



Sheriff

RECOMMENDED FY27 BUDGET

\$33,364,007

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 FY27 Operating Budget for the Sheriff's Office is \$33,364,007, an increase of \$51,660 or 0.16 percent from the FY26 Approved Budget of \$33,312,347. Personnel Costs comprise 79.89 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 20.11 percent of the FY27 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

- Initiated a strategic recruitment campaign focused on the comprehensive management of hiring, training, and retention for both sworn and professional staff. This initiative aims to bolster community awareness through job fairs and targeted outreach, ensuring increased visibility and recognition for the diverse career opportunities available across the Sheriff's Office.

INNOVATIONS AND PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS

- The Sheriff's Office attended law enforcement roll calls throughout the County to increase knowledge and awareness about the

Safe Card Program. It is a small durable card containing critical protective order details, which can be verified by law enforcement in the event of a violation.

- ✦ Launched the Family Justice Center Mini-Mart Program, which addresses food insecurity among victims of domestic violence receiving services. The victims are provided with their choice of a variety of non-perishable, shelf-stable food items. It serves as a stop-gap while victims access the currently limited longer-term resources.
- ✦ Installed E-ticket into a few Sheriff's Office vehicles, which increases deputy safety, increases efficiency and streamlines data transfer to the courts.

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 FY26 estimates reflect funding based on the FY26 Approved Budget. The FY27 and FY28 figures are performance targets based on the FY27 Recommended Budget and funding for comparable service levels in FY28.

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 FY24	Actual FY25	Estimated FY26	Target FY27	Target FY28
Number of Interim and Temporary Peace Orders received ¹	3,204	2,882	3,116	3,058	3,058
Number of Interim and Temporary Protective Orders received	5,664	5,561	5,578	5,661	5,661
Number of weapons seized as a result of Protective Orders	248	207	144	199	199

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.

FY27 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	6,108,199	24.70
Increase Cost: Tasers and Body Worn Cameras to Improve Transparency and Accountability	246,929	0.00
Increase Cost: Promotional Exam Services	50,000	0.00
Increase Cost: Two and a Half Percent Inflationary Adjustment to Non-Profit Service Provider Contracts	17,244	0.00
Increase Cost: Meals During Overtime Shifts	10,385	0.00
Increase Cost: Shoe Replacement	7,858	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.	237,984	(2.70)
FY27 Recommended	6,678,599	22.00

☀ 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.

FY27 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	3,272,211	22.14
Replace: Continuation of Child Support Positions Previously Supported By Grant Funds	178,043	1.31
Reduce: Child Support Positions Previously Supported by Grant Funds	(173,623)	(1.31)
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	1,019,892	5.36
FY27 Recommended	4,296,523	27.50

☀ 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.

FY27 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	13,824,911	80.00
Increase Cost: Retired Canine Care	2,500	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.	(719,028)	1.00
FY27 Recommended	13,108,383	81.00

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.

FY27 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	2,998,331	20.50
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(588,102)	(3.00)
FY27 Recommended	2,410,229	17.50

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.

FY27 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	7,108,695	44.46
Shift: Technical Adjustment Associated with Personnel Costs Supported by Grant Funds	4,256	0.04
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Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(238,422)	(0.66)
FY27 Recommended	6,870,273	43.80

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Estimated FY26	Recommended FY27	%Chg Bud/Rec
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	18,908,379	19,305,441	19,140,701	19,031,578	-1.4 %
Employee Benefits	5,950,494	7,063,139	6,461,959	7,109,300	0.7 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	24,858,873	26,368,580	25,602,660	26,140,878	-0.9 %
Operating Expenses	4,668,343	5,945,666	4,949,306	6,394,395	7.6 %
County General Fund Expenditures	29,527,216	32,314,246	30,551,966	32,535,273	0.7 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	181	181	181	181	—
Part-Time	5	5	5	5	—
FTEs	187.07	187.10	187.10	188.37	0.7 %
REVENUES					
Other Charges/Fees	(10,282)	20,000	20,000	20,000	—
Sheriff Fees	1,065,408	800,000	800,000	800,000	—
Miscellaneous Revenues	87,053	4,000	4,000	4,000	—
County General Fund Revenues	1,142,179	824,000	824,000	824,000	—
GRANT FUND - MCG					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	470,365	492,491	492,491	384,677	-21.9 %
Employee Benefits	161,878	188,485	188,485	130,492	-30.8 %
Grant Fund - MCG Personnel Costs	632,243	680,976	680,976	515,169	-24.3 %
Operating Expenses	259,546	317,125	317,125	313,565	-1.1 %
Grant Fund - MCG Expenditures	891,789	998,101	998,101	828,734	-17.0 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	8	8	8	8	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	4.73	4.70	4.70	3.43	-27.0 %
REVENUES					
Miscellaneous Revenues	9,507	0	0	0	—
Federal Grants	808,035	998,101	998,101	828,734	-17.0 %
Other Intergovernmental	4,133	0	0	0	—
State Grants	48,122	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund - MCG Revenues	869,797	998,101	998,101	828,734	-17.0 %
DEPARTMENT TOTALS					
Total Expenditures	30,419,005	33,312,347	31,550,067	33,364,007	0.2 %
Total Full-Time Positions	189	189	189	189	—

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	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Estimated FY26	Recommended FY27	%Chg Bud/Rec
Total Part-Time Positions	5	5	5	5	—
Total FTEs	191.80	191.80	191.80	191.80	—
Total Revenues	2,011,976	1,822,101	1,822,101	1,652,734	-9.3 %

FY27 RECOMMENDED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
	FY26 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	32,314,246 187.10
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>		
Increase Cost: FY27 Compensation Adjustment	1,198,632	0.00
Increase Cost: Motor Pool Adjustment	416,471	0.00
Increase Cost: OT Adjustment	250,000	0.00
Increase Cost: Tasers and Body Worn Cameras to Improve Transparency and Accountability [Administration]	246,929	0.00
Replace: Continuation of Child Support Positions Previously Supported By Grant Funds [Civil Process]	178,043	1.31
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY26 Compensation Increases	150,404	0.00
Increase Cost: Promotional Exam Services [Administration]	50,000	0.00
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail	41,617	0.00
Increase Cost: Two and a Half Percent Inflationary Adjustment to Non-Profit Service Provider Contracts [Administration]	17,244	0.00
Increase Cost: Meals During Overtime Shifts [Administration]	10,385	0.00
Increase Cost: Shoe Replacement [Administration]	7,858	0.00
Increase Cost: Retired Canine Care [Courtroom/Courthouse Security and Transport]	2,500	0.00
Shift: Technical Adjustment Associated with Personnel Costs Supported by Grant Funds [Domestic Violence]	(4,256)	(0.04)
Decrease Cost: Retirement Adjustment	(159,241)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Elimination of One-Time Items Approved in FY26	(344,275)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Lapse Adjustment	(406,659)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Annualization of FY26 Personnel Costs	(1,434,625)	0.00
	FY27 RECOMMENDED	32,535,273 188.37
GRANT FUND - MCG		
	FY26 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	998,101 4.70
<u>Federal/State Programs</u>		
Reduce: Child Support Positions Previously Supported by Grant Funds	(173,623)	(1.31)
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>		
Shift: Technical Adjustment Associated with Personnel Costs Supported by Grant Funds [Domestic Violence]	4,256	0.04
	FY27 RECOMMENDED	828,734 3.43

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Name	FY26 APPR Expenditures	FY26 APPR FTEs	FY27 REC Expenditures	FY27 REC FTEs
Administration	6,108,199	24.70	6,678,599	22.00
Civil Process	3,272,211	22.14	4,296,523	27.50
Courtroom/Courthouse Security and Transport	13,824,911	80.00	13,108,383	81.00
Criminal Process/Warrants and Extraditions	2,998,331	20.50	2,410,229	17.50
Domestic Violence	7,108,695	44.46	6,870,273	43.80
Total	33,312,347	191.80	33,364,007	191.80

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

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Title	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY27 Recommended	32,535	32,535	32,535	32,535	32,535	32,535
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Elimination of One-Time Items Recommended in FY27	0	(318)	(318)	(318)	(318)	(318)
Items recommended for one-time funding in FY27, including equipment purchases, promotional exam services, meals during overtime shifts, shoe replacements, and retired canine care will be eliminated from the base in the outyears.						
Labor Contracts	0	160	160	160	160	160
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	32,535	32,377	32,377	32,377	32,377	32,377

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