



Calvert County Sheriff's Office

Quarterly Report- 3rd

October 15, 2023

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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone took some time to enjoy some safe summer fun with friends and family. The third quarter has disappeared in the blink of an eye, and fall is now upon us. The third quarter for the Sheriff's Office was filled with continued changes and upgrades to the way we conduct business. I hope you take a moment to read and reflect with us in this quarterly report.

The strategic goals, objectives, and visions for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center are in full swing. I have tasked the commanders with carrying out many of these objectives. While growing pains are to be expected, they are doing an amazing job to this point. I see the culture changes, in and out of the office, occurring daily. They will continue to move our department in a positive direction while providing exceptional service to our citizens.

As we move forward into the fourth quarter, we are proactively preparing for change in our command staff as Captain Ronnie Naughton and Lieutenant Teebo

Buckmaster are set to retire in the coming weeks. I would like to offer my congratulations to them for many years of dedicated service. There will be some big shoes to fill for the new commanders who assume their vacated positions. I am confident we will continue to serve the citizens of Calvert County in the most professional manner possible.

While we're all looking forward to a safe and meaningful holiday season, please take a moment to reflect on some of our Sheriff's Office accomplishments over the past quarter.



SHERIFF RICKY COX

Attended Board of County Commissioner and Directors Meetings

Conducted two Zero Tolerance Traffic Initiatives

Everbridge (formally NIXLE) was fully integrated for mass text alerting

Deputies conducted tours of every school in the county

Violent Critical Incident / Active Threat Training for sworn deputies



Attended Drug Court Graduations

Attended the United States Coast Guard Change of Command Ceremony

Restructured several civilian positions within the Sheriff's Office

Met with county officials about providing security measures to the new county admin building

Planned and safely executed security plans for the Tiki Bar opening and several concerts

Met with DEA leadership to coordinate investigative efforts in Calvert County

Hosted a Taser Instructor School for us and surrounding agencies

Conducted joint violent critical incident training with US Navy and Patuxent River Police Dept.



Placed the first deputies in Elementary Schools

Executed a search warrant of a sex trafficking operation

Met with county officials to address the homelessness issues in Calvert County

Hosted two Camp Jr. Sheriff's for middle school children



Updated the contract bidding processes for the Sheriff's Office

Restructured the Quartermaster system to integrate the Detention Center Processes

Attended the Annual Sheriff's Conference in Ocean City



Established a Veteran Recruitment Council to enhance recruitment efforts

Met and interviewed several possible candidates for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center

Attended and awarded at the Optimist Club's Respect for Law banquet



SOT attended DHS Homemade Explosives Response course

Participated in county Security Committee Meetings

Conducted performance evaluations of all Sheriff's Deputies

Planned and conducted a successful National Night Out in several communities



Expanded the Deputy Neighborhood Liaison Program

Worked with HR to upgrade the accidental and deceased benefits for deputies

Participated in the Community Health Improvement Roundtable events

Facilitated a meeting between the School Resource Officers and the School Therapists

Presented community awards including several Eagle Scouts



Assisted with the Southern Maryland Community Resources Dragon Boat Festival

Met with Public Library staff to help resolve several security issues

Presented to the Criminal Justice Programs of all four high schools



Participated as a panel member for the State of Calvert County presentation

Volunteered for the dunk-tank at the Calvert Marine Museum FunFest

Attended North Beach Glow Vigil on International Overdose Awareness Day

Conducted Swearing in Ceremonies for all new deputies



Attended and participated in the Southern Md Regional Law Enforcement Coordination meeting

Coordinated with Ms. Erin Farley of CalvertHealth to analyze the results of the Frontline Survey

Met with ATF staff to better coordinate investigative efforts in Calvert County

Met with county Finance and Budget leadership to ensure best practices are followed

Started the research of buildings in Dunkirk to utilize as a North End Substation

Researched and met with First Responder Medical Care to provide medical testing for employees

8 new deputies started training at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy



Updated and Restructured all employment contracts to ensure legal sufficiency

Hosted StarChase GPS Technology Demonstration

Attended and participated in promotional ceremonies at the Detention Center



Worked with Office on Aging to ensure Project Lifesaver was staffed and equipped properly

Participated in 9/11 Memorial at Mission BBQ in St. Mary's County



Participated as a panel member for the State of Calvert County presentation

Attended and presented at the Police Accountability Board Meeting

Met with Control Center supervisors to more efficiently operate in a cohesive manner

Researched and met with First Responder Medical Care to provide medical testing for employees

Coordinated security and participated in the Calvert County Fair Calvert County Fair



Conducted a tour and presentation to Coast Guard Command Staff

Conducted Active Shooter Drill in Solomons with our Navy counterparts

Conducted several promotional interviews

Attended the Police Accountability Community Outreach Presentation with the NAACP

Met with HSI leadership to better coordinate investigative efforts in Calvert County



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 Unit and Civilian Staff.

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

During the 3rd quarter of 2023, the Patrol Bureau conducted two-week long traffic safety and enforcement initiatives. These initiatives were county wide and in close proximity to school areas focusing on reducing speeding complaints, use of hands-free devices while driving, seat belt violations, red light and stop sign violations.

DFC. Plant was awarded the Deputy of the Quarter for his efforts during the 3rd quarter. DFC. Plant responded to 549 various calls for service during the quarter and while not handling calls for service he focused his efforts on locating and arresting subjects with outstanding warrants. Through his efforts DFC. Plant was able to locate and arrest 26 wanted individuals. DFC. Plant was also commended by EMS supervisors for his assistance and professionalism during a cardiac arrest call that he responded to.

DEPUTY OF THE 3RD QUARTER



**DEPUTY
FIRST CLASS**

**TRISTEN
PLANT**

The Patrol Bureau responded to numerous serious incidents during the 3rd quarter where the timely response and quick actions of personnel were credited with saving several lives. As a result, several deputies were recognized for their efforts.

- **Life Saving Award:** Detective Wells and Deputy Shoemaker were recognized for their actions at an accidental shooting incident which occurred at a residence located in Huntingtown in late August. Deputy Shoemaker, who responded to the incident while off-duty provided first-aid and applied a tourniquet to the victim who had been shot accidentally.
- **Excellence in Law Enforcement:** Detective Wells, who conducted the investigation surrounding the accidental shooting incident, was recognized by a citizen for his compassion and professionalism displayed during the investigation.
- **Life Saving Award:** Corporal Jacobs and Corporal Durner were recognized for their actions after responding to a shooting which occurred in Prince Frederick. Both deputies provided lifesaving first-aid to the 19-year-old victim by applying a medical seal over the gunshot wound and continued to provided first-aid.
- **Life Saving Award:** Sergeant Moran was recognized for his efforts after responding to a neighborhood in Prince Frederick for a stabbing incident. Sergeant Moran quickly assessed the victim and applied (2) medical seals to separate stab wounds and provided first-aid.
- **Life Saving Award:** Deputy McCourt Jr. was recognized for his efforts after responding to an incident in Prince Frederick where he provided first-aid to a stabbing victim.
- **Sheriff's Recognition/Excellence in Law Enforcement:** Sergeant Rector and Deputy Newton were recognized for their actions surrounding an incident in Dunkirk which resulted in a high-speed pursuit where two suspects bailed out of their vehicle and a foot pursuit ensued. The two suspects were apprehended who had several open warrants plus local charges.

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- 22,842

Traffic Warnings- 4,106

Traffic Accidents- 438

Traffic Citations- 1,492

DUI Arrests- 46

CORRECTIONS BUREAU

The Corrections Bureau is issuing the following report summarizing the major events and statistics of the Third Quarter of 2023:

STAFF

- The Corrections Bureau Deputy of the Third Quarter of 2023 is Sargent Travis Harrod.
- New deputies; Sara Schieber, Darius Thomas, John Ashley, Ryan Mister
- Promotion; Senior Deputy James Strain
- Resignation; CD Jamie Sikorski, CD Preston Devin
- Transfer; CD Morlock transferred to Sheriff's Department.
- Civilian hire; Theresa Windsor for CSU Office Specialist I
- Firearm Qualification/ Requalification

EQUIPMENT / FACILITY

- Replacement of Security Door Controls are ongoing
- Bid process re-initiated for new generator
- New boilers are at 50% completion (material delay)
- New HVAC system above main housing near completion
- The Detention Center has started the process of taking over Quartermaster for the agency.

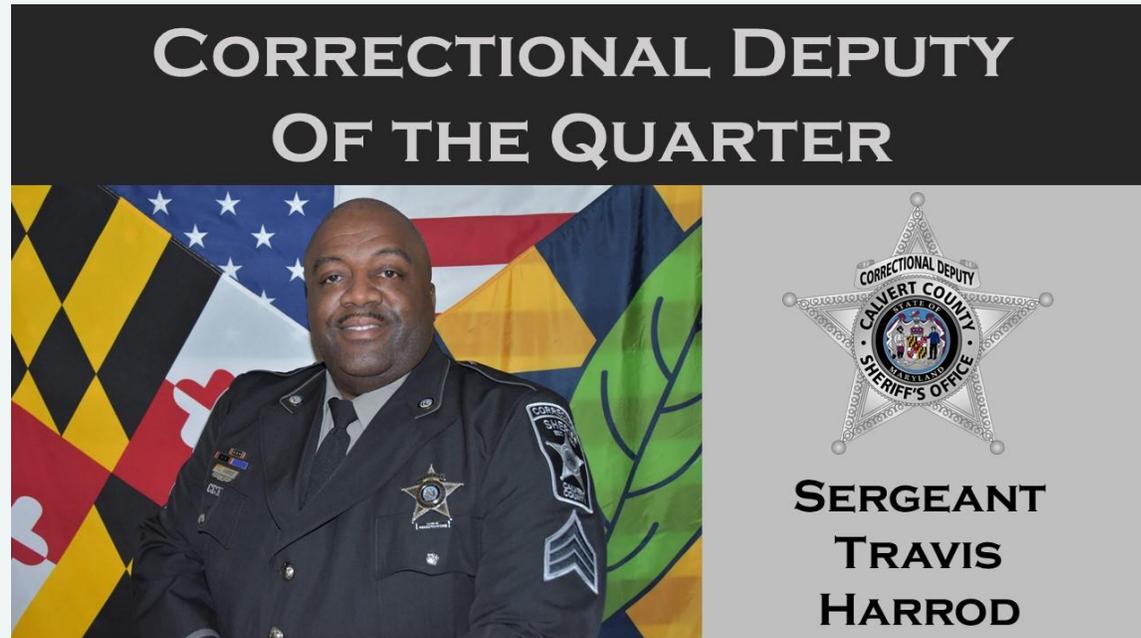
OPERATIONAL

- 4 Use of Force events
- 129 inmates placed on suicide prevention measures based on situation or incident
- 10 inmates transferred to the prison system (MD DOC) this quarter
- 58 Inmate Disciplinary Hearings conducted
- 307 fingerprints completed by the new CSU Livescan operation
- 395 prisoners processed in / 381 processed out / Avg. Daily Pop-111
- 6 on-duty injuries were reported by staff

PROGRAMS / REHABILITATION

- During the third quarter, the GED Program was on Summer Break.
- 20 inmates have participated in Medically Assisted Treatment
- The Intense Outpatient Program (IOP) has graduated 3 inmates this quarter/10 Enrolled now
- 14 inmates on Work Release
- 17 participants through the Home Detention Program
- 7 Pre-Trial Release on GPS monitoring
- 24 inmates currently monitored on Pre-Trial Release

The Corrections Bureau would like to congratulate Sergeant Travis Harrod as the Corrections Bureau Deputy of the Third Quarter of 2023.



The Corrections Bureau would like to congratulate Jesse “Timmy” Evans for his 10 years of dedicated service to the Detention Center. Evans works diligently to make the facility safe, comfortable and efficient every day. He is an invaluable member of the Agency. For these reasons, Evans is hereby awarded a *Sheriff's Commendation* for 2023.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

In the third quarter of 2023, the Special Operations Bureau executed six residential search warrants and two arrest warrants on behalf of the Criminal Investigations Bureau and mitigated one barricaded individual. Additionally, members of the Special Operation Team (SOT) continued to provide contracted security services for the BHE GT&S Cove Point LNG facility.

During this time period, several training opportunities were completed for deputies, county and business partners and community members. SOT personnel assisted with multiple training courses for the recruits at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy including firearms, room clearing and active shooter response. SOT personnel conducted Violent Critical Incident Response training for approximately 13 different locations throughout the county including county organizations, businesses, churches and daycares. This training directly reached Calvert Public Library staff and employees, Calvert Behavioral health locations and all staff at the Calverton School. A training course was designed and implemented by SOT, for all Agency personnel on active threat response, low light operations and de-escalation techniques applied to real world scenarios. SOT Instructors hosted a Regional Taser Instructor Course for Calvert and St. Mary's Sheriff's and Corrections Offices. SOT firearms instructors certified over 70 retirees under the LEOSA firearms program.



Various members of SOT completed an Advance Explosive Breach Course, Coast Guard Search and Rescue Course, ArmaLite Rifle Armorer and Pistol Red Dot Instructor. The explosives detection K-9 and his handler assigned to SOT completed dozens of explosive scans at the courthouses and assisted as needed for various other operations.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

Detective Josh Buck Named ‘Detective of the Quarter’

Detective Josh Buck is a tenured detective with a wide array of case experience ranging from homicide, robbery, serious sexual assaults, and child abuse. Detective Buck has become an unofficial leader in Criminal Investigations; often serving as counsel to his peers based on his experience and dedicated work ethic.

Recently, Detective Buck has worked some of our agency’s most serious cases. Detective Buck served as the lead detective for a violent homicide that occurred in Prince Frederick in August

2023. He authored 6 search warrants, conducted numerous interviews, and closed this case with an arrest within 10 hours of dispatch.

Additionally, Detective Buck was assigned to be the secondary lead detective to the Shymansky homicide. Detective Buck spent 4 days in Reedsville, PA leading the investigation for this regional homicide investigation. He has authored numerous search warrants and subpoenas, with approximately 30 more search warrants pending.

Detective Buck represents the best of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. Based on his high caseload, excellent closure rate, and dedication to the mission – Detective Buck is recognized as Detective of the Quarter for the Criminal Investigations Bureau.



L to R: Capt. Fridman, Sheriff Cox, Det. Buck, Capt. Bowen

NOTEWORTHY CASES

Joseph Shymanski Murder

On September 4, 2023 deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau responded to a residence in the 2300 block of Cari Court in Huntingtown, for the report of a missing person.

A preliminary investigation revealed Joseph Anthony Shymanski, 51 of Huntingtown, was reported missing by a family member. Deputies arrived on scene and an extensive search was conducted. During the course of the investigation detectives determined foul play is suspected and a suspect was developed.

Upon developing this new information, detectives from the Criminal Investigative Bureau (CIB) traveled to Reedsville, Pennsylvania and executed several search warrants. The suspect, Brandon R. Holbrook, 47 of Reedsville, PA, was arrested and charged with Murder-First Degree, Murder-Second Degree, and Assault-First Degree. On September 21, 2023 Holbrook was extradited back to Calvert County. The following day, he had an initial appearance and was held without bond.



Local Case Makes National Headlines:

<https://people.com/photographer-known-star-wars-themed-art-missing-man-charged-murder-7967377>

<https://www.fox5dc.com/news/pa-man-arrested-murder-joseph-shymanski-dc-photographer-police>

<https://www.the-sun.com/news/9049175/suspects-link-missing-dc-photographer-joseph-shymanski/>

https://www.reddit.com/r/washingtondc/comments/16bpx24/missing_photographer_from_eastern_market_dc/

Suspect Charged in Mint Court Murder

On Tuesday, August 1, 2023, around 3:10 p.m., Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 1600 block of Mint Court in Prince Frederick, for the report of a shooting.

Deputies arrived on scene and located Dakarai Nivek Milburn, 23 of Prince Frederick, suffering from a single gunshot wound to the chest. Life saving measures were attempted, but Milburn was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Detectives quickly apprehended the suspect, Anthony NMN Hill, 28 of Washington D.C.



Anthony Hill

A handgun was recovered on scene. This was an isolated incident.

As a result of the investigation, Hill has been charged with First-Degree Murder, Second-Degree Murder, and an array of handgun offenses. Hill is being held on a no bond status.

Detectives Recover Automatic Handgun During Traffic Stop

In July 2023, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) received a tip referencing narcotics distribution in the Chesapeake Ranch Estates located in Lusby, Calvert County, MD. Through the use of Confidential Informants (CIs) and social media, the suspect was identified.

On September 25, 2023, the CCSO DEU obtained search and seizure warrants for suspect's vehicle and person. The St. Mary's Co. Sheriff's Office obtained a search and seizure warrant for suspect's residence located in Great Mills, Maryland.

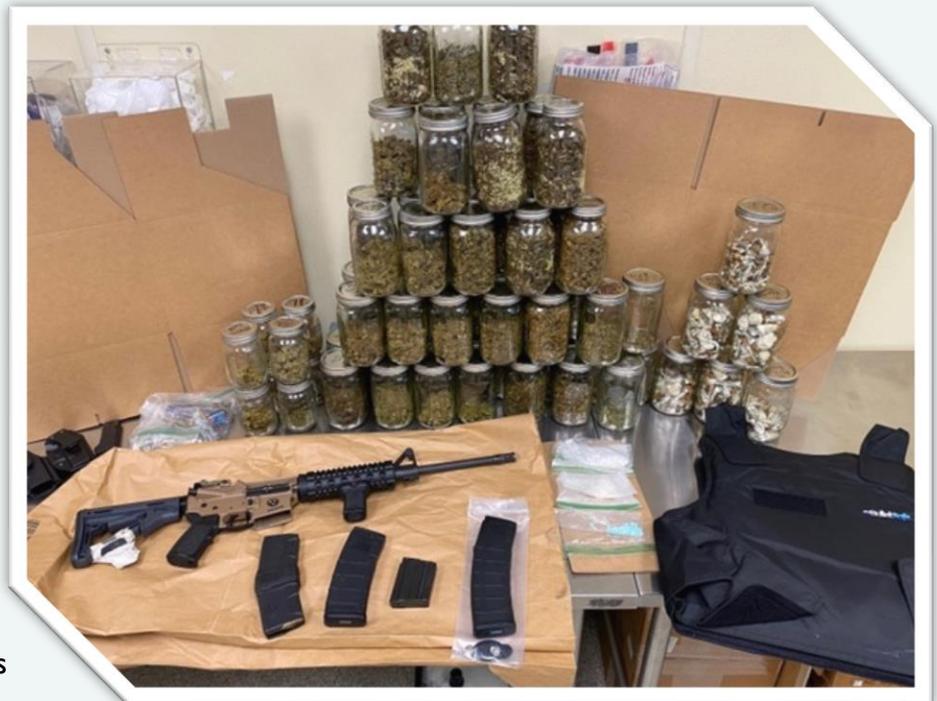
On September 26, 2023, the CCSO DEU, along with members of the CCSO Special Operations Team (SOT), executed the search and seizure warrants for suspect's vehicle and person. The suspect was observed traveling to Calvert County from St. Mary's County. A traffic stop was conducted on the suspect in the area of Northbound Route 4 at Rousby Hall Road, Lusby, Calvert County, MD. The suspect was detained without incident. A search of suspect's vehicle and person revealed the following:

- A Polymer 80 9mm handgun containing a "switch" making the handgun fully automatic
- A loaded 9mm 30 round extended magazine
- A loaded 9mm extended magazine containing 27 rounds of ammunition

- Several loose rounds of 9mm ammunition
- Suspected marijuana (not a criminal amount)
- Two Samsung cellular telephones
- \$2,076.00 in U.S. Currency
- A black 2017 Mazda 6

The suspect was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center without incident and charged accordingly. While the traffic stop was being conducted, members of the SMCSO narcotics unit, along with members of the SMCSO Emergency Services Team (EST), executed the aforementioned search and seizure warrant at the suspect's residence. Through the course of the search and seizure warrant the following items were located:

- Approximately 6 pounds (2,721 grams) of suspected marijuana
- Approximately 41 grams of suspected marijuana
- Approximately 38 grams of suspected mushrooms
- Approximately 41.5 suspected pressed Fentanyl pills (Fake Oxycodone 30 mg pills)
- Approximately 20 grams of suspected crack cocaine
- Approximately 26 grams of suspected cocaine
- Approximately 28 doses of suspected LSD
- Approximately 5 grams of suspected Fentanyl
- Approximately 4.7 pounds (2,131 grams) of suspected mushrooms
- Two ballistic vests
- Two magazines (10 round and 30 round capacity)
- One two-sided 10 round magazine
- One handgun magazine
- Two handgun holsters
- One handgun backplate (the piece removed for the "switch")
- 206 rounds of various ammunition
- One AR-15 5.56 caliber
- One HP laptop



DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT STATS

DRUG	AMOUNT SEIZED
Cannabis	2,772.3 grams
Cannabis Plants	14 plants
Fentanyl	66 grams
Crack Cocaine	71.4 grams
Cocaine	46.7 grams
LSD	28 doses
Methamphetamines	5 grams
Psilocybin	2,169 grams
Prescription Pills	143

School Resource Officers

Total Student Arrests- 13

Criminal Arrests- 6

CDS- 7

Total Case Reports - 21

2023 - 2024 School Resource Officers



Bureau of Administrative and Judicial Services

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Attempt to Locates: -----	920
Process Services: -----	679
Evictions: -----	105
Calls for service unrelated to CP duties -----	73
New Hire Applicants -----	15
Processed Applicants: -----	11
Applicant Oral Boards: -----	9
Hired Applicants: -----	8
Manual/Policy Revisions: -----	7
Lateral Hires -----	2
Polygraphed Applicants -----	1
Assigned Backgrounds: -----	4
High School CJ Classes Taught -----	4

WARRANT STATS

Criminal Summons -----	240
Criminal Warrants -----	168
Criminal Warrant FOA -----	45
Criminal Summons FOA -----	8
Non-Support -----	90
Non-Support FOA -----	6
Criminal Non-Support -----	1
Juvenile Writ -----	0
Juvenile Writ FOA -----	0
Civil Warrants -----	13
Civil Warrants FOA -----	0
Fugitive Warrants -----	7
Child Support Summons -----	0

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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

- Public Service Reports – 7
- Internal Complaints – 1
- Departmental Crashes - 5
- Vehicle Pursuits – 8
- Use of Force – 32

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

In the third quarter of 2023, the Twin Beach Patrol responded to 883 calls for service while conducting 309 traffic stops and 2,583 patrol checks. These calls for service, patrol checks and traffic stops yielded 6 DUI/DWI's and 24 criminal arrests.

During the third quarter, three 'First Friday' events were held in North Beach which brought in large crowds of both residents and out of town guests. All three First Fridays required no police action by members of the Twin Beach Patrol.



National Night Out was held at Kellam's field on August 1st. Members of the Twin Beach Patrol set up a table and socialized with the community while handing out Sheriff's Office goodies. The Special Operations Team showcased the Utility Vehicle and some of the robots utilized by the team. A K-9 demonstration was held utilizing K-9 Kano to demonstrate narcotics detection. On September 9th, Abner's Crab House hosted 'Taste of the Beach'. Vendors saw large crowds and again required no police action throughout the event.

NEW HIRES



Sheriff Deputy Thomas Deinert



Deputy Sheriff Ian Tunnell

DEPUTY RECRUITS



Top L to R: Marty McQuagge, Hayden Jones, Cameron Chase, Jakob Madura
Bottom L to R: Rosemary Contic, Nicholas Morlock, Cody Parrott, and Kyle Grabill



Farewell to our Retirees



Lt. Timothy Buckmaster
33 years of Service



Capt. Ronald Naughton
28 Years of Service



DFC Gregory Cameron
12 Years of Service



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.

