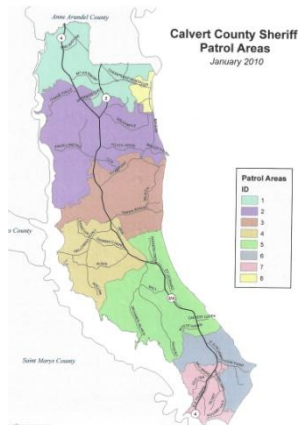


Municipality Resident Information Meeting Notes



We had a brief by representatives from the Calvert County Sheriff's office on January 5th at our monthly PIC meeting. The county has been divided into seven patrol areas and the proposed Calvert Shores municipality is in the sixth area. The following are notes from the meeting:

- How safe one feels is the true measure of crime. The crime in our area is probably no worse than anywhere else but the Sheriff's office receives more calls from our area because of population density.
- The twin beach municipalities (North Beach and Chesapeake Beach) contract with the Sheriff's office to provide additional law enforcement support for their area.
- Law enforcement services are only one of the services a municipality provides and it could be that current services are adequate.
- The Sheriff's office struggles with staffing shortages.
- There are four options that a municipality could consider as to providing security/law enforcement services:
 - Services remain same as we currently receive from the county/sheriff's office.
 - Municipality establishes a stand-alone police department.
 - Augment the Sheriff's department like the twin beaches do now to have additional law enforcement personnel serving the area.
 - Employ law enforcement personnel using "secondary employment" (approved by Sheriff's office to directly employ off duty personnel) to augment the county force assigned to the municipality area.
- Final comment -- the Sheriff's office is a big fan of Neighborhood Watch programs.