

# Kent County Sheriff's Office



## 2020 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT



Greetings:

The onset of Covid-19 changed the lives of everyone in our community. The Kent County Sheriff's Office saw a drop in most all areas of crime. The normal traffic enforcement and proactive policing was dramatically reduced for the safety of the community and employees. We continued to provide 24-hour service and handled any incident we were called for. Although we were happy to see the reductions, we realize 2020 will most likely not be repeated and we are prepared to move forward and continue to provide the professional policing you have come to expect.

We are very proud of the level of service which the Kent County Sheriff's Office delivered to the citizens of the County during 2020. 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 March, 2020, 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 2019, thirty-five (35) search and seizure warrants were executed resulting in thirty-four (34) arrests for possession or distribution of narcotics. In 2020, forty (40) search and seizure warrants were executed resulting in twenty-five (25) 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 2019, KCSO Deputies performed 303 CMV inspections that resulted in 160 violations. At the conclusion of 2020, eight (8) 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 2020, KCSO Deputies performed 52 CMV inspections that resulted in 29 violations.

**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 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.

**Overall Performance Report**  
**January 1 thru December 31, 2020**  
**Compared to Calendar Year 2019**

	2019	2020	#Increase (Decreased)
Miles Driven	386,248	347,930	-38,318
Criminal Arrests	425	295	-130
Juvenile Arrests	20	26	+6
CDS Arrests	57	46	-11
DWI Arrests	61	38	-23
Traffic Accidents	48	38	-10
Traffic Warnings	6,780	2,374	-4406
Traffic Citations	2,471	1,024	-1447
Non-DWI Traffic Arrests	788	115	-673
Criminal Summons Served	68	71	+3
Part I Offenses	82	54	-28
Part II Offenses	173	140	-33
Call Assists	1,603	353	-1250
Civil Process	1,702	876	-826
Court Security (hours)	1,023	831	-192
Calls for Service	20,612	20,401	-211

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



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

<b>PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
Burglary	25	11	-14
Robbery	0	1	+1
Rogue & Vagabond	8	3	-5
Theft	39	27	-12
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	-1
1st Degree Assault	4	4	0
Rape	1	4	+3
Home Invasion	1	1	0
Attempted Murder	1	0	+1
Kidnapping	0	1	+1
Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Child Abuse	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-28</b>

<b>PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>INCREASE / DECREASE</b>
MDOP	10	10	0
2nd Degree Assault	38	35	-3
Sexual Offenses	0	2	+2
CDS Violations	35	36	+1
Physical Child Abuse	6	3	-3
Resisting Arrest	0	1	+1
Weapons Violation	5	1	-4
Unstamped Cigarette	0	1	+1
U/U Motor Vehicle	1	2	+1
Forgery	2	0	+2
Arson / Arson Threat	1	1	0
Child Pornography	0	1	+1
Unattended Child	0	1	+1
Suicide/Death Investigations	2	0	-2
Fraud	2	0	-2
Violation of Protective Order	2	0	-2
Sex Offender Reg. Violation	1	0	-1
Vulnerable Adult Abuse	0	1	+1
Alter Drug / Alcohol	0	1	+1
Trespassing	2	4	+2
Indecent Exposure	1	1	0
Identity Theft	1	0	-1
Peace Order Violations	1	0	-1
Failure to Obey Lawful Order	1	0	-1
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0
Littering / Dumping	0	0	0
DWI Arrest	61	38	-23
<b>TOTAL PART II CRIMES</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>140</b>	

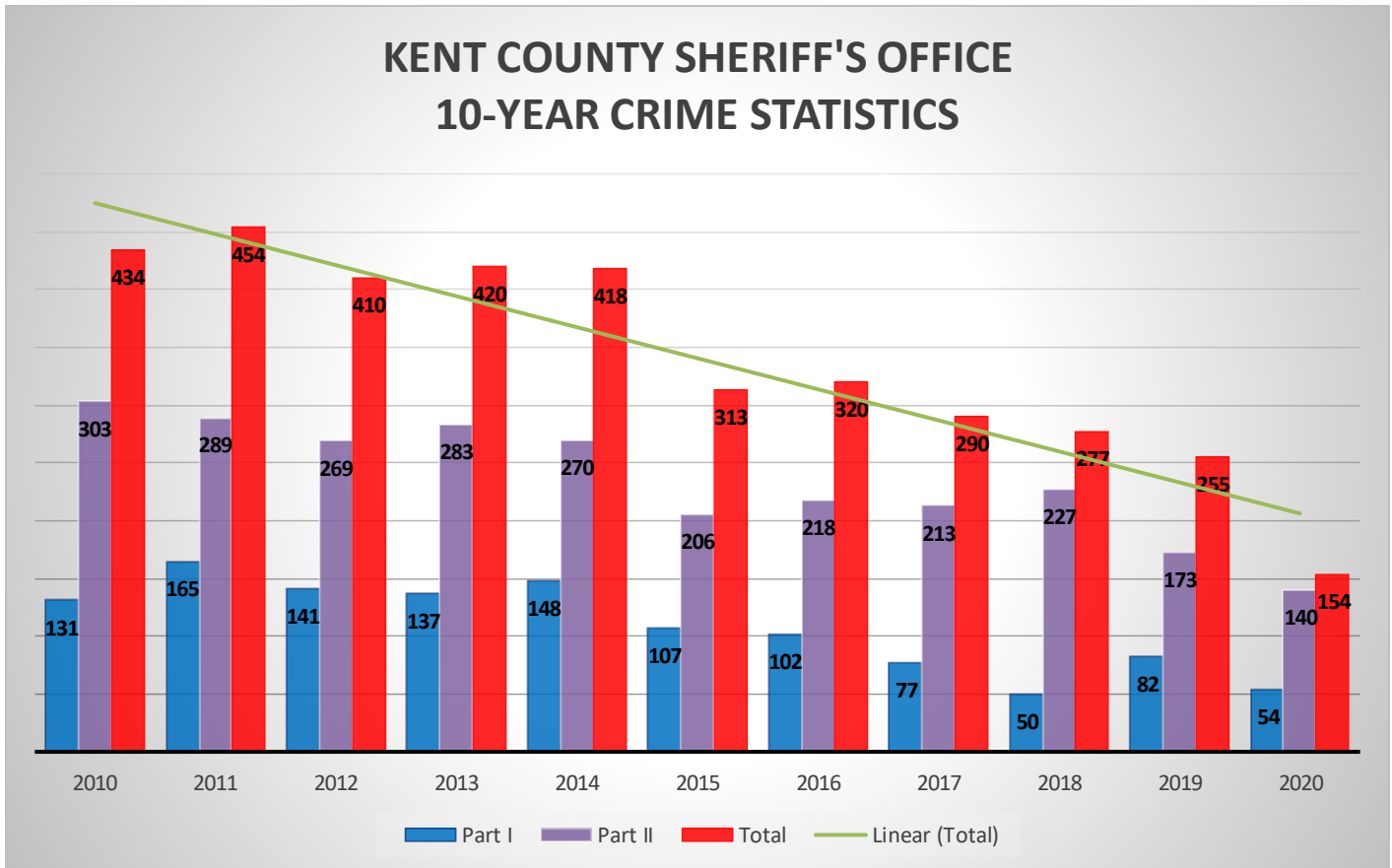
<b>TOTAL PART I &amp; II CRIMES</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>-61</b>
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## UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING – UCR

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**

	2019	2020	Increase / Decrease
<b>Betterton</b>			
Warnings	75	13	<b>-62</b>
Citations	49	9	<b>-40</b>
<b>Galena</b>			
Warnings	921	162	<b>-759</b>
Citations	400	37	<b>-363</b>
<b>Millington</b>			
Warnings	314	57	<b>-257</b>
Citations	142	14	<b>-128</b>

**Traffic Accidents**

	2019	2020	Increase / Decrease
<b>By Type</b>			
Property Damage Only	44	29	<b>-15</b>
Personal Injury	6	7	<b>+1</b>
Fatal	0	2	<b>+2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-12</b>
<b>By Location</b>			
U.S. Highways	0	0	<b>0</b>
State Roads	18	11	<b>-7</b>
County Roads	27	24	<b>-3</b>
Municipal Roads	5	3	<b>-2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-12</b>



## **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement** **January 2020 – December 2020**

For the 2020 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 2020.

Commercial Vehicles Inspected	52
Log Book and/or Hours Violations	4
Disqualified Operators	2
Total Violations	29
Total Drivers placed "Out of Service"	5
Total Enforcement Hours	64

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, 2020 thru December 31, 2020**

<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
Adult Arrests	34	25
Juvenile Arrests	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	34	25
<b>Search Warrants Written</b>	35	40
<b>Search Warrants Executed</b>	33	40

**Narcotics Seized**

Cocaine (Powder)	59.8 grams
Cocaine (Crack)	123.4 grams
Heroin / Fentanyl	1530.5 / 44.69 grams
Marijuana	1,140.6 grams
Prescription Pills:	250.5 grams

**Other Items Seized**

Firearms	14
Vehicles	9 / \$177,500

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Opiate Overdoses</b>	28	59	59

<b>Fatal Opiate Overdoses</b>	1	9	5
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**Narcan Administrations by Law Enforcement** 46

