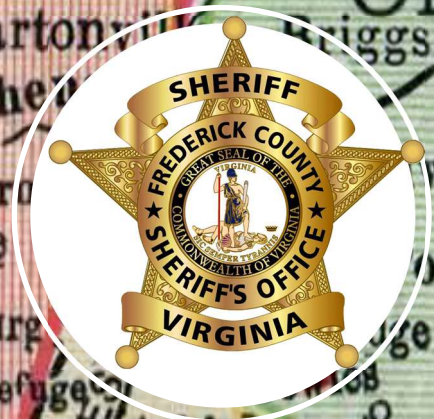

2023 Annual Report

Frederick County

Sheriff's Office



Re-Election 2023



Sheriff Millholland ran unopposed for his second term with Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Lenny Millholland was born and raised in Cumberland, Maryland. From 1977 through 1979 Lenny worked for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, in Cumberland Maryland.

In 1979, at age 21, Lenny came to Winchester, VA. and became a police officer with the Winchester Police Department. Lenny worked his way through the ranks as a Patrol Officer, K-9 Handler, Investigator, Sergeant, and Lieutenant in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division.

In 2002 Lenny became the Sheriff of the City of Winchester. This was a position that he held for 12 years or 3 terms. Sheriff Millholland ran for and was successfully elected as the Sheriff of Frederick County, VA. Lenny is currently the only Sheriff to have ever been Sheriff for a City, (3 terms) and then run for and successfully win the position as a County Sheriff. Sheriff Millholland is responsible for 415 square miles and over 90,000 residents. Sheriff Millholland commands 147 sworn law enforcement personnel, 10 office staff and 3 Communications personnel.

Sheriff Millholland has been in Law Enforcement for over 44 years and was a K-9 handler for over 22 years, handling Patrol K-9's and Bloodhounds. Sheriff Millholland is an FBI National Academy Graduate #188, Past President of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute and is currently the First Vice President of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association. Lenny is a graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute and has been a mentor for the Sheriff's Institute and The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Lenny is on the board of OUR HEALTH and the EVANS HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Charlie Marple



Emergency vehicles lined up around Indian Hollow Elementary School Thursday afternoon. But fear not, there was no cause for alarm. Rather, they were there to celebrate a very special occasion. Charlie Marple, a 9-year-old fourth grader at Indian Hollow, was about to experience perhaps the biggest surprise of his lifetime: Becoming an honorary deputy in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

His family, friends, community members and the entire Indian Hollow student body were there in the school's cafeteria to cheer him on.

"It means so much to our family because the officers have been a part of his journey since the start, some prior to it because they're resource officers at his school," said Stacy Marple, Charlie Marple's mother.

"And this is just a memory that we're going to forever have."

Charlie's journey has not been an easy one. For the past five months, he's been going through treatment for Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MPS), a cancer of the bone marrow, and Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), a form of cancer which only affects about 500 children in the U.S. each year, according to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Since April, he's gone through three full rounds of chemotherapy and a clinical trial in Philadelphia. But after returning from the clinical trial just days ago, Stacy Marple said doctors informed her and her family that treatments had not been effective, and that they only have two to three months left with Charlie.

"This is the hardest thing we've ever gone through," she said.

Throughout his cancer journey, though, Charlie has maintained his lifelong affinity for law enforcement.

Stacy Marple said that since he was a toddler, her son has always wanted to be a police officer.

“Every year his costume for Halloween is some sort of police officer,” she said. “Deputy, sheriff, has something to do with law enforcement. So he’s always wanted to be a police officer when he grew up.” This dream was fueled by Charlie’s relationship with Deputy Derek Kniceley, a school resource officer (SRO) at both Indian Hollow and Gainesboro elementary schools.

“Charlie has been one of those kids that’s always just kind of, like, hit my heart,” Kniceley said. “And he’s always asked me for my handcuffs. He’s always asking me for a badge. He’s always asking me for, you know, my equipment and things like that ... So Charlie and I have a very good relationship.” On Thursday, students, community members, school officials and Frederick County School Board members filed into the Indian Hollow cafeteria. People from Frederick County Fire and Rescue, the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office, and Virginia State Police, stood at the front of the room. All were waiting for an unsuspecting Charlie Marple, who thought he was visiting Indian Hollow to see his friends and show off his new puppy, Goldie, to make an entrance.

“We got a special ceremony today for you guys,” Kniceley said to the students. “Somebody here at Indian Hollow is going to be sworn in as deputy sheriff and will be a new school resource officer here at Indian Hollow.” The excitement among the students was palpable. The “quiet coyote” hand signal had no authority when it came to curbing their enthusiasm.

When Charlie — decked out in sheriff’s office gear — joined, they chanted “Charlie! Charlie! Charlie!” And there was a rousing applause as he made his way toward the law enforcement officers. “Charlie,” Kniceley said, “we have something special for you here today at Indian Hollow. What is something you’ve always asked me for from the first day I walked in here? You know, besides my banana peel shooter ... my radio, my sunglasses. What is something you always keep asking me for? ... Did you want a badge today?” Charlie nodded his head yes. “All right,” Kniceley said.

Becky Hogan, clerk of Frederick County Circuit Court, then stepped forward to officially swear Charlie in as a sheriff’s deputy. He solemnly swore to support the Constitution of the United States of America, and to faithfully, and impartially, discharge all the duties incumbent upon him as a deputy sheriff for Frederick County, to the best of his knowledge and abilities.

Frederick County Sheriff Lenny Millholland then presented Charlie with a badge, and a gold star award, and declared him Unit 621. After the ceremony, Charlie got to speak on the radio in one of the police vehicles. “It’s everything for me to watch my son fulfill his dream,” Stacy Marple said.

Between the show of support from local law enforcement and the droves of community members and fellow students who cheered for him at the top of their lungs Thursday afternoon, one thing was clear:

There's no shortage of people who love and care for Charlie. "I'm feeling overjoyed," said Indian Hollow Principal Shawn Muir. "My heart is very happy for Charlie. It was an exciting event for him. This is something that he's always wanted to do. So we're glad we got to be part of it and watch him get deputized." "It's been a very emotional couple days," Kniceley said. "Deputy Roy (James Wood High School's SRO) and myself, I know there's other deputies as well, but we've, you know, tried to do what we can for a great kid all around. ... It's just his family as well. Friends and family that are here to support as well. And it was awesome that the school felt that this was a great place to do it as well, because you can see Charlie's totally loved here at Indian Hollow." Stacy Marple described her son as an old soul, saying he loves black and white western movies, fishing, hunting, four-wheeling, and playing baseball.

"He loves to preach the Lord's word and give back to others," she said. "If he sees a homeless person, he wants to buy them food or a drink, or if he sees they need a new shirt. He always wants to help somebody. He'd rather give than receive." Stacy Marple also said Charlie is very intelligent, and that throughout his five months of cancer treatment he's remained optimistic.

"This kid has not complained, not one time about the different appointments in three hospitals in three states. He hasn't complained about any of the blood transfusions or bone marrow biopsies, like he doesn't complain. He wakes up every day and lives for that day and is just a happy kid. His smile is contagious, and he can just make anybody in the room, he can just make their day better," she said. She hopes that by sharing her son's story, she can raise awareness for AML in children. Charlie's illness was discovered through blood work, which doctors only took because of a sudden onset of severe symptoms that wound up being due to cancer. She said she hopes hearing this story will encourage parents to ask pediatricians to perform labs on their children as a precaution, as children do not typically receive routine blood work.

"Just simply putting out awareness that simple blood tests from your kid's next follow-up appointment could save their life. A lot of parents don't realize that doctors don't draw their lab works, or how important that lab works are to find the problem. And I think it should be something that should be mandated every year at a follow-up appointment, to draw a child's blood work, just to make sure everything's within normal range. If we had just had his lab work done a year ago, this may have been curable. We may have been able to go race a bone marrow transplant and save his life. And you know, parents don't think to ask for a lab work. I know I didn't," she said. Stacy Marple also said this experience has shown her how truly important it is to be a good, involved parent, and the importance of having empathy for others.

“I tell my kids I’m going to continue to speak this until the day the good Lord takes me,” she said. “I tell my kids that you never judge a book by their cover. You always always be kind to one another. Because you don’t know what somebody’s going through at home. I am trying to get everybody to realize that time is limited. We don’t know when it’s our time, but you know, be present. Be good parents. Be there for your children and make those memories you know, go out and spend an hour or two at a baseball field in the dead heat, sweating or whatever it may be, just be present and be good parents.” At 6 p.m. Tuesday, she will allow Charlie to return to the field to play wiffle ball with his Winchester Baseball teammates again. She says it’s exciting for her son, as he hasn’t swung a bat in five months, and that they want to see the stands around Shenandoah University’s Kevin Anderson Field at Bridgeforth Stadium packed for Charlie.

Charlie passed away on December 30,2023



MISSION STATEMENT

It shall be the mission of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to provide fair, unbiased law enforcement services to the public, while respecting the individual's constitutional rights.

CODE OF ETHICS

"As a law enforcement Deputy, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law of the land and the regulations of my Office. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret, unless revelation is necessary in the performance of duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudice, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions with no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals. I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust, to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of public service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession law enforcement."



MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

As the Sheriff of Frederick County, I would like to say thank you for taking the time to review our yearly report.

First and foremost, I am thankful for the personnel of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, both Sworn and Civilian who everyday put their safety on the line to make this agency operate in a manner that addresses the needs of the citizens of Frederick County and the people who visit, work, and do business in our area.

The sworn personnel from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office handled 94,446 calls for service in 2023. These calls for service range from minor calls to the most extreme. There are currently 147 sworn personnel, and 15 civilian staff to include Emergency Communications Personnel.

The mission of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is to provide fair, unbiased law enforcement services to the public while respecting the individual's constitutional rights. We take this mission statement seriously and strive to address all issues.

In doing this, we provide a full-service agency, which means we have an Administrative Staff, Patrol Division, Investigative Division, Traffic Unit, Animal Control, Crisis Intervention Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, Civil Disturbance Unit, School Resource Division, Dive Team, Search and Rescue, Tactical Unit, and numerous other specialty groups.

Times have changed across our country, and we have seen many changes across the Commonwealth. Surrounding agencies work with one another to provide the needed services anytime there is a need.

The proximity of West Virginia, which borders our county with 5 different counties and 3 Virginia counties, one city and 2 towns, keeps our staff busy.

Issues with illicit drugs and overdoses are like those across the country. In 2022, we had 72 overdoses and in 2023 overdoses reduced to 45. With the use of Narcan, (Naloxone) since 2016 we have had success in saving the lives of overdose victims. In 2022, 46 overdoses were reversed and in 2023, 34 overdoses were reversed. 358 lives have been reversed since NARCAN was first used in 2016. These reversals would not have happened had it not been for the quick actions of our personnel and Fire and Rescue.

Deputies handled 6,773 reports for different offenses that had occurred in 2023 and made 3,322 arrests of criminal violators. It is requested that if anyone wants to see the Incident Based Reporting (IBR), please look at the Virginia State Police Website.

In closing, we always tell people that "If you see something, say something". Society is changing ever so quickly, and we want our citizens to stay alert and aware of their surroundings. Don't be a victim. Please don't hesitate to call us when you have questions.

Sheriff



FREDERICK COUNTY — Frederick County Sheriff Lenny Millholland was recently elected president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association for 2023-24. In his role as president, Millholland's responsibilities include representing the association during the Virginia General Assembly's legislative session. He was elected at the association's fall conference held in Virginia Beach and will serve a one-year term. "It's an honor and privilege and I'm proud to be their president," Millholland said by phone. According to its website, the association represents 95% of the 123 sheriff's offices in Virginia.

The association also provides sheriffs, deputies, and the public with information about emerging law enforcement issues, corrections, crime prevention and other topics while advocating for salary increases for deputy sheriffs before the General Assembly. "We voice our opinions on what we think ought to be and what not ought to be," Millholland said. "I think the biggest thing is to promote the office of the sheriff going forward and our deputies." "The Virginia Sheriffs' Association (VSA) gives a voice to Virginia sheriffs and deputies. Working on many levels and in cooperation with the various segments of the criminal justice system and state government, VSA guarantees unfailing representation for sheriffs and deputies throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia," a recent post on the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Facebook page says.

Millholland was elected Frederick County sheriff in 2015. Millholland previously served as Winchester City Sheriff from 2002 to 2013, running as a Democrat. Prior to holding that position, he worked for the Winchester Police Department, where he was hired in 1979. He started his career in law enforcement in 1977 at the Allegany County Sheriff's Office in Cumberland, Md. All told, he has been involved in law enforcement for more than 40 years.

Millholland is seeking his third term as Frederick County sheriff in the Nov. 7 election. He is running unopposed as an independent.

2023 COMMAND STAFF

SHERIFF - LENNY MILLHOLLAND

CHIEF DEPUTY - STEVE HAWKINS

Sheriff Lenny Millholland has been in law enforcement for over 40 years. Starting his career in 1977 Sheriff Millholland has worked in Patrol, K-9, Criminal Investigations, Administration and was the only person in the history of the Commonwealth to be a Sheriff for a City and then successfully become the Sheriff of a County on January 1, 2016.

Major Steve Hawkins has 34 years of law enforcement experience. Major Hawkins was previously employed by the Virginia State Police for 28 years and held the rank of Lieutenant in the Bureau of Field Operations prior to being sworn in as Chief Deputy of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office on January 1, 2016.



PATROL CAPTAIN - RICHARD SINGHAS

Captain Richard Singhas has been in law enforcement since 1994. Before rising to the rank of Captain of Civil he held various ranks within Patrol for 20 years. Holding the Assistant Division Commander, and the Captain of Civil Services Division before becoming Captain of Patrol.

A SHIFT SUPERVISOR – LT. CHESTER RENNER

B SHIFT SUPERVISOR – LT. HUGH VANMETER

C SHIFT SUPERVISOR – LT. CHRIS HOCKMAN



CID CAPTAIN – KEITH COVERT

Captain Keith Covert has been employed with the Sheriff's Office for 25 years, working both in the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant within the Criminal Investigative Division in 2014 and then to the rank of Captain in 2022.

ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER – LT. ALISSA SINGHAS



CIVIL CAPTAIN – MARK WEBBER

Captain Mark Webber has been in law enforcement for 33 years. Before becoming Captain of Civil Services, Captain Webber held positions such as Patrol Supervisor of 3rd shift, Patrol Supervisor of 2nd shift, Supervisor of Civil Services, and in 1987 he was deputy assigned to the jail. Captain Webber worked for Winchester Police Department in 1989 and came to Frederick County Sheriff's Office in 2000.

ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER – LT. STEVEN ALGER



ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTAIN – ALECK BEEMAN

Captain Aleck Beeman has been in law enforcement since 1979. Captain Beeman has worked in the Patrol Division, and CID. Captain Beeman was the assistant division commander, and the Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division. He currently holds the title of Captain of the Administrative Services Division.

ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER – LT. TONYA KITTOE**SCHOOL SAFETY DIVISION – 1ST LT JASON CORNWELL**

1st Lieutenant Cornwell has been in law enforcement since 1999, when he began his career with the Winchester City Police Department. 1st Lt Cornwell joined the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in 2000 and has held various ranks within the Patrol Division. He was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in January 2017 and assigned over the School Safety Division.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION – 1ST LT BARRY KITTOE**

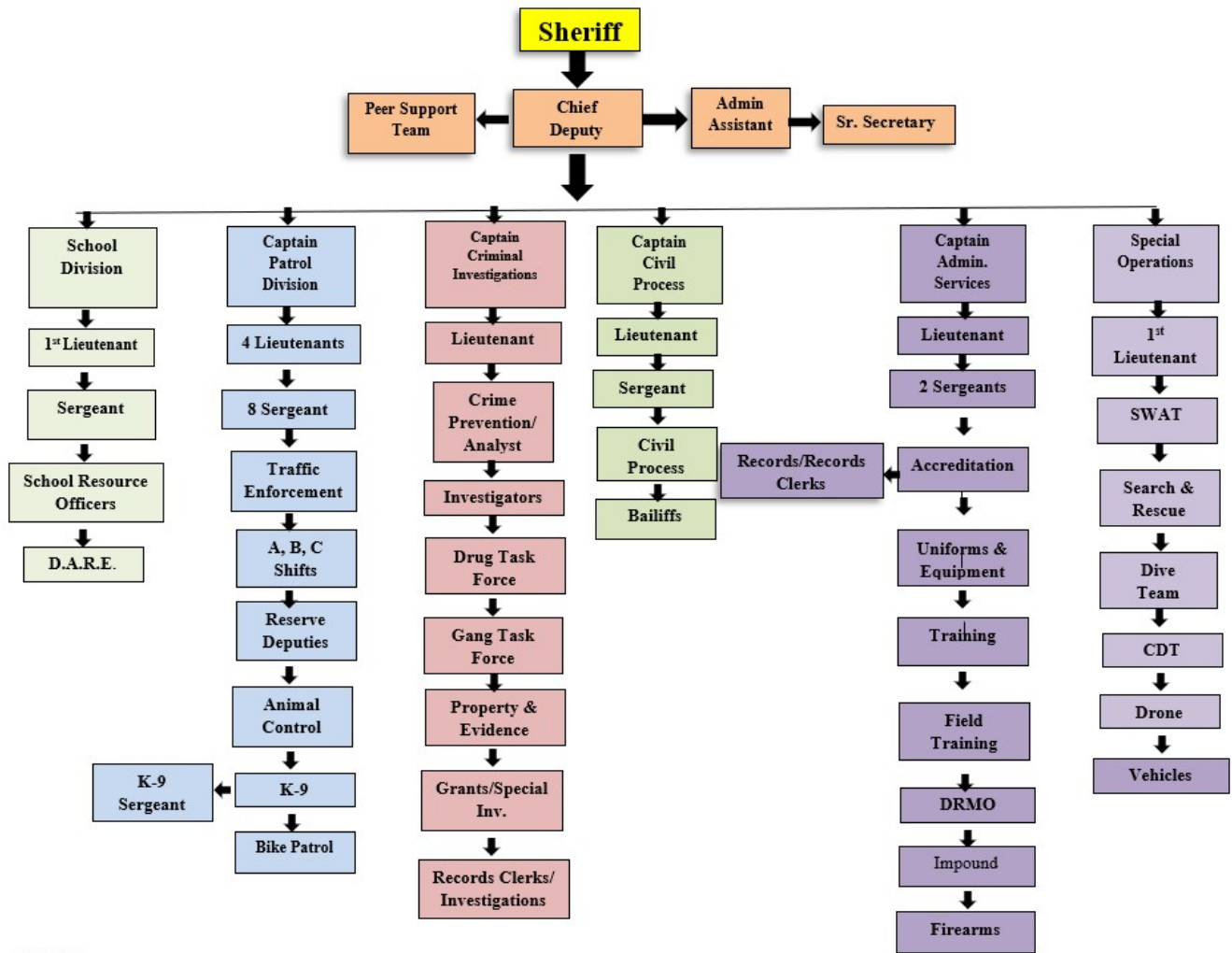
1st Lieutenant Barry Kittoe started his law enforcement career in January of 1996 with the Department of Corrections. 1st Lieutenant Kittoe was hired with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in November of 1997 and has held many roles within the agency including patrol, specialty divisions and specialty teams. 1st Lieutenant Kittoe has worked his way through the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant and is now assigned as 1st Lieutenant of Special Operations.



TRAFFIC DIVISION – LT. WARREN GOSNELL



Sheriff's Office



PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS

June 2023 - Congratulations to Deputy Samantha Garrison on your recent promotion to Sergeant at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.



Deputy Tyler Spears was promoted to Polygraph Examiner, May 1, 2023.



Investigator Veronica Beauvais retired with 21 years of service in law enforcement. We are grateful for her service to our community and the citizens of Frederick County. Veronica returned to FCSO on a Part-Time basis.



March 2023 – Congratulations to Deputy Eric White on his promotion to the rank of Investigator in the Criminal Investigations Division, Drug Task Force.



Congratulations Deputy Daniel Cameron. Deputy Cameron is retiring with 22 years of service in law enforcement.

Deputy Kibler was promoted to Investigator on December 1, 2023.



Investigator Hackett received the Investigator of the Year 2023

APEX OFFICER

In partnership with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) acquired a state-of-the-art use of force de-escalation simulator for criminal justice education. This system, Apex Officer, utilizes virtual reality (VR) technology to create life like scenarios that provide an unlimited variety of training options. Through purely instructor led scenarios, trainees are placed into a variety of situations depicting subjects in crisis ultimately providing opportunities to utilize de-escalation strategies with hopes of arriving at a peaceful outcome.

As a result of our in-place partnership, FCSO is capable of utilizing the Apex Officer system to run current law enforcement officers through scenarios resulting in realistic, cost effective, and quickly repeatable training.







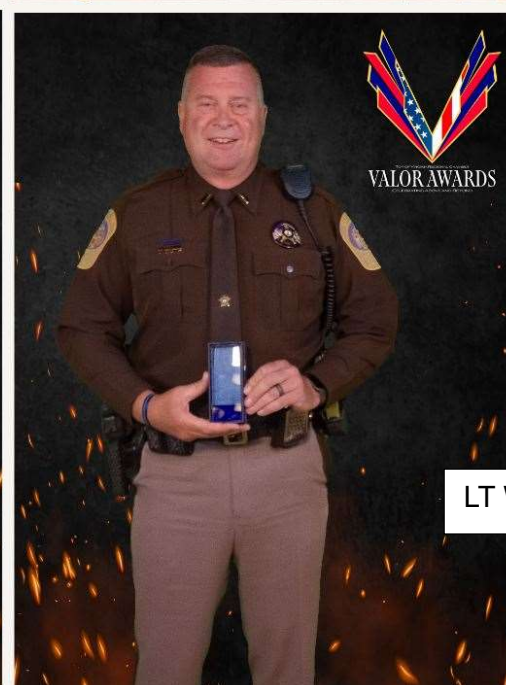
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2023 VALOR AWARDS

KIDS CAMP 2023







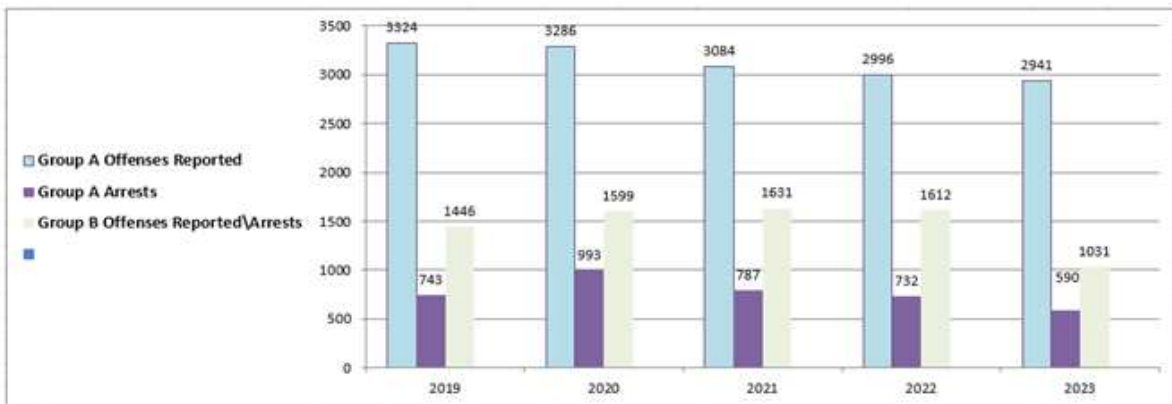
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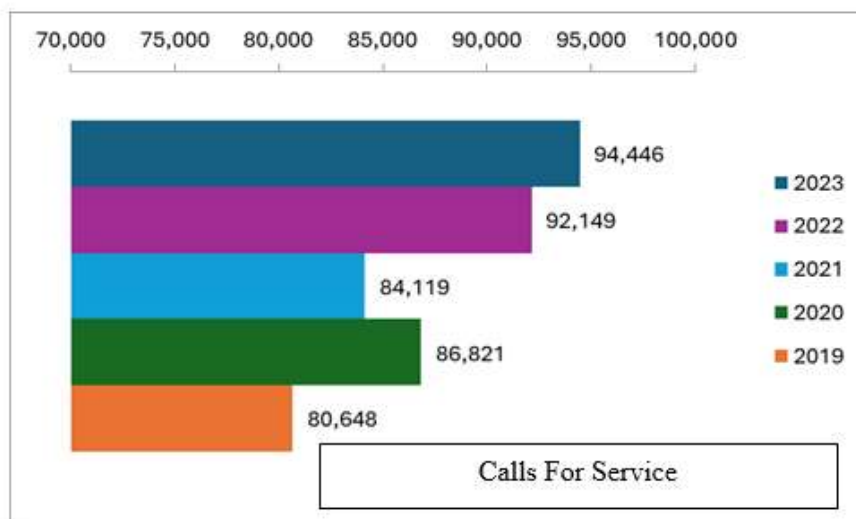


FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following chart shows yearly Group A Offenses Reported, Group A Arrest, and Group B Offenses Reported/Arrests



The following chart shows Calls for Service 2019-2023 for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.



2023 Crime Statistics

In 2023 there were 1427 Crime Against Property reported to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

Crimes Against Property			
Arson	2	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	101	12	3
Counterfeiting/Forgery	27	5	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	327	26	3
Embezzlement	5	2	0
Extortion/Blackmail	7	2	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	136	8	0
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud	0	0	0
Impersonation	1	1	0
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	60	0	0
Identity Theft	27	5	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	4	0	0
Robbery	5	3	0
Pocket-picking	0	0	0
Purse-snatching	0	0	0
Shoplifting	180	38	2
Theft From Building	114	0	0
Theft From Coin Operated Machine or Device	0	0	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	98	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	27	0	0
All Other Larceny	229	58	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	71	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	6	7	0

Vandalism of Property totaled 327 counts, **23%** of the total Crimes Against Property (CAP). **False Pretense** totaled 136 counts, **9%** of the total CAP. **Shoplifting** totaled 180 counts, **13%** of the total CAP. The combining of these total count, **45%** of the total CAP for 2023.

2023 Crime Statistics

In 2023 there were 456 Crimes Against Society

Crimes Against Society			
Drug/Narcotic Violations	234	136	7
Drug Equipment Violations	62	2	0
Betting/Wagering	0	0	0
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0	0
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0	0
Sports Tampering	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	77	3	0
Prostitution	0	0	0
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	60	16	2
Animal Cruelty	23	6	0

Drug \Narcotic Violations totaled 234 counts, **51%** of the total Crimes Against Society (CAS). **Drug Equipment Violations** totaled count, **14%** of the total CAS. **Pornography\Obscene Material** totaled 77 counts, **17%** of the total CAS. **Weapons Law Violations** totaled 60 counts, **13%** of the CAS. **Animal Cruelty** totaled 23 counts, **5%** of the CAS.

