

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



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Dear Fellow Citizens of Anne Arundel County,

It is with great pride that I present to you the Anne Arundel County Police Department 2005 Annual Report. This report highlights many departmental programs and accomplishments we have made over the past year. We take great pride in fulfilling our department's mission of providing the highest level of police service to all citizens we serve.

For the fifth straight year, our county has experienced a decrease in violent crime. Traffic enforcement efforts have dramatically increased, providing a greater police presence in our communities and reducing impaired and aggressive driving. This effort has also provided for an increase in homeland security awareness.

In order to best meet the challenges of a growing population, we have increased the sworn personnel strength of our department with 14 new officer positions. These officers have been added to our Field Operations Bureau in order to provide additional presence in our communities.

The department received re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Activities (CALEA), which is an organization that defines several hundred national law enforcement standards that must be met—on subjects such as law enforcement operations, personnel administration, organization, and management. This was our third re-accreditation, and our officers were proud to be part of the process and accomplishment.

In an age when successful law enforcement and other public agencies are utilizing modern technologies in order to do business and share information, we have felt a definite need to gain similar capabilities. Our goal of providing 500 Mobile Data Computers (MDC) in patrol and detective vehicles is nearly complete. This technology is allowing our officers to access and provide time sensitive information in a more efficient manner in the course of our law enforcement efforts.

On behalf of the men and women of the Anne Arundel County Police Department, we thank you for your continued support. We are proud of our past efforts and look forward to continued success in the coming year. We remain committed to our community policing efforts, the partnerships we have created and to the citizens of which we serve.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Thomas Shanahan".

P. Thomas Shanahan
Chief of Police