



**KENT COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE**

**“2013”**

**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 2013. 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 460 law enforcement "best practices." We now proudly display the CALEA logo on our uniforms and marked vehicles. On November 22, 2012, the Kent County Sheriff's Office was successful in being awarded their fourth 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. In May 2013 all KCSO NET operations ceased due to shortage of personnel and all narcotic investigations were referred to the MSP Kent County Narcotics Task Force. During the period of January 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013, two (2) search and seizure warrants were executed by the NET Team resulting in two (2) arrests for possession or distribution of narcotics and the seizure of currency.
3. **Victim/Witness Services.** During the summer of 2006, a Victim/Witness Service Provider position was established utilizing a grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. In 2013 the Victim/Witness Service Provider served 180 clients and the position is still grant funded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.
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). Three (3) Kent County Sheriff's Office Deputies 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 2013 these Deputies initiated and inspected 215 commercial vehicles.

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.

**Overall Performance Report  
January 1 thru December 31, 2013  
Compared to Calendar Year 2012**

	2012	2013	# Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Miles Driven	376,029	361,642	- 14,387	-3.8%
Criminal Arrests	464	542	+ 78	+ 16.8%
Juvenile Arrests	31	24	-7	-22.6%
CDS Arrests	131	107	-31	-23.7%
DWI Arrests	76	76	0	0
Traffic Accidents	42	28	-14	-3.3%
Traffic Warnings	9,977	8,719	-1258	-12.6%
Traffic Citations	3,902	3,678	-224	-5.7%
Non-DWI Traffic Arrests	678	808	+130	+19.2%
Criminal Summons Served	149	115	-34	-22.8%
Part I Offenses	141	137	-4	-2.8%
Part II Offenses	269	283	+14	+5.0%
Call Assists	1,193	1,253	+60	+5.0%
Civil Process	1,878	1,813	-65	-3.5%
Court Security (hours)	765	620	-145	-19.0%
Calls for Service	16,145	18,063	+2,018	+12.5%

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

<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Burglary	59	52	-7
Attempted Burglary	0	0	0
Rape	2	0	-2
Attempted Rape	1	0	-1
Armed Robbery	2	2	0
Attempted Robbery	2	0	-2
Bank Robbery	1	0	-1
Theft	70	70	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	5	+4
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Assault	3	8	+5
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-4</b>

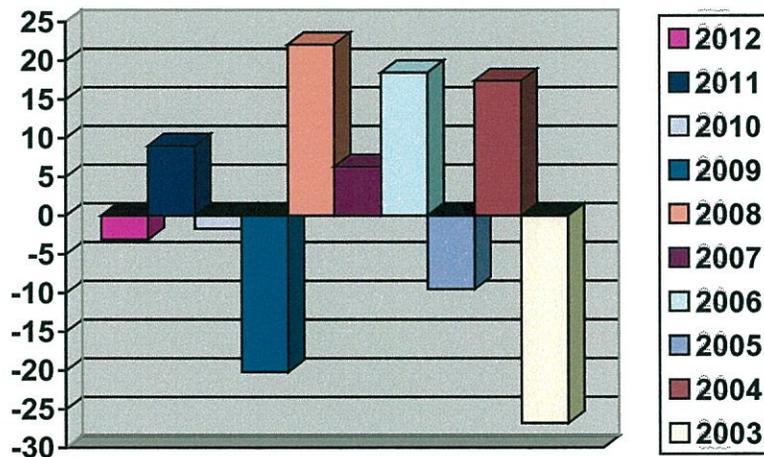
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
MDOP	30	21	-9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault	59	58	-1
Sexual Assault	4	1	-3
CDS Violations	78	86	+8
Trespassing	0	3	+3
Indecent Exposure	0	1	+1
Sexual Child Abuse	0	1	+1
Physical Child Abuse	2	2	0
Vulnerable Adult Abuse	0	1	+1
Resisting Arrest	2	0	-2
False Alarm - Fire	0	1	+1
Deadly Weapon School Property	3	2	-1
Failure to Obey Lawful Order	1	1	0
Handgun Violation	1	3	+2
Threat of Arson	0	1	+1
U/U Motor Vehicle	0	1	+1
Obstructing / Hindering	1	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	3	6	+3
Suicide	2	3	+1
Violation of Protective Order	1	3	+2
Violation of Peace Order	1	0	-1
Sex Offender Reg. Violation	0	1	+1
False Statement to Officer	0	1	+1
Giving False I.D.	0	1	+1
Counterfeiting	0	0	0
Violate Wiretap Law	1	0	-1
Threats to Teacher	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup>Totals include Patrol, SRO, NET, Services

<b>PART II CRIMES (Cont'd)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Disrupt School Activity	1	0	-1
Identity Theft	1	1	0
Escape	0	0	0
Rogue & Vagabond	2	7	+5
DWI Arrests	76	76	0
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>+14</b>

<b>TOTAL PART I &amp; II</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>+10</b>
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The following information collected by the Maryland Uniform Crime Report describes crime patterns for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 AND 2012 in Kent County, Maryland. The 2013 UCR report is not yet available.



- \* Year 2012 - Crime rate declined 3.1%
- \* Year 2011 - Crime rate increased 9%
- \* 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%

<sup>1</sup>Totals include Patrol, SRO, Services

**Speed Enforcement**

	2012	2013	Increase / Decrease
<b>Betterton</b>			
Warnings	206	99	-107
Citations	112	58	- 54
<b>Galena</b>			
Warnings	1,107	1,120	+ 13
Citations	659	633	- 39
<b>Millington</b>			
Warnings	680	582	-98
Citations	363	364	+ 1

**Traffic Accidents**

	2012	2013	Increase / Decrease
<b>By Type</b>			
Property Damage Only	31	21	-10
Personal Injury	16	6	-10
Fatal	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-20</b>
<b>By Location</b>			
U.S. Highways	0	0	0
State Roads	10	9	-1
County Roads	35	17	-18
Municipal Roads	2	1	-1
Parking Lots	0	0	0
OP Roads	0	0	0
Private Property	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-20</b>

**Commercial Vehicle Enforcement**  
**January 2013 – December 2013**

For 2013, the Kent County Sheriff's Office began the year with five (5) Deputies who were certified to perform Level III inspections of commercial vehicles based on the North American Standard (NAS). During the course of 2013, two (2) of these Deputies left KCSO; therefore, since May 2013 there have only been three (3) Deputies that remain certified to conduct the inspections.

Commercial Vehicles Inspected	167
Log Book and/or Hours Violations	66
CDS Violations	0
Weapons Violations	0
Disqualified Operators	0
Wanted Persons	1
DUI / DWI Operators	0
Total Out of Service Violations	32
Total Drivers placed "Out of Service"	26
Total Enforcement Hours	194.5

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

**Narcotics Enforcement Team<sup>1</sup>**

	<u>2013</u>
<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	
Adult Arrests	2
Juvenile Arrests	0
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Search Warrants Executed</b>	<b>2</b>
<b><u>Narcotics Seized</u></b>	
	<b><u>Grams</u></b>
Cocaine (Powder)	0.6 grams
Cocaine (Crack)	3.0 grams
Marijuana	2.6 grams
Heroin	1.3 grams
<b><u>Other Items Seized</u></b>	
U. S. Currency	
Numerous Smoking Devices	
Numerous other paraphernalia items	

**Note:** Stats only cover from January 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. The KCSO Narcotics Enforcement Team ceased operations in May 2013 due to the departure of the narcotics investigators assigned to the narcotics unit. All narcotics related investigations were referred to the Kent County Narcotics Task Force for enforcement action.

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

**Town of Galena**

<b>Part I Crimes</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>
Burglary	4	3	-1
Bank Robbery	1	0	-1
Theft	0	2	+2
<b>Total Part I Crimes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part II Crimes</b>			
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>
CDS Violations	10	8	-2
Identity Theft	0	1	+1
Malicious Destruction of Property	1	3	+2
<b>Total Part II Crimes</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>+1</b>
<b>Total Crimes Investigated</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>+1</b>
<b>Total Crimes Cleared</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Case clearance by type</b>			
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	
Cases cleared by arrest	11	10	
Exception/no arrests made	1	1	
Unfounded	0	0	
Under investigation	1	1	
Suspended	3	5	
<b>Arrests</b>			
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	
Adult	12	12	
Juvenile	0	0	
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	