

# Kent County Sheriff's Office



**“2018”**

## ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT



## Greetings:

We are very proud of the level of service which the Kent County Sheriff's Office delivered to the citizens of the County during 2018. We are dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Kent County. Statistics alone, however, do not tell the full story of our accomplishments. We have made significant progress in many areas which demonstrate our commitment to our vision:

***The Kent County Sheriff's Office will be a first-class law enforcement agency, delivering superior service to the citizens of Kent County.***

1. Law Enforcement Accreditation. In 2003 the Kent County Sheriff's Office became the first Eastern Shore Sheriff's Office to achieve accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Your Sheriff's Office remains in compliance with more than 464 law enforcement "best practices." We now proudly display the CALEA logo on our uniforms and marked vehicles. In November, 2019, the Kent County Sheriff's Office looks forward to successfully being awarded their sixth Certificate of Re-Accreditation.
2. Narcotics Enforcement Team. In September 2002, the Sheriff's Office organized its own Narcotics Unit in order to increase accountability in this important area. In year 2013, the NET team began the year with two (2) Deputies assigned to the unit. During 2016, thirteen (13) search and seizure warrants were executed by the NET Team resulting in twenty-four (24) arrests for possession or distribution of narcotics. In 2017, nineteen (19) search and seizure warrants were executed resulting in thirty (30) arrests. During the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, twelve (12) search and seizure warrants were executed resulting in twelve (12) arrests.
3. Victim/Witness Services. During the summer of 2006, a Victim/Witness Service Provider position was established at the Sheriff's Office utilizing a grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. In November 2015 the office of the Victim/Witness Service Provider was re-located to the new office space of the Kent County State's Attorney where she will continue to provide services to witnesses and victims of crime in Kent County.
4. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Team. In March 2009, the Kent County Sheriff's Office entered into a partnership with the Maryland State Highway Administration's Motor Carrier Division to enable KCSO Deputies to perform routine commercial vehicle enforcement inspections based on the North American Standard (NAS). At the conclusion of 2016, seven (7) Kent County Sheriff's Office Deputies had earned their certification through the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division to perform routine commercial vehicle enforcement safety inspections based on the North American Standard. During 2016 these Deputies initiated and inspected 269 commercial vehicles. During calendar year 2017, KCSO Deputies performed 186 commercial motor vehicle inspections. During 2018, KCSO Deputies performed 224 CMV inspections that resulted in 96 violations being found.

We want to be fully responsive to the citizens of Kent County and serve you in the best way we can. We would welcome any comments or questions you have about this report. Please visit our website, [www.kentcounty.com/sheriff](http://www.kentcounty.com/sheriff) or call us on (410) 778-5946, email us at [sheriff@kentgov.org](mailto:sheriff@kentgov.org) or write us at:

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### **MISSION STATEMENT AND CODE OF ETHICS**

The Kent County Sheriff's Office is a full service police agency responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of Maryland within the County. The Sheriff is also responsible for serving legal papers at the direction of the District and Circuit Courts of the County, providing security for the Kent County Courthouse, and enforcing the Courts' orders. The men and women of the Kent County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to service through superior performance. We believe mutual respect, trust and pride in our organization, combined with traditional values and innovative techniques, will ensure the community's right to a safe environment.

### **CORE VALUES**

The men and women of the Kent County Sheriff's Office are bound by a high standard of conduct, as exemplified in the following values:

**Life** - We believe the protection of life is our highest priority.

**Respect** - We believe in individual human dignity and the preservation of human rights under the rule and spirit of law, always treating others as we would like to be treated.

**Integrity** - We believe in maintaining the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest moral and ethical standards.

**Fairness** - We believe in the delivery of service that provides fair and equal treatment to all citizens without regard to age, gender, race, creed, color, religion or national origin.

**Trust** - We believe in order to provide effective service we must develop and maintain the confidence of the community.

**Partnerships** - We believe in working in partnership with the community and each other to identify and resolve problems and issues which affect the safety of our citizens.

**Loyalty** - We believe in an allegiance to the community, to the organization and to each other.

**Professionalism** - We believe in delivering a level of service which will reflect the pride we have in our community and organization.

<b>Overall Performance Report</b> <b>January 1 thru December 31, 2018</b> <b>Compared to Calendar Year 2017</b>
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	2017	2018	# Increase (Decrease)
Miles Driven	408,706	397,599	-11,107
Criminal Arrests	449	450	+1
Juvenile Arrests	19	25	+ 6
CDS Arrests	71	74	+ 3
DWI Arrests	79	96	+ 17
Traffic Accidents	45	53	+ 8
Traffic Warnings	9,210	7,486	- 1,724
Traffic Citations	4,303	3,481	- 822
Non-DWI Traffic Arrests	1,043	923	- 120
Criminal Summons Served	71	57	- 14
Part I Offenses	77	50	- 27
Part II Offenses	213	227	+14
Call Assists	1,899	1,730	-169
Civil Process	1,772	1,634	- 138
Court Security (hours)	1,113	1,258	+ 145
Calls for Service	21,910	21,587	- 323

\*\*Includes Patrol and C.I.D.

**Crimes Handled by the Kent County Sheriff's Office<sup>1</sup>**

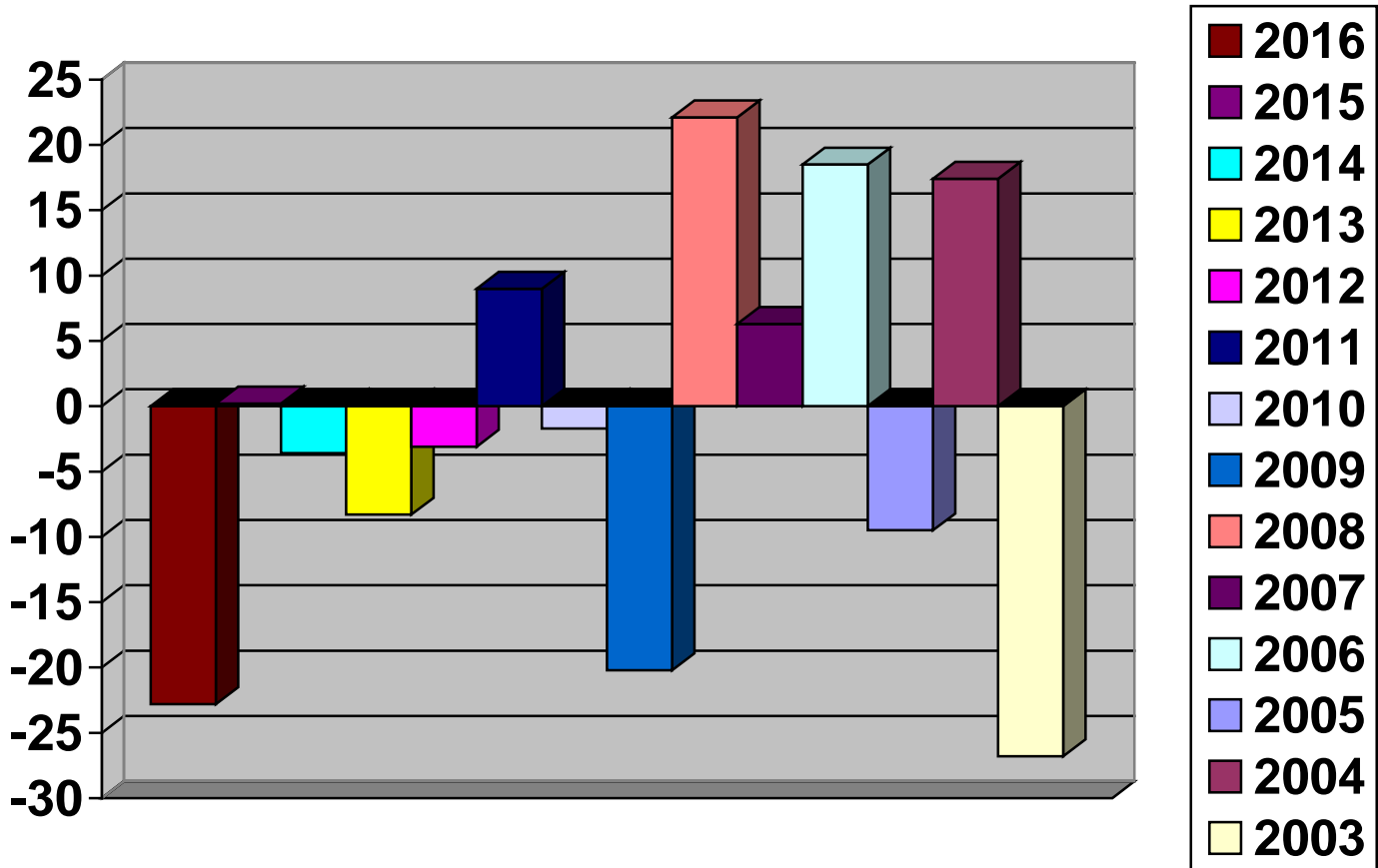
<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Burglary	25	14	-11
Robbery	1	0	-1
Rogue & Vagabond	2	4	+2
Theft	43	27	-16
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	-2
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Assault	3	2	-1
Rape	1	3	+2
Attempted Murder	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-27</b>

<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
MDOP	10	7	-3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault	27	41	+14
Sexual Offenses	5	2	-3
CDS Violations	71	62	-9
Perverted Practice	0	1	+1
Physical Child Abuse	10	4	-6
Resisting Arrest	2	0	-2
Handgun Violation	2	0	-2
Bomb Threat	0	1	+1
U/U Motor Vehicle	2	0	-2
Forgery	0	1	+1
Threat to Public Official	1	0	-1
Child Pornography	2	1	-1
Harassment	1	0	-1
Suicide/Death Investigations	1	2	+1
Fraud	2	0	-2
Violation of Protective Order	3	3	0
Sex Offender Reg. Violation	4	1	-3
Vulnerable Adult Abuse	0	1	+1
Child Abduction	0	1	+1
Identity Theft	0	1	+1
Disrupt School Activity	0	1	+1
Littering/Dumping	0	1	+1
DWI Arrests	79	96	+17
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>+14</b>

<b>TOTAL PART I &amp; II</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>- 13</b>
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<sup>1</sup>Totals include Patrol and CID

The following information collected by the Maryland Uniform Crime Report describes crime patterns for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 in Kent County, Maryland. The 2017 UCR report is not yet available.



*	Year 2016	-	Crime rate declined 22.8%
*	Year 2015	-	Crime rate increased .2%
*	Year 2014	-	Crime rate declined 3.6%
*	Year 2013	-	Crime rate declined 8.3%
*	Year 2012	-	Crime rate declined 3.1%
*	Year 2011	-	Crime rate increased 9.0%
*	Year 2010	-	Crime rate declined 1.7%
*	Year 2009	-	Crime rate declined 20.2%
*	Year 2008	-	Crime rate increased 22.1%
*	Year 2007	-	Crime rate increased 6.3%
*	Year 2006	-	Crime rate increased 18.5%
*	Year 2005	-	Crime rate declined 9.5%
*	Year 2004	-	Crime rate increased 17.4%
*	Year 2003	-	Crime rate declined 26.8%

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**Speed Enforcement**

	2017	2018	Increase / Decrease
<b>Betterton</b>			
Warnings	73	96	<b>+23</b>
Citations	47	63	<b>+16</b>
<b>Galena</b>			
Warnings	1,451	780	<b>-671</b>
Citations	494	462	<b>-32</b>
<b>Millington</b>			
Warnings	422	415	<b>-7</b>
Citations	243	188	<b>-55</b>

**Traffic Accidents**

	2017	2018	Increase / Decrease
<b>By Type</b>			
Property Damage Only	42	40	<b>-2</b>
Personal Injury	4	13	<b>+9</b>
Fatal	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>+7</b>
<b>By Location</b>			
U.S. Highways	0	1	<b>+1</b>
State Roads	16	15	<b>-1</b>
County Roads	23	34	<b>+11</b>
Municipal Roads	3	2	<b>-1</b>
Parking Lots	2	0	<b>-2</b>
OP Roads	1	0	<b>-1</b>
Private Property	1	1	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>+7</b>



**Commercial Vehicle Enforcement**  
**January 2018 – December 2018**

For the 2018 year, the Kent County Sheriff's Office had six (6) Deputies certified to perform Level III inspections of Commercial Motor Vehicles based on the North American Standard (NAS). In order to retain the certification, each Deputy is required to conduct a minimum of thirty-two (32) Level III inspections in a one (1) year period. The Sheriff's Office will continue to have a total of six (6) Deputies certified to conduct Level III inspection during 2019

Commercial Vehicles Inspected	224
Log Book and/or Hours Violations	19
Disqualified Operators	9
Total Violations	96
Total Drivers placed "Out of Service"	11
Total Enforcement Hours	247

In addition to the violations listed above, KCSO certified inspectors issued numerous citations and warnings for other "lesser" CMV violations.

Also, in addition to conducting the Level III CMV inspections utilizing grant funds received from the State of Maryland, Kent County Sheriff's Office personnel conducted numerous CMV inspections during their scheduled patrol shifts. These numbers do not include passengers that were arrested for criminal offenses or warrants.

**Narcotics Enforcement Team<sup>1</sup>**  
**Reporting Period: January 1, 2018 thru June, 2018**

<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Adult Arrests	12
Juvenile Arrests	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>12</b>

**Search Warrants Written ..... 12**

**Search Warrants Executed ..... 12**

**Narcotics Seized**

Cocaine (Powder)	80.2 grams
Cocaine (Crack)	32.8 grams
Heroin	30.4 grams
Prescription Pills:	172

**Other Items Seized**

Handgun

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<sup>1</sup>The Narcotics Enforcement Team reports to the Commander, Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

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