

# **KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



## **CALENDAR YEAR 2009 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 2009. 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 -- and only the second Sheriff's Office of its size nationwide -- to achieve accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Your Sheriff's Office remains in compliance with more than 400 law enforcement "best practices." We now proudly display the CALEA logo on our uniforms and marked vehicles. On August 1, 2009, the Kent County Sheriff's Office was successful in being awarded their third Certificate of Re-Accreditation.
2. School Resource Deputy. We continue to support Kent County Public Schools with our School Resource Deputy, a combination teacher/counselor/law enforcement officer who works at Kent County High School.
3. Narcotics Enforcement Team. In September 2002, the Sheriff's Office set up its own Narcotics Unit in order to increase accountability in this important area. In year 2009, the NET team made 26 arrests for possession or distribution of narcotics and seized currency and vehicles.
4. 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.

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.

<p><b>Overall Performance Report</b>  <b>January 1 thru December 31, 2009</b>  <b>Compared to Calendar Year 2008</b></p>
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	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b># Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>% Increase (Decrease)</b>
Miles Driven	446,269	412,299	- 33,970	- 7.6%
Criminal Arrests	527	459	- 68	- 12.9%
Juvenile Arrests	140	86	- 54	- 38.6%
CDS Arrests	158	108	- 50	- 31.7%
DWI Arrests	88	74	- 14	- 15.9%
Traffic Accidents	47	53	+ 6	+ 12.8%
Traffic Warnings	6,027	7,101	+ 1,074	+ 17.8%
Traffic Citations	2,383	2,204	- 179	- 7.5%
Non-DWI Traffic Arrests	295	288	- 7	- 2.4%
Criminal Summons Served	204	157	- 47	- 23.0%
Part I Offenses	177	112	- 65	- 36.7%
Part II Offenses	447	287	- 160	- 35.8%
Call Assists	1,290	1,244	- 46	- 3.6%
Civil Process	2,438	1,971	- 467	- 19.2%
Court Security (hours)	706	642	- 64	- 9.1%
Calls for Service	14,316	14,662	+ 410	+ 2.9%

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

<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Burglary	72	54	- 25%
Rape	3	1	- 66%
Kidnapping	0	1	+ 100%
Armed Robbery	2	1	- 50%
Attempted Armed Robbery	0	1	+ 100%
Robbery	1	0	- 100%
Theft	91	54	- 40%
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Assault	8	4	- 50%
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>- 34%</b>

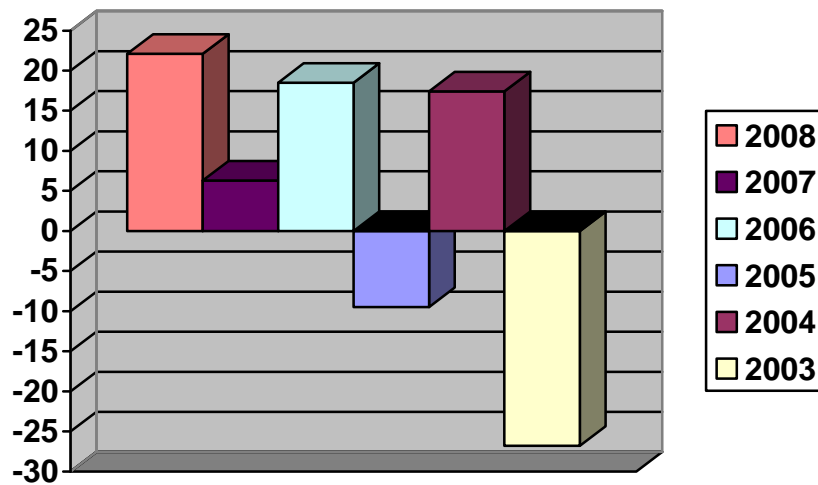
<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
MDOP	74	45	- 39%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault	67	51	- 23%
CDS Violations	139	93	- 33%
Trespassing	8	3	- 62%
Telephone Misuse	0	1	+ 100%
Sexual Solicitation of a Minor	0	1	+100%
Concealed Deadly Weapon	0	1	+ 100%
Physical Child Abuse	6	2	- 66%
Sexual Child Abuse	4	2	- 50%
Resisting Arrest	0	1	+ 100%
Disturbing School Operations	21	2	- 90%
Deadly Weapon School Property	5	1	- 80%
Failure to Obey Lawful Order	3	1	- 66%
Handgun Violation	0	2	+ 200%
Illegal Wire Intercept	0	1	+ 100%
U/U Motor Vehicle	4	1	- 75%
Disorderly Conduct	8	10	+ 25%
Suicide	2	0	- 200%
Violation of Protective Order	3	0	- 300%
Violation of Peace Order	1	0	- 100%
Bomb Threat	2	0	- 200%
Forgery/Uttering	2	0	- 200%
Hindering	1	0	-100%
Harass: A Course of Conduct	1	0	- 100%
False Report	1	0	- 100%
Counterfeiting	2	0	- 200%
Bribery	1	0	- 100%
Prostitution	1	0	- 100%
DWI Arrests	88	74	- 16%

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

<b>PART II CRIMES (Cont'd)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Sex Offense	2	0	- 200%
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Sex Offense	1	0	- 100%
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>- 34%</b>

<b>TOTAL PART I &amp; II</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>-34%</b>
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The following information collected by the Maryland Uniform Crime Report describes crime patterns for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 in Kent County, Maryland. The 2009 UCR report is not yet available.



- \* 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, NET, Services

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

	<b><u>2009</u></b>
<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	
Adult Arrests	26
Juvenile Arrests	0
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Search Warrants Executed</b>	<b>17</b>
<b><u>Narcotics Seized</u></b>	
	<b><u>Grams</u></b>
Cocaine (Powder)	Trace Amounts
Cocaine (Crack)	173.67 grams
Marijuana	435.38 grams
Marijuana (Plants)	10
Heroin	.04 grams
MDMA (Ecstasy)	50 doses
Prescription Tablets Seized	Numerous
<b><u>Other Items Seized</u></b>	
Vehicles	4
U. S. Currency	\$13,122.83
Handguns	3
Numerous Smoking Devices	
Various Packaging Materials	
Numerous other paraphernalia items	

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

**Speed Enforcement**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Increase / Decrease</b>
<b>Betterton</b>			
Warnings	88	160	+ 81.8%
Citations	25	60	+ 140.0%
<b>Galena</b>			
Warnings	793	987	+ 24.5%
Citations	442	401	- 9.3%
<b>Millington</b>			
Warnings	421	699	+ 66.0%
Citations	207	214	+ .034%

**Traffic Accidents**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Increase / Decrease</b>
<b>By Type</b>			
Property Damage Only	35	42	+ 20%
Personal Injury	13	11	- 15%
Fatal	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>+ 10%</b>
<b>By Location</b>			
U.S. Highways	0	0	0
State Roads	7	9	+ 28%
County Roads	38	37	- .02%
Municipal Roads	2	3	+ 50%
Parking Lots	0	0	0
OP Roads	0	2	+ 200%
Private Property	0	2	+ 200%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>+ 10%</b>