

SWAT Team Deployment and No-Knock Search Warrants 2024 Report

Public Safety Article, Sections 3-508(e) and 3-525(e)

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

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RE: Public Safety Article §§ 3-508(e) (MSAR #15678) and 3-525(e) (MSAR #15680)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

As required by §§ 3-508(e) and 3-525(e) of the Public Safety Article, please find an enclosed copy of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's report, titled *SWAT Team Deployment and No-Knock Search Warrants 2024 Report*. This report includes information on all SWAT activations/deployments as well as no-knock search warrants served by law enforcement agencies during the calendar year 2024.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

As required, five color copies will be sent to the DLS Legislative Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy J. Lennig".

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Introduction

In accordance with §§ 3-508(e) and 3-525(e) of the Public Safety Article, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office) must submit a report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency by September 1 of each year, on the results of its analysis and summary regarding SWAT team deployments and search warrants executed; and publish the report on its website. In addition, §§ 3-508(b) and 3-525(b) of the Public Safety Article require law enforcement agencies to report specified information to the Office for the purpose of this report:

- Section 3-508(b) of the Public Safety Article requires agencies that maintain a SWAT team to report information on SWAT team activities by January 15 and July 15 of each year.¹
- Section 3-525(b) of the Public Safety Article requires law enforcement agencies to report information on search warrants, specifically no-knock search warrants, by January 15 of each year.²

Pursuant to its charge, this *SWAT Team Deployment and No-Knock Search Warrants 2024 Report* includes information on all SWAT activations/deployments as well as no-knock search warrants served by law enforcement agencies for the calendar year 2024. It also provides a follow-up to several reports submitted in prior years. To view these reports, please visit the Office's website at: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/reports-and-publications/#MSAC-reports>.

Revised Reporting Methodology

In 2024, the Office created a new data reporting template to be submitted through Qualtrics to improve and standardize data collection methods to ensure the accuracy and completeness of all reported data. This new reporting requirement can be found on the Office's website at the following link: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/mandated-reporting-requirements/>.

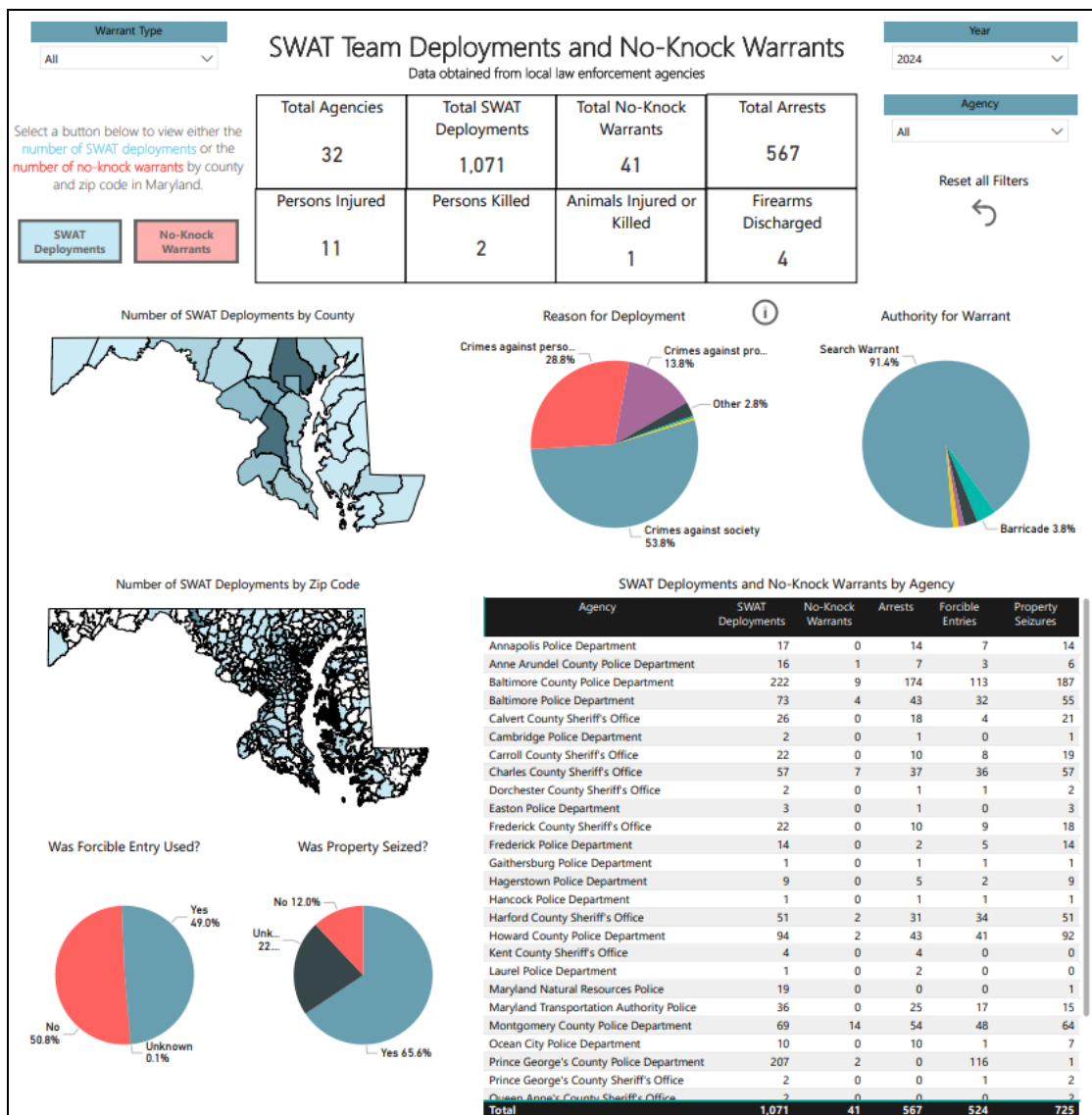
¹ SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) teams are a type of Special Tactical Response Team that consist of two or more law enforcement officers who possess advanced tactical training and expertise. Duties of a SWAT can range from non-emergency situations to potentially high-risk situations, such as issuing a no-knock search warrant. It is important to note that law enforcement agencies use one reporting template to account for § 3-508(b) and § 3-525(b) requirements. For this reason, the Office changed the due date for § 3-508(b), from January 1 and July 1 of each year to January 15 and July 15 of each year, to mirror the due date for § 3-525(b).

² A no-knock search warrant is a type of warrant service operation in which the serving officer(s) does not announce their presence prior to entering the premises (as opposed to a knock and announce warrant where the serving officer(s) announces their presence prior to entry).

SWAT Deployments and No-Knock Search Warrants

Between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, 32 distinct law enforcement agencies reported at least one SWAT deployment and activation that resulted in a total of 1,071 deployments where a SWAT team was utilized. During the same year, a total of 41 no-knock search warrants were issued (*as illustrated below*). For more information regarding deployments and search warrants and/or to view the interactive **SWAT Team Deployments and No-Knock Warrants** data dashboard, please visit the Office's website at:

<https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjojNzRjMjI4MmUtYWl3Zi00MTAzLTkyZDYtZmVkZmRhN2MwMmVklwidCI6IjYwYWZlOWUyLTQ5Y2QtNDliMS04ODUxLTY0ZGYwMjc2YTJlOCJ9>.



Conclusion

In accordance with §§ 3-508(e) and 3-525(e) of the Public Safety Article, the Office will continue to work with law enforcement agencies that maintain a SWAT team and execute no-knock search warrants to ensure all required data elements are received, made available on its website, and submitted in a report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency each year. The next report, *SWAT Team Deployment and No-Knock Search Warrants 2025 Report*, will provide information relating to SWAT team deployments and no-knock search warrants executed by the law enforcement agencies for the 2025 calendar year (January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025).