

Detention Center Facts

The Charles County Detention Center is located next to the Sheriff's Headquarters in La Plata. The 135,000-square-foot facility houses inmates in 203 cells.

The first County Jail was built next to the original Courthouse, located in the former county seat of Port Tobacco.

In 1897, an updated facility was built in La Plata behind the current Courthouse. Another facility was built in 1926 beside the Courthouse and is still in use by the Sheriff's Office today for securing inmates awaiting court appearances.

The detention center that was operational from 1981-1995 reopened in 2007 as an expansion of the current Detention Center.



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Correctional Officer

CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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The Charles County Sheriff's Office is an
Equal Opportunity Employer

Correctional Officers

The employees of the Charles County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division keep the community safe by ensuring inmates are kept secure and pose no threat to the public while incarcerated in the Charles County Detention Center. They also must ensure the safety of their fellow employees and maintain order in the facility.

The Corrections Division is comprised of five units: Custody and Security, Standards, Support Services, Central Processing and Inmate Services.

The Detention Center maintains 100 percent compliance with the hundreds of standards set by the Maryland Commission of Correctional Standards. These standards mandate a safe living environment for inmates and a safe working environment for correctional officers.

The Detention Center has an Emergency Response Team that responds to inmate fights and other potentially dangerous situations within the facility. Volunteers undergo one week of intense training and practice bi-monthly so they are prepared to handle high-risk incidents.

The Detention Center has a rank structure, which provides personnel with opportunities for advancement and supervisory roles.



Requirements

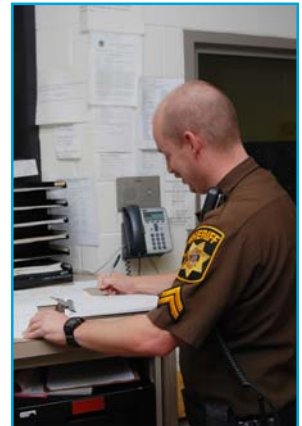
- Correctional officers must be 18 years of age at time of appointment
- Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent accepted by the Maryland Department of Education
- Applicants must be a United States Citizen
- Applicants must have a valid driver's license
- Applicants must: (1) pass a written test, (2) pass a physical agility test, (3) appear before an interview panel, (4) pass an intensive background investigation, (5) pass a polygraph examination, (6) pass a physical examination and (7) pass a psychological examination.
- Applicants must pass a ten-week Correctional Training Academy
- Upon appointment, officers will be subject to a two-year probationary period
- Residency is not required

Salary and Benefits

The Charles County Sheriff's Office offers competitive salaries for correctional officers.

Benefits include:

- Paid holidays
- Annual, sick, holiday and military leave
- Life insurance
- Maryland Certified Correctional Officers eligible for financial compensation over a three-year period based on up to three years experience
- Tuition reimbursement program for non-probationary officers
- Liability Insurance
- U.S. Savings Bond plan
- Deferred compensation
- 25-year retirement plan
- Participation in health/hospitalization, dental, prescription and optical plans
- Uniform allowance
- Overtime (financial compensation)
- Shift Differential (financial compensation)



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