



# Leadership Southern Maryland

*Regional Collaboration for Today's Leaders and Tomorrow's Vision*

## Public Safety Session

Thursday, April 1, 2021  
Harriet Brown Community Center  
901 Dares Beach Road  
Prince Frederick, MD

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**Overview:** LSM participants will learn about regional public safety from the vantage point of first responders and explore the cooperative relationships among local first responders including law enforcement, 911 dispatch, Fire/EMS, and federal agencies. The program includes representatives from the local Sheriff's Offices, Maryland State Police, fire/EMS professionals, and public safety officials including a panel discussion with the Southern Maryland elected Sheriffs.

**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

**Venues/Experiences:**

- What is public safety and how does it affect the community and your organization?
- Static and practical displays of fire/EMS resources and police assets
- Understanding volunteer fire / EMS departments and challenges for recruitment and retention
- Meet the Southern Maryland elected sheriffs and have an opportunity to hear firsthand what they feel are the greatest challenges for law enforcement in the community

**Outcomes:**

- Direct interaction with an array of public safety experts and activities in Southern Maryland
- Increased understanding of regional collaboration and cooperation that enables and expands our public safety sector to better serve the citizens of Southern Maryland and protect our first responders
- Enhanced knowledge of local, regional, and national threat assessment
- Increased understanding of 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's session with other sessions that you have completed?

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
8:00-8:30 am	Coffee & Doughnuts	Sponsored by Helen Mattingly Wernecke LSM'18, LSMAA Lifetime Member, REALTOR®, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices McNelis Group Properties
8:30-9:00 am	Introduction of Personnel & Welcome	Cpl. Bill Rector LSM'19, Calvert County Sheriff's Office
9:00-9:30 am	Introduction of Control/911 Center	Tim Kane, Training Coordinator, Calvert County Control Center
9:30-10:45 am	Fire Service Presentation Part 1	Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department
10:45-11:45 am	Fire Service Presentation Part 2	Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department
11:45 am-12:30 pm	Lunch	Sponsored by Calvert County Public Safety
	Emergency Personnel Panel Q&A	Various Panel Members
12:30-1:30 pm	Tri-County Sheriffs Panel	Sheriff Mike Evans, Calvert County Sheriff Troy Berry, Charles County Sheriff Timothy Cameron, St. Mary's County
1:30-4:30 pm	Law Enforcement Presentations	Cpl. Bill Rector LSM'19, Calvert County Sheriff's Office
5:00-6:30 pm	After Hours Social at Brick Wood Fired Pizza	60 Sherry Lane, Prince Frederick, Md

**BIOGRAPHIES**

**PRESENTERES & SPEAKERS:**

**JULIAN MARCUS WILLIS (MARK), *Calvert County Administrator***



Calvert County Administrator Julian Marcus Willis (Mark) holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of Florida. He was appointed county administrator on January 1, 2020 after serving as the director of planning & zoning from May 2016 to December 2019. Between December 2000 and April 2016, Willis served in various division chief positions as well as the deputy director of public works, where he oversaw both the solid waste and Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund programs; the highway maintenance division; and the county's first fleet maintenance and management division.

Willis served in the United States Marine Corps for over 21 years, carrying out half of his service as an enlisted Marine and the other half as an officer. During his military career, he served in various combat units.

His assignments also included Marine Corps drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina; instructor at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York; air delivery platoon commander at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and with Manpower Management, Headquarters Marine Corps. Willis graduated with honors from the Army's Combined Logistics Advanced Officers Course located at the Army War College in Fort Lee, Virginia, and is the distinguished honor graduate from both the Army's Ranger and Airborne schools. He is also a graduate of the Army's Rigger School.

Willis is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Maryland. He has served on various community boards including the Calvert County Historical Society, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, Relay for Life, Distinguished Young Women and as president of his homeowner's association.

**LINDA S. VASSALLO LMD'07 & LSM Founding Sponsor, *Deputy County Administrator, Calvert County Government***

Linda S. Vassallo is the deputy county administrator for Calvert County Government, a position she has held since July 2020. Vassallo has served nearly 25 years in the county government in a variety of roles including director of Calvert County Department of Communications & Media Relations., director of economic development, and marketing and communications specialist.



Vassallo holds a B.S. degree in mass communications from Towson State University. She has more than 26 years of experience in the fields of public relations, communications, marketing, and business development. Prior to joining Calvert County Government, Vassallo served as a communications associate for USEC, public information specialist for SAIC, special projects analyst at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and intern staff to the National Republican Senatorial Committee on Capitol Hill.

Vassallo is a member of the Leadership Council and past president of the board of directors for Leadership Southern Maryland.

**ROBERT H. HARVEY, JR., *Calvert County State's Attorney***



Robert H. Harvey, Jr., has served as Calvert County state's attorney since March 27, 2020.

Harvey began his legal career in the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. He gradually rose through the ranks to the number two position in the office, deputy state's attorney, supervising a staff of more than 50 attorneys and criminal investigators. Following that, Harvey maintained a private law practice in Prince Frederick.

During his time as a prosecutor, Harvey personally tried hundreds of criminal cases. He prosecuted more than a dozen persons for first degree murder. Currently nine of these individuals are serving life sentences in the Maryland prison system.

All told, Harvey has over 40 years of courtroom experience. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law. He is married with four children and five grandchildren. Harvey has lived in Calvert County for the past 36 years.

**REBECCA CORDERO, *Calvert County Assistant State's Attorney – Crimes Against Children***



Rebecca Cordero joined the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office in January 2019 and is assigned to the Circuit Court where she handles prosecution of sexual offense and child abuse cases. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore Law School. She was admitted to the Maryland Bar Association in December 2002. After law school, from August 2002 through September 2003, she clerked for the Honorable Judge Whalen, Prince George's County Circuit Court. In March 2004, Cordero joined the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office as an assistant state's attorney where she was assigned to the District Court Unit, Juvenile Unit, Felony Trials, Felony Domestic Violence, Grand Jury, Violent Crimes Unit, and Special Victims' Unit. In August 2016, she became the assistant chief of the Special Victims Unit. From September 2017 through December 2019, she worked as an assistant state's attorney in the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office in their Special Victims' Unit.

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

**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.

**SHERIFF MIKE EVANS, *Calvert County Sheriff's Office***



Sheriff Mike Evans was first elected as Calvert County's sheriff in November 2002. Prior to being elected to that position, he served as deputy sheriff working in the Calvert County courthouse for five years. He is a retired Maryland State Trooper serving 17 years in that capacity. Evans has received numerous certificates of recognition and outstanding performance awards including the Maryland State Police Superintendent's Commendation for Extreme Courage and Prince Frederick Barrack Trooper of the Year Award. Prior to beginning his career in public safety, Evans served two years in the United States Army. He holds an Associate of Arts degree in criminal justice.

Evans is a member of numerous community organizations including the National and Maryland Sheriff's Association (past president), International Association of Chiefs of Police, Calvert County Republican Party, and the American Legion Post 206.

Evans was born and raised in Huntingtown, Maryland. He enjoys weightlifting, golf and swimming. He has been married for 39 years to Susan who works at the Calvert County Detention Center. The couple has two sons, Eric and Charlie. His favorite hobby is spending time with his family and four grandchildren.

**SHERIFF TROY D. BERRY, *Charles County Sheriff's Office***



Sheriff Troy D. Berry has been an officer with the Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for nearly 26 years. In November 2014, he was elected sheriff, making history as the first African American to ever hold the position of sheriff in the agency's 356-year history. In 2018, he was re-elected by an overwhelming majority to continue serving as sheriff.

Berry started his career as a patrol officer and worked his way through several positions, to include detective (Criminal Investigations Division), supervisor (Patrol Division), investigator, assistant commander and commander (Internal Affairs), district commander (Waldorf Station) and commander (Patrol Operations).

Under Berry's leadership, the CCSO has accomplished several critical achievements to include the implementation of the CCSO drone program - which enhances the agency's ability in search, rescue and evidence collection - and the introduction of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), which provides officers with training to recognize and diffuse problems that stem from emotional and mental issues. In addition, the agency obtained a federal grant which allowed the agency to increase its community-oriented policing staff by three, expanding the program throughout the county. The agency was reaccredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2016.

Berry has spent much of his time focusing on building community partnerships in various facets: Recognizing the heroin epidemic, Berry established the opioid awareness message boards which track overdoses, lives lost, and lives saved with the countywide naloxone program. He enhanced safety at the detention center and authorized the purchase of two body scanners and the Guardian Program, providing full-scale training for staff members. In addition, Berry worked with members of the agency and started new initiatives: The Citizens Police Academy, annual prayer breakfast, wellness visits at all elementary and middle schools and a

partnership with the Mobile Soup Kitchen of the Washington, D.C., area Chapter of Catholic Charities.

In 2015, Berry graduated from the FBI National Academy, which provides international law enforcement leadership training in the areas of staffing, budget, crime reduction strategies and administrative policies, rules, and procedures.

Berry has received numerous community service awards during the past several years from the Charles County Board of Commissioners, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md., 5th) and the Maryland House of Delegates. Moreover, he has assumed various leadership positions, such as being appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan (R) to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission and to the Council of Gangs & Violent Criminal Networks. He also serves as the chairman of the Southern Maryland Information Center and was elected as the second vice president of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association. He is also a proud member of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce

### **SHERIFF TIMOTHY K. CAMERON, *St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office***



Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron was recently elected to his fourth term as sheriff of St. Mary's County. Cameron, a St. Mary's County native, began his career with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in July 1980. During his public safety service of over thirty years, he was promoted through the ranks, serving in every division within the agency. As a division commander, Cameron was acknowledged as an innovative leader while managing the Special Operations Division and finally, the Corrections Division's Adult Detention Facility, where he retired on October 31, 2005. Two weeks later, Cameron was appointed as St. Mary's County public safety director and served in that capacity until taking the office as sheriff on December 4, 2005.

Cameron is a graduate of the 92nd class of the National Sheriff's Institute, session 66 of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development course, and session 14 of the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commissions Leadership Challenge.

Cameron is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University's prestigious Police Executive Leadership Program and received a B.S. in management, May 2006, from the School of Business, and received his M.S. in management from Johns Hopkins University School of Education, May 2007. Cameron graduated from the Executive Leaders Program at Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Monterey, California, February 2010.

Cameron is a member of the National Sheriff's Association (NSA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association, the Maryland Sheriff's Association and Maryland Chiefs Associations. He serves as the president of the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy Board of Directors, the St. Mary's County Family Violence Coordinating Council, and serves as co-chair of the Domestic Violence fatality review committee. Cameron is a past president, Maryland Sheriff's Association, and sits on a number of boards and commissions representing the MSA and NSA.

## **PROGRAM ADVOCATE:**

### **CPL BILL RECTOR LSM'19, *Calvert County Sheriff's Office***



Bill Rector was born in Silver Spring, Maryland. He attended Catholic grammar school in Silver Spring at the St. Bernadette's School where he was active in youth sports and the Boy Scouts of America. Rector attended St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. where he played varsity lacrosse for four years, football for three years, and was selected as the military program commander his senior year. Additionally, he was the captain of the varsity lacrosse team his senior year. While in high school, Rector also obtained the rank of eagle scout from Troop 439 in Kensington, Maryland.

After high school, Rector attended the University of Scranton, Pennsylvania. After two years of college, he was hired by the D.C. Fire Department and worked there for seven years until his hiring by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office where he is employed today. Rector spent several years on patrol and moved to the criminal investigation's division as a detective in 2015. He spent two years as the lead child abuse investigator and is currently assigned to investigate serious crimes including property crimes and crimes against persons. He was promoted to corporal in July 2020 and currently serves as a supervisor assigned to criminal investigations.

Rector has volunteered as a firefighter/EMT since 2002, recently serving as the elected fire chief of Dunkirk for five years, ending in 2018. Rector now serves as the deputy fire chief of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department in St. Mary's County. He served as an infantryman/paratrooper in the United States Army on active duty and in the reserve components.

Rector is married and has two small children; a daughter and son. He recently graduated from American Military University with a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice and is now pursuing his master's degree in homeland security.

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# Calvert County Department of Public Safety

## Mission Statement

Public Safety's mission is to proactively ensure the safety of the county residents and visitors to the county by planning, training, equipping and preparing staff to mitigate emergency situations that require 9-1-1 calls, Emergency Operations Center activations, Fire / Rescue / EMS and law enforcement responses, false alarms and hazardous releases. We are dedicated to the efficient management of daily calls requiring emergency responders; the proactive mitigation of man-made, technological and/or natural disasters; the effective response to fire, rescue and emergency medical service needs within the county; the assertive reduction of the number of false alarm dispatches; providing humane sheltering of animals that have been surrendered by owner or stray animals that have been found; and providing efficient management of daily calls requiring response and investigation by our Animal Control Officers.



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- **Be respectful**
- **Be engaged**
- **Seek to learn / be open-minded / engage in active listening**
- **Be courageous**
- **Be honest and authentic**



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