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Public Safety Session

Thursday, February 8, 2018
Calvert County Public Safety
315 Stafford Road
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

SESSION SPONSOR: COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

SESSION ADVOCATES: GERALD GARDINER, LSM'15, JACKIE VAUGHAN, LSM'13

Overview: LSM participants will learn about regional public safety from the vantage point of first responders and explore the cooperative relationship among local first responders including law enforcement, Fire/EMS, and federal agencies. The program includes representatives from the local Sheriff's Office Narcotics Divisions, volunteer Fire/EMS recruitment, National Weather Service, regional Intelligence/Fusion centers, and public safety officials.

Themes:

- Public safety and the collaboration between counties and agencies
- Volunteer Fire and EMS organizations
- Collaboration and efficient resource sharing between local, regional, state and national entities
- Current issues facing public safety personnel
- Regional sharing of intelligence information to save lives and solve crimes
- Weather and how it can challenge public safety officials

Venues/Experiences:

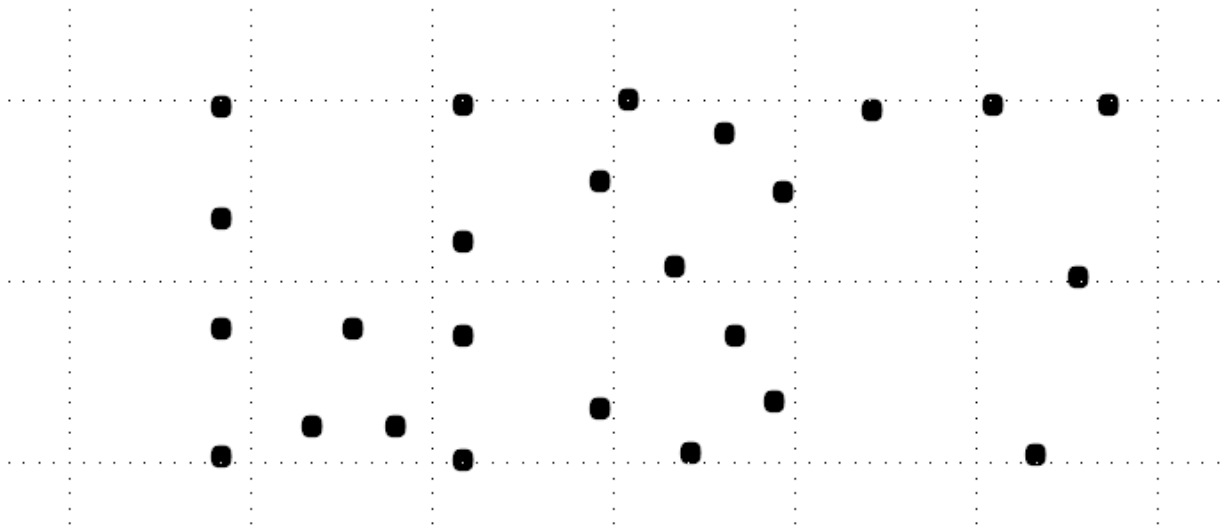
- What is public safety and how does it affect the community and your organization?
- Tour of the Calvert County Detention Center
- Learn about the regional intelligence efforts of state and local law enforcement agencies and the Southern Maryland Information Center
- National Weather Service - how it affects public safety and the collaboration with the counties
- Understanding our volunteer Fire and EMS departments' organizations and challenges for recruitment and retention of members

Outcomes:

- The array of public safety expertise and activities in Southern Maryland
- Examples of regional collaboration and cooperation that enable and expand our public safety to better serve the citizens of Southern Maryland and protect our first responders
- Local, regional, and national threat assessment
- Federal and state support to local authorities

Connect the Dots:

- What information (dots) have you connected bringing together information from different partners within public safety?
- What dots can you connect from today session with other sessions that you have completed?



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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00-8:05 am	Welcome Calvert County Public Safety 315 Stafford Road Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678	Helen Mattingly Wernecke
8:05-8:25 am	Activity	Gerald Gardiner '15 , Emergency Management Manager, St. Mary's County Emergency Services & Technology
8:25-8:45 am	Overview of Public Safety	Gerald Gardiner '15, Jackie Vaughan '13 , Director, Calvert County Department of Public Safety
8:45-9:30 am	Fire/EMS Presentation	Bill Smith , Coordinator, Charles County Fire/EMS, Kelly Bell , Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, St. Mary's County, Wayne Hardesty , Assistant Coordinator, Fire-Rescue- EMS Division, Calvert County
9:30-9:45 am	Break	
9:45-10:30 am	SMIC	Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's County
10:30-11:15 am	National Weather Service	Chris Strong , Meteorologist, National Weather Service
11:15 am-12:45 pm	Lunch and Project Time	
12:45-1:30 pm	Narcotics	Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's County, Maryland State Police
1:30-2:30 pm	Group 1 – Tour of Jail Group 2 - Interactive	Major T.D. Reece , Administrator, Calvert County Detention Center
2:30-3:30 pm	Group 1 – Interactive Group 2 – Tour of Jail	Major T.D. Reece , Administrator, Calvert County Detention Center
3:30-4:00 pm	Emergency Management	Al Jeffery , Division Chief , Emergency Management, Calvert County
4:00-4:15 pm	Connect the Dots and Wrap Up Discussion	Gerald Gardiner '15, Jackie Vaughan '13
4:30-6:30 pm	After Hours Social – Brick Wood Fired Bistro, Prince Frederick	

Directions to Calvert County Public Safety: 315 Stafford Road, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

From La Plata: Take MD-488 E/ La Plata Road to MD-5. Turn right on MD-5 S/ Leonardtown Road. Use the right lane to take the MD-231 ramp to Prince Frederick/ Hughesville. Continue to follow MD-231 E. Turn left onto Stafford Road.

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BIOGRAPHIES

GERALD GARDINER, JR. LSM'15, *Emergency Management Manager, St. Mary's County Emergency Services & Technology*



Gerald Gardiner Jr. is the emergency management manager for Emergency Services, St. Mary's County government. He joined county government in 2009 as the emergency planner until being selected as the emergency management manager in 2011. In 2016, he received his certification in the Maryland Professional Emergency Management Program. As the emergency management manager, Gardiner is responsible for planning and direct disaster response or crisis management activities, providing disaster preparedness training, and preparing emergency plans and procedures for natural or manmade disasters.

He has been a member of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department for 33 years and is a lifetime member. He has served on many committees and boards, performing the roles of secretary, treasurer, lieutenant, captain and chief for seven years.

Gardiner attended Leadership Southern Maryland in 2015.

JACQUELINE "JACKIE" VAUGHAN LSM'13, *Director, Calvert County Department of Public Safety*



Jacqueline "Jackie" Vaughan has been employed by Calvert County government since November, 1982. Her time with Calvert County, in addition to two years of prior experience working for the Maryland State Police, totals 37 years of related experience managing, supervising, directing, and guiding subordinates within the Public Safety Department independently.

In her capacity as director of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Vaughan has fulfilled a myriad of duties. She served as project manager representing Calvert County in replacing the Public Safety 800 MHz digital radio communications system, the largest contract Calvert County has awarded. She was recently assigned the duties of overseeing the new Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter and Calvert County Animal Control.

She is a graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland's Class of 2013, "The Best Class Ever".

BILL SMITH, *Coordinator, Charles County Fire/EMS*



Bill Smith is a 46-year veteran of the Maryland Fire/EMS service. He joined the volunteer fire service in April 1974 in Prince George's County, Maryland. After graduation from high school, he served three years in the U.S. Army as a military policeman. Upon completion of his tour of duty, Smith continued serving citizens of Prince George's County and St. Mary's County. During his time serving the citizens in Maryland, Smith has completed hundreds of hours of training from basic fire school to emergency medical technician and many leadership classes including recruitment and retention.

Smith was hired in 2010 to begin a "recruitment and retention" program for St. Mary's County resulting from the county's effort in obtaining a four-year grant for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program from the Federal Emergency Management Administration. This program was unique in being the first program at the county level that invited complete collaboration and commitment from all volunteer departments across the county. During the third year of the program, the board of County Commissioners recognized the need for a full time county employee and the recruitment coordinator's position became a full time position.

Smith has since moved on to Charles County where he enjoys working in the public safety field as the Charles County Fire/EMS coordinator. Some of his duties include: daily communications with the 17 Fire and EMS departments, interactions with county government officials, maintaining "tax dollar escrow accounts", recruitment/retention events, and responding to all newsworthy events across the county as the public information officer.

KELLY BELL, *Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, St. Mary's County*



Kelly Bell is the recruitment and retention coordinator for St. Mary's County government. In this role, Bell manages recruitment and retention activities for the volunteer Fire and EMS departments in St. Mary's County.

Before joining St. Mary's County government in 2014, Bell worked for ten years in various roles, for a variety of organizations including St. Mary's Hospital, Southern Maryland Community Network, and Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland.

While employed full-time, Bell joined Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad in January 2010. She earned her EMT-B certification in May 2010. She continues to volunteer at the rescue squad and has served in various leadership roles including lieutenant and field training coach (FTC 2).

Bell majored in psychology at St. Mary's College of Maryland. She has completed various continuing education courses focusing on recruitment, retention, incident command, and emergency medical services.

WAYNE HARDESTY, *Assistant Coordinator, Fire-Rescue- EMS Division, Calvert County*



Wayne Hardesty has been in the Calvert County Volunteer Fire service for 38 years. Presently, as a member with the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, Hardesty has held many positions to include chief of the department.

Hardesty is retired from the Calvert County Detention Center and is currently employed with Calvert County government as the assistant coordinator for the Fire-Rescue- EMS Division.

CHRIS STRONG, *Meteorologist, National Weather Service*



Chris Strong is a meteorologist with our National Weather Service's local forecast office. His forecast office serves all of the Washington D.C. and Baltimore metro areas. As his office's outreach leader, Strong is in charge of outreach and networking for his office, and ensures that the National Weather Service's forecasts and weather warnings are received - and reacted to - when dangerous weather threatens.

Strong caught the weather bug at a young age and it has stuck with him ever since. Returning to his roots in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area after receiving a meteorology degree at Penn State, Strong was hired at the NWS forecast office in Sterling, Virginia in 1993. As the warning coordination meteorologist since 2007, Strong is now a public face for the agency in the capital region, where millions of people, including those in the federal government, rely on accurate weather forecasts on a daily basis.

Although he still fills in for colleagues making the day-to-day predictions when needed, his current position has allowed Strong to get out from behind the computer more and engage with the public, from testifying before government committees to giving presentations to school children.

MAJOR T.D. REECE, *Administrator, Calvert County Detention Center*



Major T.D. Reece, administrator for the Calvert County Detention Center, began his career in corrections in 1984 with the Charles County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division. He served twenty-one plus years with the Charles County Corrections Division, retiring in January of 2006 at the rank of captain, commander of the Custody and Security Division. During his tenure with Charles County, he held many positions within the division across a wide spectrum of responsibilities.

Following his short retirement (one weekend), Captain Reece accepted the position as deputy administrator for the Calvert County Detention Center, a position he held from 2006 to 2011. Captain Reece was promoted to the rank of major at his current position in January, 2011.

ALFRED JEFFERY, *Division Chief, Emergency Management, Calvert County*



Alfred B. Jeffery III, division chief of emergency management, joined county government in 2012 as an emergency planner. He served as the emergency management specialist until being selected as the division chief and the governor's appointed local emergency management director in April of 2016.

Prior to joining Calvert County government, Jeffery worked for the District of Columbia Fire Department. During his 30 plus year career with the department, he served in many positions and roles such as battalion fire chief in the department's Special Operations and Homeland Security Division, deputy fire chief of the Risk Management Division, and training director for the department. Jeffery was promoted in 2007 to the rank of assistant fire chief overseeing and leading the administrative divisions of the department that included human resources, professional development, training academy, fleet maintenance, fire prevention and investigations, facilities maintenance, and budget and finance.

Jeffery maintains membership in the International Association of Firefighters, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Fire Protection Association, International Association of Emergency Managers, and Maryland Emergency Management Association.



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