



A WORD FROM YOUR SHERIFF

Spring is here, flowers are blooming and families are outdoors. Many community members will be walking with children or pets, some may even be on bicycles. As your Sheriff, I want to remind all of our community members that "speeding" is our number one call for service, and sadly these violators are mostly our own local community members.

So, what can you do? Let's all be aware of our speed in neighborhoods and remind our visitors that our speed limits are important. Deputies will be out enforcing speeding violations in our neighborhoods. You can do your part, remind your families and friends to drive safely and slow down, the life they may save could be their own.

Our second biggest concern is thefts from unlocked cars and buildings, so take a minute, keep valuables out of view in your car and help us reduce thefts. This is often the way a person addicted to an illegal substance fund their habit, We are working hard on their recovery and addiction in many ways, but we need your help.

Lock it, remove it from sight and help us!

Its been almost 13 years since we started sending out a newsletter, it started in paper format, distributed in our local business community and neighborhoods. Now, this newsletter is completely sent electronically to our community and we ask that you share it. We believe in complete transparency and sharing all of the great things we do for our community and highlight new staff, Unit accomplishments and items you may find interesting.

We hope you enjoy the Newsletter and have a wonderful spring 2019. If you have any comments, compliments, and concerns for our staff or I, please feel free to call, email or use our new APP. Just search for Queen Annes County Sheriff, download this free APP and we will be available at your fingertips 24/7. [Click on this link to see all of the great things that our app provides to you!](#) ***Have a great and safe spring!***



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: Increase the number of patrol sectors in order to assign additional patrol coverage to the northern end of the county with the goal of reducing law enforcement response times and increasing law enforcement presence in the community.

GOAL 2: Increase its efforts in reducing Heroin use and distribution in Queen Anne's County and its negative effects on crime and quality of life in the county.

GOAL 3: Seek to promote and enhance professional development of its staff through various training opportunities and programs.

MEET US THERE

APRIL 27

PECOMETH DAY

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MAY 11

SHORE KIDS CONNECTION

Kent Island High School

MAY 17

SENIOR SUMMIT

4H Park



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Watch us on our YOUTUBE Channel!

Get Crime Prevention Tips and see who in our community is QAC MOST WANTED

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDB5AAECAC4D281CA>

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE CADET PROGRAM

The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff Cadet Program has been successfully initiated in the past year with its first participant, Kyle Brittingham. Cadet Brittingham joined our law enforcement apprenticeship program that offers training and varied work assignments to persons between the ages of 18 and 20 ½. He has experienced the challenges and personal rewards of a police career. This will serve as a stepping stone for him to be certified through this agency's police academy.

Sheriff Gary Hofmann said, "This cadet program is something that I am very excited about for the young adults of Queen Anne's County who aspire to have a career in law enforcement. I strongly believe that this will give those young adults a real and meaningful experience

to prepare them for the police academy. They will also be offering invaluable assistance to my agency and the deputies who serve our community."

We continue to seek an additional cadet with a high school diploma who will further his/her education by enrolling in and passing college courses with a goal towards eventually earning a degree.

Cadets must successfully complete all deputy entry level testing procedures during their employment and will submit to an extensive background investigation prior to their employment as a cadet and

again prior to their acceptance into the police academy.

Cadets are tasked with a variety of duties to provide exposure to many aspects of law enforcement. Cadets receive training and may work in varying assignments including:

- Processing arrested individuals including computer data entry
- Fingerprinting
- Locate and verify warrants and summonses
- Respond to public inquiries
- Assist Duty Officer as needed
- Operation of agency vehicles
- Other duties as assigned by superiors

Upon completion of a cadet program, with additional testing, the program is designed to elevate cadets into the role of Deputy Recruit.



Hiring Successes: Outcome of Positive Rapport with Community



The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff has been fortunate to have an extremely positive rapport with our community. This relationship has resulted in a wealth of applicants to our agency for law enforcement positions. We've also posted a recruitment video that emphasizes the human relations aspects of a Deputy's daily interactions with the public. *(To be fair, we thank another agency that came up with the idea and shared it with us at a law enforcement conference. Check it out on our website at www.queenannessheriff.org)*

quality Saturday Spring morning with deputies and civilian staff that were overseeing the physical and written testing. From that group, we now have applicants who have proven their desire and initial qualifications to continue through the background investigation process. That rigorous review of each applicant's past and psychological make-up provides the public with the best assurance that a new recruit will be well adapted to protect all members of our community in a fair and impartial manner. [Click here to watch our new Recruitment Video!](#)

We are excited that we had a large amount of applicants spend a

Join us in wishing these recruits the best of luck!

SHERIFF CONTINUES THE AGENCY'S COMMITMENT TO CALEA

Sheriff Gary Hofmann continued the agency's commitment to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) with the submission of reports on calendar year statistics, goals and progress towards their implementation.

The Office of the Sheriff demonstrated an agency-wide commitment to following guidelines that represent the "best professional practices" for law enforcement agencies nationwide. Sheriff Hofmann has established standards that provide the necessary reports and analyses he needs to make fact-based,

informed management decisions.

Sheriff Hofmann firmly believes that CALEA compliance strengthens the agency's accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities.

CALEA accreditation can limit the Office of the Sheriff potential liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.



[Click on this link to watch a video for more information about CALEA!](#)

Deputies completed almost 6,000 calls in three months

The Office of the Sheriff for Queen Anne's County provides prompt, professional, and courteous service to the citizens of the County. The Patrol Unit is the largest Unit within the Agency. The Deputies that are assigned to this unit are scheduled to serve the County twenty-four hours daily and seven days a week. This includes weekends and holidays. This unit is made up of extremely professional police officers that strive to protect your communities day and night. This unit is unique and it is mission oriented. The Unit conducts various different calls of service to include traffic enforcement, drug enforcement, criminal investigations, and much more.

The following is a list of activities that the Sheriff's Patrol unit has accomplished since January 1, 2019. Patrol Deputies completed a total of **5,864 calls for service** to include traffic stops. These Deputies completed a total of **448 reports** for multiple types of offenses. Sheriff's Patrol Deputies have completed **536 Radar assignments, 105 traffic enforcement**, and totaling **1,883 traffic stops**. Patrol Deputies have investigated **111 motor vehicle collisions** on our County roadways. Speed is one of the County's number one complaints and Patrol is active with assisting to resolve these complaints.

Over the past year, drug usage has increased to higher levels to include the use of Heroin combined with Fentanyl. This deadly combination has caused our Patrol Units to respond to numerous overdoses and in some cases, fatalities. The Office of the Sheriff has trained and supplied our Patrol Units with the lifesaving drug called Narcan. This drug is administered through the nasal area and is used to counteract the effects of an overdose. This drug has assisted our deputies with

saving the lives of people that are struggling with the opioid addiction. Patrol Deputies have investigated **36 cases** that resulted with one or more persons being charged with possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

Patrol Deputies have responded to and investigated **65 thefts** and investigated **16 Burglaries**. Deputies are equipped with many tools to assist them with processing the crime scene. Deputies have the ability to photograph the scene, collect fingerprints, and in some cases, collect DNA. Patrol Deputies work in connection with our Criminal Investigations Unit.

The Office of The Sheriff for Queen Anne's County has a Constitutional Duty to the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County. Sheriff Deputies to include the Patrol Deputies are assigned the duty of serving the Civil Process Papers of the Courts. During this first quarter, the Patrol Unit has assisted the Sheriff's Courts and Civil Process units by servicing **179 documents** and completed **52 attempted services**.

Patrol Deputies are equipped with Body Worn Cameras. These devices are used to gain your trust that our men and women that are behind the badge are adhering to the Agency Policies and Procedures. The body-worn camera also affords our Patrol Deputies the protection from false complaints against them. The Office of the Sheriff

for Queen Anne's County has many different units that work a variety of different job functions; and all work together to establish the mission of our Agency as a whole.

**This does not include MSP, CPD, DNR or MDTA's calls for service*



The Auxiliary Volunteer Deputy Program has been extremely instrumental in the success of the SRU. At this time, the Auxiliary Unit has fifteen active members, who assist with a variety of tasks as directed by SRU Supervisors. The dedicated members of this unit work together with our sworn deputies at many events around the county. They also take time to patrol the business districts and communities.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

COMPLIANT - Sex offender has complied with all forms of law & limitation imposed on him/her

ARCHER, DANIEL BRIAN	307 ELM STREET STEVENSVILLE
ARROYO, JOSELITO	WORKS IN QAC: 1315 GOLDSBORO ROAD BARCLAY (LIVES IN DE)
BAYNARD, TRAVIS LAMONT	108 GADD DRIVE CENTREVILLE
BLANN, DONALD RAY	214 PERRYS CORNER ROAD GRASONVILLE
BRENNAN, SEAN	1827 HARBOR DRIVE CHESTER
BURRIS JR., JAMES RUSSELL	5925 SUDLERSVILLE ROAD SUDLERSVILLE
CLARKE, WILLIAM MICHAEL CHRISTIAN	2515 CENTREVILLE ROAD CENTREVILLE
CUTSHAW, DAVID CARTER	604 WYE MILLS ROAD QUEENSTOWN
EMBREY, WILLIAM	433 LEGION ROAD MILLINGTON
GALASSO JR., GREGORY ALAN	2609 ELLICOTT DRIVE CHESTER
GEYER, ZACHARY ALLAN	335 LONGFELLOW DRIVE CHESTERTOWN
GOAD, JEFFREY	2608 MILLINGTON ROAD MILLINGTON
HATCHER, ANDREW	115 QUINN ROAD GRASONVILLE
JONES, JEFFREY LEE	101 MAIN STREET STEVENSVILLE
KARRH, LEE PRESTON	251 POPLAR SCHOOL ROAD CENTREVILLE
KENNEDY, DANA	7024 CHURCH HILL ROAD CHESTERTOWN
KNIGHT, KENNETH	222 DOUBLE CREEK ROAD CHESTERTOWN
MADDOX, WAYNE	216 H ARRIS LANE STEVENSVILLE
MILLER, ROBERT ALLEN	708 BAYSIDE DRIVE STEVENSVILLE
OWENS, JASON ANDREW	3040 CHURCH HILL ROAD CENTREVILLE
PAPILON, BRADLEY PAUL	12 ANDREW DRIVE CRUMPTON
POLLARD JR., HENRY COLEMAN	112 POLLARD LANE CHESTER
PRESLEY, SCOTT	309 WILL SMITH ROAD BARCLAY
RICKET, RONALD EUGENE	150 CHAR NOR BLVD CHESTERTOWN
ROBINSON JR., OMER FRANCIS	215 VILLAGE DRIVE CHURCH HILL
ROCHESTER, CHAD	325 FLAT IRON SQUARE ROAD CHURCH HILL
SATTERFLED, WILLIAM EARL	300 CRESTON ROAD CHESTERTOWN
SHORTS, DONALD LESLIE	1339 ROBERT STATION ROAD INGLESIDE
SKIPPER, RICHARD	355 LONGFELLOW DRIVE CHESTERTOWN
SPELLER, MOUSIEUR	312 MAIN STREET STEVENSVILLE
STACKHOUSE JR., ROBERT LARUE	123 NEW STREET CHURCH HILL
STAFFORD JR., CLIFTON LEE	111 FOURTH STREET CRUMPTON
TRAMMELL, KEITH LAMONTH	WORKS IN QAC: 380 SPANIARD NECK ROAD CENTREVILLE (LIVES IN DE)
TELAK, DENNIS	205 TOWER DRIVE STEVENSVILLE
TURNER, DAVID SCOTT	303 CHURCH STREET SUDLERSVILLE
WALLACE, WILLIAM	210 CHURCH STREET SUDLERSVILLE
WALLS III, JAMES NORMAN	604 COSDEN ROAD BARCLAY
WHALEN 3RD, JAMES VERNON	118 MAIN STREET SUDLERSVILLE
WHEELER, PATRICK BRANDON	3200 LOVE POINT ROAD STEVENSVILLE
WHITING, JAMES KENNEDY	220 LITTLE KIDWELL AVENUE CENTREVILLE

***If you have any information concerning any questionable activities of a Sex Offender
please contact: A/Cpl. Jason Rickard at 410.758.0770 ext. 1262***

All information will be confidential.

*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.*



Queen Anne's County Circuit Courthouse Dedication

April 13, 2019 was a historical event for Queen Anne's County as well as the Office of the Sheriff. On this day the new Circuit Courthouse was dedicated for service. The event was well attended and included remarks by several dignitaries. One of the Constitutional duties of the Sheriff's Office is to provide security at this courthouse to ensure the safety of all who use this building. The Office was proud to participate in this historic dedication and look forward to serving the community in their use of this facility.



Stats are as of March 31 2019

The Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force is a multi-agency task force aimed at combating mid and upper level drug dealers in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The task force board is comprised of members of the Maryland State Police, Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, the Centreville Police Department, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police and the Office of the Queen Anne's County State's Attorney.

The Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force reports quarterly to the Task Force Advisory Board. The benefit of the Task Force concept is that it lessens the manpower and budgetary constraints on each participating agency.

The investigative case load carried by the task force grows every year and many of the crimes investigated have roots or ties in other counties and/or states. Investigators at the task force routinely work closely with the FBI, DEA, HSI, the ATF, neighboring drug task forces and state and federal prosecutors to bring these cases to a successful conclusion and to ensure that all persons involved with the drug/criminal networks are brought to justice, no matter where they live.

The task force has investigated or assisted with the investigations into over two hundred opioid related overdoses that have occurred in Queen Anne's County over the previous two years. The task force, working closely with the Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office, the CIU unit at the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office and

Stats for QA Drug Task Force

CDS Arrests	14
Search Warrants	12
Cases Investigated	49
Cocaine Seized	5 grams
Heroin Seized	23.5 grams
Marijuana Seized	1931 grams
Prescription Pills Seized	320
US Currency Seized	\$5,875
Vehicles Seized	3
Consent Search Conducted	7



the Maryland State Police have been very successful in charging those responsible for delivering opioids to multiple fatal and non-fatal overdoses. Queen Anne's County now has one of the highest success rates for achieving convictions in these cases.

Investigators with the task force also routinely work hand in hand with the CID units at the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police to investigate thefts, robberies and crimes of violence that often have their roots in the use and sales of narcotics.

The Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force is a financially self-sufficient unit, operating off of seized assets at no cost to the taxpayers of Queen Anne's County. Besides using seized, drug related funds to pay for day to day operational expenses, these seized funds are used to pay for training, equipment and other related costs occurred by member agencies.

If you suspect anyone of distributing or importing drugs in Queen Anne's County, you can report them by calling the Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force at 410-758- TIPS (8477) or by going on line at www.qadtfc.com.

Support Services Division provides current trend's trainings

The Support Services Division is commanded by Lieutenant Mark Meil. Second in command is 1st Sergeant John Meyers. The division is comprised of several units and functions, including the Criminal Investigations Unit, Evidence and Property, the Drug Task Force, the Sheriff's Resource Unit, Training Unit, and the Auxiliary Unit. Each unit has unique law enforcement responsibilities and duties that differ from other divisions. Some of those duties include covert investigations, school safety and security, management of all property and evidence, law enforcement support, training, and criminal intelligence.

From a training perspective the Support Services Division has been extremely busy in providing all school and county personnel, as well as commercial entities training on how to properly mitigate and or prevent Active Assailant attacks. The training unit led by Lt. Meil has been extremely proactive in bringing high quality training to the members of the Office of the Sheriff as well. In house training / curriculum development has increased tremendously over the past year. To maximize availability of manpower the training unit has implemented E-Learning for personnel. This is to allow employees access to course of instruction 24 hours a day to maximize their time.

Some of the classes taught and or created this past year are as follows:

- **MD SRO Course** – Lt. Meil assisted the Maryland Center for School Safety in the development and implementation of this course. **Queen Anne's County was the first jurisdiction in the State of Maryland** to receive the new Statewide Maryland School Resource Officer curriculum. This is a new requirement where SRO's will be required to update their skills every two years.
- **NASRO** – The entire School Resource Officer Unit will be attending a week long National School Resource Officer training course. Each employee will be certified Nationally as an SRO. This training is highly sought and difficult to obtain.
- **Delmarva Gas & Electric Safety for LE** – Lt. Meil partnered with the Delmarva Power Company to create this new course that provides much needed

safety tips to First responders when dealing with gas and electric in the performance of their duties.

- **LGIT Implicit Bias** – Lt. Meil was instrumental in bringing this training to Queen Anne's County. This training provides First responders the tools necessary to recognize Implicit bias and how to properly mitigate these behaviors.
- **Vape for LE** – Lt. Meil developed and created a Vape familiarization course for Law Enforcement to provide deputies the tools necessary to properly investigate these types of complaints in school and in the community.
- **DNA training** – Agency personnel are required annually to participate in DNA training.
- **Narcan** – Lt. Meil developed and implemented the agency Narcan certification course to provide employees with an easy to understand process to properly deploy the Narcan unit. In addition, Lt. Meil was instrumental in obtaining Narcan at no charge to the office to provide employees the much needed equipment that has proven to save lives within the community.
- **Active Assailant Training** – The training unit has provided countless hours of training in this area to all school employees, county employees, commercial entities, and agency personnel to properly respond to and mitigate these types of attacks.
- **FEMA School Based Incidents Course** – This course was developed with the assistance of Federal partners to provide current training for all first responders to include DES, school administrators, and law enforcement on how to properly respond to, deal with, investigate, and close out a large scale school based incident / investigation.
- **Handle with Care** – A new program will be implemented soon with the BOE and allied agencies to assist children who have been exposed to trauma. This program is scheduled to be launched next school year. All agency personnel will be receiving a newly created training course to provide an overview of this program.

• **Agency in Service Training** – The training unit has again created an annual training package for agency personnel providing updated curriculum dealing with various topics of instruction.

• **DNR Boat Training** – The training unit is in the process of coordinating with DNR police for boat training sessions to provide certification and operator experience for agency personnel with the agencies operational boat.

• **Secret Service / False Document Training** – The training unit has coordinated with Federal partners to bring a False Document training course to agency personnel to provide employees the tools necessary to properly investigate a case involving various types of fraudulent documents.

• **LGIT Training Database & Powerdms** – the training unit has implemented two E-Learning training database options for agency personnel to take courses of instruction 24/7 365. This provides frequent accessibility to employees. They can access course 24 hours a day from these two databases.

• **NTOA** – The training unit has partnered with the National Tactical Officers Association to bring high quality training to our agency personnel dealing with various areas of instruction.

• **Body Camera 2 Transition** – The training unit will be in the process of transitioning all employees from the Axon Flex Body Camera to the new and improved Axon Body 2 Camera system. These new cameras will provide a much higher quality product to better assist personnel in the performance of their duties.



Meet the School Resource Officers



The Sheriff's Resource Unit (SRU) has several different responsibilities. Our primary responsibility is providing security our county schools. We work closely with the Board of Education, as well as the private schools in our county.

The unit is currently comprised of the following School Resource Officers (SROs):

Sergeant Jeremy Davidson – Unit Supervisor

Corporal John Brockman – Unit Assistant Supervisor, assigned to Matapeake Middle (Matapeake Middle School, Matapeake Elementary School and Grasonville Elementary)

Deputy First Class Andrew Neall – Assigned to Queen Anne's County High School (Centreville Middle School)

Deputy First Class Ryan Davidson – Assigned to Stevensville Middle School (Kent Island Elementary School and Bayside Elementary School)

Deputy First Class George Parker – Assigned to Sudlersville Middle School (Sudlersville Elementary School and Church Hill Elementary School)

Deputy First Class Patrick Matteson – Assigned to Kent Island High School (KIHS 9th grade Annex)

The SROs responsibilities include the safety and security of school students/staff in and around school campuses; responding to calls for service related to schools; and traffic direction / control during arrival and dismissal at the high schools.

Recently three Resource Unit personnel attended Maryland School Resource Officer Training provided by the Maryland Center for School Safety. This training has been established to equip SROs with necessary training and updates specific to school safety. The remainder of the unit will attend this training in the coming months.

Sheriff's Resource Unit



In addition to protecting the county's schools, the Resource Unit is responsible for handling special events throughout the county. The vast majority of the special events in the county are held on the weekends and during the summer months.

So far in the year 2019 Resource Unit has covered four special events, with many more to come this calendar year. Additionally they have attended several meetings for major upcoming events and various committees and boards that we assist.

Check out the front page of the newsletter to meet us at our next event!



Deputies and the Community

Deputies at the office can become very busy, however, they are pros at time management. No matter how busy they may become, they always make time for their community.

Deputies have volunteered to visit the Queen Anne's County Animal Welfare league to spend some one-on-one time with the adoptable animals.

Deputies also conduct tours of our office to interact more with the community. Some of the deputies even step out of their comfort zone and participate in community events like the Kent Island Optimist Club lip-sync fundraiser to raised money for the shop with a cop program. Deputy First Class Neall and Deputy Argubright raised \$449 collectively for the Shop with a cop program, a program that we participate in every year. That money alone could benefit 4.5 children.

It's always great feeling to interact with our community. We are committed to building and maintaining lasting relationships with our community by providing outreach and education.



Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) is responsible for maintaining Sex Offender Compliance which is monitored by A/Cpl. Rickard and overseen by D/Sgt. Troy Lowery. Depending on which Tier category they fall into, they are mandated by the State of Maryland to report in person at a minimum of every 3 or 6 months to report any updates within their registry requirements. Random checks are also performed to make sure the information they provide is accurate. The CIU team is also responsible for taking over investigations to include but not limited to; all sex crimes, child abuses, robberies, burglary's, theft's over ten thousand dollars, internet crimes, all deaths to include suicides, homicides, and/or any deaths suspicious in nature.

There has been a recent influx in financial crimes in recent months that have been sent to the Investigation's Unit. These crimes can occur to anyone, but mainly target the elderly. There have been many different scenarios in how these crimes take place. One example is someone will call on the phone and portray themselves as a family member needing bail money and they request the monies be sent to

them via western union. Most times the monies are sent out of the country and cannot be recovered by the time Law Enforcement is involved. Another example is someone will hack your computer and begin to converse with you and tell you that you have a virus and to wire money to them so they can fix it. Remember that nobody should be able to hack your computer and do not send them money. Shut your computer down immediately. There are several local computer companies to contact to assist you with this.

There is also what is referred to as "romance scams". These involve an unknown person usually outside the country that uses fake personal information and pictures to start a relationship with someone via chat. Victims can be found on singles sites, social media sites, and in other ways of communication. These criminals will ask for a certain amount of money and when they receive it, they will continue to ask for more and more until the victim has no money left. It is extremely rare to recover these monies once they are sent.

These are just a few examples but there are many more. To learn more, you can go to the following website from the FBI: <https://www.ic3.gov/crimeschemes.aspx>.

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On January 12, 2019 the Rhodes Store in Church Hill was burglarized during the early morning hours. Several pieces of evidence were recovered from the store to include video surveillance. Detectives were able to develop a suspect based off the evidence and communicating with other police agencies and executed a search and seizure warrant at the suspects residence where he was taken into custody and several more pieces of evidence were recovered. The suspect was identified as Matthew William Walsh of Church Hill. He is currently awaiting trial.

On February 16, 2019 Chesapeake Outdoors in Chester was broken into and several pieces of hunting equipment were stolen. The patrol unit was able to apprehend a suspect in close proximity of the business. Detectives from the Criminal Investigation's Unit responded and conducted interviews on the suspect and the Crime Scene Unit responded and gathered several pieces of evidence. The suspects were identified as Joshua Shane Ringgold from Chester and Jesse James Ringgold also from Chester. They are both awaiting trial.

Sheriff's Office Hosts National Tactical Officers Association

The Office of the Sheriff has been hosting training classes from the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) at their Headquarters training room. These classes are beneficial to members of the office as it brings up to date tactics and trends in law enforcement. By hosting these classes the Office receives two free slots in each class. Agencies from all over the United States as far as Colorado sent officers to attend classes here at our headquarters. The classes were Basic Swat, Swat Team Leader development, Swat Command and Decision Making and Patrol Response to Critical Incidents. The Office Swat Team has been a Member of the NTOA since March Of 2001.

The NTOA is an association for networking and information-sharing among tactical teams, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department then-Lieutenant, John Kolman formed the NTOA in 1983. Kolman and his new team hit the ground running and quickly



connected with a nationwide network of like-minded experts. Building on their members' al experience and expertise, the NTOA has proven its ability to rapidly adapt to the ever-changing environment around it. With each passing year, the Association has broadened to include professional members from every discipline in the law enforcement/corrections spectrum.

The National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the law enforcement community. NTOA currently has more than 40,000 members from specialties that include patrol, TEMS, crisis negotiations, canine, corrections, sniper, protective operations, explosives, command, tactical dispatchers, behavioral sciences and more. These members take full

advantage of NTOA's annual training conference, interactive members-only website

offerings and eagerly await the arrival of its renowned publication, The Tactical Edge.

NTOA's dedicated staff members work hand-in-hand with high-quality, real-world public safety experts to provide the best services to NTOA members. This powerful combination contributes to the overall success of the organization through shared experiences and cutting edge training.



Our office has been very busy this past year. On a typical day, deputies respond to numerous calls, attend many events, and participate in community meetings. But did you know many of our deputies help our community outside the office?

DEPUTIES

In the Spotlight



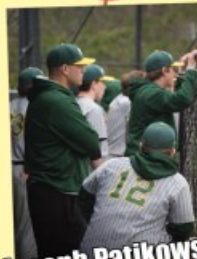
Det. Jeff Lewis

Detective Jeff Lewis investigates criminal acts such as homicides, sexual assaults, armed robberies, home invasions, and property crimes such as burglaries. Outside of the agency, Lewis is a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department.

This is currently his 28th year with the department. He is also a part-time EMT for the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Department. Lewis has been with Goodwill for 12 years.



Det. Jeff Lewis



DFC. Joseph Patikowski

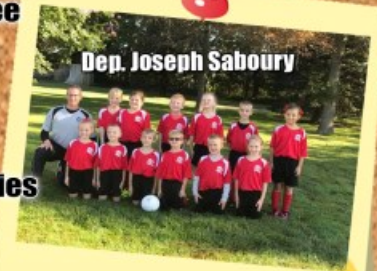
K-9 handler and DFC. Joe Patikowski responds to many calls to help keep our community safe. Outside of the agency, DFC Patikowski coaches the varsity baseball team for Queen Anne's County High School. He is currently in his 3rd year as a coach.



Dep. Joseph Saboury

Chief Analyst Joe Saboury gathers data to help allocate patrol resources to reduce crime. Outside of the agency, Dep. Saboury led a committee to build a ramp for a disabled WW2 veteran. He was also the site captain of the Northbrook community "Project Clean Stream."

Project Clean Stream is an annual community event to clean-up Corsica River tributaries at two sites around Centreville. Saboury also coaches the Queen Anne's soccer club outdoor soccer & indoor soccer for Queen Anne's Recreation and Parks.



Dep. Joseph Saboury

Sheriff's Office Annual Awards Gala

The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff Annual Awards Gala took place on March 24, 2019 at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department.

With close to 140 in attendance, it was only able to happen due to various donations from businesses within the county. The Sheriff's Office is so grateful to be supported so strongly by the citizens and businesses in Queen Anne's County.

Throughout the year of 2018, award nominations were submitted to the Sheriff's Office Awards Committee. The Awards Committee is made up of employees that not only vote on the award nominations, but also plan the entire event.

The Award's Committee members are:

Stephanie Jarrell, Chair

Elizabeth Pierson

Cpl. Chad Hartmetz

Cpl. George Sewell

Dfc. Ryan Davidson

Dfc. Mike Piasecki

Dfc. Steve Matthews

Without the time and effort that these members put in, the Award's Gala would not be such a great success. Collecting and gathering silent auction items and door prizes, planning the caterer and DJ, confirming award recipient letters, ordering award plaques and certificates are only a few of the things this committee does.

Listed below are the Award Recipients for the 2019 Awards Gala:

Medal of Honor: Sgt. Chris Green

Life Saving Award: Dfc. Mitch Jones, Dfc. Steve Creason, Sgt. Chris Green, Dfc. Patrick Matteson, Dep. Justin Custis, Dfc. Savana Dickey, Dfc. Chris Carnaggio.

Legion Of Honor: Dfc. Steve Creason, Cpl. Brad Martz, Sgt. Amelia VanSant, Dfc. Steve Matthews, Dfc. Jeff Lewis, A/Cpl. Jason Rickard, Dfc. Chris Schwink, Dfc. Steve Gore.

Honor Graduate: Dep. Matthew Johnston and Dep. James Bradley

DWI Enforcement: Dep. James Bradley and Dfc. Lanard Pack

Narcotics Enforcement: Dfc. Alex Cooper and Cpl. Brad Martz

K9 Award: Cpl. Brad Martz & K9 Spike

Sheriff's Commendation Award: Roxie Cross, Chaplain Leroy Fitts, Major Dwayne Embert

Outstanding Patrol Performance: Group 4 Sgt. Amelia VanSant, Cpl. Brad Martz, Dfc. Steve Creason, Dfc. Pete Sackrider, Dep. Michael Iman

Civilian Employee Award: Elizabeth Pierson, Administrative Assistant

Meritorious Unit Citation: Clerical Staff

Exec. Assistant Stephanie Jarrell, and Administrative Assistants Elizabeth Pierson, Amanda Darling, Roxie Cross

Distinguished Volunteer Award: Queen Anne's County Auxiliary Deputies

5 Years of Service: Dfc. Ryan Davidson, Cpl. Brad Martz, Dfc. Andrew Neall, Elizabeth Pierson

10 Years of Service: Dfc. Steve Gore, Cpl. George Sewell, A/Cpl. Jason Rickard

15 Years of Service: Sgt. Troy Lowery

25 Years of Service: Sheriff Gary Hofmann

30 Years of Service: Roxie Cross

*To see all of the photos from the Awards Gala
please check out our Facebook Page!*



National Drug Take Back Day

April 27th 10am-3pm

**Drop off your unwanted, expired or unused
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Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office
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One gift card per person • Donuts from 10am-Noon

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Queen Anne's County's MOST WANTED

**Help your Sheriff Add These
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**VOP = Violation of Probation FTA = Failure to Appear*



Jonika White

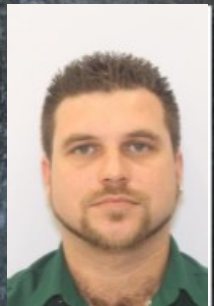
Wanted for:
Failure to Comply - Assault second
degree/disorderly conduct

**Sheriff Hofmann's
Perp of the Month**



Karen T. Wood

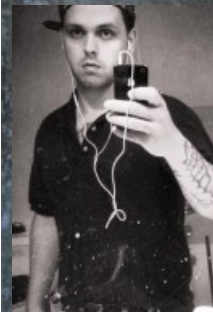
Wanted for:
Violate Protective Order



**Michael Brandon
Morris**

Wanted for:
Assault second degree/sex offense
4th degree/false imprisonment

LOCATED



Shawn Christopher Kelley Jr.

Wanted for:
Act as a contractor w/o license
Fail to perform contract
See home improvement
without license



Stephon Dimitre Janey

Wanted for:
Failure to comply - Burglary 2nd
degree/CDS possession not
marijuana
Theft \$100 to under \$1500



Dwayne Eric Schoene

Wanted for:
FTA Theft \$1500 to under \$25000



Raymond Daniel Traver II

Wanted for:
VOP/Violate Protective Order



Sabrina Lynn Pulanco

Wanted for:
FTA/Failure to display license &
Civil Body Attachment



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K9 Bella Finds Missing Child in Wicomico County



On the evening of February 18, 2019 just before 10:00 pm, Dfc Ahearn and his K9 partner Bella were requested to assist the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office with a critically missing juvenile who was suffering from a mental illness. When they arrived on the scene around 11:00pm, the scent trail was nearly two hours old. This would have been a

daunting task for any ordinary dog but Bella is a bloodhound and has an exceptional nose. She quickly began a track that led her to a community park and then continued to an Elementary School. Bella followed the scent of the missing juvenile to a vacant home just a short distance from the school. Deputies checked the home and located the missing juvenile behind the residence. The juvenile was returned home and reunited with his family. *Great Job Bella!*

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