



MEETING MINUTES

Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

7:30am – 9:00am

In Person Location: *Executive Office Building*

(101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850)

Auditorium (Located on the Lobby Level of the Building)

&

Virtual: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 443-692-5768,,269416772#](#)

Phone conference ID: 269 416 772#

Members Present: Dawn Luedtke (Chair), Florence Jewell (Vice Chair), Eric Schneider, Marc Yamada, James Bonifant, Lori Garibay-Aquino, Richard Madaleno, Keena Jones (*on behalf of Sheriff Uy*) Earl Stoddard (*Staff*), Lindsay Bolt (*Minute Taker*)

(Online)- Stefan LoBuglio, John McCarthy, Shan Anderson, Monica Martin, Carole Brown, Sean Mukherjee, Ben Stevenson, Sherri Koch, Lakeisha Robinson (*on behalf of Chief McSwain*)

Members Absent: Darryl McSwain, Jeff Waldstreicher, Maxwell Uy, Kurt van der Walde, Jeff Ewart, Jason West, Mary Schaller, Gail Roper, Mark Sroka, Antonio DeVaul, John Nesky, Shakirra Haynes, Marcus Jones, Debra Grandy, Marielsa Bernard, Karen Bushell

Guests: Darren Francke, Susan Farag, Arneicia Moody, Nick Picerno, Ivan Downing, Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Tamera Bulla, Troy Plummer, David McBain

1. General Business

Dawn Luedtke, Councilmember,
CJCC Chair

Summary

- Welcomed Shan Anderson, newly confirmed Victim Services Advisory Board representative & Mary Schaller, Employee – Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, MD Division of Parole and Probation representative
- Noted the future retirement of Chief Darryl McSwain (MNCPP-Montgomery County Division) on August 1, 2025 and thanked him for his service on the Commission
 - Welcomed Acting Chief Lakeisha Robinson

- Review of 5/28/2025 Minutes for approval
- Review of 6/23/2025 CJCC Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Report

Action:

- Board voted (17 Yes, 0 No) to approve the 5/28/2025 Minutes (1st Judge Bonifant/2nd Eric Schneider)
- Board voted (17 Yes, 0 No) to approve the 6/23/2025 CJCC Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Report (1st John McCarthy/2nd Florence Jewell)

2. Standing Agency Updates

- Circuit Court (Judge Bonifant)
 - Open Pending Criminal Matters: 911 as of 6/30/2025
 - Open Pending Juvenile Cases: 189 as of 6/30/2025
- District Court (Judge Koch)
 - Recent 1st graduation of DUI Court Class
 - Currently working on a Veterans Court proposal
 - Mental Health Court going well
 - Lots of changes happening to attempt to divert folks before arrest or charging, working with Public Defenders office and State's Attorney's office.
- MCPD (Chief Yamada, Asst. Chief McBain, and Asst. Chief Francke)
 - Current focus: Pedestrian Safety concerns (we've had several recent incidents)
 - Asst Chief McBain noted the Summer DUI enforcement (in collaboration with State and Local law enforcement partners) have made 127 arrested since starting in late May and noted 8 DUIs arrested just at the 1 checkpoint new Downtown Crown/I-370.
 - Dr. Bridgers (Director, DHHS) noted the current trend of Intoxication Fatalities by Selected Substances (year to date)
 - Fentanyl remains the primary driver of overdose mortality in Montgomery County
 - 32 fatal overdoses in Montgomery County during the first 6 months of 2025 including 21 cases involving opiates, 20 cases involving fentanyl, 5 involving Heroin, 3 involving Rx opioids, 12 involving cocaine and 11 involving alcohol.
 - Montgomery County saw a decrease of 24% (10 fewer cases) in fatal overdoses during 2025, a decrease of 34% for fatal overdoses

involving opioids, 29% decrease for fatal overdoses involving Fentanyl, a decline of 31% for fatal overdoses involving alcohol

- MCPD along with other County Partners are actively engaged in a pilot Intervention Plan (in the Wheaton area) to support the Latino males in the community who are disproportionately affected by Alcohol use in DUI arrests and collisions/pedestrian fatalities
 - Monica Martin (Chief, Behavioral Health & Crisis Services, DHHS) noted they are focused on a communications campaign thru the Latino Health Initiative, and are starting a Group Education meeting every other Wed (7/30/2025 6:30-8pm) to increase families/caregivers' knowledge of the impact of alcohol use, cycle of addiction and what resources are available for concerned family members
- No alarming trends in crime currently; Auto thefts and thefts of auto parts on-going
- While there have been several different protest events, they have been peaceful and Commanders have been addressing
- State's Attorney (John McCarthy)
 - Highlighted National Night Out coming up on Tues. Aug 5 (4-9pm) around the County; free family-friendly events that welcome local first responders and the community to come together with a focus on public safety begins with you!
 - Highlighted a recent victory in which MCPD was instrumental in the conviction of a former FBI agent who was found guilty of rape and other offenses.
 - Thanked Sean Mukherjee for the continued partnership
 - The Banner is coming to MoCo which will provide a greater spotlight on the work Montgomery County is doing
 - Excited for Tara Jackson, the new Prince George's County State's Attorney
 - Chief McSwain will be missed, best wishes on his retirement
- *During the Standing Agency Updates it was noted that the Circuit Court is down 2 judges and the Office of the Public Defender is down 3 attorneys. A comment was made that OPD was not permitted to fill their open positions – This is a State Executive Branch decision, not a local County Executive Branch decision.*

3. Briefing: MCPD Technology

Capt. Nick Picerno,
Montgomery County Police Department

- **Real-Time Intelligence (Crime) Center (RTIC)**
 - Provides Officers with information from a centralized location
 - Access to over 4,000 cameras including Private (Businesses/HOAs) and Public (personal home cameras that have been registered by the homeowner)
 - Montgomery County Residents can register their own home cameras by visiting: <https://mococonnect.org/>
 - MCPD currently working on a grant which would provide cameras to faith based facilities
 - Allows better sharing of data between local jurisdictions (Prince Georges, DC) in Real Time
- **Drone as First Responder (DFR)**
 - Provide air support to 911 or police generated calls for service, launching on avg under 1 min (1st on Scene).
 - Provides real time information to ground officers on location of subject(s), while officers are in route
 - Montgomery County is the 1st Major City and Largest Jurisdiction in Maryland with this program
 - Montgomery County currently has 4 launch sites (Bethesda, Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village, Silver Spring, and Wheaton) with plans to add a site in Germantown and White Oak
 - **Future Upgrade – Drone 2.0 Skydio**
 - This all-in-one system can be placed in any location, and launched from that spot – no longer a need for a roof pilot as is required for the current Drone operation
- **Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR)**
 - Mobile readers are in Police Cruisers, Stationary Readers would be placed on major roadways into the County with the object of detecting stolen vehicles/preventing future thefts in garages

See PowerPoint Presentation enclosed proceeding the Minutes

4. Briefing: Retail Theft

Assistant Chief Darren Francke
Montgomery County Police Department

- Many retailers have a no confrontation policy when it comes to Shoplifters which MCPD understands; the key is education, communication and connection
- Montgomery County uses technology (RTIC, DFRs, ALPRs) and connections to the Community and the businesses (ground officers/Commanders) to deter retail theft
 - 3D as an example has made great strides with several businesses in their community to combat the Shoplifting by educating the retailers on environmental design changes they can make to deter shoplifting
 - Pike & Rose (Federal Realty) has been a key partner, taking active steps with their retailers to address Shoplifting before it starts – *it would be interesting to see if we could illustrate the fiscal impact of this type of prevention to provide to other property owners, mom and pop shops etc.*

- Montgomery County (MCPD) will take Shoplifters to Central Processing (unlike other jurisdictions)
- MD Retailers Alliance spoke about being encouraged by the new Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025 which goes into effect October 1, 2025 -allows Counties to aggregate the amount an individual or organized group stole and allows for prosecution to take place within any of the Counties affected.

Organized Retail Theft Act of 2025 – SB0011/HB0179

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/legislation/details/sb0011?ys=2025RS>

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5. Subcommittee Reports

Dawn Luedtke, CJCC Chair

- Legislative Subcommittee – No update at this time
- **New Subcommittee Discussion**
 - Based on the CJCC Juvenile Justice Subcommittee report, the CJCC Steering Committee has suggested a new subcommittee be considered which would:
 - identify the appropriate amount of resources the County needs or should provide regarding the reopening of Noyes
 - identify the collaboration opportunities
 - provide a recommendation to the full CJCC by Nov. 19th 2025 (last CJCC meeting of the year) so it could be shared ahead of any State or County Budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2027
 - A suggestion was made to potentially have SAO (Carlotta Woodward) and DHHS lead this effort
 - **At the time of the discussion, several members of the CJCC had left, therefore we no longer had quorum, so no vote was possible.** The Steering Committee will discuss how in which to move forward to a vote before the next meeting (in keeping with the Open Meetings Act).

6. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Dawn Luedtke, CJCC Chair

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55am

Next Full Commission Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 (7:30am-9am)
In Person Location: Executive Office Building (101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD) Auditorium
& Virtual via Microsoft Teams link



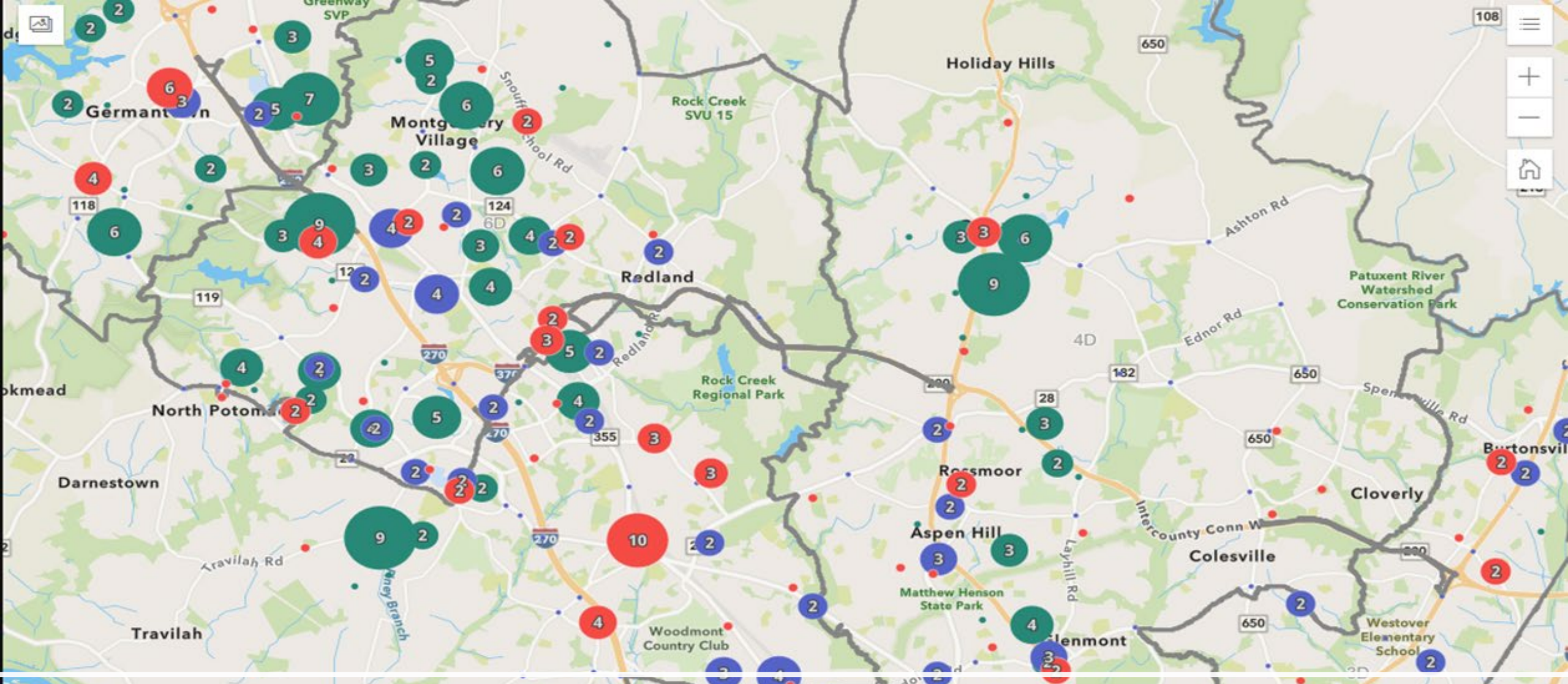
REAL TIME

INTELLIGENCE CENTRE

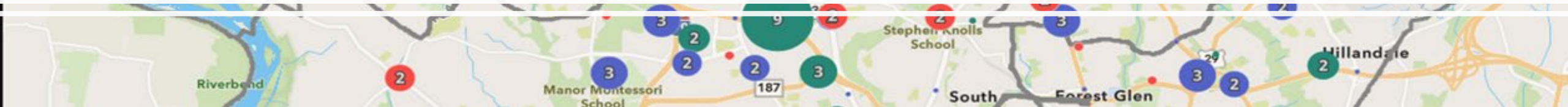
Capt. Nicholas Picerno

Capabilities

- Cameras – 4,000+
 - Live
 - Historical
 - Evidence
- LPR
- Databases
- Intel Workups
- Follow-up investigations
- Target Sheets
- Photos



County Camera Map





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[Camera Registration](#) [Camera Integration](#) [Shop](#) [FAQs](#)



Help Keep Montgomery County Safe

1940

Registered Cameras

1751

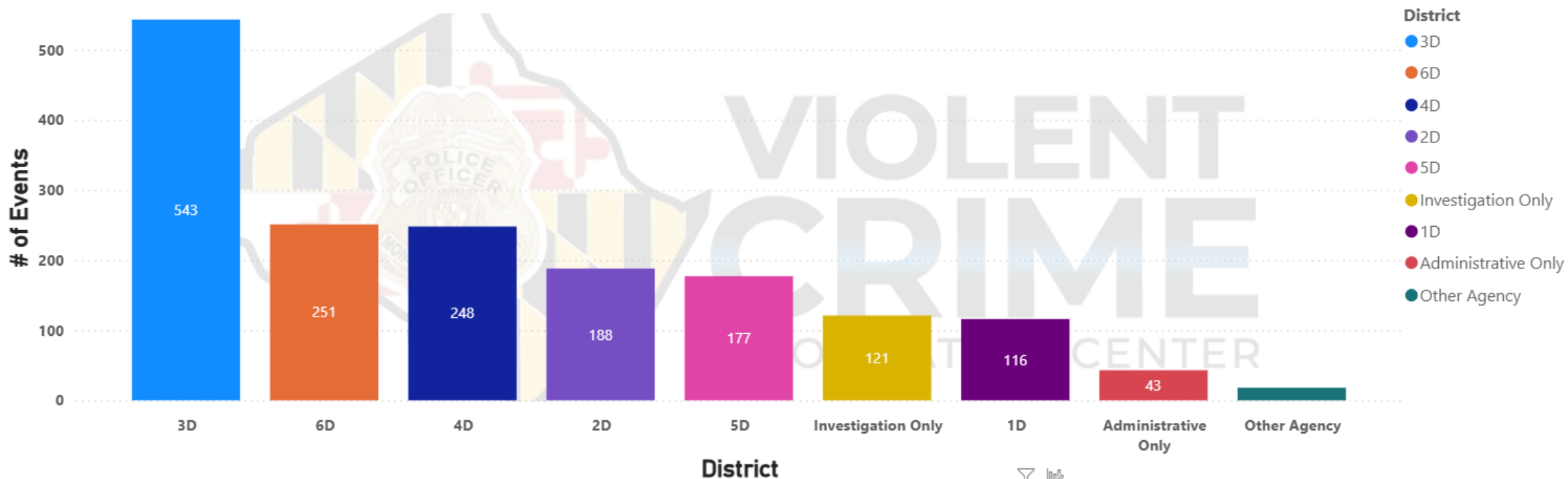
Integrated Cameras

MoCoConnect is a new public safety program enabling the people of Montgomery County to help keep their community safe.

Your participation will greatly enhance emergency preparedness by enabling police, fire, and public safety professionals to better assess and rapidly respond to criminal activity and emergency situations. It will also



Events Assisted by District



Date Range

1/1/2025



7/22/2025



Total Events/Investigations
Supported

within designated date range

1705

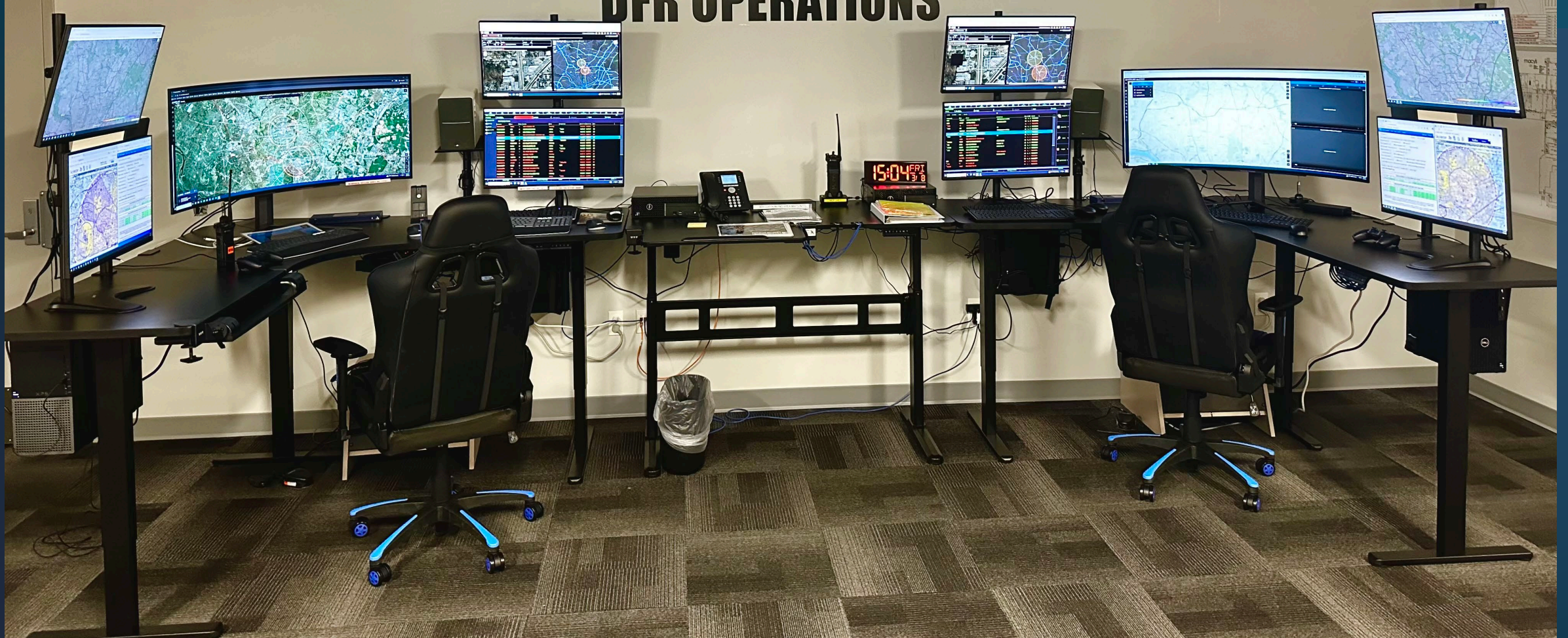






MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE

DFR OPERATIONS





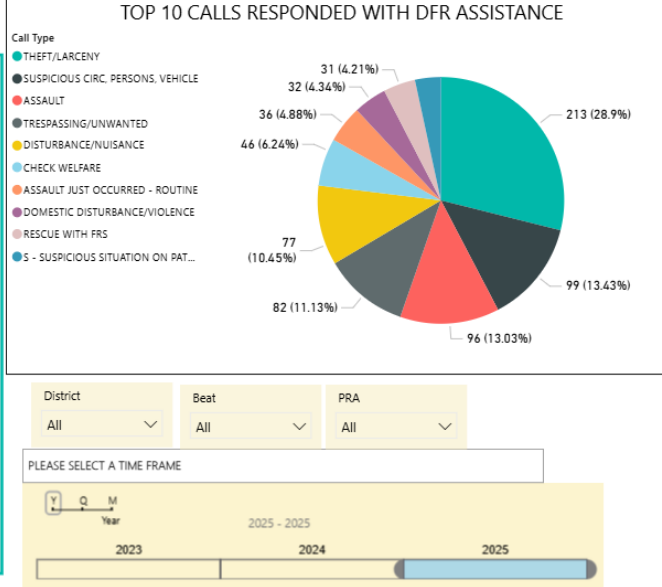
MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT - DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER (DFR)

DFR PROGRAM FACTS

*Modeled from the Chula Vista CA, Santa Monica CA, and Beverly Hills CA Police DFR programs. Chula Vista PD DFR has been operating successfully since 2018.

*DFR is used to fly to and from 911 and police generated calls for service. The goals of the DFR program are to improve response times, increase efficiency, increase and assist with de-escalation, and provide real time information to responding officers about the emergency call.

*Raven 2 covers the 2nd District (Bethesda), Raven 3 covers the 3rd District (Silver Spring), and Raven 4 covers the 4th District (Wheaton). These three sites have a 1.2 NM flight radius. Raven 6 covers the 6th District (Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village) and has a 2.5 NM flight radius.



DFR ACTIVITY BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL CALLS RESPONDED TO

1152

DFR DEPLOYMENT AVOIDED
DISPATCHING A PATROL UNIT

171

DFR FIRST ON SCENE COUNT

789

AVG RESPONSE TIMES - FIRST ON
SCENE (IN SECONDS) *

54.28

AVG RESPONSE TIMES - ALL
CALLS (IN SECONDS) *

88.66

* Response times from
dispatch to arrival.

EARLIEST RESPONSE DATE/TIME 1/2/2025 7:01:42 PM LATEST RESPONSE DATE/TIME 7/19/2025 10:13:49 PM



Montgomery County Police Department

Drone as First Responder - Flight Maps & Data Page

YEAR

2025



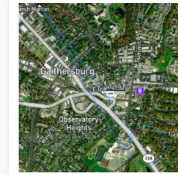
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CASE / INCIDENT 2500001819
LOCATION 900 Ellsworth Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland
DESCRIPTION Subject committed a theft and ran from the police.



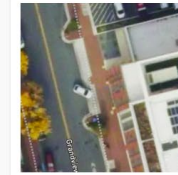
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CASE / INCIDENT 2500001917
LOCATION 8560 2nd Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland
DESCRIPTION Subject was assaulted and the suspect was located on scene.



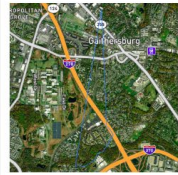
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CASE / INCIDENT 2500001993
LOCATION 11200 Georgia Avenue Wheaton, Maryland
DESCRIPTION Subject threatening to kill himself and other people at the metro.



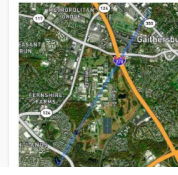
DATE 01/10/2025 TIME 03:20 PM
CASE / INCIDENT 2400008963
LOCATION 405 S Frederick Ave
DESCRIPTION Live911 for disorderly subject refusing to leave. Upon overhead subject had.



DATE 01/10/2025 TIME 03:35 PM
CASE / INCIDENT 2500008946
LOCATION 2425 Reedie Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20902
DESCRIPTION Robbery of Citizen



DATE 01/10/2025 TIME 03:39 PM
CASE / INCIDENT 2400008979
LOCATION 858 W Side Dr, Gaithersburg, Maryland..
DESCRIPTION Live911 for Armed Robbery just occurred. Upon overhead located subject.



DATE 01/10/2025 TIME 04:20 PM
CASE / INCIDENT 2400008975
LOCATION 240 Lakelands Dr, Gaithersburg, Maryland..
DESCRIPTION Live911 for kids playing ice hockey on a lake. Upon overhead located 3 kids o.

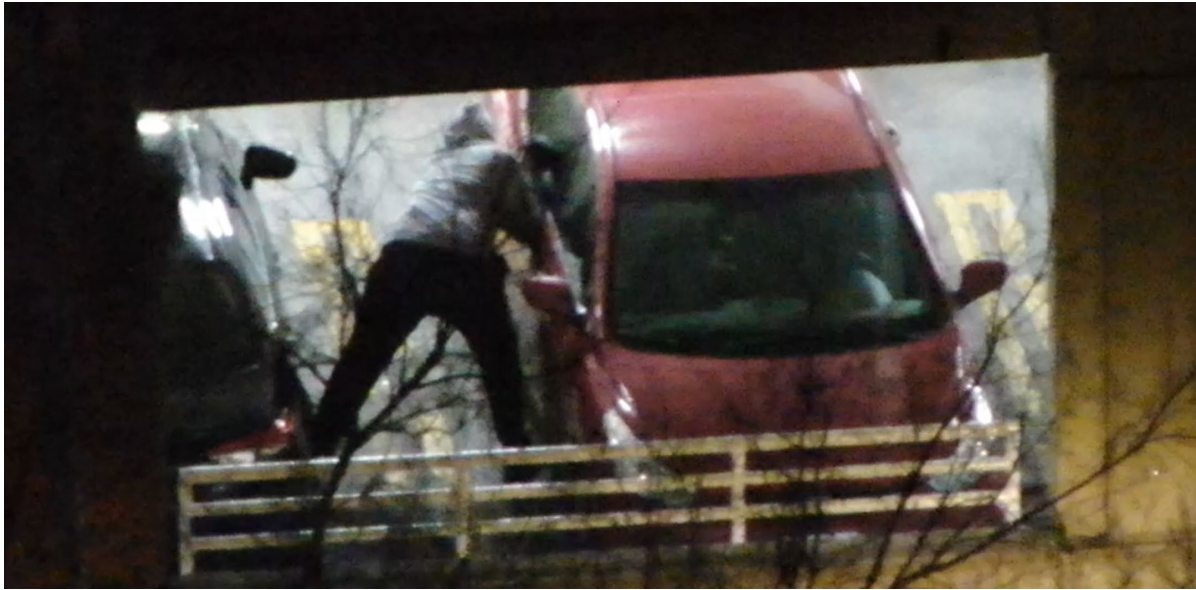


DATE 01/10/2025 TIME 05:37 PM
CASE / INCIDENT 2500009080
LOCATION Shady Grove @ Midcounty Highway, Gaithersburg..
DESCRIPTION Traffic with possible DUI



DATE 01/10/2025 TIME 06:23 PM
CASE / INCIDENT 2500009131
LOCATION 11405 Georgia Ave
DESCRIPTION trespassing, subjects outside liquor store fighting. Located 4.

DFR Transparency Pages



Skydio X10



Automated License Plate Readers





