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Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

"The most fundamental responsibility of any government is public safety. Thanks to the brave work of law enforcement officers, and partnerships with agencies, non-profit groups and community organizations across the state, together we have driven violent crime down to three-decade lows.

Every life is needed. Every life is important. And every day there is more that we must do as we continue our work together to prevent crimes and provide safer neighborhoods for every family in Maryland."

GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

GOCCP At A Glance

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention administers more than $100 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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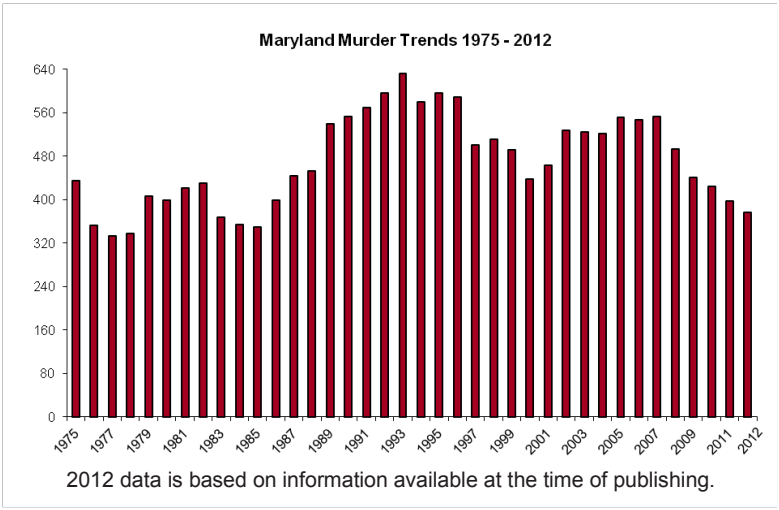
2012 GOCCP Highlights

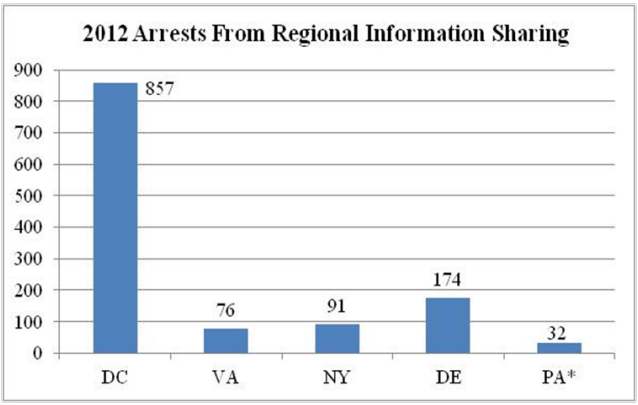
In 2012, Maryland experienced the lowest murder rate since the Maryland UCR program was adopted in 1975.



- The number of juvenile victims of homicides has decreased by 58% statewide since 2007. The 23 juvenile homicides that occurred in 2012 were the lowest ever reported since the Maryland State Police (MSP) began tracking these numbers in 1990.

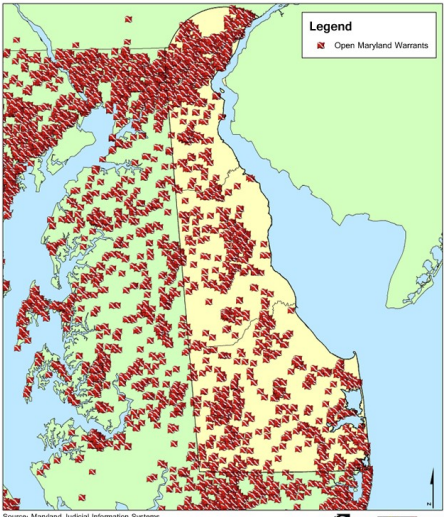
- 2012 saw the expansion of the Safe Streets Initiative to five new sites in Cumberland, Hagerstown, the City of Frederick, Harford County and a juvenile model in Baltimore City. An offender-based model that institutes collaboration and information-sharing across all levels of government to drastically reduce crime, Safe Streets was piloted in Annapolis in 2008 and expanded to Salisbury in 2010. Violent crime in Annapolis has dropped 60% and violent crime in Salisbury has dropped 39% since the start of their respective Safe Streets programs.

- In June 2012, GOCCP hosted a working summit on regional information sharing with leaders from Delaware, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. As part of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' (DPSCS) strategy to track and monitor offenders under community supervision, DPSCS shares arrest feed information with its partners across state borders, allowing Maryland to respond promptly by seeking violation of probation and parole retake warrants for supervised Marylanders arrested in those states.



*Began arrest feeds in December, 2012.

All Open Warrants held by the Maryland Court System in Delaware



Source: Maryland Judicial Information Systems

- In May 2012, GOCCP and the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) hosted the state's first Governor's Conference on Combating Human Trafficking in Maryland. More than 400 people attended. GOCCP awarded a grant to allow the Maryland State Police (MSP) to hire a fulltime MHTTF Coordinator to work with state agencies to develop integrated policies to fight human trafficking and to help its victims.

Governor O'Malley welcomes participants to the state's first conference on Human Trafficking in Maryland.

- A federal grant provided by GOCCP allowed its Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC) to begin work with the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the University of Pennsylvania to develop a child fatality risk assessment tool. This assessment tool will identify risk factors in parents and caregivers who are more likely to commit serious harm to, or to murder their children. Once the program is underway, individuals who meet these identified and specific risk factors would receive enhanced supervision from the Department of Social Services (DSS).

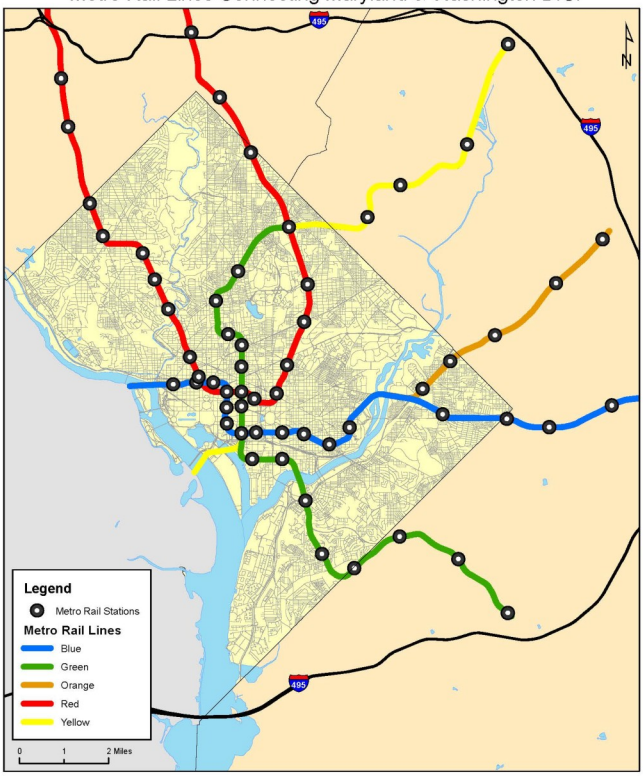
- GOCCP, partnering with the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the Maryland Advisory Group, and Morgan State University, hosted its second statewide Conference on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). More than 300 people who have professional contact with juveniles attended the conference to learn best practices that address the problems and issues facing minority youth.

DJS Secretary Sam Abed, center, speaks with Ernest Dorsey of the Baltimore Mayor's Office and JDAI/DMC Coordinator Lisa Garry at the DMC Conference.

- In May 2012, GOCCP launched its new training website. Designed to provide information on training opportunities offered to criminal justice professionals across Maryland, the website lists all trainings offered in the state and provides information on available facilities. During 2012, the GOCCP Training Unit hosted five Train the Trainer classes for Criminal Justice Dashboard instructors and three Train the Trainer classes for Maryland Offender Management System (MOMS) instructors. The Training Unit hosted two one-day Governor's Criminal Justice Training Conferences, which included workshops on the Dashboard, CompStat, model criminal citation policy, crime prevention, synthetic marijuana, crime patterns, gangs, identity theft, and other related classes.

- Recognizing that juveniles freely cross state borders, information sharing legislation passed in 2009 allowed Maryland and the District of Columbia to share information on juveniles. In October, 2012, an electronic database became operational to ensure that case workers have timely, accurate data on the status of youth being dually supervised by Maryland and the District. The database is housed on Maryland's Child Safety Net Dashboard, and allows case workers to conduct a search on youth at intake to determine whether they are under supervision or have a criminal history in the other jurisdiction. This information is factored into the decision on how to process that youth. As a result of this new information sharing database, Maryland DJS caseworkers searching the Child Safety Net Dashboard found 7,197 matches which were investigated in the last three months of 2012.

Metro Rail Lines Connecting Maryland & Washington D.C.



Data Source: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Map Created: March 2012

2012 Legislative Re-cap

In 2012, GOCCP worked with the Maryland General Assembly, local law enforcement public safety partners and advocacy groups to ensure the passage of these important public safety laws:

SB 647 / HB 1146: Domestically Related Crimes—Reporting
Requires the court to determine, at the request of the State's Attorney, whether a crime for which a defendant is convicted or receives a probation before judgment disposition is a domestically related crime, and to enter that finding into the court record to become part of a defendant's criminal record.

Governor O'Malley signs the Domestically Related Crimes bill into law.

SB 291: Unemployment Insurance—Coverage— Victims of Domestic Violence Prohibits the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from charging specified unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit and authorizes the Secretary to find that a cause of voluntarily leaving employment is good cause if it is directly attributable to the individual or the individual's spouse, minor child, or parent being a victim of domestic violence.

HB 766: State Government — Commemorative Days — Crime Victims and Advocates Requires the Governor annually to proclaim April 3 as Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day.

SB 422: Criminal Procedure—Criminal Defendants—Citations and Appearances
Allows law enforcement to charge by citation for certain crimes, establishes a Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender, and requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to collaborate with the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC) and the Police Training Commission in order to collect data on the citations that are issued.

HB 618: Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms
Establishes this Task Force, staffed by GOCCP, and mandates a report on whether existing law adequately protects the public, as well as the civil rights of individuals with mental illness, and make recommendations as appropriate.

SB 175 / HB 8: Crimes—Electronic Communications—Harassment
Prohibits the use of electronic communications to maliciously engage in conduct that alarms another, and clarifies the term "electronic mail" to "electronic communications" and broadens the definition.

SB 640 / HB 209: Public Safety—Possession of Firearms—Crimes Committed in Other States
Prohibits a person from possessing a regulated firearm, rifle, or shotgun if the person was previously convicted of an offense under the laws of another state or the United States that would constitute a crime of violence or a violation of specified provisions of law if committed in Maryland.

SB 352 / HB 607: National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information — Sign Posting Requirements Requires the business owner of a privately-owned bus station or truck stop located in the state to post in restrooms a sign that provides the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information.

HB 651: Child Support—Incarcerated Obligors—Suspension of Payments and Accrual of Arrearages: Suspends the accumulation of child support and delays the accumulation of arrearages for sixty days after the obligor's release from confinement.

2012: A Year of Steady Crime Reduction

In 2012, Maryland continued to drive down crime to record levels.

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

Preliminary data showed a 2.7% reduction in total crime, a 2.1% reduction in violent crime, and a 2.8% reduction in property crime.

17 of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions reduced total crime, 11 reduced violent crime, and 15 reduced property crime.

Uniform Crime Reporting data for 2012 showed statewide reductions in all 7 Part I index crimes including murder (-6.6%), rape (-2.6%), robbery (-6.5%), aggravated assault (-10.8%), breaking & entering (-2.5%), larceny/theft (-3.1%), and motor vehicle theft (-10.9%).

These statistics are based on information available at the time of publishing.

Lt. Governor Brown and Police Chief Mark A. Macgaw announce strategies to fight crime in Prince George's County.

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

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

Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) VPI is designed to identify and track the state's most violent offenders. GOCCP and Community Supervision, previously known as the Division of Parole & Probation, are committed to evaluating the impact of VPI, both on its ability to reduce violent crime, and to swiftly remove VPI offenders from the streets. MSAC began conducting this evaluation in 2012.

Community Supervision Kiosks Community Supervision expanded the use of kiosks so that non-violent, low-risk offenders can check in with their agents where they work and live. In 2012, more than 36,200 new enrollments were made in the Community Supervision Kiosk system. GOCCP funding and software has established a check-in kiosk for every field office in Maryland.

A kiosk in use.

Juvenile VPI Modeled after adult VPI, DJS established the juvenile VPI to track and monitor 1,048 at-risk youthful offenders and provide necessary services. Juvenile VPI has been instrumental in helping Maryland achieve historic reductions in juvenile homicides.

Cell Phone Interdiction In 2012, GOCCP awarded a grant to DPSCS to deploy sophisticated technology as a tool to combat the constant battle against contraband cell phones behind prison walls. The three-year, $2 million contract was awarded to Tecore Networks and deployed in the DPSCS Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC) in Baltimore. The pilot became operational by the end of 2012.

Cell Phones and Gangs A GOCCP grant allows the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office to proactively prosecute inmates for the possession of cell phones. In the first year of its implementation, 78 inmates were charged and prosecuted for a criminal offense, and 47 received a guilty verdict.

Sex Offenders In 2012, there were 8,132 sex offenders on the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. Of them, 1,497 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. 15,265 inmates were equipped with vital records such as MVA or state identification cards, Social Security cards, or birth certificates upon their release. A grant from GOCCP funded Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for 2,173 offenders. Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) provided employment or training to a monthly average of 1,989 inmates in 31 business units across the state. An average of 370 inmates per month took part in Public Safety Works, a restorative justice program that allows inmates to do productive work in the community prior to their release. Projects range from restoring old cemeteries, planting trees, crop gleaning for the Maryland Food Bank, and working with retired race horses at a farm in Sykesville.

DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard at an Open House
at Second Chance Farm.

Incarcerated Veterans In 2012, DPSCS began working to connect all incarcerated veterans with local, state, and national veterans' outreach agencies. In addition, a partnership with America's VetDogs began in three facilities in Maryland. This gives incarcerated veterans the opportunity to give back to the community by housing and training puppies that will eventually become service dogs for wounded warriors.

An inmate works on training an American VetDog puppy in a Maryland Correctional Institution.

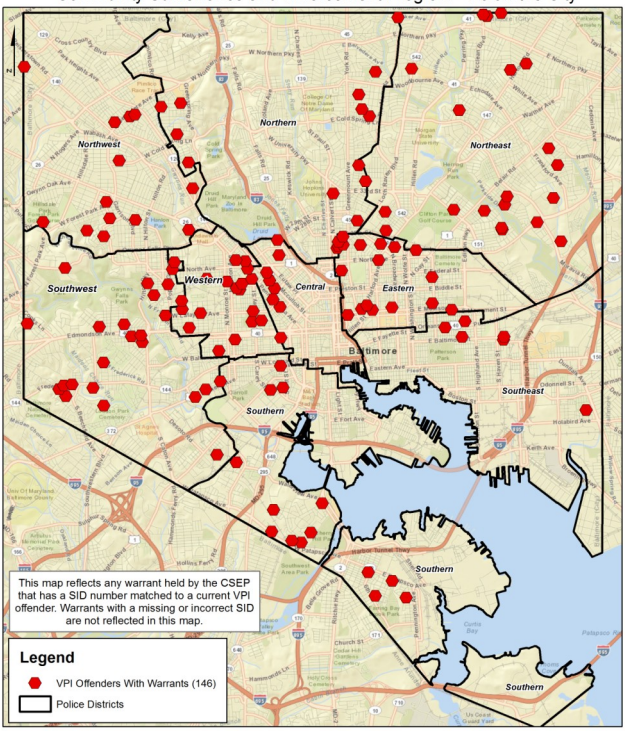
Maryland Community Services Locator (MDCSL) A GOCCP grant funds the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) at the University of Maryland to operate this free online state directory of information about available community resources. The centralized web-based resource connects ex-offenders and others with critical resources to help break the cycle of crime, recidivism and social disorder in Maryland's communities. In 2012, more than 179,000 searches for resources were conducted through this website. More significantly, in 2012 the MDCSL became available for use by inmates inside the walls of 19 Maryland facilities. This new system empowers inmates to independently access program information for housing, job opportunities and other resources they will need upon their release.

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 Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City and Cecil County. GOCCP provided the funding for teams of local and state law enforcement officers who worked collaboratively to aggressively target and apprehend violent offenders that pose a threat to the safety and security of our neighborhoods. As a result, 1,027 individuals were apprehended for charges including murder, rape, sexual assault, child abuse, robbery and aggravated assault.

Current VPI Offenders with an Open Parole Warrant from the Community Surveillance and Enforcement Program - Baltimore City



Source: Maryland Community Supervision

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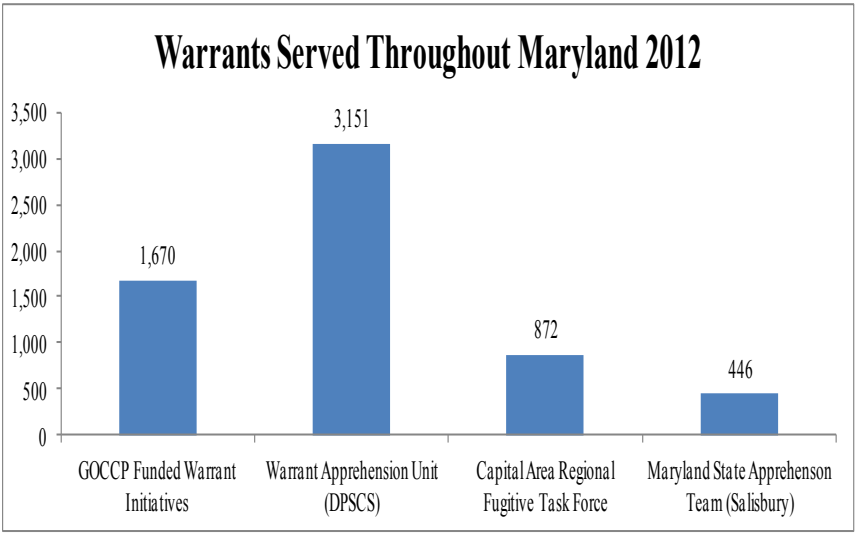
Community Supervision Warrants The DPSCS Warrant Apprehension Unit helps local law enforcement serve violation of probation and parole retake warrants. During 2012, the Warrant Apprehension Unit cleared 3,151 warrants, a 99% clearance rate.

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) In 2012 this task force served 872 warrants for some of Maryland's most dangerous offenders, as well as offenders from Washington, D.C. who were known to move freely across jurisdictional borders.

Maryland State Apprehension Team—Salisbury (MSAT) Comprised of officers from Maryland State Police, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, Salisbury Police Department and DPSCS' Community Surveillance and Supervision Warrant Apprehension Unit, MSAT made 426 arrests and closed 446 warrants in the Salisbury area in 2012. MSAT worked in close collaboration with Salisbury Safe Streets.

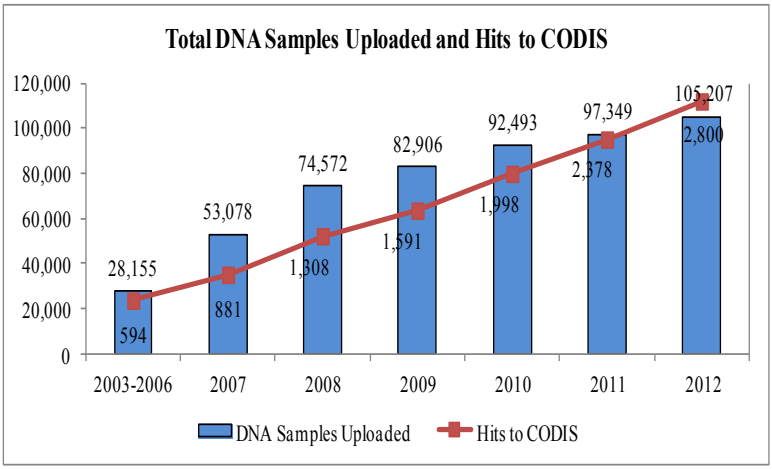


Results: Strategy 3

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

DNA Hits Hits to the DNA database continued to identify criminals and provide solid evidence in court. For example, the DNA sample collected in 2010 from an inmate charged with homicide was linked to DNA taken from an October 1995 rape of a 17-year old girl in a Massachusetts church. The inmate had an extensive criminal background and is serving life in prison in Maryland for a brutal rape. In 2012, he was convicted of the rape charge in Massachusetts, the first out-of-state conviction as a result of Maryland's DNA database.

CODIS Database Since 2006, Maryland has more than quadrupled the number of profiles it has entered into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database to more than 105,000.



Post-Conviction DNA In 2012, GOCCP was awarded a federal grant to expedite the processing of requests for post-conviction DNA testing by defendants who have been convicted of violent crimes and assert that post-conviction testing will exonerate them. GOCCP granted funds to the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, and the Maryland Innocence Project at the University of Baltimore to begin work on this project in 2013.

Results: Strategy 4

Expand efforts to reduce illegal gun use and possession

Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms Established by the Maryland General Assembly, the Task Force issued its initial report recommending mandated reporting to law enforcement of individuals who have been reasonably identified as dangerous and a requirement that specific threats be promptly investigated and unlawfully-possessed firearms seized. The report recommended training for law enforcement, prosecutors and mental health professionals, and increasing the number of Crisis Intervention Teams in local law enforcement agencies. The report also recommended the establishment of a formal process for individuals prohibited from possessing or purchasing firearms to have their rights restored fully in accordance with federal law.

Maryland Gun Center In 2012, a GOCCP Law Enforcement Training Scholarship (LETS) grant provided specialized training to 12 MSP Troopers and officers from four metropolitan area counties. Located at MSP, the Maryland Gun Center assists local law enforcement agencies with the identification and background of firearms involved in crimes. GOCCP also funds an investigator from the Maryland Attorney General's Office to assist in ensuring state laws are enforced the moment a gun is seized in a crime, and through the court system.

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 2012, and as a result, 4,384 guns were seized.

Gun Tracing Task Force (GTTF) Established in 2007, GTTF tracks and curbs illegal gun use and possession in Baltimore City. In 2012, 733 guns were seized in Baltimore by GTTF. A total of 2,874 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 191 firearms in 2012.

Results: Strategy 5

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

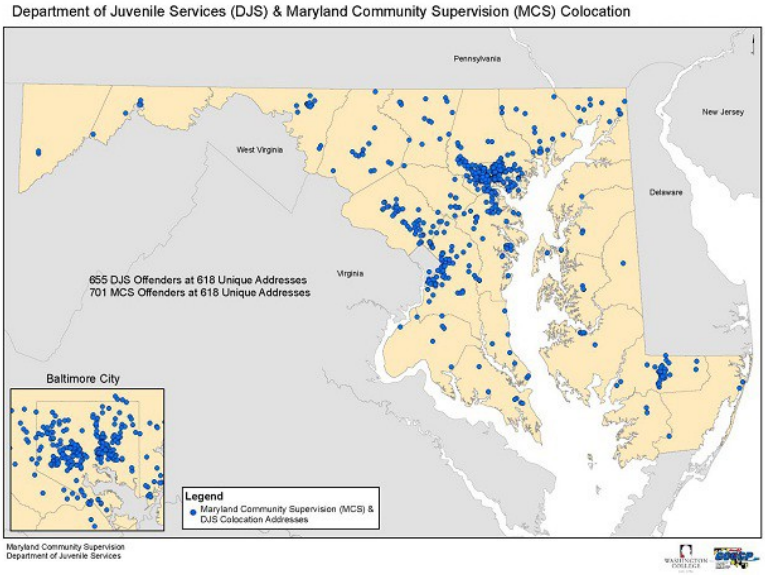
License Plate Recognition program (LPRs) In 2012, there were 370 LPR units deployed statewide. Of these, 260 LPR units were networked to the main server at the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC), Maryland's fusion center.

Criminal Justice Dashboard The embodiment of the O'Malley-Brown Administration's strategy of Security Integration, the Criminal Justice Dashboard expanded its number of databases and information sources to 110 in 2012, including the VPI Report, protective orders, a phone number search, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) information, Federal Parole and Probation Joint Custody reports, and juvenile photos from DJS. Up to 4,000 users access information through the Dashboard each day, resulting in 25,000 to 50,000 daily inquiries. In 2012, the Computer Justice Dashboard, in combination with Security Integration and the MDCSL, won a Harvard University "Bright Idea" award, which recognizes and promotes excellence and creativity in the public sector.

CompStat Training A grant from GOCCP enables the Institute for Governmental Service and Research of the University of Maryland to help Maryland police departments develop and implement new and more robust CompStat programs. Since the inception of the program, the University of Maryland has held 37 seminars and workshops in which 1,005 participants from 77 agencies received valuable training and guidance.

Crime Analysis During FY 2012, GOCCP awarded more than $1.7 million in grants to support the hiring of 37 crime analysts strategically located around the state. GOCCP also made funding available to the University of Maryland and Washington College to provide continued training for Maryland's crime analysts.

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. In 2012, Washington College created 3,631 crime maps for 19 public safety agencies around the state. In addition, Washington College trained 79 crime analysts and other professionals from 20 public safety agencies to enhance their crime mapping capabilities.



Maryland Offender Management System (MOMS) During 2012, Washington College moved its mapping facility to a secure DPSCS building, so that all mapping technology runs through a server housed by DPSCS. This increases the security of all data. MOMS, a system developed by Washington College with start-up costs funded by GOCCP, now restricts its access to National Crime Information Center (NCIC) users through the Criminal Justice Dashboard. Law enforcement officers and other public safety officials can produce their own maps through MOMS from a variety of datasets, which include Community Supervision, Maryland Court Warrants, the Maryland Sex Offender Registry, DJS, Court Services and Offender Supervision, Baltimore City Gun Offender Registry, public safety agency locations, and daycare centers. Plans for future datasets include MDCSL, the MSP Gang Database, and youth group homes.

Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) In 2012, RAPID led to the recovery of more than $4.8 million in stolen property and the successful closing of 2,191 criminal investigations. Every prime law enforcement agency in Maryland and Delaware uses RAPID to collect, house, and manage its secondhand transaction data.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Established by the General Assembly in 2011 under the authority of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), the PDMP's mission is to address the misuse, abuse and diversion of prescription drugs throughout the state. In 2012, the PDMP Advisory Board issued a report to the General Assembly outlining program design and implementation, which were adopted by DHMH. The Board recommended that DHMH collaborate with the Chesapeake Regional Information System for Our Patients (CRISP), the designated statewide health information exchange (HIE). Leveraging the existing infrastructure of the HIE will greatly increase the efficiency, accuracy and utilization of the PDMP. GOCCP administers federal grants that fund the PDMP, which is expected to be operational in the third quarter of 2013.

MSP Medevac Helicopters In 2012, MSP unveiled its first new medevac helicopter designed to replace Maryland's aging medevac fleet. The new helicopter contains the latest in avionics and safety equipment, including terrain awareness warning systems, night vision compatibility, cockpit voice and video recorders, radar altimeters and advanced instrument fight rating capabilities.

MSP Superintendent Colonel Brown and Governor O'Malley.

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

GOCCP funds 296 grants totaling more than $15.9 million to support crime victims, including Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Assistance Program (VOCA) funds.

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) GOCCP has awarded more than $1.1 million in federal and state grants to implement LAP across the state. A nationally recognized program, LAP is a questionnaire that first responders use when they talk to victims on the scene of a domestic violence disturbance. If the victim answers yes to several key questions, the first responders immediately connect that person to the local domestic violence service agency. Eighty-eight law enforcement agencies across Maryland were using the LAP in an effort to save lives in 2012.

GOCCP Executive Director Tammy Brown with other state officials at the announcement of the adoption of the LAP program in Prince George's County.

Hospital-Based Domestic Violence Program With the additions of the Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown and the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, there are now seven Hospital-Based Domestic Violence Programs throughout the state. The result of a Governor's Executive Order and under the leadership of Lt. Governor Brown, the program uses a domestic violence screening tool for patients who come to the hospital to quickly identify victims of domestic violence and provide them services from hospital staff and the community.

Safe Havens The Baltimore City Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Exchange Center opened its doors in November, 2012. The result of a $400,000 Cooperative Agreement with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) of the U.S. Department of Justice, Safe Havens allows families involved in domestic violence to have supervised visits with their children or to meet in a safe setting to exchange children from one parent to another.

Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) 291,404 phone calls and emails were received by crime victims or their families and members of the public who had registered with VINE to receive notifications of court dates, and changes in status for inmate custody or parole and probation. Information about VINE services is now printed at the bottom of five District Court victim/witness documents which are mailed to victims and witnesses from one of the 34 District Court locations across the state. Maryland is the only state in the nation to include information about VINE in court documents.

Tracking Domestic Violence Offenders In 2012, GOCCP began laying the groundwork with MSP, DPSCS and Washington College to effectively track and monitor domestic violence offenders whose court cases identified their offenses as domestically-related.

Strategic Planning GOCCP hosted its second Joint Strategic Planning Session for the VAWA and VOCA programs in May, 2012. This meeting was crucial for the effective administration of VAWA and VOCA funding and for the development of Maryland's STOP VAWA Implementation Plan, which outlines the state's coordinated efforts to combat sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Participation included a broad range of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse victim service providers, as well as representatives from law enforcement, prosecution, state coalitions, and the courts.

Maryland State Board of Victim Services (MSBVS) In 2012, MSBVS continued to maintain and improve the delivery of services to crime victims in Maryland. GOCCP awarded just over $1 million in funding to 34 grantees to help improve crime victim services. Under the direction of the Board, the Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland trained 226 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: Spring
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: August
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: January-February
GOCCP Contact: Linda Brookes, Program Manager, 410-821-2870

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 time to submit application: May
GOCCP Contact: Jessica Winpigler, 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.

Applications are sent to those who qualify.

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

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: April

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

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.

Applications are sent to those who qualify.

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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

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

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, print 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.

Applications are sent to those who qualify.

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

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.

Applications are sent to those who qualify.

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: January

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: Spring
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: Spring
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: May
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, 410-2840

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: Anissa Walker, Program Manager, 410-821-2834

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.
Applications are sent to those who qualify.
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: Laura Rajala, Program Manager, 410-821-2841

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 firearms related crime.
Projected time to submit application: February
GOCCP Contact: Anissa Walker, Program Manager 410-821-2834

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: September
GOCCP Contact: Anne Litecky, Program Manager, 410-821-2840

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 service victims of rape and sexual assault that includes partnerships with law enforcement, courts, local departments of social services and other related support agencies.

Applications are sent to those who qualify.

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: August

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.

Projected time to submit application: March

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).

Applications are sent to those who qualify.

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