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## **GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM 2015**

### **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 2015 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.
- F. Award for outstanding comprehensive community-based anti-crime strategies in Maryland.

(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 six categories.

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

**2015**

This award was given to law enforcement agencies that met the 2015 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*  
*Cambridge Police Department*  
*Charles County Sheriff's Office*  
*Frederick Police Department*  
*Frostburg State University Police Department*  
*Gaithersburg Police Department*  
*Howard County Police Department*  
*Johns Hopkins University Campus Safety and Security Department*  
*Rockville City Police Department*  
*Salisbury University Police Department*  
*Towson University Police Department*  
*University of Maryland Police Department, College Park*  
*Westminster Police Department*

## CATEGORY B

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

2015

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.

Seven officers were selected to receive recognition under this category. They are as follows:

***Auxiliary Lieutenant Paul "Wally" Alden  
Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office***

Auxiliary Deputy Wally Alden serves as a volunteer employee in the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office. Among his duties are: traffic control and direction, serving on the visibility patrol in high crime areas, proactive crime prevention and patrol, the operation and deployment of speed measurement trailers, and making appearances at various public educational events. His care and compassion for his community is readily apparent, and his motivation to make his neighbors safer is inspiring.

***Master Correctional Officer Michelle Hearne  
Wicomico County Department of Corrections***

MCO Hearne has received Critical Incident Training (CIT) training and asked to be assigned to manage those inmates suffering from mental health disorders. As a result of this training, she was able to calm and move an inmate who had just been arrested for killing his mother. Because of the severity of this inmate's mental health issues, no other staff member had been able to process him.

On numerous occasions, while conducting pat downs of new detainees entering the Booking Unit, MCO Hearne discovered quantities of CDS such as cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and prescription drugs.

By preventing these drugs from making their way to the general prison population, MCO Hearne helped to avert potential overdoses as well as fights and arguments over the drugs. MCO Hearne's dedication to her duties and the methods she has used to perform her searches have ultimately made the Wicomico County Department of Corrections much safer for its staff and its inmates.

***Police Officer Kalle James-Wintjen  
Howard County Police Department***

Police Officer Kalle James-Wintjen has served as a County Police Officer for the past two years. She is currently a night shift patrol officer who works in the “David Area” which covers much of Columbia, Fulton, Laurel, Highland, and Clarksville, as well as the Merriweather Post Pavilion, Columbia Mall, and Howard County General Hospital. As a night shift officer, she has the responsibility of not only handling routine calls for service but also of proactively providing service to the community.

Officer James-Wintjen has consistently proven to be an asset to the Howard County community. As a regular top performer on her squad, she actively completes arrests throughout her entire shift, even completing multiple arrests in a single evening. She does not accept an incident at face value but rather investigates to be sure that the safety of the citizens is protected. Her arrests have resulted from such crimes as stolen property, illegal guns, stolen vehicles, illegal drugs, and human trafficking. She also handled a mental health case involving a mother and child and helped to resolve it by contacting the appropriate resources to assure that the pair received the help and services they needed.

Officer James-Wintjen is an outstanding officer, one who takes her job seriously and is proud of the work she does to protect the community. Her willingness to work as a team member provides a sense of camaraderie and inspires others around her to insure that the community needs are met in an effective and safe manner. She is willing to learn and take advice from veteran officers to insure that her work is thorough. Her efforts have earned her numerous awards, including Top Cop for May, July, October, and November 2014 and May 2015, and Top DUI Enforcer in 2014.

***Deputy First Class Bradley Martz  
Queen Anne’s County Sheriff’s Office***

DFC Martz is a very energetic Deputy who excels in traffic and drug enforcement; in fact, he often leads the office in total traffic enforcement. DFC Martz spends a lot of time in communities talking with children and addressing their unique concerns. He has volunteered to participate in the "Shop with a Cop" Program that pairs an underprivileged child to shop with a member of the Sheriff's Office. DFC Martz has even donated an Xbox to one of the children whose parents couldn't afford to buy one.

***Officer James Price***  
***Baltimore County Police Department***

Officer Price is a member of the Precinct 11 Essex Community Outreach Team. His responsibilities include stabilizing and resolving community fear and disorder, problem solving, acting as a liaison with the public and area businesses leaders, and serving as a post advisor for the Baltimore County Police Explorer Program.

The Back River Road Corridor has for years been plagued with high crime rates. Although various crime prevention programs have been utilized in the past, they have met with minimal success. Officer Price decided to take an in-depth look at the problem and plan a proactive strategy. Officer Price discovered that this area is primarily comprised of apartments, Section 8 housing, and rental properties. He also learned that a large percentage of criminal offenders lived in these properties. He realized that a key to reducing crime in this area was to evict the criminals from the property and the neighborhoods they were terrorizing. The properties had no process for evicting residents who were involved in criminal activity, and when the properties did evict the criminals, they simply relocated to a neighboring complex, causing the same problems.

After six months of intense research, Officer Price developed a program called “Safe Haven,” the goal of which is to keep criminals out of the Back River Neck Road area, thereby reducing crime. He met with every apartment complex manager to establish cooperation and started by asking management to take steps to clean up their properties. He expected resistance due to the costs involved, but received 100% cooperation. Officer Price then established trespass lists at every complex. These lists established residency and allowed officers to make arrests. In addition, Officer Price designed a lease addendum which contains the necessary wording to allow complexes to evict tenants for criminal violations. Residents must sign this addendum before occupancy can be established. Complex managers started meeting each month with Officer Price to discuss crime trends, problems, and solutions; this has truly opened the lines of communication. The “Safe Haven” program has now been operational for one year. The results speak for themselves. 122 criminals have been evicted, almost all of them with extensive criminal histories. 60 have been placed on trespass lists and will be arrested on site; in fact, 11 of those 60 have been arrested. Word is quickly spreading in these communities that if you are going to victimize your neighbors or harm innocent people, you are not welcome to live here. Officer Price has proven that a single officer can make a huge difference in the quality of life for those he serves.

***Police Officer III Laurie Reyes  
Montgomery County Police Department***

The Autism/Alzheimer's Outreach program was implemented in 2004 with the introduction of the Project Lifesaver program, a national organization that provides police departments with tracking bracelets for individuals who suffer from such conditions as Alzheimer's, Autism and Down syndrome and who have a propensity to wander. Officer Reyes is the primary coordinator of the Montgomery County Police Autism/Alzheimer's Outreach program. Due to the rise in prevalence of both Autism/IDD and Alzheimer's, both throughout the country and in Montgomery County, it was inevitable that law enforcement would see an increase in service to those two populations. The majority of calls for service involve "critically at-risk missing persons." Officer Reyes realized how important it was for officers responding to calls for this population to be properly trained in order to effect a positive outcome. This program provides outreach, education, and awareness as it relates to wandering and also to overall safety, police awareness and community understanding.

As part of the Autism/IDD Alzheimer's Outreach program, Officer Reyes offers immediate follow-up for those caregivers of individuals who have been the focus of recent police searches. Among the things he provides to them are safety information and resources to help prevent future incidents. Along with this follow-up, the program provides ongoing support for families to ensure that they have access to the resources they need. The program helps these caregivers connect with various local and state service providers.

As part of a broad Autism/IDD/Alzheimer's awareness campaign, information is disseminated across social, local, and national media as well as on the Montgomery County Police website. In this way, the program attempts to reach the Montgomery County and national communities with regard to this important issue. The outreach efforts of this successful program have resulted in the writing of new local and national legislation and in new initiatives to help provide a safer community for those with autism and other cognitive disabilities.

***Corporal Jeremy Vogt  
Department of Maryland State Police, Bel Air***

Corporal Vogt is a dedicated Maryland State trooper whose work ethic, concern for others' welfare, and acts of self-sacrifice can serve as a model for Departmental and allied agency personnel. His innate ability, outstanding performance on the job, and his investigative aptitude are extraordinary, and he is seen within the Department as a conqueror of difficult tasks.

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, Corporal Vogt was the primary investigator for nearly 100 "Part I" criminal cases and assisted with more than thirty search warrants and with nearly fifty additional warrants. He arrested more than twenty felons based on his investigations and conducted more than 100 in-depth interviews. The investigations he conducted as well as those

he managed as a criminal investigative supervisor have taken Corporal Vogt throughout Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. On numerous occasions, Corporal Vogt was specifically called upon to assist investigative teams from the Pennsylvania State Police in Lancaster County. He has also assisted Florida, New York, and South Carolina authorities after homicide suspects were arrested by Maryland State Troopers.

Corporal Vogt is a no-nonsense, boots-on-the-ground leader; his appearance at a crime scene is a welcome sight to even the most veteran criminal investigators. His outstanding leadership prowess was evident during numerous investigations, and the results he achieved, in the form of confessions, resulted in air-tight cases that were successfully prosecuted.

## CATEGORY C

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

2015

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. Jackie Felker***  
***(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

As the Village Manager for the Dorsey's Search Community Association, Inc., Mrs. Jackie Felker maintains and distributes crime prevention communications for the entire community of Dorsey's Search. This represents approximately 7,500 residents who receive the information.

During the nomination period (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015), Mrs. Felker has not only provided information on crimes that have occurred in her community, but she has been persistent in decreasing the opportunity for future crimes to take place. She has done this by providing crime prevention tips on a regular basis. As the result of her expedient actions, the community is made aware of reported incidents and descriptions of suspects or vehicles in a timely manner. This has helped to curtail any further criminal activity.

As the Village Manager, Mrs. Felker is responsible for the routine maintenance of the community which includes financial, social, and administrative duties. The genuine care that she exhibits for the members of the Dorsey's Search Community goes above and beyond what is expected of a village manager, and her actions are truly deserving of an award.

***Chaplain Wayne Gadow***  
***(nominated by Westminster Police Department)***

Chaplain Gadow routinely commits numerous hours each month to the Department, meeting privately with our members, riding along on patrol, and chatting with dispatchers. He regularly reaches out to employees in need, whether they are dealing with work or family issues or with a medical crisis. Whatever the need, Wayne is there to offer counsel, solace, and support. He also participates in many of our community outreach events like "Shop with a Cop" and our annual

Back-to-School event. Chaplain Gadow also provides invaluable assistance to our members in the field as they deal with individuals and families in crisis from traumatic events.

***Mr. Oland B. Garrett***

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

Mr. Oland Garrett is the Manager for the University of Maryland's Department of Resident Life. In this role he is responsible for planning, implementing, and collaborating with staff both within and outside the department on various efforts in the areas of Academic Success, Admissions, Citizenship Education, Community Development, Orientation and Outreach.

Mr. Garrett has been a valuable community asset for many years. During the time he has served as the Manager of Programs and Outreach, Mr. Garrett has always been a strong supporter of the University Police. In particular, he has always provided help to the Crime Prevention Unit.

The University's Department of Resident Life has taken proactive steps that contribute to maintaining a safer and more secure environment. Mr. Oland's team reaches thousands of students each year. Since many crimes occur in the residence halls, this is an important place to target. Mr. Garrett has been responsible for various safety initiatives including the Gotcha and Tailgating programs, Crime Time, and the Be Smart, Be Safe Campaigns.

Mr. Garrett recently completed his tenth year as a staff member at the University of Maryland. His work and dedication have provided the University and its students with many platforms wherein safety and security are priorities.

***Mrs. Joyce Ray Gary***

***(nominated by Maryland Crime Prevention Association)***

Ms. Gary is a former member of the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute (MCCPI) who retired on September 1, 2014 after more than thirty years of exemplary service to MCCPI and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Throughout her career, Ms. Gary expertly performed myriad duties that greatly contributed to the furtherance of community crime prevention efforts throughout the State. Since budget constraints have resulted in her position being left vacant, there has been a major void in the MCCPI office.

One project that was particularly impacted by Ms. Gary's absence was the Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Program Ceremony and Luncheon. Plans for the ceremony and luncheon commence at the beginning of September following a lengthy nomination submission and review process. Being the dedicated professional that she had been throughout her thirty-plus years of Maryland State service, Ms. Gary offered, months before her retirement, to return as a volunteer to perform many of the duties required to plan and set up the 2014 Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony and Luncheon.

As a volunteer, Ms. Gary provided guidance and assistance in preparing and distributing announcements to all awards winners, law enforcement and correctional representatives, and honored guests. She assisted in coordinating the various activities of the Awards Subcommittee members and in preparing and ordering the award certificates and plaques. Most significantly, Ms. Gary compiled, edited, and final-typed the Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Booklet that is printed and distributed to all ceremony attendees each year. She also assisted in the final preparations for the event and attended the ceremony.

As a result of Ms. Gary's steadfast dedication and devotion to the Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Program, the 2014 Awards Ceremony and Luncheon was a complete success! Comments by awards winners, law enforcement and correctional officials, and guests were all very positive. Ms. Gary's contribution to this program was truly outstanding.

Her willingness as a new retiree to volunteer countless hours to make the event a success is a testament to her dedication and professionalism. Ms. Gary's efforts are a shining example of excellence in citizen activities to further and support crime prevention in Maryland!

***Deputy State's Attorney Nanci O. Hamm  
(nominated by Frederick County State's Attorney's Office)***

Ms. Hamm's excellent work in securing convictions against gas station owners who sell synthetic drugs put the issue front and center in the community. Her work and the resulting press briefings and media coverage provided critically needed education to our community about the dangers of synthetic drugs. It should be noted that these cases are exceptionally hard to prove because sellers claim ignorance that buyers will ingest the substances. They claim it is "incense" and that manufacturers constantly manipulate the chemical structures to stay ahead of the DEA's scheduling authority that makes the substances illegal.

Ms. Hamm had to be able to prove that the defendants knew that the packets of "potpourri" they were selling for \$60 each were illegal, when there was no way to prove they knew exactly what the substances were. Ms. Hamm took this matter to the Grand Jury, and 45 indictments were returned against the defendants. In May 2015, the defendants were found guilty of Distributing

XLR-11, Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute XLR-11, and simple possession of an illegal analogue substance. Ultimately, the defendants agreed to forfeit \$800,000.00. This is believed to be the largest drug-related forfeiture in Frederick County history.

Ms. Hamm is an outstanding prosecutor, and she obtained outstanding results in this case. She is regularly contacted by the local police drug enforcement units to consult on investigations, including times outside of normal office hours. Undeterred, Ms. Hamm has taken personally the

risk to our youth posed by these substances and has dedicated time and effort to see these cases through to a successful resolution that will ultimately protect the community.

### ***Keeping Seniors Safe***

***(nominated by Montgomery County Police Department)***

The Keeping Seniors Safe Program was created in 2009 in conjunction with the Volunteer Resources Section of the Montgomery County Police Department. It was established specifically to increase awareness of safety issues within the senior community and to provide guidance and resources to seniors regarding those issues.

Keeping Seniors Safe offers free information and/or speakers on a variety of important topics, such as safe shopping habits, parking lot safety, home security, personal preparedness, frauds and scams, identity theft, legal resources, elder abuse resources, etc. This program works to reduce criminal victimization of older citizens.

Keeping Seniors Safe provides the opportunity for the exchange of information between the senior citizens and the volunteers. It brings together community resources to form a relationship of trust with the senior population and to jointly recognize issues in the senior community. This is an outstanding program that reduces crime, and, due to the efforts of the volunteers, goes above and beyond in proving that they can make a difference in the lives of senior citizens and the community as a whole.

### ***Montgomery County Police Explorer Post 1986***

***(nominated by Montgomery County Police Department)***

The Montgomery County Police Explorers is a program for youths 14-20 years of age who are interested in the Law Enforcement field. While in the program, Explorers receive hands-on experience in the various duties of an officer that include crime prevention, crime scene investigations, traffic stops, and community service. As police officers respond to calls for service, the Explorers respond to community requests. They are being recognized for their outstanding effort in assisting with community awareness to educate citizens on how to avoid becoming victims of automobile theft and for their commitment to assisting parents with fingerprinting youths at various community events. They are also recognized for expanding the

partnership of crime prevention by being the first Explorer Post to establish an exchange program with Cadets from London, England.

***Mr. Ed O’Meally***  
***(nominated by Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions)***

Since 2007, Mr. O’Meally has volunteered his training and teaching assistance to the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions as an adjunct instructor in “Legal Issues” and “Training for School-based Law Enforcement Officers,” all without compensation. Mr. O’Meally, a member of Pessin Katz Law, P.A., consults and litigates for 23 of Maryland’s school districts. His knowledge and expertise in school-related law issues is invaluable to the officers he instructs and provides those officers with the information and tools necessary to work equitably, fairly, and judiciously within the schools, a most vulnerable community setting.

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, Mr. O’Meally volunteered his professional services in training and education at the Maryland Police Training Commissions for three separate training events: one DARE Officer Training course and two School-Based Policing courses for School Resource Officers. His instruction is one of the primary classes for all of these training events and is part of the agency’s “Cultural Competency Training for Police Officers.”

Officers who have received this training are better equipped with the information and tools necessary to successfully work within the school setting and to provide the school community, as well as the community at large, with the best public safety service possible.

In this era of ever- present civil unrest and friction between communities and law enforcement that occasionally includes school populations, it is paramount to healthy neighborhoods that community policing be maintained at its highest possible levels. This includes equipping law enforcement with accurate information and the proper tools necessary to keep their communities safe and secure. The level of training that Mr. O’Meally so graciously provides helps law enforcement perform their duties, meet societal expectations and public approval, and make judgments within the confines of current law. Mr. O’Meally provides this rare professional training service because he believes in these ideals and the goals/objectives of the training, and his delivery of these trainings without compensation is truly an outstanding contribution to community safety and crime prevention.

## CATEGORY D

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

2015

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.

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

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***ALERRT: Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Team  
(nominated by Department of Maryland State Police, Education and Training Division)***

ALERRT is a nationally acclaimed curriculum used in several states and by the FBI. It is a dynamic course of instruction designed to prepare the first responder to isolate, distract, and neutralize an active shooter. The course curriculum includes weapon manipulation, threshold evaluation, concepts and principles of team movement (including solo officer strategies), setting up for room entry and room entry techniques, approach and breaching the crisis site, follow-on responder tactics, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and post-engagement priorities of work and culminates with dynamic "force-on-force" scenarios.

In July 2013, the Maryland State Police (MSP) began the implementation of the ALERRT program. The initial implementation was conducted by both specialty and in-service classes provided to the MSP and allied agencies in Maryland. Other agencies with whom the program was coordinated were: the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FBI – Baltimore Field Office, FBI – Washington DC Headquarters Office, the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center at Texas State University, San Marcos Police Department, and the Hays County Sheriff's Office, Texas.

The roll-out of the program in 2013 was a success, and since that time, MSP has been asked to provide formal presentations to other jurisdictions across the nation, especially to provide guidance on implementing the "Maryland Model." Instructors have spoken at various venues in Massachusetts, Missouri, and Washington State. Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, the MSP In-service Section of the Education and Training Division has instructed a total of 22 ALERRT specialty classes consisting of 585 law enforcement officers. The same instructional team taught 20 sessions of department in-service that certified 599 state troopers in ALERRT level 1.

This program is very time- efficient, has minimal "down time," and is considered to be an outstanding course. The course critiques have been very positive and included comments such as: "The best law enforcement training I have ever attended!" This level of dynamic training is the most realistic training a law enforcement officer can encounter in a safe environment and is

recommended to all law enforcement personnel from the rookie to the seasoned command officer. The implementation of this program in Maryland is a significant step in equipping officers with training/strategies to keep schools and neighborhoods safer.

***Anne Arundel County Police Department Business/Commercial Crime Liaison  
(nominated by Anne Arundel Police Department)***

The Business/Commercial Crime Liaison addresses a wide variety of issues. It is designed to address commercial crime issues as they arise and to take a proactive approach to prevent further incidents. It serves as the point of contact for business members in the community and disseminates crime trends, patterns, lookouts, crime prevention strategies, and general intelligence to members of the business community. The Liaison also represents the Anne Arundel County Police Department at many business and community events, provides presentations, and conducts site visits and/or provides recommendations when a particular problem/concern has been identified.

The program was launched in 2009 and was designed as a public relations effort. Over the years it has been restructured to give the business community a point of contact and voice within the Anne Arundel County Police Department. It coordinates with nearly every business/civic organization within the County, including malls, small and large businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, churches, business councils, hotels, and the Maryland Retail Association, to name a few. The Liaison has grown into a program that prepares commercial security network alerts, maintains a commercial robbery database, creates a monthly analysis of calls for service at hotels, provides a list of repeat calls, conducts site inspections and/or makes recommendations to various businesses to help “target harden” their establishments, and distributes a newsletter which provides an overview of developing terrorism concerns, drug trends, and other business and community concerns. The Liaison has also developed a Power Point presentation to give to community and business groups with an overview of some of the trends, topics, and concerns most frequently voiced by business and community leaders. These include personal, commercial, and residential security, elderly crime prevention, fraud, identity theft, and drug crimes/trends/abuse.

The program has proven to be an outstanding success, based on the number of communities and businesses it has been able to reach. In addition to the tremendous good will it has established within the community, it has also proven to be a vital part of the efforts of the Anne Arundel County Police Department to prevent and reduce crime.

***City Multi-Agency Services Team (CMAST)***  
***(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)***

CMAST was formed in 2012 by Chief David B. Mitchell, Chief of Police at the University of Maryland Police Department. CMAST is comprised of key stakeholders within the community who have formed a team to respond to issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries. CMAST, which stands for City Multi-Agency Services Team, includes officials from the University of Maryland, Prince George’s County officials, and the city of College Park.

Partnerships are essential to community policing as they not only build upon what was already established but strengthen community relationships. Having key decision makers as members of CMAST aids in implementing change effectively and promptly. Everyone has an opportunity to make a positive difference within our community thanks to CMAST.

The CMAST group began to focus on ways to improve quality of life concerns, including large house parties, liquor law violations, noise violations, and various other nuisance incidents. The specific strategies include data collection from stakeholder’s databases, notification to residents and property owners, “knock and talk” meetings between CMAST representatives and residents, and subsequent meetings between judicial officials and the residents and property owners.

The CMAST team brings the right people together to leverage resources and effect change. CMAST data has shown a decrease in noise complaints and has identified student-occupied houses that require intervention. These strategic interventions help to improve the quality of life by reducing noise complaints and other city code violations.

The strength of the CMAST team is in its ability to bring all appropriate resources together; this is not just a police issue. Officials from the property owners association, the State’s Attorney’s Office, city code enforcement, and the University’s Office of Student Conduct, all provide resources that when harnessed together provide a focused and effective team that work together in an informed strategic way. CMAST provides the framework and data collection necessary to identify trends, as well as the network necessary to link multiple agency efforts.

***Coffee with a Cop***  
***(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

Howard County Police Department implemented the national program, “Coffee with a Cop” (CWAC) in April 2015, and they hold monthly CWAC events on the first Thursday of each month at various locations throughout the county. The program helps to build trust between police and the public, especially challenging in light of recent incidents. Trust building, collaboration, education, and communication are the main goals of these community-building events.

The “Coffee with a Cop” program provides Howard County citizens an opportunity to see and interact with officers in a casual and relaxed setting. The citizens also have the opportunity to meet their local police officers, ask questions, and hear safety information. The answer is simple – have a cup of coffee, talk, get to know one another, and share ideas.

The feedback from each event has been very positive. The events are advertised on social media and participating businesses provide advertising as well. Each business provides the venue and coffee. Howard County Police Department provides banners to advertise the event and staff for each event. The “Coffee with a Cop” program is a wonderful example of a true police and community partnership. This outstanding program will continue to be successful and achieve its goals of providing a forum for open communication between the police and the public, learning the concerns of the Howard County citizens, and building deeper relationships with the business community.

***Critical Incident Response to Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Incidents  
(nominated by Department of Maryland State Police)***

This program designed to educate civilians on how to respond to critical incidents involving active shooter/workplace violence incidents. The program includes an overview of these incidents, situational awareness, and indicators of these events as well as lessons learned from previous events. It also discusses the development, implementation, and review of current policies for these incidents as well as the development of training and the types of technology and equipment that can be utilized. Lastly, Critical Incident Response to Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Incidents discusses what is expected from civilians and how they should interact with law enforcement during a response to this type of incident as well as personal choices they must make, e.g., run, hide, fight.

Originally, the program sought to provide training, education, and review of emergency policies related to these types of events to all educational facilities statewide and to ensure their implementation. Included were grades K-12 and as well as higher educational facilities. Since its inception, however, the program has grown beyond this to include local, state, and federal agencies as well as hospitals, churches, business and security professionals, commercial businesses, shopping malls, etc. Initially, the program was publicized by self-initiated calls to these groups. As time went on and the program gained recognition, most of the requests are now through word-of-mouth referrals.

During the period July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, the program had 27 contacts with the above-listed community and government agencies. The contacts included training, evaluations, review of policies, consultations, or a combination of the services provided. It is estimated that through these contacts, between 700-1,000 people were directly reached.

Critical Incident Response to Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Incidents is an outstanding program because it takes a proactive approach toward an ever-growing problem and provides practical solutions to prevent, minimize, or end a critical incident. It also emphasizes a cooperative effort among all first responders and the community and furthers a positive relationship between law enforcement and the public at a time when it is most needed.

***Howard County Police Department Outreach to Howard County Public School System  
“Newcomer” Program  
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

PFC Randy Davis, Multicultural Liaison for the Howard County Police Department, developed intensive outreach for the Howard County Public School System’s “Newcomer Program.” This program was created when it became clear that many high school students with limited English-speaking ability had negative views of the police and feared deportation if they did have contact with them. PFC Davis worked in the “Newcomer Program” two days a week at River Hill High School to teach students about police and police procedures and to discuss a variety of topics such as safe driving, how to get a driver’s license, how to call 911, emergency services, immigration, gangs, drug use, and crime prevention. The program was implemented through the efforts of PFC Davis, ESOL Coordinator Lori Miller, the Howard County Public School System, and River Hill High School.

While the Howard County Police Department has School Resource Officers and has done outreach to limited-English speaking populations before, this program is different in that it is intensive and ongoing. Having contact with a police officer twice a week for nine months establishes greater trust than what would result from a monthly contact or brief conversations. This outreach allowed the students to learn that police are friends and not enemies, that police are there to help them, that the fear of deportation is not a limitation to obtaining services, and that they have the same right to services as other students in their schools. The crime prevention training they receive has helped them make better decisions about gangs and gang activity, as well as helped them avoid the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

An extended goal of the program was to parlay the trust and understanding among students and police to the students’ immediate and extended families. Because of their immigration status, many families do not trust the police and they are fearful of calling for assistance when needed. With the lack of trust between police and communities being a nationwide problem at present, this program fits perfectly into trust-building and outreach efforts.

***Howard County Police Department—Howard County State’s Attorney’s Office, Howard County Detention Center, Howard County Mental Health Authority Partnership for Mental Health***

***(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

The ongoing goals of the HCPD/HCSAO/HCDOC/HCMHA Partnership for Mental Health are: 1) to provide early identification of mental health issues in suspects charged with a crime; 2) to ensure mental health services are provided in the jail setting; and 3) to require mental health services as part of post-arrest and post-sentencing conditions.

Mental health concerns plague our nation and are a hot button for every public agency. The HCPD’s program is working exceptionally well by getting immediate treatment for those who have entered the criminal justice system and because of the coordination between agencies.

***Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division Northern Region Investigative Unit***  
***(nominated by Department of Maryland State Police)***

The Maryland State Police (MSP) Criminal Enforcement Division (CED) Northern Region Investigative Unit is comprised of twelve troopers who investigate incidents that range from violent persons' crimes to property crimes. Those troopers support five MSP barracks in the northeastern part of Maryland. The CED is being recognized for their outstanding efforts in closing felony cases for neighboring states and allied agencies here in Maryland. Some of those cases include bank robbery sprees, tri-state robbery sprees, and police impersonation apprehensions.

***Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team***

***(nominated by Department of Maryland State Police)***

The Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team is comprised of troopers who identify and apprehend individuals who bring contraband into the state to further criminal activity. The PACE Team is being recognized for their exceptional work resulting in criminal arrests, seizures of controlled dangerous substances, pharmaceutical pills, and U.S. currency.

***Permanent Drug Drop-Off Boxes***  
***(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

The Howard County Police Department has had many years of success with federally-sponsored drug drop-off events. In 2014, the Department began researching the possible implementation of permanent drug drop-off boxes, as seen in other jurisdictions. Due to rising prescription drug abuse and the inability of many to attend twice-yearly events, the Department wanted to provide year-round drop-off opportunities. This would also make it easier for the elderly, the group that receives a significant portion of the prescription medications in the County.

This program has sought to prevent expired or unwanted prescription drugs from falling into the hands of drug users through family or burglary and to reduce the numbers of prescription drugs being disposed of improperly. Permanent drop-off boxes were installed in three locations throughout the County. The boxes are collected each month, weighed, and sent for destruction. Between April 11 and July 10, 2015, a total of 207 pounds of drugs were collected. Since the program's initiation in April, there has been regular publicity to promote it.

By implementing the use of the permanent drop-off boxes, citizens are now able to dispose of unwanted medications at any time instead of waiting for a drug take-back day. Use of these boxes is much more convenient for County residents since not everyone is able to participate in specific one- or two-day events per year. Further, it removes unwanted drugs from residences sooner, which will hopefully translate into decreased abuse.

**CATEGORY E**

**GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION ACHIEVERS' AWARD**

**2015**

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*Officer Kristie Makowiecki*  
*Officer Barbara Sholter*
  
- **Montgomery County Police Department**  
*Corporal A.J. Anastasi*  
*Police Officer III Michael Gotard*  
*Police Officer III Aris Kasaskeris*

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