

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE MARYLAND A SAFER PLACE



Governor's Office of Crime Control
& Prevention **2013 Annual Report**

“Protecting the public’s safety is our most solemn obligation. That’s why we’ve taken a holistic approach to tackling public safety challenges by improving cooperation, strengthening coordination and unifying communications across Maryland.

“Working together with partners in law enforcement along with members of the faith and non-profit communities all over our great State, our better choices have led to better results, driving down violent crime to record lows, protecting our most vulnerable women and children from violence in their homes, and building stronger communities for Maryland families.”

GOVERNOR MARTIN O’MALLEY

GOCCP At A Glance

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention administers more than \$116 million in federal and state grants to improve public safety and support victims of crime in every jurisdiction in Maryland. In addition, GOCCP plays an active role in fighting crime by:

- Working in partnership with agencies at the local, state and federal levels to develop and implement effective strategies and tactics for reducing crime;
- Providing important services and technical assistance including crime mapping, crime analysis, CompStat support and specialized training to agencies throughout Maryland;
- Conducting statistical analyses and evaluations to ensure that new programs are evidence-based;
- Researching best and promising practices; and
- Assisting in the development of legislation, policies and programs to reduce crime and delinquency.

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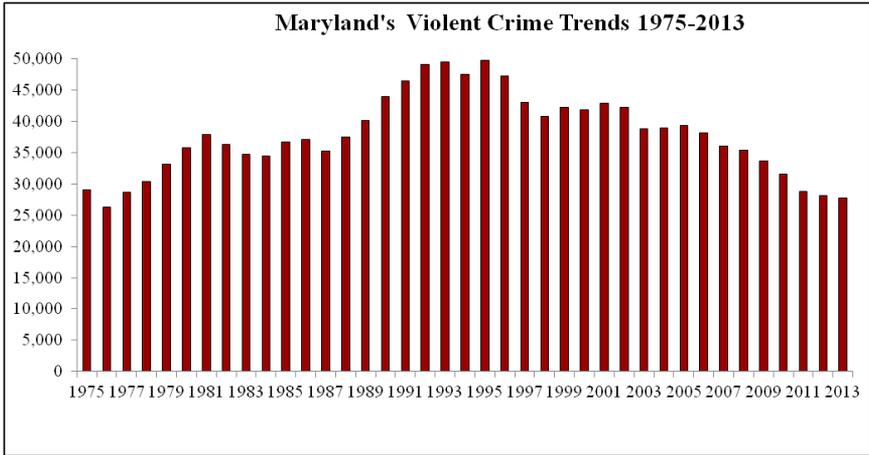
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2013 GOCCP Highlights

In 2013, Maryland experienced the lowest violent crime rate since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975.



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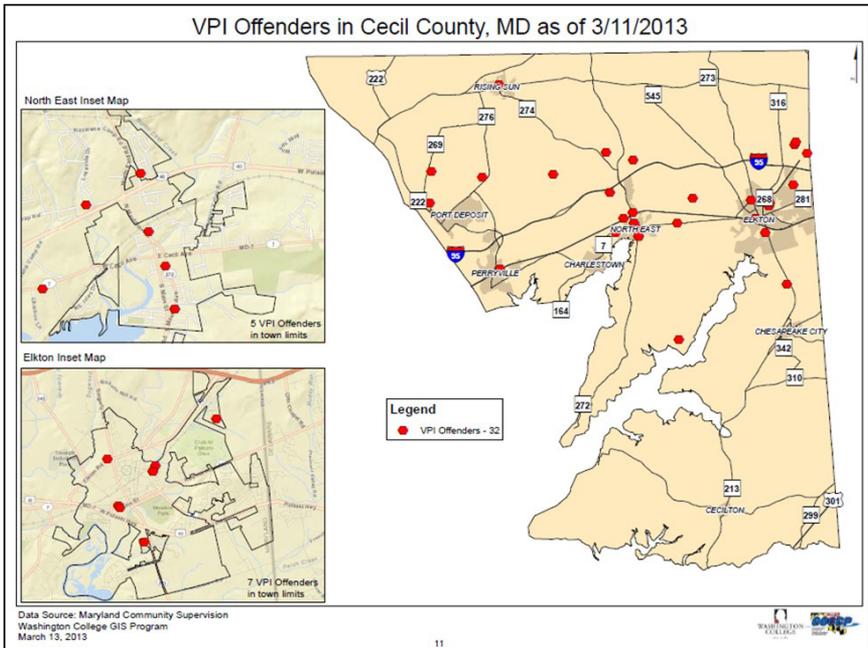
- The number of homicides of youth under supervision by the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) dropped to the lowest level ever since DJS began tracking these numbers in 2007.
- At the direction of Governor O'Malley, a Center for Excellence in Early Intervention for Serious Mental Illness was established by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). Individuals have begun receiving much-needed services.
- The Maryland Center for School Safety was established and its Director was hired in the fall of 2013. The Center will coordinate efforts to keep Maryland schools safe.
- GOCCP held a statewide conference on the Use of Open Source Data and Social Media in Criminal Investigations. Officers from across the state were trained on the use of social media in successful gang prosecutions and criminal investigations, as well as digital photograph tools.

- In May, 2013, GOCCP and the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) held its Second Annual Governor’s Conference on Combating Human Trafficking in Maryland. More than 400 people attended twelve workshops and two general sessions that included remarks from U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein and a panel discussion on how state agencies have developed screening tools to identify and help victims of human trafficking. In 2013, this screening tool was used by staff at DJS and Turnaround, a nonprofit service agency, to identify 62 girls who were victims of human sex trafficking. The screening tool will be implemented in all DJS facilities in 2014.



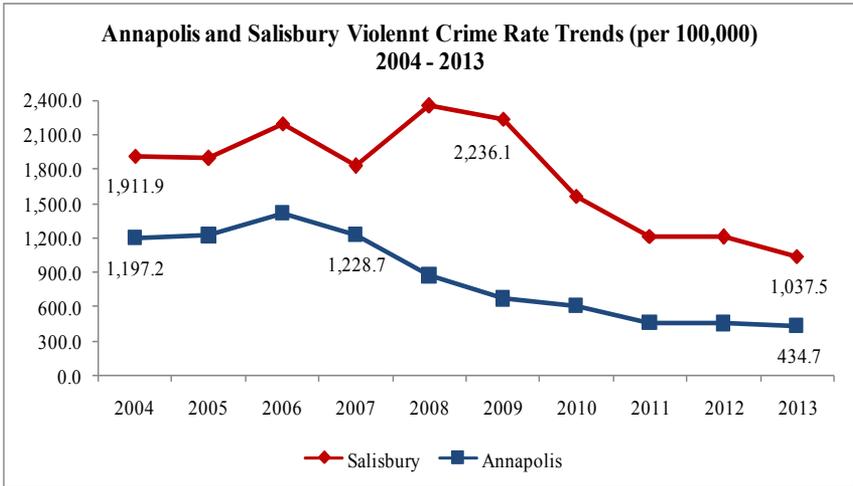
Governor O'Malley welcomes participants to the conference.

- Cecil County became Maryland's seventh Safe Streets Initiative site in July, 2013. GOCCP funds a Crime Analyst in the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, as well as an investigator who acts as a liaison between law enforcement partners and prosecutors to create successful court cases. Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division (MSP CED), acting as a partner in the Cecil County Safe Streets Initiative, created a new Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) to investigate and service priority offender warrants in the Elkton and Cecil County area. In the first six months of deployment, Cecil MSAT closed 156 fugitive investigations and arrested 120 individuals for crimes including murder, attempted murder, rape, and armed robbery.



Safe Streets is an offender-based model that institutes collaboration and information-sharing across all levels of government to drastically reduce crime. Safe Streets was piloted in Annapolis in 2008 and expanded to Salisbury in 2010. Cumberland, Hagerstown, the City of Frederick, and Harford County were added in 2012. Significant crime reductions have been achieved in these four Safe Streets sites.

Since their programs' inception, Annapolis has seen a significant 64.6% reduction in violent crime, and Salisbury has recorded a 53.6% reduction in violent crime.



- In 2013, GOCCP's Training Unit coordinated 48 training sessions for professionals in the criminal justice system from across the state, including sessions in preparation for the Firearm Safety Act of 2013. 2,988 people were trained in 2013.
- In 2013, GOCCP's Training Unit launched its 'Neighborhood Crime Prevention Resources' webpage. Designed for neighborhood safety groups to share information, the website was visited more than 14,000 times from March through December, 2013.
- GOCCP staffed the Maryland Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Commission was created by Governor O'Malley to improve training for first responders in their work with and care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Commission will continue its work throughout 2014.

2013 Legislative Accomplishments

In 2013, GOCCP worked with the Maryland General Assembly, state and local public safety partners and advocacy groups to ensure the passage of these important laws:

HB 294 / SB 281: Firearm Safety Act of 2013 This comprehensive legislation:

- Bans certain assault weapons;
- Limits magazine capacity to ten rounds;
- Requires handgun application licensing, including mandatory fingerprinting and training;
- Mandates reporting to law enforcement of lost or stolen firearms;
- Requires persons who move to Maryland to register their firearms;
- Establishes an automated gun application process;
- Strengthens MSP's ability to regulate gun dealers;
- Expands prohibitions on possession of firearms by persons prohibited due to prior criminal offenses and mental health disqualifications; and
- Prohibits persons who cannot lawfully possess firearms from possessing ammunition.



Governor O'Malley signs the Firearm Safety Act of 2013.

SB 1001: Family Law—Protective Orders—Notification of Service—Sunset Extension Extends authorization of VINE Protective Order (VPO) system until December 31, 2016.

HB 264: Juvenile Law—Juvenile Record—Disclosure Allows DJS to share court records with juvenile justice agencies in West Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, in addition to Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

HB 292: Public Safety—Statewide DNA Data Base System—DNA Sample Collection on Arrest—Repeal of Sunset Repeals the December 31, 2013 termination date for the DNA arrestee database, which requires a DNA sample to be taken from any individual charged with specified crimes of violence, felony burglary, and attempts to commit those offenses.

HB 713: Criminal Procedure—Seizure and Forfeiture—Property Used in Human Trafficking Authorizes State and local law enforcement agencies to seize property in connection with a “human trafficking” violation.

HB 933: Crimes—Human Trafficking of Minor—Defense of Ignorance of Victim’s Age Establishes that a person charged with human trafficking of a minor may not assert a defense that the person did not know the age of the victim.

HB 396 / SB 1052: Criminal Law—Misuse of Interactive Computer Service (Grace’s Law) Prohibits a person from using an ‘interactive computer service’ to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that inflicts serious emotional distress on a minor or places a minor in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury.

HB 453: Education—Maryland Center for School Safety Establishes the Maryland Center for School Safety, an independent unit of state government. The Governor must provide \$500,000 in the annual state budget for the Center and is responsible for assisting the Maryland State Department of Education (MDSE) and local school systems with school safety systems and programs.

SB 109: Criminal Law—Cannabimimetic Agents—Prohibition Adds synthetic marijuana to the State’s list of Schedule 1 controlled dangerous substances.

SB 489: Estates and Trusts—Slayer’s Statute (Ann Sue Metz Law) Disqualifies a person who feloniously and intentionally kills, conspires to kill, or procures the killing of a decedent from benefitting from the death or estate of the victim.

HB 786: Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction Establishes this Task Force, staffed by GOCCP, and mandates a report on existing laws concerning the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as well as a review of current research on best practices for handling offenses committed by youth in the court system, and make recommendations as appropriate.



Governor O’Malley is joined by Prince George’s County State’s Attorney Angela Alsobrooks and Baltimore County State’s Attorney Scott Shellenberger as they testify in favor of the Firearm Safety Act of 2013.

2013: A Year of Steady Crime Reduction

In 2013, Maryland continued to drive down crime.

There was a 2.3% reduction in total crime with 4,394 fewer crimes reported in 2013 compared to 2012.

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

The total crime rate (3,127.5) and violent crime rate (467.5) are also the lowest ever reported since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975.

There was a 1.3% reduction in violent crime with 359 fewer crimes reported in 2013 compared to 2012.

Uniform Crime Reporting data for 2013 show statewide reductions in 6 of the 7 part I index crimes: rape (-5.4%), robbery (-0.9%), aggravated assault (-1.3%), breaking & entering (-4.7%), larceny/theft (-1.2%), and motor vehicle theft (-7.3%).*



Lt. Governor Brown announces a grant from GOCCP to expand the Strategic Investigations Unit in the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office.

*Statistics are based on information available at the time of publishing.

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.

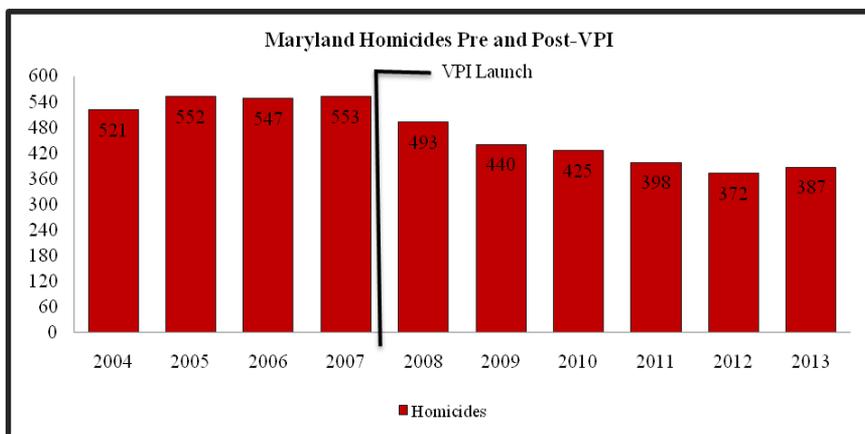
- Strategy 5-** Modernize crime fighting and information sharing by maximizing the use of the best available technology.

- Strategy 6-** Ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity and respect, that their rights are upheld, and that funding is made available to provide assistance and support.

Results: Strategy 1

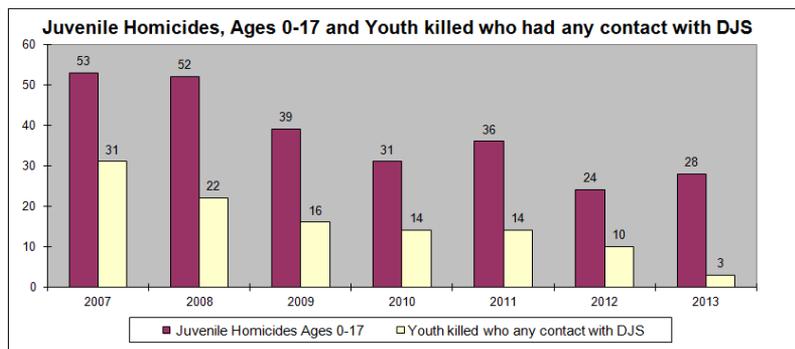
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Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) VPI is designed to identify and track the state's most violent offenders. In 2013, 1,074 warrants were cleared on VPI offenders. The intensive supervision VPI provides has impacted the state's murder rate. Since VPI was launched in 2007, the number of homicides in Maryland has dropped significantly.



VPI Evaluation A two-year study conducted by the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC) found that VPI has effectively contained the state's most violent offenders, compared to the former system that supervised offenders released on parole/mandatory release.

Juvenile VPI Modeled after adult VPI, DJS established the juvenile VPI to track and monitor at-risk youthful offenders. As of December 2013, there were 545 youth on active VPI supervision.



Cell Phone Interdiction In FY 2013, 874 cell phones were seized from inmates in Maryland prisons. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has created a special database to store and analyze information extracted from these seized phones.

Sex Offenders In 2013, there were 8,535 sex offenders on the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. Of them, 1,510 were incarcerated. Sex offenders under Community Supervision are subject to polygraph examinations and Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking and monitoring. A collaborative approach partnering with courts, police, treatment providers and victims' rights groups resulted in less than 1% of sex offenders on active supervision being charged with new sex offenses.

Offender Re-entry Services DPSCS continued to prepare inmates for their eventual re-entry into society by equipping inmates with identification cards upon their release. A grant from GOCCP funded Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT), a program to help inmates get off drugs. Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) provided employment or training to a monthly average of 2,052 inmates in 31 business units across the state. Inmates take part in Public Safety Works, a restorative justice program that allows them to do productive work in the community prior to their release. Projects range from community revitalization, crop gleaning for the Maryland Food Bank, and training puppies to work with disabled military veterans.



Former DPSCS Secretary Maynard welcomes the VetDog program to MCI-Hagerstown.

Maryland Community Services Locator (MDCSL) A GOCCP grant funds the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) at the University of Maryland to operate this free online state directory of available community resources. Inmates in 21 state prisons can access MDCSL, giving them information about housing, job opportunities and other resources they will need upon their release.

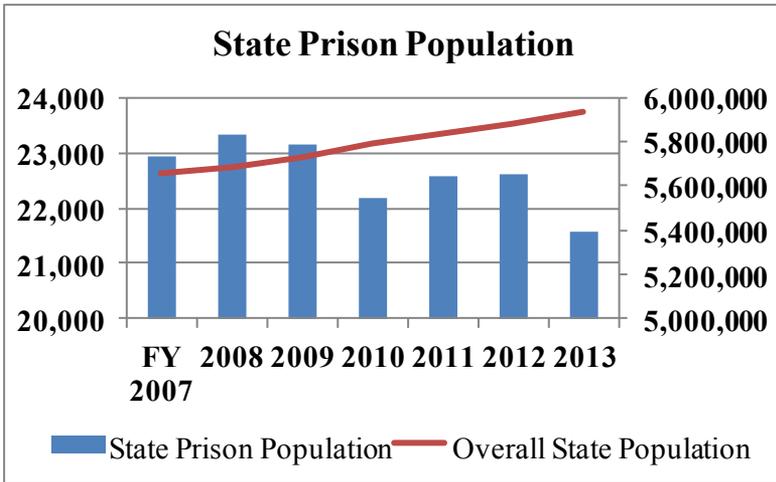
“Green” Community Revitalization Projects Inmates learned construction and deconstruction skills and received OSHA training while dismantling the 19th century Maryland House of Correction in Jessup, which was closed in 2007. The project saved taxpayer money through the recycling of materials.



DPCS Secretary Hershberger at the Jessup demolition.

BCDC Safety and Security DPCS has worked diligently to identify and eradicate gang influence in the Baltimore City Detention Center. New leadership at the jail has improved search procedures for contraband and implemented additional technology to enhance surveillance and safety. DPCS has also expanded its internal investigative unit and has streamlined its intelligence gathering.

Reducing Incarceration Rates Since FY 2007, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has worked with law enforcement officials throughout the state to drive down Maryland's incarceration population by 6%.



Cross Border Collaboration Maryland shares live arrest feeds of parole and probation offenders with the District of Columbia, Virginia, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia so supervising agents know if any of their offenders have been arrested outside local jurisdictions. DJS and its counterpart in D.C. share an electronic database on the status of youth under dual supervision. In 2013, nearly 20,000 requests for information were made through the database, allowing caseworkers to have timely, accurate data on supervised youth.

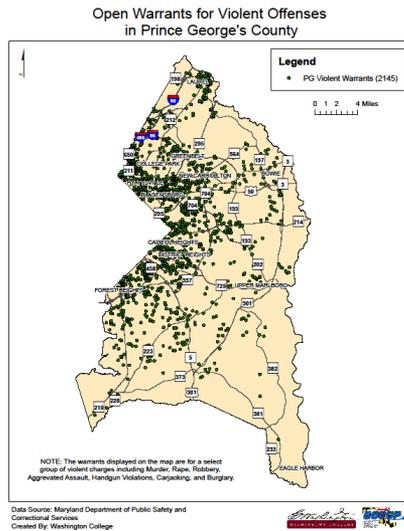


DJS Secretary Abed at the Bea Gaddy Family Center in Baltimore during the DJS Day to Serve Initiative.

Results: Strategy 2

Enhance warrant service to swiftly remove violent offenders from the streets

Violent Offender Warrant Initiative At the direction of the Governor, Maryland set in motion an intensified effort to arrest violent offenders wanted on open arrest warrants in Baltimore City and Prince George's County. GOCCP provided the funding for multi-agency teams of local and state law enforcement officers who worked collaboratively to aggressively target and apprehend violent offenders who pose a threat to the safety and security of our neighborhoods. As a result, 1,169 individuals were arrested for charges including murder, rape, sexual assault, child abuse, robbery and aggravated assault. 257 detainers were placed against suspects found to be already incarcerated.



Community Supervision Warrants The DPSCS Warrant Apprehension Unit helps local law enforcement serve violation of probation and parole retake warrants. During 2013, the Warrant Apprehension Unit cleared 3,037 warrants. 35 escape retake warrants were cleared.

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) In 2013, this task force closed 682 warrants for some of Maryland's most dangerous offenders who were known to move freely across jurisdictional borders.

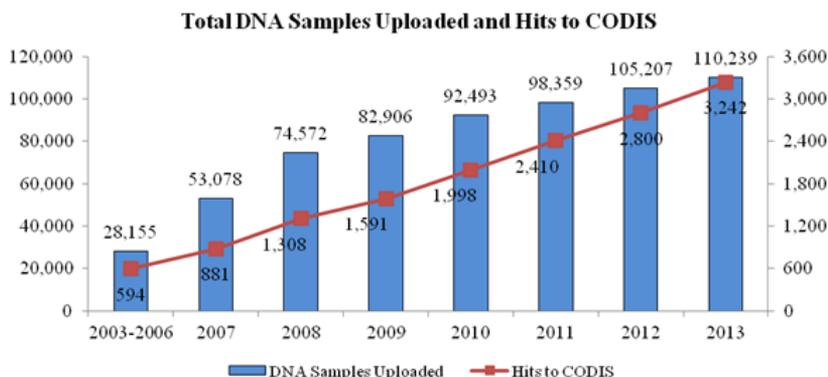
Results: Strategy 3

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

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Maryland DNA Law In June, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the State's DNA case, *Maryland v. King*, upheld the constitutionality of the Maryland DNA Collection Act of 2008.

DNA Hits On July 6, 2013, the Maryland DNA database recorded its 3,000th hit, a positive comparison that occurs when DNA taken from a crime victim or crime scene is matched with a DNA sample from either a known offender or DNA from another crime scene. For example, DNA evidence linked a Washington, D.C. man who was under federal supervision to the rape of a post office worker in Silver Spring. The suspect had a history of rape and burglary.

CODIS Database Since 2006, Maryland has nearly quadrupled the number of profiles it has entered into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database to more than 110,000.



Post-Conviction DNA DNA is also a powerful tool for convicted individuals to prove their factual innocence. GOCCP grants fund the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, and the Maryland Innocence Project at the University of Baltimore, which evaluated 35 pending requests for testing in FY 2013.

Results: Strategy 4

Expand efforts to reduce illegal gun use and possession

U.S. Supreme Court lets stand Maryland's handgun permit law On October 15, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would not take up a case involving the State's law requiring applicants to show a "good and substantial reason" for a permit to carry a weapon outside their home or business. The decision lets stand a lower court ruling that Maryland's restrictions on gun carry permits are constitutional.

Maryland Gun Center Located at MSP, the Maryland Gun Center assists local law enforcement agencies with the identification and background of firearms involved in crimes and assists in ensuring state laws are enforced the moment a gun is seized in a crime and then through the court system. In 2013, the Maryland Gun Center received 2,828 requests for service. The Center is a criminal enforcement initiative meant to implement consistent firearms enforcement across the State, and provides law enforcement agencies with an intelligence and analytical component from one reliable source that has never before been available in Maryland.

Maryland Cease Fire Council This Council, chaired by the MSP Superintendent, oversees Maryland's Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000. GOCCP provided nearly \$1 million in grants to 22 law enforcement agencies in FY 2013. As a result, 3,241 guns were seized, 752 arrests were made in gun cases, 1,126 gun cases were prosecuted, and 897 gun cases were referred for federal prosecution.

Gun Tracing Task Force (GTTF) Established in 2007, GTTF tracks and curbs illegal gun use and possession in Baltimore City. In 2013, 791 guns were seized in Baltimore by GTTF. 3,451 firearms have been seized since the beginning of the program.

Firearms Interdiction Task Force (FITF) Enforcing gun laws in Prince George's County and the metropolitan area, this task force seized 175 firearms in 2013. 1,319 firearms have been seized since the beginning of the program.

Results: Strategy 5

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

License Plate Recognition program (LPRs) LPR systems are cameras that allow a vehicle's license plate to be matched against stolen vehicle or wanted person databases. When a match occurs, the system alerts law enforcement so that prompt action can be taken. LPRs play a vital role in crime fighting and homeland security. In 2013, there were 414 LPR units deployed statewide. Of these, 322 LPR units from 55 different law enforcement agencies were networked to the main server at the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC), Maryland's fusion center.

Criminal Justice Dashboard With the addition of new data sources in 2013, the Dashboard provides one-stop access to 115 sources of data from 24 databases. In 2013, the Dashboard received over 24,000 queries a day from public safety personnel, who are able to compile information for criminal investigations with a few computer strokes.

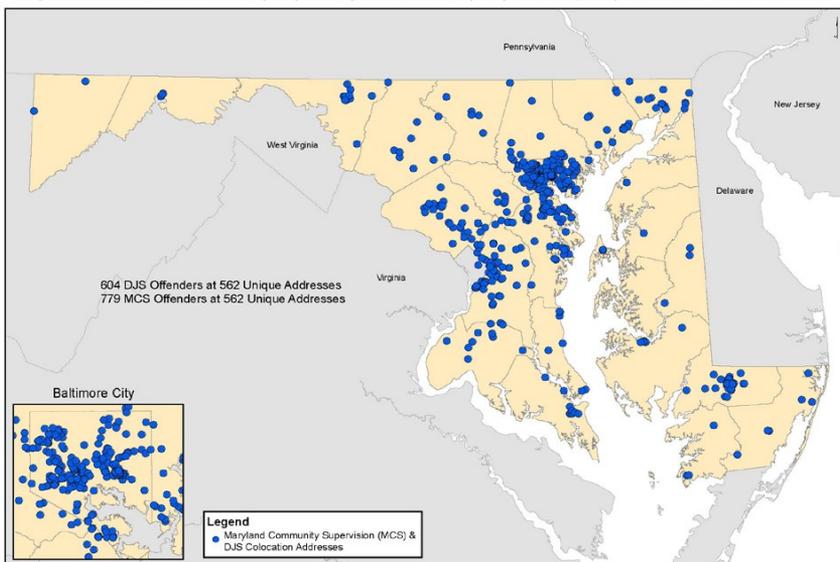
The screenshot displays a web interface titled "Search Offender". At the top, there is a "Legal Disclaimer" stating that the dashboard is for informational purposes only. Below this, a section titled "Instructions: (please read)" provides guidance on how to use the search fields. The search criteria include: *SID Number (with a "Go" button), *Last Name (with sub-fields for First Name, DOB, and SSN), *Driver's License No, *FBI No, and *Zip Code (with a "Go" button). A "Clear" button is also present. The instructions specify that the SID search requires a Maryland state identification number, and the demographics search can be performed by full last name, first name, DOB, SSN, driver's license number, FBI number, or zip code. At the bottom, a "Demographics" section shows "No record found for the person of interest" with a "Refresh" link.

CompStat Training A GOCCP grant funds the University of Maryland to provide CompStat services to Maryland police agencies, including specific instruction in the use of CompStat and crime analysis. Since the inception of the program, the University of Maryland has held 45 seminars and workshops in which 1,191 participants from 86 agencies received valuable training and guidance.

Crime Analysis Crime analysis provides in-depth evaluation of factors surrounding crimes to identify patterns and trends, supporting data-driven law enforcement. In FY 2013, GOCCP awarded over \$1.2 million in grants to support the hiring of 22 crime analysts strategically located throughout the state.

Crime Mapping A key component of CompStat, crime mapping makes it possible for law enforcement professionals to see the spatial distribution of crime, and to identify areas where crime has been concentrated. Through grants provided by GOCCP in 2013, Washington College created 5,001 crime maps for 84 agencies throughout the state. These included maps that show the location of domestic violence crimes, co-location and dual supervision analysis for Community Supervision and DJS, and sex offender tracking.

Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) & Maryland Community Supervision (MCS) Colocation - December 2013



Maryland Community Supervision
Department of Juvenile Services
Map Created: December 2013



Maryland Offender Management System (MOMS) A system developed by Washington College with start-up costs funded by GOCCP, MOMS is accessed by law enforcement officers and other public safety officials through the Criminal Justice Dashboard. Information from a variety of datasets allows them to produce their own maps for criminal investigations. In 2013, there were 122,498 searches performed by 839 different users.

Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) In 2013, RAPID led to the recovery of more than \$5.18 million in stolen property and the successful closing of 5,980 criminal investigations. RAPID is used to collect, house, and manage secondhand transaction data in law enforcement agencies in every Maryland jurisdiction and in Delaware.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Funded by federal grants administered by GOCCP and DHMH, the mission of the PDMP is to address the misuse, abuse and diversion of prescription drugs throughout the state. Its purpose is to save lives. In 2013, the Maryland PDMP registered pharmacies and health care practitioners that dispense prescription drugs containing controlled substances and began requiring them to submit periodic reports. A seminar sponsored by Washington College, DHMH and GOCCP trained law enforcement and prosecutors on the use of the PDMP data for investigatory purposes. In December, DHMH launched healthcare provider access to the PDMP, improving their ability to screen patients for substance use disorders and to make referrals to treatment and recovery programs. The PDMP will reach full implementation in 2014.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Information Sharing (MARIS) Following successful cross-boarder data initiatives, GOCCP began working with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) to develop a protocol for information sharing throughout the northeastern region. In 2013, Maryland worked toward becoming the hub for the sharing of arrest data to all participating states in the MARIS group.



MSP Superintendent Marcus L. Brown with Troopers.

Results: Strategy 6

Ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity and respect, that their rights are upheld, and that funding is made available to provide assistance and support

In 2013, GOCCP funded 309 grants totaling nearly \$17 million to support crime victims, including Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Assistance Program (VOCA) funds.

Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) In FY 2013, GOCCP awarded nearly \$250,000 in grants to Child Advocacy Centers across the state. These funds support law enforcement, child protective services, social workers and others who work to protect Maryland's most vulnerable child victims from crime and abuse.

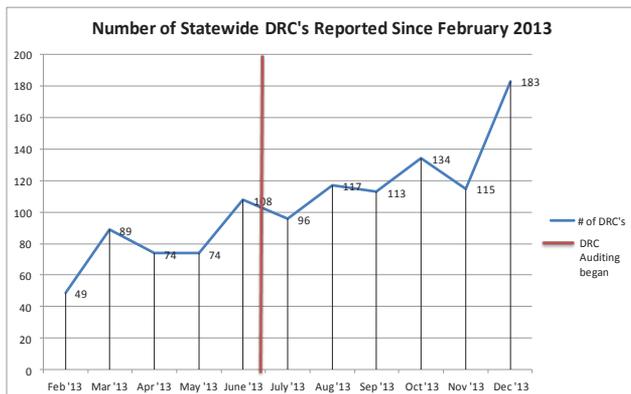
Place Matters Giving children a place to call home is one strategy the Department of Human Resources (DHR) is using to protect kids from crime. In 2013, there were fewer children in foster care in Maryland than at any time in the last 26 years.

Hospital-Based Domestic Violence Program In 2013, GOCCP provided funding for two new hospital-based domestic violence programs in Howard and St. Mary's Counties. The nine hospital-based domestic violence programs in Maryland help identify patients who may be victims of domestic violence and provide documentation of abuse, crisis intervention, and referrals to community resources.

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) GOCCP has awarded more than \$1.3 million in federal and state grants to implement LAP in 100 agencies across the state, covering 99% of the state's population. A nationally recognized program, LAP identifies victims of domestic violence who are at risk of being seriously injured or killed by their intimate partners, and connects them to domestic violence service providers in their area. Additionally, GOCCP provided grant funding to the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) to train DJS, DHR and DPSCS staff on how to use the LAP.

DV Warrant Initiatives Serving warrants for DV offenders has been a priority. In the three VPI Warrant Initiatives in 2013, officers made 97 arrests for DV warrants, and 117 DV warrants were disposed.

Domestically Related Crimes In 2013, MSP modified its data collection to specifically record domestically related crimes. GOCCP and MSAC are working closely with the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to ensure the reporting process is progressing efficiently. DPSCS added an alert to the Dashboard for domestically related offenders, so police officers searching the Dashboard know if an offender is on the Domestically Related Crime hot file.



VINE Protective Order (VPO) The time immediately after a protective order has been served can be dangerous for the petitioning victim. Knowing when the order has been served can be vital. VPO is a free automated service that notifies the petitioner, victim advocates, and law enforcement when a protective order has been served and keeps them informed throughout the order process. In 2013, VPO notified 3,466 petitioners when protective orders were served. A notice about VPO has now been placed on interim and temporary protective orders.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) In 2013, GOCCP worked closely with DJS and DPSCS to ensure state-run facilities are in compliance with this federal law. DPSCS hosted two training seminars on PREA for public safety employees throughout the state, and launched a hotline for inmates to report incidents of sexual assault.

Maryland State Board of Victim Services (MSBVS) In 2013, the MSBVS continued to maintain and improve the delivery of services to crime victims in Maryland, establishing a work group to identify the specific needs of the families of homicide victims. Under the direction of the Board, the Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland instructed 121 professionals in basic and advanced victim service provider training.

Resources for Criminal Justice Stakeholders

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 time to submit application: June

GOCCP Contact: Tammy Lovill, Program Manager, 410-821-2830

Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (BPVP)

BPVP protects the lives of state law enforcement officers by funding new protective body armor and protective body replacements as needed.

Projected time to submit application: March

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 time to submit application: February

GOCCP Contact: Linda Brookes, Program Manager, 410-821-2870

Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC)

The Children's Justice Act provides grants to state and local government agencies and private non-profit agencies 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 time to submit application: March

GOCCP Contact: Jessica Wheeler, Program Manager, 410-821-2824

Family Violence Prevention and Services Administration (FVPS)

The Maryland Domestic Violence Program is a statewide program that makes temporary shelter environments and supportive services available through a network of local domestic violence services programs. These programs provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of domestic violence victims and their families. Providing these services locally increases the likelihood that victims will benefit from these services and that there shall be appropriate linkages to other community based services as needed. Additionally, provision of services fosters a coordinated community approach to service domestic violence victims that includes partnerships with law enforcement, courts, hospitals, local departments of social services, and other related support agencies.

Projected time to submit application: March

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Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG)

JABG funds are provided as block grants to programs that support crime prevention and early intervention, and promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. Funds support the implementation of evidence-based practices, graduated sanctions, recidivism reduction, drug court programs, treatment, and restorative justice.

Projected time to submit application: March

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Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJAC) Formula Grant

Under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Act, states participating in the Formula Grant Program must address juvenile delinquency prevention and system improvement efforts designed to reduce the disproportionate number of juvenile members in minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. This responsibility to address racial disparities in the juvenile justice system is consistent with the goals of the State Advisory Group, also known as the Juvenile Justice Planning and Review Council, and the Department of Juvenile Services. The Title II Formula Grant Program primarily supports disproportionate minority contact (DMC) initiatives to include a DMC statewide assessment, after care/re-entry programs, alternatives to detention, delinquency prevention, juvenile system improvements, and projects addressing serious crime.

Projected time to submit application: March

GOCCP Contact: Jessica Wheeler, Program Manager, 410-821-2824

Law Enforcement Training Scholarship (LETS) Program

The LETS Program provides up to \$5,000 per scholarship recipient to attend specialized law enforcement training. 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 time to submit application: Continuous

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Community Sexual Violence Prevention & Awareness (RFPA)

The Community Sexual Violence Prevention & Awareness (RFPA) program is a statewide program created to provide education, training and support services for victims, health professionals and the general public aimed at sexual violence and early intervention. This program provides financial support to the state's seventeen (17) Rape Crisis Centers for prevention, education and awareness services administered in the community. The Rape Crisis Centers provide educational seminars, hotline services, training programs for professionals, printed materials and other resources to increase awareness regarding rape and sexual assault prevention. These programs consist of both private and non-profit agencies as well as governmental agencies.

Projected time to submit applications: Late Summer/Fall

GOCCP Contact: Lashonde Beasley, Program Manager, 410-821-2833

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)

RSAT funds support residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional and detention facilities. It encourages government agencies to adopt comprehensive approaches to substance abuse testing and treatment for offenders where they are incarcerated, plus relapse prevention and aftercare services once they are released.

GOCCP Contact: Laurie Rajala, Program Manager, 410-821-2841

Sexual Assault Services Grant (SASP)

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005) is the first Federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. SASP provides intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (i.e., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

Projected time to submit application: February

GOCCP Contact: Sharron Melvin, Program Manager, 410-821-2831

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. VAWA supports criminal justice entities in holding offenders accountable. S*T*O*P grants, the largest portion of VAWA funding, are distributed among victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and non-profit victim service providers.

Projected time to submit application: April

GOCCP Contact: Latonya Eaddy, Program Manager, 410-821-2850

Victims of Crime Assistance Program (VOCA)

The purpose of the Crime Victim Assistance Program (VOCA) is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance and services necessary to aid their restoration after a violent criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process.

Victim assistance includes services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency transportation to court, temporary housing and criminal justice support and advocacy.

Projected time to submit application: May

GOCCP Contact: Kimberly Herndon, Program Manager, 410-821-2867

State Funding

Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement (BARM)

BARM protects the lives of local law enforcement officers by funding new protective body armor and protective body armor replacements as needed.

Projected time to submit application: April

GOCCP Contact: Linda Brookes, Program Manager, 410-821-2870

Child Advocacy Centers (CACs)

Child Advocacy Centers are child-friendly facilities where child victims of abuse, neglect, and/or maltreatment may be interviewed, undergo medical examinations, and receive necessary services. Specifically, CACs are multi-disciplinary programs that offer nurturing environments in which child victims can describe traumatic events in the presence of professionals to protect children, collect reliable and admissible evidence, and prosecute offenders.

Projected time to submit application: September

GOCCP Contact: Anne Litecky, Program Manager, 410-837-5937

Community Service Grant Program (CSGP)

Community service programs provide the Judiciary with a meaningful diversionary sentencing option that places adult and juvenile non-violent offenders into practical unpaid work assignments that provide social restitution and accountability while creating tangible benefits for Maryland citizens.

Projected time to submit application: March

GOCCP Contact: Laura Rajala, Program Manager, 410-821-2841

Domestic Violence Program (DOMV)

The Maryland Domestic Violence program is a statewide program that makes temporary shelter environments and supportive services available through a network of local domestic violence services programs. These programs provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of domestic violence victims and their families. Providing these services locally increases the likelihood that victims will benefit from these services and that there shall be appropriate linkages to other community-based services as needed. Additionally, provision of services fosters a coordinated community approach to serving domestic violence victims that includes partnerships with law enforcement, courts, hospitals, local departments of social services and other related support services.

Projected time to submit application: March

GOCCP Contact: Kimberly Herndon, Program Manager, 410-821-2867

Domestic Violence Unit Pilot Program (DVUP)

DVUP offers law enforcement the 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 MILES/NCIC database.

Projected time to submit application: April

GOCCP Contact: Lashonde Beasley, Program Manager, 410-821-2833

Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG)

The Maryland Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000 established the Cease Fire Council, chaired by the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, to assist in establishing programs designed to reduce firearm related crime.

Projected time to submit application: April

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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 time to submit application for new grants: December

Projected time to submit application for continuing grants: May

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Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Grant Program (SARC)

The Maryland Rape Crisis Program is a statewide program that makes counseling and support services available through a network of local rape crisis service programs. These programs provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of victims of rape and sexual offenses and family members affected by the abuse. Having these services available on a local level increases the likelihood that victims will avail themselves of the services and that there will be appropriate linkages to other community-based services as needed. Additionally, provision of services and community education fosters a coordinated community approach to assist victims of rape and sexual assault that includes partnerships with law enforcement, courts, local departments of social services and other related support agencies.

Projected time to submit application: March

GOCCP Contact: Kimberly Herndon, Program Manager, 410-821-2867

State Aid for Police Protection Funds (SAPP)

The State Aid for Police Protection Fund is a formula-driven funding program used to supplement resources for police protection in our local communities. State funds provide additional revenue to support the operational costs of local and county police agencies. Funds are distributed based on a formula derived through a subdivision's population, number of police officers in the agency, and the total jurisdictional taxable income. Annual funds are calculated according to the previous year's operation costs.

Projected time to submit application: September

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

School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund (SBSE)

The School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund is a special non-lapsing fund that provides \$600,000 annually to law enforcement agencies to address the problem of drivers illegally passing stopped school buses. Grants provide overtime pay for officers who patrol roads, specifically monitoring driver behavior near school busses, and funding for proactive safety measures such as public safety announcements.

Projected time to submit application: April

GOCCP Contact: Sharron Melvin, Program Manager, 410-821-2831

Sex Offender and Compliance Enforcement in Maryland (SOCM)

SOCM assists law enforcement agencies in their duties of sex offender registration, compliance verification, and enforcement for the Maryland Sex Offender Registry (SOR).

Projected time to submit application: March

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