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The Honorable Daniel J. McKee
 Governor
 State House
 82 Smith Street
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Dear Governor McKee:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2021 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my third 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 2021 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.

Despite critical staffing shortages, the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police take pride in providing a level of service to the residents and visitors of our State that is second to none. This is evident in the everyday efforts of our Troopers but was especially noted during the response to Hurricane Henri. Additionally, the number of arrests for impaired driving has more than doubled from just two years ago as we continue our efforts to keep the highways safe.

After several years of planning, I am pleased to announce that we have secured funding to build a new state-of-the-art consolidated Southern Barracks to replace the outdated Wickford and Hope Valley Barracks. This is a major upgrade to the Division's infrastructure that will serve the public for years to come. Funding was also allocated to refurbish the Portsmouth Barracks. Construction is expected to begin in June 2022, and we look forward to better serving our citizens in the East Bay.

Law enforcement nationwide is evolving rapidly toward a more transparent platform. The Rhode Island State Police are no different. We completed a body-worn camera pilot program in 2021 which was well received by our members. Working collaboratively with the Attorney General's Office, we hope to purchase body-worn cameras for all uniform troopers in 2022. Cameras will be important not only for transparency, but also to be used as a valuable tool toward the prosecution of criminal cases and officer safety training.

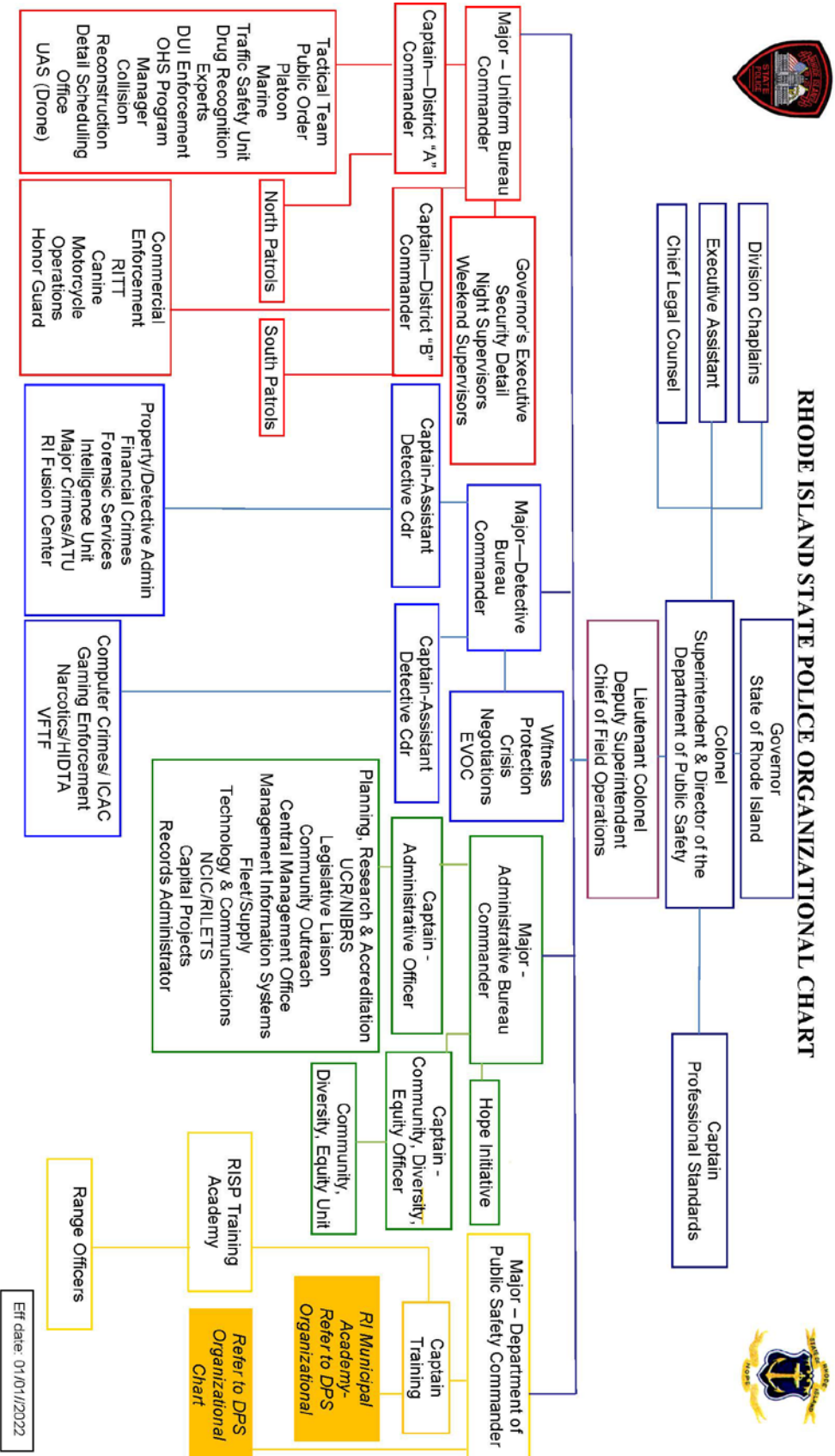
As is the case with most Rhode Islanders, we are hopeful that we are on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic and can move forward as an agency toward a bright and productive future. While the previous two years have been challenging, there is much to look forward to in 2022. On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support and look forward to our continued work together.

Respectfully,

Colonel James M. Manni

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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COMMAND STAFF



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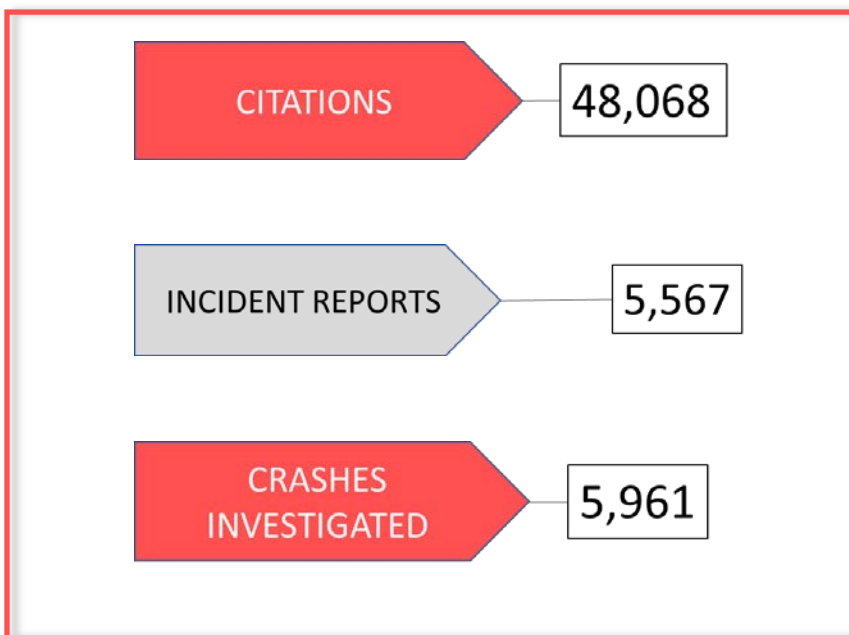
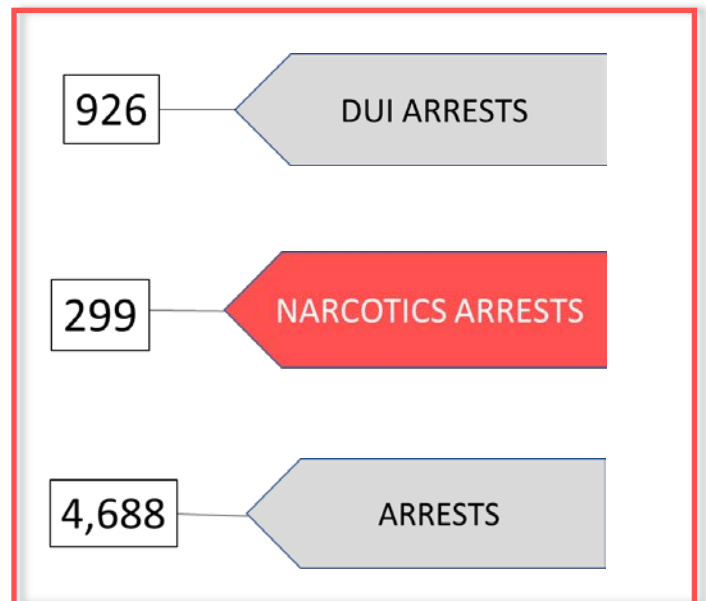


Captain Ronald J. Longolucco



Captain Mark W. Gilson

2021 BY THE NUMBERS



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.

Lincoln Woods Barracks – Charles G. LeValley

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.

Large-scale protests continued in 2021 with new topics from aiding the homeless to anti-vaccination. Troopers were frequently called to the State House on protection details due to these protests. Oftentimes several troopers were tied up with security details while also completing their regular day-to-day duties.

Even with these operational challenges, members of the Lincoln Woods Barracks made 1,250 arrests; handled 3,991 accidents; investigated 1,074 incidents; and issued 10,728 citations.

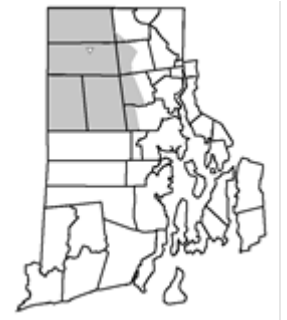


Scituate Barracks – Lieutenant Jeffrey P. L'heureux

The Scituate Barracks patrol the northwest part of the State that encompasses approximately 355 square miles, which is thirty-nine percent urban, forty-three percent rural, and eighteen percent metropolitan.

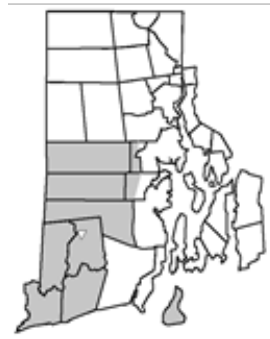
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Scituate Barracks had to take on more tasks to protect detainees and employees. All detainees were taken to State Police Headquarters for processing since March of 2020. Members of the Scituate Barracks were tasked with handling all prisoners and transports for various Detective Units and other Barracks, while adhering to the newly created and constantly evolving COVID-19 safety protocols.

Even with staffing shortages, the Scituate Barracks made 753 arrests; handled 823 accidents, investigated 540 incidents; and issued 9,702 citations.



Hope Valley Barracks – Lieutenant Richard D. Swanson

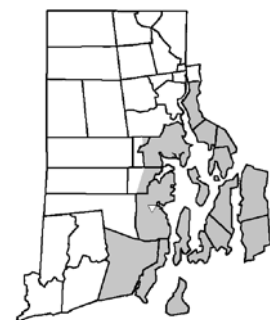
Troopers assigned to the Hope Valley Barracks provide broad police service across the southwest section of the State, not only to support its own investigations, but to support other law enforcement agencies in the region. Much of the Hope Valley jurisdiction is classified as rural or suburban and the Town of Exeter is the only municipality in the State without a local police department. The Hope Valley Barracks patrols the western side of Exeter. Interstate 95 is the major travel corridor within our jurisdiction and is the primary focus for patrols. Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 331 square miles, which is the most rural area within the State.



During 2021, Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks investigated 446 incidents and made 316 arrests. Troopers investigated 206 motor vehicle crashes including 7 fatalities. The Hope Valley Barracks is committed to aggressive traffic enforcement. As a result, Troopers issued 6,937 citations and effected 73 DUI related arrests.

Wickford Barracks – Lieutenant Michael D. Casey

Troopers assigned to the Wickford Barracks patrol the southeast region of the State to include the Town of Exeter. In addition, the Wickford Barracks handles all calls for service for the currently closed Portsmouth Barracks. Troopers from the Wickford Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 469 square miles, which is both rural and urban.



This year brought many additional responsibilities to the Wickford Barracks that again included civil unrest and the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these added responsibilities, the Wickford Barracks investigated 616 accidents with zero fatalities. This can be directly attributed to increased traffic enforcement, including 83 DUI arrests. Troopers at the Wickford Barracks completed hundreds of firearm background investigations for Exeter and out-of-state residents wishing to purchase firearms.



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 the Traffic Safety Unit funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration dedicated to reducing impaired driving. The Traffic Safety Unit's strives toward 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 policy which has established 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 of intoxicating liquor and/or drugs, speeding, 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. In 2021, the Traffic Safety Unit handled 5,468 calls for service which yielded 5,215 traffic summons and 758 arrests. Of all arrests, 451 were for impaired driving. The Unit also investigated 30 incidents. Due to the Traffic Safety Unit's expertise and flexibility, Unit members are regularly called to assist local communities with aggressive traffic enforcement.

Commercial Enforcement Unit – Lieutenant Sean P. O'Hern

During 2021, the Commercial Enforcement Unit performed 4,255 roadside commercial vehicle inspections which included 167 Hazardous Materials carriers and 2,148 inspections related to Traffic Enforcement stops. As a result of these roadside inspections, 11,165 violations were cited with 759 vehicles and 376 drivers being placed Out-of-Service due to unsafe operating conditions.

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

Operations Officer – Lieutenant Simon C. Liu

In 2021 the Operations Office coordinated the Division's response to such events as the Governor's State of the State Address, Pell Bridge Run, 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.

Additionally, the Operations Officer oversees and creates operational plans for numerous dignitary security protection details that included visits to Rhode Island by President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Chief of Staff General James McConville, as well as numerous other political and military dignitaries. The Operations Officer also handles and coordinates requests for Silver Alerts and one AMBER Alert with local police departments.

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.

Charitable Gaming – Ms. Pauline Malac

In 2021, the Charitable Gaming Unit processed 772 Games of Chance applications, consisting of 695 Raffle applications, 51 Senior Citizens Recreational Bingo applications, 20 Special Bingo Applications and 6 Weekly Bingo applications. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions placed on activities by the Governor's Executive Orders that began in March 2020, applications for charitable gaming have declined considerably, events have been canceled, and organizations are waiting to renew their authorizations for weekly and/or senior citizens bingo.

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 2021, the ICAC Task Force was comprised of seven (7) members of the CCU along with detectives from the Warwick Police Department, Cranston Police Department, East Providence Police Department, Bristol Police Department, North Kingstown Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

This year, supervisors parsed through 1,301 cybertips resulting in approximately 457 investigations. Analysts and detectives conducted 239 forensic examinations, assisting fourteen other State Police units, as well as 29 outside agencies. Overall, ICAC members were responsible for 707 incidents and 82 arrests. Eight (8) cases were prosecuted federally.

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 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 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 Matthew S. Salisbury

The members of the Financial Crimes Unit are responsible for several 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 2021, the Financial Crimes Unit investigated 170 total cases, 96 of which were closed. Throughout the year, the Unit made 22 arrests.

Forensic Services Unit – Lieutenant Kenneth D. DeMarco

The Forensic Services Unit (FSU) received a total of 315 requests for service over the past year. 104 requests were from outside agencies to include municipal, state, and federal law enforcement partners. The FSU took the lead in providing needed expert crime scene investigation, personnel, and equipment in multiple incidents across the state.

The Forensic Services Unit continued to provide expert crime scene documentation and analysis throughout the State during 2021. 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. Investigative assistance and forensic expertise were provided to both the Detective and Uniform Divisions of the State Police as well as numerous outside agencies to include local, state, and federal law enforcement partners.

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 public safety agencies as well as private sector institutions. Through a cooperative and coordinated approach, the Fusion Center augments law enforcement operations by acting as a comprehensive, centralized Intelligence Center to coordinate 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.



During 2021, the Fusion Center received a total of 1,562 requests for information from law enforcement agencies. These requests came from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies throughout Rhode Island and outside jurisdictions. Additionally, the Fusion Center investigated 104

incidents. These incidents were initiated through tips and leads provided from 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 investigation. The Fusion center did all this while adapting to a significant shift in focus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, and other public safety concerns. 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 – Lieutenant Christopher J. Schram

The Rhode Island State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit continues to be dedicated to ensuring the integrity of gaming within the State. This unit protects the State of Rhode Island and Twin River Casinos at Lincoln and Tiverton. 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.

HIDTA/Narcotics – Lieutenant Thomas E. Jaques

The Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)/Narcotics (NARC) Unit is responsible for conducting investigations related to violations of the federal and state Uniformed Controlled Substance Act. The mission of HIDTA/NARC is to identify, target for prosecution and dismantle, core and secondary drug trafficking organizations (DTO) that import and/or distribute illegal narcotics in or through the Rhode Island geographical area. HIDTA/NARC also assists members of the Uniform Division, local police departments, and other state and federal agencies with narcotics-related investigations.

During 2021, the HIDTA Task Force executed 49 search warrants and seized 62.5 Kilos of Cocaine; 49.18 Kilos of Heroin; 63.7 Kilos of Fentanyl; 2853 Fentanyl Pills; 367 Pounds of Marijuana; 226 Marijuana Plants; 113 Oxycodone Pills; 14.82 Kilos of MDMA; 46.785 Kilos of Methamphetamine; 613 Alprazolam Pills; 2062 Adderall Pills; 12 grams of LSD; 126 Xanax Pills; 148.94 grams of Psilocybin; 1.218 Kilos of other Drugs; 88 firearms; 24 vehicles; and \$1,415,248 dollars in United States Currency.

Major Crimes/Auto Theft Unit – Lieutenant Richard D. Ptaszek

During 2021, members of the Major Crimes Unit made 169 arrests and investigated or assisted in 356 separate incidents. These cases included a variety of alleged criminal conduct, including but not limited to, sexual assaults, firearms violations, homicide, sex trafficking, arson, and assault. These investigations begin as complaints filed with the Detective Bureau or being directed to the Major Crimes Unit through either an initial barracks investigation or when called to assist local law enforcement agencies.

In May 2021, a new Unit was formed within the Major Crimes Unit to focus solely on addressing criminal cases involving sexual assaults and related investigations. The Special Victims Unit (SVU) initially began with two members and has since doubled within the year. Unit members have received additional training focusing on dealing with victims who have suffered traumatic events related to these types of investigations. In addition, a "soft room" has been established at State Police Headquarters to allow

for better interviews of victims. A therapy K-9 will also be joining the unit. The SVU has investigated 164 cases, resulting in 24 arrests. These numbers clearly show the need for a Unit focusing on these types of investigations.

The Major Crimes Unit also consists of two (2) detectives 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 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 Timothy J. Dandeneau

In 2021, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested 238 people wanted by law enforcement agencies and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests included: 5 wanted for Murder, 6 wanted for Armed Robbery, 3 wanted for Kidnapping, 13 wanted for Delivery of Narcotics/Possession with Intent to Deliver Narcotics, 5 wanted for Breaking and Entering/Burglary/Home Invasion, and 15 wanted for Felony Assault, including firearm related assault. VFTF also seized 8 firearms, 4.54 kilograms of narcotics, and \$123,190 in United States currency.

In addition, members also arrested multiple subjects for warrants issued for violations of conditions of Parole. Task force members assisted State and municipal law enforcement officers with apprehending suspects who were currently in the State of Rhode Island avoiding apprehension known as Fugitives from Justice. Detectives also assisted several federal agencies that had requested assistance through the Deputy United States Marshals Service with locating and apprehending suspects on various federal warrants.



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.

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

The year 2021 was the first full calendar year the Division utilized the Community, Diversity, Equity (CDE) Unit after being created in the summer of 2020. With the exception of a full time Captain, who serves as the Division's Community, Diversity and Equity Officer, the unit consists of Division members of varying ranks who volunteer to engage in CDE duties and responsibilities in addition to their already required job tasks. The Community, Diversity, Equity Officer is responsible for conveying the community's concerns to the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police. The Unit seeks cooperative relationships with members of the community, including groups and organizations within the private sector. Members provide public safety related information via lectures, presentations, and material handouts. Throughout the year, CDE members engaged in two hundred three (203) community outreach events. These events included but were not limited to, multiple food drives, Kids Cops and Classrooms, Kids Cops and Christmas and the Rhode Island State Police Diversity Academy.

Facilities/Capital Projects Management – Mr. Thomas Falcone

The Facilities and Capital Project manager is responsible for maintenance and improvements to the Headquarters complex, five (5) patrol barracks, Training Academy property, E911 backup call center, and three (3) offices located at 50 Service Avenue in Warwick. The Facilities and Capital Projects Manager also coordinates with the State Department of Administration regarding maintenance, replacement, or acquisition of assets with a life expectancy of greater than ten (10 years and costs of greater than \$50,000).

The Wickford, Hope Valley, and Portsmouth Barracks were constructed in the 1930's and have been in a desperate state of repair. After several years of planning, the Division has secured funding to build a new state-of-the-art Southern Barracks to replace the aging Wickford and Hope Valley Barracks. This much needed upgrade to our critical infrastructure will provide troopers with a secure and efficient workplace while serving the public from a centralized location. Funding was also allocated to refurbish the Portsmouth Barracks and we hope to staff and re-open it in the coming years to serve our citizens in the East Bay.

Fleet/Supply Administration – Sergeant Gregory W. Cunningham

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, 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 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.

Management Information Systems – Mr. James Shea

The MIS Unit is assisting the division in the research and development, installation, and configuration of several future technologies on the RISP radar such as Statewide CAD/RMS as well as in-car and body camera technology. The unit continues to support the division in a wide range of modernization and maintenance of current technology, servicing over 3000 help desk tickets for the year.

Planning, Research & Accreditation – Lieutenant Erik P. Yanyar

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). On August 5, 2021, the CALEA Assessor's final report found the Rhode Island State Police to be 100% in compliance with all applicable Standards. On November 19, 2021, the Division was awarded Meritorious Accreditation.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Training Academy – Lieutenant G. Thomas Chabot

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 to 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 2021 the Training Academy coordinated the Division's mandatory Annual In-Service Training Program, designed to provide sworn members and civilian staff with all mandatory training courses in three (3) separate phases conducted throughout the calendar year. The three phases consisted of training and re-certification in the following topics: Firearms, Defensive Tactics/Response to Resistance, TASER, Active Shooter training, Domestic Violence, Legal Updates, Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Cultural Diversity/Bias Based Policing, Ethics, Mental Illness awareness, All-Hazards

Plan and Officer Emergency Medical Aid. A large portion of the year's courses were completed online utilizing the PowerDMS platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Academy Instructors transitioned the Division to the new TASER Seven Conducted Energy Weapon, which will provide greater effectiveness in dealing with actively resisting subjects and boost officer safety. This transition is a major shift in technology and infrastructure, with automatic downloading to online data management systems. The Training Academy was also responsible for the inventory and distribution of all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the Division as the COVID-19 Pandemic continued into 2021.

Recruitment for the 2022 RISP Academy Class began on April 2, 2021 and continued to the end of the year. Physical Agility, Written Exam, Oral Interviews, Background Investigations and Psychological Evaluations were carried out / administered by the Academy Staff, while simultaneously all other Training functions.





PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Unit is under the command of Captain Kenneth S. Buonaiuto, a graduate of the 1997 Recruit Academy Class. Captain Buonaiuto served thirteen years in the Division's Patrol Bureau before being transferred to the Detective Bureau in 2010. In July 2015 Captain Buonaiuto was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and reassigned as Officer-in-Charge of the Major Crimes Unit. In 2016 Captain Buonaiuto was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned as Officer-in-Charge of the Professional Standards Unit on the Division's Command Staff. He also temporarily served as the Division's Executive Administrative Officer. During his career, he has also served as Officer-in-Charge of the Division's Combative/Use of Force Instructor cadre. He holds a Master of Science degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University.

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 allegations of the complaint did occur.

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

In 2021, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public while responding to 82,508 calls for service, initiating 44,134 motor vehicle stops, affecting 4,715 arrests, investigating 5,962 accidents, and issuing 47,360 citations. In consideration of this data, in the course of their law enforcement responsibilities, Division employees came in contact with a minimum of 132,000 individuals in 2021. This is a very conservative estimate as many of these incidents may have involved contact with multiple individuals.

During this same time period (2021), the Professional Standards Unit investigated forty-four (44) complaints that alleged employee misconduct. Eighteen (18) of these complaints were generated internally by another Division member, one (1) was forwarded to this office by a member of a local police department, and the remaining twenty-five (25) were made by a civilian member of the public.

Fourteen (14) of these complaint investigations were closed with a classification of "unfounded", twelve (12) resulted in a classification of "unsubstantiated", seventeen (17) resulted in a classification of "founded", and one (1) are pending a final disposition.

The forty-four (44) employee conduct complaints received by the Professional Standards Unit in 2021, represents less than .033% of all contacts made by Division members throughout the year.

Statistical Tables

Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2021:

Type of Investigation	# of Investigations	Unfounded- Unsubstantiated	Founded w/Discipline	Pending
Unprofessional	14	12	2	0
Job Performance	16	8	7	1
Racial Profiling	2	2	0	0
Off-Duty Conduct	2	1	1	0
Other	10	3	7	0
TOTAL:	44	26	17	1

Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2021:

Force Type	Proper Use-Justified	Unjustified/Discipline	Total
Physical	29	0	29
Cap Stun	0	0	0
Taser	11	0	11
Baton	0	0	0
K9	5	0	5
Unintentional K9 Bite	0	1	1
Lethal Force	0	0	0
Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance	12	0	12
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	5	0	5
TOTAL	62	1	63

Note: It is worth noting that Division members responded to 82,508 calls for service, conducted 44,134 motor vehicle stops, affected 4,715 arrests, conducted 5,562 incident report, and investigated 5,962 motor vehicle accidents in 2021. After removing the five incidents in which an injured animal was humanely euthanized, force was applied during 0.043% of all contacts made with the public during 2021. This figure is significantly below the national average of 1.6% (**Bureau of Justice Statistics report NCJ 249216**).

Comparison to Previous Years

Force Type	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Physical	14	28	21	29	18
Cap-Stun	4	0	2	0	1
Baton	1	0	0	0	0
Taser	5	5	5	8	3
K9	2	2	5	1	2
Unintentional K9 Bite	0	0	0	0	0
Lethal Force	0	0	0	1	0
Firearm Drawn (to Gain Compliance)	14	6	5	4	5
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	5	2	6	5	7
TOTALS	45	43	44	48	36