



# Around the State

Anne Arundel County  
Sheriff Ron Bateman

MD SHERIFF'S SPRING 2008

## Sheriff Stings Wanted Persons

To reduce outstanding criminal warrants, Sheriff Ron Bateman orchestrated a sting operation to lure in wanted people.

On October 5, letters under the guise of the comptroller of the Treasury Office were sent out to 500 of the most recent people wanted on criminal warrants. The letters stated a computer error was detected in the "tax bracket indicators" used by the state to determine the tax rates of residents in certain brackets. The letter also stated that the Comptroller's Office had conducted an audit and found that the person receiving the letter had overpaid his or her taxes. The letter stated that the refund would be \$572.26.

The letter recipient was told to report to the Treasury Building in Annapolis on Saturday, October 20,



Sheriff Ron Bateman presents a "Sheriff's Citation" to Peter Franchot, the state comptroller, for his efforts and assistance with their joint "T-80" sting.



Another sheriff's office van; loaded with arrested people.



Deputy Mark Snyder, Captain Steve LaPlanche and Deputy Brian Andre pose as state maintenance workers outside the Treasury Building. They were there in case one of the subjects tried to run, though none did.

## New Communications Center: Faster, More Reliable



**Officials and stakeholders participated in a ribbon-cutting opening ceremony for the new communications center. From left are: Hope Trently, communications supervisor; Sheriff Bateman; John Leopold, county executive; Captain Ed Smith and Captain Steve LaPlanche.**

Anne Arundel County Sheriff Ron Bateman, with the help of John Leopold, county executive, cut the ribbon at a brief ceremony at the new sheriff's office communications center.

The sheriff's office has moved into the 21st century with the opening of a new state of the art communications center. The center was moved from a small electrical room in the Security Bureau to the Operations Bureau. The center is larger and more efficient for dispatchers, and the newly installed system is faster, more reliable and clearer.

The new system has communication consoles linked to the Anne Arundel County Police Department's 911 center. Although the sheriff's office does not respond to 911 calls, our communication center can access the police CAD system. Dispatchers can also relay any caution notes which may be attached to the address. This will alert deputies of potential danger as they 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