

# Kent County Sheriff's Office



## 2019 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 2019. 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 participated in their sixth Certificate of Re-Accreditation on-site inspection.
2. 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 2018, twelve (12) search and seizure warrants were executed resulting in twelve (12) arrests for possession or distribution of narcotics. In 2019, thirty-three (33) search and seizure warrants were executed resulting in thirty- four (34) arrest for possession or distribution of narcotics.
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 Standard). During 2018, KCSO Deputies performed 224 CMV inspections that resulted in 96 violations being found. At the conclusion of 2019, six (6) 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. During 2019, KCSO Deputies performed 303 CMV inspections that resulted in 160 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.

Overall Performance Report  
January 1 thru December 31, 2019  
Compared to Calendar Year 2018

	2018	2019	#Increase (Decreased)
Miles Driven	397,599	386,248	-11,351
Criminal Arrests	450	425	-25
Juvenile Arrests	25	20	-5
CDS Arrests	74	57	-17
DWI Arrests	96	61	-35
Traffic Accidents	53	48	-5
Traffic Warnings	7486	6,870	-616
Traffic Citations	3481	2,471	-1,010
Non-DWI Traffic Arrests	923	788	-135
Criminal Summons Served	57	68	+11
Part I Offenses	50	82	+32
Part II Offenses	227	173	-54
Call Assists	1,730	1,603	-127
Civil Process	1,634	1,702	+68
Court Security (hours)	1,258	1,023	-235
Calls for Service	21,587	20,612	-975

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

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

<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Burglary	14	25	+11
Robbery	0	0	0
Rogue & Vagabond	4	8	+4
Theft	27	39	+12
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	3	+3
1st Degree Assault	2	4	+2
Rape	3	1	-2
Home Invasion	0	1	+1
Attempted Murder	0	1	+1
Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Child Abuse	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>+32</b>

<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
MDOP	7	10	+3
2nd Degree Assault	41	38	-3
Sexual Offenses	2	0	-2
CDS Violations	62	35	-27
Physical Child Abuse	4	6	+2
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0
Weapons Violation	0	5	+5
Bomb Threat	1	0	-1
U/U Motor Vehicle	0	1	+1
Forgery	1	2	+1
Arson	0	1	+1
Child Pornography	1	0	-1
Harassment	0	0	0
Suicide/Death Investigations	2	2	0
Fraud	0	2	+2
Violation of Protective Order	3	2	-1
Sex Offender Reg. Violation	1	1	-1
Vulnerable Adult Abuse	1	0	-1
Child Abduction	1	0	-1
Trespassing	0	2	+2
Indecent Exposure	0	1	+1
Identity Theft	1	1	0
Peace Order Violations	0	1	+1
Failure to Obey Lawful Order	0	1	+1
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0
Littering / Dumping	1	0	-1
DWI Arrest	96	61	-35
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>-53</b>

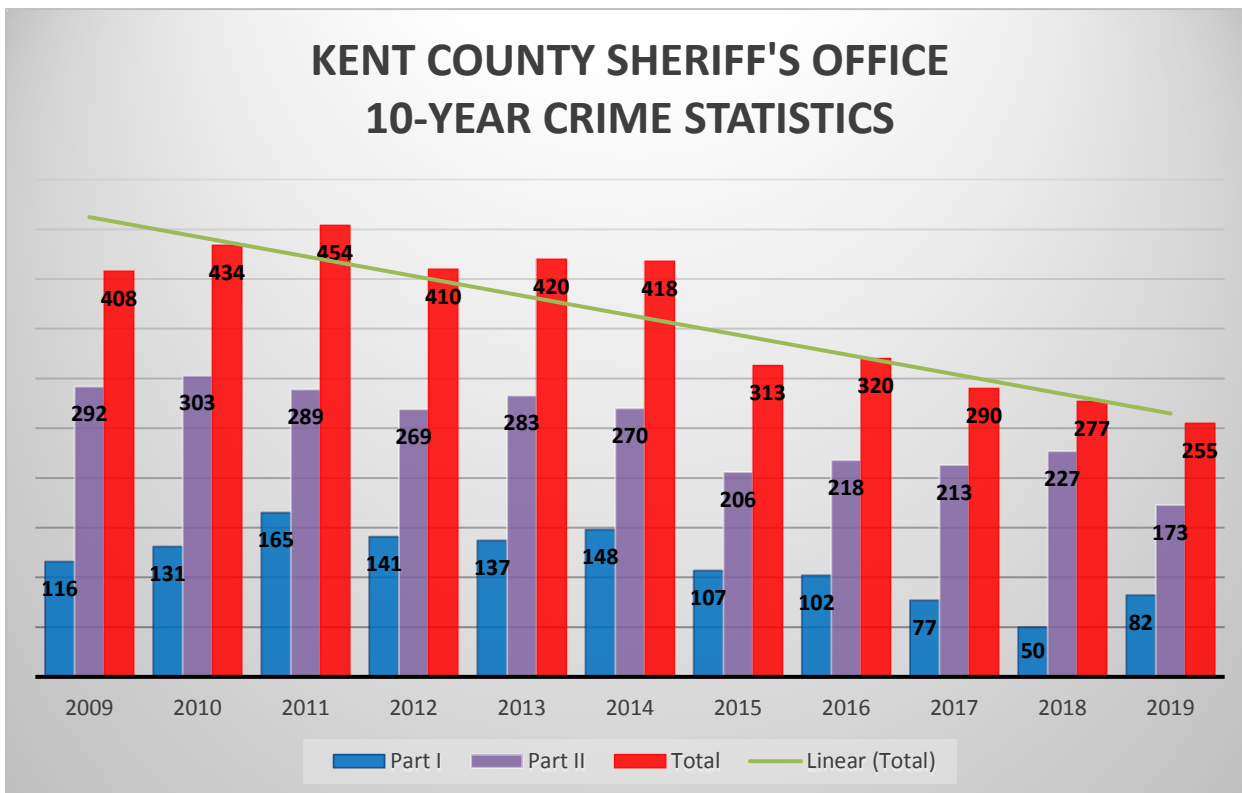
<b>TOTAL PART I &amp; II CRIMES</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>-22</b>
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## UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING – UCR

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**

	2018	2019	Increase / Decrease
<b>Betterton</b>			
Warnings	96	75	-21
Citations	63	49	-14
<b>Galena</b>			
Warnings	780	921	+141
Citations	462	400	-62
<b>Millington</b>			
Warnings	415	314	-101
Citations	188	142	-46

**Traffic Accidents**

	2018	2019	Increase / Decrease
<b>By Type</b>			
Property Damage Only	40	44	+4
Personal Injury	13	6	-7
Fatal	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>By Location</b>			
U.S. Highways	1	0	-1
State Roads	15	18	+3
County Roads	34	27	-7
Municipal Roads	2	5	+3
Parking Lots	0	0	0
OP Roads	0	0	0
Private Property	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-3</b>

**Commercial Vehicle Enforcement**  
**January 2019 – December 2019**

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 maintained a total of six (6) Deputies certified to conduct Level III inspections during 2019.

Commercial Vehicles Inspected	302
Log Book and/or Hours Violations	16
Disqualified Operators	7
Total Violations	160
Total Drivers placed "Out of Service"	24
Total Enforcement Hours	376

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<sup>a</sup>**  
**Reporting Period: January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019**

<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Adult Arrests	34
Juvenile Arrests	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>34</b>

**Search Warrants Written** 35

**Search Warrants Executed** 33

**Narcotics Seized**

Cocaine (Powder)	44.4 grams
Cocaine (Crack)	8.0 grams
Heroin / Fentanyl	51.7 grams
Marijuana	426.5 grams
Marijuana Plants	10
Molly / Ecstasy	4.9 grams
Methamphetamine	3.5 grams
Prescription Pills:	172 pills

**Other Items Seized**

Handgun	1
Vehicles	6

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Opiate Overdoses</b>	28	59

<b>Fatal Opiate Overdoses</b>	1	9
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**Narcan Administrations by Law Enforcement** 46

**KENT COUNTY  
OPIATE OVERDOSES**

