

Report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, in Accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the progress of jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations.

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BACKGROUND

During the 2008 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed *House Bill 6, Chapter 360*. The bill establishes state policy that a law enforcement unit using one or more interrogation rooms with the capability to create audio and/or visual recordings of custodial interrogations shall make reasonable efforts to record interrogations of suspects in connection with cases of murder, rape, or sexual offenses in the first or second degree.

On or before December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) shall report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, in Accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the progress of jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audio and/or visual recordings of custodial interrogations.

In previous years, GOCCP has made funding available to local law enforcement agencies through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG), Law Enforcement Technology (LETC) grant program for "Custodial Interrogation Equipment." Additional funds have been made available through the Byrne Justice Recovery Act (BJRA) since the law was enacted in 2008.

METHODOLOGY

GOCCP created and administered an interrogation room survey in Survey Monkey that was distributed to 132 law enforcement agencies around the state. The following information was collected:

1. Agency name
2. Number of interrogation rooms
3. The hardwired technological capabilities of each room (none, audio, visual, or audio/visual)
4. The portable technological equipment used in each room (none, audio, visual, or audio/visual)
5. Future plans for adding interrogation rooms
6. Future plans for purchasing new audio/visual equipment to each room
7. The funding source for each room

RESULTS

Of the 132 law enforcement agencies, 96 completed the electronic survey. There were another 36 agencies that did not complete the survey, but provided responses in prior interrogation room surveys. For the 36 agencies not completing this year's survey, their responses from previous

years were duplicated in order to complete this report (*see pages 6-14 for a full list of the respondents*).

Number of Interrogation Rooms

There are a total of 260 interrogation rooms statewide. 49 agencies (n = 37.1%) reported that they do not have an interrogation room, whereas, 83 agencies (n = 62.9%) reported at least one interrogation room. Prince George’s County Police Department has the highest number of interrogation rooms in the state, with a total of 35 rooms. Of the 132 total law enforcement agencies surveyed, 10 agencies (i.e., Anne Arundel County PD, Baltimore PD, Baltimore County PD, Charles County SO, Easton Police Department, Harford County SO, Howard County PD, Montgomery County PD, Prince George’s County PD, and the Maryland State Police) account for approximately 55.0% of all interrogation rooms. *Table 1 provides the frequency of interrogation rooms.*

Table 1. Number of Interrogation Rooms (n = 132 agencies)		
Number of Rooms	Frequency	Percent
0	49	37.1%
1	43	32.6%
2 - 10	35	26.5%
Over 10	5	3.8%
Total	132	100.0%

Audio/Visual Recording Capabilities

Over 65% (n = 170) of the interrogation rooms statewide are equipped with some type of hardwired audio or visual recording capabilities. Of the rooms equipped with these technologies, the vast majority have both audio and visual recording capabilities. *Table 2 provides the various types of hardwired recording capabilities.*

Table 2. Interrogation Room’s Hardwired Recording Capabilities (n = 260 rooms)		
Recording Capabilities	Frequency	Percent
No Audio or Video Capabilities	78	30%
Audio Only	3	1.1%
Video Only	9	3.5%
Both Audio and Video	170	65.4%
Total	260	100.0%

Of the 83 agencies with at least one interrogation room, 28.9% (n = 24) use some type of portable audio or visual recording device in their rooms. *Table 3 provides a breakdown of the various types of equipment, if available.*

Table 3. Police Use of Portable Audio/Visual Recording Devices in Interrogation Rooms (n = 83 agencies)		
Use of Portable Recording Devices	Frequency	Percent
No Use of Portable Recording Devices	59	71.1%
Audio Only	20	24.1%
Video Only	1	1.2%
Both Audio and Video	3	3.6%
Unknown/Not Specified	0	0%
Total	83	100.0%

Most of the law enforcement agencies indicated no future plans for the creation or addition of interrogation rooms within their agency (n = 83.3%) or the purchasing of new audio or visual recording equipment (n = 84.8%). *The timelines are broken down in Tables 4 and 5.*

Table 4. Police Agency's Future Plans and Timelines for the Creation of New or Additional Interrogation Rooms (n = 132 agencies)		
Future Plans	Frequency	Percent
No Future Plans	110	83.3%
0 – 12 Months	8	6.1%
12 - 24 Months	9	6.8%
Over 24 Months	1	0.8%
Unknown/Timeline Not Specified	4	3%
Total	132	100.0%

Table 5. Police Agency's Future Plans and Timelines for the Purchasing of New Audio or Visual Recording Equipment (n = 132 agencies)		
Future Plans	Frequency	Percent
No Future Plans	112	84.8%
0 – 12 Months	7	5.3%
12 - 24 Months	8	6.1%
Over 24 Months	2	1.5%
Unknown/Timeline Not Specified	3	2.3%
Total	132	100.0%

Funding Sources

A total of 86 law enforcement agencies listed a current or future funding source(s) for their interrogation rooms. *Table 6 provides a breakdown of the various funding sources.*

Table 6. Police Agency's Funding Source(s) For their Interrogation Rooms (n = 86 agencies)		
Funding Source	Frequency	Percent
Local	47	54.7%
State	18	20.9%
Federal	3	3.5%
Multiple Funding Sources	18	20.9%
Total	86	100.0%

GOCCP will continue to support this effort through grant funding and provide annual updates to the progress of each law enforcement agency as required by law.

2015 Interrogation Room Survey Results

Agency Name	Survey Participation	Number of Rooms	No Audio or Video	Audio Only	Video Only	Audio and Video	Portable A/V	Future Plans for Equipment	Future Plans for Rooms	Funding Source
Aberdeen Police Department	Previous Year	1	0	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Allegany County Sheriff's Office	Yes	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	yes / unknown time frame	no	local state and federal
Annapolis City Police Department	Yes	3	2	0	0	1	no	12 months	no	federal
Anne Arundel County Police Department	Yes	16	8	0	0	8	audio	1 month	1 month	local
Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office	Previous Year	1	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baltimore City Community College Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Baltimore City School Police	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Baltimore City Sheriff's Department	Previous Year	1	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baltimore County Police Department	Yes	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	no	no	no	local
Baltimore County Sheriff's Office	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baltimore Police Dept	Yes	23	14	0	0	9	audio	2 months	2 months	local
Bel Air Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	audio	no	no	local
Berlin Police Department	Yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	18 months	18 months	local

Berwyn Heights Police	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	1 - 2 years	no	local
Bladensburg Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	n/a	1	no	no	no	state
Boonsboro Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Bowie State University Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Brunswick Police Department	Yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	no	no	n/a
Calvert County Sheriff's Office	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	audio	no	no	local
Cambridge Police Department	Previous Year	2	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Capitol Heights Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Caroline County Sheriff's Office	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local and federal
Carroll County Sheriff's Office	Yes	5	0	0	0	5	no	no	no	local
Cecil County Sheriff's Office	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	1 year	no	local state and federal
Centreville Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Charles County Sheriff's Office	Yes	4	0	n/a	n/a	4	no	no	no	local
Chestertown Police	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	yes / unknown time frame	local
Cheverly Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local

Chevy Chase Village Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
City of Bowie Police Department	Yes	3	0	0	0	3	no	no	no	local
Colmar Manor Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	state and federal
Coppin State University Department of Public Safety	Yes	2	0	2	0	0	no	8 months	no	state
Cottage City Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crisfield Police Department	Yes	1	0	1	0	0	audio	no	no	n/a
Crofton Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Cumberland Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Delmar Police Department	Previous Year	2	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Denton Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
DGS Maryland Capitol Police	Yes	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	audio	6 months	no	state
District Heights Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dorchester County Sheriff's Office	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Easton Police Department	Yes	8	4	0	0	4	audio	no	no	local
Edmonston Police	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a

Elkton Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	audio	no	no	local state and federal
Fairmount Heights Police	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Federalsburg Police Department	Yes	3	0	0	0	3	no	no	no	local
Forest Heights Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	Previous Year	2	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frederick Police Department	Yes	3	1	0	0	2	no	yes / unknown time frame	no	state and federal
Frostburg City Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Frostburg State University Police	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3 months	state
Fruitland Police Department	Previous Year	2	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gaithersburg Police Department	Yes	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	audio	24 months	24 months	local
Garrett County Sheriff's Office	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Gibson Island Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Glenarden Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Greenbelt Police Department	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	local and state
Greensboro Police Dept	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	both	no	no	federal

Hagerstown Community College Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 - 2 years	1 - 2 years	n/a
Hagerstown Police Department	Previous Year	2	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hampstead Police Department	Yes	1	1	0	0	0	audio	no	no	local
Hancock Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	local
Harford County Sheriff's Office	Yes	9	0	0	0	9	no	no	no	local state and federal
Havre de Grace Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Howard County Police Department	Yes	9	5	0	0	4	audio	no	no	n/a
Howard County Sheriff's Office	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Hurlock Police Department	Yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	5 months	5 months	local and federal
Hyattsville City Police Department	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	3 years	local
Kent County Sheriff's Office	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	both	no	no	local
La Plata Police Department	Previous Year	1	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Landover Hills Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Laurel Police Department	Yes	3	0	0	0	3	no	no	no	local
Lonaconing Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Luke Police Dept	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Manchester Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maryland State Police	Yes	11	0	0	5	6	video	no	no	state
Maryland Transit Administration Police	Previous Year	2	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maryland Transportation Authority Police	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	2 years	no	state
MD-National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	local
MD-National Capital Park Police, Prince George's County Division	Previous Year	2	0	0	2	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Montgomery County Police Department	Previous Year	20	0	0	0	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Morgan State University Police	Yes	3	3	0	0	0	no	no	no	state
Morningside Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mount Rainier Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Carrollton Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
North East Police Dept	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Oakland Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ocean City Police Department	Previous Year	2	1	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Ocean Pines Police Department	Previous Year	1	0	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oxford Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6 months	local
Perryville Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pocomoke City Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	n/a
Preston Police Department	Previous Year	1	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prince George's County Community College Campus Police	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prince George's County Police Department	Yes	35	18	0	0	17	no	no	no	local
Prince George's County Sheriff's Office	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Princess Anne Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	audio	no	yes	local
Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	state
Ridgely Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 year	state and federal
Rising Sun Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Riverdale Park Police	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	local
Rock Hall Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rockville City Police Department	Yes	1	1	0	0	0	audio	yes / unknown time frame	no	local state and federal

Salisbury Police Department	Yes	4	2	0	0	2	audio	no	no	local
Salisbury University Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	yes / unknown time frame	state
Seat Pleasant Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Smithsburg Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 month	local
Snow Hill Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Somerset County Sheriff's Office	Yes	1	1	0	0	0	no	3 - 4 years	no	state
Spring Grove Hospital Center Police Department (DHMH)	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	1 month	2 years	local
St. Michaels Police Department	Previous Year	1	0	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sykesville Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	1	0	no	no	no	local
Takoma Park Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	both	yes / unknown time frame	3 years	local and state
Talbot County Sheriff's Office	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local
Taneytown Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Thurmont Police Department	Previous Year	2	2	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Towson University Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	state

Trappe Police Department	Yes	1	0	0	0	1	no	no	no	local and state
University of Maryland Eastern Shore Department of Public Safety	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
University of Baltimore Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
University of Maryland Baltimore County Police Department	Yes	3	2	0	1	0	audio	no	no	state
University of Maryland Baltimore Police	Previous Year	2	2	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
University of Maryland Police, College Park	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	local
University Park Police Department	Previous Year	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Upper Marlboro Police Department	Yes	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a
Washington County Sheriff's Office	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	no	no	no	state
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Police Department	Previous Year	1	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Westminster Police Department	Yes	2	1	0	0	1	no	no	no	state
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office	Yes	2	0	0	0	2	audio	no	no	local
Worcester County Sheriff's Office	Previous Year	1	0	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a