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RAPID IN THE NEWS

- RAPID tops \$50 million
- Cooperation with industry brings success
- Protect your property with ProTech DNA

RAPID Reaches \$50 Million

Regional Automated Property Information Database

RAPID was created in 2009 as a result of legislation mandating electronic reporting. RAPID was created by law enforcement for law enforcement. It has proven to be an outstanding tool that enhances law enforcement's ability to recover stolen items for victims of all crimes.

Over the years, Maryland's database grew to include Delaware. Law enforcement personnel who conduct criminal investigations are trained and provided access to the database.

RAPID includes users from MD, NJ, PA, WV, VA and the District of Columbia.

One critical function of RAPID is its ability to communicate with the National

Crime Information Center (NCIC) which contains, among other items, a list of all reported stolen property.

Due to several jurisdictions not having local secondhand laws, RAPID has added online auctions, such as eBay, to increase the possibility of

locating stolen property.

Since Maryland's first electronic reporting law was enacted in October 2009, RAPID has led to the recovery of \$50,249,560 in recovered stolen property, the arrest of 12,417 individuals and closed 17,436 criminal investigations.

RAPID GROWTH

Year	Total Users	Total Queries
2010	1559	113,670
2011	2062	578,578
2012	2541	881,246
2013	3024	1,161,699
2014	4797	1,478,317
2015	5750	1,669,750
2016	5384	2,089,914
2017	5635	2,711,592
2018	5928	2,957,698

Maryland RAPID Laws and Acronyms

Business Regulation Article Title 12 – Regulates the acquisition of pawn and precious metal transactions.

Business Regulation Article Title 17, Sub-Title 10 – Regulates the acquisition of scrap metal transactions.

Transportation Article Title 15 Sub-Title 5 – Regulates the licenses of Automotive Dismantlers, Recyclers, Scrap Processors and the acquisition of whole and vehicle part transactions.

Transportation Article Title 25 Sub-Title 2 – Regulates the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

ADRS – Automotive Dismantlers, Recyclers and Scrap Processors

MVA – Motor Vehicle Administration

DLLR – Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

NMVTIS – National Motor Vehicle Title Information System

NCIC – National Crime Information Center

RAPID New & Improved

“Reflecting over my nearly 25 years as a Maryland State trooper, RAPID continues to be the most significant contribution provided to law enforcement in direct support of its fight against property crime. To me, RAPID also represents the best example of the great things that can happen when public servants and the private sector combine their collective efforts to achieve a common goal.”

**Lieutenant Colonel
Dalaine Brady
Maryland State Police**

A new version of RAPID was tested in 2018. This version includes enhanced functionality such as mapping and accessibility through any internet browser, including mobile devices. It also added features for administration and the ability to customize search results.

Users will now have the ability to check a list of names or phone numbers using an import feature, which will generate a detailed report and save the search results.

The vendor for RAPID, Business Watch International (BWI), has obtained an exclusive contract with ProTech DNA. ProTech DNA is a great tool for marking property of citizens and businesses before being victimized.

Once a customer uses ProTech DNA they mark their property with a unique identifier which is then entered into ProTech DNA’s database. ProTech DNA database reports will be cross referenced with RAPID daily. This will give law enforcement the ability to help prevent and deter property crimes. It will also allow for investigators to easily identify stolen property quickly after it is reported stolen.

Law Enforcement and BWI are always working toward incorporating new technology and programs to help victims recover their precious and valuable items.

“I think this is a huge step forward. The interface is much cleaner and easier to keep track of alerts. The new features and reports seem like they’ll be extremely useful for future investigations.”

**Detective -
Anne Arundel County
Police Department**



RAPID more than just Pawn



Since it’s inception, RAPID has generally been considered a “pawn database.” Over the years, however, RAPID has proven to be a law enforcement tool assisting in solving all types of crime.

In 2018 alone, RAPID assisted in solving **four** homicide cases.

RAPID has provided essential information to investigators in a variety of cases. Examples include: weapon investigations, auto thefts, robberies (commercial and personal), locating wanted persons, identifying accessories

to crimes, fraud, identify thefts as well as other felonies and misdemeanors.

It was also used in collaboration with local retailers to identify an organized retail theft ring targeting businesses.

See success stories on pages 5, 6 and 7 for further details.

“The Maryland Retailers Association and its members have been pleased to work closely with the Maryland State Police to ensure we do our part in preventing the movement of stolen secondhand precious metals. RAPID is an important tool in the State’s arsenal and we will continue to support efforts to combat retail crime.”

**President -
Maryland Retailers
Association**

RAPID Administration

In 2018, the Maryland Department of State Police RAPID Unit conducted 21 training sessions throughout the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Training was attended by 289 users from local, state and federal agencies, to include: Maryland, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia.

The RAPID help desk also conducted 16 ADRS dealer trainings, 12 new development computer meetings with administrators, six new administrator trainings, and 14 user refresher trainings.

In 2018, 24 RAPID Administrators were responsible for all licensed businesses throughout the state. These businesses are required to report transactions electronically, therefore complying with the regulatory laws.

The RAPID Unit along with allied RAPID Administrators within each jurisdiction are responsible for ensuring businesses and law enforcement are properly trained, informed of crime trends, as well as utilizing the database to its full potential.

Administrators work with the Maryland Comptroller's Office, DLLR, and MVA when dealers are in violation of electronic reporting laws. The intent is to educate the licensed dealer and provide guidance on Maryland electronic reporting laws.

RAPID Administrators work tirelessly with licensees to ensure they

do not become victims themselves. RAPID Administrators do this by forging professional relationships with licensed dealers by communicating both in person and electronically.

Licensees are provided with alerts, bulletins and updates regarding crime trends and laws. Law enforcement also work closely with Maryland State's Attorneys in an attempt to provide licensees with compensation if they become victims themselves.

"The system is a good thing to have in place for law enforcement. As a small business owner I hate to lose money or items but understand that is the price of doing business. By uploading the items into the system it allows me to keep track of subjects that bring stolen property and the ability to block them from doing future business - keeping losses at a minimum."

**Pawn Shop Owner -
Hagerstown, Maryland**

On October 3, 2018, RAPID Administrators from across Maryland and Delaware met in Annapolis, Maryland to discuss administrative updates and laws. Presentations were given by the Anne Arundel County Police Department Metal Theft Unit, Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office, Maryland Comptroller's Office and Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (ADRS - Enforcement). The RAPID Unit provided legislative updates as well as reviewed inspection and compliance forms. Features of the new version of RAPID were also presented.

Additionally in 2018, RAPID Administrators worked toward improving legislation for Maryland's property crime victims. Administrators testified to add cell tower batteries to the Business Regulation Title 17, Subtitle 10 Junk and Scrap Processors exclusion list. As a result of this collaborative effort, House Bill 198 was passed. Likewise, Administrators worked with legislators on other issues, such as electronic reporting laws, during the legislative session.

"Through the foresight and dedication of the Maryland State Police, all departments using RAPID are able to enhance their crime fighting efforts and the service provided to their communities. The Maryland State Police is responsive to member agencies and provides free training, and routinely seeks suggestions and input on improvements and enhancements to RAPID. "

**Detective -
Prince George's County
Police Department**

"Thanks to the RAPID help desk for all they do to help out our administrators."

**Officer -
Baltimore County
Police Department**



“As a result of RAPID I was able to place an additional 13 charges on a suspect.”

Trooper - Maryland State Police

“I can tell you the use of the system is a major part of most of our detectives’ cases. We have also seen an increasing number of patrol officers utilizing RAPID and are getting a jump on cases shortly after they are reported, rather than waiting to have the cases assigned.”

Detective - Anne Arundel County Police Department

“Through RAPID I was able to clear 62 cases, including auto thefts and burglaries with one search.”

Detective - Baltimore County Police Department

RAPID Report by Jurisdiction

Agency	Cases	Arrests	Recovery
Allegany	6	3	\$575
Anne Arundel	6	13	\$132,805
Baltimore County	382	305	\$783,563
Baltimore City	382	356	\$4,490,250
Calvert	29	32	\$83,336
Caroline	3	4	\$5,715
Carroll	32	22	\$91,800
Cecil	24	19	\$71,050
Charles	43	18	\$78,910
Frederick	64	64	\$112,831
Garrett	3	2	\$1,225
Harford	48	38	\$60,194
Howard	41	36	\$104,896
Kent	0	0	\$0
Montgomery	4	4	\$2,472
Ocean City	3	3	\$1,000
Prince George's	128	128	\$203,400
Queen Anne's	7	8	\$14,450
Somerset	4	2	\$19,225
St. Mary's	3	3	\$60,635
Talbot/Dorchester*	5	5	\$7,655
Washington	163	81	\$44,978
Wicomico	7	8	\$21,238
Worcester	3	3	\$1,730
Westminster	6	6	\$4,985
Cross Border **	42	42	\$19,379

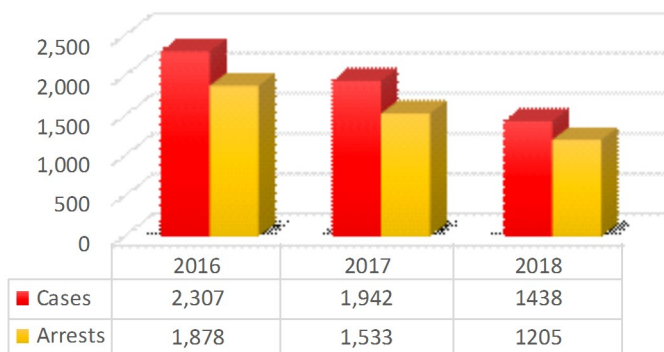
* Dorchester and Talbot statistics combined.

** Surrounding states, PA and DE.

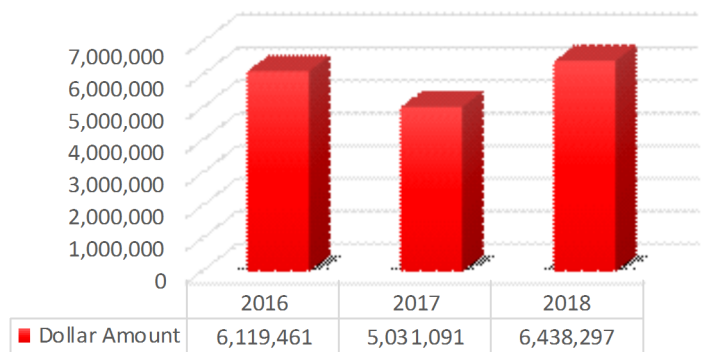
2018 Statistics

(Statistics and success stories are self-reported by the individual agencies.)
 (Not all agencies track these exact parameters or account for subsequent investigations into the cases.)

RECENT YEARS



RECOVERY



Expanding RAPID

In 2018, RAPID participated with New Jersey Office of the Attorney General’s task force to assist in obtaining electronic reporting laws for their state. This legislation, if passed, would be consistent with Maryland and Delaware laws for electronic reporting by pawn, precious metal, secondhand dealers, junk and scrap processors.

The RAPID team meets with investigators from surrounding jurisdictions to exchange crime trend information and suspect information. This exchange of

information is an invaluable part of the original concept of RAPID, allowing law enforcement to collaborate, protect our citizens and the victims of crimes.

RAPID provides access to 191 agencies in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, District of Columbia and West Virginia. In addition to Maryland’s 26 primary agencies, there are 113 Maryland municipalities, federal, state, military and school police agencies with access to RAPID.

Due to the success of RAPID, 66 additional users from surrounding states were trained and are successfully recovering property.

In 2018, the RAPID help desk assisted administrators from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia with data concerns for RAPID updates.

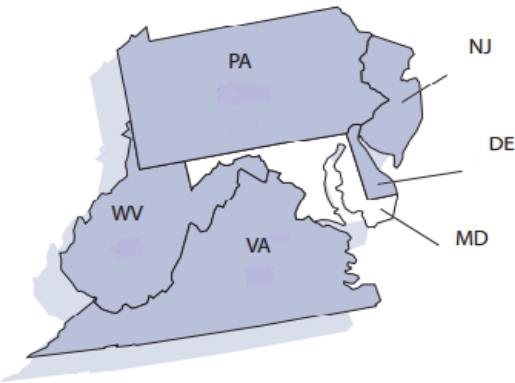
State	Users	Agencies
PA	289	80
NJ	100	5
DE	332	54
VA/DC	339	41
WVA	26	11

“This is not my only success with your program. Keep up the great work.”

Trooper - Delaware State Police

“I was able to close two cases using Maryland RAPID.”

Investigator - Loudon County Virginia



Cross Border Investigations

Howard County, MD to VA:

In October, property stolen from King George, Virginia was located and recovered. This resulted in an arrest and case closure.

MDSP North East to PA:

RAPID aids burglary and scrap metal investigation. Multiple arrests were made and seven cases were closed.

Wicomico, MD to DE:

Delaware State Police located stolen property in Wicomico County, Maryland which was stolen during two burglaries. Firearms were recovered and the cases closed by arrest.

MDSP RAPID Team to WV:

In August, MDSP assisted the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office with a burglary of firearms. While conducting a RAPID inquiry, investigators noted a large amount of jewelry sold by a

West Virginia resident. A check of the property resulted in identifying a separate theft case and suspect.

MD to WV:

West Virginia police and MDSP RAPID collaborated to recover stolen property found in Maryland. Items were verified, seized and suspect arrested.

MD, FL and WA:

Baltimore County Police received separate NCIC hits for computers stolen from Washington and Florida. The property was verified and returned to the reporting agencies.

MDSP Hagerstown to PA:

Pennsylvania State Police located stolen property in RAPID and worked with MDSP Hagerstown to recover the property. Arrest made by PSP.

Prince George’s County, MD to VA:

Virginia investigators located jewelry stolen during a burglary. Case was closed with property recovered in Maryland and a felony arrest was made.

Howard County, MD to VA:

Tools stolen in Virginia were located in RAPID. Howard County Police Department identified the property and it was turned over to investigators. Case closed with recovery and arrest.

Carroll County, MD five states:

Identified two criminal organizations committing retail burglaries in five states. Vehicle batteries were stolen and sold in Maryland for a total value of \$35,000. Multiple arrests were made.

“Thanks to the RAPID system the victim was able to recover this firearm. Leads were developed in this three year old case. RAPID is an invaluable tool in law enforcement’s toolbox. Thanks for your hard work in implementing this program.”

Captain - Berkley County Sheriff’s Office West Virginia

RAPID Supports Victims

It's all too often we, the consumer, pay a price for those who steal property. Thousands of citizens have been victimized as a result of these property crimes. For example, a contractor who builds homes has their tools stolen from their vehicle or jobsite. The contractor now needs to file an insurance claim for their loss, resulting in higher insurance premiums. They will also have to buy new tools to replace those stolen, further resulting in lost time, wages for employees and additional costs which are passed along to all of us, the consumer.

In addition, scrap metal thieves often steal manhole covers, street lamp posts, and water meters, all items which are

paid for by taxes and service fees. Residents of Maryland's Infrastructure are affected as a result of thefts within in their communities, causing higher taxes and maintenance fees.

Victims are impacted across the country on a daily basis. Their privacy is invaded, causing fear and emotional distress, not to mention the loss of sentimental and invaluable items.

RAPID is a tool for investigators to locate, recover and return the stolen valuables, to our citizens. Many times this results in identifying and arresting the criminals. In turn, it provides these victims with a sense of well being and restitution.

"Our victims are so thankful for the work our law enforcement officers do across the state. All of the victims are even more grateful when we locate and give them their property back. RAPID is a great tool; many times our Troopers and Investigators find stolen property and the victims never even knew the property was stolen and they were victimized."

**Sergeant -
Maryland State Police**

RAPID Success with Business Crimes

"RAPID plays an integral part in solving theft, robberies, and other crimes. Howard County credits RAPID in recovering close to \$100,000.00, as well as hundreds of stolen items from actual property crimes this year. Howard County RAPID Pawn Unit works in conjunction with Patrol, Detective Bureau, Crime Analysis, other Agencies, and victims on a daily basis to solve crime and recover property. We commend RAPID and its efforts to assist law enforcement in our jurisdiction."

**RAPID Administrator -
Howard County
Police Department**

Anne Arundel - Retail Theft

Investigated a shoplifting involving \$2500 in stolen DVD's. RAPID identified three persons of interest. All property was recovered and arrests were made.

University of Maryland- Business Theft:

Investigated the theft of tools and scrap metal from a construction site. RAPID query located the property and it was determined the seller was an employee. The case was closed by arrest and property recovered.

MDSP and Salisbury PD- Business Theft:

Investigation into a theft from construction sites revealed that items were being sold to a business that reported to RAPID. Items were identified, recovered and the case was closed with an arrest.

MDSP CED North - Retail Theft:

CED North conducted an investigation into retail thefts using RAPID and other resources. As a result of a search, \$500 of unopened items and 21 grams of heroin were recovered.

Baltimore County - Multiple Victims:

Baltimore County Police investigated a theft from a cleaning company. An employee was identified as the suspect. Investigation showed that there were other victims and 15 cases were closed with \$23,000 in property value recovered.

Charles County Sheriff's Office - Retail Theft:

Investigated a retail theft case where the suspects attempted to return stolen property. A RAPID check identified property and suspects. The case was closed by arrest and property recovered.

Wicomico County - MDSP Salisbury - Employee Theft:

Investigated a theft of tools and scrap metal. RAPID provided a suspect who ended up being an employee. Case closed by arrest and property recovered.

Harford County - Retail Theft:

RAPID was checked and property was located which was consistent with a retail shoplifting case. All property was recovered and arrests were made.



Cross Jurisdictional

Queen Anne’s and Cecil County:

MDSP Centreville investigated a first degree burglary where over \$9000 in property was stolen. A RAPID check identified the property stolen was sold in Cecil County. Two felony arrests were made, two cases closed and the property recovered.

Carroll and Baltimore County:

Westminster PD used RAPID to solve multiple commercial burglaries. The property was sold in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Carroll County. Property totaling \$1760 was recovered, resulting in case closure and two arrest.

Prince George’s and Charles County:

Tools stolen from Charles County were located and recovered in Prince George’s County. The case was closed with \$4389 in property recovered and a felony arrest.

Queen Anne’s and Anne Arundel County:

CED Upper Shore along with Queen Anne’s Sheriff’s Office conducted a first degree burglary investigation where \$3900 in property was stolen, including a handgun. RAPID confirmed stolen jewelry was sold in Anne Arundel County linking the suspects to the case. As a result, the case was closed by two felony arrests.

Washington and Allegany County:

NCIC hit showed lawn equipment stolen in Allegany County from a burglary. The property was seized as being stolen. Subsequent investigation recovered additional stolen items and the recovery of a firearm from a prohibited felony.

Montgomery, Frederick, and Anne Arundel County:

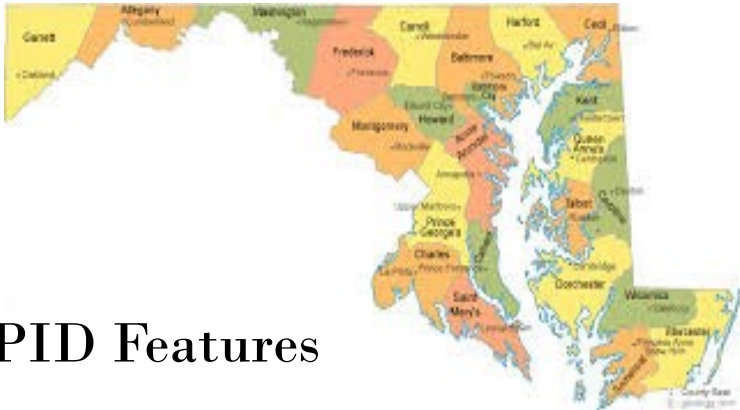
An investigator closed four theft cases where property was seized from Frederick and Anne Arundel County. All four cases were closed by arrest and \$2472 in property recovered.

“Thanks so much - couldn’t have done it without you (RAPID)”
From a trooper who was able to recover scrap metal by working with the RAPID Team, administrators and dealers.

Trooper - Maryland State Police

“The Quick Search feature is the best update done in RAPID.”

Detective - Ocean City Police Department



RAPID Features

RAPID has many features that enhance law enforcement’s ability to recover stolen property. These features are developed from suggestions provided by law enforcement using RAPID.

FEATURES

- **Vehicle Search**
- **eBay Search**
- **Phone Number Search**
- **Tag Number Search**
- **Relationship Search**
- **Quick Search**

Charles County - Vehicle Search:

While investigating a fraud case, RAPID revealed a matching tag number from a vehicle which was found to be used at another crime scene. Suspects were identified, arrested and case closed.

Calvert County - eBay:

RAPID was used to check for stolen tools. Several items were located, however, not all of the items were found on the transactions. An **eBay search** revealed additional items being sold by the dealer on eBay. The suspect was charged for the theft. Compliance violations were noted for non-reporting.

Prince George’s Park Police - Phone Number Search:

A RAPID search was completed by using the **phone number search** for a robbery investigation. The search provided identification linking the suspect to the case.

Anne Arundel County - Tag Number Search:

Scrap unit investigated the theft of batteries and wire. A **tag number search** was conducted and developed a suspect.

Pennsylvania State Police -Relationship Search:

RAPID was checked regarding a burglary. The **relationship search** identified additional suspects resulting in three arrests for burglaries in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Ocean Pines Police - Quick Search:

A one word search using the description field in **quick search** identified a suspect. As a result, the property was recovered. Additional information was developed and the suspect admitted to selling a firearm to another person.



RAPID Investigative Successes

"Our cases would not have been solved if it wasn't for RAPID."

**Detective -
Charles County Sheriff's Office**

Harford County - Theft:

During a theft investigation, Harford County checked RAPID and identified a suspect. Property was recovered and case closed by an arrest.

Howard County - Robbery:

During an investigation of a robbery, RAPID was used to identify two suspects. Case closed by arrest.

Delaware - Business Theft:

RAPID revealed stolen a tool from a government building. A RAPID search provided information identifying additional property, which was also stolen and sold at the same time. The property was recovered and cases closed by arrest.

MDSP CED Uppers Shore - Multiple Recoveries:

RAPID was searched during a burglary investigation and provided suspect information. The investigation resulted in an arrest for CDS manufacturing, seizing over 4.5 pounds of marijuana and 76 weapons.

Caroline County - Burglary:

A RAPID search for a suspect involved in a burglary and theft of tools valued at \$795 was conducted. RAPID located one tool and identified a suspect who was arrested. The property was recovered.

MDSP Dorchester County - Burglary:

While investigating a burglary RAPID was checked for jewelry, tools and appliances valued at \$2070. The property was located and the investigation revealed the seller had just been released from jail. Case closed by arrest and property recovered.

MDSP - North East Commercial Theft:

Using RAPID, investigators identified several transactions of brand new items being pawned. The suspect was also already wanted for additional crimes. The property was identified and recovered.

Anne Arundel - Retail Theft:

A RAPID search for stolen jewelry from a burglary was completed. The property valued at \$6300 was recovered and the suspect was arrested.



Baltimore County - Homicide:

RAPID linked two homicides to a suspect. As a result, stolen vehicles of both victims, jewelry, a pistol along with other items were recovered. The suspect was charged, arrested and provided a confession.

Newark DE - Burglary:

Used RAPID for a burglary investigation and located the property. Suspect was arrested.

Cambridge Police - Burglary:

Investigators conducted a RAPID search and located a stolen television and heaters. The case was closed with two arrests and property recovered.

Montgomery County - Burglary:

Takoma Park Police investigated a burglary. RAPID lead investigators to Prince George's County to recover the stolen property. Case closed by arrest with a recovery of \$4100 in property.

Charles County Sheriff's Office - Homicide:

During a homicide investigation, RAPID was checked and verified the suspect's identity.

Newark DE - Theft:

Investigated the theft of a cell phone which was located in RAPID. Case closed with recovery of the cellphone.

Anne Arundel County - Scrap Metal:

Scrap Unit investigated several thefts. Investigation resulted in several cases being closed, as well as the recovery of vehicles and property valued at \$100,000.00.

MDSP/Wicomico County Sheriff's Office - Wanted Person:

During an investigation, investigators identified a suspect in RAPID who was selling weapons. The investigation revealed the subject was wanted and arrest was made.

MDSP Talbot - Dorchester Sheriff's Office:

Located a stolen pressure washer in RAPID and closed the case with an arrest and property recovery.

Harford County - Theft:

Investigated a commercial theft. Property was located, seized and recovered the property valued at \$12,000.

Baltimore County - Multi-Cases:

With one RAPID search, an investigator was able to close 62 cases including auto thefts and burglaries with a recovery value of \$178,970.

"Due to having RAPID, we were able to locate stolen property in less than 24 hours after it was stolen."

**Detective -
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office**



Comptroller of Maryland

The Comptroller of Maryland provides high quality, efficient and timely financial and administrative services. The Comptroller's Office has been a valued partner for our scrap metal and junk dealers. Law enforcement has been utilizing them for not

only scrap cases but also investigations relating to secondhand transactions.

A representative of the Comptroller's Office attended the RAPID Administrator's meeting in 2018. During the meeting guidance was provided on the complaint process and updating legisla-

tion. The Comptroller also provides information for new dealers applying for a business license. RAPID administrators check with the Comptroller's Office and/or the Clerk of Circuit Court to ensure that businesses in their jurisdictions have a valid license.



Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation continues to change Maryland for the better by providing a predictable and inclusive regulatory environment. One of the missions of DLLR is to license and regulate individuals who buy or otherwise acquire from the public secondhand gold, silver, plati-

num and other precious metal objects, or otherwise trade with the public in secondhand precious metal objects.

The program also regulates pawnbrokers in counties that do not have local laws regulating pawnbrokers.

DLLR received 25 complaints in 2018. Of those complaints: 15 are in pre-charge status, four were closed

without violation, two without enough information, two were duplicates and two cases were closed with suspensions, remedial training and fines of \$3500.



Motor Vehicle Administration

MVA developed broad goals that focus on five key elements of their vision – customer service, safety, stewardship, security, and workforce. These elements assist RAPID in our efforts to partner with MVA for pro-active compliance and enforcement issues. When issues are discovered, the local, county or MDSP jurisdiction responsible for that area are notified and requested to assist MVA. In addition to law enforcement, on many occasions, Zoning Officers, Fire Marshall's Office, Environmental Protection Agency and other jurisdictions are invited to participate.

During the past year, there has been an increased cooperation with MVA and all the jurisdictions utilizing the RAPID program. This has led to increasing joint efforts in enforcing the RAPID requirements. In 2018, the compliance program resulted in 39 automotive dismantler businesses being inspected due to RAPID violations. Two new dealers were inspected and two unlicensed businesses were investigated and closed. ADRS dealers were provided initial training by the RAPID help desk and were also provided with additional resources for future potential questions. Since this joint cooperation with inspections

and investigations, many businesses have become compliant and seek out MDSP/MVA or the local jurisdictions assistance with questions or problems before they become issues.

"From the onset, the RAPID Program has been an invaluable tool in the monitoring and enforcement of these businesses. Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, the RAPID Program continues to be an important and successful part of this enforcement effort."

**Investigator -
Motor Vehicle Administration**

TRANSACTION COUNT BY INDUSTRY

Industry	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Jewelry	346,868	860,868	1,396,100	622,908	616,777	572,198
Scrap Metal	1,000,549	2,462,050	3,906,610	2,119,474	2,472,050	2,292,464
Vehicles	107,891	138,940	203,068	122,964	399,922	118,012
Others*	791,609	1,544,173	2,740,054	2,507,101	2,081,759	1,958,104

*Pawn and Secondhand transactions not specified under State law

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A Message from the Vendor



**BUSINESS
WATCH**
INTERNATIONAL

Business Watch International (BWI) had a busy year in 2018 with the roll-out of the new RAPID interface across the United States. New features often bring new requests and that is exactly what BWI has been working on. This year we added the feature to import lists of phone numbers, names and run them in bulk against RAPID. BWI added the feature to instantly identify cross-jurisdictional pawns with a push of a button. BWI added the feature to import property crime data with RAPID transactions..

We anticipate 2019 is going to be an exciting year. BWI signed an exclusive partnership with ProTech DNA. This company has micro-dot technology that allows homeowners to recover their personal items by applying tiny serialized micro-dots to them. These micro-dots uniquely identify the property to that individual. All this information will be available to RAPID users. This product will allow for additional recoveries and link cases together. It should be noted that insurance companies will be picking up the cost for this program. In January 2019, ProTech DNA was featured on NBC's "Today" and Fox's "Fox and Friend's". BWI is excited about this partnership.

Everything that BWI does goes from our original concept of "built by police for police." BWI is always looking for unique partnerships and technology to improve our product. We at BWI are very proud of our RAPID tool for law enforcement.



RAPID Acknowledgements



Since 2009, RAPID went from a stand-alone database for pawn and precious metal transactions into a multi-industry transaction database.

The theme for this report was how the collaborative effort of multiple entities worked to protect our citizens who have been victimized. A special thanks to the legislators, regulatory bodies, allied law enforcement agencies, dealers and Business Watch International.

Our self reported successes often show that identifying one piece of

property leads to other crimes.

Although RAPID is a property database, we continue to receive successes for our victims ranging from homicides, robberies, burglaries, thefts, fraud and even identity thefts.

None of this could have happened without RAPID's supporters and our administrators who often wear many different hats while performing their job.

Without Maryland dealers' willingness to work together with law enforcement and victims, we would

not be so successful. This partnership has afforded Maryland businesses to operate on a level playing field. We look forward to another successful year in 2019!