



Sheriff

RECOMMENDED FY26 BUDGET

\$33,328,745

FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS

191.80

 MAXWELL UY, SHERIFF

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sheriff's Office is to provide general law enforcement, judicial enforcement, and specialized public safety services to the residents of Montgomery County in a lawful, fair, impartial, and non-discriminatory manner, and to ensure that court mandates are carried out with respect for individual rights and freedoms. The Sheriff's Office is committed to establishing and maintaining cooperative working relationships with all other law enforcement, governmental, and criminal justice agencies, and the courts to ensure that the residents of Montgomery County receive the full range of law enforcement services required for a safe and orderly society.

BUDGET OVERVIEW


The total recommended FY26 Operating Budget for the Sheriff's Office is \$33,328,745, an increase of \$2,770,373 or 9.07 percent from the FY25 Approved Budget of \$30,558,372. Personnel Costs comprise 81.16 percent of the budget for 189 full-time position(s) and five part-time position(s), and a total of 191.80 FTEs. Total FTEs may include seasonal or temporary positions and may also reflect workforce charged to or from other departments or funds. Operating Expenses account for the remaining 18.84 percent of the FY26 budget.

COUNTY PRIORITY OUTCOMES


While this program area supports all seven of the County Executive's Priority Outcomes, the following are emphasized:

-  **Safe Neighborhoods**
-  **Effective, Sustainable Government**

INITIATIVES

-  Fund one-time costs for law enforcement vehicle upfitting, including Mobile Data Computers (MDC) and radios.

INNOVATIONS AND PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS

-  Collaborated with public safety agencies, businesses, and colleges including Planet Fitness, Montgomery College, Hood College, and Liberty University to promote hiring opportunities.

- ★ Planned Family Justice Center (FJC) initiatives including partnering with the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and community groups to host RespectFest 2026 to educate 1,200 teens on dating violence, implementing a paperless record-keeping system, launching a Spanish-language intake app, continuing domestic violence workshops, and supporting the Development Services Group in securing Federal funding for a Family Justice Center evaluation study.
- ★ The FJC and the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council will launch an October campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, highlighting education and services.
- ★ Expand the Sheriff's Office staff to fill vacancies and enhance Courthouse Security per best practices.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Mona Cabrera of the Sheriff's Office at 240-777-7000 or Derrick Harrigan of the Office of Management and Budget at 240-777-2759 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance measures for this department are included below (where applicable), with multi-program measures displayed at the front of this section and program-specific measures shown with the relevant program. The FY25 estimates reflect funding based on the FY25 Approved Budget. The FY26 and FY27 figures are performance targets based on the FY26 Recommended Budget and funding for comparable service levels in FY27.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

★ Administration

This division provides general administrative support to the Sheriff's Office including personnel and labor relations matters, planning and policy, training, background investigations, payroll, purchasing, internal investigations, automation, grants, and budget-related functions. The Administration division provides technical support for the Sheriff's Records Management System (E*Justice). The Administration Division also oversees the Sheriff's compliance with recognized accreditation standards. The Assistant Sheriffs direct research and development of policies, procedures, and regulations to meet professional standards developed for law enforcement agencies.

The Assistant Sheriffs oversee internal investigations, represent the Sheriff's Office in legislative matters, and provide legal direction. Staff from the Administration division also serve on applicant, promotional, and disciplinary boards of other public safety agencies. Administration personnel organize and teach in-service and specialized deputy training and periodic weapons qualification, as required by the Maryland Police Training Commission. Staff from the Sheriff's Office also respond to mutual-aid calls as necessary. Additionally, Sheriff's Office staff participate in law enforcement task forces and units such as the Special Response Team, Special Events Response Team, and Hostage Negotiation Team in cooperation with the Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, and other law enforcement agencies.

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimated FY25	Target FY26	Target FY27
Number of Interim and Temporary Peace Orders received ¹	2,990	3,204	3,556	3,556	3,556
Number of Interim and Temporary Protective Orders received	5,712	5,664	6,614	6,614	6,614

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimated FY25	Target FY26	Target FY27
Number of safety check violations resulting in arrest ²	0	0	0	0	0
Number of weapons seized as a result of Protective Orders	230	248	282	282	282

¹ The Sheriff's Office is required to immediately serve Court issued Peace and Protective orders in cases where petitioners seek protection from abuse. Each year, a higher number of Interim and Temporary Orders are received that require full processing through State and Federal law enforcement databases prior to physical service of the orders on the respondent.

² Safety checks involve efforts by Sheriff's deputies to ensure that victims are safe and court orders are being obeyed after the issuance of an Interim or Temporary Order. Safety checks are conducted by site visit or phone.

FY26 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY25 Approved	5,698,194	25.11
Restore: One-time FY25 Lapse Adjustment	740,545	0.00
Increase Cost: Security Guard Contract Escalator to Provide Security Personnel	336,398	0.00
Increase Cost: One-time Vehicle Upfitting - Mobile Data Computers and Radios	275,000	0.00
Increase Cost: Tasers and Body Worn Cameras Contract Escalator to Improve Transparency and Accountability	222,029	0.00
Increase Cost: Replacement of Ballistic Vests After Five Years of Useful Life	69,275	0.00
Increase Cost: Three Percent Inflationary Adjustment to Non-Profit Service Provider Contracts	20,090	0.00
Technical Adj: FTE Adjustment	0	0.03
Decrease Cost: Lapse Adjustment	(1,367,677)	0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	114,345	(0.44)
FY26 Recommended	6,108,199	24.70

Civil Process

The Sheriff's Office is mandated to serve all civil processes as directed by the courts or private litigants and file returns to the court. These papers include summons, subpoenas, failure-to-pay rent notices, and other court documents. The Civil Process function is supported by deputies, who research and serve papers, and by administrative staff, who maintain the tracking process. The Sheriff's Office also executes court-ordered attachments, personal and real property seizures, and replevins (a civil action to recover property wrongfully held). As a final step in resolution of a court judgment, the Sheriff's Office conducts sales of seized or attached property. In the case of evictions, the Sheriff's Office restores real property to property owners by evicting tenants and their possessions as directed by the court. When appropriate, tenants are referred to human service agencies.

FY26 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY25 Approved	3,902,663	27.26
Technical Adj: Expenditure and FTE Adjustment - Child Support Grant	(3,708)	(0.03)
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(626,744)	(5.09)
FY26 Recommended	3,272,211	22.14

Courtroom/Courthouse Security and Transport

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for transporting inmates between the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), Montgomery County Detention Center (MCDC), and various jails and court-holding facilities, as well as to and from healthcare facilities. The Sheriff's Office also guards inmates while at these facilities. When a writ is received from other counties, deputies are required to transport MCDC and MCCF inmates to other Maryland District and Circuit Courts. The Sheriff's Office administers

temporary detention facilities in the Silver Spring and Rockville District Courts, the Circuit Court, and the Juvenile Court holding facility located in the South Tower of the Circuit Court complex.

The Sheriff's Office provides security for the County's Circuit Court and operates X-ray machines and magnetometers to screen visitors entering the buildings at three public entrances. The Sheriff's Office uses trained canines to detect explosives, weapons, and to serve as a general crime deterrent within the courthouses.

The Sheriff's Office Canine Section is also the primary responder for explosive device detection calls, Monday through Friday, and responds to mutual-aid calls from the Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, and other law enforcement agencies as necessary.

FY26 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY25 Approved	13,041,221	84.50
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	800,088	(4.50)
FY26 Recommended	13,841,309	80.00

Criminal Process/Warrants and Extraditions

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for serving District Court civil warrants, District Court criminal warrants associated with domestic violence, all adult and juvenile Circuit Court warrants, and Child Support Enforcement warrants. The Warrant Section maintains on-line warrants in the following systems: Maryland Electronic Telecommunications Enforcement Resource System (METERS), National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and E*Justice. METERS and NCIC are used to share data with other State and Federal systems. E*Justice is a local database used by Montgomery County law enforcement agencies to track warrants. It also interfaces with the Law Enforcement Information Exchange to enable data sharing with law enforcement agencies in the National Capital Region. The Sheriff's Office also conducts investigations to locate and apprehend those fugitives for whom the Sheriff's Office holds a warrant. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for returning fugitives to Montgomery County from other jurisdictions for outstanding Circuit Court warrants and processing those fugitives when returned.

FY26 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY25 Approved	2,494,305	18.50
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	504,026	2.00
FY26 Recommended	2,998,331	20.50

Domestic Violence

The Sheriff's Office is the lead agency in Montgomery County for serving court orders related to domestic violence, including Protective and Peace Orders. The Office is also responsible for serving Child Custody Orders. The Domestic Violence Section serves domestic violence court orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The section works collectively with other County agencies to ensure that the petitioners are referred to essential County services available to them and their families. In an effort to enhance protection for the victims of domestic violence, the Sheriff's Office offers cellular phones to domestic violence victims. The Sheriff's Office also serves Emergency Evaluation Petitions that include obtaining custody and transporting residents to the hospital for court ordered mental evaluation.

FY26 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY25 Approved	5,421,989	36.43
Technical Adj: Expenditure Adjustment - Domestic Violence Grant	(120)	0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	1,686,826	8.03
FY26 Recommended	7,108,695	44.46

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Recommended FY26	%Chg Bud/Rec
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	17,963,290	19,128,051	18,842,015	19,292,992	0.9 %
Employee Benefits	5,003,620	6,152,653	5,812,177	7,075,588	15.0 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	22,966,910	25,280,704	24,654,192	26,368,580	4.3 %
Operating Expenses	5,822,426	4,275,739	3,682,935	5,962,064	39.4 %
Capital Outlay	955	0	0	0	—
County General Fund Expenditures	28,790,291	29,556,443	28,337,127	32,330,644	9.4 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	181	181	181	181	—
Part-Time	5	5	5	5	—
FTEs	187.00	187.07	187.07	187.10	—
REVENUES					
Other Charges/Fees	2,160	20,000	20,000	20,000	—
Sheriff Fees	956,496	800,000	800,000	800,000	—
Miscellaneous Revenues	132,308	4,000	4,000	4,000	—
County General Fund Revenues	1,090,964	824,000	824,000	824,000	—
GRANT FUND - MCG					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	623,094	522,189	522,189	492,100	-5.8 %
Employee Benefits	178,632	162,615	162,615	188,876	16.2 %
Grant Fund - MCG Personnel Costs	801,726	684,804	684,804	680,976	-0.6 %
Operating Expenses	380,647	317,125	317,125	317,125	—
Grant Fund - MCG Expenditures	1,182,373	1,001,929	1,001,929	998,101	-0.4 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	8	8	8	8	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	4.76	4.73	4.73	4.70	-0.6 %
REVENUES					
Miscellaneous Revenues	11,617	0	0	0	—
Federal Grants	1,164,951	1,001,929	1,001,929	998,101	-0.4 %

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	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Recommended FY26	%Chg Bud/Rec
Other Intergovernmental	(9,509)	0	0	0	—
State Grants	25,454	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund - MCG Revenues	1,192,513	1,001,929	1,001,929	998,101	-0.4 %

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

Total Expenditures	29,972,664	30,558,372	29,339,056	33,328,745	9.1 %
Total Full-Time Positions	189	189	189	189	—
Total Part-Time Positions	5	5	5	5	—
Total FTEs	191.76	191.80	191.80	191.80	—
Total Revenues	2,283,477	1,825,929	1,825,929	1,822,101	-0.2 %

FY26 RECOMMENDED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
	FY25 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	29,556,443 187.07
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>		
Increase Cost: FY26 Compensation Adjustment	1,105,516	0.00
Increase Cost: Motor Pool Adjustment	858,709	0.00
Restore: One-time FY25 Lapse Adjustment [Administration]	740,545	0.00
Increase Cost: Retirement Adjustment	459,704	0.00
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY25 Compensation Increases	438,104	0.00
Increase Cost: Security Guard Contract Escalator to Provide Security Personnel [Administration]	336,398	0.00
Increase Cost: One-time Vehicle Upfitting - Mobile Data Computers and Radios [Administration]	275,000	0.00
Increase Cost: Tasers and Body Worn Cameras Contract Escalator to Improve Transparency and Accountability [Administration]	222,029	0.00
Increase Cost: Replacement of Ballistic Vests After Five Years of Useful Life [Administration]	69,275	0.00
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail Adjustment	31,143	0.00
Increase Cost: Three Percent Inflationary Adjustment to Non-Profit Service Provider Contracts [Administration]	20,090	0.00
Technical Adj: FTE Adjustment [Administration]	0	0.03
Decrease Cost: Annualization of FY25 Personnel Costs	(38,316)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Elimination of One-Time Items Approved in FY25	(376,319)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Lapse Adjustment [Administration]	(1,367,677)	0.00
	FY26 RECOMMENDED	32,330,644 187.10

GRANT FUND - MCG

	FY25 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	1,001,929 4.73
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>		

FY26 RECOMMENDED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
Technical Adj: Expenditure Adjustment - Domestic Violence Grant [Domestic Violence]	(120)	0.00
Technical Adj: Expenditure and FTE Adjustment - Child Support Grant [Civil Process]	(3,708)	(0.03)
FY26 RECOMMENDED	998,101	4.70

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Name	FY25 APPR Expenditures	FY25 APPR FTEs	FY26 REC Expenditures	FY26 REC FTEs
Administration	5,698,194	25.11	6,108,199	24.70
Civil Process	3,902,663	27.26	3,272,211	22.14
Courtroom/Courthouse Security and Transport	13,041,221	84.50	13,841,309	80.00
Criminal Process/Warrants and Extraditions	2,494,305	18.50	2,998,331	20.50
Domestic Violence	5,421,989	36.43	7,108,695	44.46
Total	30,558,372	191.80	33,328,745	191.80

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

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Title	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY26 Recommended	32,331	32,331	32,331	32,331	32,331	32,331
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Elimination of One-Time Items Recommended in FY26	0	(344)	(344)	(344)	(344)	(344)
Items recommended for one-time funding in FY26, including replacement of ballistic vests and vehicle upfitting, will be eliminated from the base in the outyears.						
Labor Contracts	0	144	144	144	144	144
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	32,331	32,131	32,131	32,131	32,131	32,131

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