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## Press Release

### *New Communication Center For The Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office*

**ANNAPOLIS, MD. (November 13, 2007) – Anne Arundel County Sheriff Ron Bateman today announced that the new Sheriff's communication center is now operational. The new Communications Center was moved from a small electrical room in the Security Bureau to the Operations Bureau – it's larger and more efficient for the dispatchers, and the newly-installed system is faster, more reliable and clearer.**

**The Sheriff's Office has moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the opening of a new state of the art communication center. The new system consists of communication consoles which are linked to the Anne Arundel County Police Department's 911 Center. Although the Sheriff's Office does not respond to 911 calls, our communications center can access the police CAD system (computer aided dispatch) and advise the Sheriff's Deputies on the street of any past responses by the county police at a given address. Dispatchers can also relay any caution notes which may be attached to the address to alert that deputy of potential danger as the deputies attempt to serve a warrant or supervise a court-ordered eviction.**

**The new system enables the Sheriff's dispatcher to monitor not only Sheriff's Office channels but also the Annapolis City Police and county police tactical channels. Previously, when a deputy went into emergency status, the county police would have to call us and tell us that one of our deputies was in emergency status. The new system gives the dispatcher the ability to instantly identify which deputy may need assistance and expedite backup.**

**We now also have a second console to monitor the surveillance capabilities within the Judicial Complex. This capability enables the dispatchers to instantaneously notify courthouse deputies in the event of an emergency.**

**Sheriff Bateman, said, "All in all, the safety of our deputies and all those who utilize the Circuit Courthouse has been greatly enhanced."**