

# KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## 2021 ANNUAL 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 2021. 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 is a first-class law enforcement agency, delivering superior service to the citizens of Kent County.***

**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 received their sixth Certificate of Accreditation.

**Kent County Narcotics Task Force** The Task Force is comprised of Kent County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, Chestertown Police Department and Maryland Natural Resources Police. In 2021, Thirty-One (31) search and seizure warrants were executed resulting in Sixty-three (63) arrests for possession or distribution of narcotics.

**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 Standard). During 2021, KCSO Deputies performed 217 CMV inspections that resulted in 160 violations. At the conclusion of 2021, 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.

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. Visit our website, [www.sheriff.kentcounty.com](http://www.sheriff.kentcounty.com) or contact us using the below information:

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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 Government Building and the Kent County Courthouse. 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.

## New in 2021 - Body Cameras

In August of 2021, the Kent County Sheriff's Office began using Axon body worn cameras. This is not a police mandate until 2025 for Kent County, but Sheriff Price, the Deputies, and Kent County Government wanted to move forward with body worn cameras. The Sheriff's Office has had in-car cameras for years, but it has its limitations. We continue to use in-car cameras, that with the body camera helps to show the entire event from beginning to end.

We have already seen the benefit the body worn cameras have had in policing. The evidence that is captured on the body camera is quite convincing and helps the States Attorney's Office successfully prosecute cases. The Kent County community overwhelmingly supported their police to have body worn cameras, this gives a level of transparency that helps to increase public confidence. We also use the camera footage for training deputies to ensure they have the skills to handle the wide range of scenarios facing police officers today.

The use of body worn cameras is expensive, but the value it has to everyone is priceless. When a Kent County Sheriff's Deputy is handling a call, you can expect to hear the words, "You are being audio and visually recorded".



**Overall Performance Report  
January 1 thru December 31, 2021  
Compared to Calendar Year 2020**

	2020	2021	#Increase (Decreased)
Miles Driven	347,930	367,327	+19,397
Criminal Arrests	295	413	+118
Juvenile Arrests	26	21	-5
CDS Arrests	46	53	+7
DWI Arrests	38	52	+14
Traffic Accidents	38	42	+4
Traffic Warnings	2,374	3,516	+1,142
Traffic Citations	1,024	1,201	+177
Non-DWI Traffic Arrests	115	170	+55
Criminal Summons Served	71	65	-9
Part I Offenses	54	81	+27
Part II Offenses	140	193	+53
Call Assists	353	437	+84
Civil Process	876	1,188	+312
Court Security (hours)	831	35.9	-775
Calls for Service	20, 401	20,412	+11

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



## Crimes Handled by the Kent County Sheriff's Office

<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Burglary	11	26	+15
Robbery	1	1	0
Rogue & Vagabond	3	3	0
Theft	27	33	+6
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	2	0
1st Degree Assault	4	12	+8
Rape	4	6	+2
Home Invasion	1	1	0
Attempted Murder	0	1	+1
Kidnapping	1	0	-1
Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Child Abuse	0	3	+3
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>+34</b>

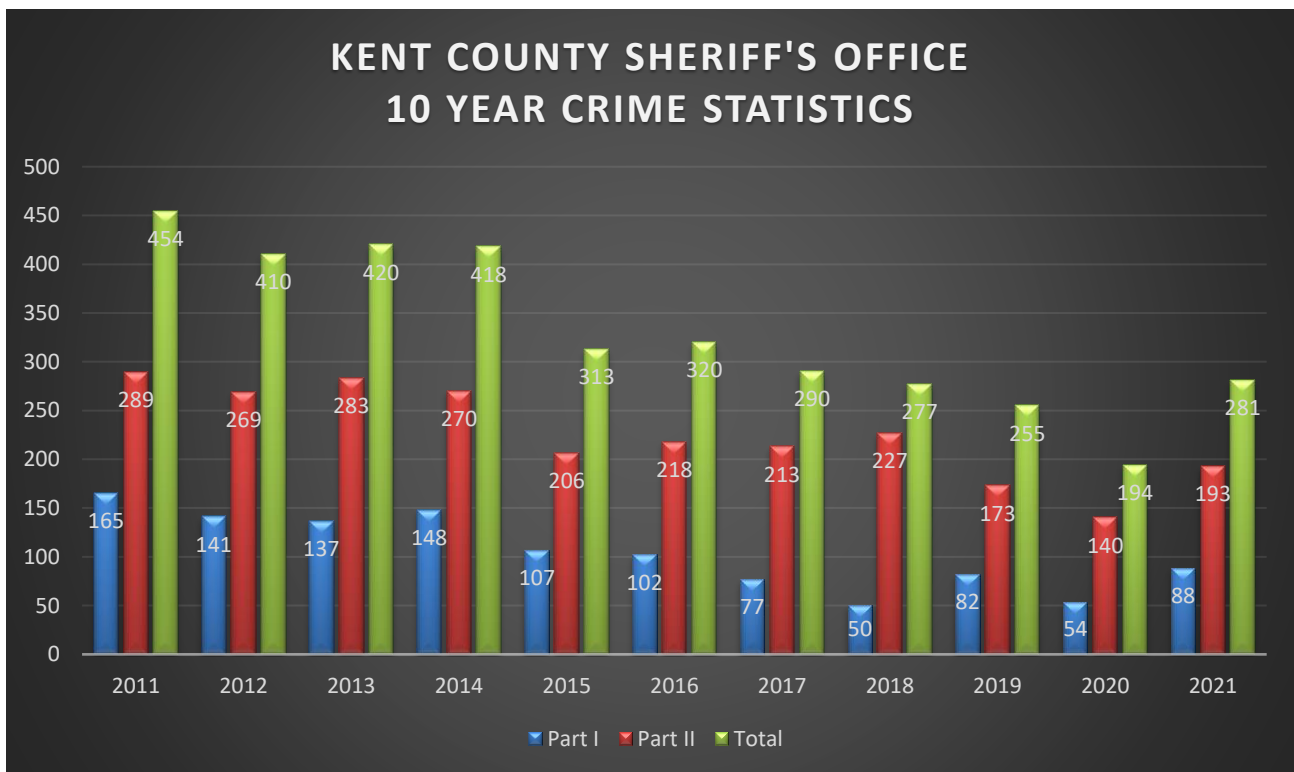
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Malicious Destruction of Property	10	19	+9
2nd Degree Assault	35	46	+11
Sexual Offenses	2	4	+2
CDS Violations	36	48	+12
Physical Child Abuse	3	3	0
Resisting Arrest	1	0	-1
Weapons Violation	1	6	+5
Unstamped Cigarette	1	0	-1
U/U Motor Vehicle	2	1	-1
Forgery	0	3	+3
Arson / Arson Threat	1	1	0
Child Pornography	1	1	0
Unattended Child	1	0	-1
Child Neglect	0	2	+2
Reckless Endangerment	0	2	+2
Violation of Protective Order	0	1	+1
Vulnerable Adult Abuse	1	0	-1
Alter Drug / Alcohol	1	0	-1
Trespassing	4	0	-4
Indecent Exposure	1	0	-1
Identity Theft	0	2	+2
Revenge Porn	0	1	+1
Threaten School Official	0	1	+1
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	-1
DWI Arrest	38	52	+14
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>+53</b>

## UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING – UCR

The Maryland UCR Program is one component of the State's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). It establishes a method to collect, evaluate and process uniform statistical data on statewide crime. The Maryland UCR Program provides a means to consolidate the relevant data into a statewide report that can be provided to state, local and federal government agencies. The UCR Program collects statistics on the number of offenses known to law enforcement.

**Part I Crimes** include murder and nonnegligent homicide, rape (legacy & revised), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft, and arson to be reported to the UCR Program. These offenses were chosen because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police.

**Part II Crimes** are “less serious” offenses and include: Simple Assaults, Forgery/Counterfeiting, Embezzlement/Fraud, Receiving Stolen Property, Weapon Violations, Prostitution, Sex Crimes, Crimes Against Family/Child, Narcotic Drug Laws, Liquor Laws, Drunkenness, Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Gambling, DUI.



\*in October of 2014 Maryland legislature de-criminalized less than ten(10) grams of Marijuana.  
(Change in Part II crimes starting from 2015 – present)

### Speed Enforcement

	2020	2021	Increase / Decrease
<b>Betterton</b>			
Warnings	13	72	<b>+59</b>
Citations	9	17	<b>+8</b>
<b>Galena</b>			
Warnings	162	417	<b>+255</b>
Citations	37	129	<b>+92</b>
<b>Millington</b>			
Warnings	57	85	<b>+28</b>
Citations	14	50	<b>+36</b>

### Traffic Accidents

	2020	2021	Increase / Decrease
<b>By Type</b>			
Property Damage Only	29	30	<b>+1</b>
Personal Injury	7	12	<b>+5</b>
Fatal	2	1	<b>-1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>+5</b>
<b>By Location</b>			
U.S. Highways	0	0	<b>0</b>
State Roads	11	10	<b>-1</b>
County Roads	24	30	<b>+6</b>
Municipal Roads	3	3	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>+5</b>



## Commercial Vehicle Enforcement January 2021 – December 2021

For the 2021 year, the Kent County Sheriff's Office had eight (8) 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 maintained a total of eight (8) Deputies certified to conduct Level III inspections during 2021.

Commercial Vehicles Inspected	217
Logbook and/or Hours Violations	10
Disqualified Operators	9
Total Violations	79
Total Drivers placed "Out of Service"	15
Total Enforcement Hours	214

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.



**Kent County Narcotics Task Force**  
**Reporting Period: January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021**

<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
Adult Arrests	25	63
Juvenile Arrests	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	25	64

**Search Warrants Written** 40 31

**Search Warrants Executed** 40 31

**Narcotics Seized**

Cocaine (Powder)	6 grams
Cocaine (Crack)	139.29 grams
Heroin / Fentanyl	367.9 grams
Marijuana	3680.3 grams
Marijuana Plants	29 plants
Prescription Pills:	250.5 grams
Psilocybin / Mushrooms	5896.7 grams

**Other Items Seized**

Firearms	10
Vehicles	8 / \$43,900
Miscellaneous	\$4,500
Currency	\$40,851

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Opiate Overdoses</b>	59	59	30
<b>Fatal Opiate Overdoses</b>	9	5	4
<b>Narcan Administrations by Law Enforcement</b>	6		

