



# Calvert County Sheriff's Office

*Quarterly Report- 4th*

January 15, 2024

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# SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

As we conclude the 4th quarter and reflect on the year 2023, I would like to highlight both our achievements and the challenges we encountered along the way. Our deputies and civilian staff have consistently demonstrated dedication, professionalism, and courage in serving Calvert County. While there is still much work ahead, I am confident that we have moved in the right direction and will persist in delivering the best possible service to the citizens of Calvert County.

Certainly, we have confronted challenges and difficulties during this journey. However, we have actively learned from these experiences, taking proactive steps to enhance our policies, procedures, and practices. We remain committed to listening to the feedback and concerns of our citizens, striving for transparency, and being accountable in all our actions.

As we enter 2024, I want to thank you for your support and trust in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. We are honored to serve you and we are committed to making Calvert County a safe and prosperous place for all. I also want to thank our deputies and staff for their hard work and sacrifice. They are the backbone of our agency, and they deserve our respect and appreciation.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year. May God bless you and your families.



**SHERIFF RICKY COX**

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Some of the highlights of 2023 include:

- Reducing the overall part-one crimes by **8%** compared to 2022.
- Reducing the fatal accidents by **14%** and all accidents by **4%** compared to 2022.
- Reducing the use of force incidents by **51%** compared to 2022.

- Reducing fatal overdoses by **25%** compared to 2022.
- Reduction in complaints by **44%** compared to 2022.
- Decrease in departmental vehicle accidents by **24%** compared to 2022.

## Some of the specific 4<sup>th</sup> quarter accomplishments include:

Attended Board of County Commissioner and Directors Meetings



Conducted several budget meetings

Implemented several new technologies and equipment to enhance our capabilities and efficiency

Participated in Capital Region Honor Flight "Operation Welcome Home" ceremony for Veteran war heroes



Conducted Active Shooter Drills at Calvert High School

Expanded our community outreach and engagement programs

Swore-in several new deputies

Honored Corporal DeFelice with the MPCTC Instructor of the Year Award



Continued to work on strategies to assist the homeless population

Strengthening our partnerships with other law enforcement agencies, local government, schools, businesses and non-profit organizations

Attended Drug Court Graduations

Conducted the Special Olympics Torch Run

Participated in Yardley Hills  
Neighborhood/Community Meeting

Promoted several deputies and correctional  
deputies



Attended the International Association of Chiefs  
of Police Conference

Participated in the ERC Fall Fest

Participated in the CCPS Strategic Planning Focus  
Group

Participated in Graduation of several deputies  
from SMCJA PELTP 52



Participated in the Community Health  
Improvement Roundtable events

Researched staffing software

Participated in Calvert County Safety Committee  
meetings

Increased the Deputy Liaison Program

Conducted Agency Patrol Meeting

Conducted Crisis Intervention Training



Hosted the Police Accountability Board Training  
for the FOP

Participated in several Trunk or Treat events



Conducted all range qualifications including  
LEOSA

Attended D.A.R.E. graduations



Met with States Attorney Bob Harvey to  
coordinate efforts

Participated in Tri-County Police Academy  
meetings

Conducted Active Shooter Drill at Calvert Health



Conducted No Shave November and Donated Check to Hospice



Assisted with Toys for Tots



Assisted with several Christmas Parades



Participated in Shop with a Cop



Attended the Civil Air Patrol Award Banquet



Participated in the CCSO Retirement Board Steering Group Meetings

Hosted Day of Law for homeschool/co-op students

Attended regional recruitment job fairs

Signed multijurisdictional MOU with the Child Advocacy Center

Presented several Eagle Scout Awards

# PATROL BUREAU

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

The Bureau is commanded by Captain Brian Bowen, Lieutenant Jason Dean, and Lieutenant Eric Basham with the assistance of Patrol Shift Commanders F/SGT. Naecker, F/SGT. Morder, F/SGT. G. Shrawder, F/Sgt. E. Carter, F/Sgt. M. McCarroll, Support Services Commander F/SGT. Phelps and Lieutenant Brian Tilley of the Twin Beach Detachment.

Dep. Zinn was awarded the Deputy of the Quarter for his efforts during the 4th quarter. Deputy Zinn conducted 200 Traffic Stops resulting in 400

Warnings, 58 Citations, and 5 DUI Arrests. Deputy Zinn also Conducted 596 patrol checks and responded to a total of 1,224 calls for service. Deputy Zinn has become an excellent deputy within the Sheriff's Office. Not only does his statistical performance rank among the highest within the Sheriff's Office, but his willingness to come to work and help his fellow deputies makes his nomination stand out among others.

Deputy Zinn continues to learn and constantly pushes himself to learn criminal law, primarily directed toward narcotics investigations. He has authored two search and seizure warrants. He has become a leader amongst his peers and can be relied on to step up and take charge of a scene. Deputy Zinn has had five positive job observations for the quarter, which indicates what kind of Deputy he strives to be. He makes a supervisor's job easy and is encouraged to keep up the great work. For these reasons, we are proud to announce Deputy Tanner Zinn as our Deputy of the Fourth Quarter for 2023.

## DEPUTY OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER



**DEPUTY  
TANNER  
ZINN**

The Patrol Bureau responded to numerous serious incidents during the 4th quarter, below are examples of a few:

- On Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, around 7:05 a.m., deputies from the Calvert County Patrol Bureau responded to the report of a shooting on Sark Court in Prince Frederick. Deputies arrived on scene and located a juvenile male suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper body. The victim was flown to an area trauma center in stable condition. Witnesses on the scene advised a masked male suspect was seen leaving the area in a black SUV. Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Bureau responded to the scene and have assumed the investigation. This does not appear to be a random act.
- On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:32 p.m., Deputy Tavares responded to the Walgreens Pharmacy located at 110 Hospital Road in Prince Frederick, for a reported robbery in progress. Investigation revealed a 19-year-old suspect of Laurel, jumped the counter and stole prescription medication, but was quickly detained by deputies. A second suspect, a 24-year-old male from Rockville,

was located in the suspect vehicle and detained. Both suspects were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center. One suspect was charged with Strong Armed Robbery, Second-Degree Assault, Resist/Interfere with Arrest, CDS: Possession-Not Cannabis, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and Disorderly Conduct. The second suspect was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, CDS: Possession- Not Cannabis, and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

- On October 21, 2023, DFC Plant was on routine patrol in the area of Calvert Town Drive in Prince Frederick and observed a 19-year-old male subject of Prince Frederick. The suspect had 4 open and active warrants through the Calvert County Sheriff's Office. DFC Plant attempted to serve the open warrants and the suspect fled the area on foot. A brief foot pursuit ensued, and the suspect was taken into custody. Due to the suspect's actions, numerous individuals exited their homes due to the disturbance of the public peace and him running from law enforcement. The suspect was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Resisting/Interfering with Arrest, Obstructing and Hindering, and Disorderly Conduct.

The below statistics offer a brief overview of the volume of calls for service, traffic citations, warnings issued, DWI arrests, and traffic accidents handled by Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies.

**Calls for Service- 22,850**

**Traffic Warnings- 5,166**

**DWI Arrests- 58**

**Traffic Citations – 960**

**Traffic Accidents – 533**

## CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER

Dallas Harris is an exemplary professional who demonstrates the values of professionalism, dedication, and integrity in everything she does. Dallas Harris is the Crime Analyst for the Criminal Investigations Bureau, where she plays a key role in various tasks. She is responsible for managing and maintaining multiple databases and collaborating with other police departments in the region, sharing information that often helps to solve complex investigations.

In this quarter, Ms. Harris was crucial in finding investigative leads for the homicide investigation of Mr. Shymanski which eventually led detectives to Pennsylvania where an arrest was made. Without Ms. Harris's hard work and dedication, this case would have taken much longer to progress and might have never been solved. Ms. Harris is a valuable team member to her fellow detectives and offers guidance and leadership regularly. The Criminal Investigations Bureau would not be as effective without the investigative skills of Ms. Harris and all that she contributes. Ms. Harris embodies the best of the Criminal Investigations Bureau and of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office.



**L to R: Major Dave Canning, Ms. Dallas Harris, and Sheriff Ricky Cox**

# CORRECTIONS BUREAU

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

## STAFF

- The Corrections Bureau Deputy of the Fourth Quarter of 2023 is Deputy Nicholas Sunderland.
- New deputies; Hanna Suite, Shane MacWilliams, Ella Lavorgna, and Brendan Standa
- Promotions; Master Deputy Dayania Carroll, Deputy First Class Katarina Walker, and CDFC Brendan Bell
- Resignation during this quarter; Master Deputy Robert Lee.
- No Transfers during this quarter
- No Civilian hires during this quarter

## EQUIPMENT / FACILITY

- Security Camera Upgrade Project is ongoing
- The facility Boiler Project is completed
- The air ducts in I,J,K and L blocks have been cleaned professionally
- New split HVAC air conditioning/heat units are being installed on officer posts
- Generator and switchgear project is in engineering phase
- Wells and tanks providing sprinkler water has been disabled. Facility is now on County water.

## OPERATIONAL

- Four Use of Force events
- 118 inmates placed on suicide prevention measures based on situation or incident
- 12 inmates transferred to the prison system (MD DOC) this quarter
- 59 Inmate Disciplinary Hearings conducted
- 265 fingerprints completed by the new CSU Livescan operation.
- 482 prisoners processed in / 490 processed out / Avg. Daily Pop-115
- 10 on-duty injuries were reported by staff

## PROGRAMS / REHABILITATION

- During the fourth quarter, the GED Program enrolled 5 inmates.
- 27 inmates have participated in Medically Assisted Treatment
- The Intense Outpatient Program (IOP) has graduated 8 inmates this quarter/8 enrolled now
- 8 inmates on Work Release
- 18 participants through the Home Detention Program
- 8 Pre-Trial Release on GPS monitoring
- 11 total inmates received and 9 removed on Pre-Trial Release

# CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY OF THE QUARTER



**NICHOLAS  
SUNDERLAND**

The Corrections Bureau would like to congratulate Deputy Nicholas Sunderland as the Corrections Bureau Deputy of the Fourth Quarter of 2023.

## CORRECTIONS BUREAU PROMOTIONS



Top Left: DFC Brendan Bell

Top Right: DFC Katarina Walker

Bottom: MD Dayania Carroll

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

In the fourth quarter of 2023, the Special Operations Bureau executed 12 residential search warrants and one arrest warrant on behalf of the Criminal Investigations Bureau. 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 period, several training opportunities were completed for deputies, county and business partners, and community members. SOT personnel conducted Violent Critical Incident Response training for approximately 8 different locations throughout the county including county organizations, businesses, churches, and daycares. SOT personnel participated in the active shooter drill at Calvert Health, the BHE GT&S Critical Infrastructure response drill, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant force-on-force drill, a United States Coast Guard training evolution, and held active threat/medical training exercises at Calvert High School for all patrol personnel. Furthermore, SOT personnel participated in the 2023 Torch Run, put on 6 criminal justice presentations, 16 Bearcat displays, and provided assistance with Operation Deep Blue, a Law Enforcement memorial kayak tour. SOT Firearms instructors certified retirees under the LEOSA firearms program over 3 different 1-day sessions and assisted with Calvert County Sheriff's Office new hire applicant testing.

The newest member of the Special Operations Team, DFC Shoemaker, completed an intensive 3-week Special Weapons and Tactics qualification course hosted by Hartford County Sheriff's Office. Various other members of SOT completed an advanced sniper course, Master Taser instructor course, Bearcat training course, Calvert Cliff's training for patrol, 3-day SOT Tactical Enhancement training, Civil Disturbance Unit Training, and held a CCSO Firearms instructor school, certifying 7 officers as firearms instructors. SOT personnel assisted with 14 different days of training courses for the recruits at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy including Firearms, edge weapons, ambush, room clearing, and active shooter response. The explosives detection K-9 and his handler assigned to SOT completed explosive scans at the courthouses and assisted as needed for various other operations.



L to R: DFC Evans, Cpl. Bowlan, Sgt. Kampf, DFC Shoemaker, Sgt. Moran, Sgt. Foote, Lt. Funchion

# Criminal Investigations Bureau

## Significant Case

In early December 2023, a 16-year-old juvenile victim reported to school staff that she had been drugged and sexually assaulted by a caretaker in her home on numerous occasions. Detective Yates immediately assumed the investigation. Numerous interviews and search warrants were conducted and evidence to corroborate these crimes was located. A male suspect, 40 of Chesapeake Beach, was arrested and later indicted on charges of Rape and Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

## Significant Case

During September and November 2023, deputies with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to the T-Mobile Store in Dunkirk for "snatch and grab" style thefts. Through investigation and with the assistance of allied Law Enforcement Partners, Detectives identified and charged an individual believed to be responsible for the thefts. The Suspect was identified as **Ronald Markeese Harrigan**, 32 of Washington D.C., and is wanted by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office.



## DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

### 4th Quarter 2023 Statistics

Cases Initiated: 21

K-9 Sniffs: 12

Search Warrants: 19

Arrests: Felony (10),  
Misdemeanor (22), and  
Indictments (3)

Controlled Purchases of  
Narcotics: 8

U.S. Currency Seized:  
\$8,909.00

Vehicles Seized: 3

Firearms Seized: 11

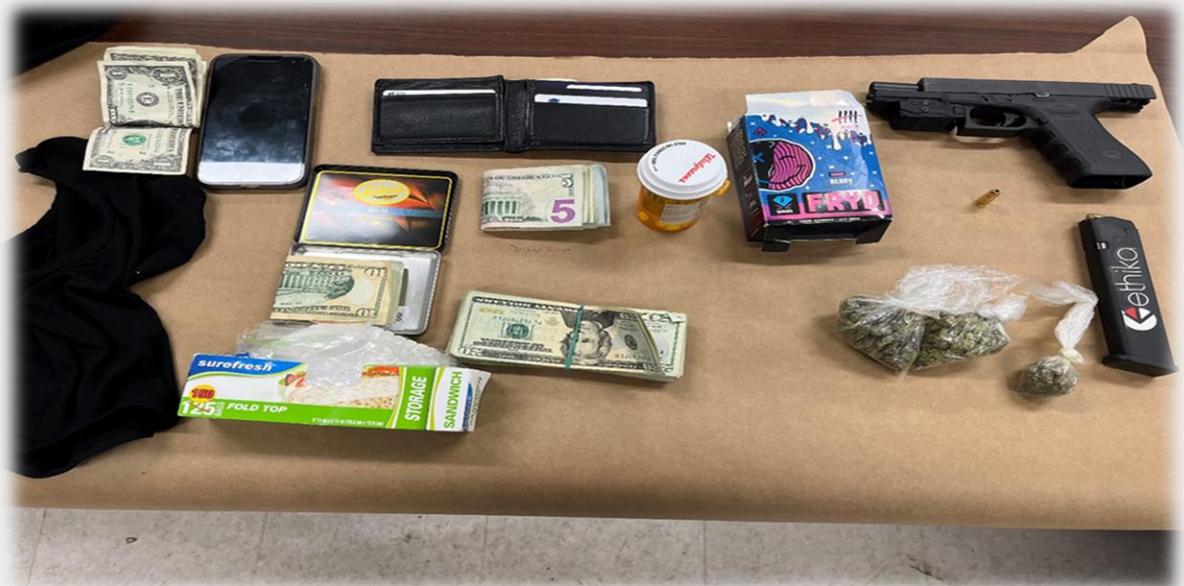
# DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

## 4th Quarter 2023 Statistics

DRUG	AMOUNT SEIZED
Cannabis	9,715 grams
Cannabis Plants	17 plants
Cocaine	28.6 grams
Crack Cocaine	24.3 grams
Fentanyl	23.3 grams
Psilocybin	47 grams
Prescription Pills	168

### *DFC Nick Buckler Named 2023 'Detective of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter'*

Det. Buckler has conducted numerous investigations during this reporting period, along with being part of the CCSO DEU Stop Team. Through the course of Det. Buckler's traffic stops, he is able to develop/utilize numerous Confidential Informants to help further the investigations being conducted by the CCSO DEU. Det. Buckler works tirelessly to combat the narcotics issues plaguing Calvert County. Det. Buckler not only works on his own investigations but devotes countless hours to assisting other Detectives with their investigations. For all these reasons Detective N. Buckler is the 2023 Fourth Quarter Detective of the Quarter for the CCSO Criminal Investigations Bureau.



# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

## CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 2023-December 2023 Statistics are as follows:



### SRO SCHOOL STATS

**Total Case Reports: 72**

**Total Arrests: 54**

**CDS Arrests: 28**

**Criminal Arrests: 26**



# Bureau of Administrative and Judicial Services

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## Civil Process

Attempt to locate: -----	1,053
Process Services: -----	702
Calls for service unrelated to CP duties: -----	126
Evictions: -----	25
Writ of Executions -----	3

## Recruitment Hiring & Background

New hire applicants: -----	133
Processed Applicants: -----	21
Lateral hires: -----	1
Applicant oral boards: -----	6
Polygraphed Applicant -----	3
Manual/policy Revisions: -----	1
Assigned Backgrounds: -----	3
Hired Applicants: -----	0

## Warrant Stats

Criminal Summons-----	200
Criminal Warrants-----	132
Criminal Warrant FOA-----	45
Criminal Summons FOA-----	7
Non-Support-----	72
Non-Support FOA-----	3
Criminal Non-Support-----	0
Juvenile Writ-----	26
Juvenile Writ FOA-----	0
Civil Warrants-----	6
Civil Warrants FOA-----	0
Fugitive Warrants-----	1
Child Support Summons-----	0

# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

## 2023 4th Quarter Report

During the Fourth Quarter of 2023, the Office of Professional Standards received the following:

- Public Service Reports – 3
- Internal Complaints – 1
- Agency Vehicle Accidents - 8
- Vehicle Pursuits – 5
- Use of Force Reports – 26

Received Public Service Reports were investigated and/or are currently under investigation. Applicable case investigations that were concluded, were forwarded to the Administrative Charging Committee for review.

During the quarter, OPS staff attended Police Accountability and Administrative Charging Committee meetings, and conducted mandated sex offender verifications and administered the agencies Random Drug Testing program.

The Sheriff's Office also implemented the new Citizen Feedback process. This process provides a citizen with different resolution options they can choose from to address concerns that they may have with a deputy. Resolution options include filing a formal complaint, mediation, and/or a supervisory review and meet with the deputy to discuss the concerns, with no further action.

# FAREWELL



A heartfelt salute to Lt. Craig Bowen for his 37 years of loyalty to the citizens of Calvert County and steadfast dedication to the law enforcement profession.



# TWIN BEACHES PATROL

The Twin Beach Patrol is commanded by Lt. Thomas Tilley with the assistance of Sgt. Ryan Kampf, Cpl. N. Gilmore and eight deputies. The beach deputies responded to **919** calls for service along with **3612** self-initiated calls for both the North Beach and Chesapeake Beach areas. These calls consisted of traffic stops, patrol checks, follow-ups, etc.



- The Twin Beach Patrol continues to provide traffic control for Beach Elementary each day during the morning and afternoon hours until the new school construction is completed.
- There are two monthly reports completed and shared during the North Beach and Chesapeake Beach Townhall meetings. During these meetings questions, and concerns may be asked, answered, and addressed.



- Deputies are encouraged to conduct foot patrols in areas like shopping centers, boardwalks, nature trails, and businesses. This is a way for the public to meet the deputies in person, making a positive interaction daily.
- Deputies conduct neighborhood patrol checks 24 hours 7 days a week to deter crimes from occurring.
- Under the new command in the Twin Beaches deputies will increase community outreach through tactical community policing, special events, and mountain bike patrols with face-to-face interactions.



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.

