

VISION

Our vision is to maintain a safer Queen Anne's County where citizens and Law Enforcement are joined together, the rights of all persons are respected, and community values are reflected.

MISSION

The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff is committed to protecting life, property and individual rights while maintaining peace and order. "Prompt, Professional and Courteous police services with a no tolerance to crime approach".

GOALS

GOAL 1: Create safer neighborhoods by reducing criminal activity and conditions that foster crime and fear within the community.

GOAL 2: Enhance the safety of Queen Anne's County roadways and enforcement through education

GOAL 3: Assure accountability by effective and efficient use of personnel, equipment and technology.

GOAL 4: Provide a professional work environment that attracts and retains a diverse group of quality applicants, rewards employee excellence, and promotes leadership through education and training.

GOAL 5: Assure effective Court and detention services.

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Watch us on YOUTUBE Channel!

Get Crime Prevention Tips and see who in our community is QAC MOST WANTED http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHHh1c-sDrl





A WORD FROM THE SHERIFF:

My consistent message and belief has always been to invest in our community with local resources, protecting our families and the business community, since I was elected your Sheriff in 2006

In the past 6 years our community and us have partnered with community associations, schools, allied agencies and local businesses to promote a safe, secure and enjoyable county. During this past 6 years I have explored and applied for technology and grant funding to enhance the safety of our children. seniors and community. partnerships included local businesses providing



community information pamphlets, technology grants, through a professional staff the commitment to our mission of reducing crime.

Your Sheriff's Office is a full service police agency that demonstrates a high level of dedication, integrity and professionalism. However, your input is always welcome and I gladly accept compliments, issues and concerns. This invaluable feedback improves the Office of the Sheriff and tailors the needs our community has in these ever changing times. Our mission is discussed weekly at staff meetings, where crime trends are discussed, community concerns are evaluated, and action plans are formed and carried out by your staff. As we move into the year 2013 it is important to maintain these trends of policing. Often our office looks for innovative ways of providing high levels of service, from grants, donations and feedback from our citizens and the business community. I am proud to be your Sheriff, and will continue to provide you with a personal and professional Office for years to come.

Please visit our web page and social media sites where you may find some helpful information, such as wanted persons, press releases and emergency alerts, that we use to provide our great community with as much information as possible. As a community member you may want to visit our website and sign up for our news blast alerts that will provide you with critical information in and around your neighborhood. If you have any needs, issues, or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time, my contact information is enclosed in this newsletter.

- Sheriff Hofmann

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Alcohol Enforcement Update: June Bugs Beware!

By Sgt. Sonny Jones

Once again this year, the Office of the Sheriff for Queen Anne's County conducted a focused enforcement initiative entitled "June Bugs Beware." The purpose of the initiative was to interdict alcoholic beverages and controlled dangerous substances that were in possession of our youth as they traveled through Queen Anne's County. This focused enforcement was designed to prevent alcoholic beverages and controlled dangerous substances from ever reaching their intended destination, and to ultimately prevent their consumption by persons under the age of 21. The operation was conducted during a 48 hour period from June 8th to June 9th, and had the following results:

7 arrests for controlled dangerous substance offenses

Types of illegal drugs seized: marijuana, cocaine, prescription pills

9 civil citations issued for underage possession of alcohol (7 adults, 2 juveniles)

\$1,557.00 in currency seized

More than 850 alcoholic beverages seized

16 traffic citations issued 34 traffic warnings issued

The Office of the Sheriff is proud of the efforts of our personnel during this initiative, and we look forward to next year!







Traffic Complaints in QAC

By Sgt. Matt Kempel

The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff handles all type of calls for service, including Traffic Complaints. Traffic complaints are the leading complaint received from the citizen's of this County.

The Office of the Sheriff uses every resource available to address the speeding complaints, by deploying speed trailers, issuing radar assignments to the Field Operations Division, and conducting traffic/speed surveys.

The Field Operations Division from January 1, 2012 to August 21, 2012 has conducted **709** radar assignments within the Communities of Queen Anne's County. Also during this time period, **1,840** traffic stops have been conducted resulting in **2,732** Warnings, Citations, and Equipment repair orders being issued to violators.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

ABSCONDER - Sex offender has left quickly, secretly and to hide oneself to avoid arrest or prosecution.

GONZALEZ, RAUL ADDRESS UNKNOWN (Possibly Mexico)

COMPLIANT - Sex offender has complied with all forms of law & limitation imposed on him/her BOYCE, ANTONNEO RENEA 1501 MERRICK CORNER RD BARCLAY PINDER, ROGER LEE SR 101 N CHURCH ST UPSTAIRS LEFT, SUDLERSVILLE STRANGE, JASON LEE 201 CHURCH LANE GRASONVILLE ROCHESTER, JAMES CARLTON 221 AGNES ST CHURCH HILL ALSTON, SOOKLAL RONALD 400 LIME LANDING RD, MILLINGTON MCCLUNG, RICHARD FOSTER 315 HUNTERS LN, CENTREVILLE PULLIAM, ROBERT SANDS JR 1824 PRICE STATION RD, CHURCH HILL CLAIR, CHARLES LAWRENCE 321 LOTS RD, STEVENSVILLE APPLE, JOSPEH HENRY 221 SAINT PAUL DR. INGLESIDE MCCLEMENTS, ROBIN D 2518 MILLINGTON RD MILLINGTON BLANKENSHIP, JAMES MARK JR 106 RAIL ROAD AVE, BARCLAY BURTON, JAMES ADAM 309 POPLAR SCHOOL RD, CENTREVILLE TURNER, DAVID SCOTT 700 FORTH ST, CRUMPTON DREW, ROBERT CAMERON 309 WILL SMITH RD, BARCLAY BURRIS, JAMES RUSSELL JR6219 SUDLERSVILLE RD, SUDLERSVILLE PAYNE, JOHN MICHAEL 21 QUEEN VICTORIA WAY, Apt/Unit# A, CHESTER DWYER, ROBERT WAYNE 1420 BLOOMINGDALE RD, QUEENSTOWN RICKET, RONALD EUGENE 129 HILLSIDE RD, CHESTERTOWN WHALEN, JAMES VERNON III 118 E MAIN ST, Apt/Unit# F, SUDLERSVILLE MERKEL, MICHAEL PAUL 206 MARKET ST, CRUMPTON CLARKE, WILLIAM MICHAEL CHRISTIAN 513 BROAD CREEK DR, STEVENSVILLE STAFFORD, CLIFTON LEE JR 213 LEGION RD, MILLINGTON WHITING, JAMES KENNEDY 324 LITTLE KIDWELL AVE, CENTREVILLE COOK, JAMES MICHAEL 449 GRASONVILLE CEMETERY RD, GRASONVILLE CUTSHAW, DAVID CARTER 604 WYE MILLS RD, QUEENSTOWN CORDREY-MCKINNEY, KIMBERLY ANN 252 MERRICK CORNER RD, CHURCH HILL SPRINKEL, MICHAEL STEPHEN JR 200 WHITE HOUSE RD GRASONVILLE KEENE, ARTAZ JAMES 320 MELVIN AVE GRASONVILLE KINDER, DILLON JAMES 912 CLOVERFIELDS DRIVE STEVENSVILLE MYERS, MICHAEL RENE 8517 BARCLAY RD BARCLAY SINGER, JOSEPH ZACHARY 405 S. LIBERTY ST CENTREVILLE SMITH, JAMES MARTIN *POWER ELECTRONICS INC. 3011 MILLINGTON RD MILLINGTON *OFFENDERS EMPLOYMENT ADDRESS

If you have any information concerning any questionable activities of a Sex Offender please contact: Sgt. Bruce Layton at 410.758.0770 ext. 1212.

All information will be confidential, reports will NOT be revealed.

As the date of the publication this list is up to date. You should contact the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff for any questions pertaining to Registered Sex Offenders, 410.758.0770.

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Sheriff's Office joins efforts with MD Hunter Safety Instructors

By Sgt. Duke Johnston

With the days growing shorter and the temperature's starts to drop, this brings upon a sport in which many people participate in. Hunting season begins September 1st with the start of Dove season.

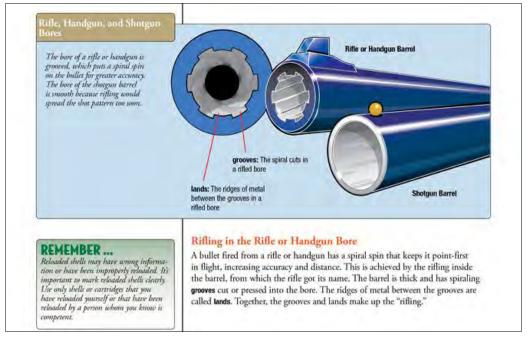
The sport of hunting allows many different opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the environment outside of every day's life struggles. Hunting is important for many reasons. It brings family and friends closer.

The season allows the control of animal population so that animals will not suffer from starvation and disease.

Hunting season contributes to the State as well as the County by bringing in revenue from many different visiting hunters. In many cases people's livelihood, depends on this seasonal sport. Hunters purchase hunting related supplies and licens- structors that are certified through the class must attend every class. es which provide monies to purchase hab- State. itat locations for all people to enjoy, including non hunters and bird watchers.

hunting license and proof of hunter education is a requirement. Hunter Education is an important part of the beginning of this sport. There are limited classes held





Queen Anne's County has joined efforts More classes may be scheduled by the Hunting is permitted by purchasing a with certified Maryland Hunter Safety community demand. Instructors and has developed a class that is to be held in the training room of the office.

Sheriff Gary Hofmann has allowed throughout the State. The classes are non this class to teach those wishing to take the hunter safety course. Sheriff Gary Hofmann understands that this is a non profit class and has donated the use of the training room free of charge.

> This class will teach citizens and younger citizens the importance of hunting safety during the up coming hunting year.

> The class schedule is set up in advance by the Instructors and are generally two days a week for three weeks. There is a range date where students must show the skills that they have learned in the classroom along with live firing with actual firearms.

> There is also a written exam that must also be taken and passed to complete the

profit and are organized by volunteer in- course. Everyone that enrolls in the

There is one class being taken in Au-This year the Office of the Sheriff for gust and one class to come in February.



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Fall/Winter Road Trip

Plan ahead, get ideas on how long your trip will take. Check the air conditioning, brakes, engine, tires and windshield wipers of the car. Pack food to snack on, blankets, batteries, flash light and water. Be sure to wear and take comfortable clothing as you'll be sitting for a long time. Head out and enjoy the drive! Make your road trip amazing and memorable.

State of Maryland Preliminary Traffic Fatalities

July 30, 2012

Location	Month Total	To Date Total	Person Type Driver	Person Type Passenger	Contributing Circum. Error	Contributing Circum. Speed	Safety Equip. WHL	Safety Equip. I/U
Caroline	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
Kent	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Queen Anne's	3	8	3	0	0	2	3	3
Talbot	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: WHL-WOULD NOT HAVE LESSEN; I/U-IN USE; N/A-NOT APPLICABLE; UNK-UNKNOWN *Fatalities reported through June 30, 2012, including any adjustments for prior periods. Through June 30, 2011 (289). This data is complied by the Central Records Division. For further information, contact Ida J. Williams, Division Director. 410-298-3444

The Queen Anne County Office of the Sheriff Field Operation Division during the first six months of 2012 handled 10,833 incidents which resulted in 1,036 initial investigation reports and 623 supplemental reports. Made 260 on-view arrests and completed 155 applications for charges as a result of criminal investigations conducted. Of the on-view arrests made, 32% were alcohol or drug related offenses. Field Operation Division also served 1,756 civil process papers. Issued a total of 3,095 traffic citations, warnings, equipment repair orders, and parking citations.

Also the Field Operation Division issued 40 civil citations for various civil violations, such as underage possession of alcohol and tobacco.

In late 2011 the Field Operation Division created a system for addressing community complaints and quality of life issues that were specific to one geographical area. This "Directed Patrol" system provided up to date and focused information on various public safety issues and concerns. Once a community issue is received it is directly forwarded to the Deputy Sheriff assigned to patrol that particular area. Deputies assigned to a specific patrol area now have the ability to focus their enforcement efforts based upon the information provided by the citizens from the communities that are affected.

Our response to your calls for service:

911 Hang Up	169	l Escort	7	Sex Offender Registrat	ion 11
Abandon/Disable Vehicle	120	Fingerprinting	13	Special Assignment	144
Administrative	536	Firearms Complaint	12	Speed Trailer	9
Alarm	566	Follow-up	683	Suspicious Activity	490
Animal Complaint	19	Fraud / Forgery	38	Swat Operation	11
Arson	1	Harassing	56	Tobacco	4
Assault	113	Hazard-Roadway	12	Theft	301
Assist Non Law Agency	206	Homicide	0	Traffic Arrest	98
Assist Other Law Agency 443		K9 Use	120	Traffic Enforcement	423
Attempt to locate	17	LEADS / DOT	26	Traffic Complaint	162
Bad Checks	0	Liquor Law Violation	12	Training	137
Bomb Threats	0	Littering	4	Trespass Complaint	58
Burglary	74	Loitering	1	Unattended Death	14
Check Welfare	146	Lost Property	19	Vehicle Stop	2194
Child Abuse	10	MDOP	147	Warrant CS Attempt	220
Church Hill Patrol	0	Missing Person	21	Warrant CS Svd	405
Civil Matter	123	MVA - Property Damag	ge 137	Noise Complaint	31
Civil Process	1221	MVA – Hit & Run	56	CSAFE	14
Civil Violation	5	MVA - Personal Injury	21	Town Ordnance (CPD)	0
Community Policing	77	Open Door/Window	16	Foot Patrol (CPD)	1
Community Policing - Bi	ke 3	Patrol Check	1592	Report Writing	10
CDS	78	Police Information	160	Unauthorized Use	0
Court	220	Queenstown Patrol	24	Theft - Motor Vehicle	3
Court Security	32	RAAM	1		
Crime Prevention	3	Radar	527		
Death - Non Homicide	4	Recovered Property	41		
Disturbance	243	Robbery	1		
Domestic	58	Runaway	6		
Domestic Standby	39	Security Assignments	38		
Emergency Petition	78	Sexual Offense	16	Total:	L 4,363

Above: A breakdown of the entire agencies CAD calls up to June 30, 2012

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Sheriff Gary Hofmann announces staff promotions effective October 1st

Sheriff Gary Hofmann is pleased to announce the promotion of four deputies at the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office.

After a written examination, an outside agency oral interview and a review of work history, the four were selected for promotions. Sgt. Mark Meil (39) has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1999 serving in the Patrol Division and Narcotic's Task Force was promoted to the rank of 1st Sergeant assigned to administration. Meil who has prior experience with the Baltimore City Police and the US Marine Corp is recent graduate from the FBI National Academy. He also has served on the Sheriff's SWAT Team and teaches defensive tactics and collapsible baton use.

Cpl. Mark Carr (38) began with the Sheriff's Office in 2000 after being with Easton Police. In addition to assignments in Patrol, he was a K-9 handler, supervisor and instructor. Carr has also served on the Sheriff's SWAT Team and as an EMT-Paramedic. Carr's new assignment will be as a patrol squad supervisor.

Dfc. Jeremy Davidson (32) was most recently assigned as a School Resource Deputy. With his promotion to Corporal he will be assigned to the Patrol Division as an assistant patrol squad supervisor. Davidson has served in Patrol, Community Policing, on the Sheriff's SWAT Team and in Professional Standards.

Dfc. John Brockman (38), has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2002. Most recently he has been assigned to the Patrol Division serving as an Acting Corporal. With his promotion to Corporal he will now officially be the assistant patrol squad supervisor on his squad. Brockman has also served as a detective with the Narcotics Task Force.



Above: Sheriff Hofmann, Cpl. John Brockman, Sgt. Mark Carr, Cpl. Jeremy Davidson, 1st Sgt. Mark Meil, Major James Williams

At a brief ceremony at the Sheriff's Office on Monday, Sheriff Hofmann talked about the various accomplishments these deputies had made to improve the Sheriff's Office, from working special events, serving on specialized units, to seeking grant funding, training other staff members and pursuing advanced education. "These deputies are the future leaders for the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff and I am proud to have them as members of my staff" stated Hofmann.









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Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit

By: Dfc. Todd Svehla

On July 8, 2007 a MOU (Mutual Operation of Understanding) between the Maryland State Police and Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff was signed. This agreement between the State Of Maryland and Queen Anne's County now permitted State Certified Sheriff's Deputies to conduct Commercial Vehicle Inspection Enforcement. The enforcement measure is adopted by the State of Maryland from the Federal Government. The FMCSA Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulates Commercial Vehicle mandates for vehicles and drivers for The United States of America, Canada and Mexico. All drivers operating vehicles over 10,000 lbs. in a commercial inter-state or intra-state commerce status must follow the regulations set forth by the FMCSA. This is another grant funded program solely by the Federal Government.

To date the following numbers of inspections have been completed by the O.A. Co. Office of the Sheriff

182 Inspections for 2009

132 Inspections for 2010

438 Inspections for 2011

150 Inspections for 2012 (this is to date as of Aug 2012)

These inspections include any number of Level I, II, III, or V the levels are described as follows

Level V - Similar to a Level I only without a driver's inspection

- · This type of inspection is rare only because it is conducted at the vehicle's base terminal without a driver present.
- A full inspection of the vehicle is conducted including but not limited to, Lights, Brake, Suspension, Chassis Systems and Safety Equipment

Level III - Driver Credential's and Documentation

- This type of inspection is conducted roadside during a traffic stop or at a Scale Facility
- · Included and not limited to the driver credentials (License, Medical Card Log Book and/or Travel Receipt's) the Vehicle(s) registration(s) and load invoice, manifest or bill of lading is inspected

Level II - Walk Around Inspection

· This inspection is also conducted road-



side during a traffic stop or at a Scale Facili- Critical Component failures, malfunctions or

this level along with a walk around of the can be completed. Once the repair has vehicle to check a number of vehicle sys- been made the vehicle is free to continue to tems including but not limited to, Lights, Tires, Steering, Brake Air Lines, Load Se-placed Out-of-Service for a variety of docucurement, Chassis and required safety mentation infractions. The driver may conequipment.

Level I - Full or Complete Inspection

- side but only with certain vehicles or with other inspectors or personnel assisting The Scale Facility or at a location that is away required 80 hours of class room and work inspection requires the primary inspector to ing him to conduct any of the inspections go underneath the vehicle (via a roll around listed above. After completing a state maninspection device or inspection pit) and dated 32 Level I inspections with a current check various vehicle operating systems.
- II and III with the addition of but not limited ty. to, Air Brake Chamber Measurements, Sus- Traffic Safety Reminder: pension, Steering, Exhaust, Fuel, Lighting, Electrical and Chassis Systems.

(Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit) Bay so. Bridge Scale Facility for the past few years. He patrols all main and secondary roads within the county conducting random safety checks or observing violations of the FMCSA regulations.

Vehicles that are observed to have a

excessive measurement readings are place A Level III inspection is conducted within Out-of-Service until the appropriate repair its destination. Drivers as well can be tinue to his destination provided he meets whichever requirement necessary to bal- This inspection MAY be completed road- ance out the Hours of operation he violated. New Inspector:

As of Spring 2012 this year Lt. Embert of preferred and recommended location is at a the O.A. Co. Sheriff's Office completed the from the travel portion of any roadway. This shop training. He completed training allowcertified inspector he will be clear to con-A Level 1 inspection includes both Level duct inspections on his own within the coun-

As to everyone operating a motor vehicle on county and state roadways, please re-DFC Svehla has been the primary in- member to slow down and when/ if safely spector for the Office of the Sheriff since practical, move over to an adjacent travel March of 2009. He have been working in lane when a police vehicle is on the side of conjunction with the Maryland State Police the road conducting a traffic stop. Failure to CVED (Commercial Vehicle Enforcement do so could possibly result in injury or death Division) Cecilton Scale Facility and Mary- of an officer in addition it's also the law and land Transit Authority Police CVEU you can be issued a ticket for failing to do

> For any questions in reference to the Commercial Vehicle Program free to contact DFC Svehla at 410-758-0770 Ext. 1281

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New Hires at the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office



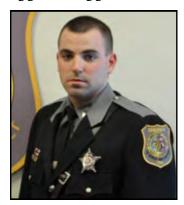
Deputy Chris Ahearn



Deputy Nate Burns



Deputy Jerard Flemings



Deputy Chad Hartmetz



Deputy Chris Neall



Deputy Aaron Wilson

We give a warm welcome to all of our newly hired deputies!

From the Quartermaster...

By: Cpl. Troy Lowery

One of the duties of the Quartermaster is to work with the Queen Anne's County Detention Center to have a trustee (inmate) come to the Office of the Sheriff Monday thru Friday to perform mostly janitorial duties.

The trustee usually spends between 8 and 10 hours a day at the Office of the Sheriff. Duties the trustee does is cleaning cars, empty trash, vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, and anything else that is needed.

The current trustee has been with us for approximately 5 months and will be released probably in September of this year. The trustee is not paid for his or her work but can work some days off of their sentence.

The trustee has recently painted about a third of the entire office. We only have to provide the painting supplies and one meal a day for them so it saves tax payers dollars.

The current trustee has expressed how thankful he is to have the opportunity to come to the office, not only to get out of the jail but that it has helped him get back into the routine of a daily job so it is our hope that this program helps in the rehabilitation of inmates to change their lives in a positive way.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I obtain a Peace or Protective order?

By going to the District Court, Phone # 410-819-4000.

Who do I contact about my noise ordinance concerns? You can contact Sgt. Johnston 410-758-0770 x 1270

Finger Prints: See page 16 for NEW Fingerprint policy

How do I get a copy of a Police Report?

Police reports are not automatically sent by our office you must request them in writing. We search police reports by case #, date or location. All reports are reviewed by the Lt. and must be closed before being mailed. This process may take 7-10 business days.

Adult Reports: Cost: \$10.00, per report.

Juvenile Reports: Cost: \$10.00, per report. Must include copy of birth certificate & photo I.D.; can only be requested in writing by parents of Juvenile.

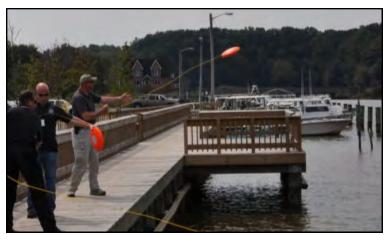
Photographs: Photographs are released on a case by case basis.

CD's: \$10.00, per disk **DVD's:** \$20.00, per DVD **911 Tapes:** Contact Dept of Emergency Services # 410-758-4500

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Above: Deputy William Schepleng tosses a ResQ Disc at Centreville Wharf

Right: ResQ Disc

Article: Retired Lt. Dale Patrick



Sheriff's Office has begun to equip Patrol Cars with a water rescue device called ResQ Disc. The device keeps the heaviest drowning victim's head above water, can be thrown over 100 feet (flies like a frisbee) and takes less than 60 seconds to save a drowning victim!



Stats for QA Drug Task Force in 2012

Investigations Search Warrants Marijuana

Cocaine

Crack Cocaine Heroin

CDS Arrest Oxycodone **U.S. Currency Vehicles**

164 Separate Investigations Completed 46 Search & Seizure Warrants Executed

2,204 grams of marijuana seized Marijuana Plants 15 Marijuana plants seized

99.4 grams of Cocaine seized 264.8 grams of crack cocaine seized

48.6 grams of heroin seized

Felony CDS Arrest 49 Felony CDS Arrest

64 CDS Arrest

89 Oxycodone pills seized Various prescrip. 315 prescription pills seized \$134,376.63 US Currency seized

14 vehicles seized

**As of August 31st, 2012

Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force Update

Oueen Anne's County State's Attorney.

The Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force reports quarterly to the Task Force Advisory routinely work hand in hand with the CID importing drugs in Queen Anne's County, constraints on each participating agency.

The Queen Anne's County Drug Task task force grows every year and many of the narcotics. Force is a multi-agency task forced aimed at crimes investigated have roots or ties in other combating mid and upper level drug dealers in counties and/or states. Investigators at the task Force is a financially self-sufficient unit, oper-Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The task force routinely work closely with the FBI, the force board is comprised of members of the DEA, the ATF, neighboring drug task forces Maryland State Police, Queen Anne's County and state and federal prosecutors to bring the-Sheriff's Office, the Centreville Police De- se cases to a successful conclusion and to enpartment, the Maryland Department of Natu- sure that all persons involved with the drug/ ral Resources Police and the Office of the criminal networks are brought to justice, no and other related costs occurred by member matter where they live.

Investigators with the task force also The investigative case load carried by the often have their roots in the use and sales of www.qadtf.com.

The Queen Anne's County Drug Task ating off of seized assets at no cost to the taxpayers of Queen Anne's County. sides using seized, drug related funds to pay for day to day operational expenses, the task force routinely pays for training, equipment agencies.

If you suspect anyone of distributing or Board. The benefit of the Task Force concept units at the Centreville Barrack and the Queen you can report them by calling the Queen is that it lessens the manpower and budgetary Anne's County Sheriff's Office to investigate Anne's County Drug Task Force at 410-758thefts, robberies and crimes of violence that TIPS (8477) or by going on line at

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K9 Update: Meet the Handlers & their Canines

By: Sgt. Sonny Jones

The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff currently has two canine teams that are crossed trained in patrol use (searches, criminal apprehensions) and drug detection. A canine team consists of a trained law enforcement canine and a Deputy Sheriff assigned as a "handler." Our law enforcement canine teams are trained and certified to North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) standards in; handler protection, article searches, area searches, building searches, heroin, methamphetamine, and MDMA "Ecstasy"). The canines live with, and are cared for by their "handlers." Sheriff Gary Hofmann is pleased to announce that a handler selection process is underway for canine team to the unit. This canine will be purchased with seized funds and with no cost to Queen Anne's County.

The handler selection process consists of a written test involving

knowledge of current criminal and civil case laws, and an oral interview. Once a handler is selected, a canine is obtained from any number of vendors that specialize in importing dogs into the United States for the purpose of becoming law enforcement canines. The current handlers and trainers respond to the local vendors and test the canines that are available for sale. If a canine is found to meet the standards of the Office of the Sheriff, it is selected and paired with the chosen handler to form the canine team. The team then responds to a basic training academy were they will graduate with certification in obedience, tracking, aggression patrol, and drug detection (marijuana, cocaine, patrol functions, and drug detection. Canine teams undergo retraining and recertification every month until the canine or handler ceases to function in a law enforcement capacity.

If you or your organization would like to arrange a demonstration the purpose of adding a third crossed trained patrol and drug detection of what these wonderfully talented teams can do, please contact the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff-Canine Unit supervisor, Sgt. Morris E. Jones, Jr. at 410-758-0770 ext. 1252.





Team #1 DFC Zachary House and K-9 Nero

K-9 Nero is an 8 year old male Belgian Malinois that was imported into the United States from Holland. In 2006, Nero was paired with DFC Zachary House to become a canine team. Nero and DFC House have proudly served the Office of the Sheriff since that time.

This team is responsible for the arrest of hundreds of people for violations of controlled dangerous substance and/or criminal laws, and has assisted in the seizure of approximately \$500,000 in currency and assets. DFC House and K-9 Nero patrol Oueen Anne's County in a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle. DFC House and K-9 Nero are currently assigned to the patrol division on shift group #2 under the supervision of Sgt. John Meyers.



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Team #2 DFC Robert Boyles and K-9 Beny

K-9 Beny is a 4 year old male Belgian Malinois-German Shepherd mix that was imported into the United States from Slovakia in 2009. In 2009, Beny was paired with DFC Robert Boyles to become a canine team. Beny and DFC Boyles have proudly served the Office of the Sheriff since that time. This team is responsible for the arrest of hundreds of people for violations of controlled dangerous substance and/or criminal laws, and has assisted in the seizure of approximately \$100,000 in currency and assets. DFC Boyles and K-9 Beny patrol Queen Anne's County in a 2007 Dodge Durango police vehicle. DFC Boyles and K-9 Beny are currently assigned to the patrol division on shift group #4 under the supervision of Sgt. Mark Meil.

Volunteers Needed!

Did you ever imagine working for a well respected Law Enforcement Office? Do you have 16 hours a month to give back to our community? Are you a student, retired community member or just want to help? Our Office is now accepting applications for our Auxiliary Deputy Program. Volunteers can work in the field with deputies, help in the office with duties, and assist patrols with community crime prevention programs and so much more. Applications are now being accepted, we can email them to you or you can obtain them in our lobby! Join our Sheriff's Office, your time is appreciated and you can help make a difference! Applications accepted yearly. Email sheriff@qac.org if you're interested.



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Auxiliary Deputies Save County Tax Dollars

Every year the Office of the Sheriff utilizes a team of Volunteer Auxiliary Deputies to help with special events, which saves the County thousand in tax dollars. This past spring and summer the Auxiliary Deputies worked more than three dozen special events that equated to over 500 hours of volunteered time.

The program, which was start in 2007 by Sheriff Gary Hofmann, is designed to supplement the uniformed staff of the Office of the Sheriff by allowing civilian volunteers to perform non-law enforcement related task. In general the program saves tax payers over \$50,000 per year when you consider the pay and benefits it would cost to have a sworn Deputy complete the various job duties.

If you are interested in becoming an Auxiliary Deputy, please contact the Office of the Sheriff and speak with Cpl Sean Hampton 410.758.0770 x1241



Aux. Deputy Bill Mann

Office of the Sheriff uses Low Interest Lease to **Own Program to purchase new patrol vehicles**

The recent economical times have caused everyone to tighten search was compiled and the Office of the Sheriff began obtaining Coordinator Cpl Sean Hampton began to look for alternative funding sources and programs to replace aging patrol vehicles.

Cpl Hampton met with Auxiliary Deputy Claude Blackiston, who has been a CPA for more than 30 years, about the aging fleet and Sheriff utilize a Low Interest Lease to Own Program. Additional receeds were used to pay the programs interest charges.

their spending habits and think outside of the box in regards to quotes from various Leasing Companies. Once the program was making ends meet. At the request of Sheriff Gary Hofmann, Fleet selected, the proposal was taken to a county budget meeting for approval. Not only did the county approve the budgetary request but it was also decided to use the funding program to purchase Ambulances for the Department of Emergency Services.

In the end the Office of the Sheriff used the program to purbudgetary needs. After several meetings and a detailed analysis of chase 5) 2012 Dodge Chargers fully equipped with emergency the budget, Auxiliary Blackiston recommended that the Office of the equipment. The surplus retired vehicles were sold and the pro-



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Robert Bosler Shearer III

AKA Joseph Bosler Shearer

FTA/CDS Dist-Narc

FTA Theft 1,000 to under 10,000

Last known address:

10E Queen Elizabeth Ct Chester

Perp of the Month



Traee Daran Lee Sr.
Reckless Endangerment

Last known address:
200 Whittingon Ave.
Grasonville



Joseph Allen Meiklejohn VOP/DWI

Last known address: 510 Dominion Rd. Chester



Tiffany Marie Cole
Theft: Less than \$100/DWS

Last known address:
2107 Main St. Grasonville



Joseph Ferdinand Pistorio Sr FTA/Civil/Child Support

Last known address:
POB 384 Cheswold, DE



Ivy Paige Lockwood
VOP/Theft 1,000 to under 10,000

Last known address:
1350 Bowers Rd. Chestertown



Tyruss Montrel Lee
Assault 2nd Deg/Violate Exparte

Last known address:
200 Whittington Ave. Grasonville



Rebecca Galanos
FTA/Civil Support

Last known address:

Last known address: 17821 Greentree Lane Hagerstown

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Aviation Update: QACSO Utilizes US Justice Department's Auto Gyro MTO

By: Ret. Lt. Dale Patrick

The Aviation Unit of the Queen Anne"s Co. Sheriff"s Office has really come together in 2012. The use of an Auto Gyro MTO at Bay Bridge Airport has given the Sheriff"s Office an aerial platform to launch missions from. This aircraft has the flexibility to cruise at 80 to 90 knots, and also orbit at 20 to 30 knots. The added benefit of low maintenance and the use of only 5 gallons of fuel an hour is a big benefit to the citizens of Queen Anne"s County.

The Auto Gyro MTO is an open cockpit aircraft that has tandem seating for the pilot and observer. This aircraft is a new technology that is becoming more popular across the country. In the rear seat for the observer, the visibility is unobstructed. The observer can search for missing persons, suspects in a crime, or take any photos that could be used for prosecution. At this time the aircraft is

available to personnel from Animal Services, Planning and Zoning, the States Attorney"s Office, or any county agency that has a need to use an aerial platform to assist in their duties.

Within the Sheriff's Office we also have the capability to use fixed wing aircraft. Having Deputies and Auxiliary Deputies as fixed wing pilots gives the Sheriff's Officer a unique flexibility.

Royce Holm was sworn in as an Auxiliary Deputy in February of 2011. He brings 14 years of experience with the Civil Air Patrol as a Search Mission Pilot and Mission Check Pilot. He brings much experience in aerial search procedures to the Office of the Sheriff for Queen Anne's County.

He has 900 hours of flight time in many different fixed wing aircraft. In addition, since coming to the Sheriff's Office he has transitioned to the Auto Gyro.



over to Queen Anne"s County Sheriff"s in the Auto Gyro MTO that is owned Office after retiring from the Anne by US Justice Dept. and kept at Bay Deputy Schepleng has a Commercial/ cockpit for better visibility for search-Instrument pilot"s license for helicopes and photos. ters, and has 30 years law enforce-

Deputy William Schepleng came ment experience. He has now trained Arundel County Police Department. Bridge Airport. This aircraft is open

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Most of the missions were done while Deputy Schepleng was working patrol at the same time.

3-7-2012 Request from Lt. Heddinger, for aerial photographs of Queenstown Outlets for table top exercise.

3-21 to 23-2012 Assisted U.S. Justice and Dept. of Defense with flying into restricted air space in Washington D.C. as part of Homeland Security. All flights were originated at Bay bridge Airport

4-30 to 5-09-2012 Assisted U.S. Justice and Dept. of Defense with flying into restricted air space in Washington D.C. as part of Homeland Security. All Missions were flown from Bay Bridge, Stafford, and Manassas Airports. Total of over 22 hours of flight time was done.

5-28-2012 Request from Maryland Dept. of Natural Recourses Police to search for missing person in water off Howell Point, Kent Co. Auxiliary Deputy Holm and Deputy Schepleng searched area to reduce ground

6-24-2012 Called in for large fire at Rt. 8 and Wicomico Rd. Used gyro to orbit fire, with fire fighter as Observer. Was able to make reports and photographs to Command Post on the progress of fire.

7-03-2012 Took Animal Control Officers in gyro for prosecution photographs. Target was horse farm at Corsica Neck Rd. and Dulin Clark Rd. Also Checked area of Ruthsburg Rd. and Jarman Branch Dr. for missing

9-13 to 16-2012 Request from Sheriff Lewis, Wicomico Co. to assist with flights for Delmarva Bike Week. Was able to fly several deputies from Wicomico Co. Sheriff's Office for reports and photographs for Command

9-20-2012 Request from detectives for aerial searches for Marijuana Grows. Five locations were looked at, one location had ten plants and charges are pending.

10-10-2012 Request form Detectives for aerial searches for Marijuana Grows. One location in Queen Anne's Co. was searched, and a possible Marijuana Grow was found in Kent Co. This information was reported to Kent Co. Sheriff's Office for follow up.

8-22-2012 Request from Maryland Natural Resources Police to search for a stolen boat. The area searched was in Stevensville, Rt. 8 and Batts Neck Rd. Pilot was Auxiliary Deputy Holm. and Tactical Flight Officer was Deputy Davidson.



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Criminal Investigations Unit Update

By: Sgt. Layton

The investigative team is respondireds of investigations this year. sible for investigating most of the felony crimes that require a like to remind our citizens to be complex investigation.

limited to State's Attorney Lance Richardson and his staff at the Social Services for Queen Anne's the victim's help. County, Queen Anne's County Child Abuse Response & Evalua- The crisis can consist of: tion Center (C.A.R.E. Team) Medical Emergency headed by Pat Melcer MSN, RN, Legal Issues CCRN, Family Advocate/CARE Bail Coordinator, Queen Anne's Lawyers Fee's County Drug Task Force, Mary- Court Cost land State Police Criminal Inves- Unexpected Mechanical Probtigations Division Centreville lems Barrack and our Patrol Division.

Our investigative team has been very busy since our last The Criminal Investigations newsletter. The team had writ-Unit is made up if several mem- ten more than 300 follow up bers of the Office of the Sheriff. reports and assisted with hun-

Sheriff Gary Hofmann would very cautious of wiring money The team depends on the oversea's. He has seen a recent assistance from several re-increase in the number of atsources which include, but not tempts that have been made by Scam Artists.

The criminals will call and Queen Anne's County State's state a family member is in Attorney's Office, Department of some type of crisis and needs Change of flight expense



Rental Car Breakdown Luggage or Identification/Credit money transfer. Cards Lost

victim to wire a certain amount why your sending this money. of money to a place in several different countries. Our victims validity of the caller especially if iff at 410.758.0770.

the caller says things like:

Don't tell anyone about this

Hurry your family member needs

The criminals will asked the Don't tell anyone at your bank

Please report all suspicious should immediately question the activity to the Office of the Sher-



Fingerprinting Services

Critical Update on our Fingerprint Services

As of September 20, 2012 the FBI will no longer be accepting inked fingerprint cards. All fingerprints should be electronically or digitally captured and are to be electronically submitted to The Maryland Criminal Justice Information System-Central Repository (CJIS).

Our office is pleased to announce that we will be able to comply with the NEW "Electronic-Only Processing" policy that has been put in effect by the FBI. With the new FBI policy several changes are being made to our current fingerprint procedures.

- Our office will be fingerprinting Monday-Friday from 8a.m. to 8p.m. and there will be a \$20.00 fingerprint fee {with no card limit}.
- You will need to bring the Background Check form printed by your employer with your fingerprint Authorization Code on it.
- The Associated CJIS -CR Fees are:

Full Background {State & Federal} for authorized agencies only \$34.50

Child Care Volunteers \$33.00

State background check only \$18.00

With gold seal \$19.00 Attorney/Client Civil \$18.00

- * These fees can also be found at www.dpscs.state.md.us under short link background check*
- You will need to also bring a **Photo ID** and a **Check or Money Order ONLY** made out to *Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff* for your payment. Be sure your payment include the \$20.00 fingerprint fee & the associated CJIS-CR Fees. (Fingerprint Fees are mandated by the State & Federal Government)

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Bv: Jacki Carter

The Character Counts! Program has impacted thousands of children in Queen Anne's County since its launch in November of 2000. During the 2011-2012 school year alone, 110 character coaches visited local classrooms sharing lessons about the Six Pillars of Character - Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

The Character Counts! Advisory Council is once again looking for volunteers willing to donate 15 minutes each week to visit a nearby classroom and discuss the importance of having good character with the students. An introductory training, as well as lesson ideas and suggestions, are provided to help coaches become a trusted and influential role model in these young lives.

Character Counts! Looking for Volunteers for 2012-2013 School Year

There are openings available for weekly schools for the 2012-2013 school year. There visits with students at all elementary, middle, are also opportunities this year for mentors and high schools in the county. A particular willing to work with a small group of students need exists at Kennard Elementary School, at either Queen Anne's County High School or Kent Island Elementary School, Matapeake Kent Island High School. These small groups Elementary School, Bayside Elementary are academically-focused and meetings will School, Sudlersville Elementary School, Matapeake Middle School, and Sudlersville Middle School.

is gaining incredible momentum in our county, with 10 successful matches of mentors and community members are invited to think about mentees last year. Individual mentors make a and hopefully commit to becoming volunteers weekly commitment to spend at least an hour in the program, guiding children in building of interaction with their mentee and ultimately their character and empowering them to make meet them both in and out of school. The goal positive choices in developing their life skills. is to build a dependable, supportive, and positive relationship with the mentee, while help- or joining the CommUNITY Mentoring Adviing to guide character and life skills develop- sory Board, please contact Jacki Carter, at 410 ment. It is hoped that these valuable mentoring -758-6677 or <u>icarter@qac.org</u>. The CommUmoments will increase the academic perfor- NITY Mentoring Program is a part of the mance and self-esteem of the young students.

nity are still needed to fulfill the need in local management board.

take place at the schools.

Training and ongoing support are available for all mentors through the CommUNITY Men-The CommUNITY Mentoring Program toring Program. Mentors need to be 18 or older and males are especially needed. All

If you are interested in becoming a mentor Oueen Anne's County Community Partner-Additional mentors from a diverse commu-ships for Children and Families, our local

Sheriff's Office has a drop off box for "Schwinky Santa's Toy Drive"

The Schwink Family, Pat. Glenn, Chris and Laura are organizing the second annual Christmas Toy Drive in loving memory of their son and brother, Michael Clark Schwink.

Michael fought and lost his battle to melanoma in June of 2009. Mike had an incredible love of children and a special fondness for Christmas, so what better way to honor his memory then a toy drive for special children and their families.

The toy drive will benefit the Kennedy Krieger Institute and their PACT unit which provides services for young children with special needs.

They are asking for new toy donations for children of all ages and teens too. They will be collecting until the first of December.

There are boxes placed at locations that include all of the Queenstown Banks, Island Athletic Club, Stepping Stones, Dollar General on Kent Island, Shore Blooms Nursery, Rams Head, St. Christopher's Church in Chester, Island Ink in Grasonville, and also the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, where you can drop off your new toy. On October 27th at Kent Island Firehouse the Kent Island Cruisers are having a car show and a box will be there as well as on Nov. 10th at the Auto Zone in Thompson Creek.

Any new toy, book, coloring books, crayons, dvd's etc. will be gratefully accepted. If you have any questions contact Pat, Glenn, Chris or Laura Schwink at 410.643.3926.



Any new toys, books, coloring books, crayons, DVDs and similar items for children ranging in age from toddlers to 17 will be accepted.

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