

# AGENCY SUMMARY

## OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (HOMELAND SECURITY)

### Agency Links:

Office of the Homeland Security: [Website](#)

Homeland Security: [FY 2024 Approved Budget](#)

Homeland Security: [FY 2024 Budget Review Report](#)

Homeland Security: [FY 2025 Budget Review Report](#)

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### BACKGROUND

Pursuant to [section 14 of the County Charter](#), the Office of Homeland Security was established. The Office is composed of Public Safety Communication and an Office of Emergency Management. The Office of Homeland Security is responsible for the management of an integrated public safety and emergency communication system. The Office is also tasked with providing planning, coordination, domestic preparedness training, and coordination of the County's emergency management effort with Federal, State, and local jurisdictions.

**The Public Safety Communications Division** is responsible for the 9-1-1 center and support of certain public safety technology. The 9-1-1 center provides emergency call services to citizens and dispatch services to the appropriate public safety agencies. The division also supports certain public safety technology systems including radio communications equipment, in-car cameras and the mobile data computer information system maintenance and consolidates storage of body worn camera footage.

**The Emergency Management Operations Division** is responsible for the County's emergency and disaster preparation and coordination of public safety agencies.

### Leadership

Ronald E. Gill, Jr., Director

### Core Services

- Providing 9-1-1 call center services, including the dispatch of emergency calls to the appropriate public agencies.
- Providing functionality for body-worn cameras, in-car cameras, public safety records management systems (RMS), and mobile data computers and ensuring secure video storage for all public safety agencies.
- Protecting communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to and recover from health and threatened or actual natural disasters.
- Provide responses to Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA), subpoena, and public safety agency investigation requests for 9-1-1 and dispatch text or audio recordings.
- Preventing and deterring terrorist attacks, protecting against and responding to threats and hazards within the County.

### Organizational Structure

- Office of Emergency Management, Public Safety Communications, and Administration

### FY 2024 Top Priorities

- Meet Prince George's County Police Reform Commission recommendations and requirements associated with OHS/PSC, to include continued support of the Mental Health Call Diversion processes.
- Provide 9-1-1 call processing within established State requirements, and to provide timely, effective and efficient public safety emergency services to ensure the safety of residents and public safety-first responders.
- Plan for and deploy 9-1-1, dispatch, and other public safety support services and systems in keeping with industry, State and regional standards. This includes continuing transitions associated with Next Generation 9-1-1 capabilities, recognition of 9-1-1 Specialists as first responders, equipment enhancements, updates to 9-1-1 Specialist and technical support classifications and implementation of training and staffing enhancements within the technical services and operations areas.
- Implement and exercise the County's Continuity of Government and agency Continuity of Operations Plans within Prince George's County in keeping with industry, municipal and State practices, with special attention being placed on pandemic specific and weather-related plans.
- Plan, develop and implement residential flood risk education program to raise awareness, and prepare County residents for the County's #1 natural hazard. Implement preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts as it relates to cyber, natural and man-made hazards through countywide plan development and exercises.

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**Operating Budgetary Resources** - Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to the Office of Homeland Security from FY 2020-24.

