

POLICE BEAT

16 arrests

Deputies and county police officers pulled in 16 wanted people in a warrant sweep early this month.

Concerned with the number of backlogged arrest warrants, particularly in west county, Sheriff Ron Bateman ordered his deputies to rally and handle unserved warrants.

"It was everything from assaults to (drugs) to escapes to traffic violations to child support," said Deputy Sheriff Harry Neisser, a spokesman for the department.

In the early morning hours of March 31 and April 1, sheriff's deputies and police officers out of Western District tried to serve more than 100 warrants. In the process they arrested 16 suspects wanted on 23 warrants.

Most were in west county, particularly in the Severn area, Deputy Neisser said.

While not every attempt resulted in arrest, deputies were able to get some good tips on people's whereabouts in the process.

"We got a lot of information and we are going to continue that operation," he said.

The Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with information about a fugitive's location to call 410-222-1495. All calls are kept confidential.

the school last week, county fire officials said.

A fire alarm sounded inside the school at 1001 Annapolis Road in Gambrills about 11:30 a.m. April 10

Capt. Harry Steiner, county fire spokesman, said a fire was burning inside a small trash can inside a bathroom on the first floor of the school. Firefighters quickly put it out.

School officials and fire investigators trying to determine who started the fire.