Second Goal for FY 2004 - *seek innovative pro-active enforcement programs and improve upon the effectiveness of existing ones.*

There were four key objectives under this goal:

- Address local school safety concerns through strategies designed to strengthen relationships among the police officials, students, and school administrators.
- Address citizens' concerns with traffic safety issues through the implementation of strategic enforcement initiatives.
- Analyze crime trends, then devise pro-active enforcement strategies and reassess current strategies to impact crime problems.
- Aggressively seek out Federal, State, and private opportunities to establish and maintain professional standards that enhance the Department's operations.

Objective One

This first objective was met with the continuation and expansion of the School Resource Officers (SRO) program. School Resource Officers work in cooperation with the Anne Arundel County Board of Education. The SRO program began as part of a federal hiring program designed to reduce school violence and promote safer school environments for students. Veteran officers were assigned to seven middle schools in the county for the 2000-2001 school year and seven new officers were hired in January 2001 to replace those reassigned.

During the 2003-2004 school year, the SRO program was augmented with five additional officers that were reassigned from within the Department. Along with the original seven SRO's, this new complement of twelve officers was redeployed to the twelve county high schools to help identify students at risk for academic failure and/or involvement in criminal activities. Prevention and intervention programs continue to be implemented to help students succeed in graduation and to be resistant to involvement in criminal activities.

Objective Two

The second objective of this goal was met through the continued enforcement efforts of patrol officers and through the use of federal-through-state grant funding provided through the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). MDOT funds provide resources to conduct tactical and strategic measures such as sobriety checkpoints, assistance with enforcement efforts to reduce road rage and speeding, and continue to encourage the use of seat belts, child safety seats, and to promote safe driving habits.

Objective Three

The third objective of this goal was met through the installation of the Crime Solve mapping crime analysis program throughout components of the Police Department. The Crime Solve crime analysis program software will enhance investigation efforts to link crimes and establish patterns to pro-actively deploy officers to potentially thwart predictive criminal activity. In addition, strategic and tactical analyses are conducted on a regular basis to identify crime trends and to improve the effectiveness of enforcement strategies to reduce crime.

Another aspect of this objective was met through implementation of new ESRI ArcView mapping software. Strategic and tactical crime analysis mapping will be enhanced with the ability to update maps and related files with other county agencies using the same software.