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It is my pleasure to present to the citizens of Calvert County this 2015 Annual Report as I enter my fourth term as your Sheriff. I am proud of the staff of the Sheriff’s Office and the Detention Center for their dedication, professionalism, and daily diligence in continuing to keep our community safe.

A few highlights for the past year: serious crimes, murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, breaking and entering, thefts, and motor vehicles thefts are down 12% from last year, and over 30% since 2010. Several possible reasons could be the deterrent of deputies on patrol; the over 13,000 documented patrol checks; and without a doubt, the quick actions by Criminal Investigations Bureau in solving most crimes with arrests.

Detectives handled 346 total cases in 2015 with a closure rate of 67%. This outstanding effort brought justice for the victims of these crimes, and likely helped contribute to the overall reduction of crime that we experienced in Calvert County this year.

Much too often we hear about tragedies in our schools. I am pleased to report there is an officer in each of our high schools. I encourage your child to introduce themselves to these officers and report any unusual incidents. The message, “If you see something, say something,” is vital in keeping our schools and community safe. Working together we can and will make a difference.

Deputies responded to 2,087 accidents/crashes on our roadways. The majority of the accidents were minor, and almost all preventable. In total, thirteen people lost their lives on Calvert County roads, several as a result of impaired or drugged drivers. This number must be reduced with our goal being zero deaths. There were 429 arrests for driving while impaired 57 of those involved the use of drugs. Deputies responded to 1,710 assist motorist calls and performed 93 funeral details for traffic safety reasons.

We all are aware of the increased use of illegal drugs and prescription medicines nationwide. Unfortunately, in Calvert County fourteen lives were lost to illegal drug use in 2015. Every patrol officer has been trained in the use of Narcan, an immediate antidote for a drug overdose, and it was administered 24 times in 2015. An addition of five drug detecting K-9 dogs have been employed for the detection of narcotics and illicit drugs. Drug arrests increased 30%.

The Special Operations Team conducted 76 search warrants and barricade persons operations. The Team is responsible for security at Dominion LNG, and homeland security operations within Calvert County. All of the Sheriff’s Office firearms qualifications are run through the Team, to include all retired police and military officers who reside in Calvert County. The Special Operations Team has dive, hazmat and emergency medical capabilities. In 2015, the Team, along with Detention Center personnel, supported Baltimore city during the riots and the Secret Service during the papal visit in Washington D.C.

The Twin Beach Patrol is currently comprised of a first sergeant, a corporal, six patrol deputies, a K-9, and a detective. Twin Beaches contract with the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office to provide full time law enforcement services to the residents within the incorporated Towns of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach. The Mayors have been more than satisfied with our services.
The Professional Standards Unit continues to investigate complaints against deputies, with only a small percentage being sustained. Mediation has been a valuable tool in resolving some complaints.

The Administrative and Judicial Services was busy in 2015 serving over 15,000 civil papers with an impressive service rate of nearly 95 percent.

We had one hiring process for deputy sheriff, to fill vacancies. We processed over 350 applicants and tested over 100 of them. Six well trained deputies graduated in 2015. We currently have five recruits in the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy.

The Animal Control Unit continues its outstanding performance dealing with the public and the care of animals.

Our Detention Center has an outstanding staff, eager to provide the proficient services to the inmate population, while being extremely committed to supporting community events. In 2015, the Detention Center’s Relay for Life team, the Jailhouse Rockers, received the top fundraising team award. I am thankful for the dedication of the staff and the services they provide the housed inmates.

As always, I remain steadfast in providing the most qualified and well-trained deputies and correctional officers. I am proud to lead such a dedicated group of sworn and civilian men and women.

SHERIFF MIKE EVANS

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF

2015 was another great year for the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Center. Once again, the men and women dedicated to keeping our citizens safe met the challenge. From maintaining a continuous reduction in serious crime to safely and efficiently managing a capacity inmate population in the Detention Center, our deputies and correctional officers continue to set the example for other agencies around the State to follow.

In 2015, we saw social unrest in the form of riots and demonstrations around the country. Much of this activity was directed toward law enforcement. Almost daily, law enforcement agencies were the subject of both national and local news stories focused on corruption and misconduct. And sadly, we lost 128 law enforcement officers and 7 correctional officers nationwide in the line of duty in 2015. Amidst all of this, the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office maintained a high level of trust and respect with our partners in the community. Sound policies, training, and leadership skills that transcend every level of the agency carried us through these trying times. As an agency, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide the highest quality law enforcement services possible to the community we serve. As individuals, we take pride in the role we play in society and the profession we represent.

Anyone reading this report will quickly recognize the commitment and sacrifice put forth by our deputies, correctional officers, animal control officers, and civilian support staff. They are truly an exceptional group of people committed to serving the citizens of Calvert County.

MAJOR DAVE MCDOWELL
This 2015 Annual Report gives a comprehensive account of the hard work that the officers and staff have contributed to make the Calvert County Detention Center successful. As the Administrator, it is with great pleasure that I present this progress report to the citizens and Sheriff Mike Evans. It includes a detailed report of the programs and services we provide our inmate population and the community.

In 2015 our aging facility underwent several major maintenance repairs and upgrades. We also realized new opportunities to improve our program and staffing infrastructure. The facility’s door and camera controls were completely upgraded to a new system. The air handler unit and control for the facility’s kitchen area was also completely replaced.

The plan to improve the inmate GED program was completed with the addition of four new computers, making it possible for the Detention Center to administer the GED test onsite. This upgrade ensures every interested inmate has the chance to complete his or her high school equivalency exam. Enhanced inmate programming included an additional parenting and family skills program, as well as the return of the anger management program.

The Detention Center’s Administrative Corporal’s position continues to improve our compliance with the Maryland Correctional Standards, as well as moving us closer to a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit. Additional security improvements are planned to improve video surveillance capabilities and to aid the officer in housing unit management.

The officers and staff of the Detention Center continued to prove that they are some of the most committed and generous people in the county. This commitment helps to create strong ties in the community. This year employees once again donated toys, games, and coloring books for the Toys for Tots program and Calvert Memorial Hospital’s Children’s Unit. They donated time, money, and energy to the local Relay for Life and Special Olympics programs.

The Detention Center would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our volunteers. Currently, approximately 300 volunteers provide important services to the inmate population, such as spiritual counseling, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, life skills, parenting, substance abuse, anger management and educational services.

This Annual Report also features other programs the Detention Center provides to assist inmates to re-enter the community as better citizens. The Detention Center hopes this year to begin a re-entry program to link inmates with vital resources when entering back into our community.

The Detention Center, through the hard work and dedication of its staff, is committed to providing the safest and most conducive learning environment to its inmate population. For those who desire to change their lives for the better, the staff and officers of the Detention Center stand ready to facilitate self-improvement and reintegration programs. I am extremely proud of the staff and how hard each member works toward accomplishing our mission. It is with great pride that I present this 2015 Annual Report to showcase the improvements, the professionalism, and the commitment of the staff at the Calvert County Detention Center.

MAJOR T.D. REECE
A MESSAGE FROM THE DETENTION CENTER DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Annual Report is an excellent opportunity to thank our community for supporting our efforts throughout the year. The staff of the Detention Center remains deliberate toward providing the best service to the citizens by employing the best in corrections technology and personal performance.

In 2015, nearly one-third of the security staff of the Detention Center accomplished perfect attendance. When you factor in the officers who missed only one day of sick leave in 2015, the fraction of staff with outstanding attendance was nearly half of the entire force. These exceptional measures of dependability define the foundation of how the staff of the Detention Center remains committed to the citizens of Calvert County.

As the Deputy Administrator, I echo the Administrator’s appreciation for the people who work within the Detention Center. Our maintenance department has improved the overall operation of the facility in 2015 by bolstering many of the security functions of the physical plant. This year the exterior lights of the building have been significantly upgraded to effectively light the perimeter with less-costly, but brighter LED lights. Major improvements to several officer posts have improved security, while creating a more user friendly working environment. One-way glass and security pass-thru ports have been installed to create a safer method of handling prisoners in high security areas. A section of fence was installed in the outer work release area to secure the parking lot, and provide a more secure waiting area for returning detail inmates. Maintenance and security staff have worked together to design an improved camera system that will be staff-installed, tailored to the needs of security staff, and provide at least 50% greater coverage than the present system. This security camera system upgrade will begin in 2016.

Goals for the next five years include improvements in both staff development and facility security. Plans are being finalized to improve the perimeter fence and access gates, hand-held radios, and improved hardware for security locking devices. All of these initiatives are designed to make staff safer, while improving the facility’s overall safety footprint in the community. In 2015, monthly training events were initiated to improve the security operation. These supplemental trainings were well attended and allowed staff to obtain skills that help them do the job more safely and efficiently. The Detention Center is poised to open more training opportunities in the near future, utilizing up to date methods and information.

Thank you for allowing us to serve our County this past year. Every staff member of the Detention Center is dedicated and devoted to constantly improving our operation and your opinion of our performance. We remain committed to the safety of our community and continued servitude to the preservation of public safety.

CAPTAIN KEVIN CROSS
CALVERT COUNTY

CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE HISTORY

The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) was founded in 1654 and is the primary law enforcement agency servicing over 90,000 residents and 213 square miles. All CCSO deputies’ authority is constitutional in origin and deputies are sworn law enforcement officers with full arrest authority as governed under the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission.

The Sheriff’s Office has grown from a six man department in the mid 1970’s to a full service agency with primary law enforcement responsibility for Calvert County. The Office is now staffed with 125 sworn members, 15 sworn courthouse deputies and 32 civilian employees. The civilian employees include Crime Scene Technicians, Animal Control Officers, a Property / Evidence Manager and administrative staff.

THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE HAS SEVERAL BUREAUS:

- **Administrative & Judicial Services Bureau** – Consists of the Civil Process Unit, Courthouse Security Unit, and the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy.
- **Criminal Investigative Bureau** – Consists of nine criminal detectives, the Warrant Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Drug Enforcement Unit, Evidence/Property Unit, School Liaison Unit, and Records Unit.
- **Patrol Bureau** – Consists of the Community Action Team, four Patrol squads, the Twin Beaches Patrol, and the Sheriff’s Communications Officers.
- **Special Operations & Homeland Security Bureau** – Consists of the Special Operations Team and the K-9 Unit. Given the presence of two major facilities along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, the Sheriff’s Office has a unique need for maritime law enforcement skills.

The Detention Center also falls under the authority of the Sheriff. It is responsible for detaining pre-trial suspected offenders to adequately assure their appearance at trial or other judicial proceedings, and to hold those offenders serving short-term sentences until legally released.

CALVERT COUNTY COMMUNITY PROFILE

Calvert County is a peninsula which is bordered on the east by the Chesapeake Bay and on the west by the Patuxent River. Its northern most border is located about 25 miles from our nation’s capital. It is Maryland’s smallest county in land area (213 square miles) and home to over 90,000 people.

Prince Frederick is the county seat. There are two incorporated towns, North Beach and Chesapeake Beach, located on the Chesapeake Bay in the northeast corner of the County. There are seven “town centers.” These include (from north to south) Dunkirk, Owings, Huntingtown, Prince Frederick, St. Leonard, Lusby, and Solomons. Solomons and Chesapeake Beach are two popular weekend resort towns on the Bay.

Calvert County is one of Maryland’s oldest counties, founded in 1654. Once made up primarily of tobacco farmers and watermen, the County was / is slowly claiming its place as a fast-growing suburb of Washington, D.C. Its residents are among the highest median household-income in the United States, but the County’s cost of living continues to be one of the lowest in the metropolitan D.C. area.

With over 140 miles of shoreline and over 4,600 acres of parks and open space, Calvert offers extensive outdoor

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activities. While Calvert’s metropolitan location provides access to a variety of cultural activities, its rural charm, low crime rate, and excellent school system provide an unmatched quality of life.

Calvert County is governed by five county commissioners, the traditional form of county government in Maryland. Current county commissioners are President Steven Weems; Vice President Evan Slaughenhoupt; Pat Nutter; Mike Hart; and Tom Hejl. Calvert County is a jurisdiction of Maryland’s 5th Congressional District. The district is represented in the U.S House of Representatives by Congressman Steny Hoyer.

Calvert County is home to the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and the Dominion Cove Point LNG (liquefied natural gas) facility in Lusby, and the United States Naval Research Laboratory in Chesapeake Beach. The Patuxent River Naval Air Station is located immediately to the south of Calvert County in neighboring St. Mary’s County.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is responsible for supervising and conducting impartial investigations into citizen and internal complaints within the agency. The OPS also reviews all use of force incidents, motor vehicle crashes involving agency vehicles, vehicle pursuits and any discharge of an agency firearm. The Office of Professional Standards is staffed by two full time investigators; Lieutenant Craig Bowen, who commands the unit, and Sergeant James Goldsmith.

The OPS serves as an investigative arm to the citizens and employees of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, and is tasked with the identification and reporting of employee behavior that tends to discredit the agency or violates agency policies and procedures.

The Office of Professional Standards reviews complaint investigations for consistency and fairness. The OPS strives to accomplish these tasks with professionalism, integrity, compassion, and respect in order to maintain the highest standards of public trust. Completed investigations are forwarded through the chain of command for review, and are then presented to the Sheriff for a fair and appropriate adjudication, with consideration given to the complainant, the agency and the individual employee.

During the 2015 calendar year, the OPS supervised and/or investigated 48 citizen complaints, seven internal complaints and 52 accidents involving agency vehicles. The Office of Professional Standards also reviewed 109 use of force incidents.

POLICE-CITIZEN MEDIATION PROGRAM

Mediation is a confidential alternative to the traditional complaint process. Mediation offers a different way of handling the concerns or frustrations of citizens and police officers after interacting with one another. These concerns and frustrations often lead to citizens filing complaints against the officer. The mediator is a neutral third party trained and experienced in assisting citizens and police officers in talking through, and possibly resolving their differences with one another.

The OPS identifies those cases during the assessment phase, where the citizen/police officer may benefit from a face to face dialogue. The mediation process will enable them to voice their different perspectives based on their interaction with one another.

Identified mediation cases are then forwarded to the Mediation Center for referral. Mediation is a voluntary, confidential process in which both parties must agree to attend. If either party does not agree to attend mediation, then the complaint will be assigned for investigation and the traditional process will take place. If both parties
agree to mediation, then there will be no further investigation. The case will be closed with mediation being the resolution.

**ADMINISTRATIVE & JUDICIAL SERVICES BUREAU**

The Administrative and Judicial Bureau (AJSB) provides overall management of a myriad of functions. The Civil Process Unit; courthouse security; human resources; the Animal Control Unit; policy development; training; and the supervision of sworn agency members assigned to the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy all fall under the auspices of the AJSB.

**CIVIL PROCESS**

The Civil Process Unit is responsible for the timely service of all civil actions received from the courts throughout Maryland and nationwide. Witness summons and subpoenas, civil complaints, various orders and writs are some of the process served by this section.

During 2015, Civil Process received 16,484 pieces of process for service. This is a 2.74% increase from 2014. Personnel served 15,634 of these actions for an outstanding service rate of 94.84%.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

The development of sound policy is integral to efficient agency operations. Therefore, policy and procedures have to be continually reviewed and updated to keep up with current law enforcement trends. AJSB is responsible to research current policy and seek the input of the Command Staff and subject matter experts for any necessary changes.

**COURTHOUSE SECURITY**

The Courthouse Security Unit is comprised of 15 Special Deputies who provide security to the Circuit Court and the entire courthouse complex. Deputies protect the entrances of the courthouse and ensure that no contraband is brought into the building. These deputies also provide security for the judges, staff, and citizens inside of the courtrooms. The deputies stationed at the courthouse are required to undergo the same training, and have the same certifications, as all deputies under the supervision of the Sheriff.
TRAINING

The Administrative and Judicial Bureau is directly responsible for ensuring all members of the agency are in compliance with the training requirements of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission. In 2015 the commission completed the first ever audit of the Calvert County Sheriff’s training files. The auditors spent several hours looking for any possible discrepancy. However, the auditors were not able to find a single issue. They commented several times about the superb organization of the files and the unbelievable lack of discrepancies. The Executive Director of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission was so impressed with the audit he sent a letter to Sheriff Mike Evans commending the work of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office.

HUMAN RESOURCES

All recruiting, background investigations, promotional processes, and new deputy hiring are components of the Administrative and Judicial Services Bureau

THE BUREAU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

• Administering both a physical ability and written exam to applicants
• Coordinating background investigations
• Attending career fairs throughout the year
• Administering entrance examinations
• Interviewing applicants
• Scheduling oral board interviews, polygraph, psychological and medical examinations
• Maintaining application, background files, personnel and medical files
• The preparation of all personnel related paperwork
• Maintaining contact with all applicants from initial application to final employment disposition
• Ensuring new employees are in compliance with MPCTC standards
• Preparing photo identifications for new employees
• Preparing, administering, and ranking promotional candidates

The Sheriff’s Office makes every effort to recruit the most qualified applicants for vacant Deputy positions within the agency. In recent years, we have consistently taken part in community events that provided us with the opportunity to recruit from a diverse potential applicant pool. The Sheriff’s Office has partnered with the College of Southern Maryland on numerous occasions over the years to support their Criminal Justice Program and career path related events. Sheriff’s Office personnel also routinely assist the Board of Education by taking part in the high school Criminal Justice Programs, as well as the Skills USA program.

In an effort to identify the best possible candidates for vacant Deputy Sheriff positions, we have implemented new applicant testing components, to include a more comprehensive written exam and physical ability test. During the course of 2015, the Administrative and Judicial Services Bureau conducted physical ability and written testing for over 200 new applicants seeking employment with the agency. As a result of our improved applicant testing procedures, we were able to identify 12 new recruit deputies for our academy.
The Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy (SMCJA) is funded by Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Offices. The personnel at the academy are comprised of sworn and civilian personnel from all three counties.

In 2015, the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy provided training for many different agencies. The academy held two entry-level police classes (PELTP Session 40 & Session 42). PELTP Session 42 will finish in 2016. PELTP stands for Police Entry Level Training Program (PELTP). The academy also instructed a comparative compliance course (Session 41). PELTP Session 40 graduated 21 recruits with six (6) employed by Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. PELTP Session 42 currently has 18 recruits with six Calvert County Sheriff’s Office recruits which will complete instruction in the spring of 2016. CELTP stands for Corrections Entry Level Training Program (CELTP). The academy hosted two entry-level corrections classes (CELTP Session 52 and 53).

During 2015 the academy provided in-service for 258 sworn officers. In-service was provided for Calvert County – 115, St. Mary’s County – 134, Riverdale Police Department – 8, and Morningside Police Department – 1.

The Academy also hosted specialized courses such as an Enhanced Instructor Course, Emergency Response Team School for Corrections and Law Enforcement Officer’s Flying Armed.

ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

The Animal Control Unit continues to provide service to the county utilizing its six Animal Control Officers (ACOs) and One Office Aide/Dispatcher. ACOs are tasked with enforcing the Calvert County ordinance and the State of Maryland code on animals. While enforcing the laws, ACOs provide education in reference to animal ownership and being responsible pet owners. ACOs are on duty between 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. every day with a rotating on-call status. This ensures that an ACO is available to respond for animal emergencies after hours such as animal bite/exposure, injured stray domestic animals and stray aggressive dogs.

ACOs are requested to assist law enforcement and first responders where animals are present during search warrants, arrests, domestic violence cases, evictions, automobile crashes and residential fires. Animals may be removed to protect their safety and held at a shelter facility or released to another person at the owner’s discretion.
ACOs regularly attend special events sponsored by different pet organizations, community events and career day at school throughout the year providing educational support for adults and children. A unique event attended was the “Reception Center” drill held at Huntingtown High School. The drill was graded by different state and federal agencies in connection with requirements of Exelon’s Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant. Animal Control demonstrated it was prepared to assist with animals should they be required to be housed at a temporary emergency pet shelter.

The Animal Control Unit provided training to road patrol deputies on the use of a capture restraint pole. This was due to numerous check welfare calls for service of citizens inside their residence finding a dog present being protective. After hours the deputy had to wait for an ACO to arrive which could be up to an hour. Given this tool the deputies are able to quickly secure the dog for their safety and to provide much needed assistance to the citizen being checked on. This pro-active approach keeps the deputies safe as well as keeping the dog from undue harm. Each shift was provided with three capture restraint poles so that they are readily available throughout the county.

Pet licenses are required for every dog and cat over the age of five months per the county ordinance. The cost is $7 for spayed/neutered and $20 for non-spayed/neutered pets and can be purchased at all of the County’s Veterinarian Hospitals, local animal welfare groups, Peppers Pet Pantry, Darnell’s Mobile Veterinary Service, North and Chesapeake Beach Town Halls, County Treasurer and at the Sheriff’s Office. The annual pet license amnesty week held in November continues to be a success. During this week pet licenses are offered at a reduced cost of $3 for a spayed/neutered pet and $10 for non-spayed/neutered pets. A properly displayed pet license can assist ACOs in reuniting a lost pet with its owner.

The Optimist Club of Calvert County held its annual “Respect for Law Enforcement” ceremony honoring ACO Frederick Sheckels as Officer of the Year for Animal Control. ACO Amy Howard attended and successfully completed the 96 hours of training at the East Coast Animal Control Training Academy.
The Patrol Bureau is the most visible bureau within the Sheriff’s Office. It consists of four patrol squads, the Twin Beaches squad, Patrol K-9; the Community Action Team; Sheriff’s communications operators; Motors Unit; Crash Reconstruction Unit; the Public Information Officer; and fleet vehicles. Captain Todd Ireland is Commander of the Bureau. He is assisted by Assistant Commanders: Lieutenant Brent Parrott (Lt.) and First Sergeants Brian McCourt (F/Sgt) and Ronald Naughton.

The Patrol Bureau Commanders function as a team ensuring their personnel are properly equipped and trained to perform their duties effectively and efficiently. Lt. Parrott is responsible for the administrative function of the Patrol Bureau, while F/Sgt. McCourt is responsible for the Bureau operations. F/Sgt. Naughton commands the Twin Beaches Patrol.

Patrol is the only bureau mandated to achieve minimum staffing levels in order to provide adequate coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. When a citizen calls for assistance, patrol deputies respond. They are the first to arrive on scene to address problems, big and small.

In 2015, Patrol deputies were responsible for 1,899 felony and misdemeanor arrests; 429 DUI arrests; and 18,849 traffic stops.

**ADDITIONALLY, THEY DID THE FOLLOWING:**

- Investigated 2,087 automobile crashes;
- Investigated nine fatal automobile crashes, involving 11 deaths.
- Participated in numerous special events to include:
  - Annual Tiki Bar opening
  - Fireworks celebrations in North/Chesapeake Beaches, and Solomons
  - Blessing of the Bikes
  - Calvert County Fair
  - Patuxent River Appreciation Days
  - 5K events and other events where police presence was requested.
- Participated in state and nationwide traffic enforcement initiatives:
  - Click It or Ticket
  - Smooth Operator
  - Checkpoint Strikeforce
- Won the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge
- Won second place in the National Law Enforcement Challenge

The Patrol Bureau continues to face the challenge of battling the heroin epidemic which plagues our nation, as well as Calvert County. In an effort to continue the war on drugs, five drug detection dogs were added to road patrol. The use of the new Patrol K-9’s led to a 78% increase in K-9 involved drug arrests.

The Patrol Bureau Command identified other needs in 2015 and was able to follow through with some noteworthy solutions.

They worked as part of the radio build team for a new public safety radio system, which will afford all radio users a turnkey radio system with adequate coverage.
The need for a Fleet Technician Specialist was recognized. A job description was created and received approval from the Personnel Department, and the Calvert County Board of Commissioners in order to create the position. The implementation of this much needed position not only freed up a sworn deputy, but will also save the County thousands of dollars annually for installs, upgrades, and repairs of emergency equipment and radios.

There was a need for additional driver training, focusing on pursuit techniques. The training was conducted at FEDEX Field in Landover, Maryland. Deputies were trained in the proper utilization of the precision immobilization technique (PIT), the box in, rolling roadblocks and how to end a pursuit successfully.

THE DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT PROGRAM

A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is a law enforcement officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to alcohol. A DRE may perform a 12-step drug influence evaluation on suspected impaired drivers to identify the category of the impairing substance, or combination of impairing substances. Upon the completion of the evaluation the results that were observed and documented are used to identify the category or categories of drugs inducing the observable signs and symptoms of impairment. The subject is then either determined to be not impaired or impaired by one or more categories of drugs.

There are seven categories of drugs that are part of the program. These categories are as follows: Central Nervous System Depressants; Central Nervous System Stimulants; Hallucinogens; Dissociative Anesthetics; Narcotic Analgesics; Inhalants; and Cannabis.

To become a DRE requires the completion of a three-phase training process that is extremely challenging and labor intensive. Phase one is the Drug Recognition Expert Pre-School. The Pre-School consists of a two-day, 16-hour course. In order to proceed, the trainee needs to have an approved passing score to continue to phase two, and move on to the Drug Recognition Expert School. The DRE School consists of a seven-day, 56-hour course that must also be completed with an approved passing score.

Upon completion of the DRE School, the trainees enter phase three and begin DRE Field Certification. This consists of approximately 40-60 additional hours of training. During this phase, trainees conduct drug influence evaluations on impaired subjects to determine if the subject is impaired by one or more categories of drugs. This phase is completed under the observation of DRE Instructors to ensure the evaluations are performed according to the program protocols. The trainees are required to both perform and observe a minimum of 12 evaluations with a minimum of three of the seven drug categories accurately being called as the impairing substance. The impaired subjects are field tested by the instructors to determine if the trainees' determination accurately categorized the impaired subject.

Following the Field Certification phase, the trainees take a final knowledge exam. This exam assesses the trainee on all information learned during Pre-School, DRE-School, and Field Certification. The final exam also requires the trainee complete a blank DRE Matrix that consists of general indicators and signs/symptoms associated with each of the seven categories of drugs. The DRE Matrix must be completed in its entirety from memory and this must be completed with 100% accuracy.

The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office currently has six certified Drug Recognition Experts to include DFC R. Kreps, DFC M. Robshaw, Cpl. T. Moschetto, DFC A. Locke, DFC C. Fox and DFC E. Bradley. Of those six, DFC R. Kreps, DFC M. Robshaw and Cpl. T. Moschetto are also Drug Recognition Expert Instructors.

Of the 430 impaired drivers arrested in 2015, 56 were a result of drug influence evaluations by our Drug Recognition Experts.
The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Bike Patrol Team was established in 1997 by Lt. Bill Soper. It was created as a means to increase police interaction with citizens; to deter crime in directed patrol areas, such as shopping centers; and to increase police response times during special events. The Team has extended the range of Sheriff’s Office patrols to parks, hiking trails, playgrounds and other areas that are not easily accessible by deputies in patrol cars.

The Bike Patrol Team currently has 15 members, who are uniquely trained to conduct patrols on police mountain bikes. The unit is often deployed to patrol large crowds at events throughout Calvert County, such as the 4th of July fireworks celebrations, the Calvert County Fair, Bayfest, Arts Fest, and many other community venues. The Team also takes part in charity events such as the Special Olympics Torch Run, and the End Hunger Ride.

During the spring and summer months of 2015, the Bike Patrol Team was deployed throughout Calvert County’s shopping centers, parks, and boardwalks. In November and December, the team directed bike patrols primarily toward Calvert County’s shopping centers, to deter crime and ensure the safety of holiday shoppers.

Throughout the year, the Bike Patrol Team is committed to the education and safety of Calvert County’s youngest cyclists, by hosting several bicycle safety classes. During these classes, members of the Bike Patrol Team educate children and their parents on bicycle safety, Maryland bicycle laws, and bicycle maintenance. The children who participate have the opportunity to ride their bikes through several skills courses with members of the unit.

The Sheriff’s Office Bike Patrol Team is an integral part of our commitment to providing the best possible police service for the citizens of Calvert County.

**SHERIFF’S COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS**

The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office consists of five civilian Sheriff’s Communications Operators (SCO’s) that work a 24/7 rotating shift and one civilian Sheriff Communications Operator Supervisor. The SCO’s receive numerous emergency and non-emergency phone calls, as well as animal complaints from the citizens of Calvert County, that demand the response of agency personnel both sworn and civilian. Most of the calls are non-emergency related; however, when they do receive emergency calls they must be prepared and able to assist the caller. In order to do so, all SCO’s must be CPR and Emergency Police Dispatch certified. The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office responded to 72,976 calls. The majority of those calls were received and entered by the SCO’s.

The SCO’s spend countless hours performing critical tasks necessary for the essential day to day operations of the Sheriff’s Office. Faced with scheduling shortfalls, unexpected position vacancies, and required enhanced training skill sets, the SCO’s continue to meet their challenges head on and far surpass any expectation of competency and efficiency.
EXPLORER’S PROGRAM

The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Explorers’ Post #91 is a program through the Boys Scouts of America, for youth ages 14-21. The program allows participants to gain a better understanding of the criminal justice system, as well as their local law enforcement agency. The program educates participants through hands-on training and classroom lectures, while building good character and leadership skills.

The Post volunteers in different community events throughout the year, such as the Sheriff’s Office Open House, the Calvert County Fair, and Shop with a Cop, just to name a few. The program conducts fundraising efforts throughout the year to help cover uniform and activity costs.

The CCSO Explorers’ Post #91 attended the 2014 National Law Enforcement Explorers’ Conference in Bloomington, Indiana, where they participated in various competitions and seminars.

The Post advisors are DFC V. Evans, Cpl. Libby, and Mrs. Dominique Evans. The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Explorers’ Post #91 meets at the College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick campus, Building B, Room 200. The meetings are every first and third Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

D.A.R.E.

During the course of 2015, the Sheriff’s Office D.A.R.E. Instructors presented the “Keepin’ it REAL” D.A.R.E. curriculum to approximately 1,000 5th and 6th grade students throughout Calvert County. The D.A.R.E curriculum is currently taught to 6th grade students in the public school system and 5th grade students in the three private schools located in the county. The “Keepin’ it REAL” curriculum consists of 10 lessons which are designed to teach the students how to make safe and responsible decisions. Every time our D.A.R.E officers present the “Keepin’ it REAL” curriculum, the goal is to help instill a desire in each student to consider the consequences of every decision they make. Good decisions lead to good outcomes. The curriculum is designed to help students understand the consequences of making poor decisions and hopefully make better decisions moving forward.

Our newly designed D.A.R.E vehicle unveiled in 2015 is pictured above. The design concept was a collaboration between DFC A. Mitchell and TNT Signs and Graphics in Huntingtown and was paid for from a tobacco grant through the Calvert County Health Department.

MOBILE FIELD REPORTING COMES TO CALVERT COUNTY

Calvert deputies have taken a major step forward in streamlining their ever growing flow of paperwork. After a lengthy wait and with a tremendous amount of patience, dedication, and hard work, the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office recently went live with mobile field reporting or electronic reports. The migration to field reporting had been on the agency’s radar for many years. However, it was a tremendous undertaking requiring a mammoth size commitment, but one that has been well worth the wait. To date, we believe the field reporting implementation has been our most successful project.
As we all know, change is never easy and rarely welcomed. In 2010, Public Safety in Calvert County went live with the largest software project in the history of the County. After an extensive, multi-year, nationwide search, New World Systems (NWS) out of Troy, Michigan won a competitive bid. New World Systems leads the industry in Public Safety software, offering solutions from the time the 911 call comes into the Dispatch Center and is dispatched to the patrol units. NWS offers a records management product for law enforcement, corrections, and fire EMS.

New World Systems offered a field reporting component during the initial “Go Live” period; however, staff decided to phase in field reporting once the other key components were fully implemented and functioning. In the interim, 911 dispatched the call, along with other important data, to the deputy’s mobile computer in the cruiser. The deputy still had to report back to headquarters to complete his/her reports, either in writing, typewritten, or by using a Word document. An arrest or investigation could take an officer off the street for several hours to complete local and state paperwork in certain situations. The Sheriff’s Command Staff’s desire was to keep the deputies on the street and in the communities as much as possible.

Since part of any successful project is ownership by the people who will be using the system daily, a group of Sheriff’s Office subject matter experts was identified from each bureau within the agency to serve as the “Field Reporting Build Team.” Each person brought their own unique expertise to the Team. The Team also included Technology Services staff, and was managed by a Project Manager.

Many hours were invested in the build process. In order to design and test the software to be used, the Team had to think of every scenario a deputy might encounter, as each situation had its own unique data set, required data fields, and/or mandated forms. The team performed its due diligence by visiting other agencies already using New World’s field reporting to learn from their mistakes and successes.

As part of the field reporting build, most of the State mandated forms were also created electronically, further streamlining the flow of information for the deputies, while still meeting local, state, and federal requirements. Once the custom screens were developed and fully tested by the team with the assistance of New World staff, a “Go Live” date was chosen.
Deputies reported to work prior to the start of their regular shift for scheduled training. Immediately after the training session, they picked up their newly updated mobile computers, and hit the street using the new software. The Build Team members, who designed field reporting, served as the trainers for their fellow squad members. Those same trainers served as their squad’s point of contact on the road. Other than a few very minor details to work through, the deputies’ general consensus of the new software was extremely favorable. The more they used it, the more they seemed to like it.

Prior to field reporting, Records Unit staff spent many hours copying reports for Juvenile Services, the State’s Attorney’s Office, schools, etc. Since going paperless, key staff within the State’s Attorney’s Office, have been granted access to New World Systems directly. They are able to retrieve the reports needed for prosecutorial purposes, and others can be sent electronically. The Records personnel now have time to focus on other important duties. Additionally, there is no longer a need to add filing cabinets full of paper files that must be stored for many years. This is obviously saving brick and mortar space, as well as reducing our carbon footprint.

Throughout the entire New World implementation process, various teams received awards as they moved through the life of this Public Safety integrated software project. We would like to once again thank Team members for their attention and dedication to the field reporting project, as well as the deputies who accepted and embraced this change in procedures. The continued support of those now using this product so successfully has made those days in the trenches worth the work.

Key Team members from the Sheriff’s Office were: Capt. Bobby Jones, Mrs. Robin Cox, Mrs. Tina Bowen, Cpl. Tom Phelps, DFC J.D. Denton, DFC Jeffrey Hardesty, DFC Jason Lord, and DFC Ricky Cress. Team members from Technology Services were Mr. Jim Mulligan, and our Project Manager, Mr. Heath Starkweather.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU (CIB)

In 2014, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I Crimes reported by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office totaled 1,466. In 2015 there was a decrease in Part I crimes by 180 reported cases.

In 2015, the Criminal Investigations Bureau investigated two homicides, 20 robberies, 10 aggravated assaults, 36 burglaries, 54 sex offenses, six rapes, 33 deaths, and 227 thefts. CIB also investigated 82 other cases and executed approximately 157 search and seizure warrants.

IN 2015 THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU HANDLED MANY NOTABLE CASES, SEVERAL OF WHICH ARE LISTED BELOW:

SIXES ROAD HOMICIDE

On March 3, 2015, at approximately 12:40 p.m., the Calvert Control Center received a 911 call from a citizen reporting a male subject was lying unconscious along Sixes Road in Prince Frederick. Deputies responded to the area and located a black male in the shared driveway of 1707 Sixes Road. The male subject appeared to have extensive head injuries and was bleeding profusely. EMS personnel responded and transported the subject to Calvert Memorial Hospital.

The subject was identified as Rodney Vincent Mackall of Sixes Road in Prince Frederick. Mackall was suffering from severe cerebral bleeding and skull fractures. He was unconscious and unresponsive. Mackall’s injuries were consistent with injuries caused by a blunt object. Mackall was said to be in grave condition upon his arrival at Calvert Memorial Hospital. Mackall was transported to the University of Maryland in Baltimore for further treatment.
Through investigation, it was determined that Nicole Dalrymple was driven to 1707 Sixes Road by Melvin Johnson. Dalrymple’s husband, Gary Mason, accompanied her to the Sixes Road address where the assault took place. Allegedly, the purpose of the trip was to purchase crack cocaine.

Mason, Dalrymple, and Johnson were located and taken to the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office for questioning. Mason advised detectives that he went to Mackall’s residence with Dalrymple to purchase crack cocaine. Mason said when they approached Mackall, he said “Hello, Beautiful” to Dalrymple and that made Mason furious. Mason said he struck Mackall in the head with a mallet and Mackall fell to the ground. Mason said he struck Mackall several more times with the mallet and with his fist. Mason said Dalrymple went through Mackall’s pockets, taking crack cocaine and his wallet, they then left the area and began to walk towards Route 4 where they were picked up by Johnson.

Dalrymple was also interviewed by detectives and gave similar statements of the events that occurred on March 3, 2015. Mackall succumbed to his injuries during the afternoon hours on March 4, 2015. Nicole Danielle Dalrymple, 27, of Port Republic and Gary Sylvester Mason, 35, of Port Republic, were both convicted of murder. Mason was given a 30 year sentence and Dalrymple was given a 15 year sentence.

**WHITE SANDS HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION**

On May 2, 2015, detectives from the Criminal Investigations Bureau began an investigation for a homicide that occurred on Sycamore Road in the White Sands community of Lusby. Patrol deputies responded to this location for the report of an unconscious male and found the victim, Levi Buck, 48, of that address, suffering from a gunshot wound and was pronounced deceased at the scene. After interviewing several witnesses at the scene, Robert Scott Slaughter, 43, of Mechanicsville, Md. was developed as a suspect.

Slaughter was unable to be located and subsequently, a look out for Slaughter was given throughout the Southern Maryland area, along with his vehicle, a red 2006 Ford Mustang GT. At approximately 8:49 p.m., Detective Mike Mudd made contact with Slaughter via telephone. Slaughter agreed to come to the Sheriff’s Office for questioning, but never showed up. Based on text messages received by Slaughter’s wife, detectives believed that Slaughter may attempt suicide.

Detectives continued to follow-up on leads and law enforcement officers throughout the area were searching for Slaughter’s vehicle. On May 4th a deputy with the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office spotted Slaughter’s vehicle in the rear parking lot of Mount Zion Church in Mechanicsville. Slaughter was found deceased in the vehicle suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Based on the details of the investigation, to include witness interviews, as well as electronic evidence, it was determined that Slaughter had shot and killed Buck. Buck and Slaughter were acquaintances; and it is believed that the two had a dispute, which lead to the initial shooting.

**ROBBERY CASE**

On July 6, 2015, at approximately 2:49 a.m., an armed robbery occurred at the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 3588 Old Town Road in Huntingtown. During the robbery, a male suspect entered the store, brandished a black handgun, and demanded money. The male suspect fled to a dark colored SUV or truck and left the scene. The male suspect was described as a thin, white male, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with the hood over his head, and black and white bandana covering his face. He was also wearing black gloves, blue jeans, and black shoes.
On July 9, 2015, at approximately 4:00 a.m., an armed robbery occurred at the 7-Eleven store, 13974 HG Trueman Road, Solomons, Maryland. An unknown white male subject entered the store wearing a black hooded jacket, black gloves, blue jeans, and black boots with a white/black mask covering his face. This suspect was armed with a black, semi-automatic handgun. The suspect encountered the only store employee toward the rear of the store and demanded money. The store employee complied, and the suspect made away with US currency. After reviewing the video footage, it was believed that the same suspect committed both robberies.

Based on the timeframes in which the two robberies occurred, it was very probable there would be a third similar robbery in the near future. At the direction of Sheriff Mike Evans, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Bureau put together an operation to conduct surveillance on all of the convenience stores in Calvert County. Personnel from within the Sheriff's Office, as well as from the Southern Maryland Information Center (SMIC), joined forces to conduct the operation, which began on July 10, 2015, at midnight.

During the early morning hours of July 10th, Detective Cameron of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office and Detective Simonds of the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office (both assigned to SMIC) were conducting surveillance on the Lusby and St. Leonard Fastop convenience stores.

While conducting a check of the St. Leonard Fastop, detectives encountered a suspicious vehicle matching the description of the vehicle used in the first two robberies. The detectives set up surveillance in the area and observed the vehicle as it continued to engage in suspicious activity. The detectives called for marked Sheriff's Office units to respond to the area to assist. The on scene detectives requested the marked units to conduct a traffic stop on the Dodge Dakota four door truck bearing Maryland registration 9AK8162. When units stopped the truck, it was being operated by Bethani Yvonne Wood and Steven E. Garner. During the traffic stop several pieces of evidence were recovered to link the vehicle and its occupants to the previous 7-Eleven robberies.

Both Wood and Garner were arrested and transported to the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office for questioning. Wood and Garner were charged accordingly and were transported to the Calvert County Detention Center to await their hearings before a District Court Commissioner.

SHERMAN HOLLAND CASES

In September 2015, the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office began handling thefts of motor vehicles in the Prince Frederick area and points north. The vehicles were always recovered within a few days at various other locations in Calvert County. Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Bureau began investigating these cases. Sherman Oswald Holland was developed as a suspect due to his extensive history of stealing motor vehicles in Calvert County, using the same modus operandi.

Sherman Holland was released from the Maryland Division of Corrections on August 24, 2015, after serving his sentence for theft of motor vehicles and other related crimes. Approximately one month after his release, the stolen motor vehicles began occurring. Realizing the need to obtain physical evidence in these cases, a crime scene technician was utilized to process each recovered vehicle to include any potential DNA evidence. In two of the cases, evidence collected at the scene was positively linked to Holland through his DNA. Detectives also utilized Holland’s cell phone records to place him in the area during the dates and times of several of the thefts. Holland was located and arrested on a warrant for violation of parole. He was subsequently charged with these motor vehicle thefts.
NOTABLE DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT (DEU) CASES IN 2015

The DEU conducted an investigation into a pill distribution ring operating in Calvert County resulting in eight search warrants being obtained and executed in Calvert County. Eight subjects were arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Oxycodone. Two-hundred-fifteen oxycodone pills were seized during this investigation.

The DEU investigated a subject believed to be distributing a large amount of heroin in Calvert County. Search warrants were obtained and executed in Calvert County. As a result, over twenty-four grams of heroin were seized. One subject was charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin.

The DEU worked in conjunction with Federal law enforcement to investigate a large scale prescription pill distribution organization in the Southern Maryland area. This organization was responsible for putting thousands of oxycodone pills on the streets of Calvert County. The DEU assisted federal law enforcement in conducting search warrants in the Southern Maryland area resulting in a large amount of evidence and assets being seized, as well as the arrest of several subjects for violations of several Federal and State laws pertaining to the distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances.

The DEU worked with federal law enforcement to investigate a subject known to be a distributor of large amounts of cocaine in Calvert County. Search warrants were obtained and executed resulting in the seizure of a large quantity of cocaine and assets. Several subjects were arrested during this investigation for violations of federal and state laws pertaining to the distribution of controlled dangerous substances.

The DEU conducted an investigation on a subject believed to be distributing a large amount of heroin in Calvert County. Search warrants were obtained and executed, resulting in fourteen grams of heroin being seized. One subject was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin.

WARRANT UNIT

The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Warrant Unit is primarily tasked with searching out, and apprehending persons wanted by the Circuit and District Courts of Calvert County. The unit is currently staffed by one sergeant, four deputies and two civilian office personnel. The Warrant Unit also routinely assists outside agencies seeking wanted individuals from their respective counties, who reside within Calvert County. The Warrant Unit also coordinates the extradition of fugitives wanted by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, who have been located outside the state of Maryland.

In 2015, the Warrant Unit conducted its annual “Warrant Sweep.” The Warrant Unit, along with deputies of the Patrol Bureau, Administrative Bureau, and CIB detectives, coordinated with the Calvert County Detention Center, St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office, Anne Arundel County Sheriff’s Office, Charles County Sheriff’s Office, and Prince Georges County Sheriff’s Office. The “Warrant Sweep” resulted in 228 warrants and criminal summons being served. Additionally, as a result of the “Warrant Sweep,” 13 of Calvert County’s “most wanted” were captured; and a total of $49,988 was collected in child support payments.

There are approximately 829 active felony, misdemeanor, and civil arrest warrants maintained by the Unit. During 2015 the Warrant Unit received 1,970 new warrants and criminal summons during 2015 and served 2,402 throughout the year, some of which were from prior years.
Currently, the Calvert County Child Support Program ranks #1 in the State of Maryland in arrearage payments paid; #1 in current support paid; and #1 in court orders. These achievements are a direct result of the collaborative effort with the Calvert County States Attorney’s Office, the Calvert County Child Support Enforcement Office, and the hard working deputies and civilian members of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Warrant Unit.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of individuals wanted by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, may contact the Sheriff’s Office at 410-535-2800, or leave a tip through the Calvert County Crime Solvers at 410-535-2880. You may also submit a tip online to Calvert County Crime Solvers. The online form is entirely anonymous and is not traceable. You may be contacted only if you choose to submit your contact information. Otherwise, your identity will remain unknown. The link for Calvert County Crime Solvers can be accessed on the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office website.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER UNIT

In January 2004, Sheriff Mike Evans and the Calvert County Board of Education (BOE) joined together in an agreement to place the first deputy sheriff as a liaison in the school system. Deputy First Class Glenn Libby was the first deputy chosen for this program.

DFC Libby was assigned to the Calvert Investigations Bureau, with Patuxent High School being his home school. The program ran smoothly for several years with DFC Libby being promoted to corporal and remaining in the school liaison position.

In January 2009, Sheriff Evans again met with the BOE to discuss the positive results of the first school liaison officer position. Due to the program’s success, a second deputy was added to the program. Deputy First Class Vaughn Johnson was assigned to Northern High School. The program continued to grow, and in July 2011, two additional liaison deputies were added, allowing each of the four Calvert County high schools to benefit from this program.

In 2013, the School Liaison Officer Program was modified again. One more school liaison officer was added to the program, which allowed all of the school liaison officers to begin the program with the elementary and middle schools within Calvert County.

During the calendar year of 2015, there were several changes to the School Liaison Unit. DFC Vaughn Johnson was promoted to corporal, reassigned, and replaced by Detective Andy Clas at Huntingtown High School. Detective Sarah Jernigan was also reassigned to another unit, and replaced by Detective Nicholas DeFelice at Northern High School. Detective Vaughn Evans remained at Calvert High School; and Detective Kevin Hall at Patuxent High School. The school liaison officers continue to support the elementary and middle schools located near their respective high schools. Cpl. Glenn Libby is assigned as the immediate supervisor, and also serves as the immediate law enforcement contact for the Calvert County school system. The entire unit is part of the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

The school liaison officers (SLO) have a tremendous amount of responsibility during a regular work day within their respective schools. They often arrive at school early and check the parking lot for traffic/driving violations, and any criminal activity. The liaison officers also check in with the administration first thing in the morning, to discuss any problems or situations that have developed since their last meeting.

It is a common problem for students to skip class or school, so the SLO tries to be seen at different locations and activities by the staff and students. Maryland’s truancy laws are difficult to work with, so an SLO tries to deter the issue prior to it becoming one. The SLO makes time to be in the hallway during hall exchange, and also greets students. On any given day there will be numerous bullying and harassment type incidents, or questions asked by the students and staff.
The SLO’s make themselves available at all times. They help teach several classes, which include topics, such as: decision making, drugs, career building, alcohol, and gangs. Each SLO investigates an average of eight criminal cases and makes approximately nine to twelve arrests a month per school. This doesn’t include mediations, meetings (such as SST, PBIS, or CRISIS), emergency petitions, or just mentoring students. SLO’s also provide parents with helpful assistance on a daily basis. Often a parent will come to school to discuss a problem, not necessarily a criminal or school violation.

The school liaison officer attends all large sporting events and all special assignments held at the school. Each SLO is in charge of scheduling and providing security for these events. An SLO attends all dances, homecoming events, graduations, and participates in Project Graduation.

During the summer months, each SLO serves as a counselor/instructor at Camp Jr. Sheriff; Jr. Police Academy (held in Sykesville, Md.); and CAMP Cops (held at King’s Landing Park). Prior to the beginning of each school year, the SLO serves as an instructor at teacher in-service and provides them with new case law, updated trends, scenarios, etc.

**CONFLICT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The Sheriff’s Office established the first Conflict Management Team (CMT) in the late 1980’s, due to a dramatic increase in barricade incidents. The goal of the CMT is to communicate with individuals threatening violence in hopes that there will be a peaceful resolution. In 2014, our goal was to increase the CMT from eight team members to 12 team members. In 2014, our goal was to increase the CMT from eight members to 12, which was accomplished in 2015. By increasing the number of team members, the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office is able to have CMT members on-call 24 hours a day. Team members are ready to deploy whenever needed.

Each team member completes an extensive one week conflict management school which is hosted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. While in training, team members are taught several specific stages of negotiation. They learn to use this technique to defuse heated situations. Also while in training, team members are faced with a barrage of scenarios played out by experienced negotiator team members. Team members often attend trainings and seminars to reinforce their negotiation skills and to identify current trends in negotiation.

The Conflict Management Team was deployed on two occasions in 2015. The two deployments were resolved without active or long-term negotiations.

**CAMP JUNIOR SHERIFF**

The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office held its second annual and successful Camp Junior Sheriff for middle school aged children in 2015. We were able to accommodate 76 kids for the week long camp experience. The camp teaches campers about the Sheriff’s Office and its resources. Its mission is to teach children the importance of discipline, self-respect, integrity, and teamwork.

The camp is managed by the school liaison deputies and civilian staff from the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. Other Sheriff’s Office units are featured such as the K-9 Unit, Special Operations Team, crime lab technicians, Community Action Team, Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives, and Corrections officers. This year the camp utilized outside resources, such as DARE America, Calvert County Substance Abuse, citizen donations, and Parks and Recreation. We look forward to the 2016 Camp Junior Sheriff.
The Bureau of Special Operations and Homeland Security serves many roles within the Sheriff’s Office, such as serving high risk search warrants, resolving hostage-barricade situations, and other traditional special weapons and tactics (SWAT). With the expansion of the Cove Point Terminal to include exportation of liquid natural gas, these missions will only increase in frequency in the years to come. Team members receive specialized training from various federal agencies to prepare them to escort, board, search, and secure large maritime vessels such as an LNG tanker. While the exact duties, armament, and staffing of these missions are classified in nature, the Sheriff’s Office works closely with our fellow stakeholders to ensure the security and safety of the public as well as employees of the facility.

**SWAT SCHOOL**

In the spring of 2015 the Special Operations Team hosted the sixth session of the Basic Maritime and SWAT Operators training session. This challenging three week course is designed to challenge experienced police officers, delivering state of the art training to prospective Special Operations Team Members. Topics of instruction include tactics, search warrant service, barricaded persons, hostage rescue, chemical munitions, close quarters battle, compliant and non-compliant maritime boarding’s, tactical medicine, and other topics. The spring 2015 session was attended by members of numerous federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, some of which included the United States Coast Guard, the United States Marshalls Service, the Federal Pentagon Police, the Prince Georges County Sheriff’s Office, the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office, and others. This year’s session was remarkable by all accounts as Sgt. Jason Elliott, a senior member of the Special Operations Team, took over the reigns as the lead instructor for the training evolutions. Sgt. Elliott distinguished himself as a teacher, mentor, and leader by facilitating an environment of learning, achievement, and success. In the future years prospective members of the SWAT community in Maryland can look forward to instruction and leadership from Sgt. Elliott.

**K-9**

The K-9 Unit had a busy year, beginning with the addition of five, new single purpose, narcotic detection dog teams. These new K-9 teams are assigned to the Patrol Bureau for the main purpose of highway drug interdiction.

It was a great year for the K-9 Unit narcotic detector dogs. These K-9 teams generated probable cause with a sniff and alert, which led to searches, the discovery of illegal drugs, and ultimately, arrests. This year they conducted over 589 sniffs of vehicles, buildings, and outdoor areas resulting in 213 narcotic finds.

Police service dogs are a great deterrent to crime. In 2015, the K-9 Unit took advantage of that ability by conducting well over 4,000 combined patrol checks, building checks, and foot patrols of Calvert County neighborhoods and businesses. The patrol dogs continued to have great success locating suspects, lost persons and evidence.
In addition to weekly K-9 training, the K-9 Unit conducted:

- Their 80-hour yearly certifications;
- Three, eight-week basic narcotic detection courses to complete narcotic detection dog expansion.

All of the training took place at the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Training Center, built in 2009, and located at the corner of Hance and Broomes Island Roads. Additional highlights and goals achieved during 2015 include the following:

- Puppy program started with the purchase of K-9 Arn from Avisa K-9 in Miami, Florida.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHOP WITH A COP

Calvert Shop with a Cop had two events in 2015. In August we hosted the Back To School event. Sixteen kids were paired with officers from the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, Maryland State Police Barrack "U," and Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The day started with the children being picked up at home by officers, then driven to Lord Calvert Bowl for breakfast, and to bowl a few frames.

After bowling, there was a long police procession to K-Mart in Prince Frederick. This year, back packs filled with school supplies were presented to all of the children who participated. The day’s events concluded with a wonderful dessert at Sweet Frog.

The Christmas event was a huge success. Everyone had a great time. Mama Lucia once again treated us like royalty; the breakfast was delicious. All of the children were able to get their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Clause. Shopping at K-Mart was such a treat for all of the kids, and the officers and volunteers.

Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department made the group feel at home, pulling out all the stops and allowing everyone to wrap all of their presents in their empty bays. Thirty-six kids were paired with police officers from the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, Maryland State Police Barrack “U,” and Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Both of these events were great successes due to the officers who volunteered, and also our civilian volunteers. A special thanks goes out to Calvert County Sheriff’s Explorers’ Post 91 for all of their assistance and hard work.
CAASA ANNUAL BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER

Four years ago, the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office partnered with the Maryland State Police to put together a fundraising activity. It was determined that a basketball game, the Calvert Classic, between both agencies would meet that need. It is a great event that promises to continue to get better and better each year. All proceeds from the Calvert Classic benefit Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA).

We are fortunate to have many sponsors who partner with us to make this event such a success each year. In 2015, our sponsors included CAASA, Maryland DARE Officer’s Association, Royalle Dining Services, Sweet Frog, and Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Explorers’ Post 91. Through everyone’s hard work, we were able to raise approximately $665. By supporting CAASA, our hope is to boost their efforts in battling the substance abuse issue that is growing in our wonderful community.

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

In November of 2015, Sheriff Mike Evans, in conjunction with Calvert Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 109, allowed the Sheriff’s Office employees to participate in the “No Shave November” fund raiser. The employees were given the prerogative to stop shaving for the month, as long as they paid a $50 “fine.” Seventy people participated in the event raising $3,500. All monies raised were donated to Calvert Hospice and the Jailhouse Rockers, Inc. on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

TORCH RUN

On June 2nd the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office hosted the annual Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run Event for Special Olympics. Approximately 20 Officers, to include Calvert County Sheriff’s deputies, Calvert County correctional officers, and Maryland State Police troopers, ran and bicycled approximately 20 miles in support of the Special Olympics. Officers came together to support the Special Olympics and their athletes. The positive impact on the officers, Special Olympics athletes, and their supporters is extremely rewarding!

During the Torch Run, officers run and bike to Calvert High School and Calvert Country School to greet students. After a very warm welcome from the students, officers were bused to Solomons where the event began. Officers then ran and biked approximately 20 miles back to the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office guarding the torch as it ventured from Solomons to Prince Frederick.
Special Olympics Maryland is a year-round sports training and competition program for children and adults with disabilities. Special Olympics serves 10,000 athletes around the state, offering over 20 different sports.

Our goal for 2015 was to sell over $1,000 in T-shirts but we actually sold over $2,000 worth, greatly increasing our contributions over previous years.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Special Olympics cause by purchasing a T-shirt and/or hat. The Calvert County Sheriff’s Office would like to give a special thank you to the Special Olympic athletes!!

**LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Explorers’ Post #91 accepts an official citation from the Maryland General Assembly for their service.

Commissioner Tom Hejl addresses the law enforcement community and thanks them for their service.
TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN NYPD OFFICERS

On December 20, 2014 two New York police officers sitting in their patrol car in Brooklyn were shot at point-blank range and killed by a man who had traveled to New York City from Baltimore vowing to kill officers.

Officer Wenjian Liu and Officer Rafael Ramos, were in their patrol car near a housing project when the gunman walked up to the passenger-side window and shot several rounds into the heads and upper bodies of the officers. Both officers died on the scene as a result of injuries sustained in an ambush style attack.

The suspect, a 28 year old male, fled down the street and onto the platform of a nearby subway station, where he killed himself as responding officers closed in on his location. The law enforcement community was in shock over the tragic loss of two brothers and over the manner in which they were executed.

On December 27, 2014 several members of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office along with 23,000 police officers from as far away as San Diego and Canada and from every corner of the United States gathered at Christ Tabernacle Church in Glendale, Queens, to bid farewell to Officer Rafael Ramos.

Sgt. V. Bortchevsky and Cpl. T. Phelps, members of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office motor unit, trailered two of Calvert’s Harley Davidson motorcycles to New York City in order to lead posthumously promoted Detective Rafael Ramos to his final resting place alongside 400 other motor units. A police motorcycle convoy led the procession through New York City streets filled with police officers and citizens in a sign of appreciation and respect for the murdered Detective Rafael Ramos.

Unfortunately this would not be the last trip Calvert County Sheriff’s Office deputies would be making to the Big Apple. On January 4, 2015 Calvert County Sheriff’s Office motor unit made a second somber trip to New York City for the funeral of posthumously promoted Detective Wenjian Liu. With thousands of police officers in attendance, Ralph Aievoli & Sons Funeral home in Brooklyn, NY, could not accommodate all who wanted to pay respect to the fallen detective. Calvert’s deputies were amongst nearly 15,000 officers from around the world who travelled to New York just days after 2015 New Year celebrations. Sgt. Vlad Bortchevsky and Cpl. Jason Dean, of the Motors Unit, took part in leading Detective Wenjian Liu to his final resting place.

Although a great tragedy is what brought the officers to New York City, the comradery and hospitality of the New York City Police Department and its officers was second to none. Calvert’s deputies, as well as police officers from other departments, were treated like family by NYPD. The gratitude and appreciation for the support the law enforcement community showed NYPD in the time of need, was evident and expressed by every NYPD officer whom Calvert’s deputies came in contact with.
DETENTION CENTER

DETENTION CENTER BUDGET

- Fiscal Year 2015 Budget: $6,871,195
- Fiscal Year 2016 Requested Budget: $7,112,552

FOOD SERVICES

The Detention Center prepared and served approximately 252,600 meals for inmates of which 5,200 are heart healthy and vegetarian meals. The Calvert County Health Department inspects the facility quarterly to ensure all mandated standards are met.

SECURITY AND OPERATIONS

The Operations and Security Division is led by Lt. C. Poff and consists of 64 uniformed officers. In addition to the general classification of security officers who work as part of regular shifts, there are three specialized units which are organized under the Operations and Security Division: the Emergency Response Team, the Contraband Control Team, and the Transportation Team.

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a unit specially trained to respond to dangerous situations within the facility. The main objective in such circumstances is to contain and neutralize disturbances without compromising overall security. ERT candidates undergo an intensive week of training. This school is offered annually and is a joint venture between Calvert, St. Mary's, and Charles counties. The ERT members receive bi-monthly training to stay proficient and abreast of current security trends in corrections. The team is frequently called upon to support large scale security operations within the Detention Center, and provides support to the Sheriff’s Office for large events such as warrant sweeps and large public events. In 2015, the team responded to 155 incidents.

The Contraband Control Team (CCT) consists of 27 officers who have demonstrated diligence in detection and recovery of illegal contraband. Members of the Team are appointed for each shift and entrusted with the critical tasks of searching all newly incarcerated persons, work detail inmates, and inmates returning from work release. The CCT had 87 finds of CDS and contraband. Most of the finds occurred on newly arrested persons and involved CDS.

The Transport Team consists of a sergeant and four officers who are responsible for transporting inmates...
to and from court, medical appointments, and rehabilitation facilities. They are also tasked with picking up inmates from other agencies, as well as taking them to court in other jurisdictions. The Transport Team transports juvenile defendants from various facilities and to/from court. These members undergo a rigorous selection process and are often drawn from the ranks of the CCT and ERT rosters. The team handled over 5,096 transports of prisoners during 2015 and traveled over 46,580 miles.

The Records Department consists of two civilians who are responsible for inmates’ release dates through computation of court sentences. In 2015, the number of inmates incarcerated were 4,150, and 4,164 inmates were released. Records personnel input bond and court dates into the jail management system, and have recently started sitting in on parole hearings and releases. The Records Department also electronically scans an average of 300,000 documents per year. These documents contain information on released inmates to be retained for audits conducted by the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The **Community Supervision Unit** was developed to provide offenders with sentencing options to best sustain their relationship with the community, and provide the tools to reintegrate them back into the community. In the spring of 2015, the Community Supervision Unit became an active participant on the Drug Court Team, which oversees individuals selected to serve their sentence under the direct supervision of the Drug Court.

The **Drug Court** offers a new alternative solution to incarceration. The traditional programs that we have provided over the years are also an alternative to conventional incarceration, which must be approved by the courts. The programs offered are Weekenders, Work Release, Pre-Trial Release, and Home Detentions. Sentenced and pre-trial offenders are monitored through various levels of supervision as ordered by the court, and as determined by Community Supervision Unit staff. The Calvert County Detention Center is committed to maintaining public safety in our community.

The **Home Detention Program** gives offenders, who have been sentenced and present a minimal danger to the community, the opportunity to serve their sentence at home under strict supervision with electronic monitoring. The program expands the number of release options available to the courts. The program also allows individuals with special needs and medical conditions to serve their time at home, while being closely monitored, and receiving continued care through their provider.

An offender may enter the program only upon the authorization of the courts, or as a result of an order from a judge. The program may be authorized during initial sentencing, with conditions outlining when the program is to begin. Offenders may spend a period of confinement within the Detention Center prior to entering the program, either as a condition of the sentence, or for a period of time allowing the Community Supervision Unit staff to process the individual.

If authorized by the courts, work release is an option for offenders serving their sentence on home detention. The offender will be responsible for adhering to all rules and regulations provided under the Work Release Program, and any additional rules and regulations set by the Home Detention Program staff.

The Calvert County Detention Center’s supervised **Pre-Trial Release Program** gives offenders charged with a crime that may be adjudicated by the courts, and who present a minimal danger to the community, the opportunity to be released from incarceration. The program expands the number of release options available to the courts, and reduces unnecessary pre-trial detention.

This gives the Pre-Trial Release Program staff time to conduct interviews, and process the offenders to determine their eligibility for placement on the program. During the processing phase, the staff will determine the level
of supervision needed for the offender. The level of supervision may include, but is not limited to, electronic monitoring coupled with extensive treatment tailored to the offender’s needs.

**Work Release** is a sentencing alternative that allows offenders to maintain employment while serving a sentence imposed by the court. Only sentenced offenders, with court recommended work release commitments will be considered for placement on the program. Offenders with detainers from other jurisdictions will not be considered for work release until the detainer has been satisfied. The benefits of this program are that it allows offenders to provide for their families, receive necessary treatment or counseling, and continue their employment, while serving their required sentence. Offenders are subject to drug and alcohol testing while on the program.

The Work Release staff works with both offenders and employers to ensure appropriate job placement. The Work Release staff also maintains an ongoing relationship with employers in the community to ensure accountability and to evaluate the offender’s job performance. The Work Release Unit welcomes any licensed business that wishes to employ offenders who are eligible for the Work Release Program.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The Detention Center provides the following programs and services to inmates to help train and support correct behavior, and to develop skills necessary for reintegration back into our community.

- Substance abuse counseling: Vivitrol grant to combat opiate addiction
- Anger Management
- Inmate Work Detail
- Apprenticeship Program
- Work Release
- Pre-Trial Release
- Home Detention
- Church/Religious services
- GED Program; certified GED testing site
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous
- Fatherhood Initiative through Care Net
- Parenting classes through Care Net
- Guiding Good Choices through the Health Department
- Naloxone Education through the Health Department
- Mediation through Calvert Mediation
- Inmate Library
- Legal Library
- Veterans Services
- Family Reading Program through Calvert County Public Library
The Calvert County Health Department, with the assistance of the Calvert County Detention Center, has identified and trained 92 inmates in the proper use and administering of the drug Naloxone. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Behavioral Health Administration is expanding access to the drug Naloxone in an effort to reduce fatal opioid overdoses in Calvert County.

Rising numbers of children are affected by the incarceration of a parent. The Detention Center initiated a Parenting Program to educate and improve parenting skills and family relationships for inmates. Volunteer instructors from Care Net provide materials and videos to deliver their message. The inmates must remain “infraction free” during this program.

Once completed, the inmate is allowed to enter the program entitled, Families Reading Together. The program is supported by the Detention Center personnel, the Calvert County Public Library, and volunteers from the local community. The program is designed to support the bond between children and their parents through a mutual reading activity. Its purpose is to increase the opportunity for successful literacy, and learning on the part of both the parent and the child.

In 2015, eleven inmates completed the Parenting Program and seven inmates have participated in the Family Reading Together Program.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Detention Center’s Relay for Life Team, “Jailhouse Rockers,” received the 2015 Top Fundraising Team from Relay for Life of Calvert County. Events such as breakfasts and lunches; chili cook off; wine and design; golf tournament; and raffles were held as fundraisers.

During 2015, Detention Center staff supported and participated in the following programs:

- Toys for Tots
- Collected books, crayons, and coloring books for the Calvert Memorial Hospital children’s ward
- Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Camp Cops and Camp Jr. Sheriff – mentoring and educating children about their profession
- Thanksgiving Food collection donated to local food bank
- Shop with a Cop
DETENTION CENTER CHANGES

PROMOTIONS
The following Correctional Officers were promoted to:

Sergeant:
Charles Lindsay

Corporal:
Thomas Commodore
Shanna Underwood
Herschel Wilder

First Class Rank:
Vincent Bowles
Erik Snyder

NEW HIRES
Christopher Oliver
Danielle Parker
Kiana Brooks
Rasheed Imam
Jessica Skyrm
Danny Switzer
Donovan Hamilton
Michael Lanier

RETIREE
Sgt. Roger Buck

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

& DETENTION CENTER AWARDS

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Outstanding Performance
DFC Christopher Fox
DFC Galen Gott
DFC Stephen Moran
Deputy Dean Naughton
Deputy Brian Pounsberry
Deputy Marshall Trigg

Sheriff’s Award
F/Sgt. Timothy Buckmaster

Sheriff’s Commendation:
Captain Todd Ireland
Lt. Brent Parrott
Cpl. Jason Dean
Cpl. James Wahlgren
DFC Richard Cress
DFC Richard Wilson
DFC Andre Mitchell
DFC Edwin Bradley
Deputy Jeffrey Murphy
Det. Meggan Quinn
Cpl. Eric Basham
DFC Stephen Moran
DFC Richard Weems
Deputy Joshua Buck
Sgt. Ricard Cox
Cpl. Gary Shrawder
DFC Robert Burggraff
DFC Jeffrey Denton
DFC Troy Holt
Deputy of the Year
DFC Galen Gott

Beach Deputy of the Year
DFC Christopher Fox

Rookie of the Year
Deputy Marshall Trigg

Detective of the Year
Det. Ricardo Hawkins

Sheriff’s in Law Enforcement Excellence
DFC Jeffrey Denton
Deputy Joshua Buck
Deputy Derick Clark
Sgt. Gregory Hollinger
DFC Eric Basham
DFC Aaron Locke
DFC Michael Tomlinson

Sheriff’s Citation:
F/Sgt. Roscoe Jones
Sgt. Gregory Hollinger
DFC Thomas Buckler III
DFC Galen Gott
DFC Robert Traas
DFC Richard Wilson

Supervisor of the Year – Road Patrol
Cpl. Anthony Moschetto
Civilian of the Year
Christine Bowen

Explorer Awards:
  Explorer of the Year
    Brandon Zickefoose
  Rookie
    Sarah McGlaughlin
  Community Service
    Amanda Rackey

Firearms:
  Top Gun
    DFC Wayne Wells

Community Service Award:
  Mr. Bill Smith

DETENTION CENTER

Certificate of Appreciation
Sgt. Marcella Conway-Jones
Cpl. Ryan McGaffin
CFC Vincent Bowles
CFC Justin Windsor
C.O.1 Vanessa Anaya-Hernandez
C.O.1 Travin Johnson
Jesse Evans
Virginia Hoad
Jeremy Nenno

Top Gun
CFC Christopher Gray

Certificate of Commendation
Sgt. Philip Bradford
CFC Ruth Shields
C.O.1 John Ashley

Exemplary Performance
Sgt. Clifton Scott
CFC Dayania Carroll
CFC Stephen Hance
CFC Erik Snyder
C.O.1 Daniel Hamilton

Meritorious Award
CFC David East
CFC Miguel Gonzalez
CFC David Unkle

Rookie of the Year
C.O.1 James Strain

Correctional Office of the Year
Cpl. Joshua Underwood
CORPORAL JOSHUA UNDERWOOD

Corporal Joshua Underwood was born and raised in Calvert County, Maryland. He graduated from Patuxent High School in 2004.

On September 5, 2006, Corporal Underwood began his corrections career with the Calvert County Detention Center. Cpl. Underwood married Shanna, who was also a correctional officer. She resigned her position as a corporal to be able to stay home and raise their two children, Wyatt and Emilyn.

Corporal Underwood was named Officer of the Year for his devoted work ethic, and level of pride and respect he displays to the profession of corrections. He enjoys spending time with his family, woodworking, and music.

OFFICER JAMES STRAIN

Officer James Strain was born in Annapolis and currently resides in Prince Frederick, Maryland. He graduated from Huntingtown High School and received his associate degree from the College of Southern Maryland. He enjoys sports and spending time with his family.

C.O.1 James Strain began his career in corrections in October 2013, and became a member of the Contraband Control Team in August of 2015. Officer Strain quickly became acclimated to the policies and procedures of the agency. He quickly exceeded many of the expectations of a rookie officer. For his attention to detail and high level of dedication to his profession, Officer Strain was awarded Rookie of the Year for 2015.

ANN UENO – MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

Ann Ueno received her bachelor’s degree from University of Maryland University College, and her Master of Science in Community Counseling from Johns Hopkins University. She is licensed through the State of Maryland and is employed by the Calvert County Behavioral Health Clinic.

Ms. Ueno has been working at the Detention Center for over 13 years; six years in case management, and the past seven years as a therapist. As a therapist, Ms. Ueno completes diagnostic evaluations, manages suicide risks, and engages in individual therapy upon referrals from the courts, the medical department, correctional officers, or direct requests from inmates. Over 374 inmates were seen by Ms. Ueno in 2015. Ms. Ueno became a participant in the newly formed Drug Court, and teaches mental health first aid to the community.

She enjoys spending time with her family and grandchildren, and relishes reading and spending time with her dogs.
GET TO KNOW YOUR DEPUTIES

FIRST SERGEANT TIMOTHY “TEEBO” BUCKMASTER

The Buckmaster family has lived in Calvert County for generations. First Sergeant Tim “Teebo” Buckmaster grew up here, graduating from Calvert High School in 1987. He was active in sports and played both football and baseball, and also participated in power lifting competitions.

After graduation, he was hired by the Maryland State Police in 1989 as a cadet, and assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Division. Just prior to starting the academy in Pikesville, Tim was offered a deputy position with the Sheriff’s Office, which he accepted.

During the course of his career with the Sheriff’s Office, he’s served as a detective in the Criminal Investigations Bureau, Patrol supervisor, shift supervisor, Commander of the Twin Beaches Patrol, Assistant Commander of the Patrol Bureau, and his current assignment, as Assistant Commander of the Administrative & Judicial Services Bureau.

F/Sgt. Buckmaster has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 19 years. They have two children, Ryan, 15, and Emily, 11 going on 17. He considers his children to be his greatest accomplishment. They are great students, and both are involved in many extra curricular activities. Emily has been dancing for Calvert School of Dance since she was three years old, and now dances for them competitively throughout the region.

Ryan is a highly decorated member of Calvert High’s NJROTC program. He plans to serve his country in the US Army after graduation, with the aspiration of becoming a Ranger.

Tim enjoys playing competitive and recreational softball; golf, when he has the opportunity; strength training; and of course, spending time with family and close friends. His professional goal is to get promoted to lieutenant before retirement. His personal goal is to retire in a few years and move out of the area after his daughter graduates from high school.

SERGEANT CRAIG KONTRA

Sergeant Craig Kontra grew up in Munhall, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Steel Valley High School. While in high school, he was on the rifle and wrestling teams, and also ran track.

Upon graduation, he joined his father in the steel mills, as was the case for most teens of that era and area. After two and one half years as a rigger apprentice with U.S. Steel in Homestead, he was laid off. It was then that he answered a small ad in a local paper, applied for the job, and was hired at the Charles County Detention Center.

After two years employment with the Detention Center, Craig was hired by the North Beach Police Department. He stayed there for two years before moving on to the Riverdale police force in PG County.

In February 1988, he was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. During his 28 year career with Calvert, he has worked road patrol, the Narcotics Unit, and managed a six person warrant unit with a $500,000 budget. He has been back on road patrol since May 2015.

Among Sergeant Kontra’s numerous work related awards and commendations are three Deputy of the Year honors (1990, 1993, 2006), as well as the Maryland Supervisor of the Year. He earned the Sheriff’s Recognition
Award for Outstanding Performance in 2004; the Prince George’s County Police Chief’s Award in 1998; and has been nominated four times for Police Officer of the Year by the Baltimore Sun, Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Knights of Columbus, and the Optimist Club of Calvert County.

Craig is married to Connie, a respiratory therapist at Calvert Memorial Hospital. They have one son, Brian, 26, who is a security guard at the Chalk Point Power Plant in Charles County. Sgt. Kontra’s family has resided in Calvert for 28 years.

DEPUTY FIRST CLASS ROSCOE KREPS

Deputy First Class Roscoe Kreps was born and raised in Hancock, Maryland. He attended Hancock High School, where he graduated in 2002. Roscoe then continued his education at Frostburg State University where he graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Studies and a minor in Political Science.

Roscoe moved to Southern Maryland and applied to the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office shortly after graduation and was hired in July of 2007. Upon completion of training at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy, Roscoe was assigned to the Patrol Bureau. During his time in Patrol, DFC Kreps has been recognized as the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Deputy of the Year 2009, Calvert County State’s Attorney Deputy of the Year 2010, and received the State of Maryland DUI Enforcement Award from 2009-2014. Roscoe has advanced in his career by becoming a graduate of the University of Maryland DUI Institute; Field Training Officer; Drug Recognition Expert; Intoximeter Operator; and an Instructor for Preliminary Breath Testing, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Drug Recognition Expert, and Stop Stick.

Roscoe is married to his wife, Lisa. They have three children ages 4, 5, and 9. When he is not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends as well as fishing.

ON BOARD

DEPUTY NICHOLAS BARGER

Even as a child, Deputy Nicholas Barger wanted to be in law enforcement. He achieved that goal on March 23, 2015 when he was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. To prepare for his goal he participated in Calvert County Sheriff’s Explorers; received an associate degree in criminal justice from the College of Southern Maryland (2008); and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from University of Maryland University College (2011).

Prior to being hired as a deputy, Nick worked as a contract background investigator, conducting investigations for federal security clearances. He enjoys weight lifting; scuba diving; and martial arts, which led to his receiving a tactical black belt.

He is married to Cara Barger and they have one daughter, Mya.
DEPUTY BRADLEY BOERUM

Deputy Bradley Boerum graduated from the Anne Arundel County Police Academy and worked for their department for four years before coming to us. While there, he earned the Pistol Expert, Life Saving, Chief’s Commendation, Police Officer of the Month, and Highest Level of Physical Fitness Awards.

He grew up in Anne Arundel County, graduated from Southern High School, then joined the Navy and was part of Riverine Squadron 2, a special boat unit. During his eight years of active duty, he was a hand to hand combat/defensive tactics instructor and a machine gunner instructor, as well as being a machine gunner/machine gun expert. He was also one of the four physical fitness coordinators for his squadron. He earned multiple military awards for deployments in combat zones before he was honorably discharged.

Brad also has one and a half years experience in the private sector as a personal security detachment for the Department of Defense and Department of State in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Knowing a little of his past history, it’s not hard to believe that Brad’s interests are working out at the gym and shooting firearms. He has been married for 11 years to his wife, Hope. They have two daughters and one son: Gracelyn, 8; Mason, 5; and Rylah, 4.

Deputy Boerum’s goals are to become a member of the Special Operations Team within two years, and to earn his master’s degree.

DEPUTY NICHOLAS BUCKLER

Deputy Nicholas Buckler has spent his entire life in Calvert County. He grew up in a law enforcement family – his father spent his entire career with the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, entering as a deputy and retiring as a lieutenant in 2006. Lt. Buckler’s love for his profession was passed down to his sons. Nick was hired in November 2015, joining his brother, Trey, also on the force.

He attended Huntingtown High School where he played football and basketball, then continued his education at the University of Alabama, majoring in criminal justice. After being hired by the CCSO, he attended the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy. While there, he earned the academy’s academic award.

Nick enjoys outdoor activities, including baseball and football, and spending time with his family. Since 2010, he has found it rewarding to volunteer for the Special Olympics.

Deputy Buckler plans on continuing his career at the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office with hopes of becoming a Special Operations Team member or K-9 handler.
DEPUTY CURTIS CALLISON

Deputy Curtis Callison was born in Washington DC, and grew up in Calvert County from the age of two. He graduated from Patuxent High School in 2009, then went on to serve four years as an active duty United States Marine.

Deputy Callison was stationed with the 1st Battalion 12th Marines on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, working as a generator mechanic. His career as a generator mechanic was short lived, as he became a rifle and pistol coach and spent most of his time on the range. While in the Marines, he completed designated marksman school, as well as sniper school.

Deputy Callison ended his active duty career with the rank of sergeant in July of 2014, and shortly thereafter, married Kristyl Lankford Callison on July 10, 2014.

Hunting and fishing are his favorite hobbies. His professional goals are to be a part of the K-9 Unit or Special Operations Team, eventually working toward becoming an instructor at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy.

DEPUTY RYAN EVANS

Although his parents were not police officers, Deputy Ryan Evans was inspired to become a law enforcement officer by other family members who had chosen that same career: two uncles, two cousins, and especially his grandfather, Ted Evans, who is a retired Lt. Colonel with the Maryland State Police. Ryan attained his goal in March 2015 when he was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office.

Born to Tim (Detention Center) and Karen Evans (Technology Services), Ryan grew up in Calvert County. He was very involved in the local youth baseball teams from the time he was four years old, then played four years for Calvert High School and one year at the College of Southern Maryland. He recently came out of retirement and started playing on a men’s softball team.

Besides baseball, Deputy Evans enjoys lifting weights and following professional football, baseball, and basketball. His favorite teams are the Baltimore Ravens, the Baltimore Orioles, and the Washington Wizards.

Ryan participated in and completed the criminal justice program in high school. He graduated from Calvert High School in 2011. He went on to receive his associate degree in criminal justice at the College of Southern Maryland. He would like to continue his education and receive his bachelor’s degree in a criminal justice field of study.

DEPUTY VINCENT O’DONNELL

Deputy Vincent O’Donnell grew up in Calvert County, attended Windy Hill Elementary and Middle Schools, and graduated from Northern High School. After graduation, he joined the Local 26 Electrical Union and attended their apprenticeship program.

Shortly after his graduation from the apprenticeship program, Vince applied and was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. While at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy, he earned the Physical Fitness Award, the Firearms Award, and the Emergency Vehicle Operations Award. Vince’s goal is to excel in his career as a deputy with the Sheriff’s Office.
DEPUTY BRANDON ROBINSON

Deputy Brandon Robinson’s father was a Chicago Police Department officer for five years before he left to start his trucking company in Park Hall, Maryland. Brandon was born and raised there in St. Mary’s County. He is a graduate (2001) of Great Mills High School. He attended University of Maryland University College for a while, majoring in Information Technology, until he decided to focus on his career and family.

From 2003 – 2014, Brandon worked in sales for Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile. On March 23, 2015 he began the law enforcement career he had always wanted with the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office.

Brandon and his wife, LaToya, received their foster care training and certification in 2009. They have three children: Alannah, 5; Shawn, 8; and Brandon, 10, two of which were adopted out of the foster care program. They feel it was one of the best decisions they have ever made knowing they changed the lives of two children by raising them in a loving home.

The Robinson family enjoys their time spent together by going to the beach, the movies, traveling, bowling, and playing sports. Brandon enjoys playing pick-up basketball at parks and churches in the county, as well as working on cars, and fishing.

DEPUTY ROBERT SHRAWDER

Deputy Robert Shrawder has spent his entire life in Calvert County. He is another one of our deputies who grew up in a law enforcement family. His father is a corporal with the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office and his mother works for the State’s Attorney’s Office.

Deputy Shrawder played football at Calvert High School, and after graduation attended the College of Southern Maryland, where he earned his associates degree in criminal justice.

Rob was hired by the Calvert County Detention Center in December 2014. Soon, thereafter, he was hired by the Sheriff’s Office in November 2015. He earned the Academic Award while at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy. Becoming a law enforcement officer has been his lifelong goal. He would like to work his way up the ranks, and eventually become a part of a specialty unit.

Like most of his fellow deputies, Rob enjoys fishing, playing/watching sports, working out, the outdoors, yard work, and of course, spending time with his family.
DEPUTY RYAN SPALDING

Deputy Ryan Spalding began his law enforcement career with the Calvert County Detention Center in 2013, before being hired by the Sheriff’s Office in November 2015. He attended the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy for his deputy training and received the award for Emergency Vehicle Operations Control. His professional goals are to become a K-9 handler and/or a member of the Special Operations Team, eventually becoming a supervisor.

Deputy Spalding grew up in Calvert County, attending the Plum Point schools, then graduating from Huntingtown High School in 2008. While at Huntingtown, he played both football and basketball for his school. In 2012 he graduated from Towson University with a bachelor’s degree in sociology/anthropology, with a focus in criminal justice.

As for his interests and hobbies, Ryan enjoys the outdoors, working out, and staying in shape. Fishing, crabbing, football, basketball, and softball are some of his favorite activities.

DEPUTY STEVEN TROTTER

Deputy Steven Trotter grew up in a blended family in Calvert County, attending the Windy Hill Schools, and graduating from Northern High School in 2009. While at Northern, he was part of the criminal justice pathway. He then attended West Virginia University and graduated in 2013 with a bachelor’s degree in criminology and investigations. He considers it one of his greatest accomplishments to be the first person in his immediate family to graduate from college.

Steven was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office in November 2015. While at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy, he earned the Physical Fitness Award. He wants to become the best road patrol deputy he can be, and eventually join the Special Operations Team or K-9 Unit.

Being a true son of Calvert County, Deputy Trotter enjoys fishing, as well as, lifting weights, basketball, football, and baseball. Spending time with family and friends is high on his list of priorities.

DEPUTY JOSEPH WARD, JR.

Deputy Joseph Ward, Jr. is a family man, married to Jennifer M. Ward. They have three sons: Tymothy (Cranford), 12; Jaylen, 5; and Lyam, 2. He enjoys helping coach his son, Jaylen’s flag football team; and riding his motorcycle with his wife and other family members.

Deputy Ward is another of our deputies who grew up in Calvert County. He was hired by the Calvert County Detention Center in 2008; and earned the Steven Allen (leadership) Award at the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy during his corrections training.

In November 2015 Deputy Ward was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. He would like to eventually become a supervisor, and become a member of the Special Operations Team or K-9 Unit. He takes great pride in helping to make Calvert County a safe and great place to live.
DEPUTY KIRK WILLIAMSON

Deputy Kirk Williamson was born in Lawrence, Kansas, but spent most of his childhood in Los Alamos, New Mexico, before moving again to Naperville, Illinois, where he graduated from Neuqua Valley High School in 2006. He continued his education at Aurora University, where he earned his bachelor's degree (2011) in history and his master's in business administration (2014) with concentrations in leadership and human resources.

Baseball has always been important in Kirk's life. He played for Aurora University, earning Second Team Academic All-American in 2009, and Second Team All Region in 2010. In 2010 he also signed his first professional baseball contract with the Rockford Riverhawks! After playing for the Riverhawks, Kirk continued with his love of baseball by coaching at his college for five years.

In August of 2014 Kirk moved to Calvert County and was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office in March 2015. It’s no surprise that he found a way to be involved in baseball, as assistant coach for the JV and Varsity baseball teams at Calvert High School. Along with coaching baseball, he enjoys working out, and watching movies.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK …

On May 11, 2015 a warrant service was attempted in the Twin Beaches. The subject was known by officers to be a flight risk. Deputy T. Buckler and J. Curtin were placed in a strategic position outside of the apartment window. When entrance was made into the apartment the suspect fled out the very window that Deputies Buckler and Curtin were watching. The suspect ran past Buckler and Curtin into the swamps of Fishing Creek where he got stuck in waist deep swamp mud. Calvert’s finest joined him in the swamp and made the apprehension.
Lt. Bill Soper began his law enforcement career with the University Park Police Department in 1980, while still attending the University of Maryland. In 1983 he transferred to the Rockville City Police Department, assigned to Road Patrol. It didn't take long for him to be nominated for Police Officer of the Year by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce in 1984. He was soon assigned to a narcotics task force working with the U.S. Park Police in Washington, D.C.

Bill was hired by the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office in 1988. It was here that he found a home and excelled, working his way up to the rank of lieutenant. In his 27 years with our Agency, he had many assignments – to include Road Patrol, Southern MD Narcotics Task Force, Criminal Investigations, Internal Affairs, and his last assignment in the Administrative & Judicial Services Bureau, first, as the Assistant Commander and then the Commander. During this time with the Sheriff’s Office, he was also a member of, and supervised the Bike Patrol Unit, Conflict Management Team, as well as the Polygraph Unit. Bill was recognized repeatedly throughout his law enforcement career with our agency, receiving among other awards, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Detective of the Year.

Bill enjoyed water sports, snow skiing, running, and riding his mountain bike and motorcycle. Bill was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his family: Molly, his wife; Trevor and Lauren, his children; and Carter, his grandson. He especially enjoyed time spent with Trevor in the Boy Scouts of America, where Bill served as a leader and mentor for many years.

Bill received the Marine Corps Marathon Medal after completing his first marathon in 2003. The Special Olympics Program was also very dear to Bill’s heart, as he organized and participated in the annual Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run for more than fifteen years.

Bill was taken from us unexpectedly on January 20, 2015 after experiencing post-operative complications. At the time of his death, Bill was courageously battling cancer for the second time. His will to live and his fighting spirit were an inspiration to all who knew him.

Bill's expertise, professionalism, and his quiet spirit are missed by his co-workers.
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