

❖ CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM & BANQUET

In December 2003, the Crime Prevention Section held its Annual Awards Program and Banquet at *Michael's 8th Avenue* in Glen Burnie. It is a truly special occasion and demonstrates the Department's recognition and sincere appreciation for the thousands of hours of volunteer service rendered by the Reserve Officers, Chaplains, and the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS).

❖ VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMS

Some of the most outstanding successes achieved by the Anne Arundel County Police Department can be traced to its volunteer programs. In 2003, the Department utilized 55 Reserve Officers, 9 Chaplains, and 53 Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) to perform a wide range of essential, routine, and often tedious duties that are necessary to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of day-to-day police services and operations. Together, these volunteers have donated more than 32,698 hours of their time with an estimated savings to the Department of nearly \$546,056 in 2003.

- **Reserve Officers** - 55 Reserve Officers provided 18,204 volunteer hours with an estimated savings of \$304,006.
- **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)** - 53 VIPS provided 13,756 volunteer hours with an estimated savings of \$229,752.
- **Chaplain Corps** - 9 Chaplains provided over 216 volunteer hours with an estimated savings of \$3,607.

❖ FALSE ALARM PROGRAM

The False Alarm Reduction Program is a computer based tracking system that allows the Department to review the status of false alarms within the county. Offenders of the state law are cited for violations. In 2003, there were 35,228 false alarms that accounted for nearly 8% of reactive calls for service.

❖ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The participation of the Crime Prevention Unit in the *National Night Out Against Crime Campaign* promotes crime prevention outreach and the opportunity to meet numerous citizens from various communities in a single night. On August 3, 2003, officers from the Crime Prevention Unit attended community celebrations in Shadyside, Woodland Beach, Maryland City, and the Villages of Marley Station. This national event encourages citizens from these communities to turn their porch lights on and come out of their houses to stand up against crime. Local radio and television publicity has made this event increasingly popular each year for the Crime Prevention Unit.