VISION
Our vision is to maintain a safer Queen Anne’s County where citizens and Law Enforcement are joined together, the rights of all persons are respected, and community values are reflected.

MISSION
The Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff is committed to protecting life, property and individual rights while maintaining peace and order. “Prompt, Professional and Courteous police services with a no tolerance to crime approach”.

GOALS
GOAL 1: Create safer neighborhoods by reducing criminal activity and conditions that foster crime and fear within the community.

GOAL 2: Enhance the safety of Queen Anne’s County roadways and enforcement through education

GOAL 3: Assure accountability by effective and efficient use of personnel, equipment and technology.

GOAL 4: Provide a professional work environment that attracts and retains a diverse group of quality applicants, rewards employee excellence, and promotes leadership through education and training.

GOAL 5: Assure effective Court and detention services.

**This publication will only be available in an electronic email format, if someone you know would like a copy, please print and pass along.

A Word from the Sheriff:

I want to welcome all of our readers to your Sheriff’s Holiday Newsletter. With the Holidays fast approaching I feel it’s important to share our information as well as a few Holiday safety tips. This publication is circulated throughout our agency and the community. I believe that it is important to inform you of our progress, both in the community and behind the scenes. You should always be informed about the progress made as I serve you as your Sheriff, to include the accomplishments with our community and staff.

It’s hard to believe that our newsletter has circulated for almost seven years, reaffirming my beliefs that communication and transparency to the community is as important as the feedback we receive from you. This is open to community input as well as input from our staff. This publication is not law enforcement sensitive, so please share this with your family and friends. The articles include public safety messages, agency information, and statistical data. I welcome input and suggestions as we enter into 2014. I have also embedded links in some of our articles to our additional web links as well as YouTube videos. I hope you enjoy the videos and articles.

From my family and staff to yours, Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

- Sheriff Gary Hofmann

Watch us on YOUTUBE Channel!
Get Crime Prevention Tips and see who in our community is QAC MOST WANTED
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHHh1c-sDrl

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SWAT UPDATE

With funds from a Homeland Security Program Grant, the Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff has acquired a 2013 Freightliner Sprinter 3500 box van. The new vehicle will be used for SWAT Operations and as an Incident Command Vehicle.

Since 1996 the SWAT team utilized a Ford E-350 van which has become too small for the personnel and assorted equipment. In addition to being much larger, the new Freightliner also has opening sliding doors on each side which will allow team members to disembark quicker and safer on operations.

In 2001 the Kent Island Fire Department donated a retired 1996 Ford box ambulance to the Sheriff’s Office which was converted into an Incident Command Vehicle. After much use, a replacement vehicle was needed due to the high mileage, several expensive mechanical issues and limited capabilities.

The new Freightliner Sprinter was up-fitted by a local company, Incident Communications Solutions, Inc. of Stevensville, Maryland

Business Liaison

Sheriff Hofmann has named Sgt. Stephen Stouffer as the Business Liaison for the Office of the Sheriff. Sgt. Stouffer is responsible for handling major business thefts within the community. Sgt Stouffer, previously assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit, will be the point of contact for businesses within Queen Anne’s County having concerns of major theft or other criminal activity affecting their businesses.

Holiday Safety Tips:

Shopping:
Lock your car doors, always
Keep gifts out of sight, place in trunk
Travel with a friend
Don’t carry a purse, use your pockets for ID and cards
Park in a well lit area
BE observant, look for strangers
Do not unarm your car alarm until you are at it,
Why let the bad guys know its open before you get there?
Report anything suspicious to your Sheriff’s Office

At Home:
Keep doors and windows locked
Don’t let unknown persons in your house
Keep pics of presents off Social Media
Discard large gift boxes in a trash can, don’t advertise your gifts by the roadside!
Record all serial numbers of large or expensive items
By taking a cell phone pic of the serial numbers!
Report anything suspicious to your Sheriff’s Office

Business Alert:
Recently in Queen Anne’s County we have seen an increase in several crimes, from counterfeiting, armed robberies and thefts. As the Holiday season approached it is imperative that your staff and management be familiar with suspect identification and basic crime prevention tips. My Office wants to ensure the best possible educational information is provided to keep our employees and customers safe. Businesses from 1 employee to hundreds, it is incumbent amongst all employer’s to educate your staff.

My deputies will be increasing patrols in within the business community to raise awareness to safety. I am asking that you have your staff call in anyone whom is suspicious or committing a crime immediately, and make contact with the deputy to let them know what you observed. Your safety should always be first, don’t confront suspects, but be a trained observer, and report the incident.

If you have any questions, you can always call my staff or I. Thank you, I hope all of our Businesses have a safe and joyous Holiday Season!
Registered Sex Offenders

**ABSCONDER** - Sex offender has left quickly, secretly and to hide oneself to avoid arrest or prosecution.

**GONZALEZ, RAUL** ADDRESS UNKNOWN (Possibly Mexico)

**COMPLIANT** - Sex offender has complied with all forms of law & limitation imposed on him/her

Alston, Sooklal 400 Lime Landing Rd Millington
Apple, Joseph Henry 221 Saint Paul Drive Ingleside
August, Thomas Franklin 100 Church St. Sudlersville
Blankenship, James Mark Jr 105 Railroad Ave. Barclay
Bowman, Corey Mitchell 225 Burchard Sawmill Rd Chestertown
Bready, David Alexander 402 Love Point Rd. Stevensville
Brent, Curtis Belfonte 101 Glendale Ave Centreville
Burris, James Russell Jr 6219 Sudlersville Rd Sudlersville
Burton, James Adam 336 Commerce St Centreville
Clair, Charles Lawrence 2201 Main St Chester
Cook, James Michael 449 Grasonville Cemetery Rd Grasonville
Cordrey-McKinney, Kimberly Ann 252 Merrick Corner Rd Church Hill
Cornue, Andrew James 111 Gray Fox Ln Centreville
Cranmer, James Ruluf II 1645 Ruthsburg Centreville
Cutshaw, David Carter 604 Wye Mills Rd Queenstown
Drew, Robert Cameron 328 High Point Ln. Chestertown
Dwyer, Robert Wayne 107 Hissey Rd Grasonville
Galasso, Gregory Alan Jr. 404 Greenwood Creek Lane Grasonville
Haines, James Allen 1335 Calvert Rd Chester
Hoyt, Warren Gardner 2nd 133 Front St Crumpton
Kinder, Dillon James 912 Cloverfields Dr Stevensville
McClements, Robin D 2518 Millington Rd Millington
Murray, Eugene Alexander 125 New St. Church Hill
Myers, Michael Rene 3817 Barclay Rd Templeville
Payne, John Michael 21 Queen Victoria Way Chester
Pinder, Roger Lee Sr 101 Church St Sudlersville
Plugge, Paul Franklin 3rd 2036 Pondtown Rd Chestertown
Pollard, Henry Coleman Jr 112 Pollard Ln Chester
Pulliam, Robert Sands Jr 1824 Price Station Rd Church Hill
Rice, Kenneth William 218 Olive Branch Rd Stevensville
Ricket, Ronald Eugene 129 hillside Rd Chestertown
Riddick, Bernard Lee 211 Riverside Drive Chester
Shorts, Donald Leslie 1339 Robert Station Rd Church Hill
Singer, Joseph Zachary 405 Liberty St. Centreville
Smith, James Martin 70 Valley Forge Drive Milford DE (works in Millington)
Sprinkel, Michael Stephen Jr 200 White House Rd Grasonville
Stafford, Clifton Lee Jr 213 Legion Rd Millington
Strange, Jason Lee 201 Church Lane Chester
Townsend, Dennis Lee 7002 Bridgeport Dr Chester
Urbanowicz, Peter Karl 218 Double Creek Rd Sudlersville
White, Justin Shawn 99 Indian Plantation Dr Stevensville
Whiting, James Kennedy 236 New St Church Hill

If you have any information concerning any questionable activities of a Sex Offender please contact: Sgt. Bruce Layton at 410.758.0770 ext. 1212.

All information will be confidential, reports will NOT be revealed.

As the date of the publication this list is up to date. You should contact the Queen Anne’s County Office
The Queen Anne County Office of the Sheriff Field Operation Division for the first 8 months 2013 has handled 17,136 incidents which resulted in 1,214 initial investigative reports and 970 supplemental reports. Made 312 on-view arrests and completed 173 applications for charges as a result of a criminal investigation. Field Operation Division also served 403 arrest warrants, 71 criminal summonses, and served 2,263 civil process papers. Issued a total of 4,842 traffic citations, warnings, equipment repair orders, and parking citations. Also the Field Operation Division issued 21 civil citations for various civil violations, such as underage possession of alcohol and tobacco.

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SAFETY EQUIPMENT: WHL-WOULD NOT HAVE LESSEN; I/U-IN USE; N/A-NOT APPLICABLE; UNK-UNKNOWN *Fatalities reported through April 30, 2013, including any adjustments for prior periods. Through April 30, 2012 (289). This data is compiled by the Central Records Division. For further information, contact Ida J. Williams, Division Director. 410-298-3444

Our response to your calls for service:

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**Total:** 20,405

Be Smart! Share the Road!

Be very careful when approaching a large truck. They act differently than a car. Avoid blind spots near a truck. If you can’t see a trucks side mirror, the truck driver can’t see you! Don’t cut in front of a large truck, they require more stopping distance than a car.

Above: A breakdown of the entire agencies CAD calls up to August 31, 2013
Queen Anne’s County’s County’s MOST WANTED

Help your Sheriff Add These Fugitives To The List of Captured Criminals!

Cservenyak, Jonathan
Wanted for:
Failure to Appear

Dodd, Franklin III
Wanted for:
Attempted Burglary

Gant, John Henry III
8 Warrants
Wanted for:
FTA-VOP Theft—Assault

Harris, Dusty Jo
Wanted for:
FTA on CDS Possession

Kearse, Demetrius Stephen
Wanted for:
CDS Possession—Theft

Lavoy, Nelson Maldonado
Wanted for:
FTA on Theft Charge

Middletown, Valerie Lynn
Wanted for:
FTA

Miller, Patrick Allen
Wanted for:
Theft
## Office of the Sheriff Staff Directory

**410.758.0770**

### Command Staff

- **Sheriff Gary Hofmann**
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  - sheriff@qac.org
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- **Captain Brian Smith**
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  - bdsmith@qac.org
- **Lt. Dwayne C. Embert**
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- **Lt. John E. Heddinger**
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Benedictine and The Queen Anne County Sheriff’s Office partnered together for a workshop approved by the Maryland Police Training Commission. The workshop was designed to build awareness that first responders have to increase effectiveness and minimize risk of harm in encounters and emergency response.

Course objectives were to define intellectual disabilities and autism, recognize the necessity to be aware of these disabilities, and identify the common characteristics (including processing delay, sensory overload, response to stressors, lack of safety awareness). Law enforcement explored alternative techniques in responding to people with these disabilities that would helpful when following required protocols.

Benedictine School Principal Julie Hickey teamed with 3 additional school staff (pictured) to develop and facilitate the course. Hickey welcomed the opportunity to engage in an interactive discussion on identifying, understanding and responding to people with intellectual disabilities and autism. The officers brought their real world experiences to the table which helped guide the workshop sessions and added a dynamic conversation to the training."

Lt. Dwayne Embert of The Queen Anne’s Sheriff Office said “we were pleased to be able to partner with the staff of the Benedictine to raise awareness and enhance law enforcement response when interacting with our community members that may be autistic or have an intellectual disability. We are fortunate to have Benedictine in our area and to have the ability to draw from the knowledge and experience of their staff. This training was valuable and interactive with relevant information being gained by both law enforcement and the Benedictine staff."

Law Enforcement agencies represented in the training were the Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff, the Denton Police Department, Caroline County Sheriff’s Office, and the Talbot County Sheriff’s Office. Lt. Embert “Over the past several years the Queen Anne’s County Sheriff’s Office has been committed to raising deputy awareness in regards to interactions with those with mental health issues and intellectual disabilities. We are thankful for our partners who have helped us in the past as well as Benedictine for presenting this training.”

For more information about Benedictine or if you are interested in learning more about “Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and First Responders” please call 410-634 2112 Ext. 1268 or Ext. 1320, visit online at www.benschool.org, or like us on Facebook.

Headquartered in Ridgely, Maryland, Benedictine was founded in 1959 by the Sisters of St. Benedict as a residential and day school for children with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Benedictine’s Open Community Program, established in 1982, provides regional residential and vocational services for adults in Maryland and Delaware.

Founded on the belief that people with disabilities should have the opportunity to live meaningful, productive lives, in communities of choice, Benedictine helps children and adults with disabilities reach their greatest potential without regard to racial, ethnic, or religious background.

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**Fingerprinting Services**

**Critical Update on our Fingerprint Services**

As of September 20, 2012 the FBI will no longer be accepting inked fingerprint cards. All fingerprints should be electronically or digitally captured and are to be electronically submitted to The Maryland Criminal Justice Information System-Central Repository (CJIS).

Our office is pleased to announce that we will be able to comply with the NEW ‘Electronic-Only Processing’ policy that has been put in effect by the FBI. With the new FBI policy several changes are being made to our current fingerprint procedures.

- **Our office will be fingerprinting Monday-Friday from 8a.m. to 8p.m. and there will be a $20.00 fingerprint fee {with no card limit}.**
- **You will need to bring the Background Check form printed by your employer with your fingerprint Authorization Code on it.**
- **The Associated CJIS –CR Fees are:**
  - **Full Background [State & Federal]:** for authorized agencies only $34.50
  - **Child Care Volunteers:** $33.00
  - **State background check only:** $18.00
  - **With gold seal:** $19.00
  - **Attorney/Client Civil:** $18.00

* These fees can also be found at www.dpscs.state.md.us under short link background check*

- You will need to also bring a **Photo ID** and a **Check or Money Order ONLY** made out to *Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff* for your payment. Be sure your payment include the $20.00 fingerprint fee & the associated CJIS-CR Fees.

(Fingerprint Fees are mandated by the State & Federal Government)
School Resource Deputies: Protecting Our Children

As a new school year begins, the Office of the Sheriff continues its commitment to the safety and security of public schools in Queen Anne’s County. Deputies assigned as School Resource Officers patrol school campuses, and play a vital role in keeping our children safe.

**DFC George Sewell is assigned to Queen Anne’s County High School**

DFC George Sewell, Sr. has 19 years of law enforcement experience, including 15 years with the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, and 4 years with the Centreville Police Department. George was born and raised in Queen Anne's County, where he continues to live today. George graduated from Queen Anne's County High School in 1985. George says “I enjoy serving as the SRO of the Queen Anne's County High School because my career has taught me that the education and familiarization of law enforcement starts with our kids. It is important to get to know the kids and the young adults of our community and answer the many questions that they have to ask. Furthermore, there is nothing more important than the safety of these young adults and the staff that teaches them.”

**Deputy Chad Hartmetz Is assigned to Kent Island High School**

Dep. Chad Hartmetz was born in Buffalo, New York, and raised in Chestertown, MD. He is a 2008 graduate of Kent County High School in Worton MD. Chad has known Kent Island High School's principal, Mr. John Schrecongost for many years, and in fact was once a student of his. Prior to becoming a police officer, Chad was an explorer with the Kent County Sheriff's Office. Chad worked for Kent Co. Sheriff’s Office in court security, and graduated from the police academy in June, 2012. Prior to becoming an SRO, Chad worked in the patrol division. Chad is a member of the Kent & Queen Anne’s Rescue Squad, and mentors for middle school kids in his hometown. Chad says “I enjoy working with young people, trying to keep them on the right path. My interest in law enforcement came from my high school SRO and I’d like to try and do the same for someone else.”

**DFC Terry Copper is assigned to Middle Schools in the county**

DFC Terry Copper grew up on a farm in Sudlersville, MD, and graduated from Queen Anne's County High School in 1978. Terry was hired by the Queen Anne’s County Sheriff’s Office in 1999, and worked for many years in the Patrol Division. After careers in both the United States Army, and the Sheriff’s Office, Terry decided to retire in 2009. He later returned as a contractual employee to serve as the SRO for all of the middle schools in the county. Terry has completed several courses on school and student safety, and is nationally certified as an SRO. Terry says “what I like about working as a SRO is that I work with kids and help influence them to become productive members of the community.”
4th Annual Office of the Sheriff Open House

Checking out the MRAP - Capable of traveling in up to 4 feet of water or deep snow.

Lt. Dwayne Embert & Stephanie Jarrell, Exec. Assistant, cooking hot dogs and hot chocolate for everyone.

A couple pitchers checking their speed

Sgt. John Meyers explaining some of the SWAT Gear in front of the new Tactical Vehicle

Jackie Carter with Character Counts and Aux. Deputy Amy Holm

The line for the FREE Rita’s Water Ice
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Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I obtain a Peace or Protective order?
By going to the District Court, Phone # 410-819-4000.

Who do I contact about my noise ordinance concerns?
You can contact Sgt. Johnston 410-758-0770 x 1270

Finger Prints: See page 9 for NEW Fingerprint policy

How do I get a copy of a Police Report?
Police reports are not automatically sent by our office you must request them in writing. We search police reports by case #, date or location. All reports are reviewed by the Lt. and must be closed before being mailed. This process may take 7-10 business days.

Adult Reports: Cost: $10.00, per report.

Juvenile Reports: Cost: $10.00, per report. Must include copy of birth certificate & photo I.D.; can only be requested in writing by parents of Juvenile.

Photographs: Photographs are released on a case by case basis.

CD's: $10.00, per disk  DVD's: $20.00, per DVD 911 Tapes: Contact Dept of Emergency Services # 410-758-4500