



**THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together
(P.R.O.T.E.C.T.) Act**

May, 2022

**Governor Larry J. Hogan
Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford
Secretary Robert L. Green**



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The Honorable Larry Hogan
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Dear Governor Hogan:

WAYNE HILL
DEPUTY SECRETARY
OPERATIONS

Pursuant to Public Safety Article § 4-1504, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is required to submit a report regarding the progress made in implementing the requirements of the Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together (P.R.O.T.E.C.T.) Act. The statute specifically states:

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(a) on or before December 31 annually, beginning in 2020, the Department of State Police, Baltimore City, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services shall each report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the progress made in implementing the requirements of this subtitle.

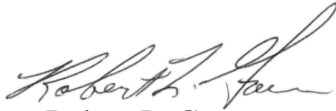
(b) the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, And Victim Services shall include in the report required under subsection (a) of this section:

(1) a description of the activities of each "end the violence" P.R.O.T.E.C.T. coordinator during the year; and

(2) the results of any activities or projects completed during the year in each micro-zone established under § 4-1502 of this subtitle.

Attached please find the Department's submission in satisfaction of this reporting requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert L. Green".

Robert L. Green
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Bill Ferguson, President, Maryland Senate
The Honorable Adrienne Jones, Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
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Governor's Office
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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Public Safety Article § 4-1504, the Department of State Police, Baltimore City, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (Office) are each required to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2021 and annually thereafter. The statute specifically states:

(a) on or before December 31 annually, beginning in 2020, the Department of State Police, Baltimore City, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services shall each report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the progress made in implementing the requirements of this subtitle.

(b) the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, And Victim Services shall include in the report required under subsection (a) of this section:

- (1) a description of the activities of each “end the violence” P.R.O.T.E.C.T. coordinator during the year; and
- (2) the results of any activities or projects completed during the year in each micro-zone established under § 4-1502 of this subtitle.

SYNOPSIS

The Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together (P.R.O.T.E.C.T.) Act requires the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), and the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) establish and operate collaborative district officer supervision teams that provide intensive supervision, including increased home visits, of adult and juvenile violent offenders. The Department is proud of its long standing partnership with BPD and the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office (SAO) as well as Baltimore Behavioral Health and other community partners. The Appendix provides a list of community partners the Department has established relationships with to provide resources to returning individuals and supervisees.

DPP has partnered with BPD by assigning two agents to the War Room. The War Room is a focused, coordinated, law enforcement effort that monitors Violent Repeat Offenders who are on probation or parole. The agents assigned to the War Room share current case information regarding an identified supervisee’s compliance with supervision. When a supervisee is not in compliance and receives a new charge, the SAO determines whether a violation of probation action will be pursued, regardless of the outcome of the new case. The Agents assigned to the War Room communicate the determination of the to the supervisee’s Agent/Monitor and advise when a request for a warrant to the court/parole commission is appropriate. Upon receiving this

direction the Agent/Monitor will immediately submit a Request for Warrant to the releasing authority. In the calendar year 2021, 1,648 individuals under supervision were arrested and reviewed for war room eligibility; 78% of the individuals arrested (1,296) were war room eligible.

Intelligence Unit

The Department also provides five intelligence analysts to various law enforcement partners throughout the State. Analysts are assigned to the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC), the Prince George's County Police Department, and the Eastern Shore as well as the Baltimore City Police Department's Watch Center and Warrant Apprehension Task Force. The analysts provide information to law enforcement and to the Agents/Monitors regarding supervisees who are victims or suspects of crimes as well as providing public safety alerts regarding individuals under supervision. As necessary Agents/Monitors will request warrants.

DPP has assigned agents to the Baltimore City Police Districts allowing for individuals who are under supervision to report to their Agent directly in a BPD district office. In addition, if an open warrant is identified for the reporting individual, the warrant is able to be served during that office contact. Agents also conduct joint home visits on high risk offenders in partnership with a BPD officer. This collaboration is important as it provides the BPD officers with information about supervisees in their districts.

Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN)

The Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) is a criminal justice strategy, coordinated at the local, state, and federal levels targeting gangs, drug, firearms and human trafficking. MCIN is particularly focused on those criminal networks that are impacting multiple jurisdictions and accomplishes this by sharing information across borders. It is a key element of Maryland's public safety strategy and provides the basis for data-driven decision making both operationally and for policy development. MCIN's goals are focused on identifying, disrupting, and dismantling criminal networks through collaboration and comprehensive data sharing. The purpose of the MCIN program is to enhance coordination among public safety partner agencies to ensure that tactics, resources, and intelligence are integrated for the purpose of targeting criminal networks and gangs. This integration includes enforcement, prevention, intervention, and reentry strategies. MCIN aligns state resources to provide for a streamlined and coordinated operational plan which currently includes the following 13 coalitions: Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Carroll County, Cecil County, Cumberland, Dorchester County, Frederick, Hagerstown, Hyattsville, Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Salisbury.

DPPs MCIN Involvement: A Program Manager oversees the collaboration of DPP and MCIN sites. The Program Manager participates in a rotation of monthly coalition meetings of the MCIN Advisory Board along with DPP Agents. During these meetings representatives from law enforcement and community organization in jurisdictions experiencing high incidents of crime share information with the Program Manager. He communicates this information to Agents from each site in order to discuss any concerns from the team meetings and provide any best practices garnered from the meetings.

Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS)

DPP is an active participant in the Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) in partnership with BPD, DJS, and the Baltimore City SAO as a strategy to reduce violence in Baltimore. Beginning in 2021 in Baltimore's Western District, a dedicated DPP Agent along with representatives from each of the aforementioned agencies meet weekly to go over incidents of violence and to share information among partners about individuals who are engaged in violence or possess risk factors that increase their potential to become victims of violence. Using the group violence intervention strategy, these individuals are targeted for intervention. Group violence intervention focuses on the groups at highest risk for violent victimization and offending, with the intent to keep those members alive and out of prison. Partners communicate directly with group members by delivering powerful messages about the disapproval of violent acts while also providing and delivering support and assistance to those individuals in the hope of providing an intervention to continued violence. Clear messages of the potential legal consequences of continued violence are also sent to these individuals to serve as a deterrence to continued behaviors.

The Department is committed to its mission of protecting the public, its employees, and detainees and offenders under its supervision.

APPENDIX

Partnerships

The various specialized caseloads in Baltimore City are, in many cases, a direct result of partnerships with external governmental and non-governmental agencies. Some of this region's partnerships include:

Fentanyl Task Force
Baltimore Behavioral Health
Drug Treatment Court
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
Aim to BMore
Baltimore City Police Department
Center for Urban Families
Felony Diversion Initiative (FDI)

F.A.S.T. provides a specialized form of intensive supervision to offenders who have been given probation for domestic violence related offenses. The agents follow intensive supervision practices focusing on offender accountability and victim safety. The unit has a working relationship with;

- The House of Ruth;
- Harbel Prevention and Recovery;
- Baltimore City Police Department's Family Violence Unit;
- Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office; and
- other advocacy programs

DPP is a member of the Domestic Violence of Coordinating Council Committee and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

Mental Health Court
Veterans Treatment Court
Baltimore City Gun Offender Registry Unit.
Reentry and Public Safety Program
District Court Reentry Project
MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Committee
National Association of Professional Women
P3 Pursuit Treatment Program
Baltimore County Police Department Registry Unit
Maryland State Police Polygraph Unit
Huber and Associates Sex Offender Treatment
Baltimore City Housing Authority
Baltimore City Police Department Child Abuse Unit
Baltimore City and County State's Attorney's Offices
Charles Village Community Benefits District
Health Care Access Maryland (HCAM)
ROCA

Baltimore City Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team
Domestic Violence Community Shareholders
Maryland Abuse Intervention Collaboration (MAIC)
Center for Urban Families
Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc.
Catholic Charities - Our Daily Bread
Justice Reinvestment Advisory Board
Westside YO Center
America Works
Paul's Place
Charles Village Community Benefits District