public safety.

***Mrs. Lisa Miller (Outstanding Individual),
Community Knock and Talks/Citizens and Police Bridging Gaps
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)***

Lisa's goal as President of the Prince George's Property Owners Association for the last 15 years, besides providing education, information and following governmental affairs for her fellow property owners, has been to engage all stakeholders in a continuous proactive, solution oriented way to benefit the City of College Park and all its constituents. Her continued efforts have made, and continue to make, real and substantive differences in College Park.

Lisa was a member of an ITGA (International Town and Gown) group that created the video which is now shown to all incoming freshman, initiating the idea that in coming to the U. of MD students are also becoming members of the College Park community and all that it entails. They were invited to the ITGA meeting in Clemson to present their group effort and results. Lisa was the first Property Owner to ever be part of an ITGA event like this. Lisa wanted to get ahead of the problems seen during the first 6 weeks of school with noise, parties and trash and devised the "Knock and Talks" where a diverse group, including police, council members, Office of Student Code of Conduct, etc. would go house to house to "Welcome the students" while providing information of resources and expectations for living in College Park instead of waiting for a problem and the first interaction with police and the community to be a negative one – being proactive!

Lisa has sat on the CMAST group since its inception, bringing her perspective, ideas and solutions to landlords' and tenants' problems identified by the group. Her counsel, along with others on the team, were able to take a house listed as the number #1 problem house as not showing up on the list of problem houses at all. She has worked for the last few years on a potential City run landlord orientation – again attempting to be proactive instead of reactive. Similarly, she and PGPOA board developed a Landlord Certification Program to ensure a working knowledge of state, county and city laws and expectations, given every 2 years and available to all landlords. Creative, proactive and collaborative is her focus and the difference can be felt within the community.

***Pastor Ginny Price, New Hope Lutheran Church
and Mr. Steven Lewis,
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

Pastor Ginny Price of the New Hope Lutheran Church and Mr. Steven Lewis, a Howard County resident met in 2016 at a local gym, and began an open discussion about the need to cross color and cultural divides within their community. They created a Conversation and Community Discussion Group entitled Come Unity Group, which is open to everyone and meets regularly several times a month in a convenient local location. Come Unity has gathered more interest with each open discussion, and many positive ideas and community action events have come to fruition.

In 2016 and 2017 Pastor Price and Mr. Lewis contacted the Community Outreach Section of the Howard County Police Department in regard to partnering to hold a community

event. Police Officer First Class Will Harris, Youth Liaison of the Outreach Section, was assigned to the project. After obtaining the necessary resources from several entities within the Police Dept., a Come-Unity Kickball Event was held on May 6, 2017. The event was attended by faith based leaders, government and law enforcement leaders, and community members of all ages, and was well received.

As a result of the Come Unity Group, the Howard County community and Police Department have a more solidified partnership and friendship that continues to grow. The Come Unity Kickball event energized the partnership, and additional co-hosted activities are being planned.

***Auxiliary Sgt. Deborah Pujals Keyser,
(nominated by Westminster Police Department)***

Aux. Sgt. Deborah Pujals Keyser began volunteering with the Westminster Police Department SCORE program in 2010, and in 2015 she was promoted to SCORE Sergeant. Her activities have included working/providing crime prevention information at various fairs, civic gatherings, and festivals; playing McGruff the Crime Dog; translating various documents/pamphlets from English to Spanish; and completing various radio public service announcements in Spanish.

During 2016, Aux. Sgt. Pujals Keyser donated over 141 hours of her time to the department, an amazing feat in view of the fact that she also has a full time job and is a wife and mother. While much of her volunteer time is devoted to working parade details and booths at various community functions, an important part of her job is serving as a certified child safety seat technician, for which she had to take off work to complete a 4-day certification course. Aux. Sgt. Pujals Keyser also assisted with Camp Cops, a week long summer camp for children, Shop with a Cop, Cops on Rooftops, and the Special Olympics events in Carroll County.

Aux. Sgt. Pujals Keyser has been an invaluable resource for the Westminster Police Department. She has created an alternate line of communication with the Hispanic community in the City of Westminster, and has bridged a gap between the Westminster Police Department and the Hispanic Community.

***University of Maryland Security Operations Center,
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)***

On July 12, 2016, UMPD patrol officers responded to McKeldin Mall for four victims who had been robbed at gunpoint over the course of approximately one hour while playing the game "Pokémon Go." Detectives from CIU, including Lt. Moss, D/Sgt. Iversen, D/Cpl. Shawn Brown, D/Cpl. Santana, Det. Forbin, and Det. McDermott, responded to assume the investigation.

The Security Operations Center review team consisting of Derrick Travers, Jeremiah Willis, Joe Mack, Kevin Chen, Courtney Whitley, Breyanna Hill, and David Richardson

began to complete the video review and started to canvas the area looking for individuals that matched the description. During the video review, Courtney Whitley, was able to find an individual in the area that matched the description of one of the suspects walking on Regents Drive near the Main Administration Building. This image was used to create the BOLO posting for the incident. At that time, however, SOC was not able to find any other video related to the incident, due to the limited area camera coverage, and black and white imaging of the suspect.

Fortunately, Derrick Travers and Jeremiah Willis kept working to somehow find out the tag for the vehicle. They continued to track the vehicle, and found it passing a stationary camera on Baltimore Avenue near the Varsity.

The image was very grainy, but they were able to make out a few possible combinations of the last 4 digits of the license plate. The combinations of possible matches were searched through the ELSAG system, and ultimately a vehicle matching the description was found. This possible tag was then given to Detectives and was used to identify the group of four from the 7-11 video, and more importantly the suspect responsible for the four robberies.

Subsequent investigation led to an arrest warrant for the suspect as well as search warrants for his home and vehicle. After arrest, the suspect provided a full confession, and eventually pleaded guilty in Prince George's County Circuit Court to multiple counts of armed robbery. Multiple Cases were closed due to the fortitude and constant research of our video review team.

***Mr. Tom Whalen, WFRE Radio,
(nominated by Frederick Police Department)***

Mr. Whalen, morning host on WFRE radio (99.9), has been instrumental in assisting the Frederick Police Department during their outreach campaigns. He routinely promotes the Frederick Police Department at community events and always invites staff to the radio station to discuss safety topics and community concerns. He is also a supporter of the department's Police Activities League where he has volunteered his time. Mr. Whalen can also be heard when you call the main number for the Frederick Police Department.

***Ms. Lisa York, Property Manager, The Hamptons at Town Center,
(nominated by Montgomery County Police Department)***

Ms. Lisa York is the property manager for the Hamptons at Town Center community in Germantown, and during her tenure has taken steps above and beyond the norm to develop a positive relationship between the community she serves and the police. Ms. York realizes that her community is best served through positive community/police relations, and she is very helpful to law enforcement when issues arise within her complex.

During the period from July 2016 and June 2017, Ms. York hosted numerous events to improve police/community relations. She invited police to attend the Hamptons

Christmas Party, Cinco De Mayo, and their National Night Out event. She demonstrated her desire to work with the police on several occasions, including making repeated repairs to a fence that was used by area youths to flee from police, and attending court several times in regard to trespassing subjects in vacant apartments. In 2017, Ms. York also assisted police with their efforts by gathering information that was vital to a homicide investigation.

Ms. York's efforts have greatly improved the relations with the Hampton Community and the Montgomery County Police Department. While there was a time when the community was not as friendly toward law enforcement, Ms. York's work has resulted in the community becoming more welcoming to law enforcement.

CATEGORY D

GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROACTIVE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN MARYLAND

2017

This award was given to crime prevention programs that were judged by the Awards Subcommittee to be **outstanding** crime prevention efforts and that had a significant impact on the prevention of crime throughout Maryland.

Eleven programs were selected to receive recognition under this category. They are as follows:

***Safety Ambassador Pilot Program,
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)***

In June of 2017, the University of Maryland Police Department wrapped up its 14 month Safety Ambassador Pilot Program. The pilot program came together through a partnership with the University of Maryland, the City of College Park, and the College Park City-University Partnership and funded by Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention.

The College Park City-University Partnership saw a need for a program to provide community services and additional safety to the full-time residents and students (30,000 on and off campus) as well as hundreds to thousands of visitors that come to College Park on a daily basis. The need for such a program was also spurred by the unprecedented redevelopment in College Park with \$540 million in active private investment to include 525 new hotel rooms in three different projects; 748 apartments and 45 townhouses in three developments; 2,322 new student beds along Baltimore Ave; and an overall total of 115,922 square feet of planned retail space. This expansion of living quarters, hotels, and retail space is expected to reshape the city environment bringing additional visitors to the community.

In an effort to serve the growing community of College Park, the College Park City-University Partnership explored the possibility of developing a Safety Ambassador Program. The goal of the program would be to patrol the city with a focus on safety and hospitality, pro-active – greeting visitors, giving directions, reporting problems they see such as potholes, downed trees, outages, and other hazards and quality of life issues. In addition, the Safety Ambassadors would be a visible presence against crime in the shopping centers and neighborhoods along Baltimore Avenue.

Over the course of 14 months, the Safety Ambassadors conducted 5,411 neighborhood checks; 2,267 shopping center checks; 2,323 other incidents (combination of neighborhood and shopping center checks, etc.); 9,443 citizen contacts; 18 incidents

involving police notification (mostly motor vehicle accidents and disabled vehicles); 10 hazard notifications; and 10 walking escorts.

***Community Action Team - DFC Bennett & DFC Seichepine,
(nominated by Wicomico County Sheriff's Office)***

The Community Action Team, referred to as CAT, is an undertaking of the Criminal Investigation Division of Wicomico County Sheriff's Office. The CAT concept is designed to identify county-wide criminal activity and the flow of shipments of drugs, illegal weapons, currency, untaxed cigarettes, and to identify and arrest those who continue to utilize Wicomico County's roadways to further their criminal activity. CAT focuses on complaints from the community regarding criminal/drug activity and implements a proactive enforcement plan.

The CAT Team implemented numerous proactive criminal investigation activities which resulted in 172 on-view arrests, 24 arrest warrants served, 32 search warrants executed, and \$20,175.00 U.S. currency seized. The Community Action Team (CAT) has been a tremendous crime prevention and enforcement asset to the citizens of Wicomico County. The CAT unit consists of two highly motivated and experienced deputies, DFC Bennett and DFC Seichepine. The two person unit has investigated hundreds of criminal activity complaints that have made a significant impact in the community. The Community Action Team has prevented countless other crimes from being committed, protected numerous amounts of personal property and saved countless lives from the opioid epidemic. This program is outstanding not only for the quantity of work but the impact it has made to the citizens of Wicomico County by two diligent and committed deputies.

***Criminal Investigations Unit: Lt. Moss, Sgt. Elliott, Sgt. Iversen, Sgt. Powers, Sgt. Heng, Cpl. Brown, Cpl. Kelly, Cpl. Santana, Cpl. Hampton, Cpl. Swann, Det. Bradley, Det. Forbin, and Det. McDermott,
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)***

The Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) is responsible for handling those investigations that require special expertise, or because of their complexity, length, or location are unable to be completed by patrol officers taking initial reports.

Between July 2016 and June 2017, CIU handled a variety of complex cases with professionalism and tenacity such as a recent homicide, the attempted murder of the security guard at UMUC, two death investigations, multiple rapes, robberies, assaults, missing persons, burglaries, frauds, and thefts, to name a few. CIU was responsible for conducting follow-up investigations with a team approach until the cases were closed or leads were exhausted.

CIU has been involved in a number of high-profile cases that have resulted in several apprehensions. In addition to the regular shifts, many of these cases required working 24/7, weekends, and long shifts in order to accomplish a successful deposition. Occasionally, CIU was directed to conduct administrative, non-criminal investigations

that did not have any immediately known criminal law implications. Administrative investigations tend to be just as time consuming and man power intensive as criminal investigations. Administrative investigations included but were not limited to suspected violations of various university administrative directives and certain inquiries consistent with the Threat Assessment Management Program.

During this one-year period, the Criminal Investigations Unit has bolstered a 100% clearance rate on all critical violent crimes (robberies, homicides, and attempted murder) that affected The University of Maryland.

The unit as a whole has been able to maintain a high-degree of effectiveness during the above timeframe while transitioning two supervisory positions and training several new detectives. CIU investigated 249 cases from July 2016 to June 2017; the investigations ranged from homicide to minor vandalisms.

- 1 Homicide
- 11 Assaults (including an attempted robbery)
- 8 Rape/Sex Assaults
- 5 Robberies (including the shooting of the security guard at UMUC)
- 8 Burglaries
- 23 Fraud (including a case with 39 victims)
- 121 Thefts
- 17 MDPs (vandalism)
- 4 Missing Persons (including 1 case which required 24/7 coverage over the span of 6 days)
- 6 Hate Bias Incidents (including the highly publicized noose incident)
- 45 Others

***Drunk Buster Pedal Kart Program,
(nominated by Frederick City Police Department)***

The Drunk Buster Kart is utilized by Frederick City Police Department to provide citizens an educational program illustrating the dangers of operating a motor vehicle while impaired. The Pedal Kart allows participants to safely drive a simulated course, first “sober,” and then “impaired.” To accomplish this effectively, “impairment goggles” are worn to simulate different levels/types of impairment. The major focus of this program is the fight to stop impaired driving through education and simulated experience. An individual, who lost a family member as the result of an impaired driver, donated the Kart to Frederick City Police Department. According to CDC, in 2015, 10,265 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third (29%) of all traffic-related deaths in the United States. This program has the capability to reach a wide range of participants and provide a safe educational experience in an effort to combat impaired driving.

This program is outstanding and serves to save lives through making good choices. The program is recommended for ages 6 - adult. As a result, a large number of youth/adolescent can be educated on the dangers of impaired driving prior to ever sitting

behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. Adults can be greatly impacted by visually seeing the impact of alcohol and drugs have on their ability to operate a motor vehicle. This program brings together a serious issue and turns it into a fun educational experience that will save lives.

***Explosives Detection K9 Unit,
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)***

The University of Maryland Police Explosives Detection K9 unit has been tasked with providing safety and security for the campus, special events, dignitary visits and sporting events. The K9 unit trains regularly and has improved the safety of all fans attending sporting events since its inception in 2012. The K9 unit devises a plan of operation for each event to provide the best possible security for the event. Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 the K9 unit has had worked over 50 events including a visit by Senator Cardin, 2 visits by Governor Hogan, 6 football games, 23 basketball games, 16 graduation events and other speakers and events.

The K9 unit is evaluated weekly by scientists from JHU-APL either on campus or at a Metro station. They are testing the detection abilities for each handler/K9 team in Person Borne detection as well as traditional detection. The 4 teams from our unit exceed national standards and have around a 90% detection rate person borne and even higher for traditional detection.

***Howard County Head Start and Howard County PD Partnership,
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

The Howard County Head Start and Howard County Police Department Partnership was formed in January 2017 as a means to increase trust and safety within the community. This program aids in building bridges between the community members and the officers that serve them. The Officers read books to the children at the Head Starts and participate in a Community Partner Day. In addition, they provide much needed school supplies, with funding from the Police Foundation and Howard County Minority Police Officers' Association.

This program increases positive interactions by building trust and having shared experiences that leave lasting impressions on all involved. Officers are put in the forefront and are the ones reading to the kids and engaging them during playtime. The hope is that when or if the kids encounter the officers outside of the safe environment, there will be a positive relationship already in place, thus aiding in eliminating fears and false perceptions.

The program has received rave reviews resulting in the program being expanded to schools in the southern part of the County. Thank you cards from the schools and students have been received, and the school directors and the parent Community Action Council have provided positive feedback.

***Internet Purchase Exchange Location
(nominated by Gaithersburg Police Department)***

The Gaithersburg Police Department has designated two parking spaces that are made available in the public parking lot of the Police Station to serve as Internet Purchase Exchange Locations. Residents may conduct any type of legitimate buyer/seller transactions from internet purchases or when conducting any other in-person transactions. As part of its partnership with the City, Offer Up donated two parking signs displaying the Department's badge and encourages those who use its site to conduct their exchange at the Gaithersburg Police Station.

***Knock and Talk,
(nominated by Colmar Manor Police Department)***

The Knock and Talk program was instituted to address concerns expressed by Colmar Manor citizens that they never observed police officers on patrol in the neighborhood. In July 2016, officers began the task of knocking on every door in the town of Colmar Manor, introducing themselves and providing important information such as emergency preparedness, human trafficking, Neighborhood Watch, and any trending topic. By June 30, 2017, every home had been contacted. In addition, needy families were identified and provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food and items.

This program has been outstanding because it has enabled the officers to humanize the badge, and get to know the citizens that they are responsible to protect and serve. Officers are able to take note of senior citizens, children who may have special needs, and families in need of additional resources. Police/community relations have greatly improved, and the communications gap has been bridged.

***Monocracy Middle School Criminal Justice Club,
(nominated by Frederick Police Department)***

The Criminal Justice Club consists of 60 students who participate on a bi-weekly basis for lectures, hands on activities and field trips to law enforcement related topics. Many officers from the Frederick Police Department participate in the Criminal Justice Club to expose the students to different aspects within the police department. The goal of the Criminal Justice Club is to engage the students at an early age with law enforcement to create positive relationships and understanding of the law enforcement profession.

Participants within the Criminal Justice Club have started to make noticeably better decisions related to school activities and potential problems they encounter in the community. There was a decrease in behavioral issues, an increase in problem solving and the development of a personal connection with law enforcement personnel. Officer Chris Herman started the program which is not part of the mandatory curriculum and has become very popular amongst students, creating a full roster. Officer Herman constantly gets feedback from the school administration to address any challenges that the students may be involved in or the current issues within the middle school culture. This program

has proven to have a positive impact with the students that can assist them in decision-making throughout their lives. Officer Herman's diligence and commitment to this program has made a significant impact on the future leaders of the world. This program also serves to enhance the relationship between the community and law enforcement that can have a positive impact in their school and communities.

***SHIELD Program,
(nominated by Baltimore County Police Department)***

The Baltimore County Police Department's SHIELD Program is designed to establish partnerships between the Baltimore County Police Department and private sector security managers and professionals through intelligence sharing, threat briefings and training opportunities through an email notification system and a web page dedicated to the SHIELD program. The SHIELD program will allow the Baltimore County Police Department to continue to support our stakeholders and develop new relationships with private sector and infrastructure security professionals located in Baltimore County.

The SHIELD program will share homeland security open source intelligence, active shooter prevention information, and training opportunities with security stakeholders. Both Baltimore County and our valued security managers and professionals will benefit by proactively developing closer relationships by creating dialogue that will enhance overall security throughout Baltimore County.

***Transaction Safe Place,
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

In response to a number of crimes committed as a result of Craigslist sales, Transaction Safe Place was adopted by Howard County Police Department as a way to prevent crime from online-arranged transactions. As part of the program, HCPD advertises the use of its police facilities to conduct stranger transactions. This includes transactions arranged through a variety of online methods, including Craigslist, Offerup, or Facebook community groups dedicated to selling items locally, often called "online yard sales."

The theory behind using police facilities to conduct transactions is, 1) it is expected that would-be criminals would opt to not agree to a transaction at or in a police facility; 2) if the transaction goes badly, the transaction is recorded and provides police with suspect information; and 3) police are seconds away should something go wrong. HCPD designated locations in the parking lot as well as the district lobby, and posted "Transaction Safe Place" signs at those locations. The locations are lit and video-recorded at all times.

Since the program was instituted in September 2016 there have been no criminal offenses reported to have occurred when one of the spots was used for a transaction. The costs for the program have been incredibly low (under \$200 for signage), and community response to the program has been excellent. This program sends a message to the community that

HCPD is willing to think outside the box in order to make their lives safer and provide them with a service that does not exist elsewhere.

CATEGORY E

GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION ACHIEVERS' AWARD

2017

This award is given to law enforcement personnel for the performance of 50, 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 residential and/or commercial security surveys. Civilian crime prevention personnel are also eligible, if documentation regarding their training and crime prevention duties is submitted. To be eligible, past recipients must have advanced to the next category.

This award was presented to the following:

For the performance of **100** residential and/or commercial security surveys:

- **Baltimore County Police Department**
Officer Kevin Kahl
Officer Larry Stallings
- **Rockville City Police Department**
Corporal Kenneth Matney

For the performance of **50** residential and/or commercial security surveys:

- **Baltimore County Police Department**
Officer Jennifer Arnett
Officer Johnathan Neville

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and Correctional Training Commissions and the Maryland
Community Crime Prevention Institute.**