



**Progress of Jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in
Establishing Interrogation Rooms Capable of Creating Audiovisual
Recordings of Custodial Interrogations
2017 Annual Update**

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INTRODUCTION

During the 2008 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed *House Bill 6, Chapter 360 and Senate Bill 76, Chapter 359*. These Acts establish 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 ("Office") 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.

The Office makes funding available to local law enforcement agencies through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, Law Enforcement Technology grant program for "Custodial Interrogation Equipment." Additional funds have been made available through the Byrne Justice Recovery Act since the law was enacted in 2008.

METHODOLOGY

Using an online survey tool, the Office created and administered an interrogation room survey that was distributed to all law enforcement agencies in the state. The following information was collected:

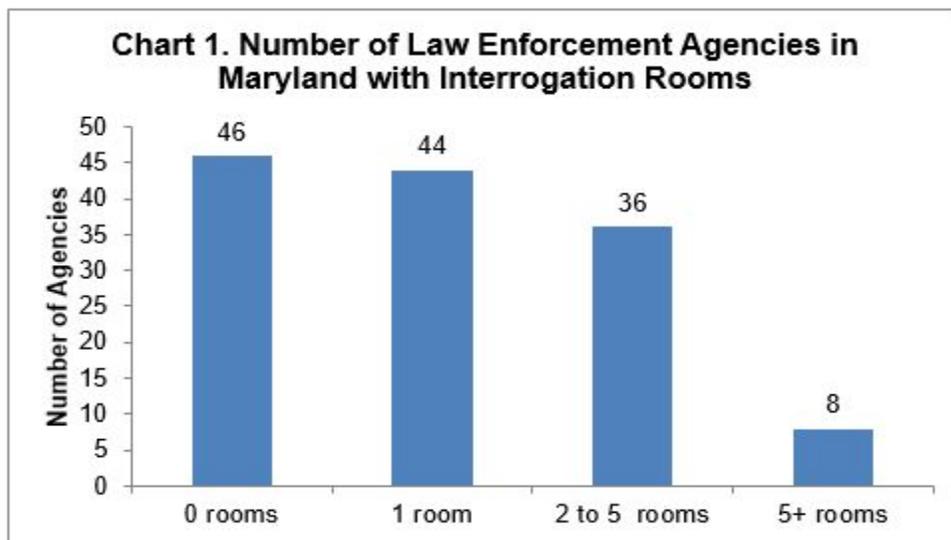
1. Agency name
2. Number of interrogation rooms
3. The hardwired technological capabilities of each room (none, audio, visual, or both audio and visual)
4. The portable technological equipment used in each room (none, audio, visual, or both audio and visual)
5. Did the agency have future plans for adding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

RESULTS

Of the 134 law enforcement agencies surveyed, 120 completed the electronic survey. There were another 14 agencies that did not complete the survey. These 14 agencies noted 0 interrogation rooms last year and no future plans to add any interrogation rooms.

Number of Interrogation Rooms

There are a total of 295 interrogation rooms statewide. 46 agencies (34.3%) reported that they do not have an interrogation room, whereas, 88 agencies (65.7%) reported at least one interrogation room. The Montgomery County Police Department has the highest number of interrogation rooms in the state, with a total of 36 rooms. Of the 120 total law enforcement agencies who responded to our survey, six agencies (i.e., Anne Arundel County Police Department, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore County Police Department, Maryland State Police, Montgomery County Police Department, and Prince George’s County Police Department) accounted for half of all interrogation rooms in the state. *Chart 1 provides a breakdown of the number of interrogation rooms by agency.*



Audio/Visual Recording Capabilities

A total of 223 (75.6%) of the interrogation rooms statewide are equipped with some type of hardwired audio or visual recording capabilities. This represents a near 20% increase over the 187 interrogation rooms with some type of audio or visual recording capability reported in 2016. Of the rooms equipped with these technologies, the vast majority have both audio and visual recording capabilities. *Chart 2 provides the various types of hardwired recording capabilities utilized within interrogation rooms in Maryland.* Of the 88 agencies with at least one

interrogation room, 26% (n = 23) use some type of portable audio or visual recording device in their rooms.

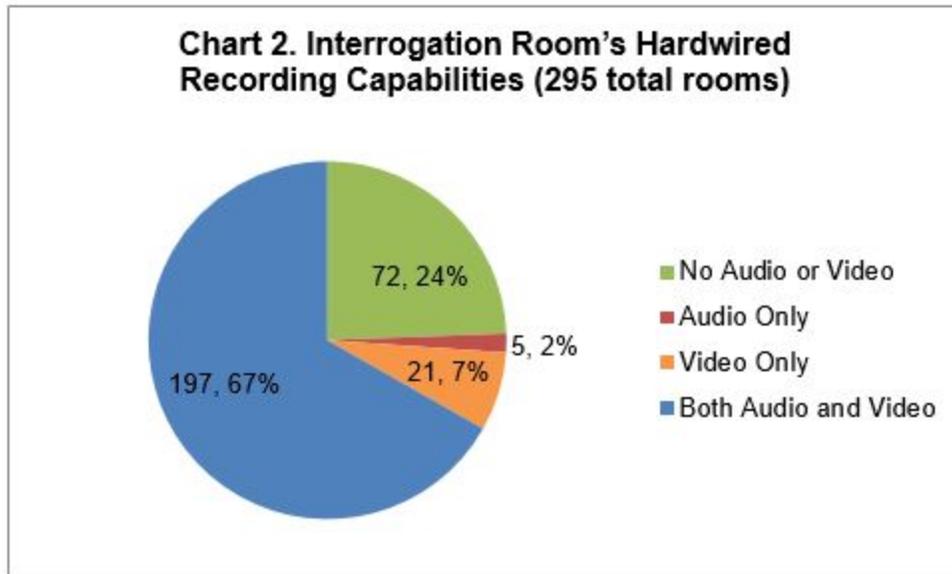
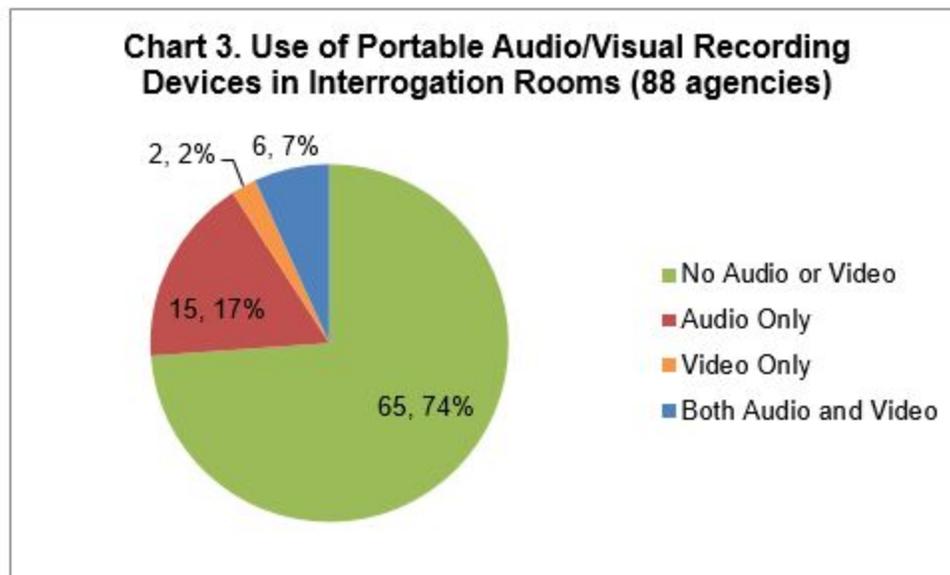


Chart 3 provides a breakdown of the various types of portable equipment, if available.



Future Plans for Interrogation Rooms or Audio/Visual Recording Enhancements

Most of the law enforcement agencies indicated no future plans for the creation or addition of interrogation rooms within their agency (90.3%). Furthermore, nearly three-fourths of agencies reported no future plans of purchasing new audio or visual recording equipment. *The timelines*

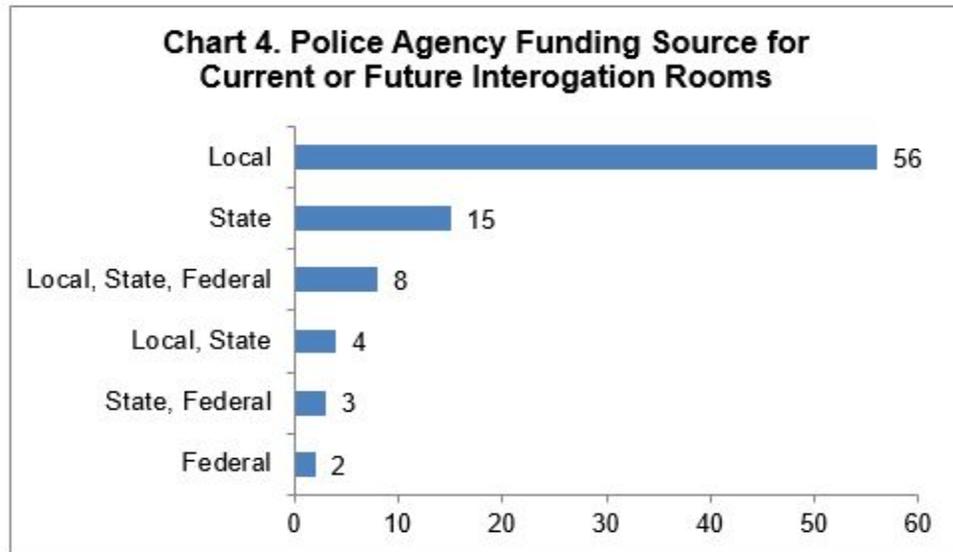
for the future plans of adding interrogation rooms or audio/visual recording equipment are broken down in Tables 1 and 2.

| Table 1. Police Agency's Future Plans and Timelines for the Creation of New or Additional Interrogation Rooms | | |
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| Future Plans | Number of Agencies | Percent |
| No Future Plans | 121 | 90.3% |
| 0 - 12 Months | 7 | 5.2% |
| 13 - 24 Months | 2 | 1.5% |
| Over 24 Months | 4 | 3.0% |
| Total | 134 | 100.0% |

| Table 2. Police Agency's Future Plans and Timelines for the Purchasing of New Audio or Visual Recording Equipment | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| Future Plans | Number of Agencies | Percent |
| No Future Plans | 66 | 75.0% |
| 0 - 12 Months | 12 | 13.6% |
| 13 - 24 Months | 8 | 9.1% |
| Over 24 Months | 1 | 1.1% |
| Timeline not Specified | 1 | 1.1% |
| Total | 88 | 100.0% |

Funding Sources

A total of 88 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.*



DISCUSSION

The major findings of the 2017 interrogation room survey to law enforcement agencies include the following:

- Two-thirds of Maryland law enforcement agencies have at least one interrogation room to conduct custodial interrogations;
- Three-fourths of interrogation rooms are equipped with some type of hardwired audio or visual recording capabilities, many times both recording options are available;
- Three-fourths of all audio visual recording equipment in law enforcement interrogation rooms are stationary and cannot be transported;
- Most Maryland law enforcement agencies have not indicated any future plans to add new or additional interrogations rooms or new forms of audio/visual recording equipment.

The Office will continue to provide support through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, Law Enforcement Technology grant for law enforcement equipment and provide annual updates to the progress of each law enforcement agency in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audio/visual recordings of custodial interrogations.

2017 Interrogation Room Survey Results

| Agency | Survey Participation | Number of Rooms | No Audio/Video | Audio Only | Video Only | Audio and Video | Portable AV | Future Plans for Rooms | Future Plans for Equipment | Funding Source |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aberdeen Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Audio | No | No | Local |
| Allegany County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Annapolis Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Both | No | No | Unknown |
| Anne Arundel County Police Department | Yes | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | Audio | No | No | Local |
| Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | No | No | No | Local |
| Baltimore City Community College Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Baltimore City School Police Force | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Baltimore City Sheriff's Office | Yes | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | Audio | No | No | Local, State, Federal |
| Baltimore County Police Department | Yes | 20 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | Audio | No | No | Local |
| Baltimore County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Baltimore Police Department | Yes | 30 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 10 | Audio | No | No | Local, State, Federal |
| Bel Air Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Unknown |
| Berlin Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | 2 months | n/a | Local, State |
| Berwyn Heights Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | 12 - 24 months | Local |
| Bladensburg Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Audio | No | No | Local |
| Boonsboro Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Bowie State University Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Brentwood Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Brunswick Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Calvert County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Cambridge Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Capitol Heights Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | 24 - 36 months | n/a | Federal |
| Caroline County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Carroll County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | No | No | No | Local |
| Cecil County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | 8 months | 8 months | Local, State |
| Centreville Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Both | No | No | Local |
| Charles County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | No | No | No | Local |
| Chestertown Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | No | No | 18 months | Local |
| Cheverly Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Chevy Chase Village Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| City of Bowie Police Department | Yes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | No | No | No | Local |
| Colmar Manor Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Coppin State University Police | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Video | No | 1 month | State |
| Cottage City Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Crisfield Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Audio | No | No | Unknown |
| Crofton Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Cumberland Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Delmar Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Denton Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |

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| Department of General Services | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| District Heights Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Dorchester County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Easton Police Department | Yes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | Both | No | 12 months | Local |
| Edmonston Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Elkton Police Department | Yes | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Audio | No | No | Local |
| Fairmount Heights Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Federalsburg Police Department | Yes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | No | No | No | Local, State, Federal |
| Forest Heights Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Frederick County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | State |
| Frederick Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Unknown |
| Frostburg Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Frostburg State University Police | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | State |
| Fruitland Police Department | Yes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | No | No | No | Local |
| Gaithersburg Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | 12 - 24 months | No | Local |
| Garrett County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Gibson Island Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Glenarden Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Greenbelt Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | 60 months | Local, State, Federal |
| Greensboro Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Federal |
| Hagerstown Community College Police | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Hagerstown Police Department | Yes | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | No | No | 3 months | Local |
| Hampstead Police Department | Yes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | No | 24 months | Local, State, Federal |
| Hancock Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | Local |
| Harford County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | Audio | No | No | State, Federal |
| Havre de Grace Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Howard County Police Department | Yes | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | No | No | No | Local |
| Howard County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Hurlock Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Hyattsville Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | 24 months | 24 months | Local |
| Kent County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| La Plata Police Department | Yes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | No | 12 months | Local |
| Landover Hills Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Laurel Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Lonaconing Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Luke Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Manchester Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Unknown |
| Maryland Comptroller Field Enforcement Division | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Maryland State Police | Yes | 15 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 10 | No | 12 months | 12 months | State |
| Maryland Transit Administration Police | Yes | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | No | No | No | State, Federal |
| Maryland Transportation Authority Police | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | 12 months | 12 months | State |

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| Maryland-National Capital Park Police Montgomery County | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Maryland-National Capital Park Police Prince George's County | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | 3 months | 3 months | Local |
| Montgomery County Police Department | Yes | 36 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 25 | Both | No | 18 months | Local |
| Montgomery County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Morgan State University Police | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | 36 months | n/a | State |
| Morningside Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Mount Airy Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Mount Rainier Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| New Carrollton Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| North East Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | State, Federal |
| Oakland Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Ocean City Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Ocean Pines Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Oxford Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | No | No | No | Local |
| Perryville Police Department | Yes | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | No | No | No | Local |
| Pocomoke City Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Audio | No | No | Local, State |
| Prince George's County Community College Police | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Video | No | No | Local |
| Prince George's County Police Department | Yes | 33 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 17 | Audio | 6 months | Unknown | Local |
| Prince George's County Sheriff's Office | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Princess Anne Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |
| Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local, State, Federal |
| Ridgely Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Rising Sun Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | Local |
| Riverdale Park Police Department | Yes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | No | No | Local, State, Federal |
| Rock Hall Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Rockville Police Department | Yes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Audio | No | 3-6 months | Local |
| Salisbury Police Department | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Audio | No | No | Local |
| Salisbury University Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | State |
| Seat Pleasant Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | 12 Months | n/a | Local, State |
| Smithsburg Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Both | No | No | Local |
| Snow Hill Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Somerset County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | No | No | 12 months | Local |
| Spring Grove Hospital Center Police | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Audio | 24 months | 24 months | Local |
| St. Michaels Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | State |
| Sykesville Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | No | No | No | Local, State, Federal |
| Takoma Park Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | 6 months | Local |
| Talbot County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Taneytown Police Department | Previous Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Thurmont Police Department | Yes | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | No | No | State |

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| 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 |
| University of Baltimore Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| University of Maryland Baltimore Police | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Audio | No | 6 months | State |
| University of Maryland Baltimore County Police Department | Yes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | No | 24 months | State |
| University of Maryland Eastern Shore Police Department | Yes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Both | 12 - 18 months | 12 - 18 months | State |
| University of Maryland Police | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | State |
| University Park Police Department | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Upper Marlboro Police Department | Yes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No | No | No | n/a |
| Washington County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police | Yes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | No | n/a | n/a |
| Westminster Police Department | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | State |
| Wicomico County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | No | No | No | Local |
| Worcester County Sheriff's Office | Yes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No | No | No | Local |