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

I am pleased to provide you with the 2020 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my second 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 2020 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.

The past year was perhaps the most trying in recent memory for the majority of individuals, families, businesses, and organizations around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic redefined our perceptions of a “normal way of life.” During these unprecedented times, I am proud to report that the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police have risen to the occasion and were tasked with duties and responsibilities never imagined. Despite the logistical and operational challenges created by the pandemic, our members performed their duties with the highest degree of professionalism and self-sacrifice.

Civil unrest was a national issue, and Rhode Island was no exception. During several instances, Troopers worked collaboratively with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, at great personal risk, to protect residents and visitors from acts of lawlessness and violence, while remaining steadfast in their commitment to protect the constitutional rights of individuals to lawfully protest and peacefully assemble. This was never more evident than on June 6th, when the largest demonstration in our State’s history assembled at the State House. That day approximately ten thousand demonstrators participated in what Division members helped ensure was a safe, peaceful, and lawful exercise of First Amendment rights.

Law enforcement agencies across the nation are adopting new protocols and innovative methods to increase transparency and community involvement in policing. In 2020, I authorized the creation of the Community, Diversity, and Equity Unit. The new unit seeks to establish cooperative relationships with members of the community, private and non-profit, to facilitate open communication between community members and the Division and to educate a broader population on the mission, goals, and values of the Rhode Island State Police.

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. As always, the Rhode Island State Police stands ready to provide the citizens and visitors of our State with exceptional law enforcement services.

Respectfully,

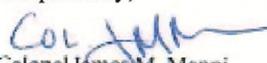

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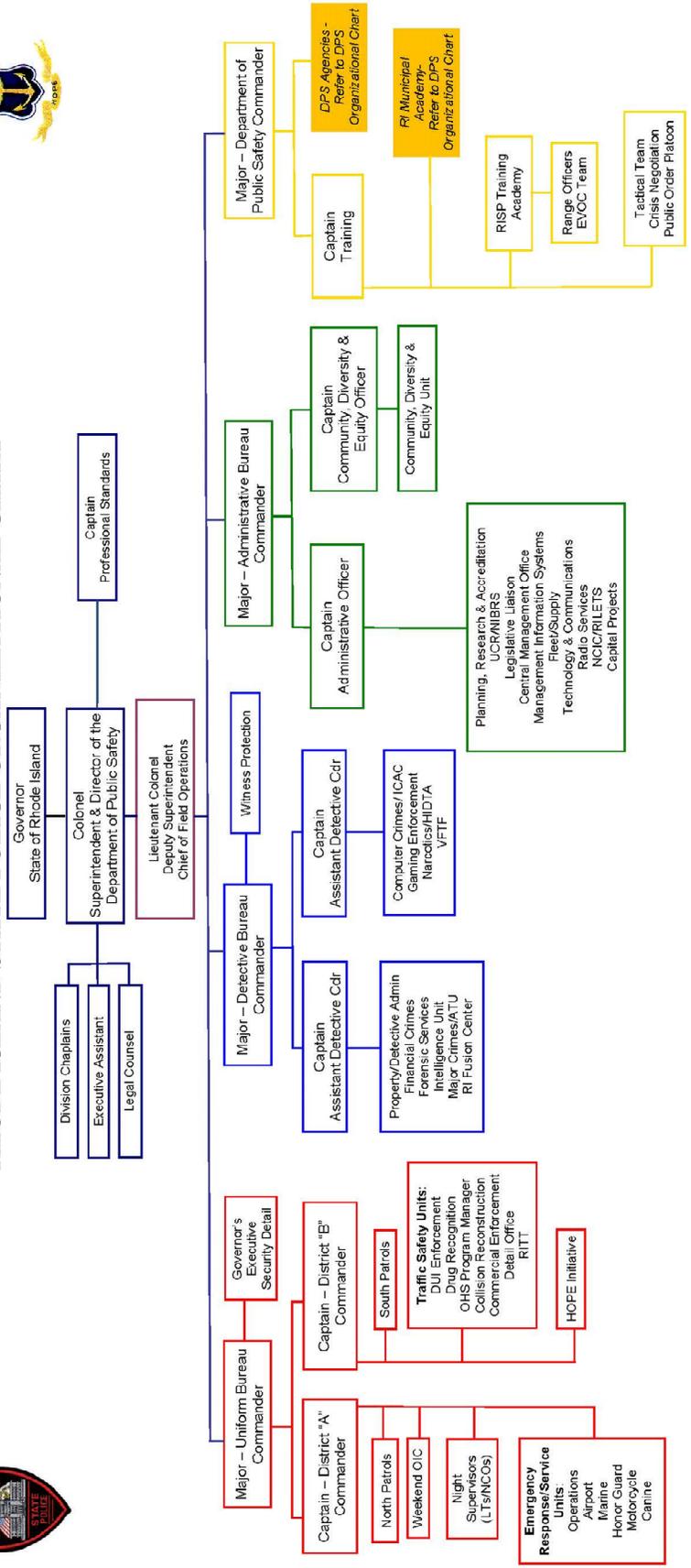
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Effective: 07/28/2020

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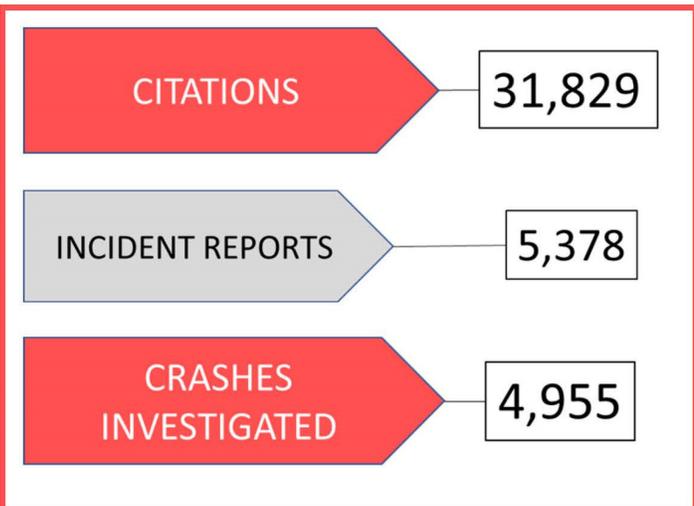
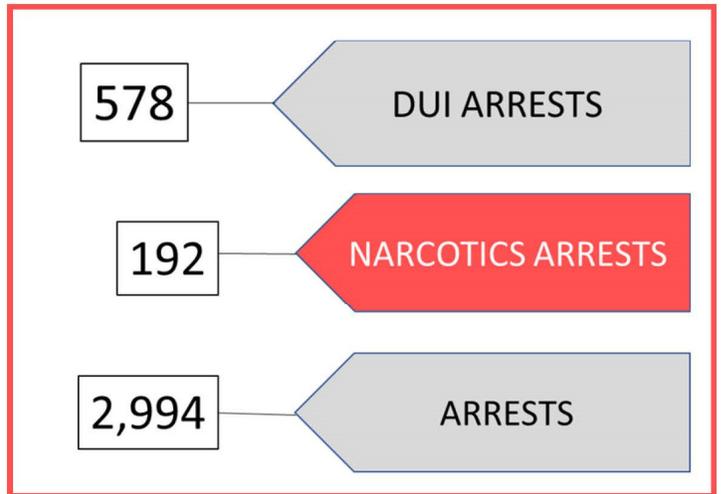
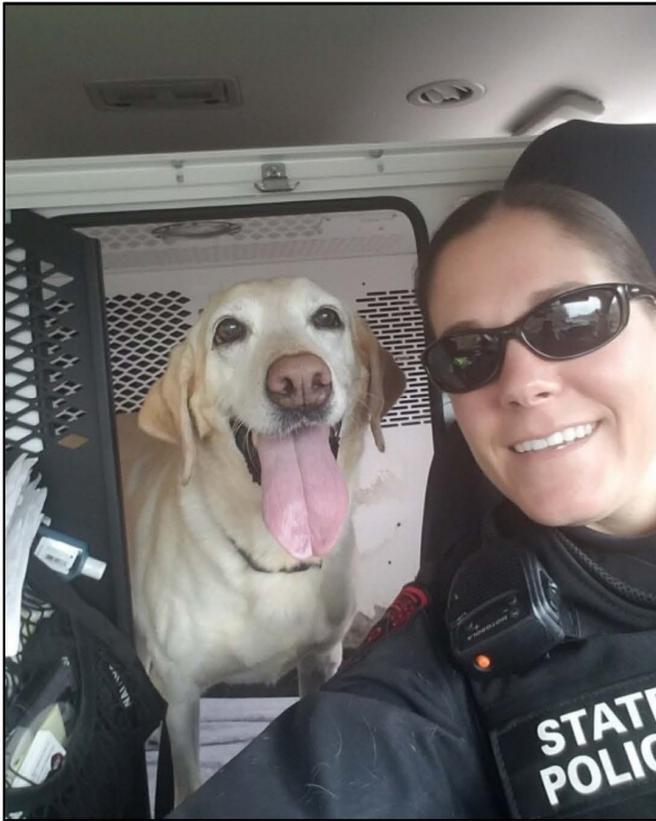


Captain Kenneth D. Jones



Captain Michael J. McGlynn

2020 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 – Lieutenant David T. Bassignani

In 2020, Troopers from the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated 1,252 incidents and 3,130 motor vehicle crashes, nine (9) of which involved fatalities. Troopers are committed to enforcement of the State’s traffic safety laws and issued 7,640 traffic citations for motor vehicle code violations and made 930 arrests. Troopers at the Lincoln Woods Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 186 square miles, which is fifty percent urban, twenty-five percent metropolitan, and twenty-five percent rural to include three (3) of Rhode Island’s major highways. Incidents occurring on interstate 95, 195 as well as on state highways 146 and 10 account for many of the investigations and calls for service handled by this Barracks.



Scituate Barracks – Lieutenant Jeffrey P. L'heureux

In 2020, Troopers from the Scituate Barracks investigated 703 incidents, issued 2,520 citations, and made 346 arrests. Troopers at 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. The Scituate Barracks patrols Interstate 295, Routes 6, 146 and Route 99.



Hope Valley Barracks – Lieutenant Michael D. Casey

In 2020, Troopers from the Hope Valley Barracks investigated 981 incidents and 359 motor vehicle crashes, seven (7) of which involved fatalities. Troopers issued 6,953 citations and made 297 arrests. Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 331 square miles, which is the most rural area within the State. The Hope Valley Barracks also patrols the western side of the Town of Exeter, the only municipality in the State without a local police department. Interstate 95 is a major travel corridor within the jurisdiction and is the primary focus for patrol.



Wickford Barracks – Lieutenant Ernest P. McKenney

In 2020, Troopers from the Wickford Barracks investigated 737 incidents and 696 motor vehicle crashes, five (5) of which involved fatalities. Troopers issued 7,758 citations and made 438 arrests. Troopers from the Wickford Barracks patrol an area that encompasses approximately 469 square miles (the largest patrol area within the Division), which is both rural and urban. Troopers respond to calls for service in both the Wickford Barracks patrol area and the now-closed Portsmouth Barracks patrol area. Troopers are also responsible for the eastern side of the Town of Exeter.



Traffic Safety Unit – Captain Matthew C. Moynihan

The Traffic Safety Unit (TSU) is a newly created specialized unit dedicated to reducing impaired driving. Troopers assigned to the unit focus their traffic enforcement statewide to remove impaired drivers, with the goal of having zero traffic fatalities on Rhode Island roadways. TSU employs strict enforcement of all motor vehicle laws to include driving under the influence of liquor and/or drugs, speeding, aggressive driving, as well as passenger safety violations. The members of the Traffic Safety Unit also participate in special enforcement initiatives with municipal police departments and participates in the “Honors” program with MADD.

In 2020, the Traffic Safety Unit investigated 5,679 calls for service, issued 5,339 traffic citations, and arrested 513 subjects for various criminal violations. Of the subjects arrested, 275 were for driving under the influence of liquor and/or drugs. The Traffic Safety Unit supports all municipalities and has been deployed to focus enforcement patrols in areas prone to increased alcohol-related activities or areas where higher motor vehicle crashes have occurred. The Traffic Safety Unit is supported with federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Office of Highway Safety.

Commercial Enforcement Unit – Lieutenant Sean P. O’Hern

During 2020, the Commercial Enforcement Unit (CEU) performed 2,984 roadside inspections, which included 190 hazardous material carriers. As a result of these roadside inspections, 7,526 violations were cited with 551 vehicles and 195 drivers being placed out of service due to unsafe operating conditions. Troopers also conducted 680 traffic enforcement stops yielding 655 violations.

Throughout the year, CEU Troopers were called upon to speak at various safety meetings and provide valuable information to members of the commercial trucking industry. CEU Troopers provided training to local police officers that included topics related to commercial vehicle traffic enforcement and size and weight enforcement. CEU Troopers sit on a variety of committees that influence the commercial motor vehicle industry on both a local and national level.

Operations Officer – Lieutenant Simon C. Liu

In 2020, the Operations Officer coordinated the Division’s response to events including the Governor's State of the State Address, multiple civil disturbances, the COVID-19 pandemic, and severe weather occurrences. The Operations Officer also coordinated with local police departments and handled numerous requests for Silver Alerts and one (1) AMBER Alert. In addition, the Operations Officer oversees and creates operational plans for numerous dignitary security protection details, which included Congressman Steve Scalise, Congressman David Cicilline, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Senator Jack Reed, and numerous other political and military dignitaries.



DETECTIVE BUREAU

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

Computer Crimes – Lieutenant Eric M. Yelle

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



The CCU oversees the Rhode Island Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force which is a Department of Justice grant-funded program. In 2020, the ICAC Task Force was comprised of seven (7) members of the CCU along with detectives from the Warwick Police Department, Cranston Police Department, Newport Police Department, East Providence Police Department, Pawtucket Police Department, Bristol Police Department, North Kingstown Police Department, Portsmouth Police Department, Woonsocket Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

In 2020, the CCU/ICAC Task Force completed numerous operations resulting in 76 arrests. The unit handled 632 incidents which included 400 proactive investigations, 225 forensic analyses, and 154 technical assists to Division members or other law enforcement agencies.

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

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



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

The Joint Cyber Task Force continues to participate in other statewide cyber meetings, such as Congressman James Langevin's Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency's Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource Working Group, and the Pell Center Corporate Cybersecurity Initiative meetings. The Joint Cyber Task Force has also worked hard to continue the mission and spirit of the Governor's Cybersecurity Commission by implementing several cybersecurity initiatives for the municipality infrastructure. For the past three years, and continuing this year for a fourth, the Joint Cyber Task Force has offered vulnerability scanning, phishing exercises and end-user cybersecurity awareness training to participating municipalities. These services are

offered at no cost to 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 (FCU) are a diverse group of detectives who are skilled in various areas of criminal investigation to include, but not limited to, mortgage fraud, embezzlement, and elder exploitation. The unit is called upon frequently to investigate public corruption, extortion, forgery, credit card fraud, identity theft and money laundering. In 2020, the Financial Crimes Unit opened 99 investigations and made 54 arrests.

Forensic Services Unit - Lieutenant John H. Grassel

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

FSU received a total of 218 new cases in 2020 which included 56 cases from outside agencies. FSU responded to, documented, and analyzed approximately 25 death scenes during this period. The investigation of death scenes present unique challenges and forensic analysis of such scenes require keen attention to detail and, at times, specialized equipment which FSU possesses. Unit members also maintained or worked toward forensic certifications in various disciplines.

Based on their forensic accreditation, continuous training, experience and wide variety of specialized equipment, the State Police Forensic Services Unit remains a premier forensic unit ready to assist members of the State Police and outside agencies.

Fusion Center – Lieutenant Peter J. Chabot

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



During 2020, the Fusion Center received a total of 1,073 requests for information from law enforcement agencies. These requests came from federal, state, and local law enforcement throughout

Rhode Island and outside jurisdictions. Additionally, the Fusion Center investigated 102 incidents. These incidents were generally initiated through tips and leads provided from our law enforcement, citizens, as well as public and private sector partners. Many of these investigations led to criminal charges and/or are shared with other law enforcement agencies for additional follow up. Every lead received by the Fusion Center is thoroughly investigated and shared in a timely manner to ensure the safety of the citizens of our State.

Gaming Enforcement Unit – Lieutenant Christopher J. Schram

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

With the addition of the Twin River Tiverton Casino-Hotel, along with adding a hotel venue at the Twin River Lincoln Casino-Hotel and a Sportsbook at both facilities, calls for service to the Gaming Enforcement Unit have increased as additional patrons visit the facilities. In 2020, members of the Gaming Enforcement Unit made 52 arrests and investigated 391 incidents between both casinos.

HIDTA/Narcotics – Lieutenant Thomas E. Jaques

The Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)/Narcotics (NARC) Unit is a statewide task force managed by the Rhode Island State Police. HIDTA/NARC is comprised of Rhode Island State Police Detectives, Special Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Bureau of Homeland Security, (HSI), along with full-time Detectives from the Providence, Pawtucket, West Warwick, Lincoln, Middletown, North Providence, and Bristol Police Departments. The Rhode Island National Guard Counter Drug Support Program also has two (2) analysts and the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) has a special investigator assigned to the unit.

HIDTA/NARC 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. In addition, HIDTA/NARC provides narcotics training as part of the Division's In-Service Training Program. Most cases investigated by the unit are a result of proactive investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from the cultivation of confidential informants. Furthermore, HIDTA/NARC members develop information provided to them by members of the Patrol Bureau as a result of motor vehicle stops and/or arrests.

In 2020, the HIDTA Task Force/Narcotics Unit executed 86 search warrants and seized 43.17 kilograms of Cocaine; 2.3 kilograms of Heroin; 3.18 kilograms of Fentanyl; 9.7 kilograms of BHO; 99.63 grams of

Crack Cocaine; 530 pounds of Marijuana; 1,639 Marijuana plants; 471 Oxycodone pills; 877 Alprazolam pills; 7.3 Kilograms of Methamphetamine; 56 firearms; and \$730,599 in U.S. currency.

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

During 2020, members of the Major Crimes/Auto Theft Unit (MCU/ATU) made 156 arrests and investigated and/or assisted in 387 separate incidents. These cases were directed to the MCU/ATU through either an initial barracks investigation, walk-in complaint, complaint filed at the Detective Office located at the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI), or when called to assist with local law enforcement investigations. The MCU also consists of two (2) detectives assigned to the Auto Theft Unit, which is responsible for insurance investigations and complaints regarding insurance fraud. The MCU is also responsible for managing and overseeing the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry System. The MCU also has two (2) detectives assigned to the ACI. These detectives thoroughly investigate all complaints made by both prison employees and incarcerated inmates. ACI Detectives also collect criminal information from prison 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 (DCYF) at the Rhode Island Training School (RITS).

Violent Fugitive Task Force – Lieutenant Timothy J. Dandeneau

In 2020, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF) arrested 253 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
- Four (4) wanted for Armed Robbery
- Two (2) wanted for Kidnapping
- Nine (9) wanted for Sexual Assault/Child Molestation
- Fifteen (15) wanted for Delivery of Narcotics/ Possession with Intent to Deliver Narcotics
- Seven (7) wanted for Breaking and Entering/Burglary/Home Invasion
- Sixteen (16) wanted for Felony Assault, including firearm related assaults

VFTF brought additional criminal charges for new firearms, narcotics, resisting arrest and obstruction of justice offenses. Members seized multiple firearms and drugs as well as arrested multiple subjects for warrants issued for violations of conditions of parole. VFTF also assisted several State and municipal police officers with apprehending suspects who were currently in the State of Rhode Island avoiding apprehension, known as Fugitives from Justice.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

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

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

The Community, Diversity & Equity Unit (CDE) is responsible for conveying the community's concerns to the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police. The CDE Unit seeks cooperative relationships with members of the community, including groups and organizations within the private sector. Members of the Unit provide information concerning public safety via lectures, presentations, and material handouts. The CDE Unit develops opportunities and recommendations for models that community partners can use to collaborate with community members regarding hiring, training, promotion, policy development, and accountability processes.

Facilities/Capital Projects Management – Lieutenant Richard D. Swanson

The Facilities and Capital Projects Manager is responsible for coordinating with members of the State Department of Administration-Department of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) 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 Facilities and Capital Projects manager is responsible for ensuring the accountability and value of public dollars while operating within the policy and procedures of the Rhode Island Division of Purchasing.

The Facilities and Capital Projects Manager is also responsible for maintenance, improvements to all twelve (12) buildings within the Headquarters complex, five (5) patrol barracks, the Training Academy property, the E911 backup call answering center located at 1951 Smith Street in North Providence, and three (3) offices located at 50 Service Avenue in Warwick. The Facilities and Capital Project manager is also responsible for the security and surveillance systems at State Police Headquarters as well as all barracks locations, and oversight of the Technical Services Unit, and the Maintenance Unit.

In 2020, the Facilities and Capital Projects manager was also responsible for the successful completion of the Masterplan through the coordination of all participating agencies, to include the Rhode Island State Police, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Energy Resources, Department of Environmental Management, and the Department of Transportation.

Fleet/Supply Administration – Lieutenant Richard D. Swanson

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

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

Planning, Research & Accreditation – Lieutenant Ronald J. Longolucco

The Planning, Research & Accreditation Unit conducts research, collects and compiles statistical information, and prepares documents on law enforcement related issues to enhance the operational and administrative capabilities of the Division. The Unit coordinates the preparation, revision, and editing of all policies, procedures, directives, and practices to satisfy Standards promulgated by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC). In addition, the Unit responds to inquiries from law enforcement agencies, represents the Division on various national, State, and local organizations and committees regarding law enforcement, and manages the Division's Internship Program.

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 a view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies.

Radio Services Unit – Mr. Thomas Crotty

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 thirteen (13) communication sites located throughout the State. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Department of Environmental Management, and the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center. In addition to the State agencies, the Division's 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 operate 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. The Radio Services Unit 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 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 (National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System) national network located in Arizona.

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

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

In addition to the RILETS network, the Technical Services Unit is responsible for all Rhode Island State Police internal telecommunications services. Telephone services and data circuits are managed and supported by the Technical Services Unit. The Technical Services Unit also provides project management services for many of the technology related projects initiated by the Rhode Island State Police.

Training Academy – Lieutenant Mark W. Gilson

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

In 2020, 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. The majority of the 2020 Annual In-Service Training Program was completed online utilizing PowerDMS and other virtual platforms due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Professional Standards – Captain Kenneth S. Buonaiuto

The Professional Standards Unit (PSU) is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Division of State Police. The unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly, and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will end with one of four (4) determined classifications: founded, unfounded/unsubstantiated, or pending. Founded complaints result in disciplinary sanctions or corrective actions in compliance with General Order-3C, titled, "Internal Investigation Procedure/Policy."

In 2020, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public while responding to 64,210 calls for service, conducting 29,123 motor vehicle stops, affecting 3,011 arrests, conducting 5,378 investigations, and investigating 4,954 accidents. In consideration of this data, Division employees had a minimum of 106,000 personal contacts in 2020 during the execution of their duties. This is a very conservative estimate as many of these incidents may have involved contact with multiple individuals. During this same time period, the Professional Standards Unit received twenty-five (25) complaints related to employee conduct. All of these complaints were investigated through the internal investigation process. Eleven (11) of these cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated. One (1) case is pending and thirteen (13) cases were determined to be founded and required corrective action or disciplinary sanctions. The twenty-five (25) investigations conducted by the Professional Standards Unit in 2020 represents less than .024% of the contacts Division members made throughout the year.

The Rhode Island State Police also maintains compliance with Standards contained in the Prison Rape Elimination Act, Subpart B – Standards for Lockups. During calendar year 2020, there were no reports of incidents within any of the four (4) Division holding facilities.

Statistical Tables

Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2020:

<i>Type of Investigation</i>	<i># of Investigations</i>	<i>Unfounded-Unsubstantiated</i>	<i>Founded w/Discipline</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Unprofessional</i>	12	3	8	1	0
<i>Job Performance</i>	11	7	4	0	0
<i>Racial Profiling</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Off-Duty Conduct</i>	2	1	1	0	0
<i>Other</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>TOTAL:</i>	25	11	13	1	0

Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar Year 2020:

<i>Force Type</i>	<i>Proper Use-Justified</i>	<i>Unjustified/Discipline</i>	<i>Total</i>
Physical	14	0	14
Cap Stun	4	0	4
Taser	5	0	5
Baton	1	0	1
K9	2	0	2
Lethal Force	0	0	0
Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance	14	0	14
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	5	0	5
TOTAL	45	0	45

Note: It is worth noting that Division members responded to 64,210 calls for service, conducted 29,123 motor vehicle stops, affected 3,011 arrests, conducted 5,378 investigations, and investigated 4,954 motor vehicle accidents in 2020. After removing the five incidents in which an injured animal was humanely euthanized, force was applied during 0.038% of all contacts made with the public during 2020. This figure is significantly below the national average of 1.6% (Bureau of Justice Statistics report NCJ 249216).

Comparison to Previous Years*:

<i>Force Type</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2013</i>
Physical	28	21	29	18	18	19	39
Physical w/ Cap-Stun	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Physical w/Baton	0						
Physical w/Taser	0	4	3	1	8	10	4
Physical w/K9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Physical w/Baton & Taser	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Physical Force w/Firearm to Gain Control	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cap Stun	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baton	0						
Taser	5	1	4	2	4	0	0
Taser w/K9	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
K9	2	5	0	1	1	0	1
Lethal Force	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Firearm Drawn (to Gain Compliance)	6	4	4	5	3	5	3
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	2	6	5	7	4	8	9
TOTALS	43	44	48	36	39	43	57

<i>Allegation of Sexual Abuse in Division Holding Facilities</i>	<i>2020</i>
Headquarters	0
Lincoln Woods Barracks	0
Wickford Barracks	0
Hope Valley Barracks	0