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Calvert County Sheriff's Office

Quarterly Report- 3rd

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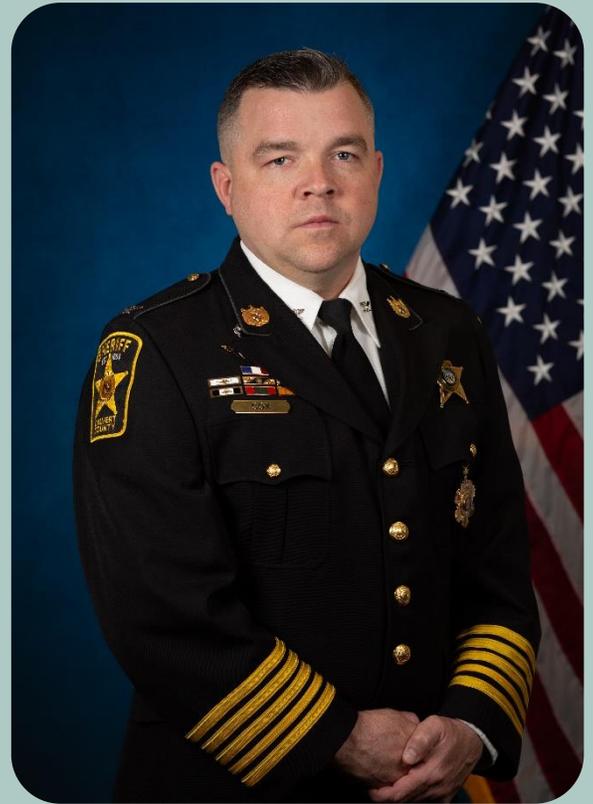
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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

The third quarter of 2024 has flown by, and I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy all the summer activities Calvert County has to offer. We successfully launched our District Offices, and those operations continue to grow. This quarter, I had the privilege of attending the swearing-in ceremonies for new deputies and celebrating the graduation of several Correctional Deputies. It's always a pleasure to see these individuals embark on a challenging yet rewarding career in the best county in Maryland.

Our youth remain a top priority and a personal passion of mine. We worked hard to ensure our children's safe return to the classroom, collaborating closely with CCPS Superintendent Dr. Andre Townsel to enhance school safety and security plans. We also added two new contract School Resource Officers, funded by the school board, who are now serving in our elementary schools. Our goal remains to have a dedicated SRO in every Calvert County school.

As summer winds down, we look forward to the many activities fall has to offer. Please enjoy them all, but always keep safety in mind. If something doesn't look right, don't hesitate to report it. Thank you for being the best citizens in Maryland!



SHERIFF RICKY COX



3rd Quarter Highlights

Some of the additional highlights from the third quarter of 2024 include:

Received \$1K Check for National Child Safety Council on behalf of American Legion Aric Lore Post 274



Hosted DARE Camp



Issued Sheriff Cox College Scholarship



Participated in National Night Out



Participated in the Back-to-School Patrol Campaign

Partnered with Calvert Health for the 3rd Annual Back to School Community Event

Attended the Maryland Sheriff's Association Conference

Conducted a Car Seat Safety Check with PFVFD

Participated in the St. Mary's County Job Fair



Performed several demos for local daycares



Presented to every High School Criminal Justice Class



Hosted JR. Police Academy



Shared Dougal with the residents at the Hermitage



Escorted Budweiser Clydesdales in Solomons



Hosted 2 weeks of Camp JR Sheriff



Deputy Claggett received the Hometown Hero Award



Participated in the Ranch Club Property Owners Association Meeting

Participated in the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Mission BBQ



Hosted Back to School Shop with a Cop and delivered backpacks to all middle & elementary schools



Participated in the CCPR Superhero Sunday



Conducted LEOSA training, and qualified over 50 retired officers



Calvert Optimist Respect for Law Award honoring Deputy Kam Parks



Participated and provided security for the Calvert Fair



Held quarterly deputy and correctional deputy tryouts

Conducted 4th of July traffic safety control

Hosted several Girl Scout tours

Attended State of the County Breakfast



Hosted a Canine Casualty Care Course



Provided security and support for NB & Solomon's Fireworks

SOT attended NVG Course in PGCO

That's a wrap! Onto the 4th and Final Quarter of 2024!

PATROL BUREAU

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

The Bureau is commanded by Captain Brian Bowen, Lieutenant Eric Basham (District 1), Lieutenant Jason Dean (District 2), Lieutenant Thomas Tilly (District 3) and Lieutenant Joe Hollinger (Twin Beaches) 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 and Support Services Commander F/SGT. Phelps.



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DEPUTY OF THE 3RD QUARTER



**DEPUTY
CASEY
HILL**

Deputy Casey Hill has been recognized as the 'Deputy of the Quarter' for his outstanding performance during the 3rd quarter. Throughout this period, Deputy Hill has exemplified dedication, professionalism, and commitment in every aspect of his duties. His proactive approach to law enforcement and community service is reflected in his impressive results.

In the 3rd quarter, Deputy Hill conducted 74 traffic stops, which led to 29 warnings, 73 citations, and 2 DUI arrests. His diligence in enforcing traffic laws has made a significant impact on public safety. Beyond traffic enforcement, Deputy Hill responded to 555 calls for service, performed 22 patrol checks, and completed 23 school checks, demonstrating his broad commitment to serving the community.

Deputy Hill's casework further illustrates his dedication to thorough, effective law enforcement. He has completed 11 arrest reports, 1 application for a statement of charges, 20 case reports, and 2 case supplements, showcasing his attention to detail and commitment to upholding the highest standards in his work.

In addition to his operational accomplishments, Deputy Hill actively pursues professional development opportunities. He is eager to enhance his skills by seeking out instructor-level training and consistently shares his knowledge with his squad, contributing to the growth and improvement of the team.

Deputy Hill's work ethic, dedication to continuous learning, and proactive efforts in the field make him a standout member of the Sheriff's Office. His contributions greatly benefit both our team and the community we serve.

Patrol Highlights

The Patrol Bureau had some significant happenings during the 3rd quarter, below are example of a few:

On Aug. 24, the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs hosted a Superheroes and First Responders night... one of our own was honored.

Sheriff Ricky Cox and the men and women of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office are proud to announce that Sheriff Deputy Tyrell Claggett was recognized as a Trollinger Law LLC 2024 Hometown Hero! Deputy Claggett had the honor of throwing out one of the first pitches during the Blue Crabs game and was honored by all those in attendance.

Thank you, Deputy Claggett, for your unwavering dedication to the Southern Maryland community and for going above and beyond to serve and protect.

Join us in congratulating Deputy Claggett and the other 2024 Hometown Heroes:



Congratulations to the 2024 Hometown Heroes Winners



Tonya Bagley



Ryan Cleckley



Deputy Tyrell Claggett



Debbie Drury



Shaunda Morgan



TROLLINGER LAW



CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY



On Tuesday, Aug. 13, members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Support Services Unit (SSU), K9 Unit, Bike Patrol, and Special Operations Team (SOT) hosted a Junior Police Academy for children ages 4-12 in Prince Frederick at the Harriett Brown Community Center rear parking lot. Junior recruits got a crash course on what it takes to become a Sheriff's Deputy. The mini academy provided various activities, including an obstacle course, a patrol vehicle showcase, drone flights, a motor demonstration, and a visit from our beloved K9 Cruz and Dougall.

At the end of the event, a pinning ceremony was held for the deputy recruits upon the completion of the Junior Police Academy. Sheriff Ricky Cox awarded certificates of completion, a junior Sheriff's badge, and K9 trading cards for their participation. CCSO is proud of all our junior recruits and we look forward to the next generation of future deputies.

A huge thank you to Calvert County Parks and Recreation for sponsoring this fun-filled event!
#JuniorPoliceAcademy



CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VISITS GRAPEVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies had the pleasure of visiting The Grapevine Early Learning Center in Prince Frederick. Deputies M/D Burgraff and Cpl. Callison, along with their incredible K9 partners—Rex, Remi, and Reaper—put on a fantastic demonstration for the students.



The excitement didn't stop there! A big thanks to DFC Lewis for his impressive demonstration with our agency's drones, showing the students how technology plays a crucial role in our daily operations.



The kids were captivated by the skills and teamwork on display, learning all about the important roles our K9s and drones play in keeping our community safe. The students couldn't get enough! They were begging for more and left with huge smiles and a newfound appreciation for our hardworking deputies and their four-legged and high-flying partners.

We love sharing these experiences with our youngest community members and look forward to more fun and educational visits!

STATS

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

Calls for Service - 25,415

Traffic Warnings - 5,839

Traffic Accidents - 443

Traffic Citations - 1,449

DWI Arrests - 66

CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER

Public Information Program Manager Kristen Leitch is a vital member of the daily operations here at the Sheriff's Office. Her care and dedication to the public image of our agency and welfare of our community relationships are second to none. Since her hiring in 2019, the Sheriff's Office social media presence and information sharing with the public has grown by leaps and bounds. Mrs. Leitch's expertise has left an indelible mark on every aspect of that growth. A few of her responsibilities include the daily maintenance of our social media platforms, production of the weekly crime blotter, production of the quarterly reports, and being the voice of our agency during any critical incident. She also took the lead role this past year in the production of the annual awards banquet.

Mrs. Leitch's typical work week is anything but...In order to stay ahead the news cycle, she must be available to jump into action at a moment's notice, providing critical messaging to the citizens of Calvert County in real time, as the events are unfolding. This process requires thoughtful consideration to the right words at the right time. She not only reports on



critical incidents but also keeps the public informed of all our positive community events. These events often require her in-person attendance during evening and weekend hours, inevitably interrupting her personal and family life in the process. Her sacrifices and personal commitment to the greater good of our agency do not go unnoticed. The fact that our Sheriff's Office social media pages are by far the most visited in all of county government, should serve as evidence to her value as a member of our Sheriff's Office family. For these reasons, Public Information Program Manager Kristen Leitch was awarded the Calvert County Sheriff's Office 'Civilian of the 3rd Quarter' for 2024.

CORRECTIONS BUREAU

The Corrections Bureau is issuing the following report summarizing the major events and statistics of the Third Quarter of 2024:

STAFF

- The Corrections Bureau Deputy of the Third Quarter of 2024 is Senior Deputy Travin Johnson.
- New deputies hired; Sebastian Morlock, Adam Gott, Katelyn Maguire, Jacob Bowie, Travis Harrod Jr. (Reassigned in Academy)
- Promotions to; Deputy First Class Robert Stone
- No retirements
- Resignations: Katarina Walker
- No Civilians hired during this quarter.

EQUIPMENT / FACILITY

- Quartermaster Area is near completion.
- PO created for new generator.
- Installed new 500-gallon domestic hot water storage tank.

OPERATIONAL

- Four Use of Force events.
- 116 inmates placed on suicide prevention measures based on situation or incident.
- 6 inmates transferred to the prison system (MD DOC) this quarter.
- 83 Inmate Disciplinary Hearings conducted: 61 Disciplinary tickets given.
- Fingerprints completed by CSU Division; Ink rolled 32; All other 214.
- 399 prisoners processed in / 406 processed out
- 8 on-duty injuries were reported by staff.
- Average Daily Population; 149

PROGRAMS / REHABILITATION

- Due to lack of eligible inmates, the GED program hasn't operated this quarter.
- 12 inmates currently participating in the Medically Assisted Treatment program.
- The Intense Outpatient Program (IOP) has graduated 8 inmates this quarter/ 0 Enrolled now.
- 6 inmates on Work Release.
- 10 participants went through the Home Detention Program; Currently 4 in program.
- 16 total inmates received and 17 removed on Pre-Trial Release.

Corrections Bureau Highlights

CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY OF THE QUARTER



Senior Deputy Travin Johnson

Senior Deputy Travin Johnson is a top performer on the midnight shift. He is described by his supervisor as consistent, professional, and highly reliable. SD Johnson is an Emergency Response Team member who maintains safe operations especially when dealing with disorderly prisoners. SD Johnson works booking often and is tasked with the security of this vital operation. SD Johnson's reliability, exceptional attendance, and dedication to the overall operation is outstanding. SD Johnson is an instructor who regularly lends himself to the Academy as well as in-house trainings. His attention to detail and hard work on every shift are greatly appreciated. The Detention Center is proud to announce Senior Deputy Travin Johnson as our **Correctional Deputy of the Third Quarter, 2024**.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

During the third quarter of 2024, the Special Operations and Homeland Security Bureau executed three residential search and seizure warrants on behalf of the Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) and successfully resolved a criminal barricade incident. The Special Operations Team (SOT) also continued to provide contracted security services for the BHE GT&S Cove Point LNG facility.

Several training initiatives were completed during this period for deputies, business partners, and community members. SOT personnel conducted Violent Critical Incident Response training across various county organizations, businesses, churches, and daycares. In addition, they performed site assessments for Calvert Behavioral Health and developed new Calvert Crisis Response plans for multiple locations. SOT also hosted a leadership presentation for Southern Maryland, participated in crisis negotiation meetings, attended MTOG sessions, and displayed the Bearcat at schools, daycares, early learning centers, National Night Out, and Camp Junior Sheriff. SOT members also supported the 2024 Calvert County Fair and escorted the 2024 Operation Deep Blue Kayak Tour as it passed through the region.



This quarter, SOT facilitated LEOSA range qualifications for retired officers and developed courses for annual rifle and taser qualifications for all Sheriff's Office personnel. They assisted the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy with firearms qualifications and building search practicals, supported Cheverly PD with firearms qualifications, and developed a Low Variable Power Optic (LVPO) course. Additionally, they renewed instructor certifications for Firearms Levels 1, 2, and 3.

To stay updated on the latest tactical applications and training methodologies, SOT members trained with regional partners at Prince George's County Firearms and Tactical Training Complex. This included a joint Night Vision User course with PGPD and less lethal training with PGSO. The SOT hosted K9 Tactical Care, Dual Response to Active Shooter, and Tactical Medicine classes, while also assisting Prince George's County Sheriff's Office with coordinating a SWAT school scheduled for the fall.

Throughout the quarter, SOT members completed various specialized training, including the DARC Counter-Terrorism Course (Levels 1 & 2), NTOA webinars, Instructor Certification courses, and more. They also attended defensive tactics instructor training with Anne Arundel County Police and participated in a Suicide Bomb Incident Response training in New Mexico. SOT personnel attended TAC OPS East and earned multiple instructor certifications.

The SOT's explosives detection K-9 team conducted explosive sweeps at courthouses and provided support for several operations, integrating with the ATF as needed.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

DETECTIVE OF THE QUARTER



Sheriff Ricky Cox and the men and women of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office proudly recognize Detective (Det) B. DeLeon-Suero as '**Detective of the 3rd Quarter.**' Det. DeLeon Suero has proven himself to be a valuable asset to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU). Det. DeLeon-Suero has conducted several investigations during this rating period, while maintaining numerous other responsibilities for the

CCSO. Det. DeLeon-Suero works tirelessly not only on

his own investigations, but also in assisting with other detective's investigations. Det. DeLeon-Suero is an instructor for the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Det. DeLeon-Suero attends training several times a year to help training Deputies/Correctional Officers in how to deal with people in crisis. Det. DeLeon-Suero is part of the CCSO DEU Stop Team and the CCSO DEU K9 handler. On top of all the responsibilities Det. DeLeon-Suero has, he attends regular K9 training and assists in training new K9 handlers for the CCSO. Det. DeLeon-Suero is a model Deputy/Detective for the CCSO.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU NOTABLE CASE

THEFT INVESTIGATION

On June 4, 2024, Lt. Basham was contacted by a resident of Owings at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office District 1 station, reporting a theft that occurred at her home the previous day. The victim explained that her engagement ring had gone missing from her master bedroom on June 3, 2024.

According to the victim, the ring, which features a center diamond flanked by square and rectangle-cut stones, was stored in a wooden jewelry box on her dresser. She last saw the ring at approximately 7:30 a.m. and discovered it missing at 10:30 p.m. that evening. The ring, set in a 14k gold band with a total diamond size of 1.01 carats, was last appraised in 2011 for \$14,522. Additionally, a matching



14k gold band accompanying the engagement ring was also reported stolen. The main diamond features an engraved identification number.

The victim suspected the theft was committed by her maid service, which she had been using for over a year. She noted that one of the three cleaners present on the day of the theft was a new employee.

The case was subsequently reassigned to Detective Gough, who contacted the cleaning company's owner. The owner provided the names of the individuals who had been at the residence on the day of the incident. Through persistent interviews and a comprehensive investigation, Det. Gough obtained a confession from the suspect and was able to recover the stolen rings from a pawn shop in Anne Arundel County.

The suspect, identified as Damaris Casando Pérez of Annapolis, Maryland, was charged with felony theft in the amount of \$1,500 to \$25,000.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

3rd Quarter 2024 Statistics

Cases Initiated: 25

K-9 Sniffs: 19

Search Warrants: 26

Arrests: Felony (11),
Misdemeanor (23), and
Indictments (10)

Controlled Purchases of
Narcotics: 18

U.S. Currency Seized:
\$1,085.00

Vehicles Seized: 3

Firearms Seized: 1

DRUG	AMOUNT SEIZED
Cocaine	37 grams
Crack Cocaine	69.9 grams
Marijuana	1,816 grams
Fentanyl	37.4 grams
Phencyclidine (PCP)	48 grams
Prescription Medications	117 pills

CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



The Calvert County Sheriff's Office would like to introduce our 2024-2025 Calvert County School Resource Officers (SROs).

Our SROs are hand-selected, specially trained, and assigned to protect and serve the education environment of Calvert County Public Schools - CCPS. SROs are more than law enforcers; they are mentors, educators, and counselors, who help to ensure the safety, security, and welfare of CCPS students and staff. CCSO SROs are excited for the new school year and to welcome back students!

Front L to R: DFC Buckmaster (Patuxent Appeal Campus), DFC Parks (Windy Hill Middle, Windy Hill Elementary, and Beach Elementary), F/Sgt. O'Donnell (Sunderland Elementary), and DFC Clark (Huntingtown High), DFC Durnbaugh (Northern Middle),

Back L to R: DFC Childress (Patuxent High), DFC Krueger (Mill Creek Middle and Dowell Elementary), DFC Murphy (Southern Middle and St. Leonard Elementary), Sgt. Woodford (Mutual Elementary and Barstow Elementary), DFC Contic (Calvert High and Career and Technology Center), DFC Naughton (Northern High), Cpl. Holt (Plum Point Middle, Plum Point Elementary, and Huntingtown Elementary), DFC Spalding (Calvert Middle and Calvert Country), DFC Hall (Mt. Harmony Elementary), and Cpl. Johnson (Calvert Elementary).

CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

From July to September 2024, statistics are as follows:



SRO SCHOOL STATS

Total Case Reports: 31

Total Arrests: 21

CDS Arrests: 10

Criminal Arrests: 11



Bureau of Administrative and Judicial Services

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Civil Process

Attempt to Locate: -----	1,186
Process Services: -----	698
Calls for Service Unrelated to CP duties: -----	129
Evictions: -----	17
Writ of Executions -----	1

Recruitment Hiring & Background

New Hire Applicants: -----	65
Processed Applicants: -----	16
Lateral Hires: -----	1
Applicant Oral Boards: -----	6
Polygraphed Applicant -----	4
Manual/Policy Revisions: -----	1
Assigned Backgrounds: -----	3
Hired Applicants: -----	2

Warrant Stats

Attempt to Locate -----	935
Criminal Summons-----	306
Criminal Warrants-----	166
Criminal Warrant FOA-----	58
Criminal Summons FOA-----	10
Non-Support-----	85
Non-Support FOA-----	2
Criminal Non-Support-----	5
Juvenile Writ-----	5
Juvenile Writ FOA-----	0
Civil Warrants-----	4
Civil Warrants FOA-----	0
Fugitive Warrants-----	4
Child Support Summons-----	0

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

2024 3rd Quarter Report

During the Third Quarter of 2024, the Office of Professional Standards received the following:

- Public Service Reports – 8
- Internal Complaints – 2
- Agency Vehicle Accidents - 10
- Vehicle Pursuits – 20
- Use of Force Reports – 44

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

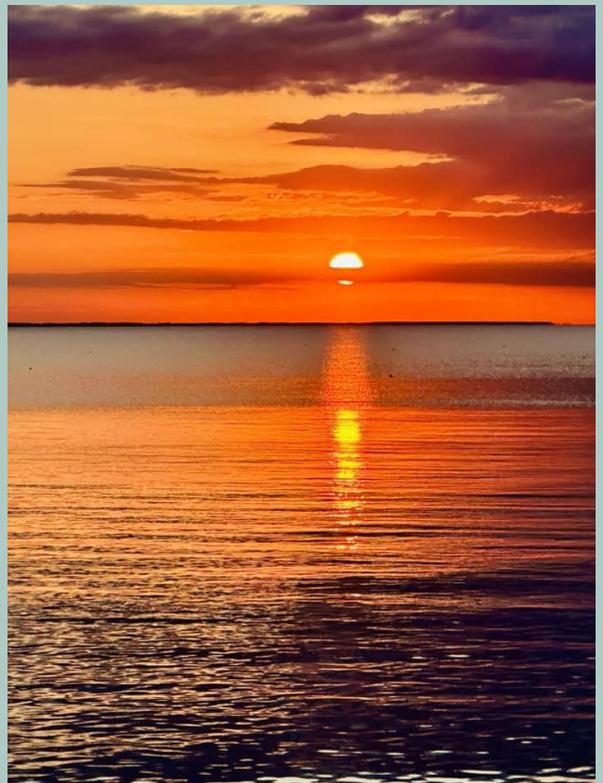
All Use of Force and Vehicle Pursuit Reports were reviewed and forwarded to the IAPRO Database.

During the quarter, OPS staff were available for ACC meetings, conducted mandated sex offender verifications, and administered the agencies Random Drug Testing program.

TWIN BEACHES PATROL

The Twin Beach Patrol is commanded by Lt. Joe Hollinger with the assistance of Sgt. D. Naughton and Cpl. Gilmore along with eight deputies.

- Beach deputies responded to **1049** citizen calls for service and **2284** self-initiated calls for the North Beach and Chesapeake Beach areas. Self-initiated calls include traffic stops, patrol checks, business checks, and follow-ups.
- In addition to working hard in the beach the Twin Beach Deputies enjoy interacting with the community and having fun during daily foot patrols on the local boardwalks, newly built Twin Beaches Library, and the Wetlands Overlook Park and Nature Center.



- The Twin Beach deputies provide traffic enforcement daily to some of the larger neighborhoods to address and reduce speeding and reckless driving.
- Monthly reports are generated for the Chesapeake Beach and North Beach monthly Town Hall meetings. After the presentation of these reports questions or concerns may be addressed between the towns/residents and the Beach Deputies.
- The Twin Beach Deputies assisted in several special events held within the towns this quarter. These events include the Beach Fireworks, Summer Nights Festivals, Taste of the Beaches, Experience Calvert Festival at the Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay, First Friday events, North Beach Farmers Markets, and National Night Out.





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.

