

ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

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GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM 2016

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 2014 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**

2016

This award was given to law enforcement agencies that met the 2016 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.)

Sixteen 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
Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office
Rockville City Police Department
Salisbury University Police Department
Towson University Police Department
University of Maryland Police Department,
College Park
Washington County Sheriff's Office
Westminster Police Department

CATEGORY B

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

2016

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.

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

***Correctional Officer First Class Kristie Ardire
St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division***

CFC Ardire is responsible for the investigative and procedural duties related to the supervision of a criminal defendant awaiting trial. The position determines whether the defendant poses a threat to themselves or others while awaiting trial, the likelihood to appear for appointed court dates, and makes final recommendation to the Judge for placement on the Pre-Trial Program.

CFC Ardire was responsible for enrolling 16 released inmates for vivitrol injections and substance abuse treatment towards combating the opioid epidemic. This program has resulted in 75% success rate to date. In November 2015 CFC Ardire transitioned to supervise and coordinate the new Pre-Trial Program designed to monitor inmates released to the community. The program identified 111 offenders out of 654 intakes eligible for monitoring through security levels I-IV. This insured public safety through prevention of further criminal activity and reduction in court failures to appear, thus reducing the need for additional police resources. The program's efforts also resulted in a cost savings for incarceration of over \$400,000 with evidence supporting increased future savings within this pilot program.

***Detective First Class Symchay Bendu and
Police Officer First Class David Vo
Howard County Police Department***

DFC Bendu is a member of the Department's Family Crimes and Sexual Assault Division. PFC Vo is a member of the Patrol Division. In August 2015, DFC Bendu reached out to the Community Services Division about the possibility of starting a Chess Club as an addition to the developing Police Athletic Program. His idea was approved and along with his chess partner, PFC Vo, they developed a Chess Club in the Oakland Mills area of Columbia in a neighborhood center called "The Barn".

When the Chess Club was initially established, it had about five or six boys coming each week to play with the officers. However, as word got out, it grew to include girls as well. The Chess Club introduced a year end chess tournament where chess sets are given away to winners.

Both officers developed the Chess Club on their own time and saw it as a way to reach more youth who may not want to engage in other sports but need interaction with the police. Both officers spend every Monday of their own time to play chess with children ages nine through twelve. Community leaders have commented that they have seen a great connection which has developed between the officer and the kids through playing chess.

***Private First Class Michael Beaumont
Westminster Police Department***

PFC Beaumont is assigned to the downtown corridor of Westminster. PFC Beaumont works with businesses, community leaders, and the public to provide a positive proactive police presence in the downtown area. PFC Beaumont has developed a strong rapport with downtown merchants and strives to address the concerns and issues of the downtown business community, often resolving issues before they arise to an enforcement level. Additionally, PFC Beaumont also works with the transient population in the downtown area and assists persons in crisis or need while balancing the concerns of the downtown merchants.

PFC Beaumont conducted 2,160 business checks, made 27 arrests and assisted other Westminster Police Department Officers numerous times with locating and arresting numerous suspects. The US Marshal's Service also noted that PFC Beaumont assisted them in the location and apprehension of several wanted subjects. Through PFC Beaumont's proactive efforts downtown, several merchants and various community leaders have noted an improved atmosphere downtown.

PFC Beaumont is also active with Westminster Police Department's Shop with a Cop program and the Special Olympics events in Carroll County. He was recognized with Westminster Police Department's Community Service Award for the Year of 2015.

***PFC Luke Buchanan
Howard County Police Department***

PFC Buchanan's efforts to prevent crime include being well known and highly visible throughout the community through his proactive activities. However, PFC Buchanan is not just making arrests. He is positively affecting the community through his actions and deeds.

While on a call for service, PFC Buchanan met a bed-ridden woman at her Columbia home. Since then, he has been checking in on her regularly, and bringing her groceries. PFC Buchanan began mentoring the woman's teen aged son, who had been running with the wrong crowd and getting into trouble. The son recently received a full football scholarship to Morgan State University.

PFC Buchanan's high work productivity and demonstrated compassion for the citizens of Howard County set the standard for community policing. He is a highly-motivated officer with great instincts who possesses an exceptionally strong work ethic and the ability to look beyond the initial call.

Corporal Michael Casamento
Anne Arundel County Police Department

Cpl. Casamento is an officer that strives to better himself and the community he serves. In September of 2015 he approached his shift commander and requested to attend a substance abuse prevention education program, D.A.R.E. His request came at time when the department could not physically staff a D.A.R.E. program with officers as it had in the past.

Cpl. Casamento completed the 80-hour course and in order to keep his certification he volunteered his time to teach the 10-week course at a local church; not only did he volunteer his time, he paid for the classroom supplies and prizes for graduation. He was then approached by a second church and in all Cpl. Casamento taught the program for 60 children over the 10-week period. He logged approximately 60 community service hours and imprinted a strong and lasting crime prevention and awareness message on all of his students.

To further note his effectiveness, prior to teaching the program he gave a pre-test designed by D.A.R.E. to test student knowledge of violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in their area. The average pre-test score for all students was 70%. After Mike's 10-week program, the class was retested and the mean score was 94%, with the majority of his students scoring 100%. These results clearly show that Mike educated his students in the D.A.R.E. message on crime prevention. What the scores don't show is the lasting impression Mike made on these kids as they move through life.

OFC Michael Figgins
Frederick Police Department

OFC Figgins handles and is the lead for the Police Activities League. He does everything from scheduling hours to preparing the site, and bringing in other agencies to assist. He is in charge of PAL during the school year as well as the summer, when he is also in charge of handling all aspects of all summer programs and camps.

During this time period, OFC Figgins seamlessly handled the 2015 Summer PAL events which included PAL, Teen Trek Camps and Sports Unlimited Camps in coordination with the YMCA. Although coordinating and scheduling proved to be challenging when including personnel vacations, OFC Figgins ensured there was coverage throughout the summer. OFC Figgins developed activities which kept children involved, they stayed engaged. and ultimately learned something new. The whole idea of the camps is not only to play, but also to develop a stronger sense of sportsmanship, how to handle new situations, develop people skills, and develop a stronger sense of responsibility and respect for others and themselves.

There was a culmination and resounding proof of OFC Figgins' dedication in early July 2015, when he was advised that the family members of one of the PAL children would be away from home for a week. The child, an 11year old boy, did not want to miss the PAL trips during the week his family would be out of town, and also showed hesitation being left alone in Lucas Village, an area known for its high Calls for Service volume and criminal element. OFC Figgins spoke with the child's parents to obtain permission to allow the child to stay with him for the week they would be gone. OFC Figgins opened up his house to a child in his program that would otherwise be in a bind. Everything went great and the child was incredibly thankful.

OFC Figgins has gone way beyond the standard to show how important the kids are to him. He sees his position as much more than just a police officer at the PAL center. His positive interaction with these kids is paramount to keeping them out of trouble, and being productive rather than possibly committing crimes.

DFC Keith Fisher
Howard County Police Department

DFC Fisher is assigned to Howard County Police Department's Vice and Narcotics Unit. His primary responsibility is drug investigations.

DFC Fisher has assisted the Maryland Crime Prevention Association and the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute, to name just two agencies, with numerous prevention and safety presentations dealing with various Controlled Dangerous Substances. His dedication to combating the drug problem plaguing the nation, including Maryland, resulted in his training 300 officers and crime prevention practitioners.

DFC Fisher's work is outstanding because he is not assigned to teach nor provide prevention training. He does this of his own volition and sometimes on his own time. He is dedicated to combating this drug plague not just through enforcement but by proactive, preventive methods also. He provides his students with the most up to date information available and is recognized as an expert.

PFC Bonita Linkins
Howard County Police Department

As the Multi-Cultural Liaison, PFC Linkins acknowledges the different cultures in Howard County that are sometimes not easily recognized. She has the ability not only to understand that people come from all walks of life, she has the keen ability to establish and build trusting relationships between community and law enforcement. She has met with the Burmese community regarding landlord/tenant issues and to advise them of their rights and provide resources for them.

PFC Linkins coordinated and formed a partnership with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Through that relationship, a greater understanding and education has occurred between the community and the police. Learning how their issues can be devastating events, PFC Linkins along with members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community and the Americans with Disabilities Act put together a training program, "Building the Bridge to Communications: Communicating with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing".

This training was provided to the recruits of Academy 40 of the Howard County Police Department and plans are to add the training to the entire Department through In-service training. PFC Linkins finds this partnership so important that she completed level one of American Sign Language through Howard Community College and will be applying for level two in the fall.

Deputy First Class Bradley Martz
Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office

Deputy First Class Brad Martz of the Queen Anne County Sheriff's Office currently serves on the department's K9 unit, assigned to the Field Operations Division. During this past year, DFC Martz has consistently exceeded expectations in all areas of enforcement and performance. He has played an intricate role in several incidents, including traffic related arrests, controlled dangerous substances arrests and currency seizures.

One of the many examples of DFC Martz's dedication to the job involved an incident during which DFC Martz, while off duty, responded to work to perform a vehicle scan. A patrol deputy responded to a call involving possible drug use. The patrol deputy observed paraphernalia items in plain view and requested a K-9. DFC Martz, without hesitation, responded and conducted a scan, resulting in the seizure of drug related evidence, paraphernalia and U.S. currency.

As a result of his efforts to keep his communities safe, DFC Martz has received various awards, including the DWI Enforcement Award, the CDS Enforcement Award, Outstanding Patrol Performance Award, and Legion of Honor Award.

Sergeant James Zammillo
Howard County Police Department

Upon his assignment to the Pathway Patrol Unit and during the nominating period, Sgt. Zammillo initiated several programs to engage the community in outreach efforts and provide crime prevention information. These include “Bike with a Cop”, to build relationships with those who are cyclists in the Howard County community, young and old and “Community Village Board Outreach” to educate village managers and residents on the functions of the Unit to allow them to respond proactively to their quality of life issues.

Sgt. Zammillo also started the following programs, “Bike Clinic”, “Bike Donation Program”, and the “Helmet Grant Donation Program”. The “Howard County Public School Outreach” allows the Pathway Patrol Unit to successfully socialize with elementary school students and the “Office of Aging/Cycle 2 Health” is a program where the officers of the Unit provide safety on “Pathways” at Senior Citizens Centers. The “Faith-Based Outreach” affords the Unit time to spend at local church functions to engage congregations with the continuation of building of bridges.

Sgt/ Zammillo gets the “big picture” of what the Howard County Police Department is trying to accomplish. He understands that the Department is all about customer service. He has an exemplary attitude on a daily basis. Also, his communication skills with citizens are impressive.

CATEGORY C

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

2016

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.

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

Ms. Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)

The highly-ranked Maryland Terrapins men's and women's basketball teams aren't the only basketball teams that are making a big impact. The College Park Dream Team is now in its fourth year, pairing area youth with law enforcement officers from three local departments for a series of basketball games. Their purpose is to foster positive relationships and encourage dialogue between police officers and young people in the community.

The College Park Dream Team is the result of Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell, Director of Community Engagement at the University of Maryland, trying to foster that connection. She recognized that community engagement involving law enforcement officers could be a powerful tool for positive change. She met with Chief David Mitchell of the University of Maryland Police and together they came up with the idea of the Dream Team.

Held quarterly on Friday nights at the College Park Community Center, the games have drawn about 20-30 police officers and between 15-20 youth and teens each time. The officers are from the University of Maryland Police, Prince George's County Police, and the Maryland National Capital Park Police. In addition to the actual games, the events include other activities such as guest speakers. As the Dream Team has grown, it's brought more people together, providing opportunities for police officers to engage with, team up, and interact with community members.

Frederick Police Activities League

(nominated by Frederick Police Department)

The Frederick Police Activities League (PAL Board) provides funding and programming for at risk youth to participate in numerous camps and programs that occur in the summer, during the school year, and over the holidays. Members of the PAL Board are unpaid volunteers who take their own personal time to better the life options for the children in Frederick. They not only help provide monetary support, but in many cases, they interact with the children both one on one or in a group atmosphere. The PAL Board is constantly looking for new ways to help and further their relationship with the police and the public. They are never just satisfied with what they are currently providing, they always search for what might be even better.

Some examples of programs that the Police Activities League provides are summer programs including Teen Trek Camp for ages 12 thru 16, Sports Unlimited Camp for ages 8 thru 12, and 4H Camp, a five-day overnight camp where children participate in hiking, arts and crafts, swimming, cooking, agricultural education, and more. During the year, they help with National Night Out, PAL Santa Day, and Shop with a Cop. They also offer scholarship programs for older kids and that allow those kids to be involved in school sports. The student and PAL sign an agreement, and then PAL covers the expenses for the family. The child is required to keep certain grades and maintain certain attendance. During school, PAL helps fund programs at the PAL Center for tutors for subjects like math and science, and homework assistance.

These camps/programs allow kids the opportunity to participate in various activities and build positive relationships with law enforcement officers. They are also able to learn and build respect with adults and other children, and are kept occupied and not tempted to engage in criminal activity.

Lakeforest Mall

(nominated by Gaithersburg Police Department)

In 2014, the Gaithersburg Police Department partnered with Lakeforest Mall to host “Shop with a Cop.” For the past three years, the generous staff representing Lakeforest management has graciously donated gift cards so that underprivileged youth in the community could purchase holiday gifts for themselves and their family members.

Officers representing both the Gaithersburg and Montgomery County Police Departments are each paired with a child for a holiday shopping excursion at the mall. After shopping, the youth and police officers meet at a restaurant to enjoy a meal together, also provided by Lakeforest Mall.

The program presents a wonderful opportunity for some of the community’s most vulnerable youth to interact with law enforcement personnel in a way that encourages trust and understanding.

***Police Explorer Captain Makayla Linger
(nominated by Gaithersburg Police Department)***

In 2015, Montgomery County Police Explorer Captain Makayla Linger worked with Acting Sergeant Matthew Jenkins of the London Metropolitan Police to coordinate logistics for an Explorers' Exchange Program. Cadets from London came to the United States during National Police Week of May 2015, where they paid tribute to fallen officers and learned about the ways police officers work with communities in the United States.

During their visit, the Cadets assisted with Police Week activities, went sightseeing throughout Washington, D.C., and met with various officers and community leaders. In 2016, Explorers and advisors from the Montgomery County Police Explorers Post 1986 travelled to London, where they participated in activities for the Queen's birthday, went sight-seeing, and met with various officers as well.

The Exchange Program created many lasting relationships, not only for the advisors but for the Cadets and Explorers, who continue to exchange messages via social media outlets.

***Mr. Joseph Mack, Mr. Dave Richardson,
Mr. Matthew Stargel, and Mr. Derrick Travers
(Members, Security Operations Center)
(nominated by University of Maryland Police Department, College Park)***

In March 2016, there was a drastic spike in the seemingly normal amount of bicycle thefts that occur at the University of Maryland. With the multitude of thefts taking place, the department began to take a strategic approach across the board to counter an increase in bicycle thefts.

Members of the Security Operations Center were instrumental in reviewing video footage to identify persons of interest and link cases together. Once the video was submitted to detectives, they were able to develop a person of interest and a bulletin was released to the department for everyone to reference.

On May 1, 2016, there was a breakthrough on the case. After spotting two individual in the area of a bike rack that resembled the lookout released during the investigation, security monitors began to track them and the information was forwarded to the dispatchers. The dispatchers sent officers to the scene and the security monitors were able to lead the officers to the location of the individuals as they attempted to ride away from the scene. The two individuals were arrested and taken back to the station and one of them was positively identified as the individual that was captured on the video reviews that had been submitted during April 2016.

This truly showcases the dedication and teamwork of the members of the Security Operations Center. They put in countless hours, and sacrificed personal time to insure everything was being done to catch the person of interest and put an end to these thefts.

Mr. Larry Myers
(nominated by Westminster Police Department)

Larry Myers is a member of the Westminster Police Department's volunteer S.C.O.R.E. (Stopping Crime on Residential Environments) Unit. Mr. Myers logged over 166 hours of volunteer service with the department in 2015. This time was spent setting up and assisting with manning Community Education/Crime Prevention booths at various community festivals/events.

Mr. Myers also assisted with various community block activities/gatherings, assisting with Child Safety Checks, Shop with a Cop activities, Carroll County Special Olympics Torch Run, Camp Cops, National Night Out, and he has played McGruff the Crime Dog at various functions. In addition, Mr. Myers has also assisted with distribution of crime prevention literature and teaching citizens of Carroll County various aspects of crime prevention and public safety.

Through his activities, Mr. Myers has made the citizens of Carroll County better informed on how to prevent crime and drug abuse. He presents a positive, professional demeanor, takes great pride in his work, and has provided the citizens of Westminster and Carroll County numerous hours of his own time to improve their quality of life.

Mr. Ed Sheridan
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)

Mr. Sheridan, from Bethany Lane Baptist Church, along with members from other churches and congregations, came together with the Howard County Police Department to initiate the department's first Faith Based community group.

The Community Outreach Division's Multicultural Liaison provided Faith Based groups with several training opportunities that would assist in crime prevention measures. Some of these events included scheduled visits to the Child Advocacy Center where the attendants were taught how to recognize indicators of physical and sexual child abuse, who is mandated to report, and how to make that report. Another training offered was, "Community Relations Service: City Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (City SPIRIT)" through the Public Safety Training and Education Center.

Mr. Sheridan, on his own time, took part in all of the activities to learn how to better safeguard his church and his community. Mr. Sheridan, through what he learned, was able to recognize the suspicious behavior of someone who had just begun attending his

church. He called his police liaison to gain information and support on how to keep everyone safe.

***Mr. Robert “RC” Smith
(nominated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation)***

Mr. Smith has contributed in two separate roles: He has been a conduit of information sharing with Law Enforcement through his position of physical security manager of a major defense contractor. He is also a facilitator of training and education for Law Enforcement through his leadership in a Law Enforcement training program.

Mr. Smith has shared a number of emerging and unknown cyber threats with state and federal investigators. On numerous occasions, he has contacted the FBI about new malware versions targeting specific critical infrastructure. This has resulted in the FBI Baltimore Office and other agencies being able to advise potential victim companies and individuals on ways to detect and prevent a cyber-attack.

Mr. Smith takes the time to research viable, credible and actionable cyber information and forward it to Law Enforcement who don't have the time, expertise or training to accomplish the research. He is providing a valuable tool to assist law enforcement combat cyber-attacks.

***Youth and Teen Center (YTC) @ The Barn in Oakland Mills
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

The Youth and Teen Center has been a consistent partner with the Howard County Police Department to help strengthen and expand positive relationships between the youths and adults in the County. The Boys 2 Men Mentoring Program is just one of the programs they have encouraged the Howard County Police Department to be a part of to broaden the opportunity for bridging gaps and building trust.

The Boys 2 Men mentoring program inspires success and positive changes for all male youths. This free program focuses on providing life-changing skills and educational tools necessary to live successful and productive lives. Activities include discussions on special topics, guest speakers, educational and recreational outings. Officers have played basketball, been guest speakers, taught attendees how to play chess, participated in food drives, and have begun mentoring programs with groups that they are affiliated with outside of the Howard County Police Department.

The Boys 2 Men mentoring program aids in building trust between law enforcement and the community, specifically the young people that are our future and who are affected greatly. The program recognizes that it is competing with social and other media sources to change the narrative. These one-on-one direct contacts are vital to our success as an agency, community and as a nation.

CATEGORY D

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

2016

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:

***Bel Air Police Department Community Policing Program
(nominated by Bel Air Police Department)***

All of the youth oriented programs sponsored by the Bel Air Police Department fall under the guidance of the School Resource Program which is overseen by Officer First Class Richard Krause. Programs include the Bel Air Police Department Explorer Post 9010 and the Youth Camp.

Explorer Post 9010 is a volunteer organization through which young people ages 14 to 21 are trained in many aspects of law enforcement. This program promotes responsibility and instills in the Explorers high morals, the importance of an acceptable grade point average, good judgement, and the value of being an active member in the community. The Explorers provide an invaluable service to the community, ranging from details such as traffic direction for special events to preparation and cleanup for those same events.

The program could not be a success without the involvement of the advisors who volunteer so much of their time and effort. Post 9010 Advisors, including Officer Krause, Ms. Tami Leighty, Mrs. Gina Krause, and Ms. Michelle Gerace, assist in coordinating meetings, details, fundraising activities, and community meetings to ensure that the Explorers not only gain meaningful skills but experience as well.

The Youth Camp has three separate sessions during the summer months and requires assistance from active Explorers and volunteers to accomplish its character building goals. The program is a highly-regarded community asset that limits delinquency and victimization opportunities for children of working families.

Without question, the SRO Program has positively impacted the youth, young adults, and communities in Bel Air and surrounding jurisdictions in Harford County.

Bike with a Cop
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)

Through collaboration with community and business leaders in Howard County, the Columbia Association, Princeton Sports, Giant Food, and Whole Foods, Bike with a Cop was established as a program that is provided by the Pathway Patrol Unit as a relationship builder. It was begun in October 2015.

This reoccurring program promotes positive interactions between the community and law enforcement. It allows the Pathway Patrol Unit to engage with cyclists, many of whom are children, and build relationships with them as they cycle together. It provides another opportunity for the community to have a conversation with the police.

Cycling is very popular in Howard County. Many residents that are unable to afford cars are found to bike to work and school. Through an evaluation, it was learned that the cyclists enjoyed cycling with the officers but especially benefited from the one on one time they got to converse with them.

Camp C.O.P.S. (Courage to Be Outstanding with Pride and Confidence)
(nominated by Westminster Police Department)

Camp C.O.P.S. is an annual event that has been held for the last 18 years by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Westminster City Police Department, Taneytown Police Department, and the Maryland State Police. In the last two years, the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office has been added. The event is held Monday to Friday from 8-4 at the Carroll County Farm Museum, and is open to all children from age 10-14, who are chosen by the first 100 applications received.

Camp C.O.P.S. is designed to bring a better understanding of law enforcement to the youth of Carroll County, while working in the atmosphere of a police academy. It is a structured military style camp in which students will be pushed physically and challenged mentally. This program will teach them to work as a team, to respect each other, and to be the best they can be. It will prepare them to face challenges in the future and to never give up on their dreams.

The program is coordinated with other agencies, service organizations, and community groups, including Koons Toyota of Westminster, Westminster Elks Lodge 2277, Carroll County Farm Museum, NFL Defensive Tackle Haloti Ngata, the Haloti Ngata Foundation, Wal-Mart of Eldersburg, and the Maryland National Guard.

Camp C.O.P.S. is an outstanding program because it brings community youth together with law enforcement in a positive learning environment. Emphasizing self-confidence through challenging, law enforcement based events, those who attend the program are given opportunities to avoid becoming involved in criminal activity. By building these positive relationships early, the program looks to deter youth from becoming involved in

criminal activity later in life. Campers and their parents have evaluated the program by means of a written survey, which has revealed positive results.

***Caught Being Good
(nominated by Frederick Police Department)***

The “Caught Being Good” program is designed to create open dialogue between citizens and police. It allows officers to contact area youth in a positive way without having a law enforcement purpose, and to show gratitude for public assistance and voluntary compliance of the laws such as crosswalks, bikes on the sidewalk, skateboarding, littering, and loitering. The program also enables law enforcement to develop communication with local kids and reinforce the ideas of good behavior and “doing the right thing.”

The program was coordinated with a number of other agencies, service organizations, community groups, etc. including 7-Eleven, Flippin Pizza, PAL Program, Frederick City Alderman, Chief of Police, and the Frederick Police Department Outreach Team. Contact was made with businesses and coupons were received for the officers to use to handout during their daily duties and when good behavior was observed.

The program started with a launch party at Flippin Pizza. The media and city officials were present to introduce the program and describe the intent behind the program. PAL kids were brought in for free pizza and communication with the officers. A few months later the FNP ran an article in the news evaluating the program. The program received high praise from the community, and officers have received letters and comments on the police Facebook site stating how they appreciated getting a coupon for the good behavior.

The program is outstanding because it creates a way for officers to reinforce good behavior. The kids get a special treat and acknowledgement for doing good. The program shows that officers are not always “all business”, they do have a human side, and people can approach an officer and have a conversation.

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***Community Action Team
(nominated by the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office)***

Deputy First Class Tyler Bennett is a dedicated member of the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the Community Action Team (CAT). Combatting the illegal drug epidemic and seeking and locating criminals involved in major crimes are two of the main missions of the CAT unit. From July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016, DFC Bennett has worked extensively to combat criminal and illegal drug activity. During this time frame, DFC Bennett has conducted an astounding 773 traffic stops, 134 reports and 93 criminal arrests.

DFC Bennett and the CAT unit have conducted various investigations involving the use and sale of illegal narcotics in our community, resulting in the arrests and successful prosecutions of offenders in our judiciary system. DFC Bennett and the CAT unit have developed probable cause and executed search and seizure warrants which have resulted in the recovery of heroin, crack cocaine, cocaine, money, controlled dangerous substance manufacturing equipment and other paraphernalia.

DFC Bennett and the CAT unit are pioneers for law enforcement officers combating illegal narcotics sales and use in Wicomico County. Their efforts are one facet of providing assurances to our communities that Law Enforcement is effective and disrupting the illicit behavior of criminals in our jurisdiction.

***Cops and Kids Pathway to Reading Program
(nominated by Howard County Police Department)***

The Pathway Patrol Unit of the Howard County Police Department established communication with educational leaders at elementary schools, focusing on the schools with the children that normally would not have positive views of the police or a positive relationship with them. Officers began a program coined “Cops and Kids Pathway to Reading Program” where officers visit classes and read books to children in various grade levels. The program is conducted weekly with officers splitting their time between the classroom and attending lunch sessions.

The schools have been very receptive to this program. The Pathway Patrol Unit visits each school once or twice a week. The officers socialize with the children during lunch, play with them at recess, read to them in their classes, and conduct presentations. The children enjoy it and learn at the same time.

Through the Cops and Kids Pathway Reading Program, the Unit has built a lot of relationships that may never have been built without it. The officers have enjoyed building the relationships as much as the staff and the community.

***Crisfield Citizens on Patrol Program
(nominated by Crisfield Police Department)***

The Crisfield Citizens on Patrol Program was organized to reduce crime and the fear of crime and to solicit community engagement in crime reduction. An organized meeting was held to help solicit participation in the program, and to date 70 citizens have signed up for it. The Crisfield Citizens on Patrol Program allows the citizens to help patrol the City of Crisfield for problems as they drive through the City. Basically, the program operates by having citizens observe activity and call the police if they perceive a problem.

Crisfield citizens receive a bumper sticker which is affixed to their vehicle. When they drive around Crisfield they become the eyes and ears of the town and report incidents via their cell phones to the Crisfield Police Department.

The program was coordinated through community involvement, the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, the business community, and the Crisfield Police Department. The statistics speak for themselves: The City of Crisfield is currently enjoying the lowest crime rate in the City's history.

***Maryland State Police and Cecil County Sheriff's Office
Robbery Task Force
(nominated by Maryland State Police)***

Between February and May 2016 Cecil County and surrounding communities were experiencing a rash of robberies of convenience stores and other service businesses. Simultaneously, communities bordering the Maryland/Pennsylvania line were inundated with residential daytime burglaries. The independent criminal investigative units from these two agencies joined forces and created an ad hoc task force, which diligently worked to identify, safely apprehend, and dismantle four separate robbery and burglary crews. Since the arrest of the criminal enterprises, the number of robberies and burglaries has greatly diminished.

Not only do these Maryland State Police and Cecil County Sheriff's Office Investigators assist Field Operations Bureau Troopers and Patrol Deputies, as a result of their reputation for excellence and expertise, they are often called upon by federal, out-of-state, and local allied agencies for assistance. Their collective persistence and prowess ended three violent commercial robbery sprees, solved more than 50 residential burglaries, and dozens of incidents of thefts from automobiles. They also captured three suspects who committed a violent home invasion. The Investigators from the two agencies wrote more than 20 search warrants, applied for counterintelligence of cellular telephones and other electronic avenues, conducted dozens of in-depth interviews, executed numerous operations/surveillance details, and requested the placement of license plate readers and pole cameras in various communities. Their efforts paid off with nine arrests in direct connection to the robberies.

It is evident based upon not only the quality of work but more importantly the teamwork and quality of their efforts that the Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division and Cecil County Sheriff's Office are worthy of recognition for their achievement.

***Prescription Drop Box
(nominated by Gaithersburg Police Department)***

The Gaithersburg Police Department partnered with the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) to obtain a prescription drug drop box that allows residents to safely and anonymously dispose of prescription medications. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue than lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.

The drop box is located in the Gaithersburg Police Station lobby and is accessible year-round. A social media campaign that includes an informational You Tube video promotes this service. The drop box is managed by the Evidence Custodian and the Community Services Officer. Drugs that are turned in are bagged and placed into evidence pending destruction. The collected pharmaceuticals are then transported for incineration.

Since the implementation of this program, the amount of drugs turned in has continued to increase. This program takes the pressure off of the citizens as to what to do with expired/unwanted medication and it helps prevent possible accidental poisoning and/or overdose.

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

The Walk/Smart College Park initiative is a proactive safety awareness program to educate students, faculty, and staff about pedestrian safety. The University of Maryland, the Maryland State Highway Administration, the University of Maryland Police, the City of College Park, and other community partners joined together on this pedestrian safety campaign. This effort is an ongoing educational campaign to improve safety and the quality of life for those living, working, and learning in College Park. The initiative included infrastructure improvements like automatic crossing signals, refreshing all crosswalk pavements, and reduced wait times for crossing signals. It also included a robust public education and awareness campaign.

State Highway Administration (SHA) representative Lora Rokawski and her team designed posters, handouts, and other outreach materials for the College Park Campus and surrounding community. On site, mobile street teams distributed safety information, giveaways, and mints to students and those traveling along U.S 1. SHA joined the University of Maryland Police in a meeting with the restaurant community along U.S 1 to garner their partnership in the campaign. The University of Maryland Police distributed posters and information to taverns, restaurants, and businesses along U.S. 1. SHA and the University of Maryland Police plan to distribute materials at the orientation for incoming freshmen.

Teamwork has been essential to the success of this campaign. The ability to leverage resources for both the student population and the residential community has been a very powerful tool. The University of Maryland appreciates all the hard work from Lora and her team, and the support for the education and awareness component of this great partnership.

***Youth Resource Guide and Youth Resource Fair
(nominated by Frederick Police Department)***

Officers, through their daily interactions with parents and guardians of youth in the Frederick community, found that many parents did not know where to go to access information on programs and services. Through these interactions, the department decided to create the Youth Resource Guide as well as hold a Youth Resource Fair in spring.

The Youth Resource Guide, created in 2014, provides parents and youth with information on programs and services for youth ages 5-21 in Frederick County. Programs and services to be featured include: afterschool programs, child and family services, dropout prevention, educational programs, hotlines and crisis services, job assistance, mental health, mentoring programs, substance abuse treatment, volunteer opportunities, etc.

The Youth Resource Fair, held in late spring, also provides parents and youth with information on programs and services for youth ages 5-21 in Frederick County. Many of the 40+ programs on hand are featured in the Youth Resource Guide. The Youth Resource Fair draws over 40 organizations and several hundred attendees. This allows parents and caregivers the opportunity to talk with all the providers in one location and ask questions.

This program is considered outstanding because the department saw a need after talking with parents and then acting on this need. Creating a Youth Resource Guide and holding a Youth Resource Fair is not a traditional police function, but the program has been found to make a huge impact in the Frederick community.

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GOVERNOR'S CRIME PREVENTION ACHIEVERS' AWARD

2016

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.

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

- **Anne Arundel County Police Department**
Sergeant Michael Krok

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

- **Baltimore County Police Department**
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