



Independent Investigations Division Annual Report 2024



Dear Marylanders,

As your Attorney General, my greatest priority is to keep you and your families safe. To fulfill that essential duty, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) must hold all Marylanders accountable for their actions, regardless of their profession or role in society.

The pillars of our justice system—accountability, fairness, and equal application of the law—are critical to ensuring that policing in Maryland is ethical, transparent, and just. I am proud of the Independent Investigations Division (IID) for upholding these principles and holding law enforcement throughout the State to the same standard. This annual report details the work of the IID in 2024.

Over the past four years, Maryland has become a national leader in police accountability and reform. In 2021, the General Assembly passed the Maryland Police Accountability Act, which created the IID to investigate all police-involved deaths. Two years later, the Governor signed into law the authority for the IID to prosecute those cases, if its investigators determined there was enough evidence to support criminal charges. During one of the debates over that bill, a state lawmaker said, “Don’t let anyone tell you that accountability is mutually exclusive of public safety. In fact, we all know that they’re codependent.”

The IID understands that accountability and public safety go hand-in-hand, which is why we have developed rigorous policies and procedures to perform this solemn duty.

In the past four years, our Office has initiated sixty-five investigations. In each of these cases our IID reviewed law enforcement officers’ actions thoroughly, fairly, and in accordance with the law. Following an extensive 10-month investigation, the OAG filed its first indictment in December 2024—a decision neither I nor my team took lightly, but one we believe was necessary to uphold justice and protect Marylanders.

The information in this 2024 Annual Report is provided to help Marylanders better understand the work we do and contributes to building a more just, equitable, and safe Maryland for all.



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Anthony G. Brown
Maryland Attorney General
January 31, 2025

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Introduction

Annual Report of the Independent Investigations Division of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

During the Spring 2021 legislative session, as part of a large package of police reform measures, the Maryland General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 600, creating the Independent Investigations Division (“IID”) within the Maryland Office of the Attorney General to “investigate all alleged or potential police-involved deaths of civilians” throughout the State. The IID was granted jurisdiction over incidents occurring on or after October 1, 2021. In 2022, the Maryland General Assembly extended the IID’s authority to include cases where the injuries to civilians were likely to result in death. In 2023, the Maryland General Assembly again expanded the IID’s authority in two meaningful ways:

- 1) by broadening the IID’s investigative authority to include all individuals, and not just civilians, paving the way for IID to investigate “friendly fire” incidents, and
- 2) granting the IID the authority to prosecute police-involved incidents that result in the death of individuals or injuries likely to result in death.

Those changes went into effect on October 1, 2023.

In every case, the IID performs its own independent investigation, partnering with the Maryland State Police (“MSP”). IID investigators and attorneys, along with MSP, respond directly to crime scenes after receiving notification from local law enforcement agencies about a death or se-

rious injury that is likely to result in death. IID investigators and attorneys work closely with MSP to ensure the collection of all evidence that may impact the outcome of a case. The IID aims to have all evidence in hand within 60 days of an incident, contingent upon lab and autopsy results. From there, the IID reviews each case and presents its findings to the Attorney General, who ultimately decides whether a case should be prosecuted. If the IID determines that the case will not be prosecuted, or if the IID presents a case and the grand jury does not indict, the IID issues public reports with investigative results and legal analyses in each case.

In line with the IID’s continued commitment to transparency, it is publishing this Annual Report. The IID is required to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by January 31 each year, detailing its work in the prior calendar year, including:

- 1) the number of investigations the IID conducted; and
- 2) the number of prosecutions that were initiated as a result of an investigation by or a referral to the IID.

This report examines IID’s cases from the 2024 calendar year. Information on cases from previous years can be found on the IID’s page on the Maryland Office of the Attorney General’s website.

2024 Investigations

Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, the IID conducted 22 investigations into police-involved deaths of civilians. The IID and MSP personnel physically responded to scenes in 20 of the 22 incidents. In one of the remaining incidents, the IID assumed the investigation after reviewing evidence and determining the death was police-involved. In the other remaining incident, the civilian's original prognosis was good, and the IID assumed the investigation when it determined the civilian's injuries were likely to result in their death.

IID protocols generally call for response times of between 1 to 2 hours. For the 20 cases where the IID and MSP responded to the scene, the average time from notification to arrival on-scene was 1 hour and 18 minutes. Additionally, 13 of these cases included an on-scene response from MSP's Forensic Sciences Division, which is tasked with collecting and analyzing physical evidence; in the remaining cases, MSP's Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene. MSP's Forensic Sciences Division had an average response time was 1 hour and 14 minutes. As part of its case work, the Forensic Sciences Division test-fired 11 firearms across all IID cases, which included guns recovered from decedents and used by subject officers. They also performed 78 microscopic comparisons of samples such as cartridge casings and bullets. Finally, the division tested 32 additional items for analysis, including fingerprints. As stipulated in a Memorandum of Understanding between the Baltimore Police Department and the IID, in any investigation involving officers from the Baltimore Police Department, that agency conducts the necessary forensic testing.

The IID also fielded notification calls from local police departments for incidents that the local department believed could fall under the IID's jurisdiction. During this reporting period, the IID conducted a review of evidence in 18 of these incidents before determining that they did not fall within the IID's statutory authority.

The IID pursued criminal charges for the first time during 2024, its first full year with prosecutorial authority. IID secured indictments against two Anne Arundel Police Department officers for misconduct in office for their actions related to a fatal vehicle pursuit.



Case Information

Since the IID began investigating cases in October 2021, it has investigated 65 fatal incidents:

- 32 fatal shootings,
- 24 fatal vehicle collisions,
- 8 in-custody fatalities, and
- 1 use of force fatality.

In the calendar year 2024, there were 22 fatal incidents:

- 10 shootings,
- 8 vehicle collisions, and
- 4 in-custody fatalities.

The charts within this Annual Report provide an in-depth look at the IID's cases from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Appendix A provides a complete listing of cases investigated during 2024, and Appendix B provides a brief factual description of each 2024 incident.

An online dashboard of all IID cases is available on the IID's webpage within the Maryland Office of the Attorney General's website. The dashboard contains updates on cases that were not resolved prior to the publication of the 2023 Annual Report, as well as links to IID case press releases, video compilations, and published reports.

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy also publishes data on deaths involving police officers in Maryland. The office's most recent report, which covers incidents that occurred during calendar year 2023, is available here: https://gocpp.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/PS-%C2%A7-3-507e_-GOCPP-

2023-Deaths-Involving-a-Law-Enforcement-Officer.pdf. The data from the Governor's Office is based on required reporting by all law enforcement agencies in the state. While there is substantial overlap between the incidents the Governor's Office records and the cases the IID investigates, the two categories are not identical. For example, the Governor's Office includes all cases of suicide when the suicide occurs while law enforcement is present at the scene as an "officer-involved death". Generally, these types of cases do not meet the definition of an officer-involved case over which the IID has jurisdiction.

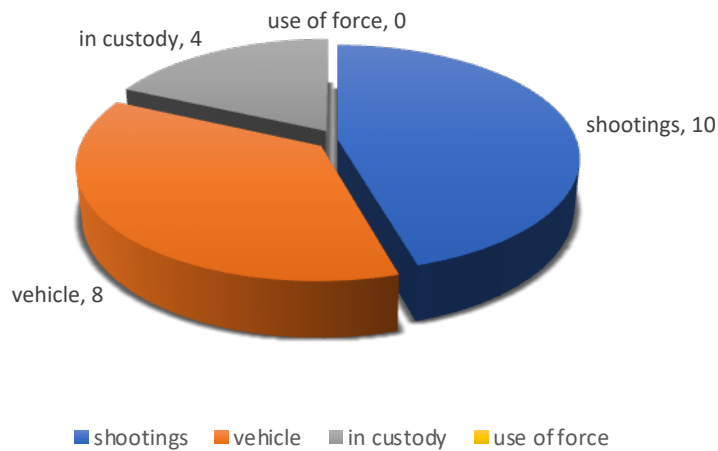
2024 Indictment

On December 6, 2024, following a ten-month investigation, a grand jury indicted two Anne Arundel County Police Department ("AAPD") Officers with Misconduct In Office, stemming from a fatal vehicle collision that occurred on December 7, 2023. As a result of the collision the passenger of the involved vehicle was killed. The IID investigation revealed that Officer Eddie Vasquez and Corporal Keiran Schnell participated in an unauthorized vehicle pursuit and then made material misrepresentations to AAPD supervisors related to the pursuit and the fatal collision.

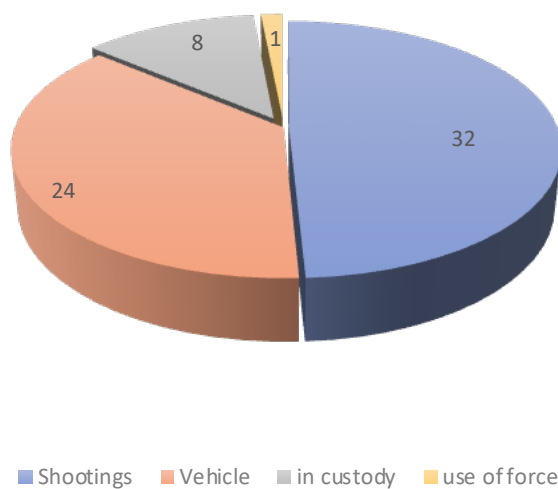
An indictment is not a finding of guilt; it is an informal accusation and determination by a grand jury that there is sufficient evidence for a case to go to trial. The case is pending before the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Incident Type

Type of Incident, 2024



Type of Incident, 2021-2024

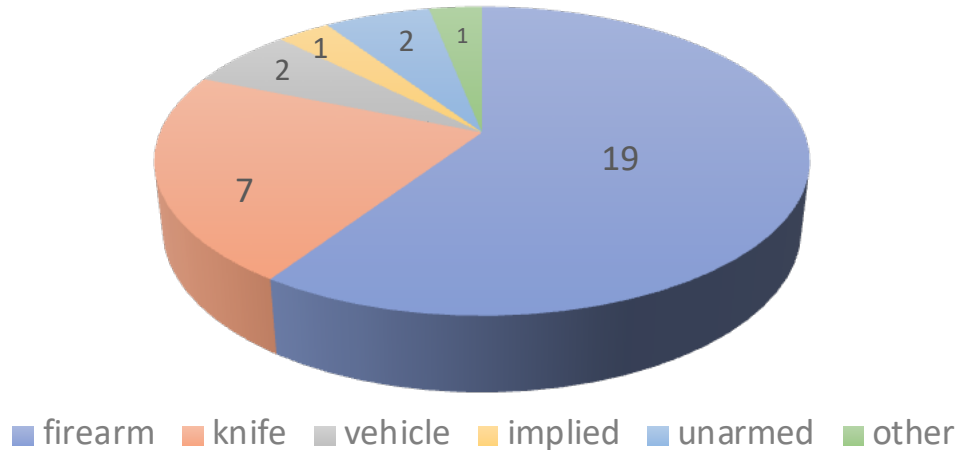


From 2021-2024, the vast majority of IID-investigated incidents are police-involved vehicle collisions or shootings. In 2024, 45% of incidents were shootings, compared to 49% percentage of all cases from 2021-2024; 36% of incidents were vehicle collisions, matching the 2021-2024 percentage of vehicle collisions.

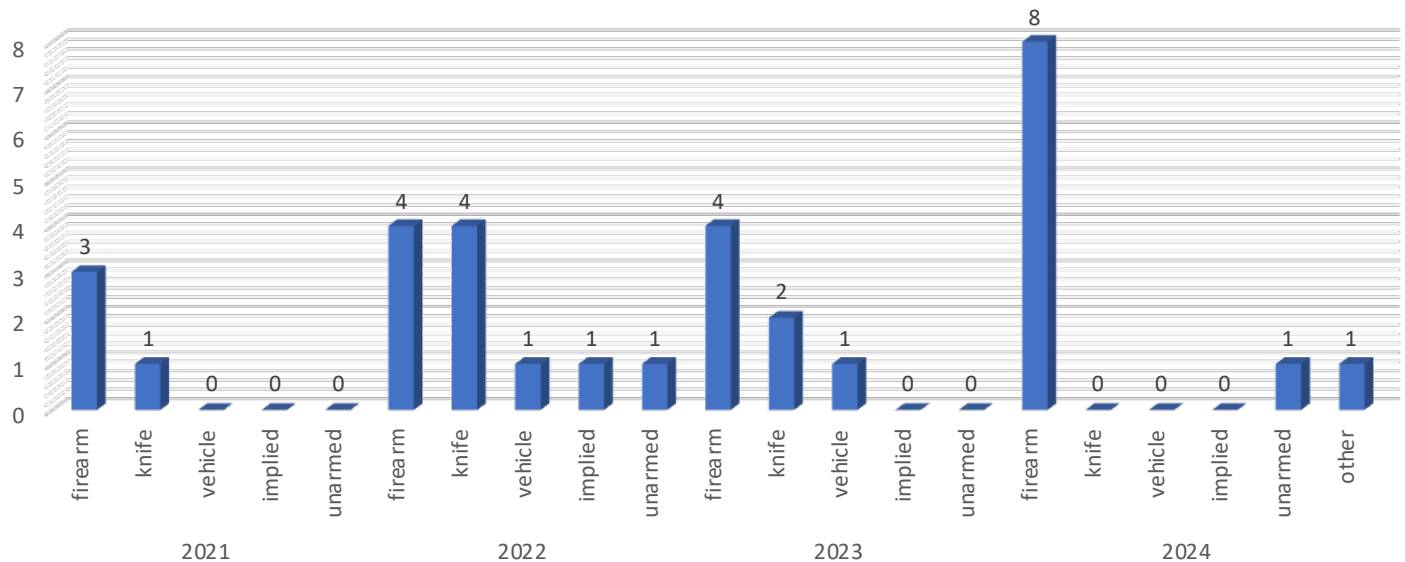
The IID has not investigated any “friendly fire” incidents, although as noted above, the IID received authority to investigate those incidents in October 2023 and will assume those investigations should one occur in the future.

Weapon Type

Type of Weapon Involved in Shooting Cases, 2021-2024



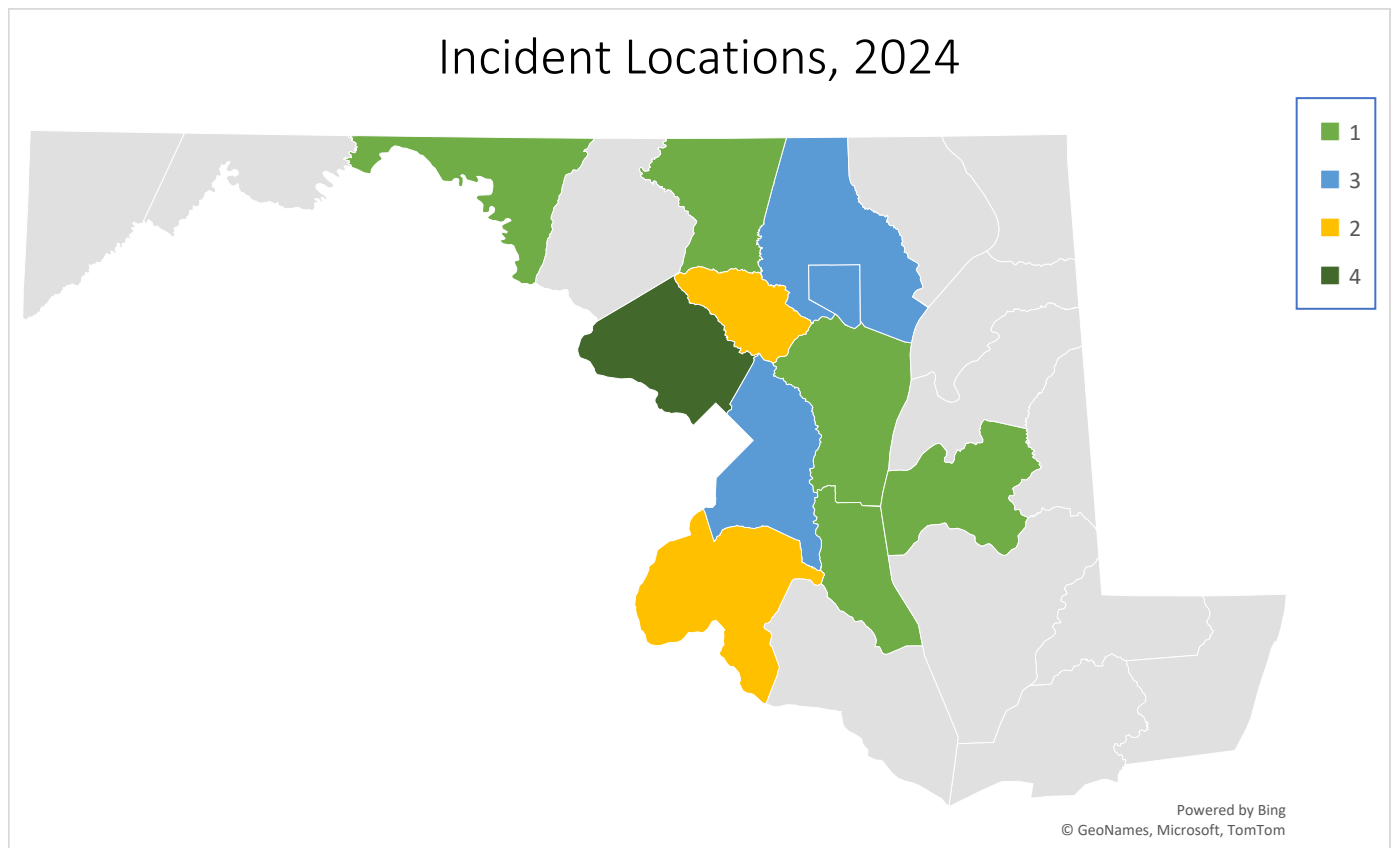
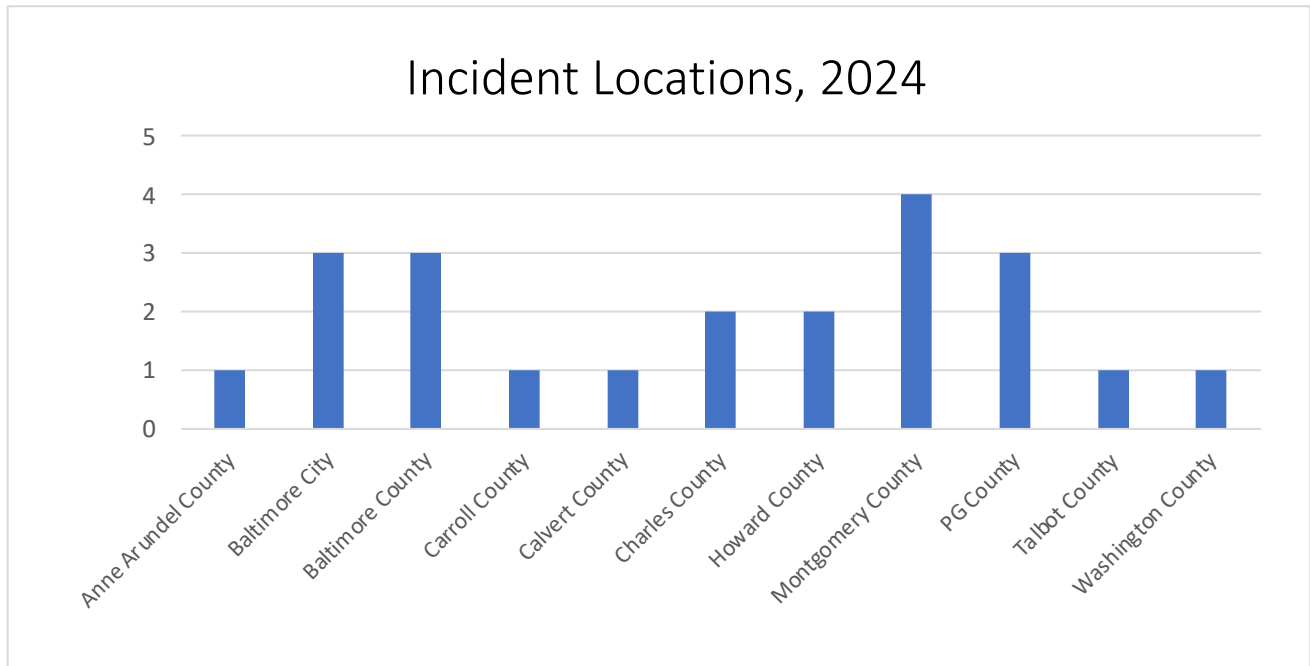
Type of Weapon Involved in Shooting Cases, 2021-2024



The IID also tracks the decedents' use of weapons in shooting cases. Where a "vehicle" is listed, the individual was driving a vehicle toward an officer or officers and creating a threat. Where "implied" weapon is listed, the individual appeared to have a weapon without actually having one; in the 2022 death involving the Harford County Sheriff's Office, the investigation determined that the decedent positioned himself in a shooting stance and aimed at the subject officers with a cane.

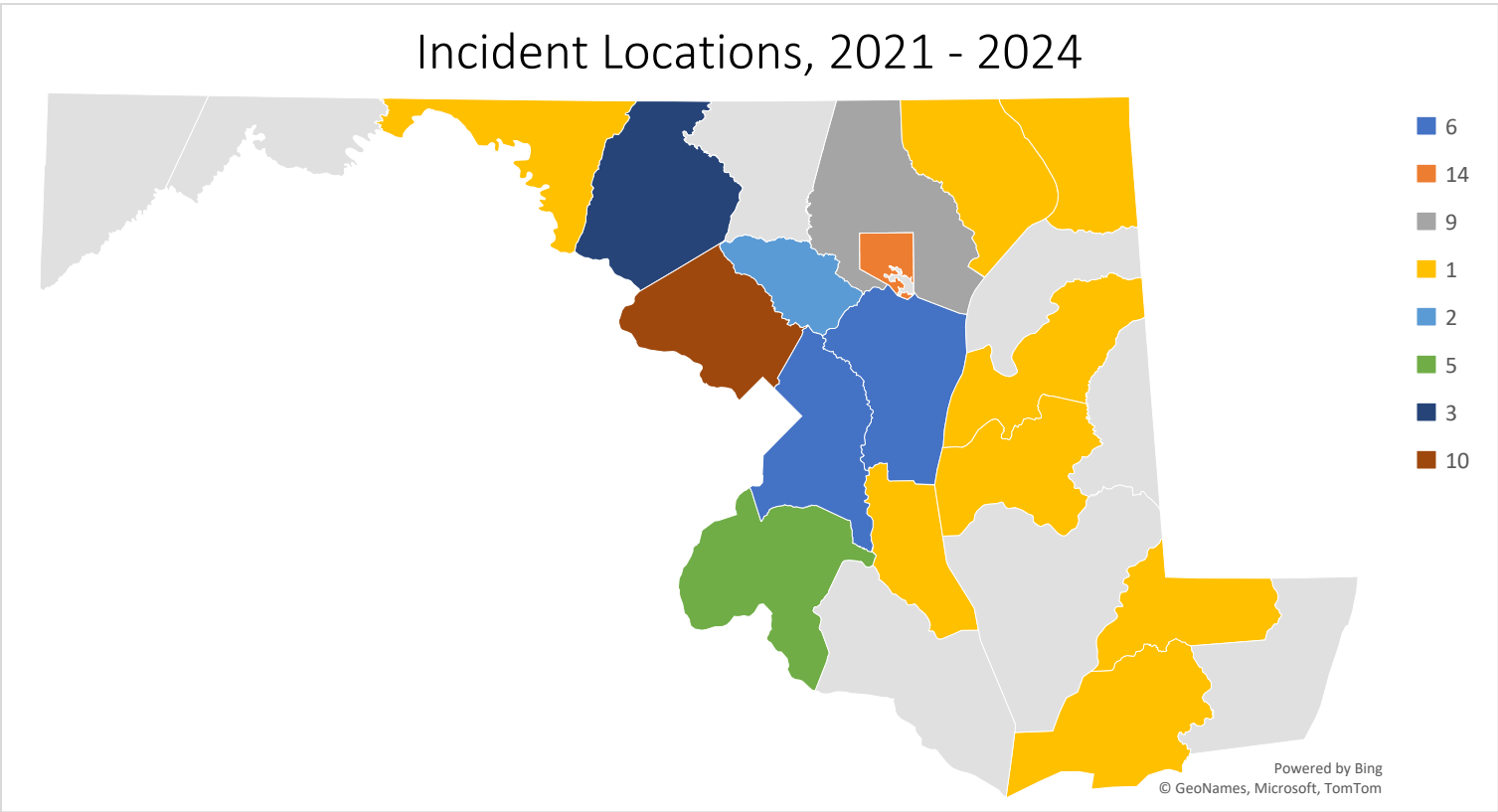
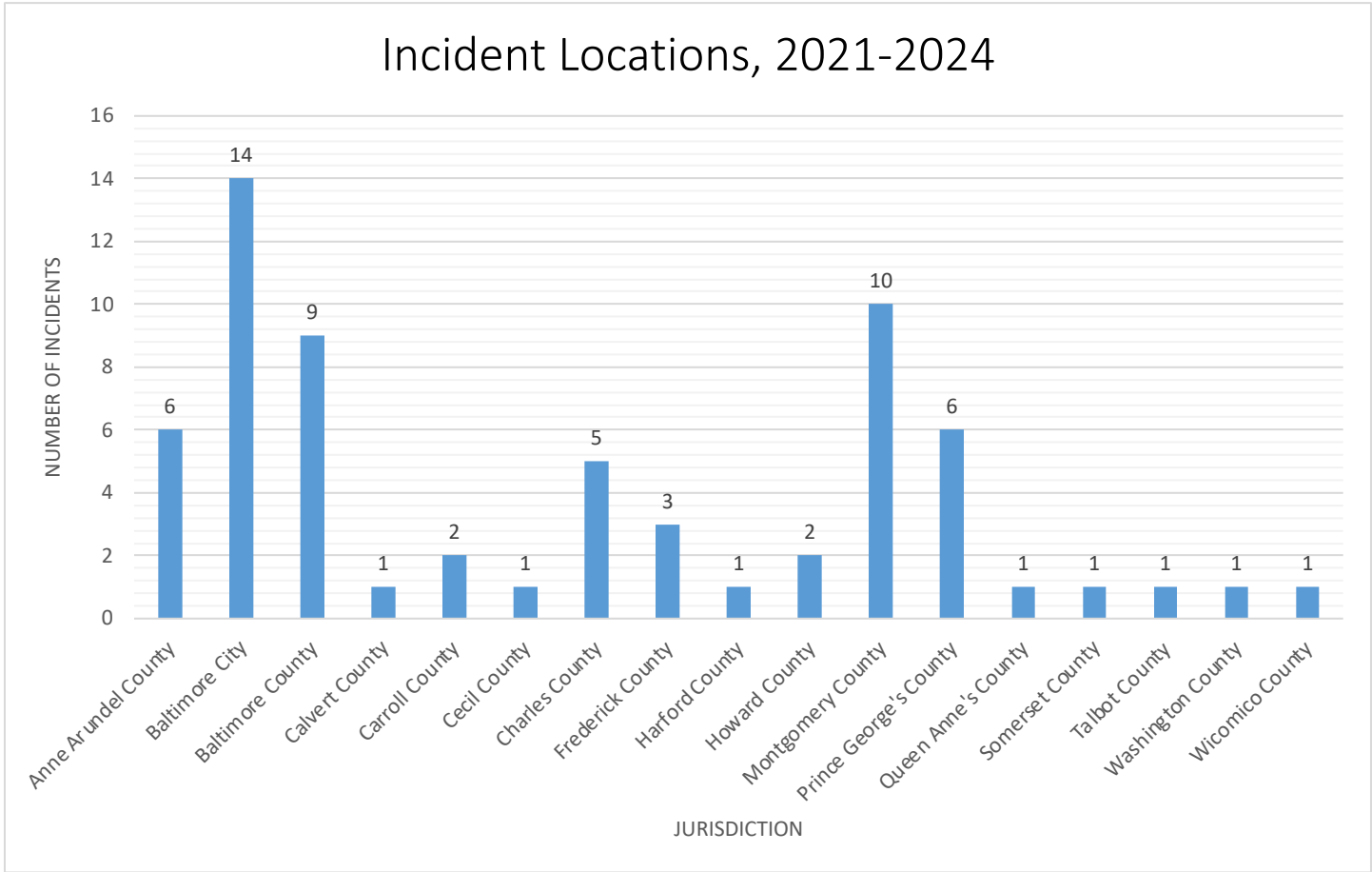
Unarmed individuals are those who did not brandish or hold a weapon during the incident in question. In a 2022 unarmed case in Anne Arundel County, the decedent fought officers, biting one officer's fingers and causing serious physical injury that required medical attention.

Incident Location



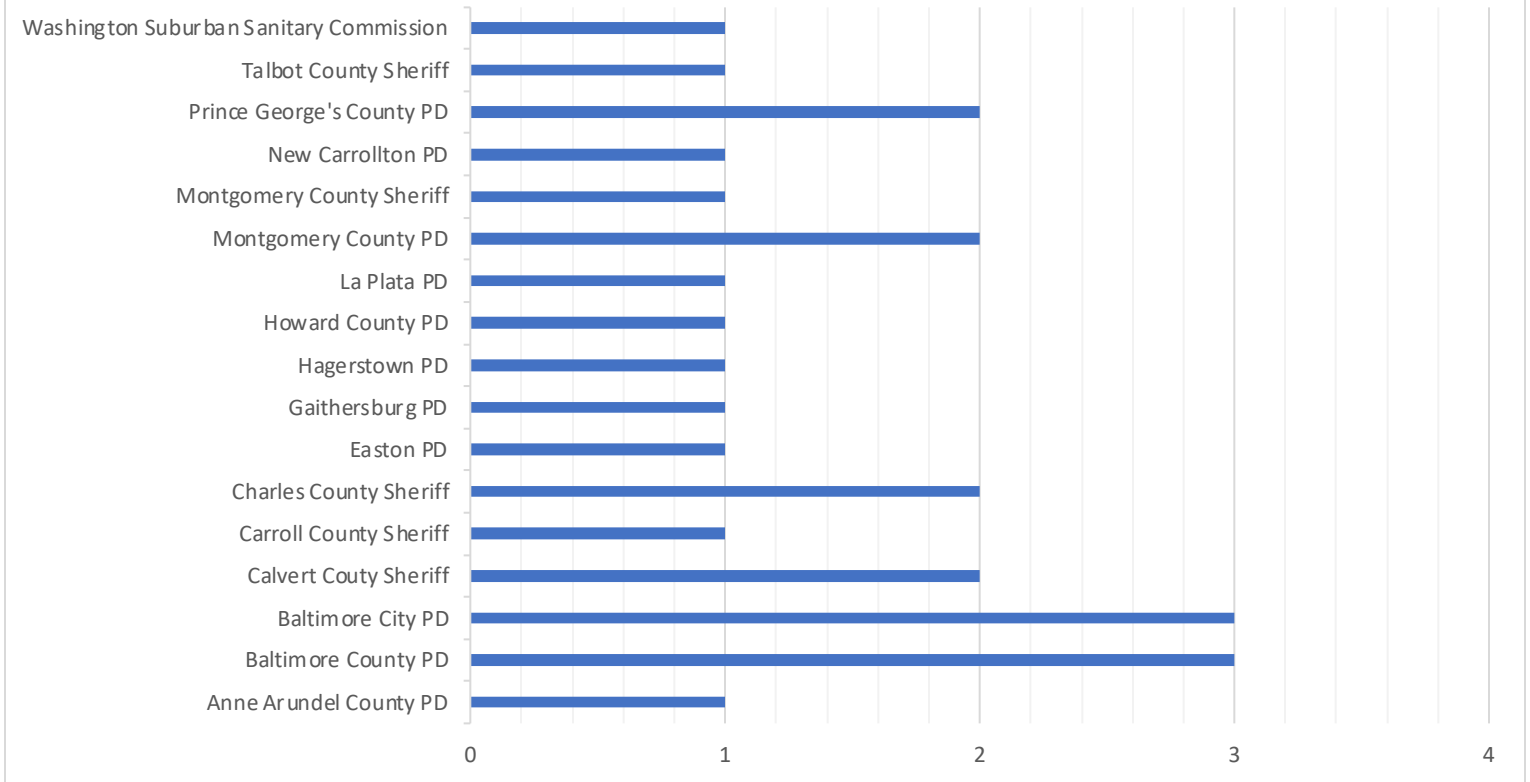
There are 24 jurisdictions in the State of Maryland, which include 23 counties and Baltimore City. In 2024, 11 jurisdictions, most in central Maryland, recorded at least 1 police-involved fatal incident.

Since 2021, the majority of incidents have occurred in the most populous jurisdictions in the state. Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Charles County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County have all recorded at least 5 police-involved fatal incidents.



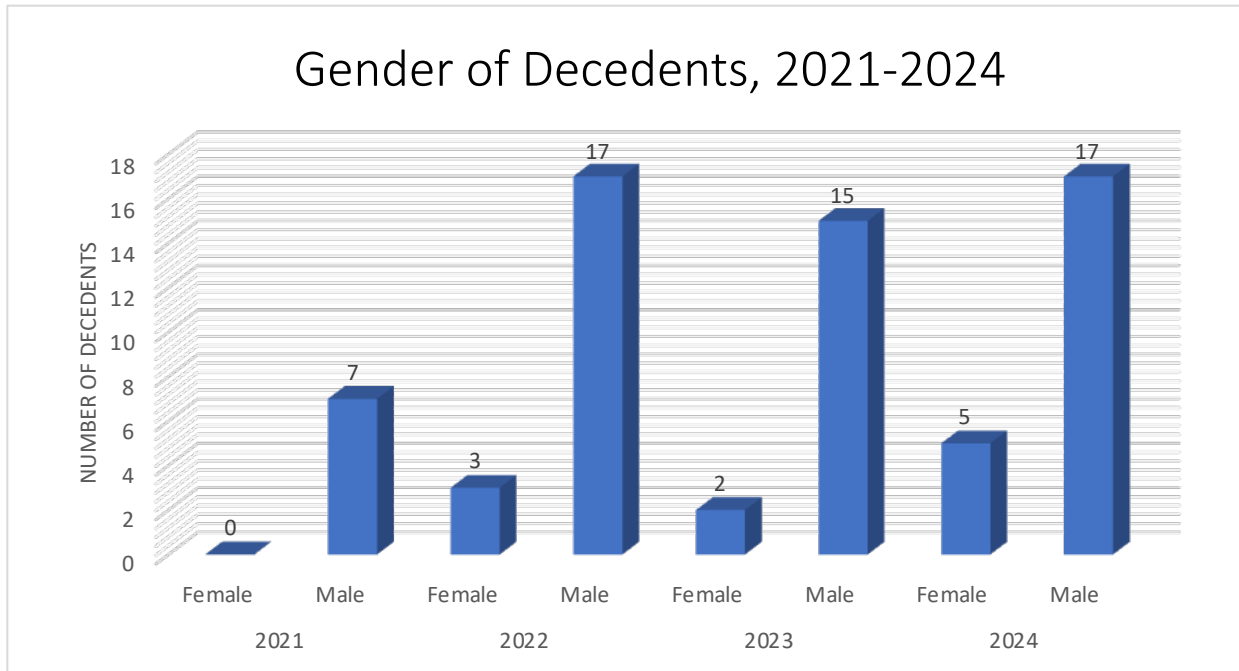
Involved Agencies

Involved Agencies, 2024



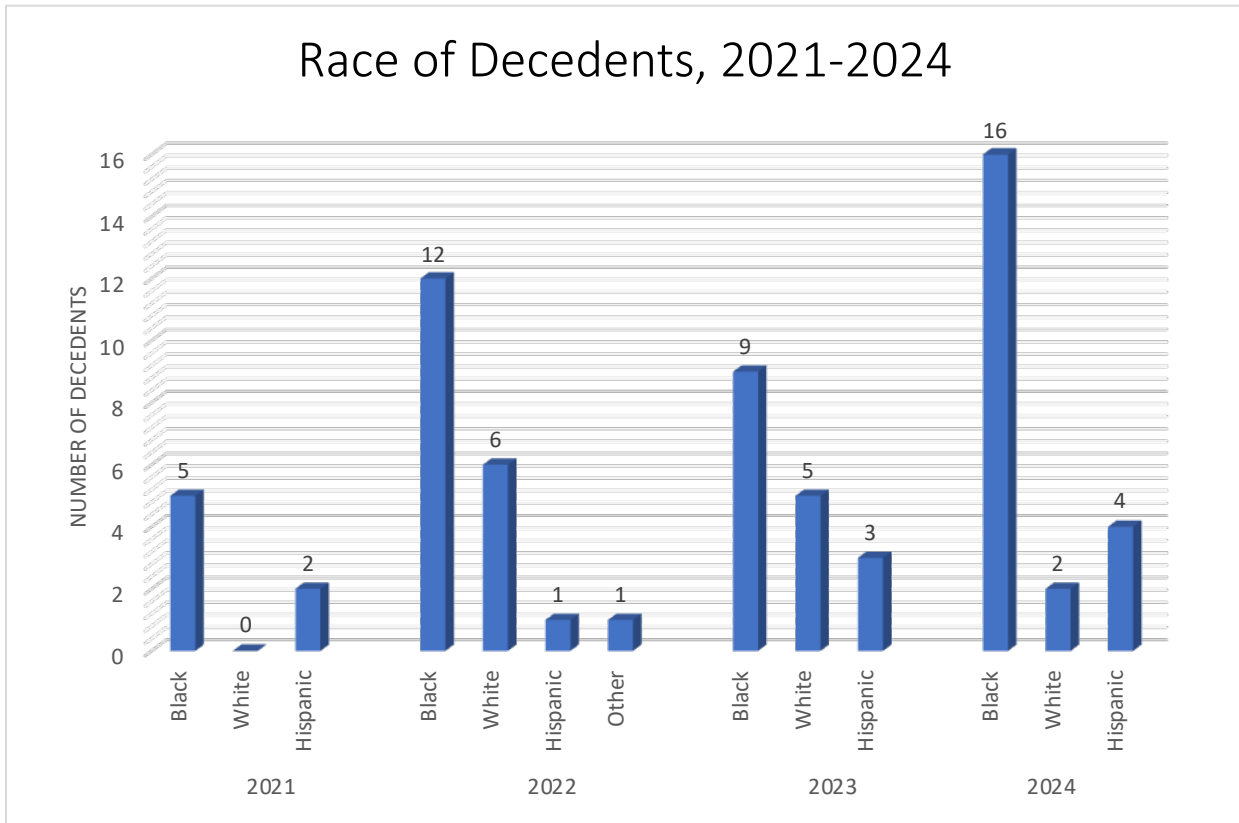
Often, multiple agencies have jurisdiction in the same geographical area, so multiple agencies may be involved in a given police-involved fatality. In 2024, 25 police agencies were involved in 22 incidents. Since 2021, 71 agencies have been involved in 65 incidents.

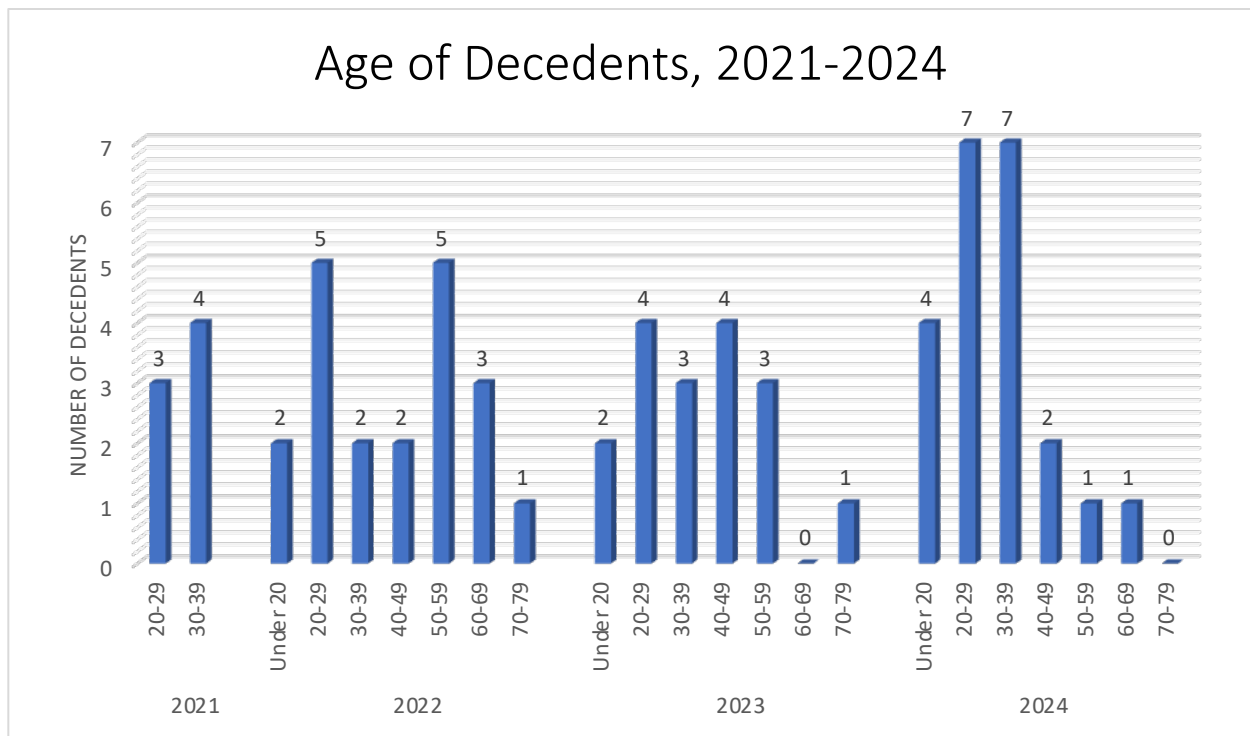
Decedent Demographics



Ten of the IID's total 65 investigations have involved a female decedent, all but one of whom were killed during a vehicle pursuit; the last was killed during a shooting in which she was shot multiple times by her husband prior to officers firing their weapons.

Five of the investigations involving female decedents were initiated in 2024.





In 2024, 3 of the 4 decedents under the age of 20 were juveniles. There were no juvenile decedents in 2021, and 2 juvenile decedents in each of 2022 and 2023.

A Closer Look: Third-Party Deaths

Third-party decedents are: 1) individuals who were bystanders or non-suspects in use of force cases, 2) passengers in involved vehicles, or 3) civilians that are not otherwise involved in the incident — most often, drivers in an unrelated vehicle in the case of vehicle collisions.

In 2021, the IID investigated 7 cases, none of which had third-party decedents. In 2022, the IID investigated 20 cases, 3 of which had third-party decedents. In 2023, the IID investigated 16 cases, 6 of which had third-party decedents. In 2024, the IID investigated 22 cases, 6 of which had third-party decedents.

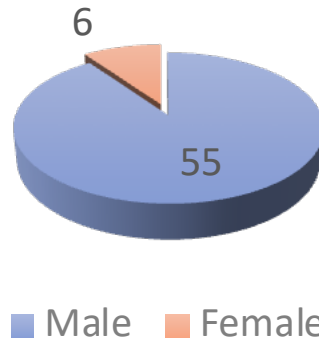
Of these 15 total third-party deaths, 13 were victims in a vehicle collision, 1 was struck by a police cruiser, and 1 was shot by police.

Third-party deaths create an additional challenge in the IID's investigations, as local state's attorneys' offices often have collateral cases against non-police suspects. In those circumstances, the IID coordinates with the local state's attorney to ensure that no information is released that would impair a local investigation. If an information release would create an impairment, the IID's practice is to delay that release, rather than withhold information entirely, in order to maintain its mission of public transparency; however, IID's policies do permit for redaction of information if necessary.

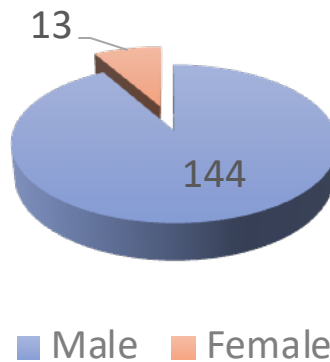
Subject Officer Demographics

In the 22 incidents occurring in 2024, 16 involved multiple subject officers, while 6 involved a single officer. In total, the IID has investigated 157 officers in 65 incidents since October 1, 2021.

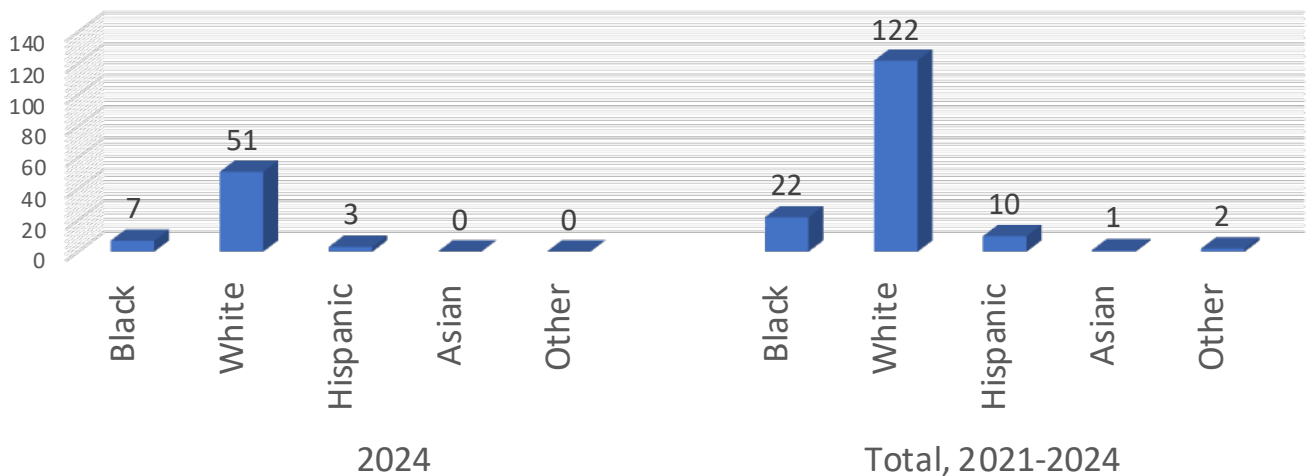
Gender of Subject Officers, 2024



Gender of Subject Officers, 2021-2024

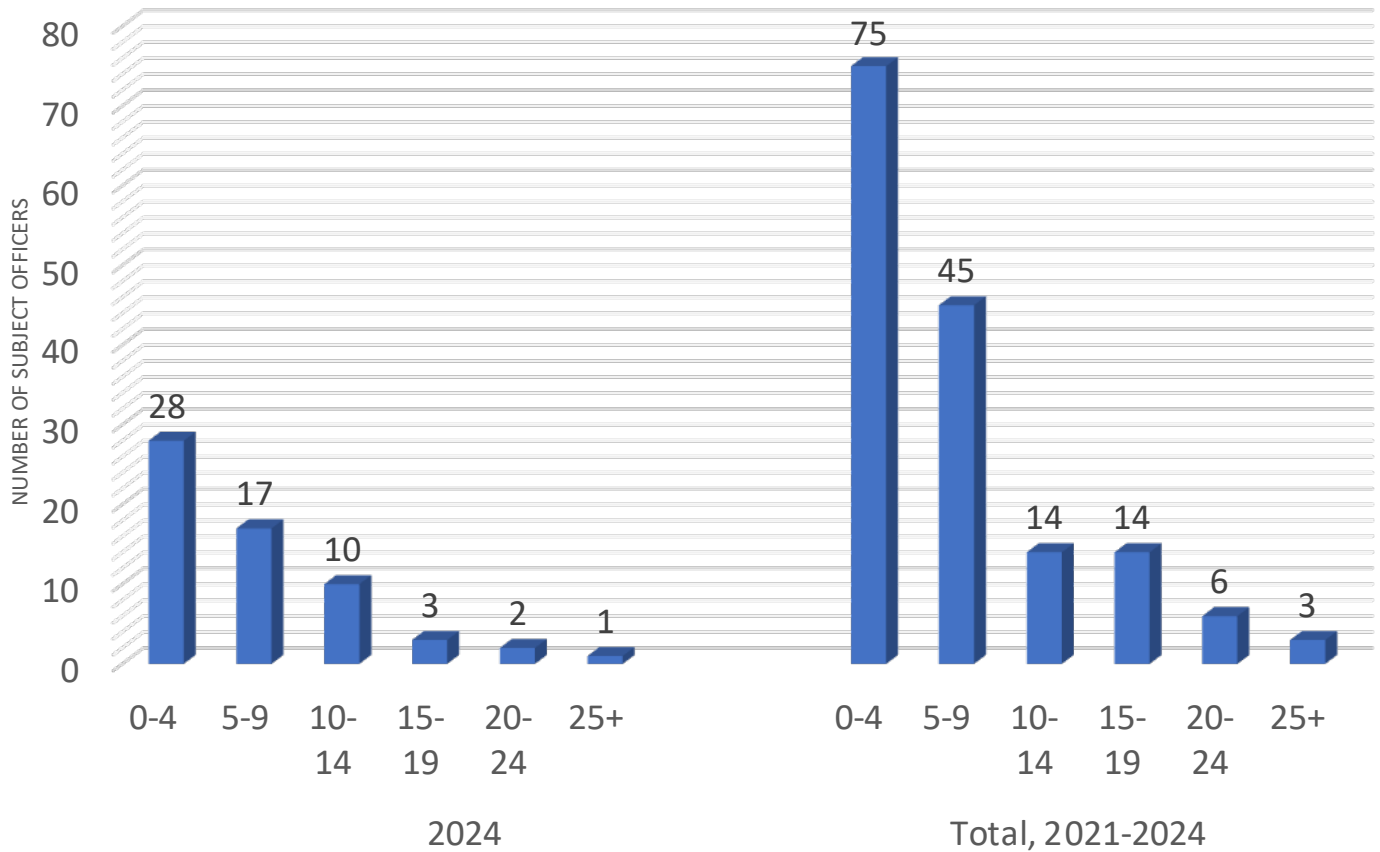


Race of Subject Officers



Years of Service

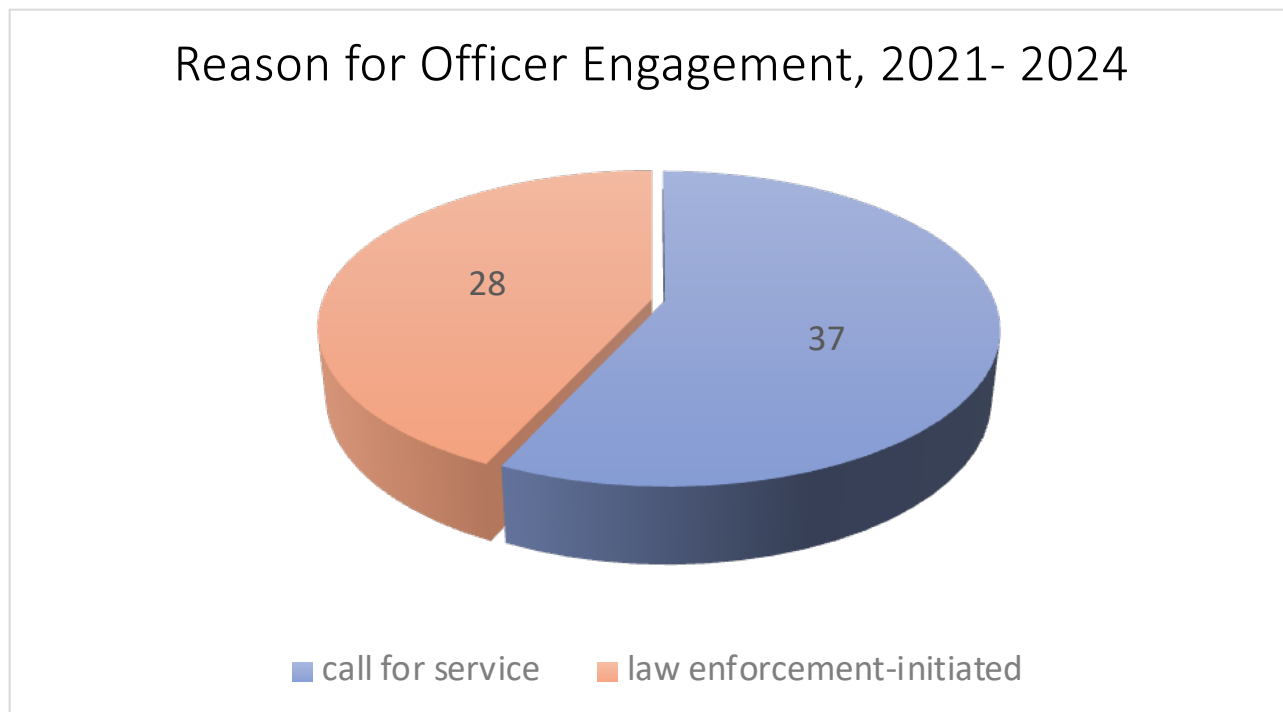
Years of Service of Subject Officers



Nearly half of the total number of subject officers have less than five years of service on a police force; in 2024, approximately 39 percent of subject officers had less than five years of service.

Additional Case Factors

In an effort to better inform the public, the IID analyzes certain factors that are present in police-involved fatal cases, including why the officer encountered the decedent and whether the individual was suffering from a mental illness or under the influence of an intoxicating substance.

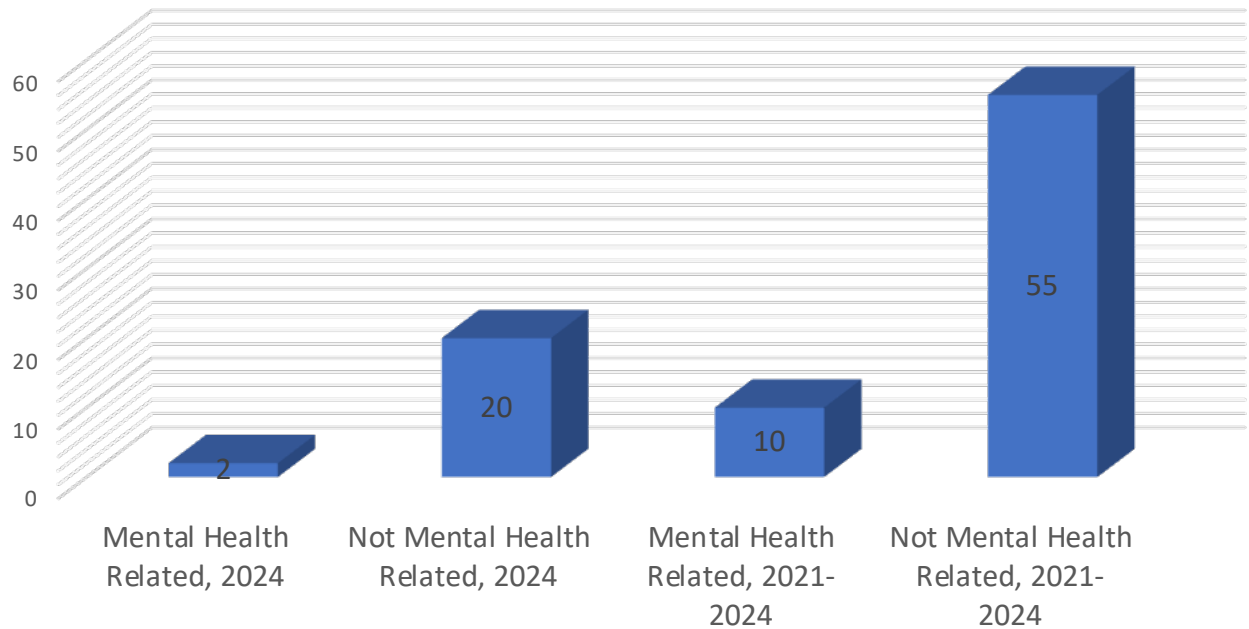


Responsive policing refers to an interaction where a police officer is dispatched to a call for service, for example responding to a 911 call made by a civilian. More than 56% of IID cases have been the result of such interactions. Proactive policing refers to an interaction initiated by a law enforcement officer, such as pulling over a speeding car.

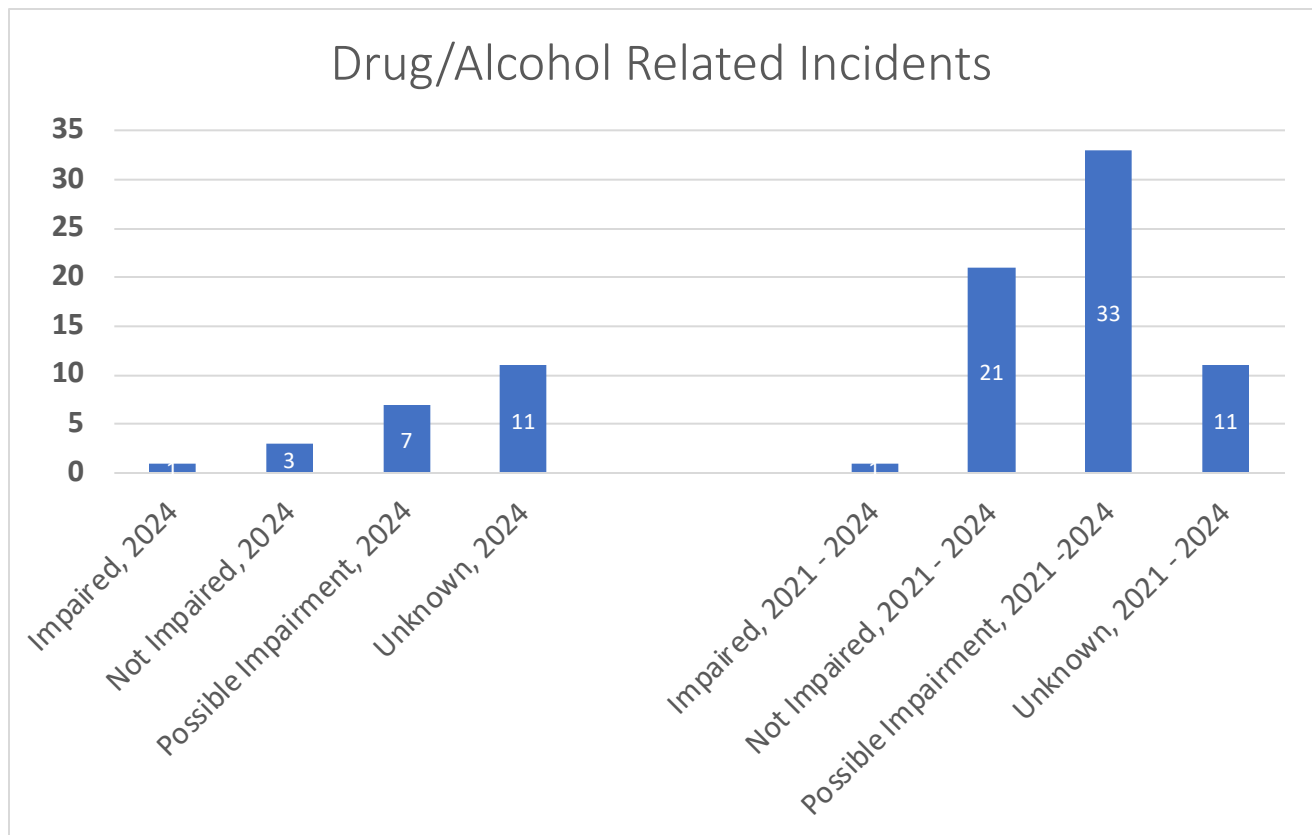
Of the 28 proactive policing cases, 22 were related to vehicle/traffic enforcement.

In 2024, there was an even split between responsive policing incidents and proactive policing incidents.

Mental Health Related Incidents



The IID considers a case mental health related when the decedent had an identified mental health issue based on a known diagnosis, medical records, and/or information provided by those close to the decedent and that mental health issue appeared to play some role in the decedent's behavior while interacting with police.



The classification of a case drug/alcohol related is based on standard postmortem toxicology for alcohol and drugs performed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. When a toxicology screen is positive for known substances that would affect an incident, that results is listed as “impaired.” When a toxicology screen is negative for known substances that would affect an incident, that result is listed as “not impaired.” When a toxicology screen is positive for a substance but the IID is not able to say with certainty that it played a role in the incident, that result is listed as “possible impairment.” The IID has not yet received toxicology results for those incidents listed as “unknown.”

Staff Spotlight: Multi-Media Video and Evidence Support Specialist

In 2024, the IID added a Multi-Media Video Evidence Support Specialist (MVESS) to its team. This specialist is responsible for the collection of video evidence from various sources, including body-worn cameras, dash cameras, and private surveillance cameras, each of which may require different software or storage mediums.

The MVESS is also responsible for preserving the video evidence in a manner that ensures that the integrity and authenticity of the evidence is maintained. The MVESS documents data that identifies the video in its original format—including the frames per second that a video is captured in, the accuracy of the time in the video, the camera's resolution, and the IP address of a camera.

A critical function of the MVESS is to edit video and other digital media obtained during an investigation to prepare it for public release or presentation in court. Most notably, this practical skill is directly linked to the IID's public distribution of body-worn camera footage: the MVESS ensures that video footage is compiled smoothly with necessary content slides. The MVESS also ensures that necessary and proper redactions are completed before the video is released. Another key responsibility related to the MVESS's video editing skills is shown in creating 3D digital graphic maps that can integrate video and add text overlays. This allows the IID to bring an incident to life creating visualizations as though the incident happened in real-time.

Conclusion

The IID's Annual Report summarizes the work completed by the IID from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and also reviews the total number of incidents since the IID began its work in October 2021. Through this report, the IID has endeavored to uphold its mandate of public transparency and provide critical information and data relating to fatal law enforcement interactions occurring in Maryland.



Appendix A: List of Incidents

IID Case #	Date of Incident	Agency	Jurisdiction	Location	City	Decedent Race, Sex, Age	Officer Race, Sex, Age	Charging Decision
24-IID-001	1/9/24	Baltimore County PD	Baltimore County	524 Reisterstown Road	Pikesville, MD	M/B/29	W/M/30	Declined by the Attorney General 9/17/2024
							W/M/24	
							B/M/27	
24-IID-002	1/10/24	Baltimore County PD	Baltimore County	10245 Reisterstown Road	Owings Mills, MD	M/B/41	W/M/32	Declined by Attorney General 8/5/2024
24-IID-003	1/30/24	New Carrollton PD	Prince George's County	7600 Annapolis Road	New Carrollton, MD	M/B/28	W/M/34	Declined by Attorney General 10/22/2024
							B/M/31	
24-IID-004	1/31/24	Prince George's County PD	Prince George's County	5115 Suitland Road	Suitland, MD	M/B/31	B/M/33	Declined by Attorney General 10/15/2024
24-IID-005	2/16/24	Prince George's County PD, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	Prince George's County	10000 Lake Arbor Way	Largo, MD	M/B/61	W/F/33	Declined by Attorney General 10/25/2024
							W/M/56	
							W/M/36	
							W/M/52	
24-IID-006	4/8/24	Baltimore County PD	Baltimore County	I-695 @ Exit 18	Woodlawn, MD	F/B/37	W/M/30	Declined by Attorney General 10/21/2024
							H/M/41	
							W/M/45	
							W/M/28	
							W/M/41	
24-IID-007	4/19/24	Carroll County Sheriff	Carroll County	Liberty Road @ Fallon Road	Eldersburg, MD	F/H/22	W/M/30	Declined by Attorney General 8/6/2024
24-IID-008	4/27/24	Montgomery County Sheriff	Montgomery County	Rockville Pike and Twinbrook Parkway	Rockville, MD	F/H/25	W/M/27	Declined by the Attorney General 8/21/2024
							W/M/22	
24-IID-009	5/13/24	Calvert County Sheriff	Anne Arundel County	Birdsville Road & Solomon's Island Road	Harwood, MD	F/W/J*	M/W/25	Under Investigation
							M/W/29	
24-IID-010	5/23/24	Baltimore City PD	Baltimore City	3400 S. Hanover Street	Baltimore, MD	B/M/39	M/W/28	Under Investigation
							M/W/34	
							M/W/46	
							F/W/46	
24-IID-011	5/29/24	Montgomery County PD	Montgomery County	3306 Hampton Point Drive	Silver Spring, MD	B/M/28	M/W/44	Under Investigation
							M/W/35	

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24-IID-012	7/22/24	Talbot County Sheriff, Easton PD	Talbot County	8341 Black Dog Alley	Easton, MD	B/F/18	M/W/38	Declined by the Attorney General 1/16/2025
							M/W/24	
							M/W/33	
							F/W/33	
24-IID-013	8/5/24	Baltimore City PD	Baltimore City	Unit block of N. Stricker Street	Baltimore City, MD	M/B/J*	M//B/26	Under Investigation
							M/B/43	
							M/W/26	
24-IID-014	8/10/24	Not yet released	Howard County	9400 Washington Boulevard	North Laurel, MD	not yet released	not yet released	Under Investigation
24-IID-015	9/1/24	Montgomery County PD	Montgomery County	3400 block of Janet Road	Wheaton, MD	M/H/31	M/W/36	Under Investigation
24-IID-016	10/9/24	Baltimore City PD	Baltimore City	1600 Argyle Avenue	Baltimore City, MD	M/B/54	M/W/25	Under Investigation
							M/B/23	
							M/W/35	
24-IID-017	10/26/24	Hagerstown PD	Washington County	140 E. Washington Street	Hagerstown, MD	M/B/46	M/W/33	Under Investigation
							M/W/37	
							M/W/53	
24-IID-018	11/16/24	Calvert County Sheriff	Calvert County	MD Route 261 @ Locust Grove Road	Chesapeake Beach, MD	M/B/36	M/W/29	Under Investigation
24-IID-019	11/30/24	Howard County PD	Howard County	10000 block of American Pharoah Lane	Laurel, MD	M/B/29	M/W/37	Under Investigation
							M/W/36	
24-IID-020	12/3/24	Charles County Sheriff, La Plata PD	Charles County	6600 block of U.S. Route 301/Robert Crain Highway	La Plata, MD	M/B/J*	F/W/31	Under Investigation
							M/W/54	
							M/W/24	
24-IID-021	12/20/24	Charles County Sheriff	Charles County	7300 block Tottenham Drive	White Plains, MD	M/B/30	M/W/40	Under Investigation
							F/W/30	
							M/W/53	
24-IID-022	12/24/24	Gaithersburg PD	Montgomery County	300 block N. Summit Avenue	Gaithersburg, MD	M/H/28	M/H/21	Under Investigation
							F/W/23	
							M/W/28	
							M/W/27	
							M/W/46	
							M/W/36	
							M/W/27	

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Appendix B: Incident Descriptions

IID Case Number	Case Descriptions
24-IID-001	On January 9, 2024, at approximately 11:40 a.m., officers with the Baltimore County Police Department responded to a motel on Reisterstown Road in Pikesville, Maryland, after receiving a call for service about an armed man, later identified as Sha-Kim Webley. Mr. Webley left the hotel on foot before the police arrived, but officers located him at a nearby convenience store. Mr. Webley pointed a handgun at the officers, and when they retreated, he barricaded himself in the store with two civilians inside. After several minutes, Mr. Webley fired a shot at officers from within the store, then opened the door and moved toward the officers with the gun aimed at them. Officers fired their weapons in response, striking Mr. Webley; he was treated at the scene then transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.
24-IID-002	On January 10, 2024, at approximately 10:57 p.m., Baltimore County Police Department officers, were dispatched to the 10200 block of Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills, Maryland for a suspicious person. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a man, later identified as Craig Cousin, struggling with two individuals. Mr. Cousin broke free of their hold and made his way to a nearby drive-thru window of a fast-food restaurant. Mr. Cousin was leaning through the window and speaking incoherently to the employees inside the restaurant. Officers proceeded to move Mr. Cousin from the drive-thru window and place Mr. Cousin in handcuffs. Mr. Cousin struggled with the officers as they attempted to restrain and move him away from the restaurant and into a nearby grassy area. Once Mr. Cousin was placed on his stomach in the grassy area, handcuffs were placed on him. At approximately 11:21 p.m., medics transported Mr. Cousin to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead.
24-IID-003	On January 30, 2024, at approximately 4:35 a.m., officers with the New Carrollton Police Department were on patrol in the 7500 block of Annapolis Road in New Carrollton, Maryland and observed a disabled and unoccupied Nissan Rogue in the roadway. After reporting the location of this vehicle on police radio, one officer remained with the Nissan Rogue while two other officers stationed themselves next to a marked patrol vehicle in the parking lot of an adjacent business waiting for evidence collection to retrieve the vehicle. After about 20 minutes, an individual later identified as Artell Cunningham approached the officers who were still standing in the parking lot. It was upon approach that Mr. Cunningham displayed a handgun pointing it in the direction of the officers. When the two officers saw him, they immediately drew and discharged their weapons, striking Mr. Cunningham, who fell to the ground. Officers provided medical aid to Mr. Cunningham, who was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.
24-IID-004	On February 1, 2024, at approximately 5:25 p.m., officers with the Prince George's County Police Department ("PGPD") were dispatched to an apartment in the 5100 block of Suitland Road in Suitland after receiving a 911 call from a resident for a report of a breaking and entering in-progress at their home. The 911 caller reported that they were not presently at the apartment, and that the intruder was an unknown person. Upon arriving on scene, one officer entered the residence where he encountered an adult man, later identified as Melvin Jay, and began giving him commands to show his hands and come toward the officer. During the encounter, Mr. Jay moved away from the officer and reached his hand into the apartment's kitchen sink. As Mr. Jay withdrew his hand and began turning toward the officer, the officer discharged his service weapon, striking Mr. Jay. Mr. Jay was pronounced dead on scene.

24-IID-005	<p>On February 16, 2024, at approximately 7:56 p.m., an officer with the Prince George's County Police Department arrived at the 10700 block of Lake Arbor Way in Largo, Maryland in response to 911 calls advising that an unknown male was knocking on doors in the neighborhood. The officer encountered an adult man, later identified as Joseph Holmes walking in the middle of the roadway. The officer then asked Mr. Holmes if he was okay and advised him to sit nearby. Mr. Holmes then lay down on a lawn, and, based on his interactions with Mr. Holmes, the officer requested an ambulance. A second PGPD officer arrived, and the two officers determined that Mr. Holmes would be transported to a hospital for a medical evaluation. An officer from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and a third PGPD officer arrived and began assisting with Mr. Holmes, who was handcuffed in preparation for the hospital transport. At approximately 8:10 pm, Mr. Holmes went into medical distress and became unresponsive. The officers immediately began rendering medical aid and removed the handcuffs. An emergency medical services team arrived and took over resuscitation efforts. Mr. Holmes was pronounced dead on the scene a short time later.</p>
24-IID-006	<p>On April 8, 2024, at approximately 12:15 a.m. officers with the Baltimore County Police Department on patrol in the 1800 block of Belmont Avenue in Windsor Mill, Maryland observed a stolen 2012 gray Infiniti in the parking lot of a hotel. As the vehicle began to exit the hotel parking lot, the officers approached and attempted to make a traffic stop. However, the Infiniti's driver, later identified as DeMarco Davis, failed to stop, and the officers began pursuing the Infiniti. For several minutes the officers pursued the stolen vehicle with their emergency equipment activated until Mr. Davis drove onto an exit ramp of the I-695 outer loop near the Liberty Road exit. The officers terminated the pursuit and did not follow Mr. Davis onto the I-695 exit ramp. Shortly after Mr. Davis entered the highway against the flow of traffic, he collided head-on with an Acura sedan. The driver of the Acura was identified as Ms. Dimeka Thornton. Mr. Davis and Ms. Thornton were taken to area hospitals. Ms. Thornton was pronounced dead at the hospital.</p>
24-IID-007	<p>On April 20, 2024, at approximately 11:30 p.m., a Carroll County Sheriff's Office Deputy was on patrol in the area of Liberty Road and Ridge Road when he observed a car driving eastbound on Liberty Road at a high rate of speed. The deputy activated his lights and sirens and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the car, but the driver, later identified as Jamal Steele, failed to stop. Approximately forty seconds after the attempted stop, Deputy Hessler lost sight of the car and turned off his lights and sirens. A moment later, the deputy discovered that while fleeing from police, Mr. Steele crossed over the double yellow lines into the westbound lanes of Liberty Road and struck an SUV head-on. The SUV contained two occupants. The driver of the SUV, Kayla Rodriguez-Garcia, was pronounced dead on scene. Mr. Steele and the passenger in the SUV both suffered serious non-life-threatening injuries. They were transported to a local hospital for treatment.</p>

24-IID-008	On April 27, 2024, at approximately 2:25 a.m., two Montgomery County Sheriff Deputies were riding together in a marked police cruiser southbound on Rockville Pike near Flanders Avenue. They observed a Dodge sedan traveling north on Rockville Pike at a high rate of speed and made a U-turn to follow the Dodge. Approximately thirty-five seconds later, the deputies activated their emergency lights and sirens and attempted a traffic stop. The deputies kept their emergency lights and sirens active for approximately thirty seconds as they continued following the Dodge but ultimately could not catch up to it. A short time later, the deputies came upon a two-car collision involving the Dodge and an uninvolved Honda sedan near the intersection of Rockville Pike and Twinbrook Parkway. The driver of the Honda, Jasmin Gimon, was pronounced dead on the scene. There were two people in the Dodge. The passenger was taken to an area hospital for treatment and the driver, Timothy Peck, fled the collision on foot and was apprehended by police a short time later.
24-IID-009	On May 13, 2024, during the overnight hours, Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies received multiple reports of cars being broken into in neighborhoods in the Huntingtown area. While investigating the crimes, deputies were alerted to a car driving in the area believed to be associated with the car break-ins. At approximately 5:35 a.m., deputies attempted to stop the car in the area of Plum Point Road and Ridge Road in Huntingtown, but the car failed to stop. Deputies pursued the car for approximately 25 miles into Anne Arundel County where it collided with a pick-up truck at the intersection of Birdsville Road and Solomons Island Road. The driver of the pick-up truck was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The three occupants of the fleeing car were also taken to an area hospital. The front seat passenger, a juvenile female, was later pronounced dead. The driver suffered critical injuries and the rear passenger suffered non-life-threatening injuries.
24-IID-010	On May 24, 2024, at approximately 10:25 p.m., officers with the Baltimore Police Department were on patrol in the 3400 block of S. Hanover Street in Baltimore when they identified a person of interest in a non-contact shooting incident from May 22, 2024. Officers approached the adult male, identified as Anthony Ferguson who was sitting on the porch of a commercial building in the area of S. Hanover Street and Baltic Avenue and began questioning him. A review of body-worn camera footage shows that during the interaction Mr. Ferguson stood up, removed a handgun from his waistband, and pointed it at officers. Officers gave commands for the man to drop the gun, but he did not comply. Mr. Ferguson and multiple officers exchanged gunfire, which struck the man. One officer was also struck by gunfire in his bulletproof vest. Officers rendered medical aid to Mr. Ferguson. A handgun was recovered near the man at the scene. Both Mr. Ferguson and officer were taken to an area hospital for treatment. Doctors later pronounced the man deceased. The officer suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

24-IID-011	<p>On May 29, 2024, at approximately 11:40 p.m., officers with the Montgomery County Police Department responded to a home in the 3300 block of Hampton Point Drive in Fairland for a dispute. The 911 caller, a resident of the home, stated that their brother was inside the apartment with their mother, and he was being violent. The caller also reported hearing gunshots. Officers arrived on scene and set up a perimeter around the home. Officers declared a hostage barricade and requested SWAT to respond. The negotiations continued into the overnight hours. On May 30, at approximately 2:05 a.m., SWAT officers entered the home, encountered Mr. Jones-Daniel, and gave commands. One officer discharged their firearm multiple times, striking the man. Officers and Emergency Medical Services rendered medical aid. Mr. Jones-Daniel was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. A handgun was recovered near Mr. Jones-Daniel at the scene. The mother was treated and released at a local hospital. No officers were injured.</p>
24-IID-012	<p>On July 22, 2024, at approximately 7:00 p.m. a deputy with the Talbot County Sheriff's Office encountered a Nissan sedan driving erratically on westbound U.S. Route 50 near Dutchmans Lane in Easton, Maryland. The deputy activated her lights and sirens attempting to get the driver to stop. The driver, a juvenile male, did not stop and continued to drive on Route 50, doubling back and making multiple U-turns during the pursuit. Two additional deputies and an officer from the Easton Police Department assisted the initiating deputy. After several minutes the pursuit ended when the sedan driver crashed the car into a tree in the 8300 block of Black Dog Alley. The car had four occupants—a juvenile male driver, an adult female front seat passenger, a juvenile male back seat passenger, and an adult female back seat passenger. After the crash, the subject deputies and the subject officer rendered aid to all occupants until EMS medics arrived on scene. The front-seat passenger, later identified as Yemaya Wilson, was transported to a local hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Ms. Wilson was later pronounced dead at the hospital. The driver and the two rear passengers were also transported to an area hospital for treatment for serious injuries.</p>
24-IID-013	<p>On August 5, 2024, at approximately 9:14 p.m., officers with the Baltimore City Police Department observed a juvenile male walking in the unit block of North Gilmore Street. One officer exited his police vehicle and attempted to stop the juvenile who began running away from the officer. The officer pursued the juvenile on foot while other officers in police vehicles proceeded to intercept the juvenile. The intercepting officers caught up with the juvenile on the unit block of North Stricker Street where the juvenile allegedly displayed a gun. Upon seeing the gun, the officers discharged their firearms striking the juvenile. Officers rendered aid and called for Emergency Medical Services. The juvenile was pronounced dead on scene. No officers were injured, and a loaded handgun was recovered near the juvenile.</p>
24-IID-014	<p>On August 10, 2024, at approximately 4:00 a.m., a fatal collision occurred in North Laurel, Howard County, Maryland. The Howard County Police Department responded to the scene and reported to the IID that a non-HCPD police cruiser from another jurisdiction was observed traveling near the scene at the time of the collision. A male operating a motorcycle at a high rate of speed collided with a flatbed truck entering the roadway in the area of the 9400 block of Washington Boulevard in North Laurel. The motorcyclist was pronounced dead on scene. The individuals in the flatbed truck suffered no injuries.</p>

24-IID-015	On January 21, 2024, at approximately 7:47 p.m., officers with the Montgomery County Police Department responded to the 3400 block of Janet Road, after receiving a 911 call for an assault in progress. Upon arriving on scene, officers encountered Melvin Omar Chavez-Paz in a yard holding a grill fork in his right hand. Police shouted commands at the man to “drop the knife;” the man did not comply and began crossing the street. One officer discharged his service weapon, striking the man. Officers immediately rendered emergency medical aid and called for Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Chavez-Paz was pronounced dead on scene. A grill fork was recovered near the man’s body.
24-IID-016	On October 9, 2024, at approximately 8:45 p.m. a Baltimore City Police officer on patrol encountered a sedan traveling the wrong way on Pennsylvania Avenue. The sedan crashed into a parked car in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. The officer approached the sedan to speak with the driver, Robert Phillip Nedd, Jr. of Baltimore. The officer asked Mr. Nedd to exit the vehicle and sit on a nearby curb. Mr. Nedd complied with the officer’s request for a few moments but then stood up and began running away from the officer. The officer began a foot pursuit and called for backup. Mr. Nedd ran into a wooded area near the intersection of Argyle Avenue and Pitcher Street. Upon locating Mr. Nedd, the first responding officer and two additional officers begin giving verbal commands to halt and to show his hands. Mr. Nedd did not comply with the verbal commands and displayed a gun. The three officers discharged their firearms striking Mr. Nedd. Officers rendered emergency medical aid and requested Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Nedd was pronounced dead on scene. A loaded handgun was recovered near Mr. Nedd. No officers were injured.
24-IID-017	On October 26, 2024, at approximately 10:15 p.m., officers from the Hagerstown Police Department, detained an individual while executing a search warrant in the 100 block of E. Franklin Street. An individual in the residence, later identified as Kelvin Lashawn Baker, was detained outside the residence, placed in handcuffs, and put into a police cruiser during the search. An officer noticed the individual vomited in the car, was unconscious, and stopped breathing. Officers rendered medical aid. Mr. Baker was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.
24-IID-018	On November 16, 2024, at approximately 8:50 p.m., a deputy from the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office was in a marked police cruiser sitting stationary in the area of MD Route 261 and 17 th Street in Chesapeake Beach. The deputy observed a gold Ford Mustang pass him at a high rate of speed, traveling southbound on MD Route 261. The deputy activated his emergency equipment and pulled onto the road to attempt to initiate a traffic stop. The driver, identified as 36-year-old Justin Foreman, did not stop. After approximately 1.6 miles, the Mustang left the roadway, crossed the double yellow line into the oncoming lane and struck a telephone pole. Deputies provided the driver of the Mustang with medical aid until Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene and took over lifesaving efforts. Mr. Foreman was pronounced dead on scene.

24-IID-019	<p>On November 30, 2024, at approximately 3:10 p.m., officers with the Howard County Police Department responded to a home in the 10000 block of American Pharoah Lane in Laurel for a domestic in progress. The 911 caller advised that a man was banging on the front door. The man fired several shotgun rounds at the front door, eventually making his way inside the home through a window. When officers arrived on scene, the man appeared in a second-floor window of the home. Officers gave the man verbal commands; however, the man did not comply. The man, identified as 29-year-old Tyree Winslow, and two officers allegedly exchanged gunfire. Howard County Police Department's TAC Team responded to the scene and established a barricade. The police were unable to establish contact with Mr. Winslow and, at approximately 5:40 p.m., made entry into the home. The Mr. Winslow was found inside the home suffering from apparent gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead on scene. Several loaded firearms and a knife were recovered near Mr. Winslow. No others on scene were injured during the incident.</p>
24-IID-020	<p>On December 3, 2024, deputies with the King George County Sheriff's Office were pursuing a blue Kia for an alleged robbery that took place in King George County, Virginia. The Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and the La Plata Police Department (LPPD) were notified of the pursuit as it entered Maryland. In response, one CCSO deputy and two LPPD officers moved into stationary positions with their emergency lights activated at different points along Robert Crain Highway (Rt. 301) and deployed tire deflation devices. The Kia struck the tire deflation devices and continued driving at estimated speeds of over 100 miles per hour. The involved Maryland officers did not pursue the Kia. The pursuit ended in the 6600 block of Robert Crain Highway (Rt. 301) at approximately 4:06 a.m., when the Kia collided with an uninvolved civilian vehicle as it traveled through the intersection at Port Tobacco Road. Officers rendered aid to the occupants of both vehicles, until EMS arrived and took over lifesaving efforts. The Kia's driver, a juvenile, was transported to a local hospital in critical condition and ultimately release after being treated for his injuries. The passenger of the vehicle, also a juvenile, was transported to the hospital in critical condition where he was pronounced dead several days following the incident. The driver of the uninvolved civilian vehicle was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No officers were injured.</p>
24-IID-021	<p>On December 20, 2024, at approximately 3:00 p.m., deputies with the Charles County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in the 7300 block of Tottenham Drive in White Plains after receiving a 911 call for a report of a kidnapping and sexual assault in progress at that location. Upon arriving on scene, computer aided dispatch records indicate that deputies advised that they observed a man wearing a mask inside the residence. The deputies eventually encountered the man, identified as 30-year-old Jordan Proctor, inside the home's two-car garage, which was open. During the interaction, deputies discharged their service weapons, striking Mr. Proctor. Deputies provided medical aid until Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene and transported Mr. Proctor to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead.</p>

24-IID-022

On December 24, 2024, at approximately 10:15 p.m., officers from the Gaithersburg Police Department, responded to the 300 block of Summit Avenue for a report of a man causing a disturbance. When officers arrived, they encountered a man lying on the ground in front of an apartment building. The man, later identified as Marvin Salamanca-Garcia, was covered in blood, conscious, and acting erratically. The man then stood up and walked away from the apartment building. Officers grabbed the man, placed the man on the ground, and held him. While officers awaited the arrival of Fire Rescue, Mr. Salamanca-Garcia lost consciousness and stopped breathing. Officers began to render medical aid until medics responded to the scene and transported Mr. Salamanca-Garcia to an area hospital. Mr. Salamanca-Garcia was pronounced dead on December 26, 2024.