

Progress in Establishing Interrogation Rooms Capable of Creating Audiovisual Recordings 2025

Criminal Procedure Article, Section 2-404

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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?	
How many rooms are ONLY equipped with audio equipment?	
How many rooms are ONLY equipped with video equipment?	
How many rooms are equipped with both video and audio equipment?	

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



Select Agency

All
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Interrogation Room Survey 2016-2025

The **State of Maryland** had **334** interrogation rooms in **2025**.

Select Year

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

No audio or visual recording capabilities

60

Only audio recording capabilities

2

Only video recording capabilities

3

Audio and video recording capabilities

269

Portable AV Type

Response	Percentage
Yes	34.1%
No	65.9%

Funding Source for Interrogation Rooms

State

Yes 23.9%
No 76.1%

Local

No 47.8%
Yes 52.2%

Federal

Yes 1.5%
No 98.5%

Agency

Agency	Number of Rooms	Number of AV Capable Rooms
Aberdeen Police Department	1	1
Allegany County Sheriff's Office	1	1
Annapolis Fire Marshals Office	0	0
Annapolis Police Department	1	1
Anne Arundel Community College	0	0
Department of Public Safety and Police		
Anne Arundel County Police Department	16	16
Total	334	274

Number of Agencies Responding to Survey by Year

Year	Number of Agencies
2016	121
2017	105
2018	91
2019	137
2020	85
2021	58
2022	85
2023	61
2024	67
2025	67

Number of Interrogation Rooms by Agency

Number of Rooms	Number of Agencies
0	55
1	34
2	24
3	10
4	8
5	1
7	1
10	1
16	1
20	1
24	1
26	1
39	1
43	1

Number of Rooms with Audio Video Capability

Year	Number of Rooms	Number of AV Capable Rooms
2016	279	187
2017	295	223
2018	289	226
2019	304	239
2020	331	263
2021	347	264
2022	358	265
2023	336	258
2024	318	263
2025	334	274

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