

# **Progress in Establishing Interrogation Rooms Capable of Creating Audiovisual Recordings 2025**

*Criminal Procedure Article, Section 2-404*

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

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**RE: Criminal Procedure Article § 2-404 (MSAR #15666)**

Dear Chairs:

In accordance with § 2-404 of the Criminal Procedure Article, which requires the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office) to submit a report on the progress of jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the required report.

Section 2-402 of the Criminal Procedure Article established a State public policy to require law enforcement units using one or more interrogation rooms with the capacity to create audio and/or visual recordings of custodial interrogations to make reasonable efforts to record interrogations of suspects in connection with cases of murder, rape, or sexual offenses in the first or second degree. In addition, § 2-404 of the Criminal Procedure Article requires the Office to submit a report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee by December 31 of each year, as it relates to the progress in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations.

Pursuant to its charge, the Office distributed an electronic survey to all law enforcement agencies in the State to gather the required information for 2025 (*as illustrated on the following pages*).



## Interrogation Room Survey

Chapters [359](#) and [360](#) of 2008 established a State policy in which a law enforcement unit using one or more interrogation rooms with the capability to create audio and/or visual recordings of custodial interrogations shall make reasonable efforts to record interrogations of suspects in connection with cases of murder, rape, or sexual offenses in the first or second degree. It also requires the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to submit a report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee by December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, as it relates to the progress of jurisdictions and the Department of State Police in establishing interrogation rooms capable of creating audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations.

To assist in this process, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy makes funding available to local law enforcement agencies through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, Law Enforcement Technology grant program for "custodial interrogation equipment." Additional funds have also been made available through the Byrne Justice Recovery Act since the law was enacted in 2008.

Please fill out the following:

Agency Name:

How many interrogation rooms does your entire department (all divisions and precincts) currently have?



Please answer the following question in regard to the hard wired (not portable) technological capabilities of each interrogation room:

|                                                                  | # of rooms           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| How many rooms have NO audio or video capabilities?              | <input type="text"/> |
| How many rooms are ONLY equipped with audio equipment?           | <input type="text"/> |
| How many rooms are ONLY equipped with video equipment?           | <input type="text"/> |
| How many rooms are equipped with both video and audio equipment? | <input type="text"/> |

Which of the following statements best describes your agency's use of portable A/V equipment in interrogation rooms? (check all that apply)

☐ This agency does not use portable Audio/Visual equipment in interrogation rooms

☐ This agency uses portable audio equipment in interrogation rooms

☐ This agency uses portable video equipment in interrogation rooms

Does your agency have future plans and/or timelines for adding new Audio/Visual equipment?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Does your agency have future plans and/or timelines for the creation of new or additional interrogation rooms?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What funding sources have you used, or will you use to fund or equip your interrogation room(s)? (check all that apply)

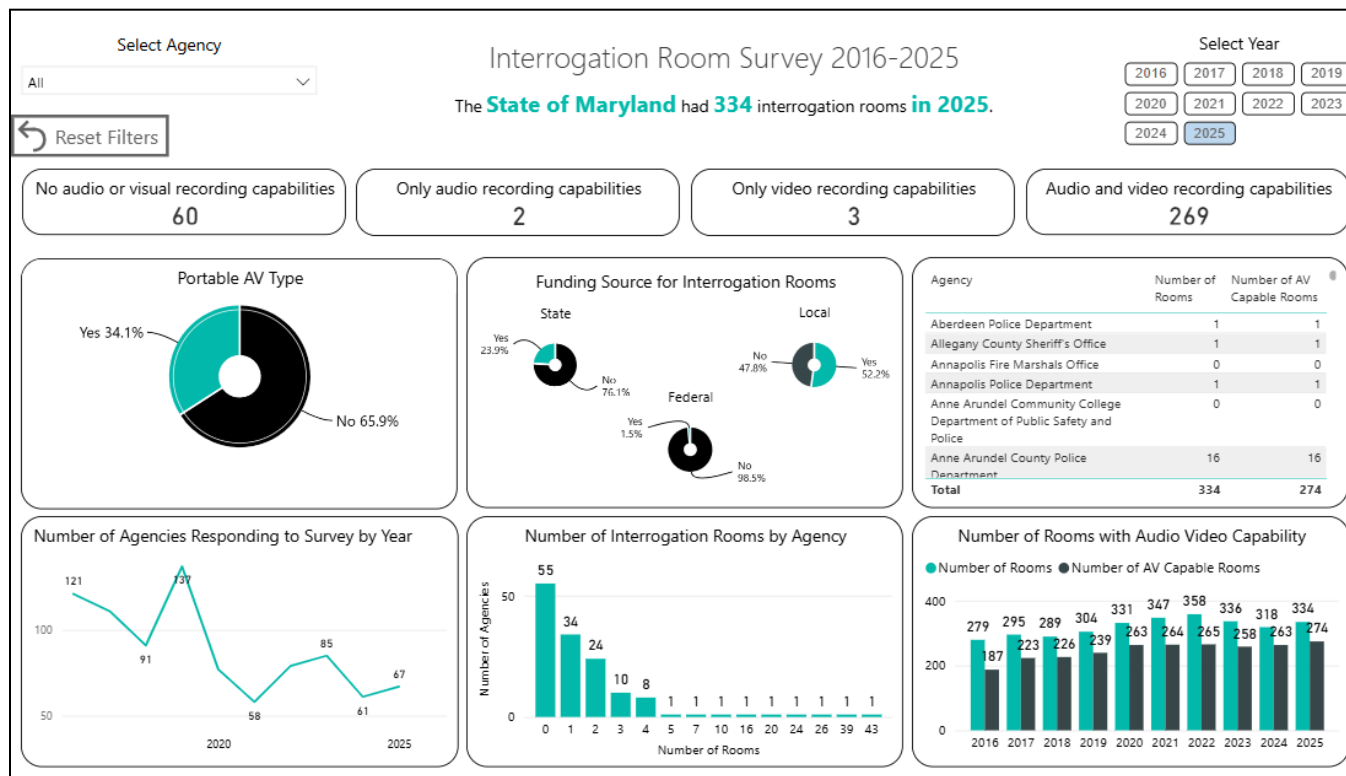
☐ Local

☐ State

☐ Federal



For the 2025 reporting period, law enforcement agencies reported a total of 334 interrogation rooms, of which 274 were equipped with a recording capability (*as illustrated below*). From this total, 98.2% (n = 269) provided both audio and video recording capabilities.



Should you have any questions relating to the information provided, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

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Sincerely,

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