

Meeting Summary

Agency: MSP

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the MSP Stat on May 11, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Follow up

- **Arson Registry.** MSP stated that the California Department of Justice maintains an arson registry list and there is movement to establish a national arson registry. Maryland hopes to participate in the registry in the coming months.

Warrants

- **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) Warrant Service.** The charts below highlight warrant service efforts by the MSP team on the Prince George's County CARFTF task force through March 2010. April warrant closure totals show a decrease from March totals, but closures by arrest remain at the same level.
- The MSP team at CARFTF has closed a total of **1,404** warrants since initial participation in the Task Force in November 2008. MSP commented on this data and stated that there were 67 closures for May of 2010.

All CARFTF - 7 Total - 5 MSP - 2 MPD	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10
Number of Open Warrants Beginning of the Month	135	126	130	118
Number of New Warrants	69	53	65	82
Number of Warrants Closed	78	48	78	64
Number of Warrants Closed by Arrest	46	23	46	46
Number of Open Warrants End of the Month	126	130	118	136

All CARFTF VPI Activity	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10
Number of Open VPI Warrants Beginning of the Month	9	7	6	4
Number of New VPI Warrants	1	1	1	0
Number of VPI Warrants Closed	3	2	3	0
Number of VPI Warrants Closed by Arrest	0	0	2	0
Number of Open VPI Warrants End of the Month	7	6	4	0

- **Baltimore Warrant Task Force (CAT/WATF).** The following charts highlight MSP warrant service efforts as part of CAT/WATF through February 2010. MSP stated that they will be moving back into a more collaborative partnership with the Baltimore City Warrant Task Force. MSP was asked to discuss the number of open warrants at the end of the month.

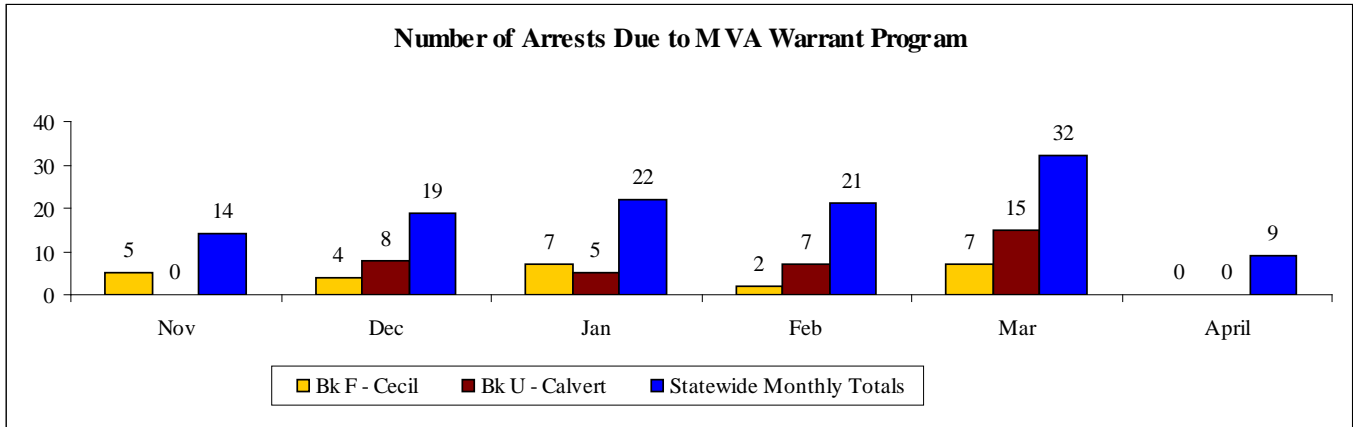
CAT Activity - 6 Total - 4 MSP - 1 BCPD - 1 BCSD	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10
Number of Open Warrants Assigned to MSP Beginning of the Month	256	233	217	234
Number of New Warrants Assigned to MSP	50	22	81	93
Number of Assigned to MSP Closed	65	37	64	78
Number of Warrants Assigned to MSP Closed by Arrest	23	16	29	33
Number of Open Warrants Assigned to MSP End of the Month	233	217	234	247

- **Breakdown of warrants closed in April.** As follow-up from the last MSP Stat meeting, MSP was asked to provide a detailed breakdown for review at StateStat of all warrants served in the last month by the MSP team at the Baltimore Task Force under their collaboration with the Sheriff's Office. MSP did not provide such a breakdown in advance of the meeting, but they discussed the nature of warrants served at the Baltimore WATF task force in April. Previously, MSP reported the following referral mechanism for warrants from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office:

- *Warrants received by the Criminal Apprehension Team assigned to the Baltimore Warrant Apprehension Task Force (WATF) come from the Circuit Court and are initially received by the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (BCSO). As agreed upon with the BCSO, those warrants considered felonies are then placed in a specific box for service by members of the Baltimore Warrant Task Force Team. Copies of the warrants are picked up or faxed every other day. If there is a case that requires immediate attention, the case will be addressed accordingly. Detective Sergeant Lubinski, the group supervisor is responsible for assigning the cases as well as maintaining a ledger which indicates the status of each case.*

MSP was asked to provide a breakdown of crimes, types of offenses, where referrals came from, and how many warrants carried over from previous months.

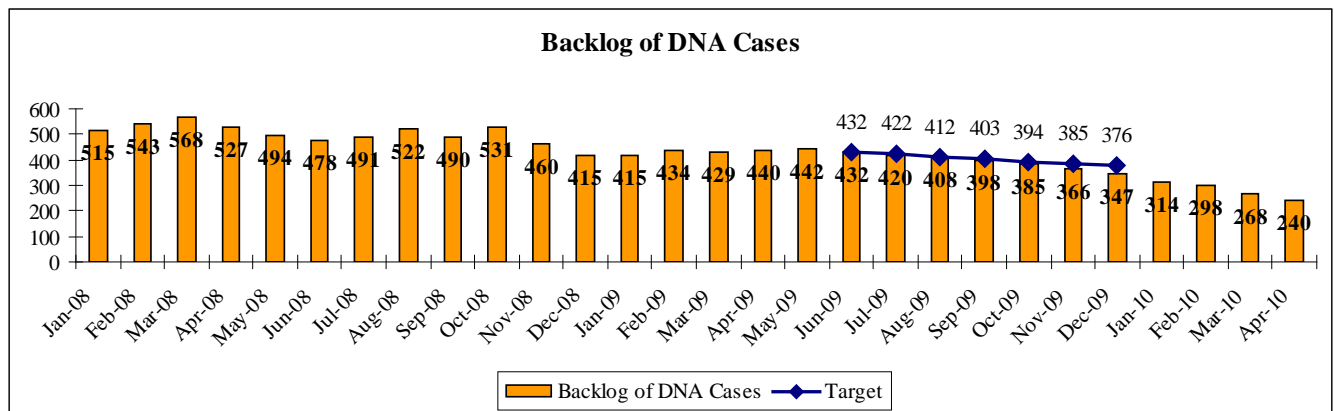
- **MVA Outstanding Warrant Program.** Through the program, law enforcement agencies provide the names of wanted persons to the MVA, which in turn suspends the driver's license and registration of each individual. MSP stated during the Stat that they are continuing to enter all eligible warrants into the MVA system as part of the program.
- MSP was asked previously to investigate continued high levels of warrant closures for the MVA program in the Calvert and Cecil barracks. After investigation, MSP reports that high arrest numbers were due to reporting errors by the jurisdictions, which have now been corrected. For this reason, arrests as a result of the MVA Program at MSP barracks are down to **9** in April, after reported totals of **32, 21, and 22** in the previous 3 months.



- MVA Pilot Arrest Program** MVA and MdTA police have initiated a pilot program at the Glen Burnie MVA office to detain and/or arrest individuals who have open MVA warrants when they attempt to receive MVA services; the program has been successful and netted 21 arrests from October 15 – April 13. During this time period, there were 42 customers who entered with an outstanding MVA warrant. 21 had no open warrants that had not been closed out of the system and there were 21 arrests.
- MVA reported to StateStat that after 3 weeks of tracking at the Mondawmin MVA Branch (April 6 – April 27), **42 customers entered with an outstanding warrant.**
- At the Largo MVA Branch, **17 customers entered with an outstanding warrant (over the same time period).** The 42 customers at Mondawmin are about half of the number of MVA service denials for open MVA warrants statewide.

DNA

- MSP DNA Casework Backlog Reduction.** The following chart shows the backlog in DNA casework pending analysis by MSP. MSP is consistently exceeding monthly targets for DNA backlog reduction as submitted to GDU towards the goal to reduce the backlog of DNA casework by 24% annually. Data in the below chart shows a current backlog of **240** DNA cases, down from **347** at year-end 2009, already a **31%** reduction since December 2009.



- MSP was asked about staff shortages and they stated that shortages of staff would possibly cause the DNA casework backlog to increase in the interim while new positions were filled and trainings were conducted. MSP has been in contact with DLLR and DHR regarding potential opportunities for funding assistance to subsidize the anticipated March turnover of DNA analysis staff.
- MSP submitted the following regarding efforts to hire new DNA lab staff to replace staff planning to retire in the coming months.
 - The Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) has taken the following steps in an attempt to obtain replacements for the two Latent Print positions in anticipation of their separations from state employment.
 - a. The positions of Forensic Scientist Manager and Forensic Scientist III for the Identification Section and the Latent Print/Impression Unit were posted with a closing date of March 24, 2010.
 - b. There were no outside qualified applicants for the FS Manager's position however, there are two in-house personnel who are interested and who are qualified. Interviews will be held within the next month.
 - c. There was only one applicant which on paper qualified for the FSIII position however, this individual was just terminated after one year of probation at the DEA and we are not interested in him as a MSP employee. This position will be reposted with the hope of drawing more qualified individuals
 - d. To assist with our shortage of staff, FSD has received permission to use a FTE Contractual pin for the purpose of a contractual Latent Print examiner.
 - e. In addition, FSD has applied for the current Coverdell formula grant application (FY10), and has requested another contractual position. If awarded this grant would start late Oct/Nov and it is hoped that we could find another experienced Latent Print Examiner to work part-time.
 - f. Other local experienced latent print examiners have been contacted and are not interested in transferring to MSP from their agencies
- **Unanalyzed DNA Evidence by Crime Type.** In response to follow-up inquiries from the previous StateStat meeting, MSP submitted the following chart outlining the backlog of unanalyzed DNA evidence by crime type and they were asked to comment on this data:

April 2010

Oldest date	Backlog count	Crime	Unassigned	Oldest unassigned case
1/6/2005	52	Homicide	1	F10-051
2/4/2010	3	Att. Homicide	0	#N/A
#N/A	0	Fatal Accident	0	#N/A
11/28/2006	26	Rape	0	#N/A
5/10/2005	10	Sexual Assault	0	#N/A
2/9/2006	14	Sex Offense	1	F10-083
4/15/2009	4	Sexual Child Abuse	0	#N/A
8/6/2009	1	Child Abuse	0	#N/A
11/18/2008	23	Armed Robbery/Robbery	1	F10-097
12/16/2009	1	Shooting	0	#N/A
5/29/2009	6	Assault	0	#N/A
#N/A	0	Kidnapping	0	#N/A
3/30/2006	48	Burglary	11	F08-522
2/19/2009	1	Breaking and Entering	0	#N/A
5/14/2008	20	Motor Vehicle Theft	10	F08-350
5/20/2008	5	Theft	2	F10-074
9/7/2007	1	Unattended Death/Suicide	0	#N/A
#N/A	0	Death Investigation	0	#N/A
#N/A	0	Hit and Run	0	#N/A
		Controlled Dangerous		
3/2/2010	1	Substances	0	#N/A
7/25/2008	7	Handgun Possession/Violation	1	F10-080
7/25/2008	17	Other	5	F08-550

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