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Dear Governor McKee,

I am pleased to provide you with the 2025 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my fourth 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 2025 calendar year. This report is submitted in compliance with § 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.

The start of 2025 marked the 100-year anniversary for the Rhode Island State Police, celebrating a century of providing professional law enforcement services to residents and visitors of our State. In keeping with our time-honored commitment to public service and to the Division's enduring motto – "In the Service of the State," I am honored to report that in November, the Rhode Island State Police successfully earned its 10th CALEA reaccreditation. We received reaccreditation with the distinguished "Excellence" award, which underscores this agency's commitment and adherence to nationally accepted best practices in policing.

In March, in accordance with RI General Law § 42-28.10-1, the Rhode Island State Police launched the new Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System – Infoshare. Since the initial rollout, 17 public safety agencies have adopted the System, with 22 additional agencies expected to be onboarded by the end of 2026. This important project will support our mission by streamlining operations, enhancing data sharing and interoperability, and will ultimately provide a more unified and comprehensive approach to public safety.

Despite nationwide recruitment challenges, the Division held a productive recruitment drive in 2025, resulting in 16 candidates graduating from the State Police Training Academy in June. Also, construction for the new Southern Public Safety Complex in West Greenwich continued without delay throughout the year, with final completion targeted for late summer.

In 2025, the Division worked diligently to provide exceptional law enforcement services that enhanced public safety throughout our State. Troopers responded to 73,109 calls for service; effectuated 1,009 DUI arrests and over 3,700 total arrests; investigated 6,635 motor vehicle crashes and issued approximately 43,000 citations. Members of the Rhode Island State Police Detective Bureau Special Victims Unit concluded their successful investigation into a cold case dating back to 1987. After the conclusion of a 9-day trial at Washington County Superior Court, the defendant was convicted on one count of First-Degree Child Molestation and one count of First-Degree Sexual Assault. Members of the Detective Bureau, both present and retired, worked tirelessly in conjunction with the Indiana State Police and the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office. This conviction was the result of commendable interagency cooperation and dedication to delivering justice for the victims. Throughout the year, the Detective Bureau also played an integral role assisting with other notable investigations. This included a murder-suicide that occurred in the Town of

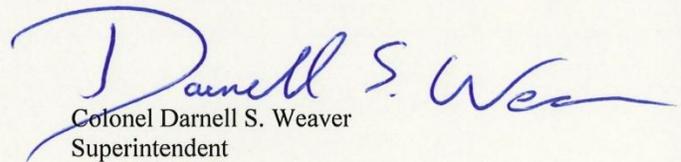
West Greenwich which took the lives of two children ages 2 and 6, and their biological mother who was 7 months pregnant. The father/husband died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after taking the lives of his family members.

Members of the Uniform and Detective Bureaus also assisted Brown University and the Providence Police Department during the tragic active-shooter incident that occurred on December 14. State Police Troopers and Detectives responded to the scene and offered tactical and investigative support to our law enforcement partners during this rapidly evolving event, providing additional staffing and resources throughout the multi-day investigation. The evidence and intelligence developed by our team was heavily relied upon to locate the responsible suspect and solve this tragic mass-shooting that crippled the safety and security of Rhode Islanders for an entire week.

Throughout 2025, the Community, Diversity & Equity Unit (CDE) connected with communities across the state through a wide range of outreach and educational incentives. The CDE Unit conducted an 8-week Citizens Academy which provided community members with an in-depth understanding of law enforcement practices, protocols, and challenges. The CDE Unit also participated in 340 community events, delivered 43 educational presentations, and maintained its ongoing involvement with the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Program – Mentor RI. Mentor RI supports positive youth development through mentorship and engagement.

The Rhode Island State Police remains committed to delivering exceptional law enforcement services to the many residents and visitors of our State. On behalf of the proud members of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support and look forward to continued collaboration in 2026.

Respectfully,



Colonel Darnell S. Weaver
Superintendent

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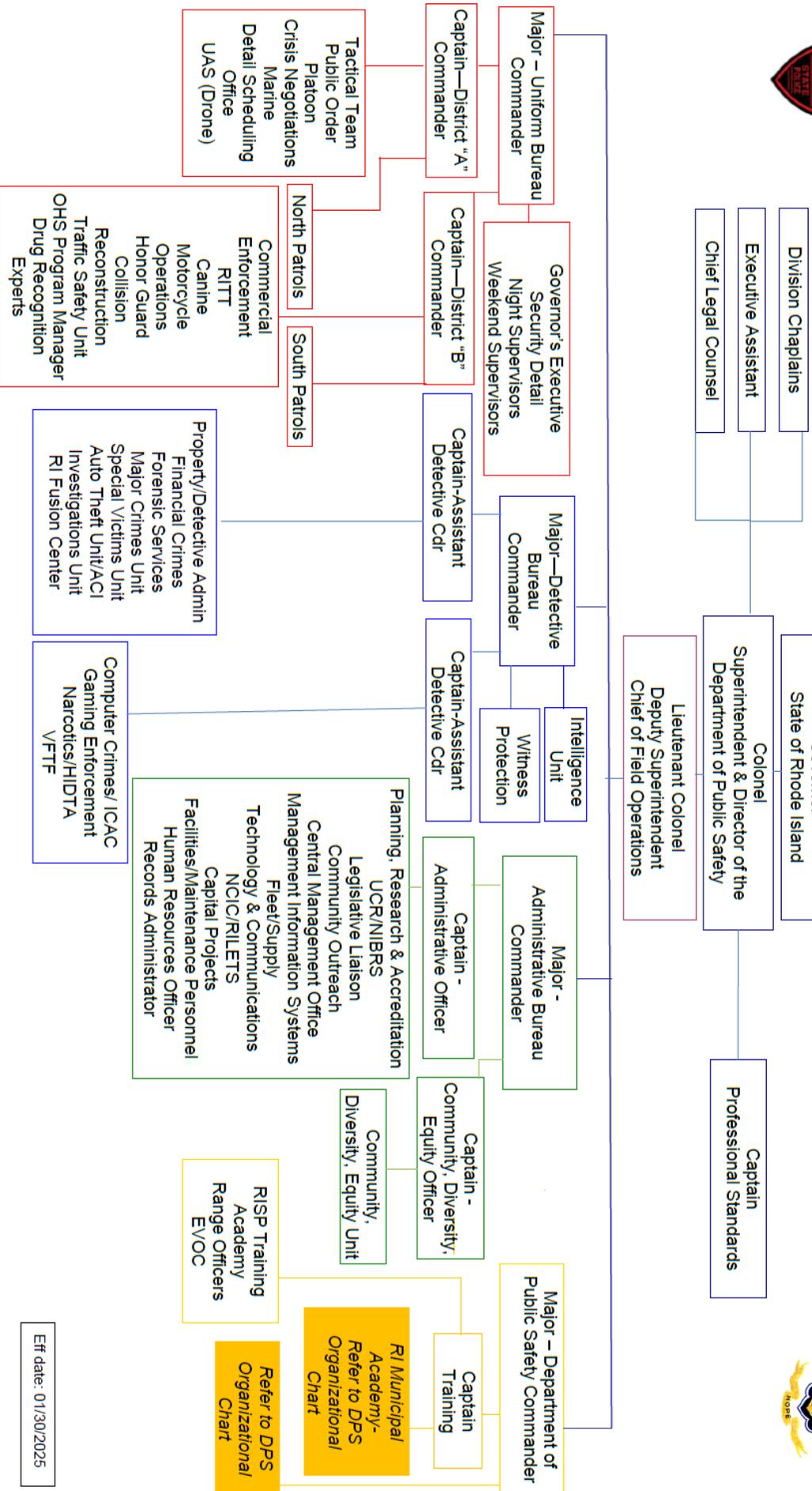
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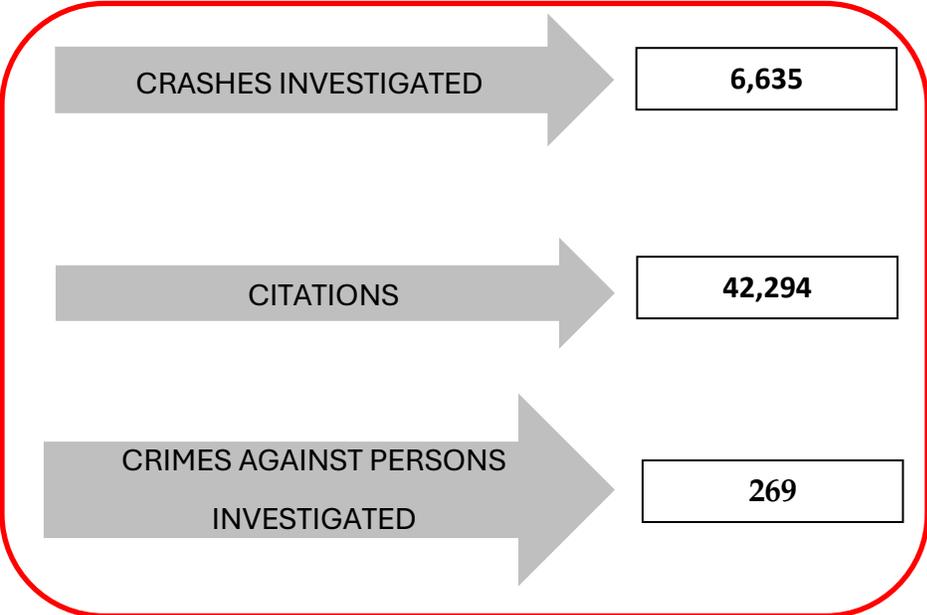
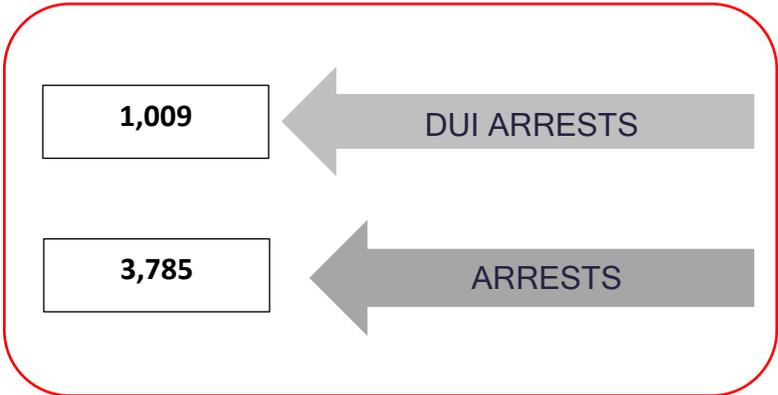
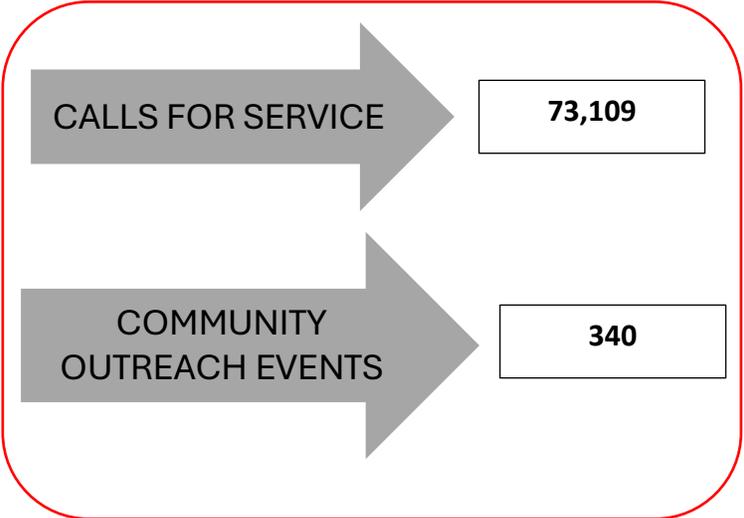


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2025 BY THE NUMBERS



UNIFORM BUREAU

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

Canine Unit – Corporal Sean Pasley

In 2025, our canine teams were utilized in the following investigations: 41 canine Narcotics searches with seizures, assisted by our narcotics detection canines. A combined total of over one hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred eighty dollars (\$121,380) in property and United States Currency was also seized as a result of these investigations.

One hundred and twenty-one (121) explosive detection sweeps were conducted, ensuring secure, safe environments during large-scale events and called-in threats. Forty-six (46) patrol service calls were responded to, resulting in twenty (20) criminal apprehensions and three (3) firearms recovered because of our canines. Five (5) missing-person searches were conducted, resulting in three (3) people being located safely. Four (4) canine human remains detection searches were also completed. Five (5) Electronic storage device searches were conducted, resulting in the seizure of several concealed electronic devices. Seventeen (17) public speaking/canine demonstrations took place during the year, educating the public to the duties and responsibilities of our Canine Unit, while building a stronger bond with our community. Additionally, our compassion/therapy canine team conducted twelve (12) "sit-ins" of interviews for our Special Victims Unit.



Commercial Enforcement Unit – Sergeant Mark Perotti

During 2025, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit conducted 5,675 roadside inspections, including 198 Hazardous Materials carriers and 4,205 inspections related to Traffic Enforcement stops. As a result of these roadside inspections, 14,125 violations were cited, with 865 vehicles and 408 drivers 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 includes topics such as Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement and Size and Weight Enforcement. CEU members serve on a variety of committees that influence the commercial motor vehicle industry at both the local and national levels.

Rhode Island has maintained a low commercial motor vehicle crash and fatality rate for several years and was recognized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as having one of the lowest commercial vehicle fatality rates in calendar year 2021. Rhode Island was also recognized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration for a productive and focused safety enforcement program. Rhode Island will continue its efforts to reduce commercial motor vehicle crashes.

Dive/Marine Unit – Lieutenant Ryan Mahoney

In July 2025, the Marine Unit underwent restructuring. The Marine Patrol and the Underwater Recovery Unit will now operate under the “Marine Services Unit.” This change is aimed at enhancing operational clarity and effectiveness within our marine operations.

Throughout 2025, the Underwater Recovery Team responded to assistance requests from local and federal agencies. Additionally, members of the Marine Patrol provided marine security for events such as the Bristol Fireworks, the Newport Folk Festival, the Newport Jazz Festival, the Bristol 4th of July celebration, the Save the Bay Swim, and security escorts for inbound LPG tankers to the Port of Providence.

In May 2025, the United States Coast Guard Station Castle Hill conducted training for six members of the Rhode Island State Police Marine Services Unit through the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). Upon completion of this training, these members were successfully certified in Boat Operator Search and Rescue.

Executive Protection Unit – Sergeant William Corson

The Rhode Island State Police Executive Protection Unit (EPU) is assigned to protect the Governor, the Governor’s immediate family, and anyone else 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 Executive Protection Unit works closely with other federal, state, and local agencies to provide protection for the Governor and other visiting dignitaries. The EPU is accredited by the National Governors’ Security Association, which requires compliance with professional standards, training, and best practices.

Hope Valley Barracks – Lieutenant Michael Brock



The Hope Valley Barracks provides law enforcement coverage to a large geographical area in the southwestern part of the State of Rhode Island. The barracks is responsible for approximately 25 miles of Interstate 95 and serves as the primary law enforcement agency for the Town of Exeter. The Hope Valley Barracks also assists our law enforcement partners in Charlestown, Coventry, East Greenwich, Hopkinton, Richmond, Westerly, West Greenwich, and West Warwick. The Hope Valley Barracks has a complement of thirty-one (31) sworn members. The Troopers assigned to the Hope Valley Barracks also have ancillary responsibilities and specialty unit assignments, including the Tactical team, K9

Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Marine and Dive Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Honor Guard, and the Community, Diversity, and Equity Unit.

In June of 2025, a Trooper was on patrol when he attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding. The vehicle exited the highway at a high rate of speed. The Trooper observed the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on secondary roads, then turned into a commercial area. Upon entering the commercial area, a witness pointed toward the rear of the building to indicate to the Trooper where the fleeing vehicle traveled. As the Trooper went to the rear of the building, another witness pointed to a person walking away from a vehicle. This witness also advised the Trooper that the person threw an object under a second vehicle. The Trooper took the person into custody and looked under the second vehicle. He seized over a kilogram of cocaine and arrested the operator of the fleeing vehicle. This case highlights the excellent relationship the Rhode Island State Police Hope Valley Barracks has developed with the surrounding community over the years, as well as our Troopers' dedication to protecting and serving the community.



Lincoln Woods Barracks – Lieutenant Mark McGearty



The Lincoln Woods Barracks patrols the most active geographic area in Rhode Island and consistently leads the Division in arrests, accident investigations, incident investigations, and calls for service. In addition to primary patrol responsibilities, numerous Troopers undertake ancillary assignments within specialized units, including the Canine Unit, Dive/Marine Unit, Tactical Team, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Commercial Enforcement Unit, Technical Investigations Unit, and Accident Reconstruction Unit. Troopers assigned to the Lincoln Woods Barracks collaborate closely with the Rhode Island Capitol Police and the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs to provide support for events and investigations at state government facilities, including the Rhode Island State House, Adult Correctional Institutions, and courthouses. The dedication and professionalism demonstrated by the Division members assigned to the Lincoln Woods Barracks are exemplary.

On February 24, 2025, Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop on Main Street in the City of Pawtucket. During the motor vehicle stop, Troopers developed probable cause that there were narcotics in the vehicle and subsequently conducted a search. During the search, Troopers located approximately ninety-two (92) grams of suspected fentanyl and eleven (11) grams of suspected cocaine/fentanyl. As a result of the investigation, one subject was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Fentanyl- 1 Ounce to 1 Kilogram and Possession with Intent to Deliver Schedule I/II Controlled Substances.

On December 1, 2025, Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop on Mineral Spring Avenue in the City of Pawtucket. During the motor vehicle stop, the Troopers learned that the vehicle was unregistered and the operator did not have a valid driver's license. During the inventory of the vehicle, Troopers located a Polymer 80 9mm "Ghost Gun" with a thirty-three (33) round extended magazine. As a result of the investigation, two subjects were charged with License or Permit Required for Carrying a Pistol, Possession of a Ghost Gun, and Large Capacity Feeding Device Prohibited.



Motorcycle Unit – Lieutenant Peter Filuminia

During 2025, the Motorcycle Unit Members have assisted Federal, State, and local Law Enforcement agencies with numerous escorts. The unit members have also attended several community outreach events. These events include Special Olympics Torch Run events, Truck Escorts, the Bristol 4th of July Celebration, Vintage Car Show Escorts, Audrain's Newport Car Show-Tour D'Elegance, Wreaths Across America - Veteran's Event, Faith & Blue events, and Police with the Community.

Operations Officer – Lieutenant Peter Filuminia

During 2025, the Operations Office coordinated the Division's response to events; the Governor's State of the State Address, Pell Bridge Run, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, The Big "E" Eastern States Exposition, 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 develops operational plans for numerous dignitary security protection details, including visits to Rhode Island by political and military dignitaries. The Operations Officer also handled and coordinated numerous Silver Alert requests with local police departments.

Scituate Barracks – Lieutenant Scott Hartwell

The Scituate barracks is located at 311 Danielson Pike in North Scituate and is staffed by one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, two (2) Corporals, and twenty-eight (28) Troopers. Several members of the Barracks are also members of the Division's Specialty Units, including: the Tactical Team; Collision Reconstruction Unit; Marine Unit; Motorcycle Unit; Honor Guard Unit; Governor's Protection Unit; and K9 Unit. Troopers at the Scituate barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 310 square miles, which is thirty-nine percent urban, forty-three percent rural, and eighteen percent metropolitan.



Troopers from the Scituate

Barracks primarily patrol Interstate Route 295 and State Routes 6, 146, and 99. The barracks is located in the northwest part of the state and is responsible for a wide range of calls for service.

More than half of the Troopers currently assigned to the Scituate Barracks have just over three years or less time on the job. The Scituate Barracks' senior Troopers and the NCOs have done an excellent job of overseeing the development of these junior Troopers, all of whom are building vital skills as they continue to gain experience.

On July 9, 2025, Cranston Police broadcast a BOLO (be on the lookout) for a vehicle wanted in connection with a shooting that had just occurred in their city. Additional broadcasts revealed that a total of five rounds were discharged in front of LA Fitness located in Garden City and that the shooter had fled in a vehicle.



Shortly thereafter, a Trooper located the vehicle which failed to stop and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit ended in the Providence Place parking garage, resulting in a brief foot pursuit. The driver and shooter (passenger) were both arrested by the Trooper with the assistance of a Providence Police officer. Both suspects were charged with multiple crimes by the Cranston Police and the Rhode Island State Police. The incident was later found to be connected to ongoing gang violence between rival gangs from Brockton, MA and Fall River, MA.

On December 15, 2025, Troopers responded to a serious motor vehicle crash on Route 295 North in Johnston (single car vs. guard rail). Troopers, who were first on scene, observed that the operator had sustained major injuries to his lower extremities. Tourniquets were applied to both of the operator's legs. Upon arrival at the hospital, due to the severity of the injuries, both of the operator's legs had to be amputated at the knee. It was later confirmed by the Johnston Fire Chief and attending emergency room physician, that the quick application of those tourniquets by the Troopers unequivocally saved the operator's life.

Tactical Team – Lieutenant Nicholas Rivello

During 2025, the Tactical Team continued to train at a high level of expertise in many areas, including hostage rescue, downed officer rescue, barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrants, large-structure and building clearing, woodland/open-area searches, canine tracking, dignitary protection, and active shooter scenarios. The Tactical Team assisted local police departments with firearms and active shooter training, as well as the execution of search and arrest warrants.

The Tactical Team also assisted Division members with in-service training on firearms proficiency, patrol rifle proficiency, and patrol tactics. Tactical Team members also volunteered their time with parade and public relations details. In 2025, the Rhode Island State Police hosted the NESPAC Basic SWAT School and Advanced SWAT School for new SWAT members on the New England State Police SWAT Teams. Additionally, several Tactical Team members serve as instructors/cadre throughout the year at NESPAC-approved Tactical schools.

Three (3) new members of the Tactical Team completed the NESPAC Basic SWAT School and Advanced SWAT School. Team members also specialized in various disciplines and have completed Basic and Advanced Sniper training, as well as Mechanical Breaching training. Team Leaders also continued to meet monthly with New England State Police SWAT teams to exchange training initiatives, discuss after-action reports, and newly tested and acquired equipment.

The Tactical Team continues to work closely with the Division Canine Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Rhode Island Explosives Operations Division, Rhode Island National Guard 13th Civil Support Team (CST), and local police agencies. During 2025, the Tactical Team completed 200 hours of training. The Tactical Team was involved in 30 calls for service, including: 8 high-risk warrant services, 1 Active Shooter, 2 barricaded subjects, 8 requests to assist NESPAC State Police agencies or local Rhode Island police departments, 8 security details, and 1 community outreach event.

In 2025, the Tactical Team saw four (4) members retire from service. Team Commander Lieutenant Nicholas Rivello (15 years), Assistant Team Commander Kristopher Lagor (15 years), Sergeant Shawn Slade (15 years), and Sergeant Ryan Santo (11 years) all retired from the Tactical Team. Lieutenant Adam Kennett was assigned as the new Team Commander and Sergeant Sean Crowley was assigned as the Assistant Team Commander.

Traffic Safety Unit – Sergeant Louis Fiorenzano

The Traffic Safety Unit is highly specialized in apprehending impaired, reckless, and aggressive drivers statewide. In 2025, the Traffic Safety Unit handled 5,894 calls for service. These calls for service yielded 4,717 traffic summons and 527 arrests, including 362 for impaired driving. The unit also conducted 30 incident reports and investigated 75 motor vehicle accidents. Due to the Traffic Safety Unit's expertise and flexibility, Unit members are sometimes called to assist local communities with Drug Recognition Expert evaluations.



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, speeding, aggressive driving, texting and driving, and passenger safety laws.

The Traffic Safety Unit has been utilized in various communities throughout the state in need of additional traffic enforcement. Unit members have been assigned to special enforcement details with other communities, including Providence, Bristol, Newport, Middletown, North Providence, Woonsocket, Cranston, and Warwick. During the holiday season, Traffic Safety Unit members participated in a statewide "Honor Patrol" program coordinated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. This past year, Unit members patrolled the highways in honor of several victims of drunk driving-related crashes. The Traffic Safety Unit was honored to patrol in memory of those whose lives were cut short by impaired drivers.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Sergeant John R. Brown

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Unit consists of twelve sworn members, all operating under FAA Part 107 regulations, and is commanded by Sergeant Adam Kennett.

This year, the unit conducted approximately 100 missions and logged over 650 total flights, supported by consistent monthly training to ensure operational readiness and regulatory compliance. UAS deployments included missions such as missing person searches, locating fleeing subjects, crime scene photography and videography, collision reconstruction, tactical team support, community outreach, and aerial overwatch for large-scale events such as the Bristol 4th of July Parade and Newport Music Festivals.

The unit operates a diverse fleet of approximately 25 unmanned aircraft systems, each with specialized capabilities, allowing for flexible deployment across a wide range of mission types. Additionally, the unit has drone-detection capability, which is used in high-risk areas to enhance situational awareness and public safety.

The Rhode Island State Police continue to lead the way in law enforcement UAS operations within the state, setting the standard for innovative, effective, and responsible use of unmanned aircraft systems. Through consistent training and operational excellence, the unit has established itself as a key resource not only for this agency but also for public safety partners statewide, enabling collaborative mission success. Looking ahead to 2026, the unit remains well-positioned for continued growth and expanded operational capabilities.

Wickford Barracks – Lieutenant Charles LeValley



The Wickford Barracks, staffed with 31 sworn members, covers an extensive patrol area that also includes the east bay area within the now closed Portsmouth Barracks jurisdiction. Despite the Portsmouth Barracks being closed since 2012, Troopers working out of the Wickford Barracks continue to periodically patrol that area, when staffing allows, to include conducting traffic enforcement and handling court proceedings when required. Troopers also support Detectives at the Tiverton Casino by providing prisoner transport and related services.

Despite minimal staffing levels, Troopers at the Wickford Barracks also take on significant additional responsibilities, including specialty unit assignments. These assignments include 3 Canine Unit members, 1 Dive Team member, 1 Crash Reconstruction Unit member, 13 Public Order Platoon members, 1 Drug Recognition Expert (available to assist other barracks), 3 Crisis Negotiation Troopers, and 1 Defensive Tactics instructor.

On April 26, 2025, Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop of two motorcycles in front of the Hyatt Place located at 800 Jefferson Boulevard. Both motorcycles were Harley Davidsons bearing Ohio registrations. Both operators wore black leather vests displaying full Hells Angels patches with “Ohio” bottom rockers and one motorcycle displayed a “1%” diamond sticker. While speaking with the operators, one disclosed the presence of firearms inside an unlocked saddlebag. A subsequent search revealed multiple firearms and magazines, all with capacities exceeding ten rounds. As additional Troopers and a K9 unit arrived on scene, a more comprehensive search was conducted of both motorcycles. During this search, an additional concealed firearm was located in a saddlebag. Items seized included firearms, large-capacity magazines, an improvised weapon, and gang-related materials. Both operators were taken into custody and charged with multiple counts related to carrying concealed firearms without a permit, possession of large capacity feeding devices and possession of prohibited weapons.



DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau comprises 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 cultivating informants. They require exhaustive dedication and, ultimately, accurate court testimony to pursue a case through to its final resolution.

Auto Theft Unit – Lieutenant Herbert Tilson

The Auto-Theft Task Force is comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Corporal, one (1) detective, and two (2) Task Force members, one part-time (1) from the Central Falls Police Department and one (1) full-time from the Providence Police Department, respectively. The core mission of the Task Force is to work in conjunction with the National Insurance Crime Bureau and other local, state, and federal agencies to prevent motor vehicle theft and facilitate the recovery of stolen motor vehicles. In addition, their mission involves preventing fraudulent insurance claims and other purported fraud related to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

During calendar year 2025, members of the Auto-Theft Task Force were responsible for the recovery of seventy-nine (79) stolen vehicles and investigated a total of one hundred and five (105) incidents. In conjunction, the unit made a total of ten (10) arrests.

ACI Investigations Unit – Lieutenant Herbert Tilson

The ACI Investigations Unit is comprised of one (1) Lieutenant and two (2) detectives. The unit's core mission is to thoroughly investigate all complaints made by both prison employees and incarcerated inmates. These detectives collect criminal information from prisoner investigators at the Department of Corrections, which they share with other law enforcement agencies to bolster officer safety. Detectives assigned to the ACI Investigations Unit are also responsible for the prosecution of all inmates who are fugitives from other states. These detectives also handle offenders in the custody of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) at the Rhode Island Youth Detention Center, as well as aiding the investigative unit of the Wyatt Detention Center when requested.

During the calendar year of 2025, members of the ACI Investigations Unit were responsible for two-hundred and five (205) arrests and investigated one hundred and eighty (180) incidents. These cases included, but were not limited to, assaults against correctional officers, conveyance of unauthorized articles, fugitives from justice, violation of domestic no-contact orders, and sexual assaults.

Collision Reconstruction Unit – Lieutenant Adam Kennett

In 2025, the Collision Reconstruction Unit received multiple requests for expert analysis from both State Police and locally investigated crashes. In 2025, the Unit conducted sixty-four (64) crash investigations. These investigations were related to motor vehicle crashes involving serious bodily injury, death, or criminal activity. Of those investigations, twenty-eight (28) were assists to local police departments.

Unit members conducted monthly training and received additional training in Pedestrian/Bicycle crashes, Airbag Control Module analysis, Occupant Kinematics, and Monte Carlo data analysis. Additionally, through a Highway Safety Grant, the Unit acquired Virtual Crash 6 reconstruction software to create 3D diagrams and animate reconstructions.

The Unit continues to use the latest technology to investigate crashes. Unit members use LIDAR scanners, drones, and digital photography to document crash scenes, and the latest technology in Airbag Control Module data analysis to obtain pre-crash vehicle data.

Computer Crimes – Lieutenant Eric Yelle

The Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) investigates criminal violations of law that 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 2025, the ICAC Task Force was comprised of five (5) sworn State Police members and three (3) civilian members, as well as detectives from the Warwick Police Department, Cranston Police Department, East Providence Police Department, Pawtucket Police Department, Middletown Police Department, Johnston Police Department, Narragansett Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).



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

This year, supervisors triaged 4,712 cyber tips, resulting in approximately 179 investigations. Analysts and detectives conducted 88 forensic examinations, assisting twelve (12) other State Police units, as well as 22 outside agencies. Overall, ICAC members were responsible for 267 incidents and 67 arrests. Additionally, three (3) arrests were prosecuted federally.

Cyber Crimes/Joint Cyber Task Force – Lieutenant Eric Yelle

The Joint Cyber Task Force (JCTF) comprises members from the Rhode Island State Police CCU, the Rhode Island State Fusion Center (RISFC), and individuals representing State government, information technology, academia, healthcare, finance, utilities, the private sector, and the defense industry. As a communications conduit between Federal, State, military, and private entities, the JCTF assists with analysis and support before and during major cybersecurity incidents affecting critical infrastructure in Rhode Island, and ensures continuity of services following such incidents.



The JCTF continues to collaborate with other cyber-related task forces and partners such as the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Planning Committee, the Secretary of State's Election Cybersecurity Review Board, and the HAVA Task Force, the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources Working Group, and the FBI's Infraguard.

Evidence and Property Control – Lieutenant Cynthia Trahan

From January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, the Evidence/Property Unit researched cases and destroyed one thousand seven hundred sixty (1760) pieces of evidence from the disposed cases. During that same time, the Evidence/Property Unit took in five thousand nine hundred twenty-six (5926) pieces of evidence. Compliance with court-ordered returns and preservation of property/evidence is an important, on-going responsibility of the Unit.

Narcotic K-9 Training kits are prepared for RISP and other agency K-9 units. These kits are prepared after cases are researched, confirmed, disposed of with no chance of appeal, or co-defendants are pending, and toxicology reports are reviewed. Evidence views are prepared and conducted for prosecution and defense. Assist the legal department in locating records pertaining to detective cases. Assist with follow-up on forfeiture proceedings. Ensure all statutes, policies, and protocols are adhered to for the release or viewing of any property/evidence.

The office also resumed the function of organizing, conducting, assisting, and overseeing two hundred thirty-eight (238) employee background investigative reports.

Financial Crimes – Lieutenant Brian Macera

In 2025, the Financial Crimes Unit was supervised by Lieutenant Brian Macera. The unit was comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, one (1) Corporal, two (2) Detectives, and two (2) civilian Certified Fraud Examiners.

The members of the FCU are a diverse group of skilled professionals in various areas of criminal investigations, including, but not limited to, mortgage fraud, bank fraud, embezzlement, elder exploitation, and cryptocurrency investigations. The unit is called upon frequently to investigate public corruption, extortion, forgery, credit card fraud, identity theft, and money laundering. In 2025, the Financial Crimes Unit opened eighty-four (84) investigations and made fifty-seven (57) arrests.

Members of FCU have demonstrated increased efficiency in investigating cryptocurrency-related crimes and continue to use specialized software to track and trace cryptocurrency transactions. The acquisition of an additional cryptocurrency-tracking software license, bringing the total to four (4), has enabled the unit to incorporate three (3) task force officers from local police departments to enhance efforts to combat and investigate cryptocurrency fraud. As a result of these efforts, unit members have successfully frozen and seized funds associated with fraudulent activities, with the expectation that these funds will be returned to the victims of these crimes.

Forensic Services Unit – Lieutenant Kenneth DeMarco

The Forensic Services Unit continued to provide expert crime scene documentation and analysis throughout the state during 2025. This included death investigations, shooting incidents, fingerprint development and

identification, video analysis, crime scene investigations, and the deployment of specialized equipment. This equipment includes our Leica RTC360 3D laser scanner and the Mobile Crime Lab. In the past year, the unit purchased the new Leica BLK 3D laser scanner to assist with the RTC360.

The FSU was reaccredited to ISO 17020 after undergoing a full on-site inspection by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA). The FSU Laboratory remains the only internationally accredited police laboratory in the State of Rhode Island. The purpose of this accreditation is to formally recognize that the personnel assigned to the FSU are qualified, competent, and comply with international standards in their respective fields of investigation.



The Forensic Services Unit (FSU) received a total of three hundred forty-six (346) requests for service over the past year. Of that total, the FSU assisted in investigating homicides, assaults with a deadly weapon, sexual assaults, suicides, video analysis, and numerous firearm processing cases. Lastly, we have assisted in a total of 55 investigations originating from other agencies.

The FSU also conducted presentations at multiple venues, including surrounding area colleges and schools, the Citizens' Academy, and NESPAC training events.

This past year, the FSU had responded to a few notable investigations. One of these investigations included a murder-suicide that occurred in the Town of West Greenwich. This incident involved the lives taken of two children aged 2 and 6, and their biological mother, who was 7 months pregnant. The father and husband of the family was killed by a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after he took the lives of his family members.

The other incident was a death investigation involving the body of a female discovered in the Town of Foster. The FSU, working in conjunction with other detective/specialty units, continues to gather more evidence as to the cause of death of this individual.

At the end of the year, the FSU, along with other state police detective units and federal agencies, investigated a school shooting event that took place at Brown University in the City of Providence. Members of the FSU were responsible for reviewing and retrieving video surveillance footage from various addresses in the area surrounding the university campus.

Lastly, in this past year, members of the FSU have been involved in testifying in four criminal trials involving negligent homicide and first-degree murder.

Fusion Center – Lieutenant Philip Martin

The core mission of the Rhode Island State Fusion Center is to facilitate the timely and accurate exchange of information among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as private and public-sector institutions. Through a cooperative, coordinated approach, the Fusion Center augments law enforcement operations by serving 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.



In 2025, the Fusion Center received approximately 1,400 criminal information requests from law enforcement agencies, as well as hundreds of tips from the public. These requests came from Federal, State, and municipal law enforcement throughout Rhode Island and other state jurisdictions. Many of the investigations initiated in response to requests led to criminal charges and/or were shared with other law enforcement agencies for further follow-up. Every tip, lead, or request received by the Fusion Center is analyzed and disseminated in a timely manner to ensure the safety of Rhode Island's citizens. The Fusion Center continued to expand its liaison program, enlisting members of law enforcement and public safety officials to work on a part-time basis on-site to facilitate the efficient exchange of intelligence information. Liaison members from the Warwick Police Department, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections Special Investigations Unit, and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency are currently assigned to the Fusion Center on a part-time basis.

Gaming Enforcement Unit – Lieutenant Daniel Fleming

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.

HIDTA/Narcotics – Lieutenant Luke Schatz

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force continued their relentless pursuit of illegal firearms and narcotics. HIDTA members continued their proactive approach to police work in another record-setting year. The HIDTA Task Force continues to be the frontrunner in Rhode Island State Police seizures of illegal firearms, narcotics, forfeited vehicles, and forfeited U.S. currency.

During the calendar year of 2025, the HIDTA Task Force executed 104 search warrants, and seized the following: 40.35 kilograms of Cocaine, 1,259 grams of Crack Cocaine, 8.25 kilograms of heroin, 17.8 kilograms of Fentanyl, 227 Fentanyl pills, 5,347 pounds of Marijuana, 720 grams of Methamphetamine, 1,958 grams of MDMA, 311 Oxycodone pills, 101



Alprazolam pills, 446 Adderall pills, 495 grams of LSD, 573 grams of Psilocybin. Additionally, members also seized \$747,680 in US currency, 74 firearms, 18 ghost guns, 39 vehicles, and 13 switches (devices that render semi-automatic handguns to fully automatic).

Intelligence – Lieutenant Ryan Mahoney

The Intelligence Unit is comprised of a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, a Corporal, three Detectives, a National Guard Analyst, and a Task Force Officer from the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. The primary mission of the Intelligence Unit is to investigate organized criminal activities involving the New England La Casa Nostra (NELCN), local and regional Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs), street gangs, and individuals engaged in illegal narcotics and human trafficking. The Intelligence Unit also focuses on public corruption involving certain government officials.

Given the complexities and dynamics inherent in these investigations, the Intelligence Unit employs a range of physical and electronic surveillance techniques, including electronic monitoring. Furthermore, personnel within the Intelligence Unit frequently engage in controlled purchases of various types of contraband to advance these inquiries. They also strategically cultivate and manage confidential informants, which significantly bolsters their investigative capabilities. The Intelligence Unit plays a crucial role in providing essential support for covert surveillance and undercover operations across all divisional functions.

A detective in the Intelligence Unit is also assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force and the Joint Terrorism Task Force. This assignment facilitates productive collaboration among the Intelligence Unit, the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Rhode Island State Fusion Center across a range of investigations.

In 2025, the Intelligence Unit executed multiple court-authorized search and arrest warrants, resulting in the arrest of 36 individuals involved in various criminal activities. These activities included violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, illegal possession of firearms, theft and embezzlement, and fraud and false dealings. These arrests led to the seizure of the following items: \$300,942 in U.S. currency, 4 Firearms, 1.75 kilograms of Cocaine, 183 grams of Crack Cocaine, 1.36 kilograms of Fentanyl, 130 grams of Heroin, 1 pound of Marijuana, 11.21 grams of Methamphetamine, 25 Oxycodone pills, 13 Alprazolam pills, and 18 Valium pills.

Major Crimes – Lieutenant Derek Melfi

During calendar year 2025, the Major Crimes Unit investigated numerous high-level, capital offense, and complex cases. The Major Crimes Unit investigated instances involving officer-involved shootings, felony assaults with firearms, gang-related shootings, fatal motor vehicle accidents, sudden deaths, and homicides. Most incredibly, the Major Crimes Unit was integral in solving the mass shooting that occurred at Brown University. For almost one week straight, members of the Major Crimes Unit worked around the clock, investigating the initial incident and pursuing a suspect. Without question, the Rhode Island State Police Major Crimes Unit was a valued and essential component of the investigative team. Due to the significant investigative contributions of the Rhode Island State Police Major Crimes Unit, a suspect identity was developed and ultimately pursued. The evidence and



intelligence developed by the Major Crimes Unit were relied upon to ultimately locate the responsible suspect and solve a tragic mass shooting that crippled the safety and security of Rhode Islanders for an entire week.

Special Victims Unit – Lieutenant Heather Palumbo



The Special Victims Unit (SVU) is responsible for investigating cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, missing children, sex offender registration violations, commercial sexual exploitation of children, and human/labor trafficking. In 2025, SVU members made 29 arrests and investigated 163 incidents. The SVU consists of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, and five (5) Detectives. The Unit has a therapy/comfort canine named Gus and a soft interview room for trauma-informed interviewing. The Unit also oversees the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry Unit (RISOR).

RISOR oversees the software program Offender Watch, the statewide registry database, and the community notification website. The database contains over 2,600 actively registered offenders. The RISOR Program Coordinator provides training for law enforcement and government users in Rhode Island. RISOR exchanges information with federal, state, and local law enforcement 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 the duration of registration, ensuring offenders register within twenty-four hours upon release in accordance with Rhode Island law, resolving technical issues with the electronic operating system, and coordinating efforts to apprehend violators and/or absconders. The Unit comprises two (2) civilians assigned to the Special Victims Unit.

Violent Fugitive Task Force – Lieutenant Robert Richardson

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is jointly supervised by the Rhode Island State Police and the United States Marshals Service. The unit is comprised of five (5) Troopers with one (1) full-time Providence Patrolman and two (2) full-time Cranston Detectives. There are three (3) full-time Deputy US Marshals and two (2) part-time US Marshals. There are also six (6) police officers, working part-time at the unit, from the towns of Portsmouth and Middletown, the cities of Pawtucket, and Warwick, who are also sworn through the State Police. There is one (1) National Guard Analyst assigned to the unit. All State Police and Local Department Task Force Officers are Specially Deputized with the US Marshals Service with Federal arrest powers.

During the month of August 2025, members of the VFTF were requested by the Cranston Police Department to assist with locating a dangerous fugitive who had committed the crime of murder with a firearm. After an intensive investigation, members located the individual in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Members developed a possible address for the subject by conducting physical surveillance and electronic surveillance, and by drafting several court-authorized search warrants to identify a possible location. The target was taken into custody without incident, and the firearm used in the commission of the crime was located.

In 2025, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested two hundred (200) people wanted by law enforcement agencies and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests included Five (5) wanted for Murder, Fifteen (15) wanted for Armed Robbery, Three (3) wanted for Kidnapping, Twenty-nine (29) wanted for Sexual Assault/Child Molestation, Twenty (20) wanted for Delivery of Narcotics/Possession with Intent to Deliver Narcotics, Five (5) wanted for Breaking and Entering/Burglary/Home Invasion, and Fifty-one (51) wanted for Felony Assault, including firearm related assaults.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force brought additional criminal charges against persons for new firearms, narcotics, resisting arrest, and obstruction of justice offenses. Members seized multiple guns and drugs during these investigations. Members also arrested multiple subjects for warrants issued for Violations of Parole conditions. Task force members assisted multiple other State and City Police agencies in apprehending suspects currently in the State, avoiding apprehension, known as Fugitives from Justice.



ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

The Administrative Bureau supplies the materials and services necessary for the Division to achieve its mission. Its responsibilities encompass all facets of personnel management, information technology, research and accreditation, procurement, fleet, and facilities management.

Charitable Gaming Unit – Trooper Krystal Carvalho

Rhode Island General Law gives the Division of State Police both regulatory and enforcement authority over all charitable gaming activities conducted in Rhode Island.

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 bingo are the only games allowed. All applications require dual approval from the city/town where the event is held and the State Police. A \$5 application fee is charged for each application. Revenue from charitable gaming activities is not taxed in Rhode Island, unlike in most other states.

The Charitable Gaming Unit provides information regarding charitable gaming to the public, other State agencies, local police departments, and members of the legal community.

In 2025, the Charitable Gaming Unit processed one thousand, one hundred sixty-seven (1167) games of chance applications, consisting of one thousand fifty (1050) raffle applications, forty (40) senior citizens recreational bingo applications, sixty (60) special bingo applications, and seventeen (17) weekly bingo applications.

Capital Projects Management / Facilities – Mr. Carmino Paliotta

In 2025, construction for the new State Police Southern Public Safety Complex in West Greenwich continued without delay. The project is currently on budget and scheduled for final completion in late summer, 2026. All open projects were completed, and the agency is moving forward with Architectural & Engineering Services for a new Firearms Training/Storage building to be situated on the grounds of the Recruit Training Academy in Foster. Working collaboratively with the Office of Energy Resources, an LED lighting project was also completed at the Training Academy, and a feasibility study for a new, modern field-house was among the list of completed projects in 2025. On the Headquarters campus in North Scituate, the Radio Services building was updated with a new roof and interior renovations. The “Captain Richard Rhodes House” had major interior and exterior renovations throughout 2025, with final completion expected in the Spring of 2026.

Community, Diversity & Equity Unit – Captain Kenneth Jones

The Rhode Island State Police Community, Diversity & Equity Unit (CDE) seeks to build cooperative relationships with community members, community groups, and private-sector organizations. The CDE unit provides public safety information through lectures, presentations, and handouts. The CDE unit also provides resources to the Division of State Police for educating the public on public safety. However, in doing so, the Community, Diversity & Equity Officer must constantly be aware of the community's existing climate and how the information disseminated will affect the police-community relationship.



The Community, Diversity & Equity Officer is responsible for communicating the community's concerns with the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police. The CDE Unit is committed to correcting actions, practices, and attitudes that may contribute to community tensions and grievances.

The CDE Unit develops recommendations and options for models that agencies can use to collaborate with our community on hiring, training, promotion, policy development, accountability processes, and general information about each agency's operations and opportunities to partner with each agency.



Fleet/Supply Administration – Sergeant Scott Carlsten

The Fleet Administration is responsible for a variety of administrative functions, including fleet management of approximately 390 vehicles. This involves coordinating the purchasing of new vehicles to replace older vehicles in the fleet. The Unit is responsible for researching vehicles and equipment that best meet the Division's needs. The Unit is also responsible for monitoring fleet maintenance, accident reporting and repairs, the disposal of older vehicles, and registrations for all vehicles in the Fleet. The Fleet Administration also reviews all collision reports involving Rhode Island State Police vehicles for submission to the Division's Quarterly Collision Review Board.

Additionally, the Supply Administration 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 for uniforms, equipment, vehicles, and recordkeeping.



Management Information Systems – Mr. James Shea

During 2025, the Rhode Island State Police Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit continued to evolve its role as a critical operational partner to the Division. The Unit provides enterprise-level technology services that support sworn and civilian personnel statewide, ensuring the availability, integrity, and security of systems relied upon for daily and emergency operations. This year marked a transition from foundational maintenance to targeted modernization.

The MIS Unit implemented a range of upgrades to mission-critical equipment to further enhance the cybersecurity posture of the Rhode Island State Police. The MIS Unit prioritized system resilience, lifecycle management, and risk reduction through strategic technology planning and controlled infrastructure upgrades. Emphasis was placed on strengthening defensive cyber controls, improving system monitoring, and refining response capabilities to better support uninterrupted operations across all facilities and mobile environments.

In addition to long-term improvement initiatives, the Unit delivered consistent operational support, addressing service requests and technical issues with minimal impact to mission-critical functions. Through ongoing upgrades to core hardware, software platforms, and security tooling, the MIS Unit ensured continuous availability of services and reinforced the Division's overall technology posture. The MIS Unit remains committed to advancing secure, reliable, and scalable technology solutions that align with the Rhode Island State Police mission and support the organization's operational readiness now and into the future.

The IT Unit successfully managed system upgrades, cybersecurity safeguards, and ongoing maintenance while responding promptly to technical issues across the agency. These efforts reduced downtime, protected sensitive data, and supported compliance with applicable security and operational standards. In addition to daily operational support, the unit demonstrated adaptability and leadership during personnel transitions, maintaining service continuity and strengthening internal expertise. Through proactive planning, collaboration

with agency stakeholders, and a commitment to continuous improvement, the IT Unit enhanced overall efficiency and positioned the agency to meet evolving technology demands.

Planning, Research & Accreditation – Sergeant Melissa Rand

The Planning, Research, and Accreditation unit conducts research, collects and compiles statistical data, and prepares documents on law enforcement-related topics to enhance the Division's operational and administrative capabilities. 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 (RIAPAC). 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 2025, the Planning, Research, and Accreditation Unit oversaw the successful completion of the Rhode Island State Police CALEA re-accreditation. Receiving the Division's tenth Accreditation Award. The Division also received the Accreditation with Excellence award and completed an assessment showing compliance with 100% of applicable standards.

Radio Services Unit – Mr. Glenn Allbee

The Radio Services Unit 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 13 communication sites located throughout the state. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA), Department of Environmental Management (DEM), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) 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 it also provides statewide interoperability for thousands of first responders. The infrastructure also supports radio systems used by the FBI, US Coast Guard, FM, 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 they operate at optimal performance at all times. The staff inspects and monitors all communication sites regularly to ensure the systems remain at the highest level of reliability. Radio Services is also responsible for installing and repairing the fleet emergency systems, including emergency lights, radio equipment, mobile data, and radar units, and is currently involved in projects to upgrade the microwave network.

Records Unit – Sergeant Melissa Rand

The duties of the Records Unit include managing charitable gaming, criminal expungements and/or sealings, records retention, and assisting law enforcement agencies located outside of Rhode Island with background investigations.

In 2025, the Records Unit processed 1,167 games of chance applications, including 40 senior citizen recreational bingo applications, 60 special bingo applications, and 17 weekly bingo applications. Additionally, over 1,800 criminal cases were expunged or sealed.

Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy – Lieutenant Christopher Zarrella

The primary mission of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy (RIMPTA) is to provide basic training to Rhode Island’s municipal, college, and university police officers. This training is based on nationally accepted standards for police recruit training. The goal of RIMPTA is to provide coordinated, state-of-the-art training from multiple perspectives to produce well-rounded, competent, educated, and highly motivated police officers. In 2025, 94 new municipal police officers graduated from the RIMPTA.

The RIMPTA also embraces the mission of providing quality in-service training to members of the law enforcement community. Staff offer new programs to prepare members of the law enforcement community for the ever-changing roles and responsibilities they must assume to protect lives and property.

Technical Services – Mr. William 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 across the state. 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. Driver's license information, motor vehicle registration information, criminal history, and wanted persons checks are among 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 for many technology-related projects initiated by the Rhode Island State Police.

Telecommunications Unit – Mr. Jack Chan

The RILETS/Telecommunications Unit operates 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, 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 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 and PURPLE Alerts, entering and maintaining Parole Board Detention Warrants issued by the Rhode Island Parole Board and monitoring the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (EMA) radios for emergency and testing situations. The Unit also monitors FLOCK and takes requests from Troopers to use the system in their investigations. After normal business hours for the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the unit assisted with requests for license, identification card, or registration information.

Training Academy – Lieutenant Nicholas Rivello



The Training Academy is under the command of Lieutenant Nicholas Rivello, a twenty (21) year veteran of the Division. Lieutenant Rivello is assisted by Training Academy Staff members, Sergeant Roupen Bastajian and Corporal Ruth Hernandez, both sixteen (16) year veterans of the Division, as well as Detective Brendan Morgan, a nine (9) year veteran of the Division.

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 members of the Division, and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy coordinates training with other Trainers from the New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC). 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 January 21, 2025, the Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Class of 2025 commenced. The training academy period ran continuously for twenty-three (23) weeks. Upon graduation, sixteen new troopers were sworn in as full-time employees of the Division. In July, 2025, the recruitment and application period opened for the Recruit Training Class of 2026, set to start on March 9, 2026. The Training Academy implemented a series of Recruit Preparedness Program sessions for applicants. The overall mission of the Recruit Preparedness Program was to provide applicants with the necessary information and guidance to successfully perform and pass the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy. As of January 26, 2026, twenty-three (23) applicants accepted conditional offers of employment with the Rhode Island State Police and were set to start the 2026 Rhode Island State Police Training Academy on March 9th.

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 – Mr. David Bourbonniere

In 2025, the unit upgraded the NIBRS Repository and began collecting data in accordance with the FBI's 2023 technical specifications. In addition to this upgrade, many agencies across the State of Rhode Island began implementing a new records management system, replacing one that has been in place for over 20 years. To support their efforts, this unit actively participated in system testing and data validation with the new vendor. The NIBRS Repository was configured to enable agencies to automatically process their monthly submissions. This new submission process eliminates many outdated, manual steps required to receive and process submissions in a timely manner. In 2025, we assisted 13 agencies in their transition from their legacy records management system to the new Statewide Records Management System.



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 statistics submitted by law enforcement agencies.

The Rhode Island UCR Program serves as the state repository for 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 annual static publication on crime in Rhode Island and to allow members of the public to access crime statistics more easily and in a timely manner.

Professional Standards

The Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the Professional Standards Unit is responsible for investigating all allegations of misconduct made against sworn law enforcement and civilian employees of the Division. Additional responsibilities of the Professional Standards Unit OIC include, but are not limited to, reviewing high-speed pursuits and use-of-force incidents. The Professional Standards Unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Whether an allegation is valid or baseless, each allegation shall be carefully and objectively analyzed. A comprehensive investigation will be well documented and end with one of three determined classifications:



- **Unfounded** – Evidence proved that the allegations were false.
- **Unsubstantiated** – Evidence did not prove or disprove the allegations.
- **Founded**- Evidence proved that the allegations were true.

Any allegation of misconduct determined to be true (*Founded*) results in disciplinary sanctions or corrective action.

In 2025, Rhode Island State Police Troopers handled 109,357 calls for service, made 3,975 arrests, stopped 47,785 motor vehicles, and issued 43,275 citations. During this same period, the Professional Standards Unit investigated fifty-five (55) complaints that alleged employee misconduct. Seventeen (17) complaints were proactively initiated by the Division, and thirty-eight (38) were citizen complaints.

Twenty-five (25) of the complaints investigated were closed with a classification of *Unfounded*, twenty-three (23) of the complaints investigated were closed with a classification of *Founded*, and eight (8) remain pending.

Statistical Tables

Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2025:

<i>Type</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Unfounded</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Pending</i>
<i>Unprofessional Behavior</i>	18	10	6	2
<i>Job Performance</i>	28	9	15	4
<i>Racial Profiling</i>	6	6	0	0
<i>Off-Duty Conduct</i>	2	0	1	1
<i>Violation of Pursuit Policy</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Other</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>TOTAL</i>	55	25	22	8

Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2025:

<i>Type</i>	<i>Justified</i>	<i>Unjustified</i>
<i>Physical</i>	21	0
<i>Cap Stun</i>	0	0
<i>Taser</i>	5	0
<i>Baton</i>	0	0
<i>K9</i>	0	0
<i>Unintentional K-9 Bite</i>	0	0
<i>Lethal Force</i>	1	0
<i>Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance</i>	8	0
<i>Discharge of Firearm - Animal Euthanasia</i>	5	0
<i>TOTAL</i>	40	0

Comparison to Previous Years:

<i>Type</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>Physical</i>	21	23	32	32
<i>Cap Stun</i>	0	1	2	1
<i>Taser</i>	5	8	11	8
<i>Baton</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>K9</i>	0	1	1	0
<i>Unintentional K-9 Bite</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Lethal Force</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance</i>	8	8	12	4
<i>Discharge of Firearm - Animal Euthanasia</i>	5	2	13	5
<i>TOTAL</i>	40	43	71	51

