



2019 Annual School Resource Officer / Adequate Coverage Report

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
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The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr.
President
Senate of Maryland
State House, H-107
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The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
House of Delegates
State House, H-101,
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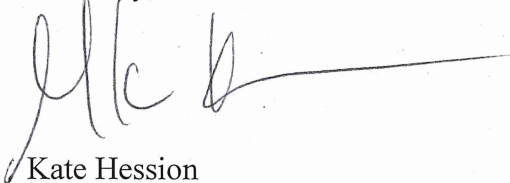
Re: Report required by State Government Article ED §7-1508(e)(3)

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to the Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 1265) ED §7-1508(e)(3), the Maryland Center of School Safety (Center) respectfully submits this report summarizing School Resource Officer (SRO) assignments within each local school system's jurisdiction for 2019-2020 school year as well as the adequate local law enforcement coverage at all public schools that are not assigned a SRO.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at, kate.hession1@maryland.gov or (410) 281-2335.

Sincerely,



Kate Hession



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Introduction

This annual report is submitted in fulfillment of the requirement under Education Article, §7-1508, Annotated Code of Maryland. On or before October 1, and each October 1 thereafter, the Center for School Safety ("the Center") must provide a summary to the Governor and General Assembly of the following:

- The public schools in the local school system's jurisdiction that have a school resource officer (SRO) assigned to the school; and
- If an SRO is not assigned, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be provided to the public school.

Local law enforcement adequate coverage varies statewide, but generally may consist of the following:

- Sheriff's deputies working overtime to provide adequate coverage to public schools. This type of coverage is also supplemented by patrol deputies who would respond to calls for service at high schools that do not have an assigned SRO.
- SRO supervisors, who are not routinely assigned to a specific school, providing supplemental patrol service and respond to calls for service at the public high schools when needed.
- Maryland State Police troopers conducting school safety checks at public high schools in their area of patrol. These checks allow troopers to supplement SRO and local law enforcement coverage at public high schools.
- Officers/deputies who are not SROs are permitted access to the school's Wi-Fi system so they can check emails and conduct other official business while at the school or on school property. This opportunity allows for increased patrol coverage of schools and proactive positive engagement and outreach with students, administrators, and staff.

It is important to note that in any public school critical incident/emergency especially when the incident involves a threat to life safety there will be additional officers/deputies who would be dispatched to assist the SRO in responding to and addressing the incident/emergency. In these situations, off-duty officers/deputies in the area may also respond to provide immediate assistance.

The following sections of the report address the two statutorily required topics. The report outlines the SRO and adequate law enforcement coverage for each of the local school systems. Information related to the coverage or assignment for individual schools may be provided upon special request to the Center.



Chart 1: Number of Maryland Schools with **assigned** SRO Coverage versus Adequate Law Enforcement Coverage

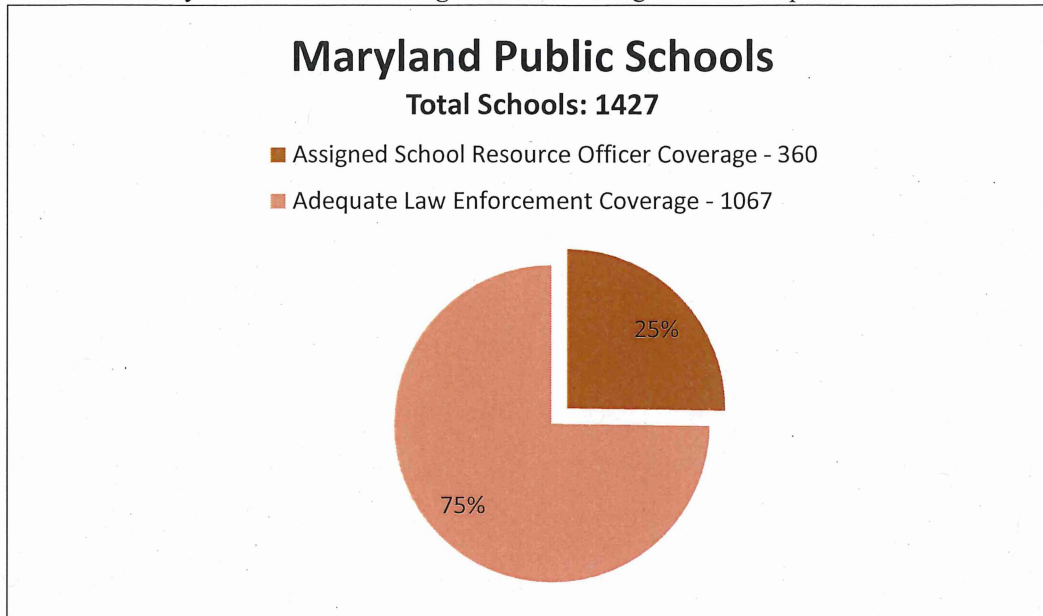
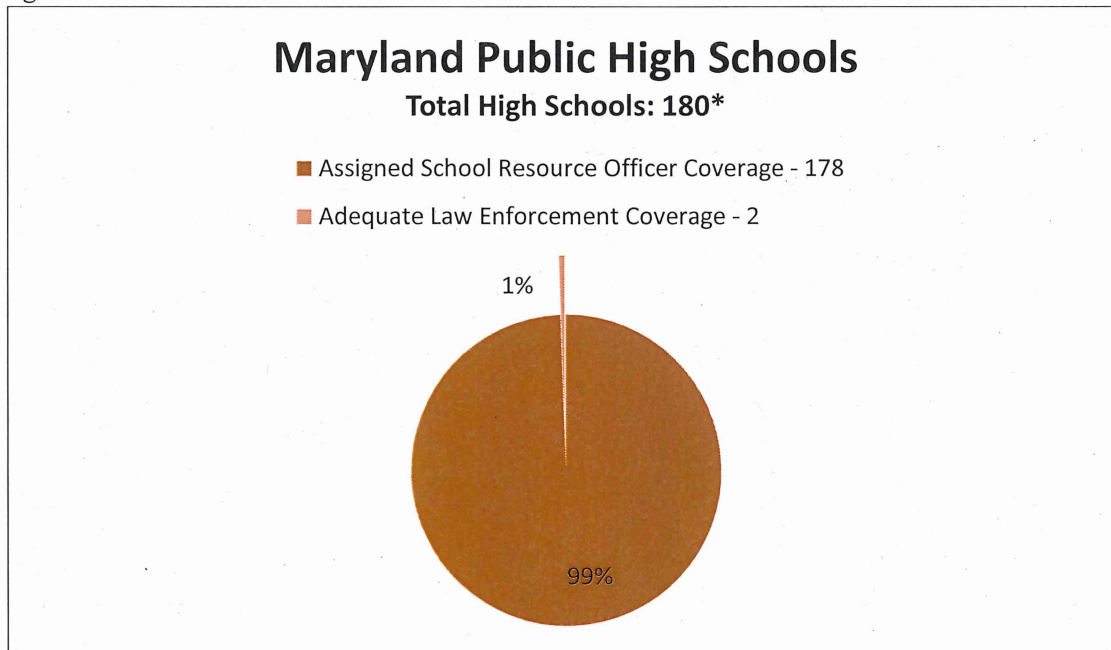


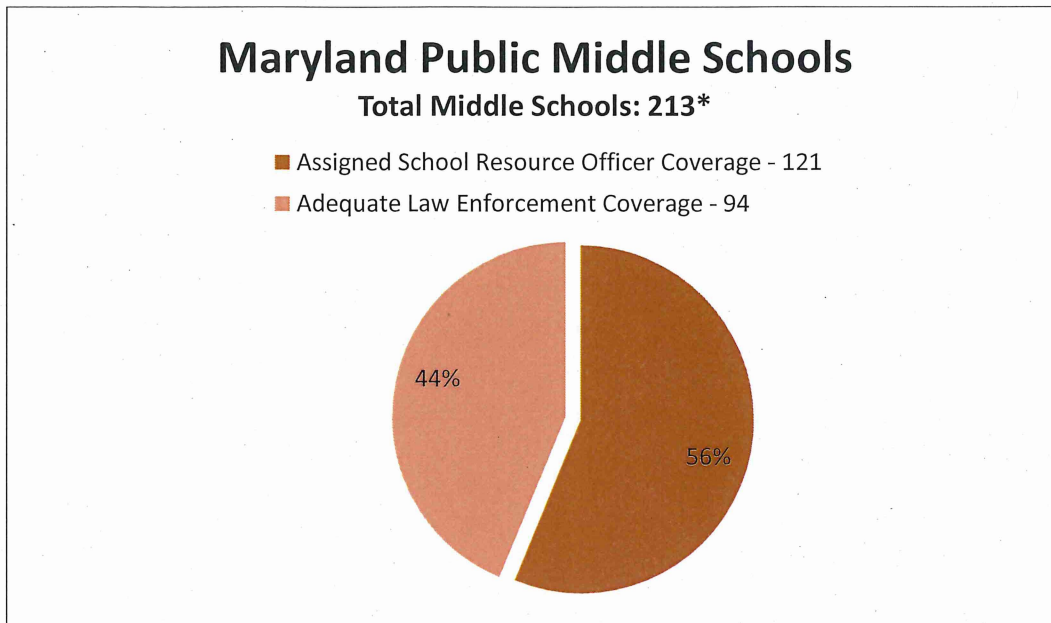
Chart 2: Number of Maryland High Schools with **assigned** SRO Coverage versus Adequate Law Enforcement Coverage



* Please see local school system breakdown for more information.

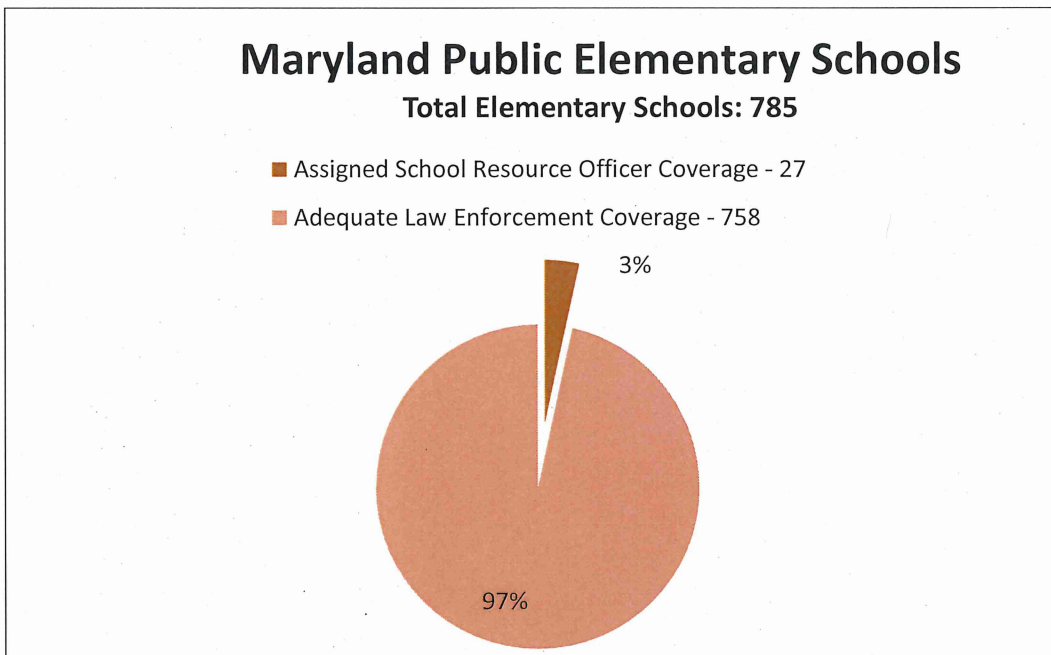


Chart 3: Number of Maryland Middle Schools with **assigned** SRO Coverage versus Adequate Law Enforcement Coverage



* Please see local school system breakdown for more information.

Chart 4: Number of Maryland Elementary Schools with **assigned** SRO Coverage versus Adequate Law Enforcement Coverage



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Allegany County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	26	5
High Schools	3	3
Middle Schools	4	0
Elementary Schools	14	0
Other	5	2

*One SRO covers the middle, elementary, and alternative schools in the ACSO jurisdiction.

- Allegany County Public School System (ACPS) consists of 22 public schools providing services for approximately 8,500 students.
- There are four primary law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in Allegany County: Maryland State Police, Allegany County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Cumberland Police Department, and Frostburg City Police Department.
- ACPS has five full-time SROs. Four SROs are primarily assigned to the three comprehensive high schools and one vocational high school. The remaining SRO covers the middle, elementary, and alternative schools in the ACSO jurisdiction. All high school SROs also visit the middle and elementary feeder schools in their jurisdictions on a regular basis throughout the course of a week and teach DARE classes at elementary and middle schools.
- ACPS plans to increase the number of SROs by three to four in the next few years.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	124	30
High Schools	12	12
Middle Schools	19	17
Elementary Schools	81	0
Other	12	1

- Anne Arundel County Public School System (AACPS) consists of 124 public schools providing services for approximately 83,300 students.
- Two primary law enforcement agencies within Anne Arundel County provide SRO and adequate law enforcement coverage: Anne Arundel County Police Department, and Annapolis Police Department.
- AACPS has assigned thirty SROs to public schools. Each high school, one alternative school, and seventeen of the nineteen middle schools have an assigned SRO.
- All elementary AACPS sites, and other AACPS locations not specifically assigned an AACPD SRO receive law enforcement coverage via uniformed patrol of the police jurisdiction in which the school resides.
- Additional law enforcement coverage arises on an ad-hoc basis dependent upon police staffing, local crime/community conditions, and other situationally-dependent needs. Law enforcement partners frequently provide unscheduled visits, directed traffic enforcement, and a host of other outreach activities.



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Baltimore County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	174	83
High Schools	21	37
Middle Schools	26	29
Elementary Schools	108	10
Other	8	0

*BCPS will have 4 “floater” SROs that will travel between schools.

**BCPS will have 3 SROs covering an alternative school along with a high school/middle school.

- Baltimore County Public School System (BCPS) is divided into eleven (11) precincts. The county consists of 174 public schools providing services to approximately 114,000 students.
- At least one SRO is assigned to each secondary school in Baltimore County.
- The elementary schools receive security coverage on a rotating basis from an SRO assigned by the local precinct to serve schools that fall under the responsibilities of that precinct.
- In BCPS, eleven high schools will have two or more SROs assigned and two middle schools will have two SROs assigned.
- Four SROs have been provided as floaters to provide additional support to schools as needed.

Baltimore City Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	167	32
High Schools	16	16
Middle Schools	3	2
Elementary Schools	39	0
Other	109	14

- Baltimore City Public Schools System (BCPS) consists of 167 public schools providing services to approximately 80,000 students.
- At least one SRO is assigned to each high school in Baltimore City.
- Mergenthaler Vocational –Technical High School, Digital Harbor High School, and Edmondson-Westside High School will each have two SROs assigned to them.
- In two instances, two schools are located on the same campus and one officer will provide coverage for both schools. In one instance, three schools are located on the same campus and one officer will provide coverage for all three schools.
- All Baltimore City Schools without assigned officers are actively patrolled by the Baltimore City School Police Force Patrol Division. Officers are required to stop by on a daily basis to check in with administration and conduct a walkthrough of the building and campus.



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Calvert County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	25	10
High Schools	4	4
Middle Schools	6	6
Elementary Schools	12	0
Other	3	0

- Calvert County Public School System (CCPS) consists of 25 public schools serving approximately 16,000 students.
- For the 2019-2020 academic year, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is increasing SROs from 7 deputies and 1 supervisor to 10 deputies and 1 supervisor covering all schools within the system.
- There will be a full-time SRO at each of CCPS's 4 high schools and each of the 6 middle schools within the system.
- The middle school SROs will cover calls for services at the elementary schools as directed by the SRO Supervisor.

Caroline County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	10	8
High Schools	2	2
Middle Schools	2	1
Elementary Schools	5	5
Other	1	0

- Caroline County Public School System consists of 10 public schools providing services for approximately 5,800 students.
- One middle and high school are located on the same campus with 1 SRO providing coverage for both.
- One high school is co-located with the Career & Technology Center with 1 SRO providing coverage for both.
- The Caroline County Sheriff's Department and/or the municipal police departments of Greensboro, Ridgely, Denton and Federalsburg actively patrol all school campuses.



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Carroll County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	44	15
High Schools	7	7
Middle Schools	8	6
Elementary Schools	22	0
Other	7	2

- Carroll County Public School System (CCPS) consists of 44 public schools serving approximately 25,000 students.
- The total full time staffing for the SRO unit serving CCPS will be one (1) sergeant, two (2) corporals, and ten (10) deputies. Additionally, two deputies on an overtime basis will supplement staffing for middle schools as well as feeder schools.
- Each public high school in the county will be assigned a full time SRO.
- Based on geographical location, some middle school SROs will be tasked with covering their respective feeder schools.
- The Carroll County Career and Tech School as well as The Gateway/Crossroads School will have an SRO assigned to their building; those are both classified as “other” schools.

Cecil County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	29	12
High Schools	5	5
Middle Schools	6	7
Elementary Schools	17	0
Other	1	0

- Cecil County Public School System consists of 29 public schools providing services for approximately 15,000 students.
- Cecil County Sheriff's Office and the Elkton Police Department provide full time SRO coverage for all high schools in the county.
- Seven SROs will provide adequate coverage to both the middle schools and feeder schools within the county.
- One SRO will act as a floater.



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Charles County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	38	15
High Schools	7	7
Middle Schools	8	8
Elementary Schools	21	0
Other	2	0

- Charles County Public School System consists of 38 public schools serving approximately 27,000 students.
- SROs that are assigned to high schools and middle schools will be responsible for elementary schools as directed by the SRO Supervisors.
- Police officers not assigned as SROs are encouraged to conduct routine patrol checks and visits to all schools, especially elementary schools.

Dorchester County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	13	2
High Schools	2	2
Middle Schools	2	0
Elementary Schools	6	0
Other	3	0

- Dorchester County Public School System (DCPS) consists of 38 public schools providing services for approximately 4,800 students.
- The Dorchester County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) will provide two full time SROs at both high schools in the county.
- Dorchester County is a large county with long distances between schools. The DCPS and DCSO encourage officers to routinely visit elementary and middle schools throughout the county.



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Frederick County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	68	16
High Schools	10	10
Middle Schools	13	3
Elementary Schools	37	2
Other	8	1

- Frederick County Public School System consists of 68 public schools serving approximately 43,000 students.
- During the 2019-20 school year, there will be SROs from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) assigned to nine of the high schools. The remaining high school will have a Brunswick Police Department (BPD) SRO assigned.
- While SROs are assigned to high schools, all of the FCSO and BPD SROs respond to and support the middle and elementary schools which feed into the respective high schools.
- The Frederick Police Department (FPD) has three SROs assigned to middle schools within Frederick City limits.

Garrett County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	12	6
High Schools	2	2
Middle Schools	2	1
Elementary Schools	7	3
Other	1	0

- Garrett County Public School System (GCPS) consists of 12 public schools serving approximately 3,800 students.
- There are four primary law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in Garrett County: Maryland State Police, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Garrett County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), and the Oakland City Police Department. All GCPSs are covered by employees of the GCSO.
- GCPS will have six (6) full-time SROs assigned to various schools in the county. Each high school will be assigned a full time SRO. The remaining SROs will provide adequate coverage for the middle and elementary schools.
- GCPS maintains an MOU for SRO coverage with the Maryland State Police, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Garrett County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), and the Oakland City Police Department. All four MOUs detail the SRO coverage and encourage law enforcement to make routine visits to the schools throughout the county.



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Harford County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	54	22
High Schools	9	9
Middle Schools	9	9
Elementary Schools	33	2
Other	3	2

- Harford County Public School System (HCPS) consists of 54 public schools serving approximately 37,800 students.
- The two schools listed as 'other' that have SROs assigned to their school are Harford Technical High School and Alternative Education at Center for Educational Opportunity.
- The SROs assigned to high schools and middle schools will conduct walkthroughs of the feeder elementary schools at least once during the school day.
- Bel Air Elementary School and North Harford Elementary Schools will have two SROs conducting walkthroughs at least once during the school day.

Howard County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	77	25
High Schools	12	13
Middle Schools	20	12
Elementary Schools	42	0
Other	3	0

- Howard County Public School System (HCPS) consists of 74 public schools serving approximately 56,800 students.
- The Howard County Police Department has mandated all patrol officers to conduct one foot patrol per shift at all schools in their patrol beat assignment to include elementary schools that are not assigned SRO's.
- All SROs have electronic key card and camera access to their assigned school. Furthermore, all HCPSS surveillance cameras are shared with the Howard County Emergency Communications Center.



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Kent County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	5	2
High Schools	1	1
Middle Schools	1	1
Elementary Schools	3	0
Other	0	0

- Kent County Public School System (KCPS) consists of 5 public schools serving approximately 2,000 students.
- KCPS provides SRO and adequate law enforcement coverage through its partnership with the Kent County Sheriff's Office, Rock Hall Police Department, and Chestertown Police Department.
- Local law enforcement officers on duty are encouraged to stop by all elementary schools on a daily basis at the start and end of each school day. In addition, they are encouraged to check in with administration and conduct walk-throughs of the buildings and campuses several times weekly.

Montgomery County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	208	26
High Schools	25	25
Middle Schools	40	0
Elementary Schools	134	0
Other	9	1

- Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) consists of 207 public schools serving approximately 161,500 students.
- MCPS works in collaboration with law enforcement partners from the Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Rockville City Police, and Gaithersburg City Police to assign full-time SROs to all 25 high schools.
- One SRO is primarily assigned to the main alternative school and provides assistance and support to the other two alternative school sites, as needed.
- Montgomery County Police, Gaithersburg City Police, Rockville City Police, and Takoma Park Police Officers who work geographic areas where MCPS middle schools, elementary schools, and other special schools are located will respond to calls for service, assistance, and/or critical incidents within their respective jurisdictions.



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Prince George's County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	208	38
High Schools	24	29
Middle Schools	24	9
Elementary Schools	121	0
Other	39	0

- Prince Georges County Public School System (PGCPS) consists of 209 public schools serving approximately 132,000 students.
- PGCPS breaks down its coverage plan into 14 Districts and three municipalities. Each of the districts provides assigned SRO coverage to at least one school.
- The 40 schools listed under the “Other” category include combined schools, special education facilities, alternative schools, charter schools, and programs.

Queen Anne's County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	14	5
High Schools	2	2
Middle Schools	3	3
Elementary Schools	8	0
Other	1	0

- Queen Anne's County Public School System (QACPS) consists of 15 public schools serving approximately 7,800 students.
- QACPS provides full time SRO coverage to all of its high schools and three of its four middle schools.
- SROs that are assigned to the middle and high schools will perform daily visits to the feeder schools in their area of assignment.
- Maryland State Police performs daily patrol checks on all schools within the QACPS system.



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Saint Mary's County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	30	5
High Schools	3	3
Middle Schools	4	2
Elementary Schools	18	0
Other	5	0

- St. Mary's County Public School System consists of 30 public schools serves approximately 18,000 students.
- Three SROs serve the three high schools, and two SROs serve the four public middle schools.
- The Adopt-a-School program was created to provide additional support by matching locally assigned sheriff's deputies and Maryland State Troopers to each public elementary school. The officers assigned to this program frequent their assigned school during patrols and provide direct assistance as needed to school administrators.
- The "School Over Watch" program provides increased presence of law enforcement officers at schools for a large portion of the school day. The program is beginning its third year of operation. The program provides for officers to proactively patrol both public and private schools in St. Mary's County during the school day.

Somerset County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	9	4
High Schools	0*	0
Middle Schools	1	0
Elementary Schools	5	0
Other	3	4

* MSDE classifies both high schools in Somerset county as Combined Schools

- Somerset County Public School System consists of 9 public schools serving approximately 3,000 students.
- Somerset County's three high schools fall within the "Other" category: Crisfield Academy & High School, Washington Academy & High School, and Somerset County Technical High School.
- Washington Academy & High School will have 2 SROs assigned.
- Crisfield Academy & High School will have one SRO assigned.
- All other schools receive routine patrols by local law enforcement agencies.



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Talbot County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	8	3
High Schools	1	1
Middle Schools	1	1
Elementary Schools	5	0
Other	1	1

- Talbot County Public School System consists of 8 public schools serving approximately 4,600 students.
- Both the high school and middle school will have an assigned SRO.
- St. Michaels Campus is a combined school with both high school and middle school students, and will also have a full time assigned SRO.
- One SRO will patrol the elementary schools in the county.
- The Talbot County Sheriff's Department and the Easton Police Department routinely patrol the public schools campuses and buildings. Each deputy and or officer is required by their supervisor to sign in on a log and do a walk-through of the building.

Washington County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	45	10
High Schools	7	6
Middle Schools	7	2
Elementary Schools	25	0
Other	6	2

- Washington County Public School System consists of 45 public schools serving approximately 22,600 students.
- One high school has a part time assigned SRO.
- One school listed as "other" does not have a full-time SRO assigned. It shares a campus with Antietam Academy and South Hagerstown High School, both of which have full-time SROs assigned.
- All SROs assigned to a specific school also have responsibility for the feeder schools to their assigned facility.
- SRO coverage will be provided by Washington County Sheriff and the Hagerstown City Police.



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Wicomico County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	25	9
High Schools	3	3
Middle Schools	3	3
Elementary Schools	16	0
Other	3	3

- Wicomico County Public School System (WCPS) consists of 14 public schools serving approximately 15,000 students.
- The partnership between the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and the Wicomico County Board of Education provides nine (9) SROs and one SRO supervisor covering the twenty-six (26) daytime schools/locations. Supplemental coverage is provided for the one (1) evening high school.
- Wicomico County utilizes an SRO in the secondary schools and CHOICES Academy.
- SROs listed under 'other' provide adequate coverage to multiple "satellite" schools.

Worcester County Public Schools

	School Count	Primarily Assigned SROs
Total Public Schools	14	12
High Schools	3	3
Middle Schools	1	2
Elementary Schools	6	5
Other	4	2

- Worcester County Public School System (WCPS) consists of 14 public schools serving approximately 6,700 students.
- The Worcester County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) provides full-time SRO coverage for all high schools and middle schools in the county.
- Currently the SRO position for one middle school is vacant. For the time being, officers of nearby schools will provide visits to the school.