

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear Governor Raimondo,

I am pleased to provide you with the 2019 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my first since being named Superintendent in March 2019. The following pages reflect the activity and services the Division has rendered to the citizens of our State during the 2019 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 statistical data and examples of the accomplishments and service delivery that each of our barracks, bureaus, and units have provided.

Upon assuming command of the Division, I conducted a division-wide online anonymous climate survey. The survey was designed to assess the Division's strengths and weaknesses regarding organizational leadership, communication and compliance in order to provide an overall assessment of the agency. I have used the results of the survey to guide organizational decision making to improve productivity morale.

Upon assuming command of the Division, I began to explore innovative ways to maintain operational effectiveness while maintaining officer safety. To that end, I convened a committee to explore splitting up the traditional overnight shift of two Troopers per car, to a single Trooper per car. This committee of stakeholders reviewed and evaluated the benefits, unintended consequences, and costs associated with this concept. The goal of the initiative was to increase presence statewide, enhance officer safety, increase supervisor resources and improve morale. The work of the committee resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement with the Rhode Island Troopers Association to implement a 90-day trial period of single trooper per car late patrol. During 2020, upon the completion of the trial period, I expect the committee to reconvene to evaluate the results.

During 2019 the HOPE (Heroin - Opioid Prevention Effort) Hope Initiative was fully staffed. A first in the country, the HOPE Initiative is a statewide program that engages law enforcement personnel in a proactive outreach strategy to combat the opioid overdose epidemic. The HOPE Initiative partners substance use professionals and members of law enforcement with the mission of reaching out to those who are at risk of overdosing to encourage them to be assessed and treated. I am confident this important program will help reduce overdose deaths and save lives.

On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you. The Rhode Island State Police stands ready to provide the citizens of the State of Rhode Island unsurpassed law enforcement services.

Respectfully,

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Colonel James M. Manni  
 Superintendent

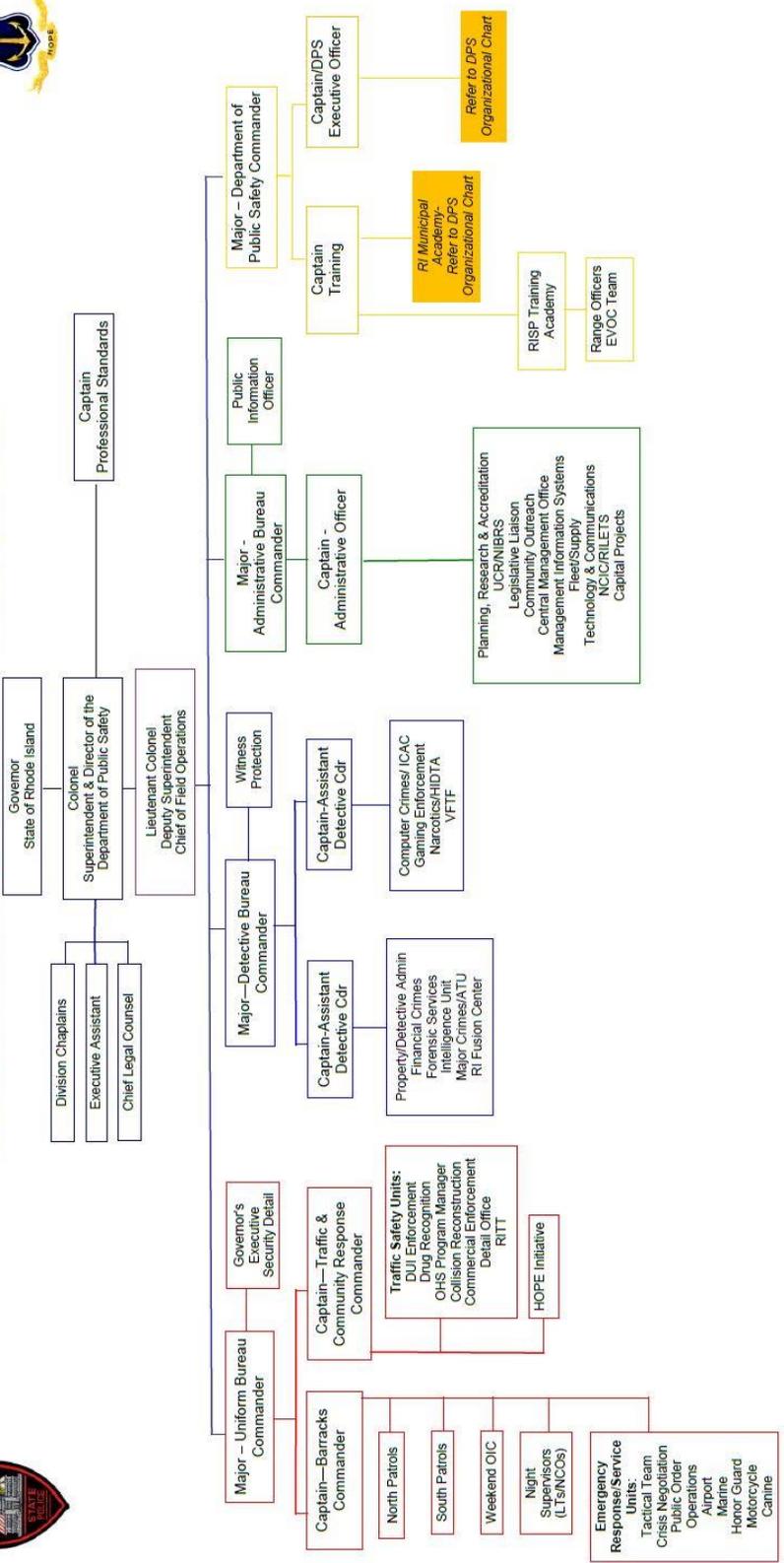
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# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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# COMMAND STAFF



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Major Timothy G. Sanzi



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Captain John M. Allen



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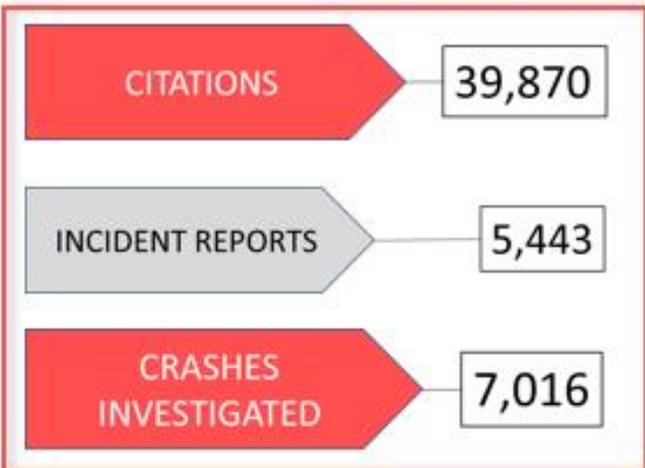
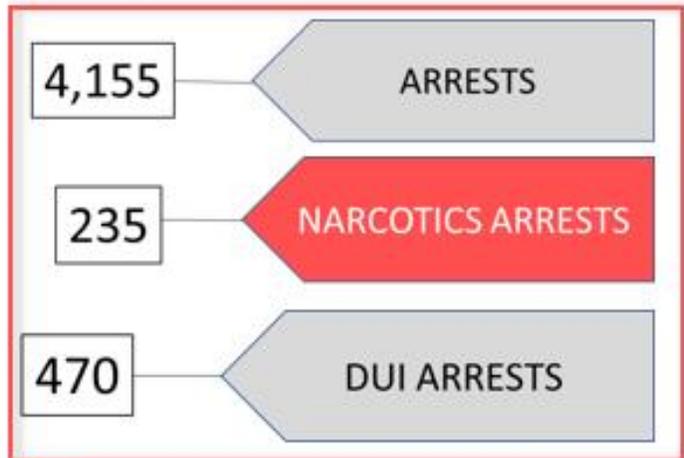


Captain Laurie Ludovici



Captain Robert A. Creamer

# 2019 BY THE NUMBERS



# PATROL BUREAU

The Patrol Bureau is responsible for the 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.

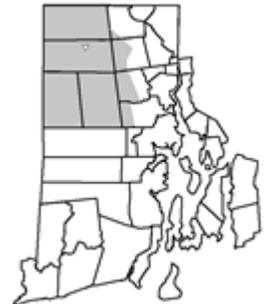
## Lincoln Woods Barracks – Lieutenant John P. Charbonneau

In 2019, Troopers from the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated 934 incidents and made 1,274 arrests. Troopers at the Lincoln Woods Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 186 square miles, which is fifty percent urban, twenty-five percent metropolitan, and twenty-five percent rural to include three (3) of Rhode Island's major highways. Incidents on interstate highways 95, 195 as well as RI state highways 146 and 10 make up many of those calls. In 2019, the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated 4,362 motor vehicle crashes, of which six (6) involved fatalities. Troopers are committed to enforcement of the State's traffic safety laws and issued 10,811 traffic citations for motor vehicle code violations. In a continuing effort to reduce fatal motor vehicle accidents, Troopers conducted traffic enforcement details in areas prone to fatal motor vehicle accidents, which resulted in hundreds of citations to keep the highways as safe as possible.



## Scituate Barracks – Lieutenant Alfred Ruggiero, Jr.

In 2019, Troopers from the Scituate Barracks investigated 605 incidents and made 652 arrests. Troopers at the Scituate barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 355 square miles, which is thirty-nine percent urban, forty-three percent rural and eighteen percent metropolitan. The Scituate barracks patrols Interstate 295, Routes 6, 146 and Route 99. The barracks is situated in the northwest part of the state and is responsible for numerous calls for service.



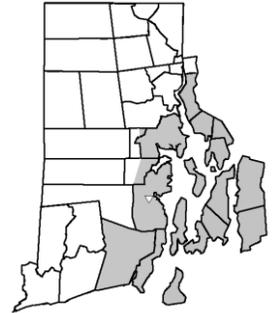
## Hope Valley Barracks – Sergeant Ronald J. Longolucco

In 2019, Troopers of the Hope Valley Barracks investigated 708 incidents and made 509 arrests. Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 331 square miles, which is the most rural area within the state. Hope Valley Troopers investigated numerous crimes throughout the past year to include narcotic investigations, receiving stolen goods, fraud and obtaining monies under false pretenses, sexual crimes, fugitive from justice arrests, bomb threats, domestic assault crimes, U.S. Currency seizures, and breaking and entering. Hope Valley Troopers also investigated 464 crashes and effected 76 driving under the influence of liquor and/ or drugs arrests.



## Wickford Barracks – Lieutenant David T. Bassignani

In 2019, Troopers from the Wickford Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 469 square miles, which is both rural and urban, as well as, the largest patrol area. Not only do they handle the calls of the Wickford Barracks patrol area, but they also handle calls in the now-closed Portsmouth Barracks patrol area as well as a portion of the Town of Exeter. In 2019, Troopers handled 875 incidents, 728 arrests, and 1088 accidents. Wickford Troopers also investigated 1088 crashes and effected 160 driving under the influence of liquor and/ or drugs arrests.



## Commercial Enforcement Unit – Sergeant John E. Furtado

During 2019, the Commercial Enforcement Unit performed 2,827 roadside inspections, which included 281 hazardous materials carriers. As a result of these roadside inspections, 7,019 violations were cited with 540 vehicles and 199 drivers being placed out of service due to unsafe operating conditions. Troopers also conducted 484 traffic enforcement stops yielding 521 violations.

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 provided 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.

## Operations – Sergeant Simon C. Liu

During 2019, the Operations Office coordinated the Division's response to such events as the Governor's State of the State Address, Pell Bridge Run, Four Bridge Ride, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, The Big "E" Eastern States Exposition, several parades to include the Bristol Independence Day Celebration and other ceremonies that involve the Division Honor Guard Unit. In addition, the Operations Officer oversees and creates operational plans for numerous dignitary security protection details that included visits to Rhode Island by Chief of Staff General James McConville, and Prime Minister of Cabo Verde José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva and numerous other political and military dignitaries. The Operations Officer also handled and coordinated with local police departments numerous requests for Silver Alerts and one AMBER Alert.





# 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.

## 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 2019, the ICAC Task Force was comprised of five (5) members of the CCU along with detectives from the Warwick Police Department, Cranston Police Department, Newport Police Department, East Providence Police Department, Pawtucket Police Department, Bristol Police Department, Woonsocket Police Department, North Kingstown Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

In 2019, the CCU/ICAC Task Force completed numerous operations resulting in 100 arrests. The unit handled 672 incidents which included 172 proactive investigations, 295 forensic analyses, and 205 technical assists to Division members or other law enforcement agencies.

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

The Rhode Island Joint Cyber Task Force (JCTF) 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. Currently, the Joint Cyber Task Force 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 Joint Cyber Task Force continues to grow in size and expertise, furthering the mission to be able to provide coordinated analysis, support, and response both during and prior to a potential cyber incident.



The Joint Cyber Task Force continued to participate in other statewide cyber meetings, such as Congressman James Langevin's Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource Working Group, and the Pell Center Corporate Cybersecurity Initiative meetings. 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 three years, and continuing this year for a fourth, 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 the municipality, allowing for capability that 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 – Sergeant Matthew S. Salisbury**

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, 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 2019, the Financial Crimes Unit opened two hundred forty-eight (248) investigations and made one hundred and fifty (150) arrests.

## **Forensic Services Unit - Lieutenant John H. Grassel**

The Rhode Island State Police Forensic Service Unit (FSU) is responsible for the processing of crime scenes, providing technical services with criminal investigations, and assisting agencies with forensic investigations. The FSU is the first and only ISO Accredited police crime laboratory in the State of Rhode Island. FSU specialties include: crime scene processing and documentation, which includes Leica 3D scanning capabilities, digital photography, evidence processing, latent fingerprint print development and comparison, footwear impression development and comparison, blood spatter interpretation, shooting reconstruction and video analysis.

During 2019, the Forensic Services Unit continued to provide expert scene documentation and analysis throughout the State. This included shooting incidents in Providence, Tiverton, Exeter, Charlestown, Richmond, Cranston and Westerly. This also included assistance to outside agencies as well as forensic expertise to State Police investigators.

## **Fusion Center – Lieutenant William F. Accardi**

The mission of the Fusion Center is to facilitate the timely and accurate exchange of information between local, state, and federal public safety agencies as well as private sector organizations. Through a cooperative and coordinated approach, the Fusion Center augments law enforcement operations by acting as a centralized, comprehensive criminal intelligence center to coordinate the exchange of criminal information to identify, investigate and prevent criminal activity relevant to terrorism and public safety. The Fusion Center works closely with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that it meets nationally recognized benchmarks and standards.



During 2019, the Fusion Center received a total of one thousand, four hundred and twenty-eight (1,428) requests for information from law enforcement agencies. These requests came from federal, state and local law enforcement throughout Rhode Island and outside jurisdictions. Additionally, the Fusion Center investigated one hundred thirty-four (134) incidents. These incidents are generally initiated through tips and leads provided through our 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 lead that is received by the Fusion

Center is thoroughly investigated and shared in a timely manner to ensure the safety of the citizens of our State.

## **Gaming Enforcement Unit – Lieutenant Richard D. Ptaszek**

The Rhode Island State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit is committed to ensuring the integrity of Rhode Island's Gaming Industry. This unit protects the State of Rhode Island, Twin River Casino's at Lincoln and Tiverton, and their respective employees, patrons and the public. They do so by ensuring that gaming and non-gaming activities are free from criminal activities and corruptive elements. The Gaming Enforcement Unit works diligently and cooperatively with the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation – Division of Racing and Athletics, and the Rhode Island Lottery Commission. The Gaming Enforcement Unit is focused on corporate/background investigations, employee background investigations, criminal enforcement/investigations, and intelligence. These four distinct components, working together, provide a comprehensive approach to ensuring the integrity of the gaming industry in the State of Rhode Island.

With the addition the Twin River Tiverton Casino-Hotel, along with adding a hotel venue at the Twin River Lincoln Casino-Hotel and a Sportsbook at both facilities, calls for service to the Gaming Enforcement Unit have increased as additional patrons visit these facilities. In 2019, members of the Gaming Enforcement Unit made 93 arrests and investigated 1,752 incidents and/or arrests at both casinos.

## **HIDTA/Narcotics – Lieutenant Timothy E. Allen Jr.**

The Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force is a statewide task force managed by the Rhode Island State Police. The Task Force is comprised of Rhode Island State Police Detectives, Special Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Bureau of Homeland Security, (HSI), along with full-time Detectives from the Providence Police Department, Pawtucket Police Department, West Warwick Police Department, Lincoln Police Department, Middletown Police Department and North Providence Police Department. The Rhode Island National Guard Counter Drug Support Program also has two (2) analysts assigned to the Task Force.

The Task Force is responsible for conducting investigations relating to violations of the federal and state Uniformed Controlled Substance Act. The mission of the Task Force is to identify, target for prosecution and dismantle, core and secondary drug trafficking organizations (DTO) that import and/or distribute cocaine, heroin, and/or other illegal narcotics in or through the Rhode Island geographical area. The HIDTA Task Force also assists members of the Uniform Division, local police departments and other state and federal agencies with narcotics-related investigations. In addition, the Task Force provides narcotics training as part of the Division's In-Service Training Program. Most cases investigated by the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force are a result of proactive investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from the cultivation of confidential informants. Furthermore, HIDTA members develop information provided to them by members of the Patrol Bureau as a result of motor vehicle stops and / or arrests.

In 2019, the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force executed 186 search warrants resulting in the seizure of 31.5 Kilos of Cocaine, 12 Kilos of Heroin, 46 Kilos of Fentanyl, 7 Kilos of BHO, 167 grams of crack cocaine,

140 pounds of marijuana, 1,426 marijuana plants, 1,382 oxycodone pills, 2,095 alprazolam pills, 674 grams of MDMA, 22 firearms, and \$1,131,247 dollars in US currency which resulted in 96 state and federal criminal arrests.

## **Major Crimes/Auto Theft Unit – Lieutenant Peter J. Chabot**

During 2019 members of the Major Crimes Unit made 289 arrests and investigated or assisted in 458 separate incidents. These cases were directed to the Major Crimes Unit through either an initial barracks investigation, walk-in complaint, complaint filed at the Detective Office located at the Adult Correctional Institution, or when called to assist with local law enforcement investigations. The Major Crimes Unit also consists of one (1) detective and one (1) Investigator assigned to the Auto Theft Unit which is responsible for insurance investigations and complaints regarding insurance fraud. The Major Crimes Unit is also responsible for managing and overseeing the Rhode Island Sex Offender Database System. 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 also 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.

## **Violent Fugitive Task Force – Lieutenant Christopher J. Schram**

In 2019, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested 314 people wanted by law enforcement agencies and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests included:

- Eight (8) wanted for Murder
- Eight (8) wanted for Armed Robbery
- Three (3) wanted for Kidnapping
- Fourteen (14) wanted for Sexual Assault/Child Molestation
- Twenty-five (25) wanted for Delivery of Narcotics/ Possession with Intent to Deliver Narcotics
- Fifteen (15) wanted for breaking and entering/home invasion
- Twenty-one (21) wanted for felony assault with a dangerous weapon to include firearms

The Violent Fugitive Task Force brought additional criminal charges on persons for new firearms charges, resisting arrest and obstruction of justice and various drug charges. Members seized multiple guns and drugs during these investigations. Members also arrested multiple subjects for escape from the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) and escape from Home Confinement.

# ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

The Administrative Bureau provides the materials and services that enable the Department to accomplish its mission. The Bureau's responsibilities include all aspects of personnel management, information technology, procurement, vehicles and facilities and consists of Fleet/Supply Administration, Management Information Systems Unit (MIS), Planning, Research & Accreditation, Technical Services, and the Radio Bureau.

## Facilities/Capital Projects Management – Lieutenant Richard D. Swanson

The Facilities and Capital Projects Manager is responsible for maintenance and improvements to the 12 buildings on the Headquarters complex, the five (5) patrol barracks, the Training Academy property, the E911 backup call answering center at 1951 Smith Street North Providence, and offices located at 50 Service Avenue in Warwick. The Facilities and Capital Project manager is responsible for the security and surveillance systems at Headquarters and all barracks locations, the oversight of the Division's Technical Services Unit, and the Division's Maintenance Unit.

The Facilities and Capital Projects Manager is responsible for coordinating with members of the state Department of Administration's Department of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAMM). Capital Projects protection is defined as maintenance, replacement, or acquisition of assets with a life expectancy of greater than (10) ten years and costs of greater than \$50,000. The Facilities and Capital Projects manager is responsible for ensuring accountability of, and value for, public dollars while operating within the standard specifications for purchases, contracts, bids and awards as specified by the RI Division of Purchasing.

Under the direction of the Department of Administration, the Division of State Police is in the process of developing a Master Plan Program. This Master Plan will identify the Division's short- and long-term program and facility needs, as well as capital investment priorities through the year 2040. The Facilities and Capital Projects manager is responsible for the successful completion of the Masterplan through the coordination of all participating agencies, to include the Rhode Island State Police, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Energy Resources, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Transportation.

## Fleet/Supply Administration – Corporal William C. Corson

The Fleet/Supply Administration Unit is responsible for a variety of administrative functions which include, the fleet management of approximately three hundred and forty (340) vehicles assigned to the Rhode Island State Police and the coordination of the purchasing of new vehicles to replace the older vehicles in the fleet. The office is responsible for researching vehicles and equipment that best fits the needs of the Rhode State Police. The office 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, gas cards, 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 also reviews of 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 of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Standards pertaining to equipment, vehicles, and record keeping.

## **Management Information Systems – Mr. James Shea**

The Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit maintains the operation and enhancement of the Rhode Island State Police's Wide Area Network. This network encompasses the entire state, consisting of five (5) barracks, the Rhode Island State Police (RISP) Headquarters building, the RISP Training Academy, and various remote locations. The Unit manages many types of computing systems, all integrated to work towards the common goal of delivering information to Division members.

The MIS Unit is currently in a modernization project of both the hardware and software utilized by the division. In the ongoing effort to keep the division with the most current technological tools and data systems, it is constantly researching and developing these tools for use in the field and in the campus environment. Updating bandwidth, security and accessibility are the priorities in the coming year.

## **Planning, Research & Accreditation – Captain Laurie Ludovici**

The Planning, Research & Accreditation Unit conducts research, collects and compiles statistical information, and prepares documents on law enforcement related issues to enhance the operational and administrative capabilities of Division. 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, manages the Division Internship Program, and Public Speaking Requests.

The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit oversees the Uniform Crime Reporting (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 a view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies. The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit also oversees the Social Media Section which is staffed by a full-time civilian who maintains and continually updates content for ten (10) Rhode Island Department of Public Safety websites. The Social Media Section coordinates with local and state agencies to provide real-time information to the public via social media outlets during emergency situations.

## **Radio Services – Mr. Thomas Crotty**

Mr. Thomas Crotty is the Director of Radio Communications and has served with the Division for over 24 years and 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 provides 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.

An important component of the RILETS network is the management of several statewide data sharing interfaces:

- *Crash Report Interface* – The Crash Report Interface facilitates the transfer of crash report data from law enforcement agencies throughout the state to the Department of Transportation's Crash Repository over the RILETS network.
- *J Link Interface* – The J Link Interface provides for the exchange of arrest and disposition data between the courts and all Rhode Island police agencies over the RILETS network.
- *Citation Interface* – The Citation Interface provides for the exchange of citations and citation disposition data between law enforcement agencies and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal over the RILETS network.
- *Cross Agency Interface* – The Cross Agency Interface provides for the exchange of name and vehicle data between police agencies over the RILETS network.
- *Department of Motor Vehicles Interface* – The Department of Motor Vehicles Interface provides Rhode Island driver and vehicle data to police officers in Rhode Island and nationwide.
- *Criminal History Interface* – The Criminal History Interface provides access to Rhode Island criminal history data, from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, to law enforcement agencies within Rhode Island and nationwide.

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.

## **Training Academy – Sergeant Mark W. Gilson**

The Training Academy is responsible for conducting the Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Program, all In-Service training for members of the Division, and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy also coordinates training with the other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) partners. The Training Academy handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division. These functions include conducting career awareness programs at many area high schools, colleges and events throughout Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract the best qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.

In 2019 the Training Academy, commanded by Lt. Accardi, with Staff of Cpl. Corson, and Troopers Crowley, Jensen, D. Palmer, and Carr, completed a Recruit Training Class that ran from January to June, graduating thirty-seven new Troopers to join the ranks of the Division. It was the largest (37 Troopers) and most diverse (19 minorities, to include 7 women) class to graduate in the history of the RI State Police. The Academy also coordinated the Division's mandatory Annual In-Service Training Program, designed to provide sworn members and civilian staff with all mandatory training courses in four (4) separate phases conducted throughout the calendar year. The four phases consisted of training and re-certification in the following topics: Firearms, Defensive Tactics/Response to Resistance, TASER, Active Shooter training, Field Force Operations (riot control), Sovereign Citizens Movement, Missing Persons/Alerts, Imposter Training, Legal Updates, CPR certification, Fentanyl / dangerous drug awareness, Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Additionally, the Training Academy continued an on-line training program that included: Cultural Diversity/Bias Based Policing, Ethics, Mental Illness awareness, All hazards training, and Bloodborne pathogens.



## Professional Standards – Captain Kenneth S. Buonaiuto

The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Division of State Police. The 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: founded, unfounded, or unsubstantiated. Founded complaints result in disciplinary sanctions or corrective actions in compliance with General Order-3C, titled, "Internal Investigation Procedure/Policy."

In 2019, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public during 73,153 calls for service, 37,079 motor vehicle stops, 4,155 arrests, 5,033 investigations and 7,016 accident investigations. Considering calls for service and motor vehicle stops alone, Division members interacted with a minimum of approximately 110,000 individuals. This is a very conservative estimate considering many of these incidents may have involved contact with multiple individuals. During this same time period the Professional Standards Unit received twenty-five (25) complaints related to employee conduct that were investigated through the internal investigation process. Fourteen (14) of these cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated. Nine (9) cases were determined to be founded and required corrective action or disciplinary sanctions and the findings of two (2) case are pending a final disposition. The twenty-five (25) investigations conducted by the Professional Standards Unit in 2019 represents less than .023% of the contacts Division members made throughout the year.

### Statistical Tables

#### Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2019

<i>Type of Investigation</i>	<i># of Investigatio</i>	<i>Unfounded- Unsubstantiat</i>	<i>Founded w/Disciplin</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b><i>Unprofessional</i></b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b><i>Job Performance</i></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b><i>Racial Profiling</i></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b><i>Off-Duty Conduct</i></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b><i>Off-Duty Conduct</i></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b><i>Other</i></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b><i>TOTAL:</i></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	

#### Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2019

<i>Force Type</i>	<i>Proper Use-Justified</i>	<i>Unjustified/Discipline</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b><i>Physical</i></b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>
<b><i>Cap Stun</i></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><i>Taser</i></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b><i>K9</i></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b><i>Lethal Force</i></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><i>Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance</i></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>

Division members responded to 73,153 calls for service, conducted 37,079 motor vehicle stops, affected 4,155 arrests, conducted 5,442 investigations and investigated 7,016 motor vehicle accidents in 2019. After removing the two incidents in which an injured animal was euthanized, force was used during 0.99% of all arrests (4,155) affected in 2019. This figure is significantly below the national average of 1.6% (Bureau of Justice Statistics report NCJ 249216).

### Comparison to Previous Years

<b>Force Type</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Physical</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Physical w/ Cap-Stun</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Physical w/Baton</b>	<b>0</b>						
<b>Physical w/ Taser</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Physical w/K9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Physical w/Baton &amp; Taser</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Physical Force w/Firearm to Gain Control</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cap Stun</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Taser</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Taser w/K9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>K9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lethal Force</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance (No discharge)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>