

MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER FOR FAMILIES

The Second Largest Homicide Reduction in 25 Years

The O'Malley Brown Administration is putting *Families First* by making public safety a top priority, with 66 fewer lives lost to homicides last year Statewide (a 12% reduction), the second highest reduction in homicides in nearly a quarter-century.

Setting One of the Strictest Standards for the Death Penalty in the Nation

Governor O'Malley signed one of the strictest death penalty laws in the nation, updating an outdated and ineffective death penalty law to minimize, as best as humanly possible, the chances that an innocent person could ever be put to death.

Making Maryland's Roads and Highways Safer for Families

The O'Malley Brown Administration signed legislation that takes decisive action to make our roads safer for Maryland families by enacting stricter penalties for drunk drivers, establishing speed cameras in highway work zones to protect drivers and road workers, putting a ban on texting while driving, and establishing a new graduated system of licensing that helps young people improve their driving skills over time before lifting restrictions.



Removing Firearms from Homes Where Domestic Violence Has Occurred

The O'Malley Brown Administration successfully fought for two tough new domestic violence laws that take firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers by empowering judges to order their surrender wherever domestic violence is occurring.

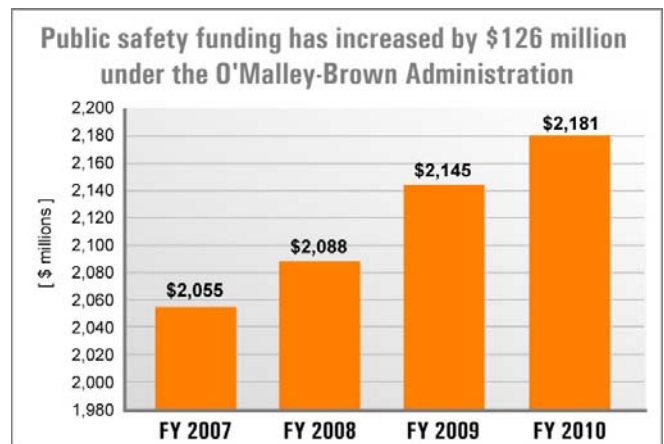
Ensuring the Safety of Older Marylanders

Governor O'Malley signed Silver Alert legislation that helps law enforcement agencies and citizens across our State join together and come to the aid of older

Marylanders if they are lost or missing, using a system similar to the Amber Alert that sends notifications Statewide.

Investing in Our Safety and Security

The O'Malley Brown Administration has increased public safety funding in Maryland by more than \$125 million in our first three years including \$45 million this year in police aid to help make Maryland families safer. We are also allocating over \$52 million this year for the purchase of three new State Police Medevac helicopters to replace our aging fleet of these vital public safety tools.



Working With Our Federal Partners

Following the passage of President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the O'Malley Brown Administration moved swiftly to capture more than \$26 million in additional federal funding to put state-of-the-art law enforcement and information sharing technologies into the hands of our police at every level across our State.

The O'Malley Brown Administration is expanding the use of smart law enforcement technology across Maryland, including...

► Information Sharing Technology

The O'Malley-Brown Administration has called for unprecedented cross-border information sharing among regional law enforcement agencies in Washington, D.C. and Virginia through the new Public Safety Dashboard, closing the revolving door that offenders use by committing crimes in one jurisdiction and seeking refuge in another.

► Advanced Fingerprinting Technology

The O'Malley Brown Administration is leading the way by moving Maryland from an outdated patchwork of fingerprinting systems to new state-of-the-art digital fingerprinting technology that is leading to tens of thousands more positive fingerprint matches.

▶ **Eliminating Backlogs and Expanding Our DNA Database**

After clearing a shameful backlog of over 24,000 uncollected DNA samples, the O'Malley Brown Administration is now expanding DNA sample collection to include individuals who are arrested and charged with crimes of violence – giving police the data they need to prevent the most hardened criminals from ever murdering or raping again.

▶ **Track and Monitor Repeat Violent Offenders**

The O'Malley Brown Administration launched the Violence Prevention Initiative to identify and closely monitor the most violent, repeat offenders in our State to get them off the streets the moment they become a risk to the public.



▶ **Closed House of Corrections**

Shortly after taking office, the O'Malley Brown Administration, working closely with our StateStat initiative, closed down the Maryland House of Corrections, the most violent and dangerous prison in our State, successfully transferring every inmate to other facilities across the State without a single incident of violence.

▶ **Boosted Drug Treatment Funding**

In just three years, the O'Malley Brown Administration has invested nearly \$40 million more than the prior administration in drug treatment and prevention programs that help eliminate the scourge of addiction that plagues too many of our communities and neighborhoods. With over \$414 million in three years, we are

working to break the cycle of addiction while reducing the chances of repeat offenses.



Protecting Our Homeland through Security Integration

The O'Malley Brown Administration is continuing to lead the way forward in homeland security, earning a near-perfect score from the U.S. Coast Guard for port security. Since taking office, our port has improved from a system of sleeping guards and wooden decoy cameras to state-of-the-art integrated system of TWIC identification, biosurveillance, CCTV systems and more, so that our State is ready to weather any storm, natural or man-made, and protect the safety and security of our people.

Moving Forward on Interoperable Communications for Public Safety Radios

The O'Malley Brown Administration has committed nearly \$110 million over the next five years to make Maryland one of the first states in the nation to build a statewide, interoperable communications system for public safety radios that connects every public safety agency and first responder in Maryland.

