



# THE BLUE LINE

Martin O'Malley, Mayor

Baltimore, Maryland

Kevin P. Clark, Police Commissioner

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## UNIFORMED SENSITIVITY IN ACTION

It's no secret that police departments in this country – no matter how many talented officers they may have – can not be truly effective without the help of the people they serve. In other words, community members play a vital role in keeping their neighborhoods safe by helping police prevent and solve a wide variety of crimes. That's why, earlier this year, the Baltimore Police Department launched the Uniformed Sensitivity in Action (USA) program, one of the most ambitious community outreach initiatives in the department's history.



USA was developed by Chief Joel Francis to foster unity and trust and to build partnerships between the police and Baltimore residents. The program is held every Tuesday night at Police Headquarters. Transportation and a

light dinner are provided by department members. The concept is simple, the benefits are enormous. Police officers and community members – grouped by district in separate meeting rooms — are asked to review several potentially volatile scenarios and then critique the way police handled the situation.

Specifically, community members are asked to talk about what they saw, how it made them feel, and what police could have done differently.

So far, several hundred people have taken part and we are hoping for even better participation in the future, from people of all ages and backgrounds. USA has already improved the lines of communication between police officers and the members of the neighborhoods they serve. It has also given us all a better understanding of how, together, we can further reduce the crime rate and improve the quality of life for all Baltimore residents.

### USA Program

410-396-2342  
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## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Baltimore City Police Department has long enjoyed a remarkable relationship with the doctors and nurses at Shock Trauma, where most of our injured officers are taken. On March 19, Chief of Patrol Carl Gutberlet presided over a ceremony at Shock Trauma to recognize the skill and dedication of the medical center's employees. Joining Chief Gutberlet were ten officers, one from each district as well as the tactical unit, who have been treated at Shock Trauma for a variety of injuries, including gunshot wounds.



## CRIME REDUCTION RANKINGS FOR THE YEARS 1999-2003

Year	Rank	Total Violent Crimes	The numbers are in and they are good. An analysis of the 2003 crime numbers shows that Baltimore City recorded the fewest numbers of crimes in the past five years in almost every major category.
2003	1	12, 477	
2002	2	14, 381	
2001	3	15, 435	
2000	4	17, 038	
1999	5	19, 827	

Violent crime is now at a level in Baltimore not seen since the 1970s.

## Organized Crime Division Strikes Again.....



On February 25, members of the Baltimore Police Department's Organized Crime Division (OCD) were involved in one of the largest cocaine busts in Baltimore City history. Working in concert with

federal agents, OCD members arrested two people and seized 154 kilograms of cocaine with an estimated street value of 40 million dollars. The seizure was the culmination of a five-month long investigation.

## COMPUTER CRIMES DIVISION

The Computer Crimes Division's state-of-the-art forensics laboratory is now fully operational. Since February, the unit's one sergeant and seven detectives – all of whom have received highly specialized training from the federal government – have worked 14 cases involving a wide variety of crimes, including child abuse, sex offense, arson, and fraud.

## A LEGEND RETIRES



Where were you when Dwight D. Eisenhower was president? When a Hershey's bar cost five cents? When TV dinners were first introduced? Jules Neveker was in his first year as a Baltimore City police officer. On February 11, Officer Neveker retired from the department after an illustrious, and colorful, fifty-year career. Commissioner Kevin Clark was among those in attendance at Officer Neveker's retirement ceremony in the auditorium



of police headquarters, where Neveker entertained the crowd with police stories from decades gone by before heading off to his well-earned retirement.

FOR OTHER RETIREMENTS AND DEATH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WHAT'S NEW IN THE MARINE UNIT

Our ships have come in. Since June of last year, three boats have been added to the Marine Unit's fleet. The newest boat, a 25 foot Commander which was delivered in January, was used in the recovery effort after the tragic water taxi accident. All three new boats will be used for homeland security operations and for routine patrols of the harbor.



## COLD CASES HEATING UP

The Department's Trace Lab is having a remarkably productive year. In one week in March, the Lab's DNA Unit linked suspects to 11 cold rape cases, some going back as far as 1998. In just three months this year, the DNA Unit has recorded more than half of the 47 CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) hits recorded all of last year.

## TELL US A STORY

The *Blue Line* welcomes story ideas from all members of the department, sworn and civilian. If you have a story idea you would like to submit, please fax a brief summary of it to the Public Affairs Section at 410-625-0578, or e-mail Director Matt Jablow at [Matt.Jablow@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:Matt.Jablow@baltimorepolice.org). Your suggestions should be sent in by the second Friday of every month for consideration.

## INTROSPECTION

HOW MANY OFFICERS DOES IT TAKE TO  
RUIN THE IMAGE OF AN ENTIRE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT?

ANSWER: **JUST ONE.**

***DON'T LET THAT ONE BE YOU!***



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# THE BLUE LINE

## In The Line Of Duty

*Martin O'Malley, Mayor*  
**Special Edition**

*Baltimore, Maryland*

*Kevin P. Clark, Police Commissioner*  
October 1, 2004

### Police Officer Brian D. Winder, 1967-2004

On Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Baltimore City lost one of its finest and the police department lost one of its most popular officers. Thirty-six year-old Brian D. Winder, a dedicated husband, devoted father, and hard-working public servant, made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved to do: police work.

Shortly before nine at night, while conducting a follow-up to a call for domestic violence, Officer Winder encountered two armed men in the 4600 block of Edmondson Avenue. Officer Winder's investigation soon led him to G&G Liquors, where he was fatally shot.

A nine-year veteran of the Baltimore City Police Department, Officer Winder was always proud of his Edmondson Village roots; so proud that he asked specifically to work in the same neighborhood where he grew up. Aside from working as a patrol officer in the Southwestern District, he also worked as a shooting detective



IN MEMORY OF  
POLICE OFFICER  
BRIAN D. WINDER  
OCTOBER 9, 1967  
TO  
JULY 3, 2004

and in the department's Internal Affairs Division. Committed to a life of public service, Brian was a Baltimore City Correctional Officer and a Baltimore City School Police Officer before joining BPD.

The days and weeks following the tragedy brought many fond stories and memories from those who will always remember Brian's engaging smile and sense of humor. Hundreds of mourners attended the viewings prior to the funeral. On the day of the funeral, 54 rows of church pews were filled with family members and friends. Mayor Martin O'Malley spoke of a little boy he met at the viewing who, speaking of Officer Winder, told the Mayor, "It's OK, he's an angel."

During his remarks at the funeral, Police Commissioner Kevin P. Clark looked at Officer Winder's two young sons and said, "Your father has laid a path, a clear path, as to what manhood is all about. Follow that path." We are certain they will, guided by the countless members of the police department who will never forget Officer Brian Winder or his family.

# *In Life, We Loved You Dearly; In Death, We Love You Still*

## **Message from Mayor Martin O'Malley**

"Brian Winder made his mark by bringing hope into the lives of children he met on the street, showing them they could live a better life. He made his mark by passing up assignments others coveted to be a man who was there for his family. He made his mark by bringing light into the lives of his friends and neighbors, and to city where too many of us -- who lack his vision -- see only darkness.



As it says in John's Gospel, for Brian Winder: 'The light shone in darkness, and darkness could not overcome it.'

Brian Winder was a role model, drawing others to the dangerous, demanding and critically important work that he loved on the Baltimore Police Department, placing his life at risk to protect strangers.

Death did visit Officer Winder too young. But his courage...his spirit...his grace...brought life. And we are grateful."

## **Brian Winder Memorial Fund**



Officer Brian Winder loved his children more than words could ever say and was dedicated to making their lives as rewarding and productive as possible.

With this in mind, a memorial fund has been established in Officer Winder's name. Anyone who is interested in making

donations is asked to take all donations to any Chevy Chase Bank. All proceeds will be given to Brian's children in an effort to maintain Brian's dream of keeping his children happy, healthy and safe.

## **Street Renaming**



On August 6, Mayor Martin O'Malley, Police Commissioner Kevin Clark and dozens of friends, family members and colleagues of Officer Winder gathered at the intersection of Edmondson Avenue and Swan Avenue, just down the block from the store where Officer Winder was killed, to rename the street in Officer Winder's honor. Southwestern District Commander Major Deborah Owens was the Master of Ceremony and members of the department's Honor Guard, of which Officer Winder was a member, began the emotional ceremony.

Once all of the speakers had finished their accounts of Officer Winder's work ethic, love for the community and dedication to his fellow officers, his wife and two sons thanked the entire police department for the tremendous support they have received since Officer Winder's death. Then, with a pull of a string by Officer Winder's son, the street sign bearing his name was revealed: Officer Brian D. Winder Way.



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October 8, 2004

## Detective Robert Patton Named Top Cop

On September 11, 2004, the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) presented Detective Robert Patton of BPD's Homicide Section with an honorable mention award during NAPO's eleventh annual TOP COP award ceremony. The event was held at the Warner Theater in Washington, D.C. Detective Patton was recognized for his work on the Dawson family murder case.

NAPO pays tribute every year to law enforcement officers from across the country for outstanding service to their communities. The TOP COPS were nominated by fellow officers and selected from hundreds of nominations by an independent awards committee.

## Fallen Heroes Memorial Unveiling

The Northeast District Fallen Hero's Memorial is presently under construction at Harford Road and Parkside Dr. The unveiling is scheduled for October 30th, 2004, time to be determined, with a luncheon to follow at the Northeast District. This memorial is being built to honor the Northeast District's Fallen Heroes, Lt. Owen Sweeney, Sgt. Jack Cooper, Sgt. John Platt, Officer Michael Cowdery, and Officer Kevin McCarthy.

Please mark your calendars to attend and honor these Fallen Heroes. For additional info, contact Officers Larry Gardner and Jerry Heid at the Northeast District.

## Returning Home



On September 8, retired Major Leonard Hamm returned to the department as Deputy Commissioner of Operations. After leaving BPD in 1996, Deputy Hamm headed up security for the Downtown Partnership, the Baltimore City School Police Department and then Morgan State University. In his new position, Deputy Hamm will oversee the Patrol, Criminal Investigation and Organized Crime Divisions.

## Comstat Data

As of September 19, 2004



Total Crime: -8%

Total Part I Crime: -7%

Violent Crime: -8%



Property Crime: -7%

Robbery: -13%

Aggravated Assault: -5%

Auto Theft: -7%



Excessive force complaints: down 4%

Discourtesy complaints: down 14%

**From Education & Training**

The schedule for the In-Service-Training Session for the week beginning October 18 has been adjusted so that members have the opportunity to attend the Signal 13 Foundation's Police Officer Appreciation Bull Roast at Martin's West on October 19th. **For that week only**, the USA program will be held on Wednesday - October 20th.

Reporting times for attendees to this session of IST are as follows: members will report to the E&T Academy at 0739 hrs on Monday (10/18), Tuesday (10/19) and Thursday (10/21); and on Wednesday (10/20) attending members will report to the Headquarters Auditorium at 1539 hours.

It is requested that all Administrative lieutenants/supervisors ensure that the members scheduled to attend the October 18-21 In-Service-Training session are notified of this adjustment.

Questions pertaining to this change can be directed to Sgt. Lee or Officer Tucker at x2518.

**Upcoming Overtime Events**

Race For The Cure  
Saturday, October 8, 2004  
Reporting Time: 0700 Hours

Baltimore Marathon  
Saturday, October 16, 2004  
Reporting Time: 0600 Hours

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer  
Saturday, October 24, 2004  
Reporting Time: To Be Announced

Please submit your 322 forms to the overtime unit or fax the form to 410- 396-2016. You will be notified if you are scheduled to work.

**It's Going To Get Cold**



Wintertime is coming. With that in mind, Girl Scout Junior Troop 532 and Brownie Troop 2323 are sponsoring a blanket and coat drive for the homeless. All donations, new or used, are welcome. The Public Affairs Section will be accepting donations until 4:30 P.M. up to November 1, 2004. For more information, call C.S.O. Jeanette Wilson at (410) 396-2012.

**Our Fighting Heroes**

The Baltimore Police Department would like to recognize the officers who are serving in the armed forces and fighting in the war in Iraq. We ask that you keep these officers in your prayers and we hope for their speedy and safe return.

<i>Off. Claude King, Jr.</i>	<b>SED</b>
<i>Off. Terry Turner, Jr.</i>	<b>SOS</b>
<i>Off. Mark A. Butler</i>	<b>WD</b>
<i>POT Levar B. Monah</i>	<b>E&amp;T</b>
<i>Off. Francis Davidson</i>	<b>ND</b>
<i>Off. Siafa Dennis</i>	<b>NED</b>
<i>Off. Robert F. Jones II</i>	<b>WD</b>
<i>POT Raquel Lilly</i>	<b>E&amp;T</b>
<i>Off. Triston Ferguson</i>	<b>SD</b>
<i>Off. David Holmes</i>	<b>NED</b>
<i>Sgt. Eric Redding</i>	<b>Com</b>
<i>Off. Aaron Robinson</i>	<b>WD</b>
<i>Off. Rene Marshall</i>	<b>PAL</b>
<i>Off. Robert Horne</i>	<b>SWD</b>
<i>Off. Robin Smith</i>	<b>SWD</b>
<i>Off. Charles Rollhauser, Jr.</i>	<b>SWD</b>
<i>Off. Troy Green, Sr.</i>	<b>WD</b>
<i>Off. Joshua Laycock, Jr.</i>	<b>WD</b>
<i>POT Kenneth Gein, Jr.</i>	<b>E&amp;T</b>
<i>POT Tyrone Walker</i>	<b>E&amp;T</b>
<i>Agt. Ronald Berger</i>	<b>CID</b>

To those members of the department who have been to Iraq and returned, we welcome you home and are thankful that you are once again with us.



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## OCD Honored



On August 23, the Department of Justice/Drug Enforcement Administration-Washington Division recognized the Baltimore Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Unit for having the highest volume of Federal Adoptive Seizures in the Division.

BPD'S Asset Forfeiture Unit outperformed all other state and local law enforcement agencies that participate in the Equitable Sharing process.

The Asset Forfeiture Unit submitted 204 Federal Adoptive Seizures to the Drug Enforcement Administration from October 1, 2002 thru September 30, 2003.

## Job Well Done

Kudos to Detective Michael Baier of Homicide and to Sgt. Fred Bland's OCD squad. Detective Baier was the primary investigator of a homicide that occurred on August 22, 2004, in the 2600 block of Oswego Avenue. As a result of his investigation, a suspect was named and a warrant issued.

On October 5, Sgt. Bland's squad executed a narcotics search and seizure warrant at 3830 Roland View Avenue. Once inside, they found and arrested the suspect in Detective Baier's case. In addition to murder, the suspect was also charged with possession with the intent to distribute and with possessing 508 vials of heroin.

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## Officer Appreciation Night

In appreciation of the outstanding work that police officers do, the Signal 13 Foundation will be having a bull roast on Tuesday, October 19, at Martin's West, located at 6821 Dogwood Road. The event will be held from 7 P.M.. until 11 P.M.. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be reserved by contacting Cindy at Martin's West. The phone number is (410) 265-1300. Sworn members may purchase up to two tickets.

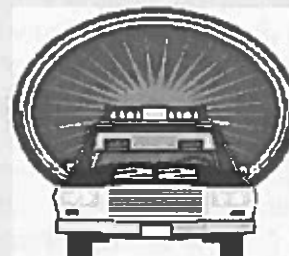
### Comstat Data Western District



Homicide	-38%
Shootings	-25%
Robbery	-17%
Aggravated. Assault	- 8%
Burglary	-30%

Part I Crime -14%

Total Crime -13%



Week ending October 02, 2004

***From Education & Training***

The Education and Training Division will conduct a non-emergency driving course on October 21, 2004, at 210 Guilford Avenue. The eight-hour course will consist of classroom instruction as well as actual driving. Contact E&T if you're interested. Spaces are limited, so supervisors are asked to wait for confirmation before detailing members from your unit.

***USA Training***



BPD will continue the **Uniformed Sensitivity in Action** training until November 16. The program was established last year to build and enhance partnerships between the police department and the members of the communities in which we serve.

***Sisters In Blue***



On September 25, the Vanguard Justice Society sponsored the "Sisters in Blue" symposium at Johns Hopkins University. The symposium focused on issues involving female police officers and also on establishing a support network for new female officers.

During the symposium, attendees were given information about various benefits offered by BPD. The Chief of Internal Affairs, the Director of EEOC, and a representative from the House of Ruth were among the speakers.

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TICKETS RECEIVED AFTER NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE PLACED AT WILL CALL NEAR THE F ST. ENTRANCE. PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED WHEN PICKING UP TICKETS FROM WILL CALL.

THERE IS A LIMIT OF 8 TICKETS PER CERTIFICATE. IF YOU NEED MORE COUPONS, LOG ON TO [WashingtonWizards.com](http://WashingtonWizards.com). FEEL FREE TO PRINT OFF AND COPY AS MANY AS YOU NEED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT SUSAN TARRANT AT [starrant@washsports.com](mailto:starrant@washsports.com) OR 202-628-3200 x4632.

***Tribute to Officer Brian Winder***

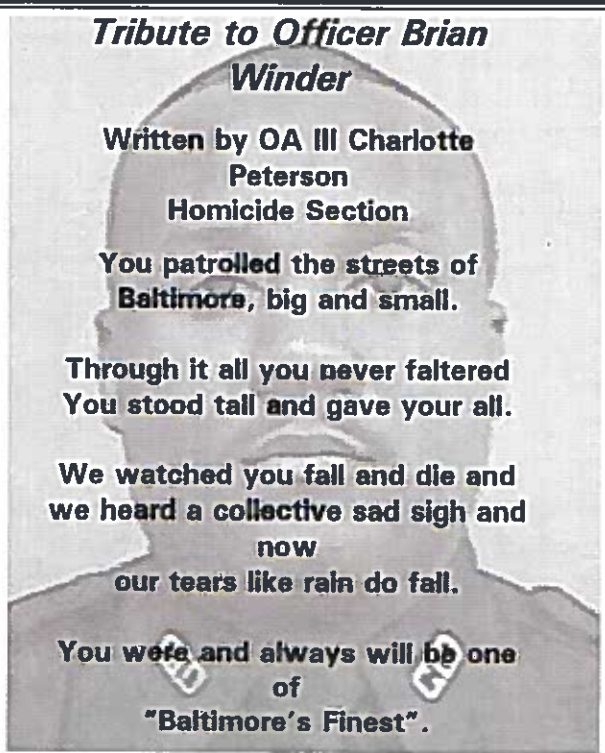
Written by OA III Charlotte Peterson  
Homicide Section

You patrolled the streets of Baltimore, big and small.

Through it all you never faltered  
You stood tall and gave your all.

We watched you fall and die and  
we heard a collective sad sigh and  
now  
our tears like rain do fall.

You were and always will be one  
of  
"Baltimore's Finest".





# THE BLUE LINE

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Kevin P. Clark, Police Commissioner  
October 22, 2004

## Mercy SAFE Program

Earlier this month, members of the Sex Assault Forensic Examiner (S.A.F.E) program of Mercy Medical Center honored the Baltimore City Police Sex Offense Unit for 10 years of service and support.

The following members received awards during the ceremony, which was held at the Visionary Art Museum:

- Sgt. Charles Morgan
- Sgt. Johnnie Young
- Det. Mike Bettine
- Det. Dereck Carver
- Det. Sarah Connolly
- Det. John Dennison
- Det. Robert Elkner
- Det. Anthony Faulk
- Det. Danny Grubb
- Det. Bernard Holthaus
- Det. Maurice Himes
- Det. Keith Merryman
- Det. Chester Norton
- Det. Deisie Parker
- Det. Joseph Peters
- Det. Thomas Stoner
- Det. Caprice Smith
- Det. Dale Wood

## Job Well Done

On October 4, Detective Ray Yost began investigating a non-fatal shooting that occurred in the 4600 block of Pen Lucy Road.

During the course of the investigation, Detective Yost executed a search and seizure warrant at the victim's house, where 1160 gel caps of suspected heroin were recovered. Additionally, a suspect was identified, and quickly arrested, by WATF. Great job, Detective Yost!

## Dragon Boat Race



Twenty - two men and women of the Baltimore Police Department took part in the Catholic Charities

Dragon Boat Race, which is held every two years. This year, the race involved 20 teams from around the Baltimore area. Although the BPD team did not advance to the finals, they are one of the early favorites to win the 2006 race.

## Comstat Data Year-to-Date Southern District



Total Crime Part I Crime	-10%
Violent Crime	-19%
Property Crime	-7%
Total Crime	-11%
Homicide	-4%
Shootings	-25%
Robbery	-23%



### **Working Hard**

BPD's Grants and Government Relations Section is having an extremely productive year, having already brought in \$18 million. In the past few months, they have won three major grants, which will finance the following programs and projects:

#### **Baltimore's Victim/Offender Identification and Recognition Program**

The department was awarded \$31,000 in support of Baltimore's Victim/Offender Identification and Recognition Program, which will provide a higher level of expertise to detectives investigating violent crimes. This innovative project will be the first program of its kind in Maryland to combine the creation and the reconstruction of composite photos in one mobile imaging system.

#### **The Truancy Abatement Program**

The Baltimore Truancy Center is a one-stop location for officers to bring young people who are found on the streets during school hours. At the Truancy Assessment Center, children are treated with a multi-agency, collaborative approach, which assesses the child's educational, social, psychological, and medical needs. Grant funding totaling \$135,000 will enable the Center to hire five school resource services providers.

#### **Taser Technology**

Tasers provide officers with an alternative and innovative way to decrease the use of deadly force and, at the same time, combat violent crime. \$31,000 of a recent grant will go towards the purchase of 60 taser guns and also train police officers to respond to violent people with the safest, and least, amount of force necessary.

### **Bull & Oyster Roast**

On November 6, directors of The Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association Distress Fund and the Police Emerald Society will hold the First Annual Bull & Oyster Roast Honoring Retired Police. The event will be held from 8 P.M. to 1 A.M. at the La Fontaine Bleu, located at 7524 S. Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie. For ticket information, contact Daryl Buhrman at (410) 803-2293.

### **Softball Team**

The Department's co-ed softball team won the regular season of the 2004 law enforcement softball league, which was sponsored by the Division of Corrections. The team also finished in second place in the end of season tournament.

### **Flashlight Info**

In response to questions about the life expectancy of the Poly/Stinger batteries, the Quartermaster Unit says a good charge should last about one hour. After extensive use on one charge, you should charge your flashlight at least eight hours. However, during your shift, it is recommended that you maintain a constant charge by utilizing your D/C adaptor (car charger) for your flashlight. If you're still having problems, bring your flashlight and the charger to the Quartermaster Unit for inspection.

### **Officer Appreciation Day**



The Southwestern District celebrated its Second Annual Officer Appreciation Day on September 15. Major Deborah Owens wanted to acknowledge the hard work and dedication exhibited by the entire Southwestern family on a daily basis. With donations from members of the business community and others, the event featured a barbeque on the station house lot. Pictured above are guest chefs, Deputy Major Paul B. Sheppard and Lt. Nicholas Palmeri.



# THE BLUE LINE

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Kevin P. Clark, Police Commissioner  
October 29, 2004

## Det. Newman's Killer Sentenced



The second gunman accused of murdering Det. Thomas Newman pleaded guilty on October 19. With dozens of BPD members in the courtroom, 24 year-old Raymond Saunders was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. At a press conference (above) following the sentencing, Commissioner Kevin Clark said the Police Department will be closely tracking Saunders in prison, making sure that he is never again a free man. Back in February, the first suspect in the case, Jovan House, was also sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. A third suspect will be tried in December.

## Job Well Done



On September 13, a driver for Dunbar Armored Car Service stole over \$15,000 by not turning in an overlooked money sack. Detective Charles Koonce of the check and fraud unit headed up the investigation that led to the identification of

a suspect. That suspect ultimately gave a confession and was charged with felony theft over \$500. Great work, Detective Koonce!

## Top Instructor



Sergeant Dearl Jackson of the Education & Training Division was named instructor of the year by the M.P.C.T.C. Sgt. Jackson was given the award in recognition of the work he did in

developing and implementing the arrest and control program that is currently being used by BPD. Well done, Sergeant Jackson!

## Comstat Data Year-to-Date Southwestern District



Total Crime Part I Crime	-16%
Violent Crime	-13%
Property Crime	-17%
Total Crime	-13%
Shootings	-4%
Robbery	-15%
Aggravated Assault	-12%
Larceny from Auto	-33%



### *A Good Time Had By All*



About 1700 people attended the Signal 13 Foundation's Officer Appreciation Night last week



at Martin's West. By almost all accounts, it was a terrific night, filled with good food, plenty of adult beverages, and lively dancing.

### *Cleaning Up*

On November 13, residents from all across the Baltimore area will take part in a massive clean up of the historic Mount Auburn cemetery at 2630 Waterview Avenue. Any BPD member, sworn or civilian, who wants to participate should arrive at the cemetery at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Charlene Carr of the Community Affairs Section at ext. 2515 as soon as possible so we can give the clean-up organizing committee an accurate head count in advance of the event.

### *Marathon Men*



While dozens of BPD officers lined the course of the recent Baltimore Marathon — helping ensure that the race went smoothly — four BPD members were on the race course itself. The team of Sgt. Ed Rigby (Eastern), Officer Dan Horgan (Eastern), Sgt. Tom Engel (Chief of Patrol's Office) and Officer Troy Lewis (Police Athletic League) finished 19<sup>th</sup> out of the 66 teams in the marathon relay with a time of 3:30:54. "Not bad for a bunch of old guys," said a spry Sgt. Engel.

### *Cops on Ice*



The Baltimore Police Department's hockey team is about to kick off its new season. The team hopes to build on the success of last season, during which they won their division

in the National Law Enforcement Hockey League and lost in the championship game of the Ice World League. This year the team



is widely regarded as the team to beat in both leagues.

Anyone interested in joining the team or in making contributions to the team can contact Detectives Todd Corriveau or Dave Phipps via departmental e-mail.

### *Vanguard's Holiday Basket*

The Vanguard Justice Society is conducting a Thanksgiving food drive for needy families. Each district will be supplied with marked boxes in which donations of non-perishable food will be collected. In addition to canned and boxed goods, you can also donate gift cards from local grocery stores and supermarkets.

### *Slain Officer Honored*

On Monday, November 1, a ceremony will be held in honor of Sergeant Frank Grunder. The ceremony will take place at 0800 hours at Calvert Hall High School, which is located at 8102 LaSalle Road in Towson. Sgt. Grunder, a 1958 graduate of Calvert Hall, was killed in the line of duty on August 1, 1974. Chief Carl Gutberlet will address family, friends, and the entire Calvert Hall student body, and a plaque will be dedicated in memory of Sgt. Grunder. All department members are invited to attend.



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Kevin P. Clark, Police Commissioner  
November 05, 2004

## Northeastern District Initiative

Northeastern District commanders and supervisors are praising the outstanding work of officers recently detailed to the Northeastern District. Lt. Delmar Dickson says the crime initiative, which went from October 1 to October 15, "brought a wealth of experience and new ideas to the district."

The hard work and dedication of the following officers, as well as of specialized units like TARU and DSU, helped bring about a marked decrease in crime within certain target areas:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sergeant Joel Heiss NED      | Officer Keira Saunders NED   |
| Sergeant Chris Tserkes NED   | Officer Victor Comegna NED   |
| Sergeant Rodney Jones NED    | Officer Jerome Thompson NED  |
| Officer David Hittle CD      | Officer Ron Morales NED      |
| Officer Andrew Seymour CD    | Officer Richard Pollick NWD  |
| Officer Alesha Salyers CD    | Officer Darryl Coates NWD    |
| Officer John Brandt CD       | Officer William Bearde NWD   |
| Officer Walter Brown CD      | Officer Michael Minor WD     |
| Officer Heidi Hebron SED     | Officer Robert Peregoy WD    |
| Officer Ron Starr SED        | Officer Marc Camarote WD     |
| Officer Kevin Walker ED      | Officer Kimberly Swinton WD  |
| Officer Brian Shutt ED       | Officer Daniel Martin SD     |
| Officer Adrian Amos ED       | Officer Antoine Chambers SD  |
| Officer Frank Nellis, III ED | Officer Sean Dallessandro SD |
| Officer Earl Anderson ED     | Officer Latonya Lewis SD     |
| Officer William Johnson ED   | Officer Timothy Bond SWD     |
| Officer Curtis Brown ND      | Officer Earl Thompson SWD    |
| Officer Michael Hill ND      | Officer Fabien Laronde SWD   |
| Officer Ryan Reass ND        |                              |

<u>Initiative Enforcement Actions</u>	<u>Arrests</u>
Citizen Contacts 714	Handgun 11
Vehicle Stops 424	Felony 8
Parking Tickets 35	Misdemeanor 33
Moving Violations 178	CDS 30
Repair Orders 44	Traffic 8
Curfew Violations 18	Stolen Auto 3
Criminal Citations 33	Shooting 1
10-29's 412	Warrant 24
Stop & Frisks 159	
Guns Recovered 9	
Bikes Checked 71	
<b>Total Arrests 120</b>	

## Comstat Data Year-to-Date Central District



Total Crime	-6%
Total Part I Crime	-5%
Violent Crime	-16%
Property Crime	-2%
Homicide	-20%
Robbery	-17%
Aggravated Assault	-16%
Larceny from Auto	-11%



**Great Teamwork**



The Baltimore Police Department's Check Point Strike Force Team (DUI Check Point Squad) and the Mounted Unit recently received the Chiefs' Challenge Award on behalf of BPD. The award is given in recognition of outstanding efforts to prevent injuries and deaths by increasing seat belt use in Maryland.

**Cracking Down**

Two weeks ago, Sergeant Bryant Moore and the Western District Enforcement Group conducted surveillance around 1600 Warwick Avenue after complaints of drug activity in the area. Two suspects were arrested after they were observed conducting a drug transaction. In addition to making the arrests, the officers seized six ounces of cocaine, 487 dollars in cash, and two cars – one Mercedes and one Buick.

**Police Department Sworn Staffing**

In response to frequent questions about the deployment of BPD officers, following are the staffing levels for the department's major divisions, as of September 30:

Patrol Division	1583
Detective Division	390
Organized Crime Division	262
Personnel	147
Trainees	134
Criminal Intelligence	66
Education & Training Division	62
Grants/PAL	62
Internal Investigation Division	41

**A Moving Day**

On Saturday, October 30, Commissioner Kevin Clark and Mayor Martin O'Malley unveiled a memorial to the five



Northeastern District police officers who have been killed in the line of duty: Sgt. Jack Cooper, Lt. Owen Sweeney, Sgt. John Platt, Ofc. Kevin McCarthy, and Agt. Michael Cowdery. A few hundred



people attended the moving ceremony, including several of the slain officers's family members, two of whom – Dawn McCarthy and Laurie Platt – were among the event's speakers.

**A PAL Success Story**



There were no two ways about it: 18 year-old Walter Stokes was a troubled kid. Several years ago, though, he started going to the Crispus Attucks PAL Center and, with the help of the center's dedicated staff, turned his life completely around. Walter graduated from Carver High School this past June and is now employed full-time at an Ellicott City restaurant. He also volunteers every day at the Crispus Attucks center, giving back to a place that gave him so much.



# THE BLUE LINE

Martin O'Malley, Mayor  
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Baltimore, Maryland

Leonard D. Hamm, Acting Police Commissioner  
November 20, 2004

## Commissioner's Message



I first want to say how proud and humbled I am to have been selected to lead this great department. As a lifelong Baltimore City resident and longtime BPD member, it's a responsibility I do not take lightly.



As commissioner, I intend to let the talented men and women of the department do what you've been trained to do, what you love to do, what I need you to do to make Baltimore a safer city. Together — truly all together — we can make that happen. That's why the days of

backbiting and infighting must be over once and for all, why we must be one police department again, why we must treat one another — and the city's residents with respect and dignity at all times. I simply won't accept anything less. I'm looking forward to working with all of you, to watching you work, to helping you succeed. My thanks in advance for your dedication and professionalism.



Sincerely,

Acting Commissioner Leonard Hamm

### COMSTAT DATA YEAR-TO-DATE

#### NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT



Total Part I Crime	-12%
Violent Crime	-1%
Property Crime	-15%
Total Crime	-14%
Shootings	-7%
Robbery	-4%
Larceny	-17%
Auto Theft	-24%



**A Day to Remember**



Friends, family members and colleagues of Flight Officer Barry Wood came together on November 4 to mark the sixth anniversary of Flight Officer Wood's death. The ceremony was

held at Martin State Airport, home of BPD's Aviation Unit. Among the day's speakers was Flight Officer Wood's widow Martha (above). Flight Officer Wood was killed on November 4, 1998, when Foxtrot



experienced technical problems as Flight Officer Wood was assisting ground units in the search for a stolen car. Barry Wood has clearly not been forgotten, and never will be.

**Job Well Done**

This week's job well done goes out to Police Agent Rich Gibson and Officer Walter Jackson Hill of the Northwestern District for arresting five suspected armed robbers. On November 8, at approximately 11:45 p.m., a string of armed assault and robberies took place and a description of the suspects' vehicle was put out over the radio. Agent Gibson and Officer Jackson Hill located the vehicle in the 3700 block of West Belvedere Avenue. As they approached the car, the officers saw two of the suspects placing bandanas over their faces and one of the suspects reaching for what the officers thought was a gun. At that point, Agent Gibson and Officer Jackson Hill removed all five suspects from the vehicle and placed them under arrest. As a result, four robbery cases have been solved so far and four more may soon be closed. Outstanding police work!

**Another PAL Success Story**



15 year-old Willie Chance is a sophomore at Patterson High School who admits that he used to sell and use drugs, like most of the friends he grew up with. It was an all-too common story

here in Baltimore, heading towards an all-too common, tragic ending. But then Willie began going to the Ft. Worthington PAL Center and his life took a turn in a positive direction. Last quarter, thanks in large part to the PAL center's police officers, Willie got an "A" in geometry, an accomplishment that Willie and the officers are extremely proud of. Willie's short-term goal is to become a certified automotive mechanic. His long-term goal is to become an engineer. We have no doubt that if he stays on this new path of his, Willie will achieve all of his goals.

**In Memory Of**

A ceremony was held in the atrium of BPD headquarters on November 3 in honor of Detective Judy Beasley, who passed away two months ago at the age of 53. After surviving a battle with breast cancer in the late 1990s, Detective Beasley



became an active supporter of the Susan B. Komen Foundation – among other things, she took part for the

past several years in the Foundation's Race for the Cure. When Detective Beasley died suddenly on September 23, her colleagues in the Personnel Section took up Detective Beasley's cause in her absence. During the November 3 ceremony, BPD members presented the Susan B. Komen Foundation with a check for 535 dollars, a donation that would have made their beloved colleague proud.



# THE BLUE LINE

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Leonard Hamm, Acting Police Commissioner  
November 27, 2004

## Detective Wins "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" Award



On September 19, 2003, Hurricane Isabel struck the Atlantic coast, leaving behind a lengthy path of destruction. The Miller's Island community, home of Homicide Detective Bernice Myer, was one of the hardest hit areas.

On November 10 of this year, Governor Robert Ehrlich presented

Detective Myer with one of twenty "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" awards for the incredible work she did getting hurricane victims back on their feet.

Detective Myer, founder of the Isabel Victims Citizens Group, spent countless hours contacting hurricane victims throughout Maryland and as far away as North Carolina to make sure that they filed the correct insurance claims and received the compensation they were entitled to.

Congratulations Detective Myer!

## More Good Numbers

For the first time in a while, every major Part 1 crime category was down in the most recent 28-day period compared to the last. Keep pushing!

COMSTAT DATA 28 DAY CITY WIDE	
Murders	-9%
Shootings	-15%
Rapes	-20%
Robberies	-6%
Agg. Assaults	-22%
Burglaries	-12%
Larcenies	-15%
Auto Thefts	-38%
Total Part I Crime	-18%

## COMSTAT DATA YEAR -TO-DATE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT



Total Part I Crime	-19%
Violent Crime	-19%
Property Crime	-20%
Total Crime	-18%
Robberies	-25%
Agg. Assaults	-16%
Larcenies	-21%
Auto Thefts	-30%



**Christmas Toy Drive**



On December 18, the Hispanic Officers Law Enforcement

Association will hold its annual Christmas Toy Drive Fiesta. The event, which will include a buffet, live music and 50/50 raffle, will be held at the FOP Lodge (3920 Buena Vista Avenue) between 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

All those who bring an unwrapped toy will have a chance to win one of several prizes. Tickets are \$30, and the money raised will benefit the education-based Latino outreach program "3 Kings Christmas Toy Drive." For tickets or additional information, contact Sgt. Rasado at (443) 463-1289 or Det. Santos at (443) 790-4708.



**PAL Party**



The Boeck Choir and the PAL marching band were among the entertainers at the Police Athletic League open house on November 18.



The event not only gave community members a chance to learn more about PAL, but also offered two command staff members who attended — Deputy Commissioner Kenneth Blackwell and Administrative Bureau Chief Edward Ambrose — a firsthand look at the valuable work being done by PAL. Keep up the great work!

**Job Well Done**

This week's first job well done goes out to Police Agent Rich Gibson and Officer Walter Jackson Hill of the Northwestern District for arresting five suspected armed robbers. On November 8, at approximately 11:45 p.m., a string of armed assaults and robberies took place and a description of the suspects' vehicle was put out over the radio. Agent Gibson and Officer Jackson Hill located the vehicle in the 3700 block of West Belvedere Avenue. As they approached the car, the officers saw two of the suspects placing bandanas over their faces and one of the suspects reaching for what the officers thought was a gun. At that point, Agent Gibson and Officer Jackson Hill removed all five suspects from the vehicle and placed them under arrest. As a result, four robbery cases have been solved so far and four more may soon be closed. Outstanding police work!



Another job well done goes to Foxtrot Unit 7722. In the early afternoon of November 15, Foxtrot was asked to help in the search for a drug suspect in the area of May and Spring Courts. Flight Officer Sam Miller, Police Officer Anthony Odom and Police Officer James Kincaid began looking for the suspect after a description was given out. From high above, the officers quickly located the suspect, who was then arrested by officers on the ground and charged with various narcotics violations. What's more, it was later determined that the suspect was wanted by homicide detectives as a potential witness in a murder case. Our eyes in the sky paid major dividends once again!

**The Range Is Open**



BPD officers looking for a place to practice their shooting now have a place to go. The Western District range is now open on Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Contact Officer Phil Sexton, a certified firearms instructor, to schedule a time. Vouchers, which will get you four boxes of ammunition, can be picked up at the Quartermaster's Unit.



# THE BLUE LINE

Martin O'Malley, Mayor **Baltimore, Maryland**  
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Leonard Hamm, Acting Police Commissioner  
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## Playing Police

This week's job well done goes to Officers Paul Southard, Keira Saunders and Christian Kaikai. On November 22, at 12:15 p.m, the three officers stopped a 2001 Chevy Tahoe in the 1600 block of Laurens Street. When they looked inside, the officers saw five men wearing fake "Fugitive Recovery Badges" on chains around their necks. The suspects told the officers that they bought the badges from Galls Magazine, and that they used a computer to make the "Fugitive Recovery Identification" cards that they were carrying. In addition to the duty belts with air pistols in holsters that the five suspects were wearing, the following items were also recovered from the Tahoe:

- 1- 12 gauge pump pistol grip Mossberg shotgun with four rounds
- 1- Highpoint 9mm rifle with laser site and clip with 10 live rounds
- 1- 9mm Lorcin handgun with clip and 9 live rounds
- 1- Safariland body armor vest
- 1- Military combat vehicle crewman's body armor vest
- 3- Clear Ziploc bags of marijuana



A dangerous situation defused perfectly. Outstanding work, officers!

## COMSTAT DATA YEAR -TO-DATE WESTERN DISTRICT

Total Part I Crime	-11%
Violent Crime	-10%
Property Crime	-11%
Total Crime	-10%
Homicides	-28%
Shootings	-15%
Robberies	-13%
Agg. Assaults	-7%
Burglaries	-26%



**Northwestern District Drug Unit Scores Major Seizure**

As a result of an ongoing investigation, members of the Northwestern District's Drug Unit executed three search and seizure warrants last week in the Northeastern District. According to Sergeant Damon Carter, "A narcotics investigation led my unit to three locations within the Northeastern district. With assistance from the Northern Drug Unit and the Northeastern Drug Unit, search and seizure warrants were executed simultaneously without incident."



Two suspects were taken into custody while another, Anthony Ballard, remains at large. All told, the officers seized 8.5 kilograms of cocaine, three vehicles, approximately \$35,000 in cash and three handguns. Congratulations to all of the officers involved.

**Officer of the Month**

Congratulations as well to Officer Timothy McKown for being named the Southwestern District's "Officer of the Month." Chief among his accomplishments this month was the arrest of a 22 year-old suspect, Jamar James, who had two fully loaded handguns — a Smith and Wesson .357 and a Colt .45. Further investigation revealed that James has an extensive criminal history and two open warrants.

Officer McKown made 8 other arrests in his award-winning month – including one for a handgun violation and another for a stolen auto – and issued 19 moving violation citations, 5 parking citations and 44 citizen contact receipts. Keep up the good work, Officer McKown!

**Uniform to Uniform**



The Baltimore City Police Department, in partnership with the USO, is sponsoring a program entitled "Uniform to Uniform." Contributions to the program will help pay for care packages for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Baltimore is the flagship city for the program, which the USO is hoping to roll out nationwide.

If you're interested in contributing, please send or bring a check, payable to "Operation USO Care Package," to the Quartermaster Unit between now and December 15th. You're asked to include a business card or brief note with your contribution.

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**Tactical Turkeys**



The 6th Annual Tactical SWAT Turkey Bowl was, in fact, anything but a turkey. For the uninitiated, the Turkey Bowl pits the two Tactical SWAT platoons against each other in a

(somewhat) friendly game of flag football. This year's game, which was played on November 24 at Swan Park, went right down to the (chicken) wire, with Doug Pryor's 37-yard field goal giving the "B" platoon a hard-fought victory. Officer Pryor (lying down in front, above) received the game ball. "B" platoon now leads the series, four games to two.

**Students Named Safety Officers**



On November 14, BPD Officer Joseph Johnson, liaison to the Maryland State Safety Administration, gave out safety badges and vests to fourteen students at Robert G. Coleman Elementary School. The students were honored for their outstanding conduct and grades. Kudos to all!



# THE BLUE LINE

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## Great Grab

The story of the week goes to the Organized Crime Division's Major Case Squad – Sgt. David Chevront, Det. Thomas Allers, Det. Darryl Osborne, Det. Ronald Wilson, Det. Derek Phyll, Det. William Nickoles, and Det. David Schuster – who, along with



QRT's "A" Platoon arrested three heavily armed suspects on November 20. The case began when BPD received information that the suspects would be driving a 1992 white Saab while attempting to commit a drug-related robbery. At 7:20 p.m., the officers saw three men getting into the car in the 1200 block of East Oliver



Street. QRT members quickly approached the vehicle and arrested all three suspects without incident. In addition to arresting the three suspects – all of whom will be prosecuted federally – the BPD team also seized two 9mm handguns, an Uzi 9mm machine pistol with a 32-round magazine, and three ninja-style face masks. Outstanding work!

## Southwestern Drug Unit

Members of the Southwestern District Drug Unit executed a search and seizure warrant earlier this month in the 2700 block of Wilkens Avenue. Sergeant Timothy Devine and Detective Chris Fry led the team that seized more than a pound of marijuana, 88 baggies of ecstasy and more than \$300 in cash. They also arrested two suspects. Well done!

## COMSTAT DATA YEAR -TO-DATE EASTERN DISTRICT



Total Part I Crime	-12%
Violent Crime	-5%
Property Crime	-15%
Total Crime	-12%
Robberies	-12%
Agg. Assaults	-5%
Burglaries	-26%
Larcenies	-16%



### Contract Signing

After about three months of negotiations, Acting Police Commissioner Leonard Hamm and the executive board of F.O.P. Lodge No. 3 signed a new three-year contract on December 2. The contract ratification vote was held at the



FOP Lodge on November 9. To both sides' credit, the two labor teams were able to preserve all of the working conditions and benefits included in the first contract in 1984 and in subsequent contracts. The proposed new contract includes the following:

- 3% across the board pay increases each year, effective January 1 of 2005, 2006, and 2007.
- No layoffs for the duration of the contract.
- No increase in healthcare contributions for 2005.
- No change in P, PL, vacation and medical incentive days.

### SPELLING BEE A HUGE S-U-C-C-E-S-S



PAL kids took part in the event, which was organized by Sergeant James Vaughn and Officer Craig Singletary. There was one

The Police Athletic League held its third annual spelling bee on November 30 in the atrium of Police Headquarters. About 70



winner each from the two age groups: Shamar Thomas from the Goodnow PAL Center won the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade bracket; Dominique Carrol of the Hilton PAL Center took home the trophy for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. In reality, all the kids were winners just for being there.

### More Jobs Well Done

Back in 1994, a woman's body was found floating in the Inner Harbor. The woman's identity remained a mystery for ten years, until two months ago. That's when the Missing Persons Unit, with the assistance of Director Ed Koch and Rosalind Bowman of the Laboratory Section, were able, for the first time in BPD history, to match the DNA of a deceased missing person with that of the missing person's mother and/or father. When notified of their loved one's confirmed death, the victim's family members thanked BPD for staying with the case for so long.

Speaking of missing persons, did you know that each district has a missing persons liaison office? Check with your District Administrative Lieutenant to find out who that person is in your district. You may also not know that in the not-too-distant future, the Missing Persons Unit will have the ability to do computer facial reconstructions. Finally, congratulations to Detective James Mingle of the Missing Persons Unit, who has been chosen to assist in the implementation of a national curriculum aimed at furthering the investigations of missing persons.

### Wanted: A Helping Hand

Robert Nowlin, Sr., the anti-crime coordinator for the Pen Lucy community in the Northern District, has been an advocate for, and friend to, the Baltimore Police Department for the past fifteen years. Last year, he was honored at police headquarters as one of ten "Community Heroes."

Now Mr. Nowlin needs our help. His son, Robert Nowlin, Jr., is a member of the United States Army, now stationed in Ft. Stewart, Georgia. On Christmas Eve, Robert, Jr. is being deployed to Iraq and his parents are hoping to see him before he leaves. Unfortunately, the Nowlins can't afford the trip. That's where you come in. The Northern District's Community Affairs Section is now accepting donations to help send the Nowlins to Georgia. If you're interested, please contact Officer John Walter at (410) 367-8491. Any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated.