

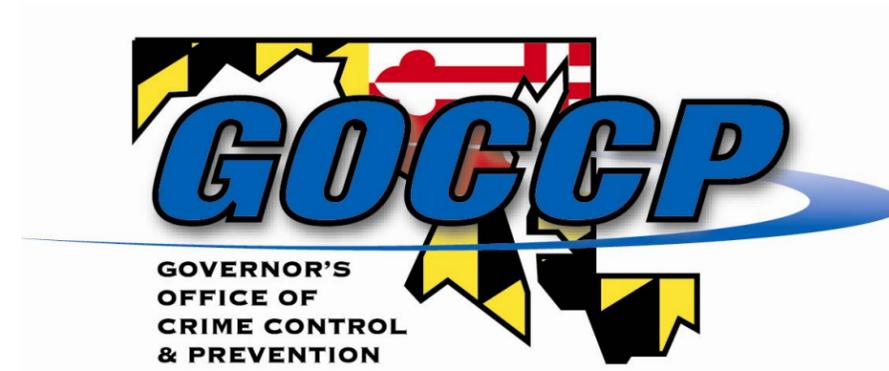
**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
CRIME CONTROL &
PREVENTION**
2009 Annual Report

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"It is not by chance but by choice that together with courageous police officers throughout law enforcement, we have been able to drive the violent crime rate in Maryland down to its lowest levels since 1975 – including the steepest three-year reduction in homicides since the 1970s, and a 46% reduction in juvenile homicides over the same period of time."

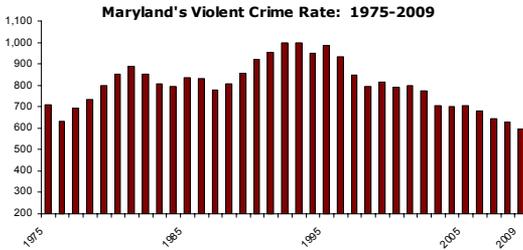
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2009 GOCCP Report Highlights

In 2009, Maryland experienced the lowest rate of violent crime since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975.



- The number of juvenile victims of homicides was reduced by 53% in Baltimore City, 45% in Prince George's County, and 26% statewide.
- DNA hits resulted in the arrests of an additional 103 murderers, rapists, robbers and burglars.
- Maryland State Police, working with local warrant task forces, contributed to the closure of 1,512 warrants and 767 arrests.
- The Division of Parole and Probation, continuing with its Violence Prevention Initiative efforts, shared new arrest information with the District of Columbia and Virginia to ensure the region's probationers are being tracked by each jurisdiction when they commit new crimes. In 2009, Maryland received 1,487 electronic arrest hit notices from its partner probation agencies in Virginia and the District of Columbia.
- As a result of prioritizing resources to support law enforcement and crime fighting technology, GOCCP has increased discretionary grant funding to law enforcement agencies by 70% over 2006 levels.

Recovery Act Update

On March 6, 2009, President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder announced the allocation of \$2 Billion in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) to fight crime and improve the criminal justice system.

In Phase I Recovery Act Funding (April – June 2009), GOCCP offered funding for public safety programs: The Violent Offender Warrant Reduction (VOWR) program, “Shovel Ready” Technology Projects and Crime Analysts (LETR) program, COPS Hiring Support – Recovery Act (CHSR) program, and the VAWA Recovery and Reinvestment program (VARA.)

Phase II of GOCCP’s Recovery Act funding was allocated towards State agencies, units of local government, local public and private entities, faith-based and community organizations, institutes of higher education, and for profit and non-profit organizations whose work helps reduce the existing gaps in service and fosters collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies and stakeholders throughout Maryland.

Altogether, in 2009 GOCCP awarded 175 grants totaling \$21,440,573 to support local communities by supplementing overtime budgets, retaining programming staff for service providers, and supporting critical law enforcement technology purchases that due to fiscal distress may have had to be postponed. Additionally, these Recovery Act funds have already saved or created more than 50 jobs in the criminal justice sector.

2009 Legislative Re-cap

In 2009, GOCCP worked with the Maryland General Assembly, local law enforcement and advocacy groups to ensure the passage of these important public safety laws:

- Requiring the respondent's surrender of firearms upon issuance of final protective order in a domestic violence case (HB296/302 & SB267/268)
- Enabling victims of domestic violence to receive automated notification when their protective orders have been successively served on the respondents by local law enforcement (HB1196)
- Establishing a "Silver Alert" to provide a coordinated notification plan using State highway message boards that is activated when certain criteria are met involving a elderly missing person or an adult with a cognitive disorder (HB317/SB303)
- Improving our Child Safety Net which allows the Department of Juvenile Services and Department of Human Resources to share critical case information about our most vulnerable youth and their families for better case management (HB1382)
- Requiring secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers to report daily transactions electronically to law enforcement so victims can work with law enforcement to access the database and search statewide for precious stolen items that may have been subsequently pawned by thieves (SB597)
- Enabling some of our specially trained Probation Agents to serve violation of probation warrants so we can reduce the time between alleged violation and any accountability sanctions (HB 1545)

2009 A Year of Unprecedented Crime Reduction

In 2009, Maryland marked unprecedented crime reductions throughout the state.

There was an 8% reduction in total crime with 17,688 fewer crimes reported in 2009 compared to 2008.

This marks the lowest number of total index crimes ever reported since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975.

The total crime rate (3,832.0) is also the lowest rate ever reported since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975.

This reduction in violent crime is led by a dramatic 12 percent drop in murders statewide.

Uniform Crime Reporting data for 2009 show statewide reductions not only in murder (-12.0%), but also in motor vehicle theft (-23.0%), robbery (-9.0%), aggravated assault (-3.0%), breaking and entering (-5.0%), and larceny-theft (-6.0%).

Maryland 2009 Crime Totals and Crime Rates

Crime Type	2009 Total	Raw Number Ranking**	2009 Rate*	Rate Ranking**
Homicides	436	Lowest since 1986	7.7	Lowest ever reported
Rapes	1,151	Higher than 2008	20.4	Higher than 2008
Robberies	12,005	Lowest ever reported	213.1	Lowest ever reported
Aggravated Assaults	20,022	Lowest since 1987	355.4	Lowest since 1976
Violent Crime	33,614	Lowest since 1979	596.7	Lowest ever reported
Breaking & Entering	36,903	Lowest since 2005	655.1	Lowest since 2005
Larceny/Thefts	125,755	Lowest since 1984	2,232.2	Lowest ever reported
Motor Vehicle Thefts	19,606	Lowest since 1984	348	Lowest ever reported
Property Crime	182,264	Lowest ever reported	3,235.3	Lowest ever reported
Total Crime	215,878	Lowest ever reported	3,832.0	Lowest ever reported

Maryland's Crime Control Strategies

As the Governor's coordinating office for criminal justice, GOCCP works with state and local criminal justice agencies to develop and implement these crime control strategies.

- Strategy 1-** Identify high risk offenders, hold them accountable, and improve outcomes for offenders through effective re-entry services
- Strategy 2-** Enhance warrant service to swiftly remove violent offenders from the streets
- Strategy 3-** Maximize the use of DNA samples and findings to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent
- Strategy 4-** Expand efforts to reduce illegal gun use and possession
- Strategy 5-** Modernize crime fighting and information sharing by maximizing the use of the best available technology

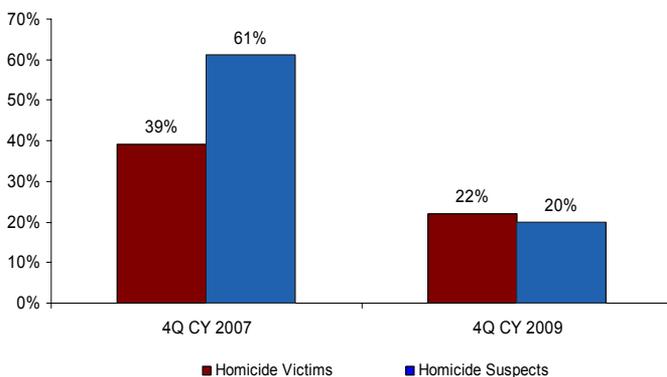
Results: Strategy 1

Identify high risk offenders, hold them accountable, and improve outcomes for offenders through effective re-entry services

In 2007, in developing the Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI), Governor O'Malley directed the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) to identify and hold accountable the small group of adult and juvenile offenders under State supervision who are most likely to engage in violent crime. There are 70,000 individuals under Parole and Probation supervision in Maryland. 2,300 of them qualify for the VPI level of supervision.

For 2009, the VPI initiative, now active at the Department of Juvenile Services, with over 200 youth assigned to this level of supervision, is credited with significantly contributing to the reduction of crime in Maryland.

% Of Homicide Suspects & Victims Under DPP Supervision:
Baltimore City
4th Quarter CY 2007 compared to 4th Quarter CY 2009



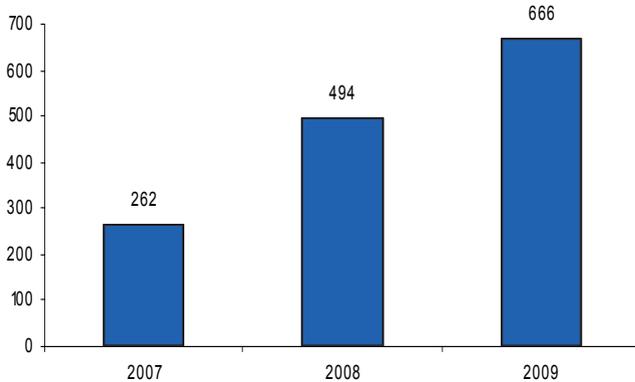
Results: Strategy 2

Enhance warrant service to swiftly remove violent offenders from the streets

The State's warrant apprehension efforts center on a targeted approach to warrant service, prioritizing outstanding warrants for the highest risk offender. Using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, GOCCP awarded \$989,800 to 15 law enforcement agencies to assist in the service of 7,337 warrants, which removes violent offenders from Maryland's streets.

GOCCP worked closely with DPP and police departments throughout Maryland to ensure that law enforcement agencies are promptly notified when a VOP or Retake warrant is issued.

**Maryland's Firearms Task Forces:
Firearms Seized**



Results: Strategy 3

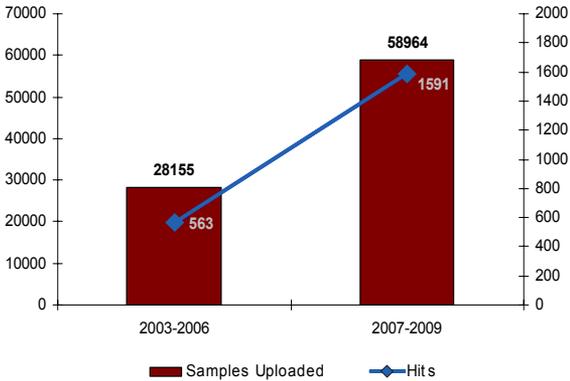
Maximize the use of DNA samples and findings to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent

The O'Malley Administration inherited and quickly eliminated the 24,000 backlog of DNA samples taken from convicted offenders that went unanalyzed by the previous administration.

Since 2007, more than 220 murderers, rapists, and robbers have been arrested and removed from Maryland's streets as a result of the DNA backlog reduction effort.

In 2009, Maryland increased the number of hits to the FBI CODIS database by 26% (1,259 to 1,591).

**Offender DNA Samples Uploaded to CODIS
& Hits from CODIS**



On January 1, 2009, Maryland's Statewide DNA Database expanded to include samples from individuals charged with crimes of violence and burglaries. As a result, 12 violent offenders were quickly apprehended in 2009 for prior crimes due to DNA collected from them at the time they were charged for a new crime.

Results: Strategy 4

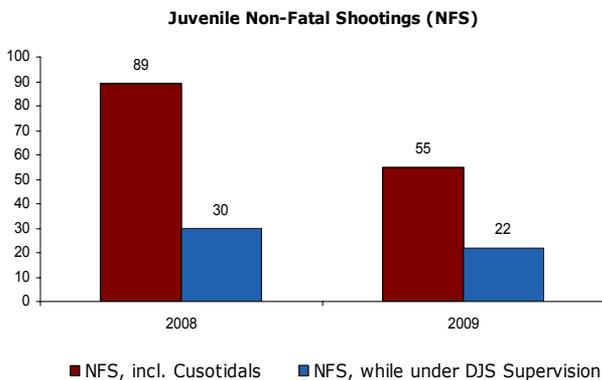
Expand efforts to reduce illegal gun use and possession

Since 2007, the Maryland State Police organized and have supported two firearm task forces: one in Baltimore, the Gun Tracing Task Force (GTTF) and the other in the National Capital Region, the Firearms Interdiction Task Force (FITF). These task forces consist of representatives from local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

In 2009, the firearm enforcement task forces collectively:

- Made 117 arrests
- Seized 666 firearms
- Conducted 127 search warrants

With fewer illegal guns on the streets, shootings have been reduced. Most notably, in Baltimore, there has been a 28% reduction in the number of juvenile victims of non-fatal shootings.



Results: Strategy 5

Modernize crime fighting and information sharing by maximizing the use of the best available technology

The *CompStat on Demand Program*, funded via GOCCP, enables law enforcement agencies to receive free tailored assessments, training, and technical assistance that culminate in practical recommendations to establish standardized systems for accountability and crime analysis within their organizational structure.

As a component of CompStat on Demand, GOCCP provides grant funding to Washington College to provide *Crime Mapping on Demand* and analysis support to agencies statewide.

The *Law Enforcement Dashboard* receives more than 16,000 “hits” per day from 100 sheriff’s and police departments. Coined “The Easy Button”, the Dashboard enables law enforcement to access more than 92 databases using the same user identification and password.

The Maryland State Police, working in Baltimore Metro and Prince George's Metro Regional Auto Theft Task Forces routinely use license plate tag reader technology which has enabled them to assist local law enforcement in reducing the rate of auto theft in Maryland by 23% in 2009.



Funding Directed to Achieve Crime Reduction Results

During 2009, GOCCP explored various opportunities for investing grant funds in programs with enduring, long-term value to improve the State's public safety infrastructure. Thanks in large part to the influx of \$26.5 Million in Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated to Maryland, GOCCP was able to accomplish this objective. Recovery Act funds were used for a variety of purposes including:

- The Violent Offender Warrant Reduction program to help law enforcement agencies remove 4,000 potentially violent wanted persons from Maryland's communities
- Shovel Ready Technology Projects to support intelligence-based law enforcement and offender supervision initiatives
- The hiring of crime analysts to enable law enforcement agencies develop and improve data-driven strategies to reduce crime and improve public safety
- Supplemental funding to help agencies hire and retain police officers
- A DNA backlog reduction program to help law enforcement process crime scene DNA evidence so that profiles can be entered into the state DNA database in a timely manner

GOCCP made use of other available funding to support a variety of valuable programs throughout Maryland including:

- \$743,844 in grant funds to local law enforcement agencies to hire 53 new civilian crime analysts statewide
- \$533,910 in funding for License Plate Recognition systems to aid law enforcement
- Over \$1 Million in grant funds to support enhancements for electronic fingerprinting technology, such as LiveScan machines.
- \$326,992 in grant funds to implement electronic transaction reporting for pawn & seconhand precious metals to aid law enforcement in recovering stole property.

Federal Funding

Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (BJAG)

BJAG grants support a broad range of State and local criminal justice initiatives critical to Maryland's ultimate goal of safe communities. Funds are intended to reduce existing gaps in services that impact violent crime, crime victims, enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, detention, and rehabilitation.

Projected month to submit application: April

GOCCP Contact – Debra Arnold, Program Manager, 410-821-2852

Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC)

The Children's Justice Act provides grants to states to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the victim.

Projected month to submit application: April

GOCCP Contact – Jessica Winpigler, Program Manager, 410-821-2829

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program (EUDL)

EUDL supports the enforcement of laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. The designated model program to accomplish EUDL objectives is Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol, (CMCA) Program.

Projected month to submit application: March-April

GOCCP Contact-Latonya Eaddy, Program Manager, 410-821-2834

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG)

JABG funds are provided as block grants to programs promoting greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. Funds support the implementation of evidence based practices, graduated sanctions, recidivism reduction, drug court programs, interagency information sharing, treatment, and restorative justice.

Projected month to submit application: March-April
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Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Federal funds are used to assist the State and units of local government to improve programs relating to juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system. Efforts are in the areas of increasing capacity and development of education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, accountability based sanctions, and rehabilitation.

Projected month to submit application: May
GOCCP Contact – Debra Arnold, Regional Chief, 410-821-2852

Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (S*T*O*P) Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program (VAWA)

S*T*O*P VAWA Grant Funds are distributed throughout the State to encourage the development and strengthening of comprehensive strategies addressing intimate partner crimes against women including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

Projected month to submit application: June-August
GOCCP Contact – Justice Schisler, Program Manager, 410-821-2850

Law Enforcement Training Scholarship (LETS) Program

The LETS Program provides up to \$5,000 per scholarship recipient to attend specialized law enforcement trainings. Grant funds may be used to attend non-degree related courses and cover costs related to travel, lodging, course fees, and training materials. In some cases, funds may be used to bring trainers to a law enforcement agency site. The program is open to all eligible law enforcement agencies.

Projected month to submit application: Continuous
GOCCP Contact: Edward Parker, Deputy Director Operations, 410-821-2854

Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (BPVP)

This is a 50/50 reimbursable program available to State agencies only. BPVP protects the lives of State enforcement officers by funding new protective body armor and protective body armor replacements as needed.

Projected month to submit application: March-April
GOCCP Contact – Linda Brookes, Program Manager, 410-821-2870

Paul Coverdell Forensics Sciences Improvement (CFSI) Program

CFSI funds provide local crime laboratories and the Chief Medical Examiner's Office with the latest technology, trainings, and certifications needed to stay current and relevant in their fields.

Projected month to submit application: April
GOCCP Contact - Linda Brookes, Program Manager, 410-821-2870

State Funding

Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement (BARM)

This state funded program is a 50/50 reimbursement program for local law enforcement agencies. State agencies are not eligible for this award. The program assists local law enforcement agencies in acquiring protective body armor for each police officer or sheriff's deputy.

Projected month to submit application: March–April
GOCCP Contact- Linda Brookes, Program Manager, 410-821-2870

Domestic Violence Unit Pilot Program (DVUP)

DVUP offers law enforcement resources to meet District and Circuit Courts guidelines for efficient and timely serving of protective orders, reducing and minimizing the time between the issuance of ex partes and protective orders and their entry into the METERS/NCIC database.

Projected month to submit application: March
GOCCP Contact – Anissa Walker, Program Manager, 410-821-2835

Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG)

The Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000 established the Cease Fire Council to assist in the establishment of programs designed to reduce firearms related crime. Law enforcement agencies or prosecutors offices with an articulated need and a viable plan for addressing firearms related violence are eligible to apply.

Projected month to submit application: April
GOCCP Contact – Herman Ingram, Regional Chief, 410-821-2841

Community Service Grant Program (CSGP)

The Community Service Grant Program (CSGP) focuses on adult non-violent offenders. Court-ordered community assignments must be completed in a specified number of hours within defined geographic parameters. Community service by offenders provides social restitution and accountability while creating tangible benefits for Maryland citizens.

Projected month to submit application: July

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Sex Offender and Compliance Enforcement in Maryland (SOCEM)

SOCEM assists the twenty-four (24) designated Maryland law enforcement agencies that are responsible for the registration and compliance enforcement of sexual offenders registered on the Maryland Sex Offender Registry (SOR)

Projected month to submit application: July

GOCCP Contact – Zina Weems, Program Manager, 410-821-2838

Collaborative Supervision & Focused Enforcement – Violence Prevention Initiative (CSAFE – VPI)

This program identifies areas demonstrating the most significant violent crime then promotes strategies and collaborative efforts between State and local agencies to reduce crime and ensure public safety.

CSAFE-VPI is based on the premise of “Together We All Win” and is formally recognized by the Governor’s Office to support public safety (Executive Order 01.01.2003.)

Projected month to submit application: February – April

GOCCP Contact – Angela Carpintieri, Program Manager, 410-821-2847

Maryland Victims of Crime Fund (MVOC)

The MVOC Fund, administered by the State Board of Victims Services under the authority of GOCCP, provides for advocacy and support services to victims of crime through the creation of new ideas and the enhancement of existing programs in Maryland

Projected month to submit application: New grants in December, Continuation grants in May

GOCCP Contact – Anne Litecky, Program Manager, 410-821-2840

School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund

The School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund provides yearly in-state grant funds to law enforcement agencies and Maryland State Police barracks for enforcement programs that target drivers who fail to stop for school bus vehicles. Grant funds are used for officer overtime.

Projected month to submit application: May

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The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) is local governments' one stop shop for resources to improve public safety in Maryland.

GOCCP provides access to federal and state grant funds and we can provide assistance to your town, city, county, agency as it attempts to maneuver through the red tape to tap these resources.

GOCCP works with you to plan your project, coordinate stakeholders, develop accountability measures and get results from your investments and efforts.

GOCCP connects you to best practices in national and state programming and innovations.

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