

Calvert County Sheriff's Office

Quarterly Report

1st Quarter



Message from the Sheriff



As spring approaches, I wanted to take a few moments to let everyone know the state of the *Calvert County Sheriff's Office* during my first quarter as Sheriff. As your Sheriff, one of the things I strive to do is to keep the public informed. Instead of a traditional Annual Report, we have decided on a quarterly report. I was sworn in as the Sheriff on December 20th, 2022 in a ceremony held at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Solomons. My first week as Sheriff was a tough one that was filled with tasks related to taking care of Deputy Flynt who was shot in the line of duty. While I do not wish that on anyone, I will say I think we all witnessed just how much Calvert County cares for the men and women working in this office. The community support has been nothing short of amazing. Deputy Flynt is currently recovering and getting stronger each day.

Lt. Col. Dave Payne and I have jumped right in and started to implement our strategic goals and visions for the office. While we know much needed culture change is going to take time, we felt it was important to make some of the necessary changes. We look forward to continuing this process and working towards better service for our citizens.

We have some amazing civilians that help run the Sheriff's Office. We met with each of them individually to gain a better idea of civilian office operation. I also was able to identify some

inefficiencies and areas we needed some adjustments. We have reorganized and restructured many areas of the office. This is still a work in progress as we continue to identify tasks and processes more efficiently to serve the citizens of Calvert County.

In addition to the reorganization of the office we have accomplished a lot in a short time. Some of the things we have done:

- Started the process of bringing back the NIXLE alerting system
- Tasked staff with exploring the feasibility of online reporting for certain minor crimes
- Started the process of becoming a partner with the Army Pays Program to recruit veterans
- Met several times with the Police Accountability Board
- Started the process of placing the License Plate Readers on the Solomons Bridge
- Finished the FY24 Budget for presentation to the County Commissioners
- Started the Deputy Neighborhood Liaison Program, assigning deputies directly to neighborhoods
- Implemented the service dog program with Dougall, and had him visit several locations
- Met several times with the FOP in an effort to include them in the processes
- Had strategic sessions with members of the School Board Administration to discuss issues
- Developed and implemented a plan to have deputies conduct patrol checks of all Schools
- Recognized several outstanding new Eagle Scouts
- Updated K-9 dispositions to better track K-9 use
- Instituted weekly Captains Strategic Meetings
- Attended Maryland Sheriff's Association meetings
- Contracted an outside civilian attorney to ensure we stay within our legal bounds on several issues
- Attended and participated in Corrections and Police graduations
- Attended BOCC meetings and Department Head meetings
- Met with judges to develop an up to date plan dealing with Emergency Petitions
- Explored the digitizing of all old files and reports currently housed in boxes
- Attended the Police Academy Board of Directors meetings to develop training strategies
- Started a dedicated Training Program at the Sheriff's Office
- Attended the Fire Chief Counsel meetings to better develop partnerships
- Participated in several meetings with community mental health professionals
- Made budget adjustments to ensure training needs were able to be taken care of
- Participated in CAASA Board of Director meetings
- Assisted Calvert High with judging of community projects
- Hosted several visits from the community
- Started the exploration of new scheduling software for the office
- Completed the performance evaluations of all employees
- Restructured the Leased Vehicle Program
- Met with North Beach and Chesapeake Beach Mayors to discuss new strategies moving forward
- Sponsored and had several people attend the Stop the Bleed Training
- Met with an Independent Investigator to develop processes for improving background investigations
- Strategized with Parks and Rec to develop a plan of enforcement for the year
- Met with Procurement to bring policies back in line with county practices
- Received Goals and Objects for the year from each Bureau Commander
- Met with MSP leadership to bolster the relationship and develop plans for working together
- Started the process of gaining CALEA Accreditation

- Worked with Public Safety to consolidate HAZMAT operations in the county
- Attended the New Sheriff training in Ocean City
- Awarded the outstanding work of the men and women of the agency in an Awards Ceremony
- Met with county officials to begin the long process of obtaining a new building for the Sheriff's Office
- Continually researching, updating, and implementing new policies
- Worked directly with Human Resources on several issues to include the implementation of Work Day
- Conducted a debriefing of EMS and County officials of deputy shot in the line of duty
- Acquired new tourniquets for every deputy

I think we are off to a good start, but still have lots of work to do. I will continue to make efforts and strides to make our schools and our children as safe as possible. We will continue our work to proactively police our county to ensure the best quality of life for ALL citizens. I openly acknowledge that we will make mistakes, but we will be accountable for them, and just as importantly we will learn from them. Thank you for having the confidence in me as your Sheriff. We will continue to represent and serve you the best I can. – **Sheriff Cox**

Corrections Bureau

The Corrections Bureau would like to congratulate Correctional Deputy **Nicholas Morlock** as the Corrections Bureau Deputy of the First Quarter of 2023.

STAFF

- Correctional Deputy of the Quarter Runner-up for this quarter is CDFC Bradley Revoir.
- Paige Ruggles has been approved for the position of Administrative Aid effective April 3, 2023
- New Corrections Deputies: Darius Thomas, Sara Schieber were hired this quarter
- One Maintenance Mechanic, Thomas Braswell, was hired in January
- One Peer Support Specialist was assigned to the Bureau from Behavioral Services
- One new deputy resigned while attending the Academy
- One Corrections Deputy, Charles Brown, was transferred to the Sheriff's Office
- Academy Participants: Zickefoose, Baker, and Montgomery. Graduation: May 5, 2023
- 18 Deputies had perfect attendance the first quarter of 2023 (24% of staff)
- Transfers: SCD East to Team 4, CDFC John Windsor to Transport Team

EQUIPMENT / FACILITY

- Replacement of Security Door Controls are ongoing
- New Livescan Machine to be installed Mid-April 2023

OPERATIONAL



Major Reece and CD Morlock

- Three Use of Force events this quarter
- 37 inmates processed into the facility this quarter with a history of suicidal ideations
- 8 inmates transferred to the prison system (MD DOC) this quarter
- 92 Inmate Disciplinary Hearings conducted this quarter
- 200 fingerprints completed by the new CSU Livescan operation
- 414 prisoners processed in / 422 processed out this quarter
- 2 on-duty injuries were reported by staff this quarter

PROGRAMS / REHABILITATION

- Three inmates actively enrolled in the GED Program this quarter
- 16 inmates have participated in Medically Assisted Treatment
- All AA, NA and ministry programs have returned to in-person
- The Intense Outpatient Program (IOP) has graduated 7 inmates this quarter
- 41 participants through the Home Detention Program this quarter
- 15 inmates currently monitored on Pre-Trial Release

Patrol Bureau

The Patrol Bureau is comprised of four Patrol Squads, the Twin Beach Detachment, Support Services Unit, Fleet Services, Automated Enforcement Program, the K-9 program and Civilian Staff.

The Bureau is commanded by Captain Roscoe Jones and Lieutenant Nathan Funchion with the assistance of Patrol Shift Commanders F/SGT. Basham, F/SGT. Naecker, F/SGT. Morder, F/SGT. Phelps, Support Services Commander F/SGT. Dean and Lieutenant Hollinger of the Twin Beach Detachment.

The Patrol Bureau remains committed to crime prevention, enforcement of criminal and traffic laws, reducing traffic accidents through education and enforcement as well as continuing to attack the opioid problem that continues to be an issue nationwide. The Patrol Bureau has renewed its Community Policing efforts by refocusing our personnel throughout the many neighborhoods in the county as well as an increased presence in and around each school in Calvert County.

During the 1st quarter of 2023, the Patrol Bureau implemented a Neighborhood Deputy Program. This program assigns a Deputy to each enrolled neighborhood as a direct point of contact between the Neighborhood Watch and the Sheriff's Office. The assigned Deputy maintains an open line of communication to address any quality of life issue that may arise within the neighborhood. There are currently nine deputies assigned to nine different neighborhoods and we expect to increase this number through additional neighborhood partnerships.

The below statistics offer a brief overview of the number of calls for service handled, traffic citations and warnings issued, DWI arrests and traffic accidents handled.

Calls for Service – 21,130

Traffic Warnings – 3,471

Traffic Accidents - 431

Traffic Citations - 835

DWI Arrests - 50

Congratulations to Squad 1's **Deputy Antonio Tavares** for being named Deputy of the First Quarter for 2023.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

Message from CIB:

Det. Wyatt McDowell was named the Detective of the Quarter and received a Sheriff's Salute for his hard work. He was able to thoroughly investigate several burglaries to garages. Dirt bikes were being specifically targeted and stolen. Using several investigative methods and technology, Det. McDowell was able to identify, locate, and charge the individuals responsible. Several jurisdictions were involved, and numerous search warrants were executed in Baltimore City as a result of Det. McDowell's investigative efforts. Det. McDowell also solved several multijurisdictional nighttime burglaries that were occurring at MD and VA restaurants.



Sheriff Cox and Deputy Tavares

Sheriff Cox and Det. McDowell



Criminal Investigations

Investigations-96
Open cases-22
Suspended-6

CIB Warrants

Criminal Warrants – 167
Criminal Warrants FOA – 64
Criminal Summons – 253
Criminal Summons FOA – 14
Non-Support – 110
Non-Support FOA – 3
Criminal Non-Support – 3
Juvenile Writ – 1
Civil Warrants - 2
Fugitive Warrants – 7
Child Support Summons - 2

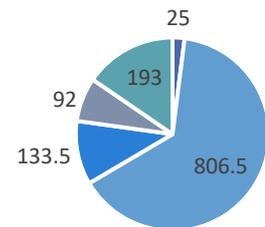
Drug Enforcement Unit

Cases Initiated - 26
CI Buys - 19
Attempted Buys – 6
K9 Sniffs – 9
Search Warrants – 13
Phone Warrants – 8
Assist Other – 41
Arrests – 15
U.S. Currency Seized - \$7,542.12
Vehicles Seized – 2
Firearms Seized - 11

School Resource Officers

Student Arrests- 53

Drugs Seized



- Cocaine
- Marijuana
- Crack Cocaine
- PCP
- Prescription Pills

Totals

Cocaine - 25 grams
Marijuana - 806.5 grams
Crack Cocaine - 133.5 grams
PCP - 92 grams
Prescription Pills - 193 pills

Special Operations Bureau

During the first quarter of 2023, The Special Operations Bureau executed five residential search warrants and one arrest warrant on behalf of the Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB). In the first three months of 2023, several training opportunities were completed for deputies and well as Calvert citizens. SOT members assisted with multiple training courses



for the recruits at

the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy. Various members of SOT completed a TacMed Instructor Course, Use of Force Instructor Course, and UAV Pilot Certification. SOT personnel conducted Violent Critical Incident Response Training for a private business as well as two churches. The explosives detection K-9 and his handler assigned to SOT completed dozens of explosive scans at the courthouses and assisted the ATF on four of their regional operations. SOT certified over 30 retirees under the HR-218 firearms program. In collaboration with the Patrol Bureau, SOT assisted with the service of 17 Court Ordered Emergency Petitions.



Bureau of Administrative and Judicial Services

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Process Services: -----	1,032
Calls for service responded to: -----	656
Attempt to locates: -----	368
Evictions: -----	22
Processed Applicants: -----	10
Polygraphed Applicant -----	10
Manual/policy Revisions: -----	7
Assigned Backgrounds: -----	5
Hired Applicants: -----	4
High School CJ Classes Taught -----	4
Applied for Recruiting & Retention Grant: -----	1

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

During the first quarter of 2023, the Office of Professional Standards received the following for investigation and/or data entry into the IAPRO database:

- Public Service Reports – 10
- Internal Complaints – 0
- Departmental Crashes - 8
- Vehicle Pursuits – 1
- Use of Force – 14
- Show of Force - 14

Received Public Service Reports were investigated and/or are currently under investigation, two of which have been forwarded to the Administrative Charging Committee for review.

During the quarter, OPS staff attended several Police Accountability and Administrative Charging Committee meetings. Topics for discussion included, investigative case findings, police accountability law interpretations, suggested agency policy additions/revisions, CALEA, and exploring the idea of an MOU between the Sheriff's Office and Police Accountability Board.

TWIN BEACHES PATROL

The Twin Beach Patrol is commanded by Lt. Joe Hollinger with the assistance of Sgt. Gary Shrawder and 9 beach deputies. Beach Deputies responded to 162 calls for service and 880 self-initiated calls in North Beach and 500 calls for service and 2500 self-initiated calls (traffic stops, patrol checks, follow-ups, etc.) in Chesapeake Beach.

- The Twin Beach Patrol implemented the Beach Elementary School temporary traffic control plan each day AM and PM until the new school is complete
- Completed monthly town reports for Chesapeake and North Beach to present at monthly town meetings
- Foot patrol checks directed at problematic areas as the need arises
- Community outreach at the Boys and Girls Club on weeknights
- Increased neighborhood patrol checks at night due to stolen autos

LOOKING AHEAD &
MOVING FORWARD



The Calvert County Sheriff's Office mission is to build relationships through community policing that will lead to reduced crime and increased safety.