

## Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID)

### Working to Reduce Property Crime in Maryland

On October 1, 2009 SB 597 took effect requiring pawnbrokers and secondhand precious metal dealers to electronically report daily transactions to law enforcement. In order to manage this information and make it accessible to all law enforcement around the state, the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) was created: a central repository for all transaction data of pawn, secondhand precious metal, and automotive dismantler transition records in the state. RAPID has quickly become a favorite crime fighting tool to reduce property crime, both in Maryland and its bordering states, and is currently used as an investigative tool in Maryland as well as the surrounding states.

**In State Users:**  
3,024

**Out of State Users:**  
1,249

**Arrests Since 2009:**  
3,924

**Queries Since 2009:**  
2,735,193



**Cases Closed Since 2009:**  
5,980

**Property Recovered Since 2009**  
\$18,281,655

The State invested substantial resources in 2009 to shepherd the success of the RAPID system. GOCCP awarded a 3 year grant of \$841,608 to the Maryland State Police to fund two positions (a Global Administrator and a Help Desk Technician), an enhanced server, and user licenses to add legislatively mandated dealers to RAPID. Grant funds enable MSP to coordinate, manage, and maintain the RAPID system. GOCCP awarded the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation \$49,386 to fund a DLLR Investigator to work within the department's Secondhand Precious Metal Objects and Pawnbrokers Program, in partnership with the RAPID Governance Board.

#### Global Administrator

The Global Administrator (GA) is primarily responsible for program management and overall system security of RAPID, and provides administrative support, technical guidance, and system management functions for County System Administrators and the RAPID vendor. The GA also directs and coordinates law enforcement efforts in the area of investigation and suspect identification. The RAPID Governance Board is also chaired by the GA.

#### Help Desk Technician

The Help Desk Technician provides technical support to all authorized users, administrators and program managers of RAPID. This position is also responsible for creating and managing all Maryland State Police user and dealer accounts.

#### DLLR Investigator

The DLLR Investigator brings law enforcement experience to the Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers Program within DLLR's Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. The Investigator assists with the licensing process, complaint control process, and dealer training while opening lines of communication among dealers, DLLR, and law enforcement.

### RAPID Statistics

#### 2013

- 1,471 arrests
- 2,300 cases closed
- \$5.1 million recovered in stolen property
- 791,000 records uploaded into RAPID
- 1.1 million queries were conducted in RAPID
- 2.4 million total transactions took place in RAPID

### Participating Agencies

- Law enforcement (local, state, federal, and out of state)
- Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
- Maryland Comptroller's Office
- Motor Vehicle Administration
- Maryland Association of the Clerks of the Court
- The District Court of Maryland
- Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention



# Fact Sheet

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### SUCCESS STORIES

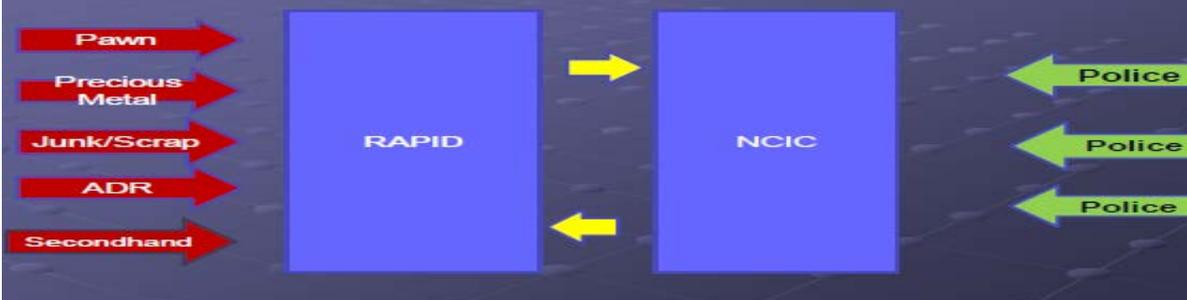
- **THREE ARRESTED FOR MULTIPLE AGENCY BURGLARIES:** In September 2013, 3 suspects were indicted for 8 counts each of burglary, theft, and conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Theft over \$10,000. One suspect had pawned 12 pieces of jewelry in January in **Baltimore City**. Investigation resulted in locating a storage unit where 14 items were recovered. In addition, **Baltimore County** identified a fence, who was buying jewelry and not reporting through RAPID. The three subjects were arrested in **Anne Arundel County**. Burglary cases were identified in **Talbot, Queen Anne and Caroline Counties**.
- **HOMICIDE:** In July, RAPID was checked for a phone number in reference to a homicide investigation. RAPID provided information on the phone number, and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of the homicide suspect in Prince George's County.
- **PRESCRIPTION DRUG/THEFT ARREST:** In February, **MSP Garrett County** was attempting to locate a suspect in prescription drug cases. RAPID provided data related to one transaction of an expensive diamond ring sold in **Frederick**. The RAPID administrator photographed the property and sent the information to western Maryland law enforcement agencies. A victim was located in **Garrett County**. The property was recovered and an arrest was made. Property value was appraised in 1990 at \$25,500.
- **SHOPLIFTING ARRESTS:** **Harford County Sheriff's Office** investigators were able to close 3 unrelated shoplifting cases by arrests and recovered over \$58,000 in stolen property utilizing RAPID.
- **FIREARMS RECOVERY:** In November, a residential burglary was reported to the **Allegany County Sheriff's Office**. The suspect was queried in RAPID and his girlfriend was located in the system via a relationship match. It was discovered that she had pawned some of the stolen jewelry. A search warrant executed on the suspect's residence resulted in recovery of stolen firearms. Over \$1000 in stolen property was recovered with 3 arrests.
- **CAMERA THEFT:** As a result of RAPID, military investigators at **Fort Meade** were able to recover over \$10,000 worth of cameras stolen from their facility and sold in three different jurisdictions.

### RAPID Team Performance

During 2013, the RAPID Team conducted 17 training sessions throughout Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia. Additionally, the RAPID Team has conducted numerous business inspections for the Pawn/Precious Metal, Scrap, and ADR&SP industries.



### What is RAPID?



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