

Rhode Island State Police

2022 Annual Report



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The Honorable Daniel J. McKee, Governor
 State of Rhode Island
 State House
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Dear Governor McKee,

I am pleased to provide you with the 2022 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my first since being named Superintendent in April 2022. The following pages reflect the activity and services the Division has rendered to the citizens of our State during the 2022 calendar year. This report is submitted in compliance with Section 42-28-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, and contains examples of accomplishments and services delivered by each barracks, bureau, and unit.

Since my appointment, one of my goals has been to increase the number of Troopers to a level that reflects the duties and responsibilities our members are required to carry out daily. We had a successful training academy in 2022 from which we graduated 30 new Troopers. In response to the legalization of recreational marijuana, we adjusted the academy curriculum to ensure the new Troopers and all Recruits going forward will receive Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training. In addition to the class of 2022, we are recruiting for our next class, set to begin in January of 2024. Furthermore, we expanded our services to include two new comfort/therapy canines.

This year, we started the process of building a more effective records management system, and we are now screening potential vendors for our Statewide Records Management Program. To increase transparency and public awareness of accurate crime statistics statewide, The Rhode Island Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program will serve as the state repository for the collection of crime statistics. The goal of the Online Portal is to replace the Crime in Rhode Island annual static publication and allow for members of the public to access public information with ease.

The Technical Investigations Unit (TIU) offers knowledge and support in cases involving the analysis of records from wireless devices and cell phones. This unit will assist other law enforcement agencies with their cellular mapping and analysis while also assisting the Patrol Bureaus in their investigations. Additionally, the TIU will assist the Department of the Attorney General in criminal cases including the review of wireless device and cell phone network records.

We have purchased body-worn cameras and in-car cameras for all our uniform Troopers and will be implementing their use within the next few months. Cameras will be important not only for transparency in the prosecution of criminal cases and officer safety training, but also to be used as a tool to foster community trust as well as serving as an unbiased witness to police actions and their interactions with the public.

These increases in technology will help lead the way as the Rhode Island State Police continues its commitment to providing unparalleled law enforcement services to citizens and visitors of Rhode Island while simultaneously adhering to our long-held traditions. On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support and look forward to our continued work together.

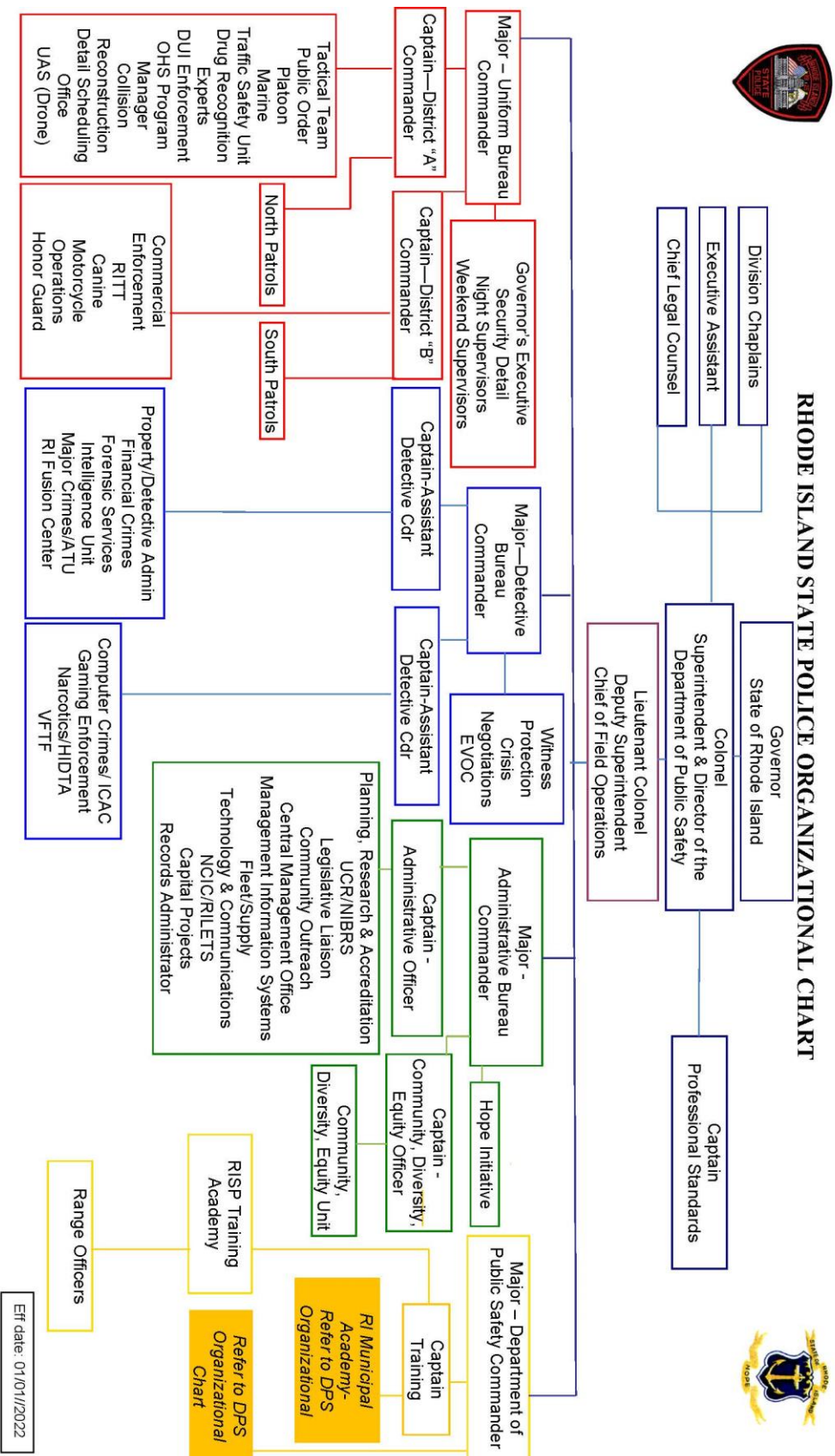
Respectfully,

Colonel Darnell S. Weaver
 Superintendent

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COMMAND STAFF



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Captain Mark W. Gilson



Captain Thomas E. Jaques



Captain Jeffrey P. L'Heureux



Captain Timothy E. Allen, Jr.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS



CALLS FOR SERVICE → **79,222**

236

← **COMMUNITY OUTREACH
EVENTS**

CITATIONS → **43,056**

6,412

← **CRASHES
INVESTIGATED**

INCIDENT REPORTS → **5,036**



ARRESTS → **4,381**

732

← **DUI ARRESTS**

NARCOTICS ARRESTS → **172**

PATROL BUREAU

The Patrol Bureau is responsible for policing the Town of Exeter and all state highways, the investigation of crashes and incidents on those highways, and the conduct of inspection and enforcement programs essential to the safety of citizens on those highways. Additionally, Patrol Bureau Troopers perform all functions associated with the statewide enforcement of laws, the prevention of crime, the pursuit and apprehension of offenders, and the gathering of legal evidence to ensure conviction of such offenders.

Canine Unit- Corporal Daniel O'Neil

In 2022, Rhode Island State Police canine teams were utilized in a myriad of investigations to include: one hundred and five (105) canine narcotics searches, one hundred and twenty-four (124) explosive detection sweeps, seventy-two (72) patrol service calls, and ten (10) missing person searches. As a result of these investigations, canine teams seized a combined total of over two million two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,240,000) of property and United States currency, and (20) firearms. Additionally, canine teams assured secure and safe environments during large scale



events and called-in threats and assisted in twenty-one (21) criminal apprehensions, and safely located one (1) missing person. Moreover, canine teams also conducted fifteen (15) human remains detection searches as well as nineteen (19) public speaking / canine demonstrations.

Commercial Enforcement Unit – Sergeant Mark Perotti

During 2022, the Commercial Enforcement Unit performed 4,644 roadside inspections which included 182 Hazardous Materials carriers and 2,474 inspections related to Traffic Enforcement stops. As a result of these roadside inspections, 10,270 violations were cited with 646 vehicles and 380 drivers being placed Out of Service due to unsafe operating conditions.

Throughout the year, CEU members are called upon to speak at various safety meetings and provide valuable information to the commercial trucking industry. CEU Troopers provide training to local police officers that include topics such as Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement and Size and Weight Enforcement. CEU members sit on a variety of committees that influence the commercial motor vehicle industry on both a local and national level.

Rhode Island has maintained a low commercial motor vehicle crash and fatality rating for several years and was recognized by the Federal Motor Carrier Administration for one of the lowest commercial motor vehicle fatality rates for the calendar year 2021. Rhode Island was also recognized by the Federal Motor Administration for a productive and focused safety enforcement program. Rhode Island will continue in its efforts toward further reductions in commercial motor vehicle crashes.

Dive/Marine Unit- Sergeant Ryan Mahoney

During the summer of 2022, members of the Marine Unit provided marine security on the RISP 2705 Vessel for the Bristol Fireworks, Newport Folk and Jazz Festival, and Save the Bay Swim. Additionally, on July 1, 2022, The Marine Unit was tasked to assist the U.S. Navy, with conducting hull sweeps for supporting watercrafts that helped the USS Milwaukee. The Navy vessel was anchored between Prudence Island and the Town of Portsmouth. While anchored, the Marine Unit assisted with 24/7 security of the USS Milwaukee.

During the Fall of 2022, members of the Marine Unit attended Dive in-service training with the NY State Police in Alexandria Bay, New York. Additionally, throughout the 2022 calendar year several meetings with were held with NESPAC Marine Unit/Dive Team Commanders to plan a NESPAC Dive Supervisor School. As a result of these meetings, the Rhode Island State Police will be hosting this school in the spring of 2023.

The Dive/Marine Unit is regularly requested to assist several local law enforcement agencies, in addition to the Rhode Island State Police Detective Bureau with underwater article / evidence searches.

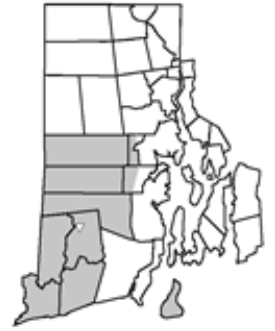
Executive Protection Unit- Sergeant William C. Corson

The Rhode Island State Police Executive Protection Unit (EPU) is assigned to protect the Governor, the Governor's immediate family, and any other individuals as designated by the Governor or the Division of State Police. Members of the Executive Protection Unit are highly trained in personal protection, physical security, and threat assessment. The EPU works closely with other state, local, and federal agencies to provide protection for the Governor and other visiting dignitaries.

The Executive Protection Unit is accredited by the National Governor's Security Association, which requires compliance with professional standards, training, and best practices.

Hope Valley Barracks – Lieutenant Scott Hartwell

Troopers assigned to the Hope Valley Barracks provide broad police services throughout the southwestern area of Rhode Island. In addition to its primary investigations, the Hope Valley Barracks also provides investigative support to its local law enforcement partners, to include Coventry Police, West Greenwich Police, South Kingstown Police, Westerly Police, Charlestown Police, Hopkinton Police, Richmond Police, and the University of Rhode Island Police. Much of the Hope Valley area is classified as rural or suburban. The Town of Exeter is the only municipality in the state without its own police department, and therefore the Hope Valley Barracks handles all calls for police service therein. Interstate 95 is the major travel corridor within the barracks' jurisdiction and is the primary focus for the Hope Valley Barracks' troopers. In addition to troopers' patrol responsibilities, the Hope Valley Barracks provides troopers who participate in many of the Uniform Division's specialized teams, to include Canine, Dive/Marine Unit, Domestic Highway Enforcement, Hope Initiative, Public Order Platoon, Crisis Negotiation, Arrest and Control Unit, Drug Recognition Experts, Peer Support, Firearms Instructors, Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructors, and Honor Guard. Hope Valley troopers also provide uniformed support to many of the Division's statewide units that frequently assist municipalities, to include Major Crime Unit, Computer Crimes Unit, HIDTA/ Narcotics Unit, Forensic Services Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Violent Fugitive Task Force, Fusion Center and Intelligence, and the Joint Terrorism Task Force.



During 2022, troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks investigated 723 incidents and made 449 arrests. Troopers investigated 447 motor vehicle crashes (157 involving injury, with 6 total fatalities). The Hope Valley Barracks is also committed to aggressive traffic enforcement, and as a result troopers issued 5,756 citations and effected 42 DUI-related arrests.

Lincoln Woods Barracks – Lieutenant Erik Yanyar

The Lincoln Woods Barracks increased its compliment of troopers to 42 in 2022, due to an additional 10 members being assigned from the recent August 2022 academy graduation. Lincoln Woods Barracks handles the busiest patrol area in the state and leads the Division in arrests, accident investigations, incident investigations, and calls for service. In addition to their normal patrol duties, several troopers also have commitments to various specialty units such as Canine, Tactical Team, Drone Unit, Dive/Marine Unit, Executive Protection, and Collision Reconstruction. Troopers assigned here also respond to most incidents at State Government facilities such as the ACI, State House, and various Court buildings.



In addition to patrol duties, members of the Lincoln Woods Barracks routinely assist the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Unit (HIDTA), Violent Fugitive Task Force, Major Crimes Unit, and Computer Crimes Unit.

Operations Officer – Lieutenant Peter Filuminia

During 2022, the Operations Officer coordinated the Division's response to such events as the Bristol 4th of July Celebration, the Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, Easter States Exposition (the Big "E"), Audrain's Newport Car Show- Tour D 'Elegance and other ceremonies that involved the Division Honor Guard Unit. Additionally, the Operations Officer oversees and creates operational plans for numerous dignitary security protection details, as well as manages the State Response to AMBER and Silver Alerts. This responsibility requires constant coordination with local police departments to ensure specific criteria are met prior to issuing any statewide alert.

Scituate Barracks – Lieutenant Edward L. Viera

Troopers at the Scituate barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 310 square miles, primarily Interstate 295, Routes 6, 146 and 99. The barracks is situated in the northwest part of the state and is responsible for various calls for service. In addition to their normal patrol duties, members of the Scituate Barracks also participate in a variety of the Division's specialty units.



In 2022, Troopers at the Scituate Barracks made twenty (20) arrests for various gun charges to include, Carrying Without Permit, Stolen firearms, and Possession of "Ghost Guns." Furthermore, in March, Troopers of the Scituate Barracks participated in the arrest of several subjects involved in a multi-state retail shoplifting ring of Ulta Beauty Supply stores and premium retail outlets. The New York based suspects committed multiple thefts throughout Southern New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Georgia. The thefts resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise. As a result of their arrest, the suspects were tied to open investigations for similar thefts in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Traffic Safety Unit – Sergeant Lawens Fevrier

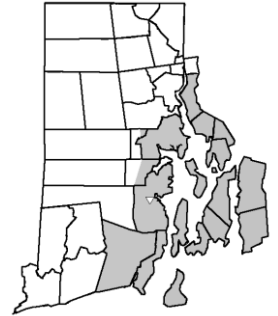
The Rhode Island State Police, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation's Office of Highway Safety, created this specialized unit funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration dedicated to reducing impaired driving. The Traffic Safety Unit's sole focus is to reach the goal of zero traffic fatalities on Rhode Island roadways as outlined in the Department of Transportation's ten-year plan. The path to this goal is clearly delineated in State Police General Order 56A1 Section III which establishes traffic enforcement as one of the Division's highest priorities. This includes strict enforcement of all motor vehicle laws such as driving under the influence, speed, and aggressive driving violations as well as passenger safety laws.

The Traffic Safety Unit is highly specialized in the apprehension of impaired, reckless, and aggressive drivers statewide. Due to the Traffic Safety Unit's expertise and flexibility, Unit members are regularly called to assist local communities with

aggressive traffic enforcement. In 2022, members effected a total of six hundred thirty-two (632) arrests, three hundred sixty-one (361) of which were for driving under the influence offenses.

Wickford Barracks – Lieutenant Charles G. LeValley

In 2022, the Wickford Barracks patrol area changed. The barracks no longer patrols the Town of Exeter. This duty was reassigned to the Hope Valley Barracks. The Wickford Barracks now has a permanent Trooper assigned to the Newport Bridge and Turnpike Authority. Due to the added responsibility the Wickford Barracks total personnel was increased by two (2) Troopers. The Barracks also trained eight (8) new Troopers during their Field Training period. These Troopers will be reassigned to other barracks in 2023.



The Troopers at the Barracks continue to handle a high level of investigations with 755 offense reports for the year. The Troopers are also frequently called upon to assist with dignitary escorts, funeral details, and many other activities that pull them away from their regular duties. Even with this, the number of arrests continues to grow with troopers effecting 670 arrests in 2022. Additionally, the Barracks investigated 835 motor vehicle accidents in 2022.



DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is comprised of detectives, investigators and task force officers from federal and local agencies who investigate crimes that require specialized investigative techniques. Some of these techniques include forensic examinations and the cultivation of informants. They require exhaustive dedication, and ultimately, accurate court testimony to pursue a case through to its final resolution.

Auto Theft Unit- Lieutenant Matthew S. Salisbury

During 2022, members of the Auto Theft & Insurance Fraud Unit conducted a total of seventy-five (75) investigations, which included insurance fraud, possession of stolen motor vehicles, obtaining money under false pretenses, giving false documents to a public official and other violations of Rhode Island law. These investigations resulted in the arrest of thirty-eight (38) subjects on a variety of charges. Stolen motor vehicle investigations throughout the year resulted in the recovery of twenty-six (26) stolen motor vehicles.

In April 2022, the Auto Theft Unit worked in conjunction with the RI DMV Enforcement Unit and Safety & Emissions to investigate a complaint that a state certified motor vehicle inspection station was charging \$300 to customers who owned vehicles that would not normally pass inspection. The investigation revealed that the owner of the inspection station conspired with employees to circumnavigate the inspection process by means of an unauthorized electronic device which bypassed computer codes. Approximately, 350 vehicles were fraudulently passed and allowed to operate on state roadways in unsafe condition. The ATU investigation resulted in several criminal arrests, monetary fines, and revocation of business license.

Computer Crimes – Lieutenant Eric M. Yelle

The Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) investigates criminal violations of law which involve the use of a computer and/or digital devices in the commission of a crime. These crimes encompass all types of criminal activity ranging from traditional crimes to ones involving the internet such as child exploitation, unlawful computer access, online fraud, identity theft, and network intrusions.



The CCU oversees the Rhode Island Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force which is a Department of Justice grant-funded program. In 2022, the ICAC Task Force was comprised of six (6) members of the CCU along with detectives from the Warwick Police Department, Cranston Police Department, East Providence Police Department, Pawtucket Police Department, Bristol Police Department, North Kingstown Police Department, Portsmouth Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

This year, supervisors passed through 1,635 cybertips resulting in approximately 224 investigations. Analysts and detectives conducted 167 forensic examinations, assisting thirteen other State Police units, as well as 24 outside agencies. Overall, ICAC members were responsible for 392 incidents and 61 arrests. Additionally, six (6) cases were prosecuted federally.

The CCU also oversees the Joint Cyber Task Force which serves as a communications conduit between federal, state, military, and private entities and brings together law enforcement, cyber security experts, the business community, and educational institutions to help secure the state's cyber critical infrastructure.

Cyber Crimes/Joint Cyber Task Force – Lieutenant Eric M. Yelle

The Rhode Island Joint Cyber Task Force (JCTF) consists of over 100 representatives from various public and private sector agencies who recognize the need for a unified effort against cyber threats to our infrastructure. The task force has continued to see a significant increase in activity related to cybersecurity. With support from federal funding, the Unit continues to expand and train members of the Joint Cyber Task Force to improve responses to a myriad of possible scenarios that we face as an increasingly technologically dependent society



The Joint Cyber Task Force has also worked hard to continue the mission and spirit of the Governor's Cybersecurity Commission by implementing several cybersecurity initiatives for the municipality infrastructure. For the past several years, the Joint Cyber Task Force has offered vulnerability scanning, phishing exercises and end-user cybersecurity awareness training to participating municipalities. These services are offered at no cost to municipalities, allowing for capabilities these agencies would not otherwise have access to. Additional cyber-related educational outreach has included numerous presentations to schools, businesses, and municipalities throughout the State along with the development of a Hands-on Training Simulator (HOTSIM) curriculum by New England Institute of Technology. The Joint Cyber Task Force hopes that the development of this curriculum will allow higher utilization of the HOTSIM for businesses and organizations across the State.

Financial Crimes – Lieutenant Richard Ptaszek

The members of the FCU are a diverse group who are skilled in various areas of criminal investigation to include, but not limited to, mortgage fraud, bank fraud, embezzlement, and elder exploitation. The unit is called upon frequently to investigate public corruption, extortion, forgery, credit card fraud, identity theft and money laundering. In 2022, the Financial Crimes Unit opened one hundred twenty-nine (129) investigations and made fifty-eight (58) arrests.

Forensic Services Unit – Lieutenant Kenneth D. DeMarco

The FSU received a total of 422 requests for service over the past year. Of that total, 126 requests were from outside agencies to include nineteen (19) local police departments, four (4) state agencies, one (1) federal law enforcement partner and six (6) out of state police departments. Overall, the FSU saw a 34% increase in the amount of calls for service from 2021 to 2022.

The Forensic Services Unit continued to provide expert crime scene documentation and analysis throughout the state during the year 2022. This included shooting incidents, video analysis, crime scene investigations and deployment of unique pieces of equipment such as the 3D laser scanner and the mobile crime lab.

Fusion Center – Lieutenant Philip D. Martin

The core mission of the Rhode Island State Fusion Center is to facilitate the timely and accurate exchange of information between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies as well as private and public sector institutions. Through a cooperative and coordinated approach, the Fusion Center augments law enforcement operations by acting as a comprehensive, centralized Intelligence Center to facilitate the exchange of information on a statewide basis. The Fusion Center collects, analyzes, and disseminates intelligence information to identify, investigate and prevent criminal activity and terrorism. The Fusion Center is closely associated with the United States Department of Homeland Security to ensure that it conforms with nationally recognized standards and best practices. The Fusion Center also works collaboratively with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on criminal and public safety matters.



During the year 2022, the Fusion Center received a total of one thousand four hundred fifteen (1,415) requests for information from law enforcement agencies. These requests came from Federal, State, and municipal law enforcement throughout Rhode Island and other state jurisdictions. Additionally, the Fusion Center investigated one hundred twelve (112) incidents. These incidents were initiated through tips and leads provided by members of law enforcement, citizens as well as public and private sector partners. Many of these investigations led to criminal charges and/or are shared with other law enforcement agencies for additional follow up. Every tip or lead received by the Fusion Center is analyzed and disseminated in a timely manner to ensure the safety of the citizens of Rhode Island.

Gaming Enforcement Unit – Sergeant Douglas S. Watters

The Rhode Island State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit continues to be dedicated to ensuring the integrity of gaming within the State. Working in conjunction with the Department of Business Regulations - Division of Racing and Athletics and the Division of Lottery, the Gaming Enforcement Unit is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, due diligence background investigations for both casino employees

and vendor companies, along with generating intelligence information. This is accomplished by working with internal resources and many outside law enforcement and licensing agencies throughout the country and overseas.

On January 19, 2022, the GEU arrested two individuals for possessing narcotics, which stemmed from information obtained earlier in the day, as a result of this investigation, GEU members seized 82.5g of Fentanyl; 15g of Methamphetamines and 13DU of Clonazepam. One individual was a Bail & Probation violator and was later sentenced to 4 years to serve in prison with another 14 years suspended sentence.

The GEU continues to investigate a robbery with members of the Groton, CT police department. This case involved a victim being robbed of approximately \$10,000 after leaving the Bally's Casino in Lincoln, RI.

HIDTA/Narcotics – Lieutenant Derek G. Melfi

During the calendar year 2022, the HIDTA Task Force executed forty-nine (49) search warrants and seized the following: 65.8 kilograms of Cocaine, 3.4 kilograms of Heroin, 31.1 kilograms of Fentanyl, 8,345 Fentanyl Pills, 1221 Marijuana (plants), 14 pounds Marijuana, 2195 dosage units of Synthetic Marijuana, 2392 dosage units of Meth, 9.1 kilograms of MDMA, 48 Oxycodone pills, 220 Alprazolam pills, 6 Adderall pills, 160 Clonazepam pills, 3 LSD pills, 16 Morphine pills, 20 Xanax pills, and 43 grams of Psilocybin. Additionally, members also seized \$554,584 in US Currency, 30 vehicles, and 154 firearms.

Additional personnel assigned to the HIDTA Unit include members of the: Providence, Lincoln, Middletown, North Providence, Bristol, and Narragansett Police Departments; Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and RI National Guard-Counter Drug , for a total number of 19 members assigned on a full & part time basis to the unit.

Intelligence- Lieutenant Marc A. Alboum

The core mission of the Intelligence Unit is the investigation of organized criminal activity perpetrated by members of the New England La Cosa Nostra (NELCN), local and regional outlaw motorcycle gangs, street gangs, individuals engaged in illegal narcotics and human trafficking, as well as public officials engaged in activities encompassing public corruption. Due to the Intelligence Unit's focus on identifying and investigating organized criminal groups, the investigations are often complex and multi-faceted. To facilitate their investigative obligations, members of the Intelligence Unit routinely utilize traditional and non-traditional investigative techniques. These techniques include physical surveillance and electronic surveillance methods - including electronic monitoring and undercover operations. Unit members often coordinate controlled purchases of various types of contraband. Additionally, members of the Intelligence Unit successfully cultivate and manage

confidential informants to further investigations. Members of the Intelligence Unit continue to assist members of the State Police Detective Bureau and Uniform Division, as well as other agencies with covert surveillance techniques and undercover operations.

During the calendar year 2022, members of the Intelligence Unit seized (Including controlled purchases) 83 firearms, 25,917 Fentanyl Pills, 402.6 grams of Methamphetamine, 382.8 grams of Cocaine, 52 Dosages of LSD, 16 Dosages of Anabolic Steroids and \$18,778 in US Currency.

Major Crimes- Lieutenant Damien Longo

The Major Crimes Unit was restructured and no longer focuses on sexual assault crimes which is now investigated by members of the newly formed Special Victims Unit. Additionally, the Auto Theft Unit is now overseen by the state police lieutenant assigned to the Division of Motor Vehicles Enforcement section.

During 2022, members of the Major Crimes Unit made 222 arrests and investigated or assisted in 187 separate incidents. These cases included a variety of alleged criminal conduct, including but not limited to; murder, firearms violations, domestic violence, and assault. Members of the Major Crimes Unit are responsible for investigating officer-involved shootings and use of force incidents involving local police departments. The Major Crimes Unit also has two (2) detectives assigned to the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI). These detectives thoroughly investigate all complaints made by both prison employees and incarcerated inmates. These detectives collect criminal information from prisoner investigators employed at the Department of Corrections, which is then shared with other law enforcement agencies to bolster officer safety. Detectives assigned to the ACI handle the prosecution of all inmates who are considered fugitives from other states. These detectives also handle offenders who are in the custody of the Department of Children, Youth and Families at the Rhode Island Youth Detention Center.

Special Victims Unit- Lieutenant Heather Palumbo

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) is responsible for investigating cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, child molestation, missing children, sex offender registration violations, commercial sexual exploitation of children, and human and labor trafficking. Detectives within the unit specialize in investigating serious violent crimes against children and other vulnerable populations such as individuals with developmental disabilities and the elderly. Detectives collaborate with our community partners, including but not limited to, the Attorney General's Office, the Children's Advocacy Center, Hasbro's Aubin Child Protection Center, DCYF, Day One, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Law Enforcement Advocates, the Office of Healthy Aging, and the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH). Detectives coordinate a



collaborative and multi-disciplinary approach to special victim cases and ensure a timely response and greater support to the victims and their families.

During 2022, members of the SVU made 20 arrests and investigated or assisted in 66 separate incidents. The SVU consists of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Corporal and one (1) detective. The unit also has a therapy/comfort canine named Gus and oversees the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry Unit (RISOR).

The RISOR oversees the software program Offender Watch, the statewide registry database and community notification website. The database contains over 2,600 actively registering offenders. The RISOR Program Coordinator provides training for designated law enforcement and government users in Rhode Island. RISOR exchanges information with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to effectively track and register sex offenders who arrive in, reside in, or leave the jurisdiction. RISOR assists law enforcement with all aspects of the registration process including, but not limited to, monitoring incarcerated sex offenders, determining duration of registration, ensuring offenders register within twenty-four hours upon release in accordance with RIGL § 11-37.1, resolving technical issues with the electronic operating system, and coordinating efforts to apprehend violators and/or absconders. RISOR also responds to inquiries from sex offenders and members of the community pertaining to sex offender registration and community notification. The unit is comprised of two (2) civilians assigned to the Special Victims Unit.

Violent Fugitive Task Force – Lieutenant Robert J. Richardson

In 2022, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF) arrested two hundred twenty-eight (228) people wanted by law enforcement agencies and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests included: Thirteen (13) wanted for Murder, sixteen (16) wanted for Armed Robbery, one (1) wanted for Kidnapping, twenty-five (25) wanted for Sexual Assault/Child Molestation, sixteen (16) wanted for Delivery of Narcotics/ Possession with Intent to Deliver Narcotics, nineteen (19) wanted for Breaking and Entering/Burglary/Home Invasion, and twenty-seven (27) wanted for Felony Assault, including firearm related assaults.

The VFTF brought additional criminal charges on persons for new firearm, narcotics, resisting arrest and obstruction of justice violations. Members seized multiple firearms and narcotics during these investigations. Members also arrested multiple subjects for warrants issued for Violations of conditions of Parole. Task force members assisted multiple other State and City Police agencies with apprehending suspects who were currently in the State avoiding apprehension known as Fugitives from Justice.



ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

The Administrative Bureau provides the materials and services that enable the Division to accomplish its mission. The Bureau's responsibilities include all aspects of personnel management, information technology, research and accreditation, procurement, fleet, and facilities.

Charitable Gaming – Trooper Krystal Carvalho

The Charitable Gaming Unit is responsible for reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events being held in Rhode Island. At present, raffles and bingos are the only games allowed. All applications require dual approval from the city / town where the event is held and the State Police. A five-dollar application fee is levied on each application. Revenue from charitable gaming activity is not taxed in Rhode Island, as it is in most other states.

The Charitable Gaming Unit provides assistance and information regarding charitable gaming to the general public, other State agencies, local police departments and members of the legal community. In 2022, the Charitable Gaming Unit processed one thousand sixty-four (1064) Games of Chance applications, consisting of nine hundred seventy (970) Raffle applications, forty-five (45) Senior Citizens Recreational Bingo applications, thirty-eight (38) Special Bingo Applications and eleven (11) Weekly Bingo applications.

Community, Diversity & Equity Unit – Captain Kenneth D. Jones

The Rhode Island State Police Community, Diversity & Equity (CDE) Unit seeks a cooperative relationship with members of the community, community groups and organizations, and organizations within the private sector. The unit provides information concerning public safety to the public via lectures, presentations, and material handouts. The unit also makes available resources for the Division of State

Police for the purpose of educating the public in public safety.



Throughout the year, CDE members engaged in two hundred thirty-six (236) community outreach events. These events included, but were not limited to, Kids, Cops and Classrooms, Kids, Cops and Christmas, food drives, and events to support autism and the RI Special Olympics. CDE members engaged with multiple schools consisting of children and teenagers of all ages, participated in a broad array of nonprofit community organizations, as well as coordinated with community members for volunteer-driven neighborhood associations in outreach events.

Facilities/Capital Projects Management – Mr. Thomas Falcone

During 2022, the Division secured funding and embarked on several improvements to the State Police facilities. There are several projects on the horizon for the upcoming year 2023, that include, code upgrades to the RISP building #3 garage, the exterior envelope and interior renovation to the Richard Rhodes (white house), and the Radio building interior renovation. Additionally, the Training Academy HVAC system is being completely replaced with a more efficient heat pump system, and windows are being replaced with more efficient modern windows.

Fleet/Supply Administration – Sergeant Scott R. Carlsten

The Fleet/Supply Administration Unit is responsible for a variety of administrative functions including fleet management of approximately 390 vehicles assigned to the Rhode Island State Police and coordinating the purchase of new vehicles to replace the older vehicles in the fleet. The Unit is responsible for researching vehicles and equipment that best fit the needs of the Division. The Unit is also responsible for ordering new vehicles, writing vehicle specifications, purchasing emergency equipment, monitoring fleet maintenance, approving major repairs, registrations for all vehicles, auto body repair, ordering tires, fuel fobs, completing monthly and yearly mileage reports, entering data of all maintenance performed on vehicles, and facilitating factory recalls or other vehicle safety issues in the fleet. The Fleet Manager reviews all collision reports involving Rhode Island State Police vehicles for submission to the Division's Quarterly Collision Review Board.

Additionally, the Fleet Office processes all uniform/supply requests and handles subsequent uniform and gear distribution and tracking. The Office ensures that the Division is properly equipped and complies with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Standards pertaining to equipment, vehicles, and record keeping.

In April of 2022, the Rhode Island State Police enhanced the lighting configuration and reflectivity markings on all patrol cruisers in the fleet. This initiative was the result of extensive safety related research prompted by an increase in Division cruisers being struck from the rear on roadways throughout the state. Enhancements included adding blue lights to the existing red-light configuration on the light bar, modifying the lighting flash pattern, replacing the reflective door shield markings with greater reflective material, and installing reflective chevrons on the rear of each cruiser. With a focus on improving visibility on our roadways, the Rhode Island State Police Fleet Administration remains vigilant in keeping our Troopers safe while performing their duties.



Management Information Systems – Mr. James Shea

The MIS Unit has put an emphasis on software support this year with new databases being rolled out to members of the Division as well as the research and development of new ones. Also, several major projects have been completed with a new data store and upgraded building switches. The unit continues to support the division 24x7x365, with over 4200 trouble tickets resolved this year. Service with excellence continues to be the high standard that the unit maintains.

Planning, Research & Accreditation – Corporal Melissa Rand

The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit conducts research, collects, and compiles statistical information, and prepares documents on law enforcement related topics to enhance the operational and administrative capabilities of the Division. The Unit also coordinates the preparation, revision, and editing of all policies, directives, and practices as part of a steadfast commitment to satisfy the standards promulgated by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC).

In addition, the Unit responds to inquiries from law enforcement agencies, represents the Division on various national, State, and local organizations and committees regarding law enforcement, and manages the Division's Internship Program.

In 2022, the Unit finalized several research projects, compiled statistical data, formulated the Division's Affirmative Action Plan and successfully completed the Division's Year 1 CALEA remote web-based assessment.

Radio Services Unit – Mr. Thomas Crotty

Mr. Thomas Crotty is the Director of Radio Communications and has served with the Division for over 25 years. He is responsible for the performance of the Rhode Island State Police radio communication systems. The radio systems provide voice and data communications for the Division and are supported by thirteen (13) communication sites located throughout the state. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Department of Environmental Management, and the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center. In addition to the state agencies, the RISP radio infrastructure also supports the statewide 800 MHz interoperable radio system (RISCON). This radio network is used by numerous cities and towns as their primary radio system, but also provides statewide interoperability for thousands of first responders. The infrastructure also supports radio systems used by the FBI, US Coast Guard, FAA, NOAA, and other governmental agencies.

As the microwave and 800 MHz radio communications systems are the lifeline of the Rhode Island State Police, it is imperative that the systems are at an optimum level of performance at all times. The staff inspects and monitors all communication sites on a regular basis to ensure that the systems are kept at the highest level of reliability. Radio Services is also responsible for the installation and repair of the

fleet emergency systems that include emergency lights, radio equipment, mobile data, and radar units.

Radio Services is currently involved in projects to upgrade the microwave network.

Technical Services – Mr. William K. Guy

The Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit is comprised of a dedicated team of employees who support a variety of technical and telecommunications services providing vital data to the law enforcement community throughout the state.

At the heart of the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit is the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS), which provides network services and data access to law enforcement officers statewide. The RILETS network connects to seventy (70) criminal justice agencies within the state, providing a vital link to local, state, regional and national criminal justice data resources. Drivers' license information, motor vehicle registration information, criminal history and wanted persons checks are among some of the data elements provided by the RILETS network to the law enforcement community. The RILETS network support and help desk services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

RILETS also provides Rhode Island users with connectivity to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) national network located in West Virginia and the NLETS (The International Justice and Public Safety) national network located in Arizona.

In addition to the RILETS network, the Technical Services Unit is responsible for all Rhode Island State Police internal telecommunications services. Telephone services and data circuits are managed and supported by the Technical Services Unit.

The Technical Services Unit also provides project management services for many of the technology related projects initiated by the Rhode Island State Police.

Telecommunications Unit – Mr. Jack Chan

Jack Chan is the Director of Operations and supervisor of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) / Telecommunications Unit. He has served with the State Police for seven (7) years, starting as a Telecommunicator in July of 2016. Mr. Chan is the Alert Web Portal Administrator (America's Missing: Broadcasting Emergency Response (AMBER), Missing Senior Citizen (SILVER) and BLUE Alert) and performs the work of the RILETS / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Quality Assurance Unit.

The RILETS / Telecommunications Unit operates twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days a year. The Unit provides access to several databases containing information collected by criminal justice agencies that is needed in law enforcement functions including: wanted person information; missing person information; unidentified person information; stolen

property information; criminal history information; information on identifiable individuals compiled to anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity; vehicle registrations, driver's licenses and more. The fundamental information and support provided by the Unit is essential for the safety of the Troopers and other police officers.

The Unit is responsible for a variety of functions, to include but not limited to, maintaining affidavit and arrest warrants for the State Police, conducting intensive backgrounds through database searches, creating, editing, and activating Alerts (AMBER Alerts, Missing Senior Citizen Alerts SILVER and BLUE Alerts, entering and maintaining Parole Board Detention Warrants issued by Rhode Island Parole Board and monitoring the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency radios for emergency and testing situations. After normal business hours for RI DMV, the unit assisted with requests for license, identification card or registration information.

During the past calendar year, the Unit performed hundreds of thousands of requests for computer checks for Division members.

Training Academy – Lieutenant Peter Cambio

The Training Academy is located at 64 Winsor Road in the Town of Foster. The Training Academy is responsible for conducting the Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Program, all in-service training for member of the Division, and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy coordinates training with other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Trainers. In addition, the Training Academy handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division. These functions include coordinating and conducting law enforcement career awareness programs at high schools and colleges, in Rhode Island and other New England states, as part of the Division's continuing recruitment effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.



On August 26, 2022, thirty (30) probationary Troopers graduated from the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy, upon completion of a twenty-four (24) week training curriculum. These probationary Troopers continued further development through a structured and closely supervised Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. The Training Academy Commandant, Lieutenant Cambio, was responsible for the overall coordination, scheduling, and training relative to the FTO Program. The goal of the Rhode Island State Police FTO Program is to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of newly enlisted probationary Troopers.

On August 1, 2022, the Rhode Island State Police announced a recruitment and application process for the proposed 2024 Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Academy. The Training Academy newly implemented a series of Recruit Preparedness Program sessions for applicants. The overall mission of the Recruit Preparedness Program was to provide applicants the necessary information and guidance to successfully perform and pass the Physical Assessment Testing Phase, scheduled to commence in January 2023.



The goal of the Training Academy is to ensure the Rhode Island State Police remains at the forefront of law enforcement training to serve and protect the citizens of the State.

Uniform Crime Reporting- Mrs. Linda Fraccola

The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit oversees the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) which is staffed by a full-time civilian Operations Manager. The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides an overview of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies.

The Rhode Island Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program serves as the state repository for the collection of crime statistics. The Program's primary objective is to compile reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. As the program has evolved and the demand for transparency has increased, so has the demand for the data compiled under this Program. While the data has been publicly available via the Crime in Rhode Island annual static publication, the UCR Unit has released the Crime in Rhode Island Online Portal which provides real time statistical information based on monthly data received from Rhode Island's law enforcement agencies. The goal of the Online Portal is to replace the Crime in Rhode Island annual static publication and to allow for members of the public to access public information more easily regarding crime statistics in a timely manner.

During 2022, a Statewide UCR data migrations strategy was developed, executed, tested and a detailed audit of UCR was completed after the migration. Additionally, testing was completed for UCR flat file implementation and conversion to XML data from local and state law enforcement. A comparison of statistics from the legacy system to the Public Portal was conducted and the UCR Manager coordinated with the vendor to ensure that the web-based application met federal requirements.

In spring of 2022, the FBI Quality Assurance Review and Audit of the UCR Program indicated that no corrective action was necessary, and the Program passed the intense audit conducted by CJIS.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Unit is under the command of Captain Timothy Allen, Jr, a 25-year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. Captain Allen was assigned to the Lincoln Woods, Hope Valley, Portsmouth, and Wickford Barracks. He was transferred to the Detective Bureau in 2005. As a member of the Detective Bureau, Captain Allen served in the Intelligence Unit, Gaming Enforcement Unit, HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Unit, VFTF (Violent Fugitive Task Force) and the Providence Police Gang Unit. In addition, Captain Allen served as the Officer-in-Charge of the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Unit, Gaming Enforcement Unit, and the Intelligence Unit.

Prior to joining the Rhode Island State Police, Captain Allen served seven years with the City of Central Falls Police Department. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Slippery Rock University -PA.

The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegation of misconduct made against sworn law enforcement and civilian employees of the Division. The Professional Standards Unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly, and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will end with one of three determined classifications:

- Unfounded - Evidence proves that allegations of the complaint did not occur.
- Unsubstantiated - Evidence does not prove that the allegations of the complaint occurred or, did not occur. Founded-Evidence proved that the allegations of the complaint occurred.

Founded complaints result in disciplinary sanctions or corrective action, in compliance with General Order-3C, titled, "Internal Investigation Procedure/Policy."

In 2022, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public while responding to 79,222 calls for service, initiating 40,881 motor vehicle stops, affecting 4,381 arrests, investigating 6,412 accidents, and issuing 43,056 citations.

During this same time period (2022), the Professional Standards Unit investigated forty (40) complaints that alleged employee misconduct. Twenty-one (21) of these complaints were generated internally by another Division member and the remaining twenty-nine (29) were made by a civilian member of the public.

Twenty-three (23) of these complaint investigations were closed with a classification of "unfounded", sixteen (16) resulted in a classification of "founded", and one (1), a lethal use of force incident is pending a final disposition.

Statistical Tables

Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2022:

Type of Investigation	Qty	Unfounded	Founded w/ Discipline	Pending
Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)	12	6	6	0
Job Performance (Sworn)	18	9	9	0
Racial Profiling (Sworn)	6	6	0	0
Off-Duty Conduct (Sworn)	1	0	1	0
Other	3	2	0	1
TOTAL:	40	23	16	1

Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2022:

Force Type	Proper Use-Justified	Unjustified/Corrective Action Taken	Total
Physical	32	0	32
Cap Stun	1	0	1
Taser	8	0	8
Baton	0	0	0
K9	0	0	0
Unintentional K9 Bite	0	0	0
Lethal Force	1	0	1
Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance	4	0	4
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	5	0	5
TOTAL	51	0	51

Comparison to Previous Years

Force Type	2022	2021	2020	2019
Physical	32	29	14	28
Cap-Stun	1	0	4	0
Baton	0	0	1	0
Taser	8	11	5	5
K9	0	5	2	2
Unintentional K9 Bite	0	1	0	0
Lethal Force	1	0	0	0
Firearm Drawn (to Gain Compliance)	4	12	14	6
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	5	5	5	2
TOTALS	51	63	45	43