

Report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, in Accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the progress of jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations.

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BACKGROUND

During the 2008 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed *House Bill 6, Chapter 360*. The bill establishes state policy that a law enforcement unit using one or more interrogation rooms with the capability to create audio and/or visual recordings of custodial interrogations shall make reasonable efforts to record interrogations of suspects in connection with cases of murder, rape, or sexual offenses in the first or second degree.

On or before December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) shall report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, in Accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the progress of jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audio and/or visual recordings of custodial interrogations.

In previous years, GOCCP has made funding available to local law enforcement agencies through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG), Law Enforcement Technology (LETC) grant program for "Custodial Interrogation Equipment." Additional funds have been made available through the Byrne Justice Recovery Act (BJRA) since the law was enacted in 2008.

METHODOLOGY

GOCCP created and administered an interrogation room survey in Survey Monkey that was distributed to 131 law enforcement agencies around the state. The following information was collected:

1. Agency name
2. Number of interrogation rooms
3. The hardwired technological capabilities of each room (none, audio, visual, or audio/visual)
4. The portable technological equipment used in each room (none, audio, visual, or audio/visual)
5. Future plans for adding interrogation rooms
6. Future plans for purchasing new audio/visual equipment to each room
7. The funding source for each room

RESULTS

Of the 131 law enforcement agencies, 90 completed the electronic survey. There were another 37 agencies that did not complete the survey but provided responses during the 2011 interrogation room report and indicated no future plans to expand their number of interrogation rooms or equipment capabilities. Therefore, the 37 responses from last year were duplicated for this

survey. In total, data was collected from 127 of the 131 agencies in the state (see pages 6-10 for a full list of the respondents).

Number of Interrogation Rooms

There are a total of 230 interrogation rooms statewide. Fifty-six agencies (n = 44.1%) reported that they do not have an interrogation room, whereas, seventy-one agencies (n = 55.9%) reported at least one interrogation room. Prince George’s County Police Department has the highest number of interrogation rooms in the state, with a total of 30 rooms. Of the 131 total law enforcement agencies surveyed, seven of these agencies (i.e., Anne Arundel County PD, Baltimore PD, Baltimore County PD, Harford County SO, Montgomery County PD, Prince George’s County PD, and the Maryland State Police) have over half (n = 54%) of the state’s interrogation rooms. *Table 1 provides the frequency of interrogation rooms.*

Table 1. Number of Interrogation Rooms (n = 127 agencies)		
Number of Rooms	Frequency	Percent
0	56	44.1%
1	39	30.7%
2 - 10	27	21.3%
Over 10	5	3.9%
Total	127	100.0%

Audio/Visual Recording Capabilities

Over 65% (n = 150) of the interrogation rooms statewide are equipped with some type of hardwired audio or visual recording capabilities. Of the rooms equipped with these technologies, the vast majority have both audio and visual recording capabilities. *Table 2 provides the various types of hardwired recording capabilities.*

Table 2. Interrogation Room’s Hardwired Recording Capabilities (n = 230 rooms)		
Recording Capabilities	Frequency	Percent
No Audio or Video Capabilities	80	34.8%
Audio Only	3	1.3%
Video Only	5	2.2%
Both Audio and Video	142	61.7%
Total	127	100.0%

Of the seventy-one agencies with at least one interrogation room, 39.4% (n = 28) use some type of portable audio or visual recording device in their rooms. *Table 3 provides a breakdown of the various types of equipment, if available.*

Table 3. Police Use of Portable Audio/Visual Recording Devices in Interrogation Rooms (n = 71 agencies)		
Use of Portable Recording Devices	Frequency	Percent
No Use of Portable Recording Devices	43	60.6%
Audio Only	20	28.2%
Video Only	2	2.8%
Both Audio and Video	6	8.5%
Total	127	100.0%

Most of the law enforcement agencies indicated no future plans for the creation or addition of interrogation rooms within their agency (n = 88.2%) or the purchasing of new audio or visual recording equipment (n = 87.4%). *The timelines are broken down in Tables 4 and 5.*

Table 4. Police Agency's Future Plans and Timelines for the Creation of New or Additional Interrogation Rooms (n = 127 agencies)		
Future Plans	Frequency	Percent
No Future Plans	112	88.2%
0 – 12 Months	6	4.7%
12 - 24 Months	6	4.7%
Over 24 Months	1	0.8%
Unknown/Timeline Not Specified	2	1.6%
Total	127	100.0%

Table 5. Police Agency's Future Plans and Timelines for the Purchasing of New Audio or Visual Recording Equipment (n = 127 agencies)		
Future Plans	Frequency	Percent
No Future Plans	111	87.4%
0 – 12 Months	10	7.9%
12 - 24 Months	3	2.4%
Over 24 Months	0	0.0%
Unknown/Timeline Not Specified	3	2.4%
Total	127	100.0%

Funding Sources

A total of sixty-nine law enforcement agencies listed a current or future funding source(s) for their interrogation rooms. *Table 6 provides a breakdown of the various funding sources.*

Table 6. Police Agency's Funding Source(s) For their Interrogation Rooms (n = 69 agencies)		
Funding Source	Frequency	Percent
Local	40	58.0%
State	11	15.9%
Federal	4	5.8%
Multiple Funding Sources	14	20.3%
Total	69	100.0%

GOCCP will continue to support this effort through grant funding and provide annual updates to the progress of each law enforcement agency as required by law.

2012 Interrogation Room Survey Results

Agency Name	Survey Participation	Number of Rooms	No Audio and Visual	Audio	Video	Both Audio and Video	Portable A/V	Future Plans for Equipment	Future Plans for Rooms	Funding Source
Aberdeen Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Allegany County Sheriff's Office	yes	0						no	18 months	state
Annapolis City Police Department	yes	3	2	0	0	1	audio	2 years	no	state and federal
Anne Arundel County Police Department Headquarters	yes	13	8	0	0	5	video	6 months	no	local
Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office	yes	0						no	no	
Baltimore City Community College Department of Public Safety										
Baltimore City Public Schools Police	no	0						no	no	
Baltimore City Sheriff's Department	no	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	
Baltimore County Police Department	yes	10	0	0	0	10	audio	no	no	local
Baltimore County Sheriff's Office	no	0						no	no	
Baltimore Police Department	yes	18	16	0	0	2	audio	6 months	no	local
Bel Air Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Berlin Police Department	yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	
Berwyn Heights Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	6 months	no	federal
Bladensburg Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local and state
Boonsboro Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Bowie State University Department of Public Safety	no	0						no	no	
Brunswick Police Department	yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	
Calvert County Sheriff's Office	yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	yes	no	local
Cambridge Police Department	yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	local
Capitol Heights Police Department	no	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	
Caroline County Sheriff's Office	yes	1	1	0	0	0	audio	no	no	
Carroll County Sheriff's Office	yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	local
Cecil County Sheriff's Office	no	2	0	0	0	2	video	no	no	state
Centreville Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Charles County Sheriff's Office	yes	8	0	0	0	8	audio	1 year	no	local
Chestertown Police Department	yes	0						no	3 months	local state and federal

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Cheverly Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Chevy Chase Village Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
City of Bowie Police Department	yes	3	0	0	0	3	no	no	no	local
Colmar Manor Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Coppin State University Department of Public Safety	yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	yes	no	state
Cottage City Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Crisfield Police Department	yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	
Crofton Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Cumberland Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Delmar Police Department	no	1	0	0	0	1	audio	no	no	local
Denton Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Department of General Services	yes	0						no	no	
District Heights Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Dorchester County Sheriff's Office	no	0						no	no	
Easton Police Department	yes	2	0	0	0	2	audio	no	no	
Edmonston Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Elkton Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	audio	no	no	federal
Fairmount Heights Police Department										
Federalsburg Police Department	no	3	0	0	1	2	both	no	no	local
Forest Heights Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	yes	2	0	0	0	2	audio	no	no	local
Frederick Police Department	yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	local state and federal
Frostburg City Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Frostburg State University Police Department	yes	1	1	0	0	0	audio	no	4 years	state
Fruitland Police Department	yes	3	0	0	0	3	no	no	no	local state and federal
Gaithersburg Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	audio	no	no	local
Garrett County Sheriff's Office	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Gibson Island Police Department	no	0						no	no	

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Glenarden Police Department	yes	0						no	no	federal
Greenbelt Police Department	no	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	local
Greensboro Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local and state
Hagerstown Community College Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Hagerstown Police Department	yes	4	2	0	0	2	audio	1 year	1 year	local state and federal
Hampstead Police Department	yes	1	0	1	0	0	audio	no	no	local
Hancock Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Harford County Sheriff's Office	yes	10	0	0	0	10	no	no	no	local
Havre de Grace Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Howard County Police Department	no	4	0	0	0	4	no	no	no	local
Howard County Sheriff's Office	yes	0						no	no	
Hurlock Police Department	yes	0						no	yes	federal
Hyattsville City Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	both	1 year	no	local
Kent County Sheriff's Office	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
La Plata Police Department	yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	local and federal
Landover Hills Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Laurel Police Department	yes	3	0	0	0	3	no	no	no	local
Lonaconing Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Luke Police Department	yes	0						no	no	local
Manchester Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Maryland State Police	yes	22	19	0	0	3	no	1 year	1 year	state and federal
Maryland Transportation Authority	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	state
MD - National Capital Park Police/ Montgomery County Division	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	2 years	2 years	local
MD National Capital Park Police/Prince George's Co. Div.	no	2	0	0	2	0	no	no	no	local
Montgomery County Police Department	yes	22	2	0	0	20	audio	6 months	1 year	state
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	yes	0						no	no	
Morgan State University Police and Public Safety Department	no	0						no	no	

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Morningside Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Mount Rainier Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
New Carrollton City Police Department	yes	0						no	1 year	local state and federal
North East Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	
Oakland Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Ocean City Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Ocean Pines Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Oxford Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Perryville Police Department	yes	0						no	2 years	local
Pocomoke City Police Department	no	1	1	0	0	0	both	no	no	local
Preston Police Department	no	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	
Prince George's County Community College Campus Police										
Prince George's County Police Department	yes	30	15	0	0	15	both	unknown	unknown	local
Prince George's County Sheriff's Office	yes	0						no	no	
Princess Anne Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office	no	1	0	0	0	1	both	no	no	
Ridgely Police Department	yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	
Rising Sun Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Riverdale Park Police Department	yes	1	1	0	0	0	audio	no	no	
Rock Hall Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Rockville City Police Department	yes	2	1	0	1	0	audio	6 months	no	local state and federal
Salisbury Police Department	yes	2	0	0	0	2	audio	no	no	local state and federal
Salisbury University Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Seat Pleasant Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Smithsburg Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Snow Hill Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Somerset County Sheriff's Office	yes	1	1	0	0	0	audio	no	no	local

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Spring Grove Hospital Center Police	yes	0						no	no	local
St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office	yes	3	0	0	0	3	audio	2 years	no	local
St. Michaels Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	state
Sykesville Police Department	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Takoma Park Police Department	no	2	0	2	0	0	no	no	no	local
Talbot County Sheriff's Office	yes	1	1	0	0	0	both	no	no	local
Taneytown Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Thurmont Police Department	no	0						no	no	
Towson University Police	yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	3 months	3 months	state
Trappe Police Department	yes	0						no	2 years	state and federal
University of Maryland Baltimore County Police	yes	0						no	2 years	state
University of Maryland Eastern Shore Department of Public Safety	yes	0						no	2 years	state
University of Baltimore Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
University of Maryland Baltimore Police	no	0						no	no	
University of Maryland Police	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	state
University Park Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Upper Marlboro Police Department	yes	0						no	no	
Washington County Sheriff's Office	yes	2	0	0	0	2	audio	no	no	local and state
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Police Department										
Westminster Police Department	yes	2	0	0	1	1	no	no	no	local
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office	no	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	
Worcester County Sheriff's Office	yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local