



# **Fiscal 2026 Recommended Budget**

## **Baltimore City Sheriff's Office**

**Sheriff Sam Cogen**



# Fiscal 2026 Agency Overview

## Sheriff's Mission

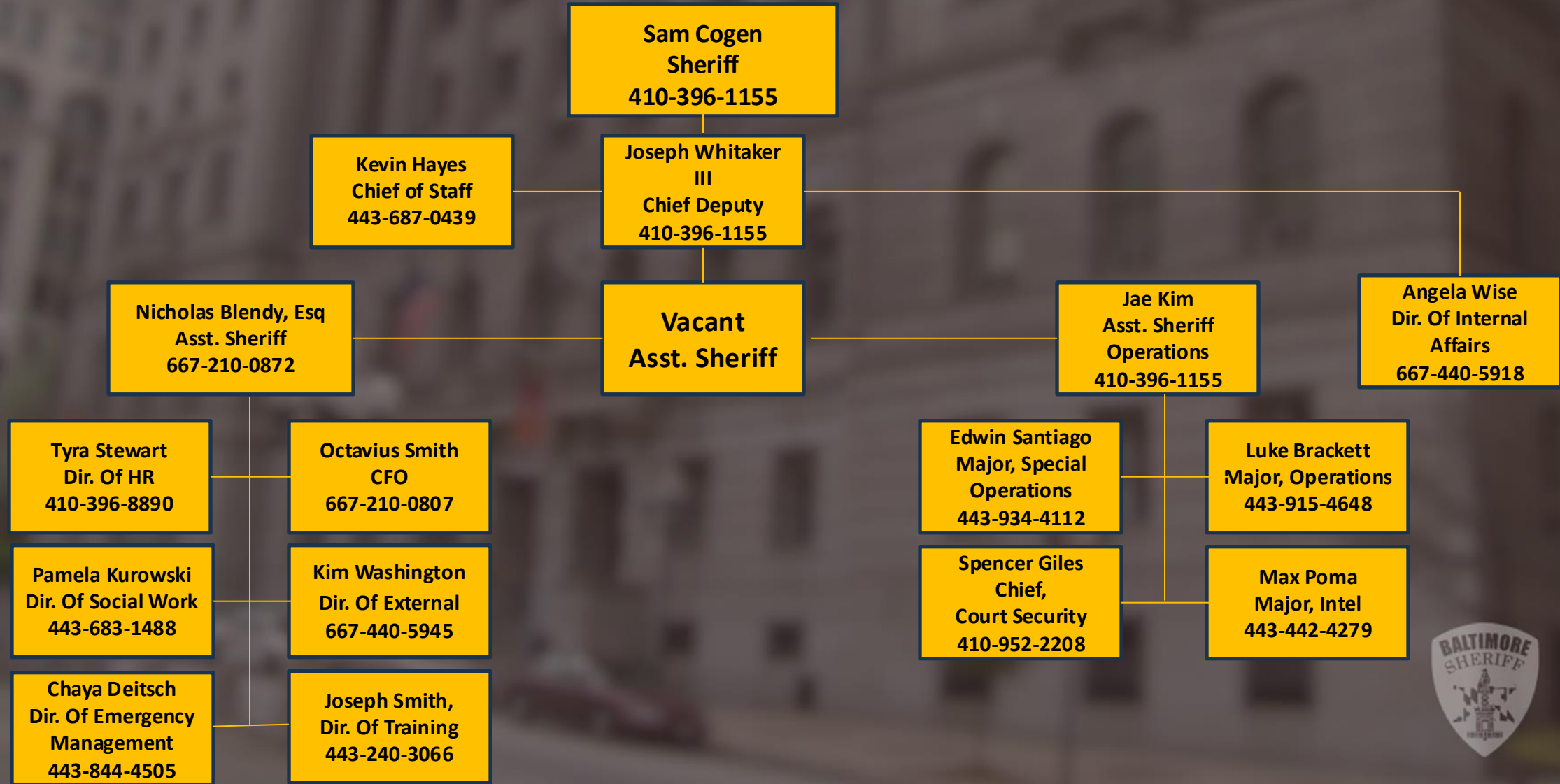
The mission of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office is to provide law enforcement services to the City's District and Circuit Courts and citizenry of Baltimore City as required by the State Constitution and the Public General and Local Laws of the State of Maryland.

## Fiscal 2026 Goals

- Continued implementation of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing
  - Pillar 1: Build Trust and Legitimacy
  - Pillar 2 Policy and oversight
  - Pillar 3: Technology and Social Media
  - Pillar 4: Community Policing and Crime Reduction
  - Pillar 5 Officer Training and Education
  - Pillar 6 Officer Safety and Wellness
- Expanding the Functions of the Sheriff's Office through community engagement and proactive enforcement



# Organizational Chart



# Demographics

Total Members	179
Sworn Members	126
Female	26
Male	73
Civilian Members	53
Females	39
Males	14
City Residents	103
Sworn	66
Civilians	37
% city residents	58%

Total Positions	212
Vacant Positions	50
Vacancy Rate	24%



# Partnerships



**Part of the office's goal for community policing has included building collaborative relationships and developing services.**

**During this fiscal year, we have worked to do the following:**

**Baltimore City Health Department: Animal Control Warrants**

**Baltimore City Liquor Board: Joint Task Forces**

**Baltimore City Department of Transportation: Illegally Parked Vehicle Towing Program**

**Baltimore City Circuit & District Court: Judicial Threat Investigations**

**Maryland Stadium Authority: Special Events Assistance**

**Enhanced Traffic Enforcement**



# Sheriff Outcomes:

## Evictions

- 86,535 Failure to Pay Rent Notices Received

Service Fee: \$432,675 (\$5 Per)

Surcharge Fee: \$865,350 (\$10 Per)

- 33,777 Warrants of Restitution Issued

Service Fee: \$1,351,080 (\$40 Per)

Surcharge Fee: \$337,770 (\$10 Per)

Total Service Fee: \$1,783,755

Total Surcharge: \$1,203,120

**Total: \$2,986,875**



# Sheriff Outcomes:

## Squatter Cases 2024:

823 Wrongful Detainer Warrants

273 Evicted Not Present

174 Evicted Present



# Sheriff Outcomes:

## Community Events

- 231 Events
- 41 Different Neighborhoods  
City Wide
- Over 11,000 Personnel Hours



# Policy and Oversight:

General Orders have been updated. During this process, we have begun implementing best practices to ensure the office is compliant and proactive in its policing policies.

Some of the policies we are excited to implement are:

- Enhanced Rental Fraud Investigation
- Community Traffic Enforcement
- Community Centered Policing Techniques
- Innovative Technologies in Eviction Processes
- Body Worn Camera Implementation



# Body Camera Program:

To comply with state law requirements, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office has implemented a Body Worn Camera Program:

## Body Worn Camera Implementation

- \$144,000 Physical Cameras
- \$180,000 Software
- \$190,000 Subscriptions/Mobile Reporting/Storage
- \$300,000 Staffing

**TOTAL: \$814,000 (UNBUDGETED)**



# Court House Security Division

## Md. Code PLL Art. 4, § 22-6:

"A division of Court House Security is created within the Sheriff's Office of Baltimore City. The Sheriff of Baltimore City is the Chief of Court House Security."

## Md. Code PLL Art. 4, § 22-11:

"The salaries of personnel of the Court House Security Division together with funds necessary to provide uniforms, equipment, supplies, and general expenses shall be included in the annual operating budget requests of the Sheriff of Baltimore City as provided in the Annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City."



# Court House Security Division:

## Service 881 - Courthouse Security

### Pillar

Building Public Safety

### FY26 Rec. Budget

\$5,851,873

### FY26 Rec. Positions

64

### Service Description

- This service provides courthouse, courtroom and perimeter security for the City's two Circuit Court buildings and the Juvenile Justice Center.

### Major Operating Budget Highlights

- \$240,000 to lease vehicles and equipment outside the City's master lease program.
- Reducing funding for unallocated personnel actions by \$65,000.



# Service 881 – Court House Security Division

## Funding Differential

True Salary Cost to Provide Court House Security: \$8,869,943  
FY-2026 Budgeted Salaries: \$2,352,918  
Deficit: **-\$6,517,025** (Absorbed by the Deputy Sheriff Division)



\$99,600 per judge

46 Judges and Magistrates

\$4,600,000



Courthouse Doors

Mitchell

\$1,353,050 (27,062 HRS)

Cummings

\$911,692.50 (18,234 HRS)

Juvenile Justice Center:

\$199,200 (3,984 HRS)



K-9 Unit

\$306,000



Monitoring Room

\$200,000



Facility  
Security

\$800,000



Lock-Up x 3  
\$500,000



# Deputy Sheriff Division

Md. Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 2-316



# Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement

## Pillar

Building Public Safety

## FY26 Rec. Budget

\$15,304,786

## FY26 Rec. Positions

94

## Service Description

- This service is responsible for serving all orders originating from Circuit Court including warrants, attachments, foreclosures, evictions, temporary protective orders, and levies.

## Major Operating Budget Highlights

- Reallocating funding and personnel from Service 889-Child Support Enforcement to this service as part of a reorganization to better align agency resources with operations and responsibilities. This reallocation includes transferring 14 positions to this service.
- Eliminating funding for 4 vacant Deputy Sheriff Positions, resulting in a net increase of 10 positions in Fiscal 2026.
- Reducing funding from travel, health and wellness and pending personnel actions as part of the Fiscal 2026 budget balancing strategy.



# Service 883 - Service of Protective and Peace Orders

## Pillar

Building Public Safety

## FY26 Rec. Budget

\$2,851,925

## FY26 Rec. Positions

22

## Service Description

- This service is responsible for serving peace and protective orders issued by the District and Circuit Courts.

## Major Operating Budget Highlights

- The Recommended Budget maintains current level of service.



# Service 884 - District Court Sheriff Services

## Pillar

Building Public Safety

## FY26 Rec. Budget

\$3,145,575

## FY26 Rec. Positions

26

## Service Description

- This service is responsible for serving all rent process issued from the Baltimore District Court and executes evictions by court order.

## Major Operating Budget Highlights

- The Recommended Budget reflects eliminating 2 vacant Deputy Sheriff positions.



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# **Neighborhood Services Division**

Md. Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 2-316.1  
(Effective October 1, 2025)



# Revenue Line

## The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office Revenue Collection

**Internal Collection : \$803,390**

**Eviction Fees: \$2,986,875**

**While the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office raised revenue, the Office did not have a budget revenue line. All revenue received is remitted to the Director of Finance and not credited to the Sheriffs Office.**



# Questions & Discussion

