

# 2016 CUMBERLAND SAFE STREETS ANNUAL REPORT

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## **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The Cumberland *Safe Streets Initiative* was implemented by the City Police Department in October 2012. The program is an offender-based model established to generate collaboration and cooperation, together with information sharing across all levels of government in the dramatic reduction of crime. This project is funded through a grant awarded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP), a model program which has proven to be successful over the last four years in reducing crime. GOCCP awarded this funding for the fourth year to the City of Cumberland and its Police Department over this past year from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2016. This grant funding permits the Cumberland Police Department to implement a program, in partnership with the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, and allied agencies to address area hot spots with high incidents of crime.

### **Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition**

The Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition (CSSC) was established from the inception of the Initiative and continues to govern the program today. With the adoption of the Safe Streets model, the Coalition strives to identify and address high incidents of violent criminal activity throughout the City of Cumberland. This achievement is a result of aggressively tracking known repeat offenders who are responsible for the majority of crime; utilizing an integrated model of multi-agency collaboration between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; and collaborating with partnering agencies and community members. The Safe Streets program requires a variety of initiatives across several disciplines to ensure the safety of residents and increase the appeal of area communities.

This program combines allied public safety and social service organizations in a partnership designed to identify and reduce criminal activities in the city and surrounding areas of Cumberland. The sustained collaboration with law enforcement agencies in the area is successful in the reduction of backlogged arrest warrants on file. These same agencies in Allegany County take pride in the collaborative efforts for

collecting and sharing of data within the advanced countywide Reporting Management System (RMS).

### **Coalition's Advisory Board**

The CSSC Advisory Board, formed with top-level executives from partnering agencies, has ensured the initiative remains effective and accomplishing its mission. The Coalition's Advisory Board includes the following members or designees:

- Mayor of Cumberland – Chairman – Brian Grim
- County Commissioner(s) for Allegany County – Commission President Jake Shade
- Chief, Cumberland Police Department – Charles Hinnant
- State's Attorney for Allegany County - Michael Twigg
- Sheriff of Allegany County – Craig Robertson
- Cumberland Housing Authority – Steven Kesner
- Health Officer for Allegany County – Mrs. Jenelle Mayers
- US Attorney for the District of Maryland – Rod Rosenstein
- Executive Director, GOCCP – Mr. V. Glenn Fueston
- Secretary, MD DPSCS – Stephen T. Moyer
- NBCI and WCI Representatives – Wardens: Frank B. Bishop & Richard J. Graham Jr.
- Superintendent, MSP – Col. William M. Pallozzi
- Secretary, DJS – Sam Abed
- Director , MD Parole & Probation – Mr. Joseph Clocker
- Allegany College of Maryland – Dr. Cynthia Bambara, President
- Plus the Media, Citizens and Community Partners

### **Operations Board Composition**

Safe Streets also incorporates an Operations Board which is composed of mid-level operations officers from primary law enforcement partners within the immediate area. Some of the many partnering agencies include:

- Cumberland Police Department

- Allegany County Sheriff's Office
- Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Allegany County Health Department
- Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
- U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland
- State's Attorney for Allegany County
- Maryland State Police
- Allegany College of Maryland Security
- City of Cumberland Housing Authority
- Cumberland School Resource Officers

This program is enhanced by a Safe Streets Team, including a Program Coordinator, Crime Analyst, and Assistant County Investigator.

#### **Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition Program Coordinator**

The Safe Streets Program Coordinator, David Goad, is responsible for attending all Coalition meetings to ensure collaborative efforts are in place, and serves as the liaison between GOCCP and the Coalition. He is responsible for the completion of quarterly progress reports and grant management with the Governor's Office of Crime, Control, and Prevention. Mr. Goad participates in monthly Operations and Advisory Board meetings to discuss strategies and issues relating to the *Safe Streets Initiative*. The Coordinator is also tasked to track and maintain all statistical analyses, as well as prepare necessary reports that could be presented to the Coalition. Ongoing meetings with community leaders, crime watch groups, business communities, senior citizens, and other community members and organizations occur to consistently inform and educate the public regarding the *Safe Streets Initiative*. Mr. Goad collaborates with the Crime Analyst and Assistant County Investigator to ensure all goals and objectives are accomplished in a timely fashion.

#### **Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition Crime Analyst**

The Safe Streets Crime Analyst, Jason Mellott, is an integral part of the team. Mr. Mellott is responsible for intelligence gathering and interpretation of vital information regarding crime in the City of Cumberland and its surrounding area. This information is

used to develop and maintain a *Top 25 Offender List* so as to flag the worst-of-the-worst offender. One of the Safe Street goals is to officially identify violent offenders who present the most danger to the community, and in a coordinated effort, provides data to hold them accountable for their criminal activities. This task is accomplished by utilizing the current countywide shared Records Management System (RMS), records of the courts and Maryland Parole & Probation, and additional software enhancements. The Crime Analyst assists the Cumberland Police Department's Administration, Assistant County Investigator and Program Coordinator in presenting quarterly statistics which evaluate the effectiveness of Safe Streets Program during monthly Advisory and Operations Board meetings. The Crime Analyst is additionally tasked with analyzing crime data to develop a prospectus on time, day of the week and location for criminal activities throughout the city and surrounding areas. This intelligence permits the assignments of saturation and bike patrols in high crime hot spots.

### **Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition Assistant County Investigator**

The Safe Streets Assistant County Investigator, Charles Goldstrom, is responsible for tracking all identified *priority* offenders. Mr. Goldstrom serves as the liaison between the Coalition and the Allegany County State's Attorney's Office. The Assistant County Investigator reviews all *priority* offenders and is involved in each court proceeding related to those (Safe Streets) offenders. Mr. Goldstrom tracks the ongoing and final status (e.g., arrest, incarceration, release, or probation) of each case and prepares a reporting indicating his finding which are presented to the Program Coordinator. Associates of all *priority* offenders are also examined and researched to find a correlation, if any, between them. He initiated the tracking of Heroin overdose cases in December 2015, together with those cases that resulted in a fatal overdose, related to the local drug epidemic with opioids. All collected information is compiled and integrated into monthly reports and distributed to the Advisory and Operations Boards.

### **Collection of Information Protocol and Data Analysis**

The Cumberland Safe Streets Program created protocols for the collection of information, and data analysis. Data arrives in numerous forms primarily from law enforcement officers; correctional booking data; a priority offender list; intelligence

derived from observations and field contacts; and extrapolated facts within recent and historical incident reports. In many, if not most cases, intelligence is analyzed and quickly returned to officers in the field, as well as members of the Safe Streets Team. We are providing updates in a timely fashion through the use of emails. Consequently, these notifications must be provided as a 24/7 resource which demands the continuity of technology to collect and distribute data in the field.

## **SAFE STREETS PROGRAM GOALS**

1. **Identify and Prioritize Offenders** - who are responsible for the disproportionate amount of crime in the communities.
2. **Supervise and Contain Priority Offenders** – to make offenders cognizant that law enforcement and partnering agencies are aware of their behavior and are watching them.
3. **Identify and Prioritize Arrest Warrants** – this responsibility occurs with mutual collaboration from the Allegany County Sheriff’s Office in the warrant reduction efforts.
4. **Establish A Watch Center Model** – with access to the countywide Report Management System, and the proposed new technological enhancements, the *priority* offenders are flagged in “RED” and accessible to all system users.
5. **Training and Education** – training is available through GOCCP and other state entities. Briefing of law enforcement personnel is accomplished with officer roll call and technology mediums. Speaking engagements are conducted in the community to various organizations and agencies.
6. **Establish Prosecution Strategy for Priority Offenders** – the Assistant County Investigator reviews all court case files of those identified as the *priority* offenders, as well as their associates. (Merely summarize)
7. **Track Prosecution Strategy for Priority Offenders** – track *priority* offenders from point of arrest, to court proceedings, and from incarceration to release.
8. **Identify and Enforce Suspended & Truant Children** – Assigned to School Resource Officers in conjunction with the grant.



9. **Nuisance Abatement** – maximize city services in high risk areas designated by law enforcement. Services include public works, code enforcement, and abandoned vehicle removal. Identify laws and regulations such as code enforcement and housing that can be leveraged to support public safety efforts.
10. **Ensure Local Law Enforcement Agencies’ are Equipped with the Highest Level of Technology Available** – GOCCP provides free technical assistance to primary agencies on State technology resources that promote data-driven operations. These tools provide law enforcement with the ability to make fast, accurate, informed decisions on Maryland’s most violent offenders.

### **SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE PARTNERS**

The Safe Streets Initiative has several public safety partners joining the Cumberland Police Department, to include the Allegany County Sheriff’s Office, U.S. Attorney for Maryland, Department of Juvenile Services, Maryland State Police, Allegany County State’s Attorney’s Office, Cumberland Housing Authority, Maryland Division of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Allegany County Health Department.

The Allegany County Sheriff’s Office remains an integral part of the *Safe Streets Initiative* as a partner and allied agency supporting this program. The Sheriff of Allegany County is the custodian for the majority of arrest warrants issued from the court system and on file within the county. The Sheriff’s Office’s administrative staff, together with administrative staff of the State’s Attorney’s Office’s, worked diligently to review, purge and nolle prosequi (nol pros) hundreds of arrest warrants to reduce on file documents. The arrest warrants purged from the system were determined to be outdated and contained minor offenses, providing little chance of successful prosecution. Since January 2013 until present, Deputies of the Sheriff’s Office work collaboratively with Cumberland Police Officers in the execution of monthly arrest warrant initiatives which have reduced the number of on file warrants by service and purging of over 1,335 arrest warrants. These warrant initiatives are additionally supported by a coordinated effort with the Maryland State Police, as well as the U.S. Marshal Service.

A collaborative relationship with Department of Parole and Probation (P&P) and the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to identify and assist in the supervision of

offenders, with special emphasis on VPI offenders, whose criminal histories indicate a propensity for violence is continuing and has positive results. During the Safe Streets Operation Board meetings warrant information is exchanged from Parole and Probation agents and DJS which, in fact, ensures the timely service of arrest warrants.

### **MARYLAND EXILE PROJECT – CALL-IN PROGRAM**

A Call-In Project initiated under the Maryland Exile Project is a program, which brings offenders, under the management of MDPSCS Parole and Probation Agents, into the Office of Parole and Probation to discuss their conditional release mandates. The parolee/probationer is scheduled to appear at the local Parole and Probation Office to discuss their past crimes, current probation and/or parole restrictions and sanctions if they offend again while under such supervision. If the offender fails to appear for this meeting a Violation of Parole/Probation warrant is obtained causing the offender's immediate arrest. This strategy was not utilized this grant cycle in part because of the reduced funding available for this program.

## SAFE STREET ACTIVITIES

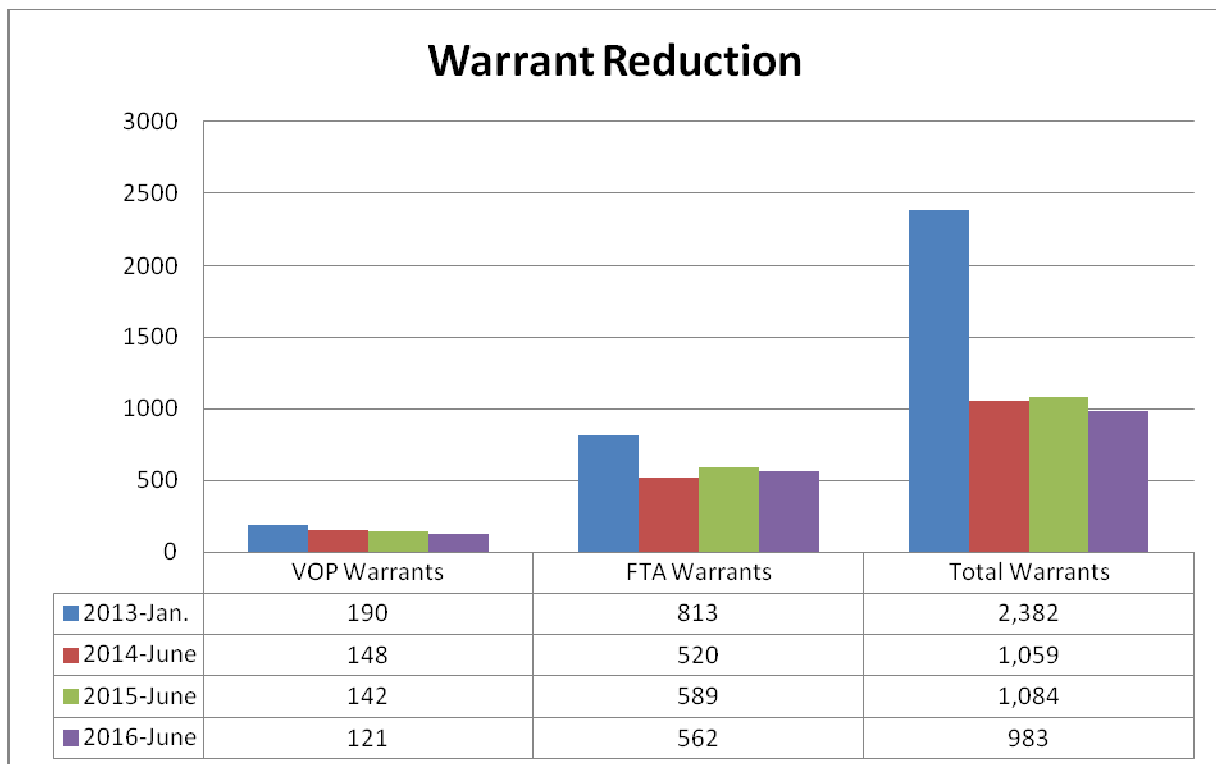
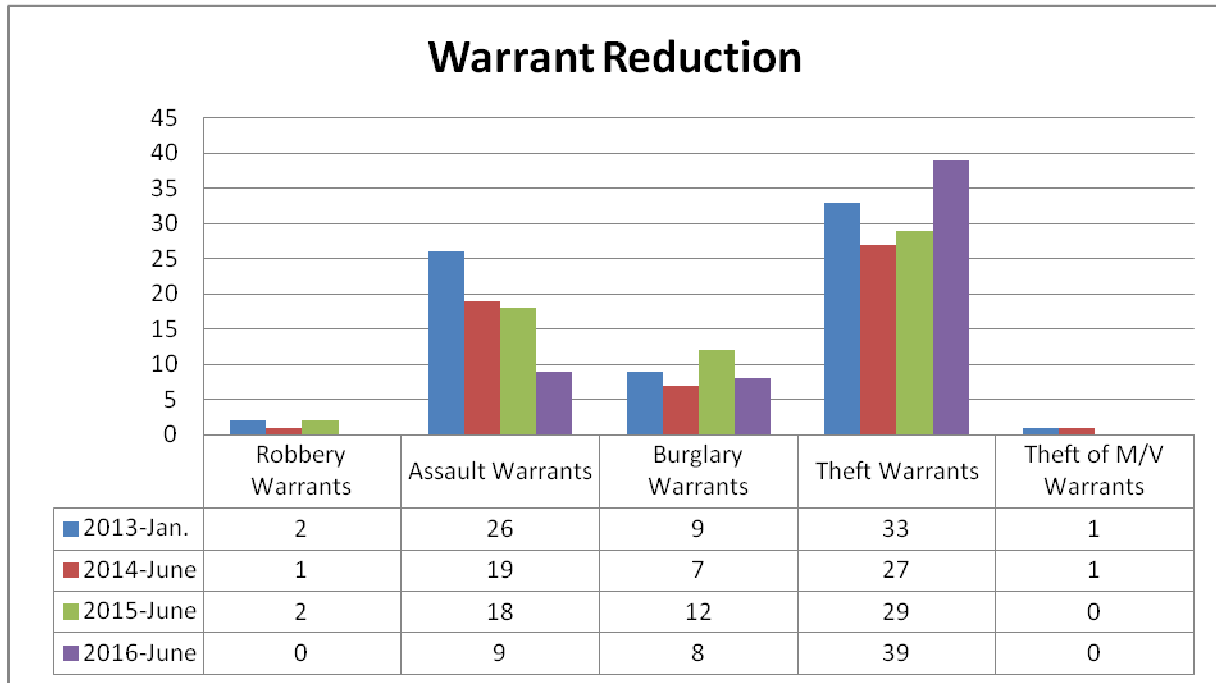
	<b>YEARLY TOTALS JULY 1, 2015 to JUNE 30, 2016</b>
<b>WARRANTS SERVED ON PRIORITY OFFENDERS</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>ON VIEW ARRESTS ON PRIORITY OFFENDERS</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>GUNS SEIZED</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GUN ARRESTS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>GUN CASES REFERRED TO FEDS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LOCAL GUN CASES PROSECUTED</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES PROSECUTED</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>DRUG CASES PROSECUTED</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>CASES ASSISTED BY ANALYST/INTEL</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>HOME VISITS WITH DPP</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED BY ASSISTANT COUNTY INVESTIGATOR</b>	<b>13</b>

## WARRANT INITIATIVES – 2015/2016 YEARLY RESULTS

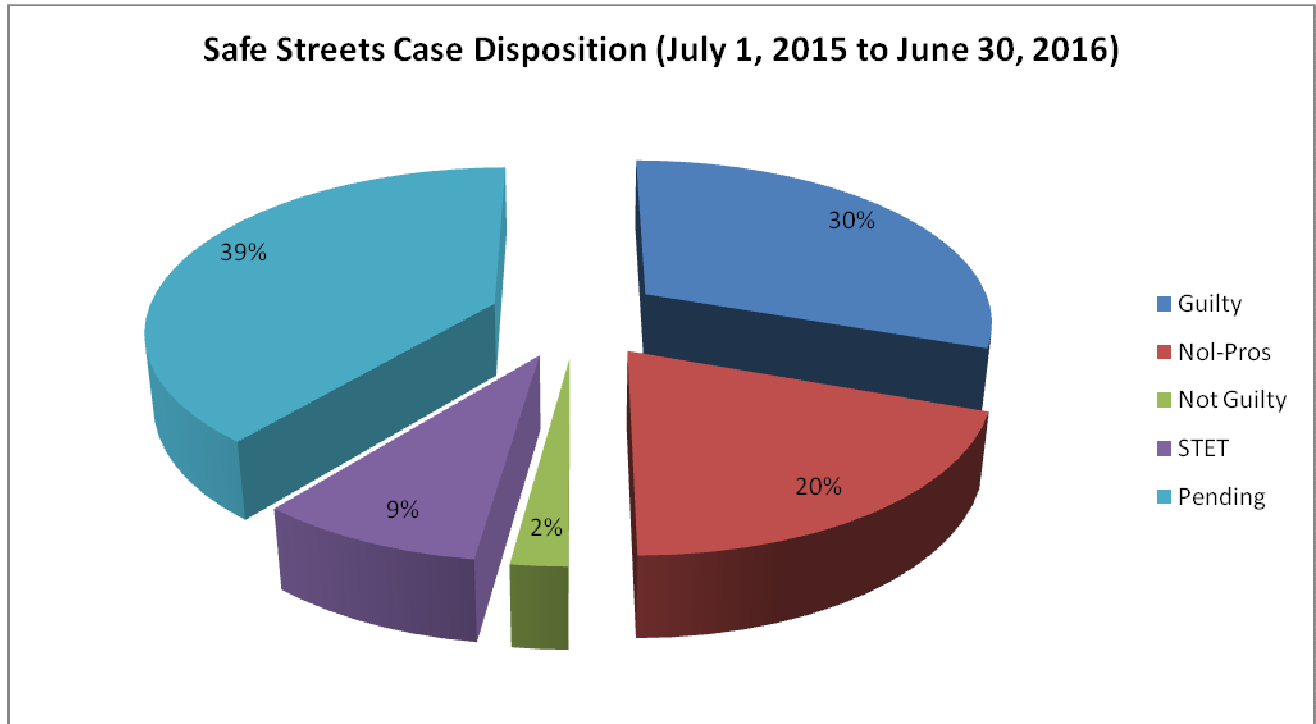
<u>DATES</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED</u>	<u>WARRANTS SERVED</u>
September 2015 9/14/2015 to 9/18/2015	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>
December 2015 12/14/2015 to 12/18/2015	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>
March 2016 3/14/2016 to 3/18/2016	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>
** May 2016 5/9/2016 to 5/13/2016	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>
** June 2016 6/6/2016 to 6/10/2016	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>171</b>

\*\* Funds from the Allegany County State’s Attorney BJAG Grant were utilized to fund the May and June, 2016 Warrant Initiatives

## ACTIVE ARREST WARRANTS



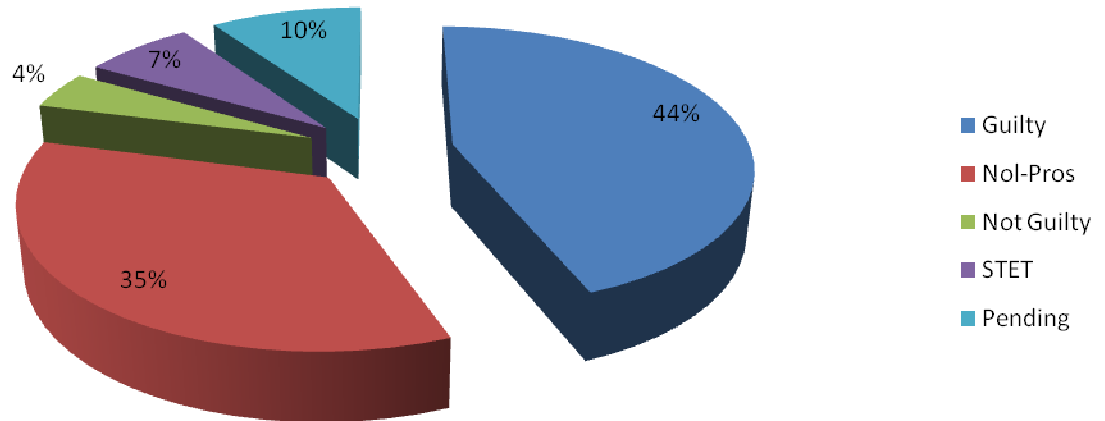
## SAFE STEETS CASE DISPOSITION



CASE DISPOSITION (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)	
<b>GUILTY</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>NOLLE PROSEQUI</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>NOT GUILTY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>STET</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PENDING</b>	<b>18</b>
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b>46</b>

## SAFE STEETS CASE DISPOSITION – 4 YEARS

**Safe Streets Case Disposition (Tracking began on September 1, 2012 until June 30, 2016)**



CASE DISPOSITION (Sept. 2012 to June 30, 2016)	
<b>GUILTY</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>NOLLE PROSEQUI</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>NOT GUILTY</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>STET</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>PENDING</b>	<b>18</b>

TOTAL:

186

**HEROIN OVERDOSES REPORTED TO  
LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ALLEGANY COUNTY**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>Fatal</u>
<b>Dec. 2015</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Jan. 2016</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Feb. 2016</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>March 2016</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>April 2016</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>May 2016</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>June 2016</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b>136</b>	<b>24</b>

**Total Cases: 161**

**Sex: Male = 100 Female = 61**

**Race: White = 153 Black = 8**

**Age: 50+ = 9**

**41 to 50 = 18**

**31 to 40 = 49**

**21 to 30 = 79**

**20 & under = 6**



## **OVERTIME UTILIZATION - COLLABORATION**

The Safe Streets Program Goal, Identify and Prioritize Arrest Warrants, created the mandate for warrant reduction. In a seven month period several arrest warrant assignments were created and titled "Operation Iron Fist" in the apprehension of individuals wanted by the court on outstanding charges. The Warrant Initiatives began in September 2015. These special assignments are a collaborative effort with Cumberland Police Officers and Allegany County Sheriff's Deputies working in teams to conduct the apprehensions, resulting in 131 arrests and the service of 171 active arrest warrants.

Under this objective, another decision by the Operations Board was to purge the current on-file arrest warrants requiring removal and dismissal by the court. Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 this procedure resulted in approximately 146 arrest warrants being removed from the system and expunged by the court of original jurisdiction

The use of Cumberland Police Officers in saturation patrol assignments were successful as well during the months of September and December for 2015, and March, May, and June for 2016, it should be noted that the three months in 2016 was conducted under the Bryne/JAG grant funding obtained by the Allegany County State's Attorney's Office. The positive feedback from the community as to the presence of law enforcement throughout the city, and the feeling of safety continues to be a reaction of the citizens.

## **CUMBERLAND SAFE STREETS CASE DISPOSITIONS**

On July 23, 2015, Safe Streets Priority Offender #17 pled guilty in District Court on a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault charge filed by a member of the Cumberland City Police Department and received a 7 year sentence with 5 years suspended. The charges were obtained during the month of March, 2015 after the Cumberland City Police Officer was contacted by the female victim. The victim reported that Priority Offender #17 punched her in the nose and threw a cigarette machine at her, which struck her in the face. As a result of the assault the victim sustained injuries to her facial area, to include her eyes

and nose. Witnesses were present during the assault, which assisted in obtaining the guilty plea.

On August 8, 2015, Safe Street Priority Offender #21 pled guilty on a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault charge obtained during a day time burglary investigation conducted by the Cumberland City Police Department. As a result of the plea agreement, Priority Offender #21 was sentenced to 5 months in the Allegany County Detention Center. These charges were obtained during the month of February, 2015 when Cumberland City Police Officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress. Priority Offender #21, along with his girlfriend was caught fleeing from the scene in a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed that the homeowner was the grandfather to the Priority Offender and he came home when the crime was being committed. Priority Offender #21 struck his grandfather in the face, when he was confronted about not having permission to be in the residence. When the case was heard in the circuit court, the victim would only assist in prosecuting his grandson for the assault, which resulted in the guilty plea for the assault charge.

On November 19, 2015, Priority Offender #18 pled guilty in Circuit Court on a Theft charge obtained during a shoplifting investigation conducted by a Deputy of the Allegany County Sheriff's Department. As a result of the plea agreement, Priority Offender #18 was sentenced to 18 months with 12 months suspended. On December 17, 2014, the Deputy was dispatched to the Wal-Mart Store in LaVale, Maryland for a Shoplifting complaint. Investigation revealed that Priority Offender #18 and his girlfriend had exited the store with \$88.00 worth of merchandise without paying for the items. The couple was apprehended at the store and charged with the theft of the merchandise.

On November 19, 2015, Safe Streets Priority Offender #16 pled guilty on a Theft charge and received a 6 month sentence. The charges were obtained from a theft investigation conducted by an Officer with the Cumberland City Police Department. Priority Offender #16 was charged on June 18, 2015 for stealing a \$600.00 cell phone from a thirteen (13) year old victim, who was eating at a local McDonalds Restaurant.

On January 8, 2016, Priority Offender #13 pled guilty in Circuit Court on a Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute charge and received a 5 year sentence with 3 years and 9 months suspended. The criminal charges were obtained as a result of an investigation conducted by members of the C3I Narcotics Unit. On June 23, 2015, Priority Offender #13 was arrested by members of the C3I Narcotics Unit after a search warrant was executed at his residence. During the search of the residence marijuana and other related evidence was recovered that indicated that the Priority Offender was selling the marijuana.

On March 25, 2016, Safe Streets Priority Offender #26 was sentenced to 10 years in the Department of Corrections after pleading guilty in two separate cases in Circuit Court. On March 7, 2015, Priority Offender #26 was stopped by an Officer with the Cumberland City Police Department. During the traffic stop, the Priority Offender consented to allow the officer to search his vehicle. As a result of the search, a scale, smoking device and three corner baggies were located. All of the items contained suspected cocaine residue on them. The Priority Offender was arrested for the controlled dangerous substance violations. During the month of March, 2015, Priority Offender #26 was a suspect in a burglary investigation being conducted by the C3I Criminal Investigative Unit and Cumberland City Police Department. During the investigation, it was determined that Priority Offender #26 had entered a law office in Cumberland and stole currency and blank checks. As a result of evidence collected during this investigation, Priority Offender #26 was criminally charged with the burglary. Priority Offender #26 received a 2 year sentence for the controlled dangerous substance violations and 8 years for the burglary charge. No suspended sentence was received during this plea agreement.

## **CUMBERLAND 2015 - 2016 CRIME STATISTICS**

The Cumberland Safe Streets Initiative has had four years of statistics now in order to gauge how the program is working and affecting the overall crime in Cumberland and its surrounding area. A key statistic is the average number of Part One UCR incidents throughout a year. Crime rates fluctuate each month as a result of various factors. However, when the months are averaged over a year, they tend to level out. For

instance, in 2011, there were, on average, 136 Part One incidents per month. Once the Safe Streets Program was implemented, in August 2012, the City of Cumberland witnessed a 3% decrease in the number of reported Part One incidents (n = 132), compared to the prior year. The number of monthly incidents further reduced in 2013 (n = 125), indicating an 8% decrease, compared to the number of incidents in 2011 when Safe Streets was not in place. 2014 was Cumberland's lowest in many years hitting an end of year average of (n=120) demonstrating a 12% decrease since 2011. In 2015 however Cumberland was hit very hard by the heroin epidemic and a huge influx of criminals from major cities due to the drug demand. Part One incidents in 2015 reached (n=123) which is a 10% decrease from 2011. Without the assistance from Safe Streets that number would have been much worse. Fortunately with a lot of collaboration and adapting, Cumberland's Part One crime as of June 30, 2016 has a monthly average of (n=105).

With four years of data gathered now it is hard to argue the effectiveness of the Safe Streets Program, even with a very difficult year. The community's involvement has really been a pinnacle part of this program. Cumberland Police Department has really focused a lot in the last year in using social media to help with tips and it has really been effective due to our citizens. The community has seen the drastic changes from outsiders taking advantage of the area with the heroin epidemic, and they want to help. The saturation patrols and warrant sweeps have been one of the most important tools used in the Safe Streets Initiative. This year there were much less due less funding and our stats took a hit. Statistically when there are Warrant Sweeps and Saturation Patrols crime is lower, and crime seems to spike in particular when there is a stretch of time without them. Warrant Sweeps in particular are a high impact solution since it not only lowers crime, but also lowers warrant numbers.

## **COLLABORATION OUTSIDE OF CUMBERLAND**

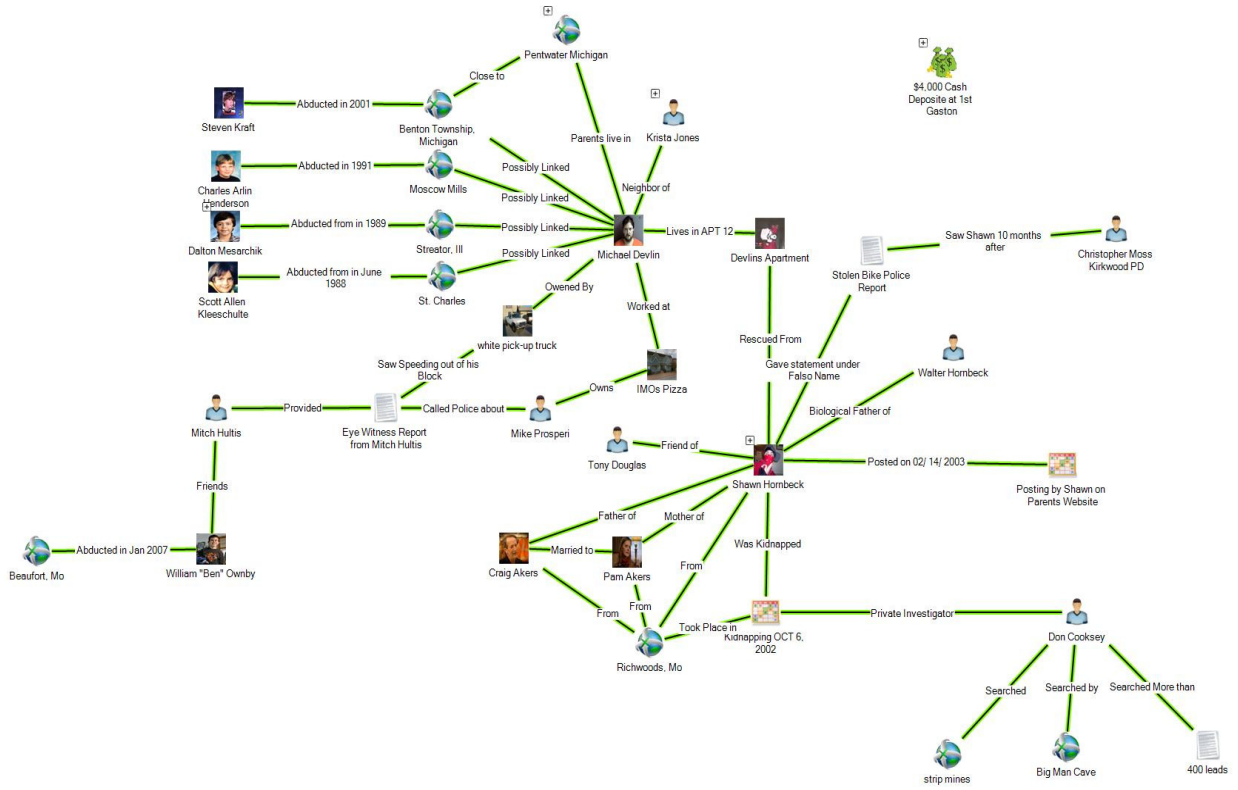
One big positive change is the Crime Analyst is now a part of numerous state and federal meetings. Recently many of these groups started doing more in person meetings which are normally monthly and have a large amount of email conversations and bulletins in between. These meetings include the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang

Investigators Network (MARGIN), Western Maryland Information Center (WMIC), and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA). While it means more travel days for the Crime Analyst, the information and networks gained is immeasurable.

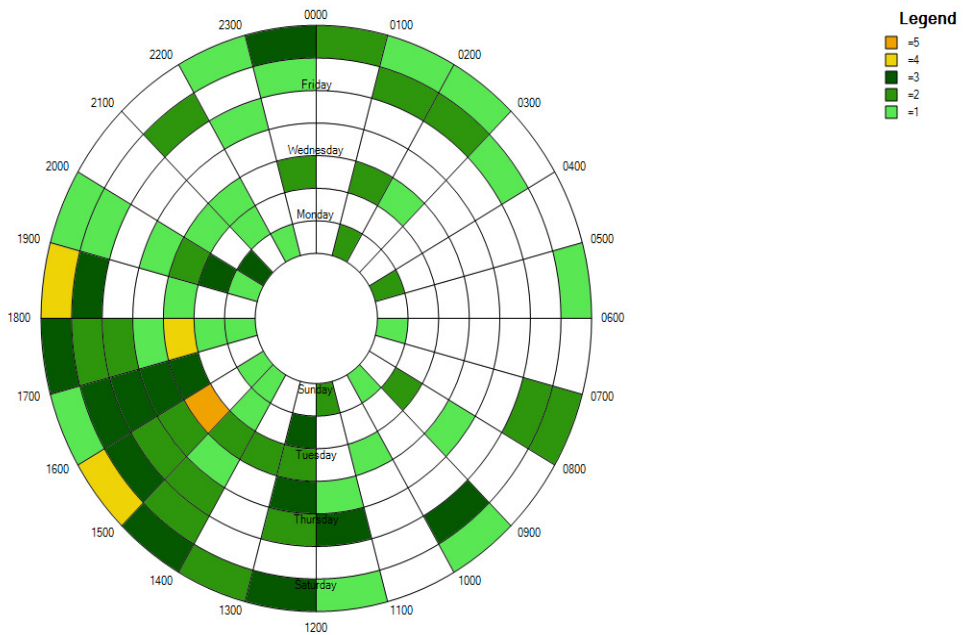
### **INTELLIGENCE/ANALYST SOFTWARE**

Also in March 2013, the Cumberland Safe Streets Program purchased an intelligence and analyst software called IMPACT developed by Overwatch. The software has a broad spectrum of capabilities, once data is entered in the database. With the information entered, it can create link analysis, map plots, heat maps, time wheels, and association/event matrixes. Another key component of the software is its abilities to contain all intelligence entered under 28 CFR guidelines and provide warnings when intelligence is about to expire under those guidelines. Some examples of the data, that can be produced, are as follows on the next page. The Crime Analyst has also gained numerous other intelligence resources and databases through the Maryland Coordination Analysis Center, and works closely with numerous regional and national fusion centers.

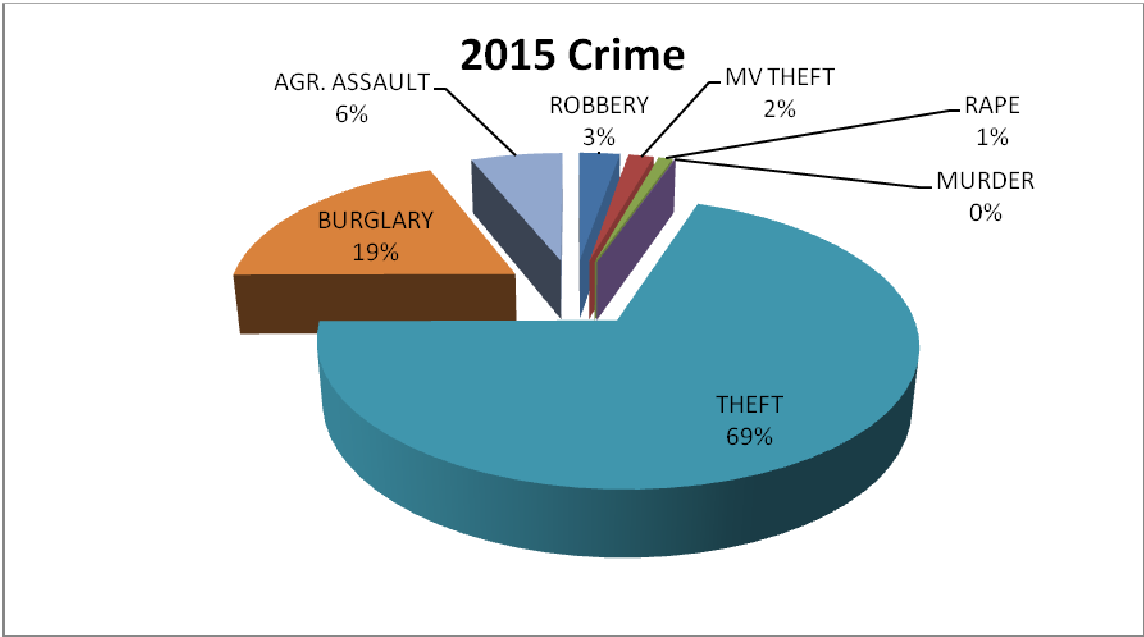
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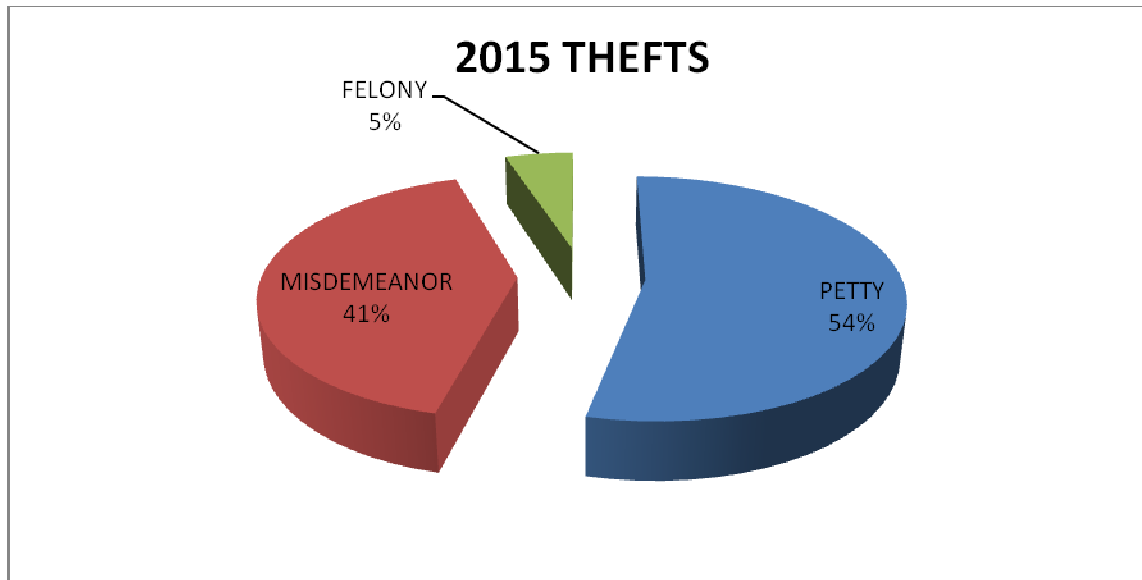


## CRIME DATA TIME WHEEL



## HEAT MAP - CRIME HOTSPOTS





While crime has not dropped in the last year, one staggering statistic still stands out, and that is the majority of reported crime is petty theft. Out of all Part One UCR crimes in 2015, 69% of those crimes were theft, higher than last year. In addition, 54% of those thefts were under \$100 which is classified as petty theft. While the amount of thefts increases the crime level, the fact that a majority of Cumberland's crimes is petty theft and not violent crime is a noteworthy statistic still. Also violent crimes such as Murder, Sexual Assault, and Robbery account for only 10% of Cumberland's crime.

### **EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT**

The Cumberland Safe Streets Initiative was awarded and additional \$56,983.00 to purchase three items of equipment; two automatic license plate readers and one mobile field CDS lab. The purchase price for the Mobile CDS Field Lab remained the same at \$13,975.00; however, the invoice for the two automatic license plate readers was reduced from \$43,008.00 to a new cost of \$33,336.00. This reduction in cost left a remaining balance of \$9,672.00

Therefore the Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition requested to utilize these remaining funds in the purchase of computer hardware and software downloads for the Cumberland Police Department for utilization under the Safe Streets New Initiative and received approval from GOCCP.



This technology is vital to officer safety and utilized for data entry in the countywide incident reporting system. This data consists of on-file and served arrest warrant information, documenting and updating arrest files, daily incident reporting, NCIC/CJIS validations, suspect and arrestee histories, complaints and address history, officer safety broadcasts, resource evidence for search and seizure warrants, suspect name searches, Maryland Parole and Probation and Maryland Case Search links, access to area crime hot spots, county combined criminal and narcotic intelligence data, while permitting the sharing of information and data bulletins with allied law enforcement agency in Allegany County and Garrett County.

A laptop will be utilized by the Cumberland Police Department Mobile Command Unit as a replacement unit, and the second will be assigned to the Safe Streets State's Attorney Investigator for on-line and field access to the county wide reporting system, and tracking Opioid overdose cases.

The State's Attorney Investigator is involved daily in all court proceedings involving top priority offenders. The investigator is further mandated to track the final status in such cases and prepare a written report. The State's Attorney Investigator is required to provide time to the District Court Office of the State's Attorney and will utilize the laptop to remain connected to the county wide reporting system, and other vital data bases for the courts.

These enhanced technology computers, laptops, software downloads, monitors, and accessories will give the Cumberland Police Department's Officer, and the Safe Streets Team, the ability to enter vital data as well as extract analyzed intelligence while safeguarding officers in the field. This ability allows these officers to track and improve the identification and targeting of drug offenders in the Cumberland area.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Safe Streets Initiative is a distinct opportunity to strengthen the collaboration and cooperation between allied law enforcement, public safety and private organizations, along with government entities and the citizens. The Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition (CSSC) continues to provide direction and support with two distinct boards for administration and operations in this successful program.

The Safe Streets Program realizes its strength from the aforementioned partnerships but benefits additionally from the watchful eyes and ears of the citizens providing crucial information in support of our Arrest Warrant apprehension efforts.

This collaborative project over 2015 has generated a rise in the monthly crime rate. This increase is attributed to the recent heroin epidemic and influx of drug dealers from outlining major cities. Without the collaboration effort that comes with Safe Streets, that rise should be much higher. The program has identified ways to lower these numbers and is adapting to our changing environment which is already resulting in lower numbers in 2016.

The statistics for arrest warrants for the fiscal year continues to improve since on July 1, 2015 we had a total of 1,084 arrest warrants and by July 1, 2016 we had a total of 983 arrest warrants. As a result we have a decrease of 101 warrants for this year for a 9% decrease.

The Cumberland Safe Streets Coalition recognizes its crime levels continue to be driven by the drug culture in and around the Cumberland area. The next steps for the Safe Streets Program are to focus on this dominant factor of drugs as a nexus for criminal activities through a concentration on education, enforcement, prosecution, and treatment.

The Safe Streets Team and its collaborative partners are looking forward to serving the citizens of Cumberland and Allegany County for another year. The Safe Streets Team would again like to thank all of the members of the Safe Streets Coalition, and the citizens, for continued support of the goals and objectives under the Safe Streets Program. Our gratitude extends to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention for its collaborative relationship and funding to effectively address violent crime in the City of Cumberland. The cooperation and commitment received from all of the involved organizations and agencies are what created positive results during the past year and these partnerships will allow our continued success.