

# Rhode Island State Police 2013 Annual Report

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The Honorable Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Chafee:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2013 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my third since being named Superintendent.

Thirty-six new troopers graduated from the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy in December, following twenty-two weeks of intensive training. We welcome them to the ranks.

The Division has continued its efforts to vigilantly pursue motorists who drive while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Based on increased enforcement, accidents have been reduced.

The State Police Community Outreach Program, "New Beginnings," continues to make a positive impact in our state's diverse communities. The program includes outreach, education, leadership training, police recruiting, and connectivity into the communities. The Division has also assigned more than thirty members to assist cities and towns as well as other state agencies.

Forfeiture funds from the Google Settlement have provided much needed enhancements to the Division's aging fleet and key criminal justice improvements, including tasers and long guns. Plans are also underway to build new Hope Valley and Wickford Barracks.

Members of the Division provided support to the Massachusetts State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Boston Division following the tragic Boston Marathon bombings. Troopers, and their explosive detection canines, were immediately deployed, and in the following days, the Tactical Team responded to Logan International Airport and New Bedford. The Rhode Island Fusion Center coordinated with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Massachusetts Fusion Center to work on leads in Rhode Island.

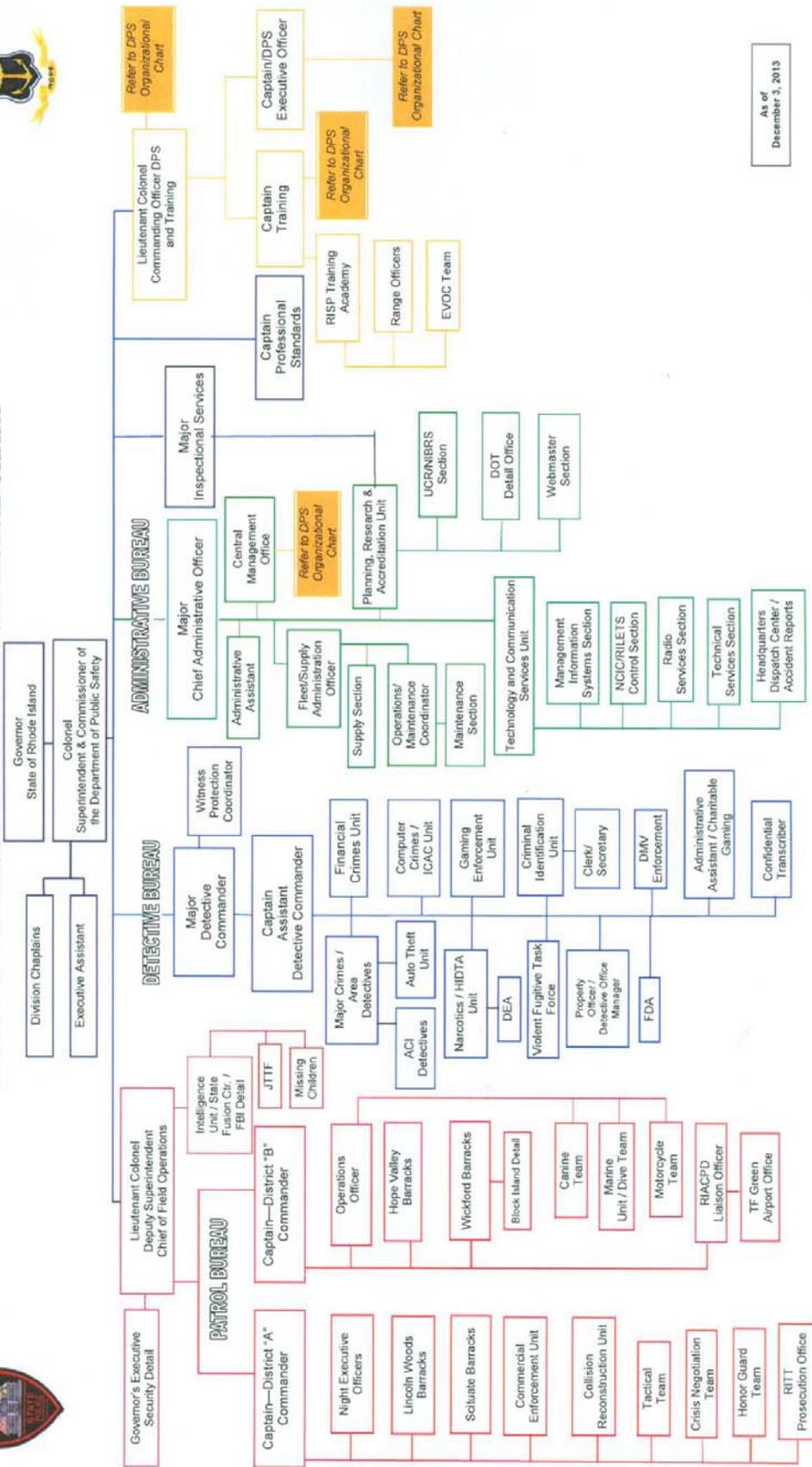
On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support over the past year as we strive to continue to provide the best law enforcement services for the citizens and visitors of our state.

Sincerely,

Steven G. O'Donnell  
Colonel  
Superintendent



# RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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## **Rhode Island State Police**



### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*The Rhode Island State Police is a full service, statewide law enforcement agency whose mission is to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism, integrity, and protect the inherent rights of the people to live their lives in freedom and safety. To this end, Division employees shall perform their respective patrol, investigative and support functions to the best of their ability, and cooperate with other State agencies, as well as with local and Federal authorities.*

### ***DIVISION CREED***

*“You are always to remember that you are  
in the Rhode Island State Police and  
In the Service of the State.  
It is a call of honor. It requires unselfish  
devotion to duty, the highest  
type of honesty and downright courage.”*

# ***SUPERINTENDENT***

***COLONEL STEVEN G. O'DONNELL***

**Executive Assistant:  
Ms. Barbara Laird**

*Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell is the twelfth Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, and was sworn in on May 9, 2011. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven and a Master of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. He is also a graduate of the 211<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy and the FBI National Executive Institute in Quantico, Virginia.*

*As Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, Colonel O'Donnell serves as the commanding officer of the Division and is accountable for staffing the Patrol, Detective, Administrative, and Public Safety Bureaus, to include the State and Municipal Police Training Academies. The mission of Patrol and Detective Bureaus is to promote highway safety, maintenance of order, prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of violators. The Superintendent is also responsible for ensuring the control of traffic, maintaining safety enforcement on the State's highways and the development and enforcement of all policies and regulations for the Division. The Superintendent must ensure structure, discipline, efficiency and morale within the Division, along with establishing goals, direction, and priorities.*

*The Superintendent also serves as Commissioner of the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety. The agencies that are under the Department are: E-911 Telephone System, State Fire Marshals' Office, the Public Safety Grants Administration Office, the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy, the Sheriffs' Department, the Rhode Island Capitol Police, the Legal Office, and the Central Management Office.*

*During the past year, the Superintendent served on the following: The Grants Administration Office Policy Board and Criminal Justice Steering Committee; the Rhode Island Crime Lab Commission; the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Commission; the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee; the International Association of Chiefs of Police/State and Provincial Division, New England State Police Administrators Conference; New England State Police Information Network Board of Directors; Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board, the Police Officers' Commission on Standards and Training, Joint Behavioral Health and Firearms Safety Task Force to Review and Make Recommendations for Statutes Relating to Firearms and Behavioral Health Issues, Chairman of the Board of Rhode Island Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Magistrate Selection Committee for the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, the Board of the Institute for the Study and Practice of Non-Violence, Legislative Commission to Undertake a Comprehensive Study of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Legislation in the State of Rhode Island, Biased Based Policing Committee, Racial Profiling Committee, Senate Committee on Consolidated Services, and the Senate Committee on Custodial Interrogations.*

*During 2013 the Division provided personnel to assist other state and municipal agencies. A Lieutenant Colonel was assigned to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. Members are also assigned to the Division of Sheriffs and the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. A Sergeant is assigned to T.F. Green Airport, and the Operations Officer is located at the Command Readiness Center of the Rhode Island National Guard. Troopers were also assigned to Block Island to augment the law enforcement presence during busy summer weekends and during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. More than 30 Troopers were assigned to different details throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend,*

*including motorcycle patrols, Fusion Center, Tactical Team, Intelligence Unit , uniform patrols, explosive detection canines, and Command Staff. The Division worked with the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, the Department of Environmental Management, and the local police departments to increase patrols at state beaches and state parks. Trooper patrolled the beaches on air quality alert days, when more visitors were at the beaches. There was also a trooper assigned to Colt State Park on summer weekends. There are two Detectives assigned to the ACI, one Detective assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force, one Detective assigned to the Food and Drug Administration, one Detective assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration, and seven members assigned to the Department Public Safety team, including a Sergeant assigned as the Director of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. Troopers were assigned to assist Burrillville Police patrol Route 102 as a result of an increase in fatal motor vehicle accidents in the area. The Marine Unit teamed up with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Department of Environmental Management, and local harbor masters to patrol Narragansett Bay to promote marine safety, handle calls for service, and enforcement of "boating while intoxicated" laws. The Marine Unit also patrolled Block Island, Galilee, and Johnson's Pond during peak summer weekends. Troopers conducted vessel safety inspections and practiced zero tolerance for those drinking alcohol while operating a vessel. In August, members of the Division covered calls in the City of Providence so that Providence Police Officers could attend the funeral services of Officer John Reposo, a member of the Providence Police Department, who was killed in a motor vehicle accident. In January, twelve troopers represented the Division at the 57<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural Detail in Washington, D.C. and were assigned to the Presidential Inaugural Task Force from January 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*The Division once again teamed up with officers from Providence Police in the "Neighborhood Response Team." In 2013, the NRT expanded into the Town of North Providence and the City of Central Falls. The teams were deployed to patrol during weekend nights and have been highly effective in reducing crime in these cities.*

*On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Division responded to the University of Rhode Island for a reported active shooter. A command post was set up at Headquarters to closely monitor the situation. Less than two weeks later, from April 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, the State Police assisted the Massachusetts State Police and the FBI-Boston Division in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings. Troopers and bomb detection canines were deployed to the bombing site immediately to search for potential secondary explosive devices. The Fusion Center coordinated with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Massachusetts Fusion Center to work on leads in Rhode Island. The State Police Tactical Team and the Fire Marshals' Bomb Squad were staged at Logan International Airport and also responded to New Bedford, where investigators believed the second suspect in the bombing was hiding. Four troopers ran in the Boston Marathon. Trooper Roupen Bastajian assisted by providing first aid and helping triage victims immediately following the bombings. Trooper Meredith Zenowich, who was a spectator, helped get other spectators to safety and helped set up a perimeter around the crime scene. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, thirty-five troopers attended the memorial services for MIT Police Officer, Sean Collier, who had been killed by the bombing suspects. More than 10,000 law enforcement officers from around the country attended the service. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, members of the State Police were honored at Fenway Park during a Boston Red Sox game, for providing assistance during the Boston Marathon Bombing investigation. At this year's Memorial Ceremony, we were honored to have Special Agent-in-Charge Richard DesLauriers and Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge Jeff Sallet, of the Boston FBI Office, in attendance to help present awards to the troopers who responded to the Boston Marathon bombings. In November, the American Red Cross honored Trooper Bastajian with its Community Resilience Hero Award.*

*In January, the Command structure of the Division was reorganized, which added a Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Corporal. This is as a result of increased duties and responsibilities of the Department of Public Safety. The second Lieutenant Colonel's position was placed back into the Command structure to oversee the Department of Public Safety, and a new position of Captain/Director of Training was added.*

*During 2013, the following members retired: Lieutenant Colonel Raymond B. Studley, Major James G. Pereira, Captain John D. Lemont, Lieutenant Daniel C. Cusumano, Lieutenant David J. Medeiros, Lieutenant Joseph Dubeau, Lieutenant Wilfred K. Hill, Mr. Frank Dolan, Mrs. Nancy Gagnon, Mr. Richard Peck, and Mr. Tom McCarthy, Sr. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service. We also welcomed the following new staff members: Ms. Melissa Arver, Command Staff Administrative Assistant; Mr. Ed Dursin, Mr. Anthony DaEstrela, and Mr. Matthew Knowlton, Utility Maintenance Technicians. We also welcome Ms. Allison O'Connor, Computer Programmer, and Ms. Brittnee Morgan, Data Processing System Manager. They have both been working as contract employees and were hired as permanent employees in January.*

*The Division's Detective Bureau continues its mission of providing excellent investigative services and responds to ever-increasing requests for its expertise. Several high-profile investigations included 38 Studios, the Institute for International Sports, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, and a Central Falls public corruption case. The new Gaming Enforcement Unit was formed as a result of table games coming to Twin River. There are seven Detectives assigned to this unit, and they have made several significant arrests as a result of individuals violating the state's gaming laws. There is also a new, two-member Sex Offender Registry Unit, which will assist local police departments with the proper registering of sex offenders.*

*The Division also began utilizing social media in 2013 with both Facebook and Twitter accounts. At this writing, the Division has more than 4,000 "likes" on Facebook. This has proven to be an invaluable tool to get important information out to the public quickly. Some of the messages have included road conditions during snow storms, Amber Alert messages, and press releases. A popular posting has been "Throw-Back Thursday," where a photograph from the State Police archives is published. Ms. Allison O'Connor is managing the Division's social media accounts and websites.*

*During peak holiday periods, the Uniformed Bureau participated in regional and national traffic enforcement campaigns, including Operation "C.A.R.E.," "Child Passenger Safety Week," "Click-It or Ticket," "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose," "Operation A.B.C.," National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend, and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." The Division continues aggressive patrols against impaired drivers, and troopers' enforcement activity on the road has been extremely productive. As a result, there has been a decrease in accidents. In December, MetLife Auto and Home donated more than 100 digital cameras to the Division. These are being used to document automobile crashes, crimes scenes, evidence, etc.*

*Google Settlement funds were disbursed in 2013 to replace the aging Rhode Island State Police fleet, purchase tasers and long guns, and provide training. Plans are underway to build a new Wickford Barracks and Hope Valley Barracks. Extensive renovations are also planned for the Lincoln Woods Barracks. The Division is also exploring the possibility of building a consolidated police training facility. In addition, we will be renovating the Supply and Intelligence Buildings at Headquarters, and once completed, we will renovate the White House and move the Scituate Barracks troopers into that facility.*

*The Division worked with several state agencies during the blizzards and severe snow storms in 2013. Members of the State Police, National Guard, Department of Transportation, and National Grid formed a "strike force," and were deployed to problem areas. This plan worked well by deploying assets to hardest hit areas quickly. Members of the State Police, National Guard, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and National Grid continue to meet quarterly to review response to previous storms and find solutions to improve response to future storm emergencies.*

*In an effort to curb impaired driving, the State Police partnered with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and local police on drunk and impaired driving enforcement with a particular focus on holiday periods. The Division participated in the MADD-RI Red Ribbon Holiday Awareness Event and "Strike Out Drunk Driving." In December the Division participated in MADD's annual candlelight vigil. Also in December, the State Police, Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association, and MADD-RI held a press conference to remind motorists to drive safely over the New Year's Holiday weekend. The Division continues its efforts to remove impaired drivers from the state's roadways. Some individuals arrested have had very high blood-alcohol concentrations of two to three times the legal limit, and there have been several arrests where drivers were driving the wrong way on the highway. In March, Colonel O'Donnell participated in a "Designated Driver Awareness Program" at Club Coliseum in Providence. The Division will continue to aggressively pursue and arrest those individuals, whose irresponsible actions put innocent motorists at risk. Five times during the month of September, the "Alcohol Compliance Task Force" visited several nightclubs and neighborhood locations known for hosting large parties attended by college students. The Task Force includes troopers, local police, college and university police and public safety departments, the Department of Business Regulation, and the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Task Force checked for under-age drinking, over-serving, license compliance, Fire Code violations, etc. The Task Force made several arrests, and issued civil summonses.*

*The Division was active during the legislative session, and Colonel O'Donnell sat on several committees and task forces on gun safety, following the tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut.*

*The Community Outreach Program, "New Beginnings," was very active during 2013. Leadership Training Programs were held with students at Central High School, Central Falls High School, and the Rhode Island Training School for Youth. Troopers also spoke with several Scout troops about leadership. The Division assisted Ocean State Job Lot with their "Three Square Meals" community meal assistance program. The State Police also teamed up with the Attorney General's Office on the "Texting: It Can Wait" campaign at area high schools. In May, students from Central High School visited Headquarters to learn about careers in public safety and to tour the State Police Museum. Also in May, members provided a car seat safety check and demonstrated the rollover simulator at a community event in Central Falls. "Project Smile" donated several boxes of stuffed animals to the Division to distribute to children who witness or are victims of crimes. In June, members attended "Peace on our Streets," sponsored by Children's Friend and Project Night Vision. In October the State Police Basketball Team played the Rhode Island Training School for Youth Basketball Team in honor of "Reading Achievement Awards" sponsored by the Training School. Members also participated in the "Walking School Bus Program" with Family Service of Rhode Island.*

*The Division hosted a meeting with all stakeholders to prepare for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday on Block Island. This multi-agency response was initiated in 2012 at the request of the Town of New Shoreham, as a result of numerous instances of underage drinking and overindulging in alcohol during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 2011, which created a very dangerous situation. The group continued to meet and utilized social media to spread the word that this behavior would not be tolerated. As a result, the holiday was uneventful and visitors to the island were able to enjoy the island.*

*A promotion ceremony was held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Rhode Island College. Thirty-two sworn members were recognized for their promotions, and twenty-three members and one unit were presented awards for their outstanding work.*

*In June, a commendation ceremony was held at Headquarters to recognize one member with a Special Commendation. Four Commendations were presented to eight troopers and two canines for arrests of narcotics traffickers, saving the life of a victim in a motor vehicle crash, finding a suicidal woman in a densely wooded area, and for the investigation that led to the Google Settlement.*

*During the summer months, troopers provided assistance at several large-scale events including: Tall Ships, America's Cup, Rhode Island National Guard Air Show, and the Jazz and Folk Festivals.*

*During Police Memorial Week in May, the State Police held its annual Memorial Ceremony. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a barbeque provided through the generosity of Museum supporters Walter and Wanda McLaughlin. This was the largest turnout of retired members at a Memorial Ceremony. The retirees also held a meeting in the Colonel Stone Conference Room after lunch, and they were briefed on the current status and future build-out of the Rhode Island State Police. Both currently serving and retired troopers, dignitaries, family, and friends attended the ceremony and barbeque, and had an opportunity to visit with old friends and colleagues. The event was sponsored by the Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation.*

*In June, the Division hosted a ceremony at Headquarters to honor U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Bradley O'Keefe. Lance Corporal O'Keefe was seriously injured while on patrol in Afghanistan with his bomb detection canine "Earl," and sent home to recover. The military subsequently downsized its Canine Unit, and "Earl" was transferred to Trooper Damien Maddox. Lance Corporal O'Keefe's sister was able to locate "Earl" at the Rhode Island State Police and asked if he could be returned to her brother to aid in his recovery. Trooper Maddox agreed stating that Lance Corporal O'Keefe needed "Earl" more than he did and that returning him was the right thing to do. Lance Corporal O'Keefe and his sister, Rachel Lawson, attended the ceremony, where "Earl" was retired and returned to Lance Corporal O'Keefe. Members of the Division have stayed in touch with Lance Corporal O'Keefe, who reports that "Earl" is enjoying retirement. The Division received a great deal of positive feedback regarding Trooper Maddox and "Earl," and the story was featured on the NBC National News with Brian Williams. In November, "Earl" received an award during the American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast held in Providence. We thank Trooper Maddox for his unselfish actions in agreeing to return "Earl" to Lance Corporal O'Keefe.*

*In September, the Rhode Island State Police became the first law enforcement agency in the state to receive statewide accreditation by the newly formed Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission. The award was presented at the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association Vendor Exhibit in October. During the last CALEA accreditation, the Division received "Accreditation with Excellence" and a "Certificate of Meritorious Accreditation," for having maintained its accreditation for fifteen or more consecutive years. In 2014, the Division will be assessed using the "Gold Standard Assessment." This voluntary assessment format focuses primarily on processes and outcomes associated with standards specific to agency policies. This measures the impact of accreditation as opposed to confirming compliance of CALEA standards through a file-by-file review.*

*In November, a ceremony was held at Headquarters to retire the badge numbers of the seven members of the Rhode Island State Police who were killed in the line of duty since 1925. The trooper who currently wore that member's badge presented a plaque and the badge number to the family member. At the time of this writing, family members have been located for all seven troopers. It was a very moving ceremony and the families deeply appreciated the opportunity to honor these troopers who gave their lives "In the Service of the State." Also in November, in a ceremony at the Hope Valley Barracks, the cremated remains of Mr. Francis Henry Walsh were returned to his family. The remains had been in the custody of the State Police Hope Valley Barracks for over thirty years.*

*Members of the State Police participated in several parades throughout the year including: The Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade, where more than 60 troopers marched, and the Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. At this year's Aquidneck Island National Police Parade, the Division won the award for "largest contingent" with 63 troopers participating. A majority of the members were on a leave day and volunteered to march in these parades.*

*The Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Academy Class of 2013 began its twenty-two weeks of intensive training in July under the leadership of Lieutenant Kevin M. Barry. In addition to both academic and physical training, the student troopers participated in several community outreach programs. This was also the first time that both State Police and Municipal Police Academy recruits held joint physical training programs. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, 36 troopers graduated in a ceremony at Rhode Island College and began their Field Training Officer Program. They will begin patrolling on their own in mid-February 2014. Congratulations to our newest members!*

*In February, the Division held a series of leadership training programs for newly promoted non-commissioned officers and senior troopers. In March the State Police hosted a school shooting seminar for 250 law enforcement officers and school administrators at Rhode Island College. Speakers included Captain Douglas Burig, of the Pennsylvania State Police, who was a first responder to the West Nickel Mines Amish School shooting, and Colonel Danny Stebbins, Superintendent of the Connecticut State Police, who spoke about the Newtown School shooting.*

*Members of the Division also participated in several charitable events during the year to benefit Special Olympics, "Books or Bust," a blood drive for the Rhode Island Blood Center, State Employees Charitable Appeal, "Swing for the Fences" softball tournament to benefit Children's Wishes of Rhode Island, Bobby Doyle Summer Classic Five-Mile Road Race, BoldrDash Race, and the Troopers Association 5K Foot Pursuit. In November, the Troopers Association held its annual "Turkey Bowl" football game in East Greenwich.*

*Members received numerous awards for their outstanding work. In March, Sergeant Dennis Fleming was honored by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration with an award for his work on "Heroin Highway." Also in March, Detective Kenneth Buonaiuto was recognized with a law enforcement award from APG Security and the American Legion for his role in the Central Falls corruption case. Trooper Stephen W. Vinton also received an APG Securities award for his outstanding work ethic. In April, Major David P. Tikoian was inducted in the Society of Knights for the Community College of Rhode Island and received a Distinguished Alumni Award. In April, Trooper Ruth Hernandez received a Distinguished Service Award from the Hispanic United Development Organization for her work inspiring Latino youth. In May, retired Superintendent, Colonel Edmond S. Culhane, Jr. was inducted into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. Sergeant Matthew T. Zarrella was featured in a documentary about law enforcement canines. A pre-screening for the film was held in Jamestown on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, members of the Division received highway safety awards from the Rhode Island Office on Highway Safety at the MADD-RI Annual Team Spirit Conference. Congratulations to Corporal Darnell Weaver and Troopers Peter Filuminia, Franklin Navarro, and Conor O'Donnell.*

*In September, Trooper Christopher O'Connors received the 2012 Attorney General's Justice Award, the Criminal Identification Unit received a law enforcement award from the Providence Chapter of ASIS International, and Trooper John Gadrow received an award from the Narragansett Police Department. In October, the Division won first place in the National Law Enforcement Challenge for State Police Agencies with 1-250 sworn officers. This award was presented at the IACP's Annual Conference in Philadelphia. In November, Trooper Peter Filuminia received an award at the AAA Traffic Safety Awards Luncheon in Providence.*

*In August, the State Police once again partnered with the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association, the Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Rhode Island Troopers Association, the DPS agencies, and the Governor's Office, for the fifth "Kids, Cops, and Classrooms," an initiative that provides backpacks and school supplies for children and teens. This year, more than 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed. This was the largest donation ever. In December, the sixth annual "Kids, Cops, & Christmas" event was held. This year's event included "Fill the Cruiser" at Ocean State Job Lot. The goal for Christmas was "1,000 Gifts for 1,000 Children," which was far surpassed as a result of the participation of law enforcement and our corporate sponsors. Again, this year was the largest donation ever. Both events benefit children, who are clients of Crossroads Rhode Island, Children's Friend, the Hispanic Ministerial Alliance, the Center for Southeast Asians, Project "Night Vision," Family Service of Rhode Island, and the Multi-Service Center for All. Following both events, troopers and police officers delivered the school supplies and Christmas gifts in person, so they would have an opportunity to interact directly with the children and their families. We are fortunate to have several Rhode Island corporate sponsors supporting these projects, including: Ocean State Job Lot, Benny's, CVS Caremark, Walgreen's, W.B. Mason, Target, and Alex & Ani. We thank them for their outstanding support of our state's youth. This year an unprecedented number of backpacks, school supplies, and gifts were donated. This initiative is very helpful in connecting troopers with our community partners.*

*Troopers continued to be actively involved in Special Olympics. In March, members participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Torch Run Plunge at Goddard State Park. In May, troopers presented medals to the Special Olympians at their event at Bryant University. From May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, troopers presented medals at the Special Olympics Summer Games at the University of Rhode Island. In September the Troopers Association sponsored the "Sporting Clays Fun Shoot and Steak Fry." Captain James Manni and Trooper John Gadrow received awards for raising over \$75,000 in their ten years of volunteering for Special Olympics.*

*In the fall, the second "Rhode Island State Police Citizens' Trooper Academy" was held. This six-week program was developed for government and civic leaders and members of the media to give them a hands-on, real-time experience of what troopers face on a day-to-day basis. The 30 attendees participated in FATS Training, car stops, response to DWI crashes and death notification, legal issues, officer safety, and biased-based policing. The program was very well received by the attendees, which included several Chief Judges of the Federal and State Courts; members of the media; community leaders, including our minority community partners; prosecutors; and public defenders.*

*On December 21<sup>st</sup>, the Rhode Island Troopers Association and the Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation sponsored the second, all-inclusive Rhode Island State Police Christmas Party. Active and retired sworn and civilian members and members of the Associates of the Rhode Island Troopers Association attended the celebration at Twin River Entertainment Center.*

*The upcoming year will present new challenges for the Rhode Island State Police. In 2013 several statutorily mandated retirements took effect. These men and women had hundreds of years of law enforcement experience. Mandatory retirements for the Classes of 1990 and 1992 will be upcoming over the next three years.*

*We will be dealing with important legislative issues including school safety and guns. We continue to work with the Governor's staff to amend and/or strengthen laws that effect public safety, including drunk driving and motor vehicle stops.*

*Google Settlement funds will be utilized to build new barracks for Hope Valley and Wickford, and capital funds will cover much-needed renovations at the Lincoln Woods Barracks the White House, and the Supply, and Intelligence Buildings at Headquarters. The men and women of the Rhode Island State Police are committed to continue providing quality law enforcement services that our citizens have come to expect from their Rhode Island State Police.*

# ***PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT***

***CAPTAIN BENJAMIN M. BARNEY***

*The Professional Standards Unit is under the command of Captain Benjamin Barney a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. His previous assignments include having served at all of the Division's barracks, a member of the Narcotics Unit, and Officer-in-Charge of the Adult Correctional Institution's State Police Investigative Unit. He most recently served as the Assistant Detective Commander. Prior to his transfer into the Division's Detective Bureau in 1998, he served as a member of the State Police Tactical Team, was a Field Training Officer and a Domestic Violence Investigations Instructor. Captain Barney served in the United States Coast Guard from 1984 to 1989 and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University.*

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

*The Professional Standards Unit investigated a total of forty-eight (48) complaints between January and December of 2013. Twenty-five (25) cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated, twenty (20) cases were determined to be founded and required corrective action or disciplinary sanctions, two (2) cases are pending. \*One (1) investigation was conducted for a municipal police department, at the Chief's request.*

*In 2013, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public on over 78,146 occasions through traffic collision investigations, incidents, arrests, investigations, and citations, yet the Professional Standards Unit only received forty-eight (48) complaints against personnel from both external and internal sources.*

**Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2013**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Number of Complaints</b>	<b>Unfounded - Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Discipline/Founded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
<i>Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)</i>	24	14	9	1
<i>Job Performance (Sworn)</i>	21	10	10	1
<i>Racial Profiling (Sworn)</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Job Performance (Civilian)</i>	2	1	1	0
<i>Miscellaneous (Sworn and Civilian) *</i>	1	N/A	N/A	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Findings for an investigation conducted at the request of a municipal police department would be founded or unfounded at the discretion of that department's Chief.

**Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2012**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Number of Complaints</b>	<b>Unfounded - Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Discipline/Founded</b>	<b>Pending</b>
<i>Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)</i>	16	6	10	0
<i>Job Performance (Sworn)</i>	23	16	7	1
<i>Racial Profiling (Sworn)</i>	1	1	0	0
<i>Job Performance (Civilian)</i>	2	0	2	0
<i>Miscellaneous (Sworn and Civilian)</i>	4	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>

**Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2013**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Proper Use - Justified</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Discharge of Firearm</i>	0	0	0
<i>Discharge of Firearm (To dispatch injured/dangerous animal)</i>	9	0	9
<i>Use of Force/Physical</i>	30	0	30
<i>Use of Force/Capstun</i>	2	0	2
<i>Use of Force/Cas 21</i>	0	0	0
<i>Use of Division Canine (K-9)</i>	1	0	1
<i>Use of Other Implement/Upholstered Weapon</i>	3	0	3
<i>Medical Assistance</i>	1	0	1
<i>Use of Electronic Control Device (Taser)</i>	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>

**Summary of Use of Force Incidents for Calendar-Year 2012**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Proper Use - Justified</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Discharge of Firearm</i>	1	0	1
<i>Discharge of Firearm (To dispatch injured/dangerous animal)</i>	8	0	8
<i>Use of Force/Physical</i>	44	0	44
<i>Use of Force/Capstun</i>	0	0	0
<i>Use of Force/Cas 21</i>	0	0	0
<i>Use of Division Canine (K-9)</i>	1	0	1
<i>Use of Other Implement</i>	0	0	0
<i>Use of Electronic Control Device (Taser)</i>	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>

**Comparison to Previous Years**

TYPE	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
<i>Physical Struggle</i>	18	17	13	18	22	20	22	24	18	46
<i>Physical w/ Cap-Stun</i>	1	3	6	1	7	8	4	2	8	1
<i>Physical w/CASBaton/oth implement</i>	0	1	2	1	1	5	1	0	0	2
<i>Use of Taser</i>	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Use of Canine</i>	0	3	6	0	2	2	2	0	1	0
<i>Discharge of Firearm</i>	6	7	8	7	14	10	20	8	9	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>53</b>

# ***INSPECTIONAL SERVICES UNIT***

***MAJOR JAMES M. MANNI***

*Major James M. Manni is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Division and is responsible for evaluating the operation of the Division, as well as periodic inspections of facilities, vehicles, equipment, records, personnel and investigative procedures. The Inspectional Services Unit is charged with reviewing current Division-wide operations, practices, policies and procedures against mandatory and non-mandatory CALEA, (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) standards. This review ensures that any identified deficiencies are addressed accordingly to satisfy the standard, and to make certain the Division will continue to operate efficiently in order to maintain its prestigious accredited status.*

*In 2011, the State Police received the Accreditation with Excellence Award designed to recognize agencies for their effective use of accreditation as a model for the delivery of enhanced public safety services and management professionalism. The Division not only earned "Meritorious" recognition for its 6<sup>th</sup> successful re-accreditation, but also earned the prestigious distinction of "Accreditation with Excellence Award" formally referred to as a Flagship Agency for the third consecutive re-accreditation cycle.*

*In October of 2013, the Division became the first Rhode Island police agency to achieve accredited status by the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission on behalf of the department of Attorney General. The Rhode Island State Police was recognized as an innovative and progressive law enforcement agency that continually strives to meet the needs of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island.*

*Since 2000, the Inspectional Services Unit has continued to maintain a Quality Assurance Program. Surveys are mailed to persons who have dealt with the Division in reference to complaint investigation (both uniform and detective), accident investigations, as well as, the enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws. As has been the case with every annual survey, the Division continues to maintain a 90% level of satisfaction for its services to Rhode Island residents. This is a level of professionalism all Rhode Islanders can be proud of.*

*Major Manni also serves as the Division's Legislative Liaison and Community Outreach Liaison where he works with such organizations as Project Night Vision, Hispanic Ministerial Association of Rhode Island, The Center for Southeast Asians, Multi-Service Center For All, Crossroads Rhode Island, Family Service of Rhode Island and many others to foster relationships and ties to the communities we serve.*

***DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT/  
CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS***  
*LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL J. WINQUIST*

*Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Winqvist, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, is the Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Field Operations, and second in command of the Rhode Island State Police. Lieutenant Colonel Winqvist is a 2012 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Academy(Session 251) in Quantico, V.A. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University and a Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College.*

*Prior to being promoted to Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Winqvist served as the Detective Commander holding the rank of Major. Lieutenant Colonel Winqvist's previous assignments also include Assistant Detective Commander, Area Detectives, Narcotics Unit, Providence Police Gang Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Task Force, Fusion Center and Intelligence Unit within the Detective Bureau as well as a uniform Trooper at all Division Barracks. He also served as a member of the State Police Motorcycle Team.*

*As Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Winqvist is directly responsible for the Patrol Bureau, as well as the Intelligence Unit, Fusion Center and the Governor's Security Detail. Additionally, he has supervisory responsibility for the specialized units within these branches, to include: the Commercial Enforcement Unit, RI Airport Corporation Police Liaison Officer, the Division's TF Green Airport Office, Marine Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Canine Team, Tactical Team, Honor Guard Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Motorcycle Team. The Deputy Superintendent is continuously involved in the day-to-day operations of the Division of State Police.*

*The Deputy Superintendent is the conduit for requests from local, state, and federal agencies seeking the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police. He regularly represents the Division at the State House and with the State's Legislature on numerous Rhode Island State Police initiatives. The Deputy Superintendent reports directly to the Superintendent, and along with the Superintendent, works to ensure the efficient operation and establish goals, direction, and priorities for the Division of State Police.*

*The Superintendent has designated the Deputy Superintendent as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the State Police and, as such, he is responsible for disseminating information to the public through printed and electronic media. Among the responsibilities of the PIO is the coordination of public speaking appearances and demonstrations by Division members throughout the State and Northeast. He periodically meets with representatives from various media outlets to ensure an open line of communication.*

*Finally, the Deputy Superintendent is the Coordinator for the Rhode Island AMBER and Silver Alert Plans and is responsible for establishing the protocol for investigating child abduction investigations. The Rhode Island AMBER and Silver Alert Plans provide a rapid response to the most serious child abduction and missing elderly person cases respectively. When alerts are activated, the Rhode Island State Police can immediately gain the assistance of local broadcasters to send an emergency alert to the public with the hopes of a quick and safe recovery of the abducted child or location of the missing elderly person.*

## ***DISTRICT COMMANDERS***

***CAPTAIN FRANK B. CASTELLONE***  
***CAPTAIN KEVIN M. BARRY***

*The District Commander's office is staffed with two (2) Division members holding the rank of Captain: Captain Frank B. Castellone and Captain Kevin M. Barry. Captain Frank B. Castellone, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Division, is the District "B" Commander. Captain Castellone holds a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Studies from Rhode Island College. Captain Castellone has previously served as the Division Liaison to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation at Theodore Francis Green International Airport in Warwick, the Assistant Patrol Commander of the Lincoln Woods and Portsmouth Barracks, and as the Prosecution Officer at the Lincoln Woods Barracks. He has also served at all Barracks locations.*

*Captain Barry, a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division, serves as the District "A" Commander. Captain Barry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Worcester State University. Prior to joining the State Police he served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. Captain Barry has served at all barracks as a member of the Uniform Bureau. His previous assignments include Prosecution Officer at the Lincoln Woods Barracks and the Night Executive Officer. While assigned to the Detective Bureau, he served in the Intelligence Unit, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Captain Barry is a graduate of the 239<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy. He was a Patrol/Narcotics Canine Handler, an instructor for the 2011 RISP Training Academy, and an officer in the Rhode Island Troopers' Association for over 10 years. Most recently, Captain Barry served as the Commandant of the 2013 Rhode Island State Police Training Academy.*

*Captain Castellone is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Hope Valley Barracks, Wickford Barracks, Portsmouth Barracks, Block Island Detail, T.F. Green Airport Office, Operations Officer, the Domestic Highway Enforcement Detail, Canine Unit, Marine/Dive Unit, Motorcycle Unit, and Honor Guard.*

*Captain Barry is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Scituate Barracks, Commercial Enforcement Unit, Night Executive Officers and the Collision Reconstruction Unit.*

*The District Commanders have the overall responsibility of ensuring that all barracks are operating in a uniform manner to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Division. The District Commanders respond to all major incidents being investigated by uniformed patrols. Included in their responsibilities is the allocation of personnel around the State. Due to the dynamics and the varied daily responsibilities of the organization, assigning Troopers around the State is a very time consuming responsibility.*

*The District Commanders work with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate the Division's efforts in the war against terrorism. All special security details and assignments fall under the responsibility of the District Commanders.*

# **SCITUATE BARRACKS**

*LIEUTENANT DOUGLAS C. NEWBERG*

**PATROL AREA:**

*Burrillville, Coventry, Cranston,  
Cumberland, Foster,  
Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln,  
Providence, Scituate,  
Smithfield, Warwick*



*The Scituate Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Douglas C. Newberg, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The Scituate Barracks personnel structure consists of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, three (3) Corporal's and twenty-six (26) Troopers. The Troopers have a Substation at the State Police Blackstone Valley Welcome Center on Route 295 North in the Town of Lincoln and also at State Police Headquarters located at 311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, Rhode Island. The prosecution office is also located at State Police Headquarters serving Troopers assigned to the Scituate Barracks.*

*The Scituate Barracks encompasses over three hundred and seven (307) square miles. The Blackstone Valley Substation gives troopers easy access to State highways and secondary roads in the area. The Scituate Troopers also have patrol responsibilities from the Connecticut State line, in the northwest portion of the State, to the Route 6, Providence metro area. Members of the barracks are also responsible for providing police services to over thirteen (13) cities and towns.*

*Patrol activities range from traffic patrol and enforcement, crash investigations, and various criminal investigations, to include everything from armed robbery to embezzlement. Troopers made one-thousand two-hundred thirty-seven (1,237) arrests in 2013 with one-hundred (100) resulting in the apprehension of drunk drivers. Additionally, troopers investigated seven-hundred sixty-six (766) incidents and complaints. Through concentrated traffic enforcement efforts, Troopers issued approximately ten-thousand three-hundred sixty-two (10,362) traffic citations; nearly one-thousand nine-hundred fifteen (1,915) of which were seat belt violations.*

*In addition to patrol duties, members of the Scituate Barracks are assigned to various specialty units that support the Division of State Police. These responsibilities include assignment to the Governors Security Detail, Tactical Team and Hostage-Crisis Negotiation Team; Honor Guard Details, Firearms Instruction, Marine Unit and the Canine Team. Members of the Scituate Barracks are also responsible for dispatch and front office duties at the Rhode Island State Police Headquarters Complex.*

## **Interesting Investigation**

*In March of 2013, a Trooper while patrolling the north-western area of the state observed a motor vehicle without any front registration plate and the operator not wearing a seat belt. The Trooper activated his overhead emergency lights and initiated a motor vehicle stop.*

*The Trooper approached the vehicle and positively identified the operator through his Rhode Island Identification Card. The operator of the vehicle could not provide proof of insurance, an active registration to the vehicle he was operating or a valid operator's license. The Trooper returned to his cruiser and conducted warrant checks which revealed an active bench warrant for failure to appear on the ability to pay on the original charge of Driving Without a License. The operator was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest and placed in the rear of the cruiser.*

*The Trooper sensing that the operator was nervous conducted several cross agency checks with various police departments. The Trooper, while conducting these cross agency checks, revealed that a northern municipality had three additional affidavit and arrest warrants recently signed for this defendant for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Armed Robbery, Burglary and Felony Conspiracy. This northern municipality also stated that members of the Special Response Team were about to execute a search warrant at the home of this defendant. The Trooper in cooperation with the ongoing investigation turned the defendant over to this municipality after charging him with Driving Without a License, Display of Plates, Operation of a Motor Vehicle without Evidence of Insurance and Driving an Unsafe Vehicle. It was later learned the defendant was also charged with Carrying a Pistol Without a License, Use of a Firearm while Committing a Crime of Violence and Felony Conspiracy by the municipality.*

## **Barracks Personnel**

**Sergeants:** Erik W. Jones

**Corporals:** Simon C. Liu, John W. Gibbs, Ernest P. McKenney

**Troopers:** Sean A. McCarthy, Scott R. Carlsten, Scott L. Hartwell, Peter J. Cambio, Stephen W. Brown, Joy M. Younkin, Michael J. Capone, David M. Trainor, Charles A. Bergeron, Sean M. Crowley, Lisa M. Silveira-Hanley, Roupen Bastajian, Amoncio A. DaCruz, Ruth C. Hernandez, Marcin D. Ferenc, Justin B. Andreozzi, Jared J. Andrews, Theodore M. Gibbons, Matthew C. Lynch, Adrian Cybowicz, Garrett S. Hassett, Neil D. Kelly, Dmitriy Drozdov, Erik A. Mills, Lindsay A. Laurie, Ian J. Andrade, Stephen W. Gaffney and Juan M. Coronado

# **LINCOLN BARRACKS**

*LIEUTENANT ERIC C. LARIVIERE*

**PATROL AREA:**

*Central Falls, Cranston,  
Cumberland, East Providence,  
Lincoln, North Providence,  
North Smithfield, Pawtucket,  
Providence, Smithfield,  
Warwick, Woonsocket*



*The Lincoln Woods Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Eric C. LaRiviere, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Lincoln Woods Barracks is located at 1575 Old Louisquissett Pike in the Town of Lincoln. One (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, forty-three (43) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance person are staffed at the barracks. Several members of the Lincoln Woods Barracks are also involved with the Division's Specialty Units that include: Tactical Team Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Technical Accident Reconstruction Unit, Marine Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Search and Rescue (SAR), Canine (K-9) Unit, and Commercial Enforcement Unit. There are also a few members who are still attached to the military and are at times activated.*

*The Lincoln Woods Barracks utilizes thirty-eight (38) marked uniform patrol vehicles and two (2) low-profile vehicles to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 206 square miles. This area of responsibility is fifty percent urban, twenty-five percent metropolitan, and twenty-five percent rural which includes Rhode Island's three (3) major highways.*

*The Lincoln Woods Barracks, situated in and around the Providence/Metropolitan area, is responsible for a variety of calls for service. Interstates 95, 195 and Route's 146 and 10 take up the majority of these calls. The barracks is also responsible for patrolling and providing police service to all state facilities to include: the State Capitol, the Department of Administration, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Traffic Tribunal, the Institute of Mental Health, the General Hospital, the Adult Correctional and Juvenile Facilities in Cranston, and all Providence County Court facilities. The Lincoln Barracks also assists the twelve (12) local police agencies on various investigations in their area.*

*Over the past year, troopers at the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated 1,247 incidents and made 2,295 arrests. Of these arrests, 227 were for Driving under the Influence (DUI) of Intoxicating Liquor and/or Drug violations. This is a forty percent increase over last year's DUI arrests. With responsibility of the Providence/Metropolitan area, traffic problems are a significant strain on resources. As such, the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated 3,175 motor vehicle accidents last year. Furthermore, the Lincoln Woods Barracks' commitment to traffic safety is evident in the 13,609 traffic citations issued for motor vehicle code violations.*

### *Interesting Investigation*

*On Saturday, October 19, 2013, at approximately 12:20 P.M., the Rhode Island State Police received a request to issue an Amber Alert from the Pawtucket Police Department. The Pawtucket Police Department was investigating a Domestic Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, Domestic Assault by Strangulation and child abduction incident that had occurred in their City. The Pawtucket Police Department advised that they had performed an exigent circumstances global positioning signal "ping" on the victim's cellular phone, which the suspect had taken. The "ping" provided a general location within the 300 block of Hartford Avenue in the City of Providence.*

*The suspect had reportedly fled the residence in a white Jeep and it was reported that he had abducted two small children that he had in common with the victim.*

*Troopers from the Lincoln Woods Barracks responded to the 300 block area of Hartford Avenue. Troopers proceeded to search the immediate area for the white jeep. While searching the neighboring area, a trooper spotted a white Ford Explorer parked in the immediate area. Further investigation revealed that the white Ford Explorer was likely the suspect's vehicle. Troopers began a door to door search for the suspect with the assistance of the Providence Police. During the search, troopers located a relative of the suspect which led to additional information regarding his whereabouts.*

*Troopers along with the Providence Police responded to an apartment in a neighboring complex. While troopers were speaking with one of the occupants, they observed a subject running from the living room area to a connecting hallway. Troopers gave chase and captured the male subject running up the stairs to an abutting apartment. The male subject was positively identified as the suspect wanted by the Pawtucket Police.*

*Troopers and the Providence Police then performed a protective sweep of the apartment and located the two abducted children inside. Both children appeared to be unharmed.*

#### *Barracks Personnel*

*Lieutenant: Eric C. LaRiviere*

*Sergeants: John Allen, Brian Montminy*

*Corporals: Alfred Ruggiero, John Charboneau, Gregory Cunningham*

*Troopers: David Bassignani, Peter A. Filuminia, Nuno Vasconcelos, Nicholas Rivello, Kristopher Lagor, Sean McGehearty, Michael Doherty, William B. Reilly Jr., Franklin Navarro, Nicholas Messinger, Andrew R. Emerson, Louis J. Fiorenzano, Robert Marchand, James R. Donnelly-Taylor, Ryan Mahoney, Andrew L. Carter, Donald Pope, Gregory Palmer, Shane O'Reilly, Michael O'Neill, Nicholas Martin, David Wilson, Brian McGuire, Brent Wilks, Krystal Carvalho, Christopher D'Angelo, Michael Kane, Kyle McNulty, Carlos Lorenzo, Jeremy Gaucher, Dimitris Palmer, Charles Chadsey, Brendan Degnan, Cedric Carvalho, Tyler Denniston, Kimberly Pitts-Wiley, Bradley Nuhn*

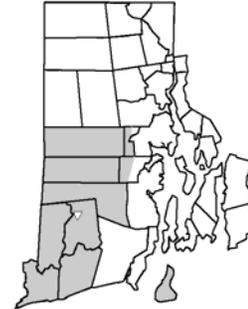
*Civilian: Mr. Thomas Nichols*

# **HOPE VALLEY BARRACKS**

*LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. JAMIESON*

**PATROL AREA:**

*Charlestown, Coventry, Exeter,  
Hopkinton, Richmond, Westerly,  
West Greenwich*



*The Hope Valley Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant William C. Jamieson, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The barracks is located at 54 Nooseneck Hill Road in the Town of Richmond and is presently staffed by one (1) lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, three (3) corporals, thirty-two (32) troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance person. In 2013, sworn personnel from Hope Valley Barracks simultaneously served on the following specialized units: Tactical Team, Marine Unit, Honor Guard, Collision Reconstruction Unit, and the Canine (K-9) Unit.*

*The Hope Valley Barracks utilizes twenty-eight (28) marked uniform patrol vehicles, and one (1) low profile vehicle to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 250 square miles. Troopers from this barracks handle a wide variety of investigations and calls for service, as the patrol is situated in one of the State's most rural areas. Troopers are responsible for patrolling major roadways, such as Route 95, Route 3, Route 102, Route 165, Route 138 and Route 1, along with all secondary highways and rural side roads.*

*The Town of Exeter, which was once patrolled exclusively by members of the Exeter Barracks, is now divided and patrolled by both the Hope Valley and Wickford Barracks.*

*Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks are committed to traffic safety and conducting thorough criminal investigations. The patrol Troopers investigated 412 motor vehicle accidents, which is an increase from the 393 accidents that occurred in 2012. Troopers issued 10,780 citations during 2013, a decrease of 2,487 from 2012. Troopers also arrested 875 individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including 104 arrests for Driving While Under the Influence. The patrols also investigated 639 incidents.*

### **Interesting Investigation**

*In October of 2013, a member of the Hope Valley Barracks conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 95 north in the Town of Exeter. During this motor vehicle stop, the trooper detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the interior compartment of the vehicle. After the passenger provided a false name to the trooper, a second trooper arrived on scene and the occupants and vehicle were searched.*

*Although only trace amounts of marijuana were found on the floor of the vehicle, Troopers located a five thousand dollar bundle of U.S. currency in the vehicle as well as over eight thousand dollars on the passenger. Both occupants, who were from a neighboring state, were caught in a series of lies while being questioned about where the money came from. The money was seized by the troopers and the passenger was placed under arrest for obstruction. Eventually, the driver advised troopers that the passenger had taken the money out of the bank because he thought he might be getting into trouble and would need the money.*

*Back at the barracks, local and state police from the passenger's home city and state were contacted. Troopers learned that earlier in the day, a search warrant was served at the passenger's home. A semi-automatic rifle, two handguns, three pounds of marijuana, ten grams of cocaine and eighteen thousand dollars in U.S. currency were seized during the raid and the passenger's mother had been arrested. The passenger was the subject of the raid and the arresting police department was in the process of preparing an extraditable warrant for his arrest. While the passenger was still in custody, troopers happened to see a news clip of the arrest of the passenger's mother. The clip featured a picture of the seized weapons, cash and narcotics.*

*Troopers seized the money for forfeiture and charged the passenger with Obstruction of a Police Officer in the Execution of his Duties and with being a Fugitive from Justice from the neighboring state.*

### **Barracks Personnel**

*Lieutenant: William Jamieson*

*Sergeants: Robert Carnevale, Roger Reardon*

*Corporals: Richard Swanson, Jeffrey L'Heureux, Darnell Weaver*

*Troopers: Michael Brouillette, Jason Lawton, Kevin Kojoian, Daniel Gazzola, Michael Ferruccio, Lawens Fevrier, Kevin Cloud, Kyle Draper, Christopher O'Connors, Adam Houston, Michael Reynolds III, Brendan Palmer, Eric Jensen, Robert Twitchell, Karlene McTaggart, James D'Angelo, Evan Shaw, Robert Hopkins, Jason Muccino, Damien Maddox, Michael Bowen, Amy Jackman, Benjamin Sternberg, Kyle Barnes, Joseph Pronk, Kyle Kells, Kyle Vinton, Thomas Davis, Michael Goduto, Nolan Gaumond, Jeffrey Fraser, Kathryn Hirsch*

*Maintenance: Mr. Scott Gordon*

# **WICKFORD/PORTSMOUTH BARRACKS**

**LIEUTENANT PAUL J. OLSZEWSKI**

## **PATROL AREA:**

East Greenwich, North Kingstown,  
Narragansett, South Kingstown, Exeter,  
West Warwick, Warwick, Jamestown, Newport  
Middletown, Portsmouth, Bristol, Warren,  
Tiverton, Little Compton, Barrington



In 2013, the Wickford Barracks was under the command of Lieutenant Paul J. Olszewski, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. In early 2012, the Portsmouth Barracks was taken out of service and Troopers stationed at this barracks were assigned to the Wickford Barracks. Although the Portsmouth Barracks is no longer operational, a presence is maintained in this area. Troopers are dispatched from the Wickford Barracks for calls of service in the Portsmouth area.

The Wickford Barracks is located at 7875 Post Road in the Town of North Kingstown. The Wickford Barracks compliment is comprised of: one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, twenty-eight (28) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance employee. Vehicles assigned to the Barracks include twenty-nine (29) marked cruisers, one (1) unmarked cruiser, and one (1) unmarked 4 x 4 Pick-Up Vehicle.

The Wickford/Portsmouth patrols provide police services on a daily basis for commuter traffic to and from the interstate highway system, and for the metropolitan areas of Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Newport, the East Bay area and suburban South County. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, there were additional demands for service due to beach traffic. The additional demands for police presence not only resulted in the need for stronger motor vehicle enforcement, but also caused a substantial increase in criminal complaints and arrests. The Wickford Barracks provides support for the Block Island Detail that ran from May until September, 2013.

In 2013, sworn personnel from the Wickford Barracks served in the following specialized units: the Governor's Security Detail, Tactical Team, Canine Unit, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Accident Reconstruction Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) Unit, Honor Guard Unit, and Crisis Negotiation Unit. Additionally, Troopers were assigned to numerous special details. Some of the assigned details included; the Newport Jazz and Folk Festivals traffic enforcement and security, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) ship security, Jamestown Bridge 10K Road Race and Pell Bridge Run traffic enforcement, Blessing of the Fleet road race traffic enforcement, Governor's Bay Day, military and dignitary escorts to and from Quonset Point and the Newport Naval War College, Eastern State Exposition Big "E", and numerous public speaking assignments.

During 2013, members of the Wickford/Portsmouth Barracks arrested one thousand three hundred and ten (1310) individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including one hundred and four (104) arrests for Driving under the Influence. Troopers issued eleven thousand and sixteen (11,016) citations, handled seven hundred and eighty (780) incidents, and responded to one thousand and two (1002) accidents, two (2) of which were fatalities.

### **Interesting Investigation**

On Wednesday April 10, 2013 at 3:28 PM, a Trooper responded to the report of a male walking a bicycle westbound on the Newport Pell Bridge. Upon the Trooper's arrival, he observed the bicycle to be resting against the north side guard rail of the bridge, and a male subject walking along the bridge railing. This male subject was being followed by a Rhode Island Bridge and Turnpike Authority vehicle. The Trooper subsequently pulled his cruiser in front of the male road walker and exited the cruiser. The male road walker then placed one leg over the bridge railing and stated "I hate my life, I want to kill myself." The Trooper ran towards the male subject and secured his arm, in an effort to prevent him from jumping over the railing.

During this struggle, the male continued to state "Let me go I want to kill myself". The Trooper was able to secure both of his arms. Two passing motorists, observed the struggle, stopped their vehicles and assisted the Trooper by securing the subject's belt and arms. During that time, the male subject continued to resist and yell "I hate my life." The Trooper, with the assistance of the passing motorists, were able to take the male from the railing and secure him on the ground. Despite the male subject's continued resistance, the trooper was able to place him in restraints and secure him in the rear of his cruiser. The subject was subsequently transported by the Newport Fire Department to Newport Hospital for evaluation. The trooper and the passing motorists acted without concern for their own safety while saving the life of a suicidal subject.

### **Wickford Barracks Personnel**

Lieutenant: Paul J. Olszewski

Sergeants: Thomas Peck Jr., James M. Pardington

Corporals: John C. Shelhart, Paul J. Conlon, Michael Casey

Troopers: Marc J. Lidsky, Jeffrey Coleman, Wesley H. Pennington, Jean C. Tondre, Edward L. Viera, Kevin M. Grace, David M. Gormly, Luke R. Brisson, Daniel S. O'Neil, Ryan M. Santo, Adam B. Kennett, John R. Brown, James M. Thomas, Stephen W. Vinton, James E. Gaffney, Kenneth J. Marandola, Anthony S. Washington, Conor S. O'Donnell, Gregory M. DeMarco, Andrew Elsing, Luis A. Robles, James Hudson, Timothy M. Jamieson, Thomas R. Coulombe, Seth C. Whitford, Richard Bautista, Kristen Carr

Maintenance: Mr. Anthony Daestrela

# **COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

**SERGEANT SEAN O'HERN**

Sergeant Sean O'Hern is the Commander of the Commercial Enforcement Unit and has served in this unit since 1998.

The Commercial Enforcement Unit (CEU) is comprised of one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal and six (6) Troopers. In addition to the full-time compliment, there are six (6) Troopers who assist the CEU on a part-time basis during a variety of commercial motor vehicle related details. Within the past few years a number of local agencies have had some of their patrol officers trained as roadside inspectors as well. Currently there are eight (8) local police officers who perform roadside inspections within their respective jurisdictions. All roadside inspectors must be certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Once certified, each roadside inspector has the authority to conduct Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections and ensure compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR).

In order to be certified as a Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector, the Trooper /Officer must complete the North American Standardized Inspection Course held at a Regional Training Academy. The Regional Training Academy for New England is currently located at the Massachusetts State Police Training Academy in New Braintree, MA. In addition to the basic two-week course, all full time CEU members must maintain certification in HAZMAT Vehicle Inspection, HAZMAT Bulk Package Inspection, Passenger Carrier/Motor Coach Inspection and Advanced Roadside Inspection Techniques. Each of the above certifications requires additional classroom and field training with a certified inspector.

During the course of a roadside inspection, Troopers have additional responsibilities which include DEM/DOT Heavy Duty Diesel Emissions Enforcement, Rhode Island Department of Transportation Size and Weight Enforcement, Rhode Island Public Utilities Operating Authority Enforcement, and RI Department of Revenue Fuel Tax Enforcement. CEU members are also called upon to assist with major Commercial Vehicle Crash investigations that occur throughout the state.

In addition to roadside inspection, the CEU also participates in the New Entrant Safety Audit Program and the Compliance Review Program. New Entrant Safety Audits provide newer commercial carriers with a preliminary review of carrier operations. Each new carrier is subjected to a review within the first twelve (12) months of operation as an interstate carrier. The Compliance Review Program is an internal audit/investigation of a commercial carrier's transportation practices. The Compliance Review may be generated by a company's poor safety rating or a complaint filed with the FMCSA. At times, a Compliance Review will result in federal civil charges filed against the carrier and/or one of its drivers. At this time, there is one (1) full-time CEU Trooper and two (2) part-time CEU Troopers assigned to the FMCSA to conduct Safety Audits, and one (1) full-time CEU Trooper assigned to conduct Compliance Reviews.

During 2013, the Commercial Enforcement Unit performed 3,354 roadside inspections which included 102 Hazardous Materials carriers. As a result of these roadside inspections, 685 vehicles and 186 drivers were placed Out of Service due to unsafe operating conditions. Troopers also conducted 989 Traffic Enforcement related stops yielding 4,414 violations.

*Throughout the year, CEU members are called upon to speak at various safety meetings and provide valuable information to the commercial trucking industry. CEU members sit on a variety of committees that influence the commercial motor vehicle industry on both a local and national level.*

*Rhode Island has maintained a low commercial motor vehicle crash and fatality rating for several years and will continue in its efforts toward further reductions.*

### **Commercial Enforcement Unit Personnel**

**Sergeant:** *Sean P. O'Hern*

**Corporal:** *John E. Furtado*

**Troopers:** *Ronald J. Longolucco, Mark J. Perotti, Charles G. LeValley, John J. Gadrow, Gina-Marie Lindell, Sean F. Pasley.*

**Aux. CEU:** *Sgt. Paul J. Sikorskyj, Cpl. John W. Gibbs, Trps. Sean A. McCarthy, Mark W. Gilson, Sean P. McGehearty, James M. Thomas.*

# **OPERATIONS OFFICER**

*LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. WALL*

*Rhode Island State Police Special Operations are currently under the direct supervision and coordination of the Division's Operations Officer, Lieutenant Robert S. Wall, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The Operations Officer is responsible for certifying the operational readiness and preparedness of the Division's Special Services, which includes the following units: Canine Unit, Marine Unit, Dive Team Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Honor Guard Unit, Tactical Team, RIWMD Tactical Team and Crisis Negotiation Unit. The Operations Officer is also responsible for statewide activations of AMBER Alert, Silver Alert, and Task Force II, which is responsible for coordinating and deploying search teams and resources for missing persons. The Operations Officer also serves on several committees, such as the Rhode Island Incident Management Task Force, Medical Emergency Distribution System Working Group, Hurricane Evacuation Working Group, Providence Emergency Advisory Council, Weapons of Mass Destruction Working Group, Sector Southeastern New England Port Safety and Security Forum, Emergency Management Advisory Council, and Rhode Island Task Force 2. In addition, the Operations Officer serves as a liaison to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and maintains an office at the RIEMA Headquarters in Cranston.*

*During the past year, the Operations Office coordinated the Division's response to such events as: the Pell Bridge Run, Jamestown Bridge Road Race, several full scale and table top exercises dealing with homeland security and emergency preparedness operations, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, The Big "E" Eastern States Exposition, several parades and ceremonies involving the Division Honor Guard Unit, and numerous dignitary security protection details.*

## ***NIGHT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS***

*LIEUTENANT STEPHEN B. FLOOD*

*LIEUTENANT MICHAEL J. ROSA*

*LIEUTENANT JOHN A. BEAUREGARD*

*LIEUTENANT MICHAEL REYNOLDS, JR.*

*The Night Executive Officers are tasked with commanding all sworn and civilian personnel working during the night. There are four (4) Lieutenants assigned to this position, with two working each night. During a night shift, one (1) Lieutenant supervises operations within the Southern Barracks patrol area, while the other controls operations within the Northern Barracks patrol area. During 2013, Lieutenant Stephen B. Flood, a twenty-two (22) year veteran, Lieutenant Michael J. Rosa, a twenty-two (22) year veteran, Lieutenant John A. Beauregard, a twenty-four (24) year veteran, and Lieutenant Michael Reynolds Jr., a twenty-two (22) year veteran shared this assignment.*

*The Night Executive Officers report directly to the District Commanders. Their responsibilities include the inspection and management of Troopers, while simultaneously coordinating all field activities by directing investigations and responding to all significant incidents. Additionally, these responsibilities include assisting local police departments when the need arises.*

## *EXECUTIVE SECURITY*

*SERGEANT PAUL S. SIKORSKYJ*

*The Governor's Executive Security Unit is under the command of Sergeant Paul S. Sikorskyj, a twenty-one (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Sergeant reports directly to the Deputy Superintendent / Chief of Field Operations. The Governor's Executive Security Unit is comprised of one (1) Sergeant and one (1) Trooper, who facilitate the day-to-day operations of the Governor's Security Detail. Division members assigned to this unit have successfully completed specialized training in the area of Executive/Dignitary protection.*

*The Executive Security Unit is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the Governor and first family at all times. Protective responsibilities include: personal, grounds and facility security, postal, e-mail and telephone screening as well as threat evaluation. These duties remain the same whether the Chief Executive's official business is within Rhode Island, or requires out of state travel. The Executive Security Unit incorporates various resources to ensure the safety and security of the Governor. These resources consist of communication and a positive working relationship with multiple law enforcement agencies, to include; local and State Police, Capitol Police, United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States State Department, Transportation Security Administration, and the United States Postal Inspectors.*

*The Governor's Executive Security personnel spend a majority of their time conducting advanced work and formulating logistical arrangements for the numerous public appearances the Chief Executive Officer must attend while in office.*

*Staff:*

*Sergeant Paul S. Sikorskyj*

*Trooper Steven J. Haynes*

# ***DETECTIVE COMMANDER***

## ***DETECTIVE BUREAU***

***MAJOR TODD E. CATLOW***

*Major Todd E. Catlow is the Detective Commander of the Rhode Island State Police. He is a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Division, and has been assigned to the Detective Bureau for the past eight (8) years. The Assistant Detective Commander, Captain Kevin M. O'Brien, assists with the day-to-day operations of the Detective Bureau.*

*The Detective Commander is directly responsible for all criminal investigations and administrative duties within the Detective Bureau. The Detective Commander is also a member of the Witness Protection Board and supervises the Witness Protection Coordinator.*

*The Detective Bureau is comprised of fifty-nine (59) trained detectives and investigators who investigate crimes that require specialized investigative techniques. These techniques include forensic examinations and the cultivation of informants. They require exhaustive dedication, and ultimately, accurate court testimony in order to pursue a case through to its final resolution. The Detective Bureau is supported by fifteen (15) civilian staff members who are instrumental in supporting the mission of the Detective Bureau.*

*The specialized units within the Detective Bureau focus on crimes related to terrorism, homicides, the illegal distribution of narcotics, computer crimes, stolen motor vehicles, insurance fraud, white collar crimes, public corruption, gaming crimes, traditional and non-traditional organized crimes, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and violent fugitives. In addition to the extensive caseload investigated by members of the Detective Bureau, members collaborate with local police departments and the Office of the Attorney General in all incidents involving the use of deadly force.*

*The Detective Bureau is comprised of the following Units: Major Crimes, Intelligence and Organized Crime/Fusion Center, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) Investigations, Financial Crimes/Public Corruption, Violent Fugitive Task Force, Computer Crimes, Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud, Narcotics/HIDTA Task Force, Criminal Identification Unit, Witness Protection, Evidence/Property Control, and Gaming Enforcement.*

*Designees of the Detective Bureau work in unison with federal agents and local police officers to assist in specialty units comprised of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Joint Terrorism Taskforce (JTTF), the United States Marshal Service (USMS), the Rhode Island National Guard (RING), Providence Police, Pawtucket Police, North Kingstown Police, Jamestown Police, Smithfield Police, Coventry Police, Johnston Police, and the North Providence Police Department. Several detectives also represent the State Police in various capacities within the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs.*

*Members of the Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) assist the Detective Bureau and local law enforcement agencies with the identification, collection, and preservation of evidence. The CIU collects and analyzes crime scene evidence that can be instrumental in identifying suspects, weapons used to perpetrate a crime, and the modus operandi of a crime.*

Members of the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) assist the Detective Bureau and local law enforcement agencies with their expertise in the identification and collection of “digital” evidence. The CCU also provides extensive computer training to other members of law enforcement and outside agencies.

Members of the Fusion Center assist the various detective units, as well as, federal and local law enforcement agencies, by collecting and disseminating information with a nexus to terrorism and major crimes.

During the past year, the Detective Bureau investigated two thousand three hundred and ninety-nine (2,399) cases resulting in six hundred and sixty-nine (669) criminal arrests.

### **Detective Bureau Personnel**

*Detective Commander:* Major Todd E. Catlow

*Assistant Detective Commander:* Captain Kevin M. O'Brien

*Lieutenants:* John Flaherty III, John P. Avant, Richard J. Altimari Jr., Arnold S. Buxton Jr., Patrick T. Reilly, David A. Doucet, Timothy G. Sanzi, Joseph F. Philbin, Todd D. Neill, Dennis B. Fleming.

*Sergeants:* Diane M. Dougherty, John H. Grassel, Matthew C. Moynihan, Christopher J. Dicomitis, Christopher J. Schram, Staci K. Shepherd, Timothy J. Dandeneau, Robert A. Creamer.

*Corporals:* Gerald M. McKinney, Shelley A. O'Neill, John C. Alfred, William F. Accardi, Kenneth S. Buonaiuto, Christopher J. Zarrella, Michael J. McGlynn, Peter J. Chabot.

*Detectives:* Terrence B. Pendergast, Richard D. Ptaszek, Thomas E. Jacques, Timothy E. Allen Jr., Kenneth M. Moriarty, Kenneth D. DeMarco, Eric M. Yelle, Matthew S. Salisbury, Phillip D. Martin, Cynthia Trahan, Daniel S. Fleming, Robert J. Richardson, Michael A. Brock, Eric P. Yanyar, Matthew P. McGuire, Anthony K. Commendatore, Damien K. Longo, Scot G. Baruti, Douglas S. Watters, Marc A. Alboum, Daniel A. Hernandez, Sean P. Slade, Mark D. McGehearty, Ernest E. Adams, Brian M. Macera, Brendan Doyle, Luke D. Schatz, James M. Brown, Robert P. Laurelli, Derek G. Melfi, Herbert D. Tilson, Heather B. Donahue, Courtney E. Elliott.

*Investigator:* Michael S. Douglas.

*Civilians:* Karen Felice, Pauline Malec, Peta Ann Simpson, Lori A. Tellier, Barbara M. Redinger, John C. Soscia, Michael P. DiComitis, Glen T. Hogan, Robert Avizinis, Gerard J. Ratigan, Stephen R. Bathgate, Emile G. LeDuc, Brittney Morgan, Meghan Martinez, Gerald Gent.

# **FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT**

*SERGEANT ROBERT A. CREAMER*

From January to May 2013, the Financial Crimes Unit was led by Lieutenant Todd Catlow prior to being promoted to Major/Detective Commander on May 5, 2013. The Financial Crimes Unit was then led by Sergeant Robert Creamer. The Unit is currently comprised of one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal, two (2) Detectives, two (2) civilian Certified Fraud Examiners, and one (1) Criminal Case Coordinator.

The Financial Crimes Unit is staffed with a diverse group of personnel skilled in areas of criminal investigation involving fraud, also known as "white collar crime." Unit personnel hold advanced degrees in law, accounting and taxation and have earned financial designations including Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner. The Unit is called upon to investigate a wide variety of financially motivated crimes that include public corruption, extortion, embezzlement, obtaining money by false pretenses, mortgage fraud, forgery, credit card fraud, bank fraud, identity theft, and money laundering.

## **Interesting Investigation**

In September 2013, the Financial Crimes Unit, in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Internal Revenue Service and the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, successfully concluded an eighteen (18) month bank fraud and money laundering investigation into a \$5.5 million dollar loan obtained by Ms. Sojin Lim from Rockland Trust Company. Lim was the Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of General Technology Corporation d/b/a Computopia, a technology firm located in Warwick, Rhode Island.

In July 2012, the Financial Crimes Unit commenced an extensive investigation into a complaint alleging that Lim had overstated the company's account receivables in order to secure a loan agreement with Rockland Trust Company.

The investigation revealed that in the spring of 2011, Lim and Computopia were informed that the company's line of credit would no longer be carried by Citizens Bank and that Computopia was required to seek funding elsewhere. A review of the records showed that Lim devised a scheme to obtain funding from Rockland Trust Company by providing fraudulent information and documentation. Lim falsely stated Computopia's accounts receivable as being over \$7.1 million dollars when in fact an examination of the company's financial records proved that the accounts receivable were substantially less. Based on the information provided by Lim, Rockland Trust granted a \$5.5 million dollar loan to Lim and Computopia in June 2012. Lim used the proceeds from the loan to pay off a line of credit held at Citizens Bank and also made payments for personal loans. Computopia filed for receivership one month later in July 2012.

On October 15, 2013, Lim pled guilty to bank fraud and money laundering in United States District Court, Providence and is scheduled to be sentenced by the court in January, 2014. The maximum penalty for bank fraud is thirty years in federal prison with a maximum fine of \$250,000. The maximum penalty for money laundering is ten years in federal prison with a maximum fine of \$250,000.

## **FUSION CENTER**

### **LIEUTENANT PATRICK T. REILLY**

*The Fusion Center is under the command of Lieutenant Patrick Reilly, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The center is staffed by two (2) Detective Troopers, four (4) criminal intelligence analysts, and one (1) intelligence officer from the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, one (1) Detective is assigned to assist the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Due to intelligence shortfalls identified by the 9/11 Commission, State Fusion Centers were created to improve the flow of intelligence information among the federal, state and local law enforcement communities. There are currently seventy-eight (78) Fusion Centers operating nationwide.*

*In late 2005, the Rhode Island State Fusion Center was established to investigate potential terrorist activity, as well as to facilitate the dissemination of intelligence information to ensure local entities can take the necessary actions to eliminate or minimize any threats facing the State of Rhode Island. A federally approved Privacy Policy was recently implemented to ensure civil liberty protection of our citizens while fulfilling the mission of the Fusion Center.*

*The mission of the Fusion Center has been expanded to include the sharing of intelligence relating to all criminal activity. This information is shared across a wide array of critical sectors including law enforcement, fire services, environmental and public health agencies, emergency management, and the general public. The Fusion Center works in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations Joint Terrorism Task Force. The Fusion Center conducts a community outreach program called "Operation Safe Rhode Island," which is designed to educate individuals involved in the above-mentioned sectors about potential terrorism indicators.*

*The Fusion Center was established and is sustained by Department of Homeland Security grant funds. The Rhode Island Fusion Center continues to work closely with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure the operation meets nationally recognized benchmarks and standards referred to as baseline capabilities.*

*A total of two thousand, nine hundred and fifty-nine (2,959) requests for information from law enforcement agencies were answered by the Fusion Center in 2013. These requests were received from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Rhode Island, as well as from other Fusion Centers and outside agencies.*

*A total of thirty-nine (39) Bulletins were generated by the Fusion Center in 2013. Bulletins are generated through a variety of intelligence sources and are reintroduced to our local Fusion Center contacts. Bulletins are classified as top secret, secret, classified, law enforcement only, for official use only and unclassified, and are disseminated to those specific groups as needed.*

*In 2013, members of the Fusion Center investigated two hundred and forty-one (241) tips, or leads, that were received from the general public, the private sector, and other law enforcement agencies. After being investigated by Fusion Center personnel, many of these tips led to criminal investigations and arrests. Some of the activity was referred to other investigative units within the State Police or shared with appropriate law enforcement partners, to include other Fusion Centers and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Every lead that is received is fully investigated and shared in a timely manner to ensure the safety and protection of the citizens of our State.*

*During 2013, members of the Fusion Center hosted forty-two (42) Information Sharing / Community Outreach sessions. Many of these presentations were conducted for the local law enforcement community, to include state and municipal police recruits, law enforcement officers attending in-service training, the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, the Department of Probation and Parole, and the United States Attorney's Office. Several Information Sharing / Community Outreach sessions were conducted for both the public and private sectors to include the Rhode Island Department of Health as well as local fraud and banking associations.*

*The Fusion Center continued to initiate and fund technological projects that improve information sharing among local law enforcement agencies and beyond. The Fusion Center continued to work closely with the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit to move towards the completion of a project that will allow for the instantaneous sharing of information contained in records management databases independently maintained by forty-two (42) state and local law enforcement agencies. There are thirty-nine (39) police departments currently using the Cross Agency system and it is anticipated that the Providence, Rhode Island, Police Department will be included in the network in the near future. The Cross Agency network has proven instrumental in the successful conclusion of several criminal investigations. The Rhode Island Fusion Center also works closely with the Massachusetts Commonwealth Fusion Center and now shares criminal intelligence over a secure connection that was established in cooperation with the Massachusetts Criminal History Board, the Rhode Island State Police Management Information Systems Unit, the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit, the International Justice and Public Safety Network, and National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). The Rhode Island and Massachusetts Commonwealth Fusion Centers have been consulting with the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) concerning the possibility of connecting these criminal intelligence databases to their established Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) network which will allow access to law enforcement agencies nationwide. The Fusion Center has also acquired a new database called "Government Info Group" which provides profiles on businesses and critical infrastructure throughout the country.*

*The Fusion Center continues to assume responsibility and management of the Rhode Island Most Wanted Website. This website is funded by the Rhode Island Bankers Association and in the past only included crimes committed within financial institutions. The scope of the website has expanded to include various other crimes which have resulted in numerous tips and clearances. During the year 2013, the Fusion Center processed two hundred and thirty-five (235) submissions to the Rhode Island Most Wanted website. From those submissions, the Fusion Center received one hundred and thirty-eight (138) tips that were forwarded to the investigating officers at their respective departments. As a result of the postings by the Fusion Center to the Most Wanted website, a total of one hundred and five (105) captures and / or identifications were reported.*

*The Fusion Center manages the "CodeRED" emergency alert notification system to the Division of State Police and the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs. This system allows Rhode Island State Police as well as the Division of Sheriffs to immediately contact all of its members via phone and email within minutes. In the future this system can be adapted for use in notifying our state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies.*

*The Fusion Center is the Watch Center for RI-Safe. RI-Safe is a deconfliction central database which collects and geo-locates specialized law enforcement operations on an event-by-event basis. Examples include executions of search / arrest warrants, raids, and undercover drug operations. When event data is entered into the geo-spatial repository, Fusion Center personnel, who must monitor the software, can detect when opposing law enforcement operations may occur at the same time and place, creating a conflict that may result in officer injury or compromising an investigation. Analysts then work to deconflict the event by advising lead investigators for both events to ensure officer safety. This system requires analysts to monitor for conflicts, but also to make event entries for Rhode Island State Police personnel and United States Marshals Service personnel. Every law enforcement agency in the State of Rhode Island has police officers that have received the RI-Safe training. During the year 2013, nine hundred and seventy-seven (977) entries were made into the RI-Safe deconfliction database. There were a total of fifty-eight (58) conflicts that were resolved by members of the Fusion Center along with staff members from NESPIN.*

*The Fusion Center is the state clearing house for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The Fusion Center established points of contact within each police department in Rhode Island and can communicate with these points of contact immediately by phone or email. During the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, a total of two thousand, one hundred and twenty-seven (2,127) missing / runaway juveniles were reported by law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Of those reported missing, fifty-five (55) remain active, while two thousand, and seventy-two (2,072) were located or returned.*

*In April 2013, the RI Fusion Center staff was involved in assisting in the Boston Marathon Bombings investigation:*

*On April 15, 2013, at approximately 2:45 PM, two separate improvised explosive devices (IED) were purposely deployed in the area of the finish line of the 117th Boston Marathon. The IEDs were set amongst innocent bystanders that had gathered in mass to watch and cheer on the competitors. The subsequent explosions resulted in three (3) deaths and scores of grievously wounded spectators. In the immediate aftermath, members of law enforcement from all across the northeast were activated to assist.*

*The Rhode Island Fusion Center made immediate contact with their counterparts in the Massachusetts Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC), the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to offer assistance. The information sharing and analysis began immediately and the RI Fusion Center became a conduit to the active investigation. The Federal Bureau of Investigations took the lead on the case during the first day. As a result, the FBI Providence Resident Office and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) began to receive investigative leads and requests for information (RFI). The RI Fusion Center worked in collaboration with the FBI and actively ran the individual leads to ground and immediately satisfied the requests for information as they developed. During the first week, approximately one hundred (100) leads had Rhode Island connections that needed to be further explored. The RI Fusion Center and the FBI - JTTF were able to close out some of these leads which gave members of the investigative team the ability to narrow down the focus on the eventual two suspects responsible for the terrorist act.*

*On April 18, 2013, the FBI made public the photographs of two suspects in an attempt to identify them. The RI Fusion Center remained active throughout the nighttime hours as an influx of activity began to unfold in the Boston area. Later that night, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Police Officer was brutally executed by the two suspects.*

*Subsequently, the two suspects led members of law enforcement through a harrowing night of conflict that resulted in a lengthy shootout which gravely injured another police officer. The ensuing events left one of the suspects dead; the other escaped and remained at large.*

*The RI Fusion Center remained staffed and worked throughout the course of the events as they unfolded. During the early morning hours, the FBI released the identity of the deceased, suspect #1. The RI Fusion Center began to methodically review suspect #1 to determine if there were any possible Rhode Island connections. Classified documents revealed a possible unconfirmed and unidentified connection to North Kingstown, RI. Members of the RI Fusion Center then began to cross reference the material and developed a possible affiliation at an address in the North Kingstown area. Additionally, members of the RI Fusion Center were able to connect this address to another active location in the Cambridge, MA area. This information was furnished to the command post in Boston. At the request of the command post, members of the RI Fusion Center, the Rhode Island State Police Intelligence Unit and the FBI responded to the residential area in North Kingstown. Contact was made with the sole occupant and confirmed that the address had direct ties with suspect #1. A consensual search of the residence proved negative for suspect #2. Furthermore, it was determined that the wife of suspect #1 was currently at the Cambridge, MA address that had been developed previously. Members of the RI Fusion Center were able to provide this information to members of the command post. Simultaneously, a member of the RI Fusion Center made direct contact with the wife of suspect #1 as law enforcement responded to the residence. Instructions were given for her and her young daughter's safe removal from the residence at which she complied.*

*The entire staff of the RI Fusion Center remained throughout the day furnishing informational updates to law enforcement as the manhunt for suspect #2 finally concluded during the evening hours.*

*In the ensuing days, the RI Fusion Center continued to provide investigative support to the command post, to include the location of additional persons of interest with relevance to the investigation.*

*The entire staff of the RI Fusion Center played a key supportive role in the investigation. Additionally, the RI Fusion Center, the RI State Police Intelligence Unit and the FBI (Providence Office) actively assisted in some of the events as they developed during the aftermath of the explosions and will continue through the investigative conclusion.*

***NARCOTICS UNIT/RHODE ISLAND STATE  
POLICE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING  
AREAS TASK FORCE  
LIEUTENANT DENNIS B. FLEMING***

*During the year of 2013, the Narcotics Unit / Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force was under the command of Captain Kevin O'Brien, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Division until July, 2013 at which time Lieutenant Dennis B. Fleming became the commanding Officer. The Unit is currently comprised of two (2) Sergeants and four (4) Detectives.*

*The Unit is assigned to a statewide task force known as the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force. The Rhode Island State Police manages the Task Force, which is comprised of Rhode Island State Police Detectives, Special Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Bureau of Homeland Security / Immigration and Customs Enforcement (HIS / ICE), along with full-time Detectives from the Providence, Rhode Island; Pawtucket, Rhode Island; and Johnston, Rhode Island Police Departments, as well as part-time Detectives from the Smithfield, Rhode Island and North Providence, Rhode Island Police Departments. The Rhode Island National Guard-Counterdrug Support Program also has two (2) part-time analysts assigned to the Task Force.*

*The Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force is responsible for conducting investigations relating to violations of the federal and state Uniformed Controlled Substance Act. The Task Force mission is to identify, target for prosecution, and dismantle core and secondary Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) that import and / or distribute cocaine, heroin, and / or other illegal narcotics in or through the Rhode Island geographical area. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy / bust operations, reverse sting operations, and parcel package / freight interdiction. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently results in criminals being arrested and the seizure of their illegally obtained assets including United States currency. The HIDTA Task Force also assists members of the Uniform Division, local police departments and other state and federal agencies with narcotics related investigations. In addition, the Task Force provides narcotics training at Division In-Service, K-9 investigatory assistance and conducts public speaking engagements.*

*The majority of cases investigated by the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force are a result of initiating proactive investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from cultivation of confidential informants. Furthermore, HIDTA members develop information provided to them by members of the Patrol Bureau as a result of motor vehicle stops and / or arrests.*

*The HIDTA Task Force is federally funded and also relies on cash / asset seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for investigations.*

*In 2013, the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force was involved in the investigation of one hundred and thirty-five (135) drug-related cases resulting in one hundred and four (104) state and federal criminal arrests. As a result of the 2013 investigations and arrests, the below contraband and property was seized:*

### **Contraband Seized**

Arrests: **104**  
Heroin Seized: **9,260 grams (9.26 kilo)**  
Cocaine Seized: **7,103 grams (7.103 kilo)**  
Crack Cocaine: **336 grams**  
Marijuana Seized: **464 pounds**  
Marijuana Plants Seized: **102**  
Controlled Prescription Drugs Seized: **770 pills, Oxycotin, Oxycodone, Alprazolam**  
Hallucinogenic Psilicybin Seized: **28 grams**  
Molly (MDMA): **1 gram**  
Ecstasy Seized: **5 grams**  
Methamphetamine Seized: **4 grams**  
Hash Seized: **28 grams**  
Synthetic Marijuana: **14 grams**  
Bath Salts: **40 grams**  
Weapons Seized: **16 Firearms**

### **Seized Property**

United States Currency Seized: **\$220,815.00**  
Other Assets Seized: **18 Motor Vehicles**

*The Narcotics Unit also has one (1) member assigned to the Providence Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force. In 2013, the member was case agent for numerous civil forfeitures of United States currency seized based on narcotics investigations where no arrests were made. These cases resulted in the seizure of approximately one hundred six thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$106,828.00).*

*Lieutenant Fleming, with the assistance of Detective Lieutenant Joseph Philbin, also administers the Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) Program. This program is a nationwide, federally funded criminal interdiction initiative and is comprised of twenty-five (25) Uniform Division Troopers who have been specially trained in highway criminal interdiction techniques.*

*During the 2013 calendar year the DHE Program was responsible for sixty (60) arrests and seized the following contraband:*

### **Contraband Seized**

*Cocaine: 583 grams  
Crack Cocaine: 12 grams  
Heroin: 31 grams  
Marijuana: 46 pounds  
Diversionary Drugs: 8,093 tablets (Oxycotin, Oxycodone, Suboxone, Zanax, Vicodin, etc.)  
Synthetic Drugs: 52 grams (Bathsalts, Molly)  
Steroids: 570 Units  
Firearms: 3*

### **Seized Currency**

*United States Currency: \$101,669.00*

## ***Interesting Investigation***

*Beginning in 2013, the Rhode Island State Police HIDTA Task Force, HIDTA developed information that two (2) subjects were the leaders of a large scale heroin distribution network operating throughout the greater Providence area. These subjects were also known to utilize several vehicles containing elaborate, electronically operated, hidden compartments to conceal their illicit trade.*

*In November, 2013, three Superior Court orders were signed authorizing the Rhode Island State Police HIDTA Task Force to intercept communications over three cellular telephone numbers utilized by two (2) targets, to operate and conduct criminal operations, to include: Delivery of Schedule Controlled Substances (R.I.G.L. 21-28-4.01) and Conspiracy to Violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (R.I.G.L. 21-28-4.08); in violation of the General Laws of Rhode Island (1956) as amended (Reenactment 2002).*

*Members of the Rhode Island State Police HIDTA Task Force maintained electronic audio intercept surveillance of the telephones accounts Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 up to and including Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Over the course of this investigation, HIDTA positively identified numerous individuals as co-conspirators in the illegal heroin distribution operation.*

*Throughout the course of the investigation, members of the intercept team had established through numerous intercepted telephone conversations and surveillances that the two (2) targets were conducting an illegal drug trafficking operation. Members also conducted physical surveillance and had observed the targets meeting with known and unknown individuals for the purpose of distributing heroin for profit.*

*During this investigation the HIDTA Task Force intercepted over 1,100 telephone calls. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Task Force members arrested twelve (12) individuals for various charges. Members also executed six search warrants on residences' and businesses in Providence, North Providence and Pawtucket. Members seized over one kilogram of heroin, two (2) firearms, ammunition, drug packaging paraphernalia, digital scales, nine motor vehicles of which several had hidden compartments and over \$11,000.00 in United States Currency.*

# **MAJOR CRIMES UNIT**

## **LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN M. BARNEY**

The Major Crimes Unit is tasked with investigations involving homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, robberies, assaults involving serious injury, and investigations of police officer shootings or the in-custody death of prisoners. This Unit is also responsible for investigations of criminal activity at the Adult Correctional Institution, the Rhode Island Training School -Youth Correctional Center and the Wyatt Detention Facility (when requested).

The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) is presently comprised of the following members: one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Corporals, and five (5) Detectives.

In calendar year 2013, members of the Major Crimes Unit made two hundred and five (205) arrests and investigated or assisted in three hundred and forty (340) separate incidents. These cases were directed to the Major Crimes Unit through either an initial barracks investigation, Headquarters walk-in complaints, complaints filed at the Detective Office located at the Adult Correctional Institution, or when called to assist with local law enforcement investigations. The following is a compilation of the total number of criminal cases in which the Major Crimes Unit has participated:

### **January 2013 – December 2013**

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Assault	10	Receiving Stolen Goods	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Sexual Assault	5	Larceny Over \$1500	3
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Child Molestation	4	Larceny Under \$1500	2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Child Molestation	2	Extortion	1
Child Abuse	2	Obtaining Money / False Pretenses	15
Possession of Child Pornography	1	Forgery	2
Felony Assault	6	Filing a False Document	5
Assault on Correctional Officer	4	Identity Theft	3
Assault using Bodily Fluids	2	Obstruction of Justice	3
Assault at the Wyatt Detention Facility	8	Kidnapping	4
Simple Assault	17	Stalking	1
Escape from Adult Correctional Institution	1	Cyber stalking	3
Juvenile Escape	21	Burglary	4
Escape from Lawful Custody	5	Possession of Counterfeit Currency	1
Arson	4	Threats to Public Officials	5
Conveyance of Contraband within a prison facility	2	False Pretenses to Obtain Controlled Substance	1
Fugitive from Justice	80	Robbery	2
Violation of a Protective Order	12	Malicious Mischief	2
Violation of Community Supervision	5	Conspiracy	13
Possession of Narcotics	8	Theft of Telecommunications	2
Unlawful Appropriation	2	Attempted Suicide	4
Breaking and Entering	2	Resisting Arrest	4
Use of Firearm during commission crime	4	Weapons other than firearms	3
Disorderly Conduct	2	Suspended license	2
Indecent Exposure	2		

*The role of a Detective assigned to the Major Crimes Unit includes conducting investigations on all capital and serious offenses initially filed at the Barracks, and investigating all police-involved shootings that occur within Rhode Island. Major Crimes Detectives further investigate felonies that occur at the Wyatt Federal Detention Facility in Central Falls, Rhode Island, where federal authorities have no jurisdiction. The Major Crimes Unit has vetted sixty (60) complaints that were considered law enforcement information “only,” thirty-six (36) complaints where Detectives assisted other agencies, forty-two (42) pre-employment background investigations, and four (4) non-criminal death investigations. The Major Crimes Unit also conducts the majority of all background investigations for prospective employees who are considered for hire within the Department of Public Safety.*

*In addition to those Detectives assigned to Headquarters, the Major Crimes Unit has two (2) Detectives assigned to the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI). These Detectives thoroughly investigate all complaints made by both prison employees and incarcerated inmates. These Detectives also collect criminal information from prisoner investigators employed at the Department of Corrections, which is then shared with other law enforcement agencies in an effort to bolster officer safety. Detectives assigned to the ACI handle the prosecution of all inmates who are considered fugitives from other states.*

### **Interesting Investigation**

*On June 30, 2013, at approximately 12:48 AM, West Greenwich Police received a 911 telephone call from a residence on Mishnock Road, West Greenwich. The caller advised that three (3) masked individuals broke into his home, tied him up, and ransacked his home.*

*West Greenwich Police responded to the residence and conducted the initial investigation, which revealed the following additional details:*

*At the time of the home invasion, the homeowner was alone in the residence and asleep in the living room on a recliner when he was awakened by three (3) masked men that tied him up and forced him to sit on the floor. The suspects asked him in a loud manner, “Where is the money?” The suspects then took \$250.00 from the homeowner’s pocket. The homeowner described one (1) of the suspects as 6’2” with a thin build, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and black pants, with brownish-orange underwear. He stated the other two (2) suspects were short, skinny, and had their faces concealed with scarf-like material. The homeowner stated that one (1) of the suspects pointed a firearm at him, which he described as a black semi-automatic pistol. That same suspect struck the homeowner in the head with the back of his hand. At one point, the homeowner thought he observed a second firearm held by one of the suspects. While tied-up, the homeowner heard the suspects moving throughout the house, opening and closing doors and drawers. He stated that the suspects were communicating amongst themselves in Spanish. During this home invasion, the homeowner overheard one (1) of the suspects yell, “Eddie” [sic].*

*The homeowner was eventually able to free himself and ran out the front door to the end of the driveway. When he did not see anyone or any vehicle, he ran back inside the house and dialed “911.” Additional information provided by the homeowner revealed that he held a Medical Marijuana card, which allowed him to have marijuana in his residence. As a result of a cursory search of the residence, it was observed that the following items were missing: his cell phone, Arbitron pager, six (6) mason jars containing one-quarter ounce of marijuana in each jar, approximately sixty (60) marijuana cookies contained in a pretzel and oatmeal container, an X-Box with four (4) controllers affixed to it, a MacBook Pro laptop, a DVD player, and a Bob Marley marijuana-grinder. Shortly after, the homeowner’s son was able to log onto his desktop computer and track the location of the MacBook Pro laptop. The laptop was tracked to a residence in Providence, Rhode Island.*

*Members from the Major Crimes Unit and the Violent Fugitive Task Force joined the investigation after the computer was traced to the Pekin Street area of Providence. Detectives located the laptop computer at an address on Pekin Street and later located and seized the vehicle utilized in the home invasion. As a result of tracking the laptop computer, a court-authorized search warrant was executed at the address. Numerous items identified by the victim as being taken from his residence were located and seized, to include prescription pill bottles in the name of the homeowner.*

*As a result of the investigation, West Greenwich Police and the State Police charged four suspects with the following charges:*

- 1) 11-26-1; Kidnapping;
- 2) 11-8-1; Burglary;
- 3) 11-47-3.2; Use of a Firearm during the commission of a crime of violence;
- 4) 11-41-2; Receiving Stolen Goods;
- 5) 11-5-3; Simple Assault;
- 6) 11-1-6; Conspiracy;
- 7) 21-28-4.01(C)(2)(II); Possession of Marijuana.

# **COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT/INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE**

*SERGEANT STACI SHEPHERD*

*In 2013, Detective Sergeant Staci Shepherd led the Computer Crimes Unit / Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The Computer Crimes Unit is currently comprised of one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal, three (3) detectives, two (2) civilian forensic analysts, and one (1) program manager. Combined, Unit personnel have an expansive and diverse knowledge base, based both on formal education and experiential learning. Unit personnel hold advanced degrees supplemented by numerous industry-recognized certifications such as EnCase and AccessData Certified Examiner, Comp TIA A+, Security +, Net +, United States Secret Service Network Intrusion Responder Program, and in specialty investigative areas related to online, peer-to-peer investigations and forensic interviewing.*

*The ICAC Task Force is a Department of Justice grant-funded program administered by the Rhode Island State Police, and over the last year has been comprised of the six (6) members of the Computer Crimes Unit along with detectives from the Coventry, Jamestown, Pawtucket, Warwick, Woonsocket, and Middletown Police Departments, three agents from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and one from the United States Postal Inspection Services (USPIS). During 2013, additional affiliates were welcomed from the North Kingstown, Portsmouth, and Bristol Police Departments. The objective of the ICAC Task Force is to form strong working relationships between local, state, and federal law enforcement in order to effectively and efficiently prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute online child exploitation and child pornography crimes.*

*The Computer Crimes Unit investigates criminal violations of law, which often involve the use of a computer in the commission of the crime. These crimes encompass all types of criminal activity ranging from traditional crimes to online fraud. The Computer Crimes Unit is frequently called upon to investigate computer related crimes that include unlawful computer access, auction fraud, identity theft, and network intrusions. Moreover, the Computer Crimes Unit provides forensic analysis of digital media and technical assistance to the division and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In 2013, the Computer Crimes Unit/ICAC Task Force completed two round-up operations, investigated approximately 568 complaints, completed over 320 technical assists and 177 forensic analyses, and assisted other agencies in 137 different cases.*

*During the course of 2013, the Computer Crimes Unit has made a significant effort to interface with the public, providing education to students, teachers, and parents on internet safety. The goals of these presentations have included not just information on the Computer Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force itself, but also the hope of preventing future victimization. Over the last year, ten presentations have been made to local schools and community groups, directly impacting more than seven hundred individuals.*

*The field of cyber security has been a continued focus of the Computer Crimes Unit in 2013. With support from federal funding, the Unit remains diligent in its efforts to train the Rhode Island Cyber Disruption Team (RICDT) to be able to respond to a myriad of possible scenarios that we face as an increasingly technologically-dependent society. Currently, the RICDT consists of over seventy (70) representatives from various public and private sector agencies who recognize the need for a unified effort against cyber threats to our infrastructure. The RICDT 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.*

*These missions were recently tested in October 2013, when for Cyber Security Awareness Month the Cyber Disruption Team completed a full-scale exercise of the team and its equipment. In addition to continuous training, the RICDT also provides public education and outreach to businesses and organizations to help increase awareness of potential vulnerabilities and ways to safeguard against these threats.*

*The Computer Crimes Unit recognizes that the field of computer crimes and cyber security is a rapidly paced field that continues to evolve at an unparalleled speed. To that end, the Computer Crimes Unit seeks to support the continued education of future professionals through ongoing internship programs with the University of Rhode Island Digital Forensic and Cyber Security Center and Roger Williams University's Center for Forensics, Applied Networking and Security. The internship program enhances the creative and technical capacity of the Computer Crimes Unit, while offering valuable training and experience to qualified students.*

### **Interesting Investigation**

*During the Spring of 2013, members of the Rhode Island State Police Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) and Rhode Island Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force received several complaints from investigators with the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). The DCYF employees stated that they each received email correspondence containing images of child pornography and the body of the email read "Enjoy the pictures." Several weeks later, Task Force members received separate complaints from employees at assorted other State agencies regarding receipt of email or text messages which contained the same images of child pornography.*

*Investigation revealed a possible suspect and members of the CCU and ICAC Task Force conducted a compliance check on the potential suspect, a probationer with previous convictions of Possession and Transfer of Child Pornography charged by members of the CCU and ICAC Task Force. A search of the residence was conducted and Detectives located numerous pieces of digital media containing child pornography secreted within an antique radio.*

*The suspect was charged with 1.) Possession of Child Pornography, 2.) Transfer of Child Pornography, and 3.) Cyber-stalking/Cyber-harassment prohibited, and held without bail by the Superior Court for violating the conditions of his probation.*

*This case is only one example of the successes of the ICAC Task Force. With multiple victims from separate complaints, Task Force members were able to investigate quickly and efficiently to identify a suspect, work collaboratively with other agency partners and arrest a repeat offender, whose case was referred for federal prosecution.*

*Additionally, this year, the Computer Crimes Unit/ICAC Task Force assumed the responsibility of conducting two round-up investigations: one in April to highlight National Child Abuse Awareness Month and one in October. Both round-up operations were the result of undercover online investigations using a peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing program. During the course of the two undercover P2P investigations, Task Force members were able to identify twenty-four (24) target households allegedly involved in the transfer of multiple files that were suspected to be child pornography. The CCU/ICAC Task Force confirmed the graphic nature of images depicting child pornography downloaded from the suspects' computers. Following successful surveillance operations for each round-up, Operation Iceberg necessitated the deployment of seventeen (17) members of the CCU/ICAC Task Force from eleven (11) different law enforcement agencies, with 20 (twenty) additional sworn members for each of the five teams executing ten (10) search warrants.*

October's Operation Black Cat required twenty-two (22) Task Force members from thirteen (13) different law enforcement agencies, including the SOLEMN Task Force, and twenty (20) additional sworn members dispersed throughout five teams executing fourteen (14) search warrants. Between the two round-up operations, twenty-one (21) individuals were arrested and over three hundred (300) electronic devices/media were seized for further analysis. Of those arrested, multiple individuals were employed in professions putting them in close contact with children, including a bus monitor, medical student, hospital employee, teacher, and military personnel.

Though every case investigated by the CCU/ICAC Task Force is unique, the execution of twenty-four search warrants resulting in twenty-one arrests within a six-month period is a testament to the strength of the Unit's investigative, forensic, and organizational capacity. The Unit/Task Force continues to work rigorously to recruit additional affiliates to further the work against the growing amount of online child victimization.

### **Computer Crimes Unit/RI ICAC Task Force Members**

Detective Sergeant Staci Shepherd is the Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of the Computer Crimes Unit/ICAC Task Force. The sworn members assigned to the Computer Crimes Unit/ICAC Task Force are Detective Corporal John C. Alfred, Detective Eric M. Yelle, Detective Damien K. Longo, and Detective Brian M. Macera. The Computer Crimes Unit has three (3) civilian employees: Mrs. Meghan Martinez, Cyber Terrorism Program Manager, Ms. Brittnee Morgan, Forensic Analyst, and Mr. Gerald Gent, Junior Forensic Analyst. Additional RI ICAC Task Force members responding to the unit during this reporting period were Detective Kevin Harris, of the Coventry Police Department; Special Agents Jodie Donaghy, Rachael Robinson, and James Richardson from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE); Postal Inspector Michael Connelly, of the United States Postal Inspection Service; Detective Sergeant Kevin Petit, of the Warwick Police Department; Lieutenant Christopher Brooks, of the Woonsocket Police Department; Detective Derek Carlino, of the Jamestown Police Department; Detective Sergeant Jason Ryan of the Middletown Police Department; Detective Raymond Doran, of the Pawtucket Police Department; Detective Jesse Jarvis, of the North Kingstown Police Department; Detective Michael Morse, of the Portsmouth Police Department; and Officer Marc Remington, of the Bristol Police Department.

## **INTELLIGENCE UNIT**

### **LIEUTENANT PATRICK REILLY**

*The Intelligence Unit is tasked with the investigation of traditional and non-traditional organized crime. The Intelligence Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Patrick Reilly, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Intelligence Unit is presently comprised of (5) detectives, two of which are non-commissioned officers..*

*The Intelligence Unit is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives set by the Division. In conjunction with these responsibilities, unit members are responsible for managing and maintaining confidential informants, maintaining criminal intelligence files, tracking and identifying members and associates of organized crime, maintaining and gathering information on various gangs, assisting with in-service training, providing informational seminars to other law enforcement agencies, assisting local, state and federal agencies with investigations, conducting electronic sweeps, researching modern technical equipment, and assisting Rhode Island State Police personnel, as deemed necessary by the Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Field Operations. Unit members are also responsible for sharing information with other state and local law enforcement agencies, to include: The New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.*

*The primary goal of the Intelligence Unit is to identify and suppress the widespread illegal activities of organized criminal enterprises. Historically, the Intelligence Unit focused on monitoring activities of the traditional La Cosa Nostra. However, over the past decade, responsibilities have diversified to include investigations of terrorism, outlaw motorcycle gangs, drug cartels, and other newly emerging criminal groups.*

*The categorizations of investigations handled by the Intelligence Unit include, but are not limited to: threats and extortion; gambling and lotteries; organized criminal gambling; racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO); and violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act that are linked to Organized Crime. Such violations are investigated through the use of surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy/bust operations, and reverse sting operations. The majority of investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants, frequently resulting in the arrests of eminent criminals and the seizure of illegally obtained assets.*

*Most cases investigated by the Intelligence Unit are the result of proactive investigative techniques. Investigations typically progress through the use and cultivation of confidential informants.*

*The Intelligence Unit is financially self-sufficient, facilitated by the utilization of motor vehicles and cash seized as a result of state and federal forfeitures. Funds are also allocated for the purchase of equipment, and to financially support the continuation of investigations.*

*In 2013, members of the Intelligence Unit were involved in several long-term, complex investigations which led to the arrests of twenty (20) individuals for a variety of criminal offenses, to include; racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO), extortion, organized criminal gambling (bookmaking), usury, possession of firearms, cultivation of marijuana, illegal distribution of narcotics, piracy/counterfeiting DVD recordings, money laundering and trafficking of un-taxed cigarettes.*

*These arrests and prosecutions also resulted in the seizure of five (5) motor vehicles, three (3) firearms, one hundred and twenty-two thousand, three hundred and fifteen dollars (\$122,315.90) in United States currency and over two thousand cartons of untaxed cigarettes.*

### ***Interesting Investigation***

*During the month of April 2012, an investigation began into the sale of untaxed cigarettes from in the City of Providence. This began as an undercover Intelligence Unit investigation and evolved into an interstate trafficking case that ultimately dismantled a highly sophisticated international organization. As a result of the initial undercover success, members of the Intelligence Unit were able to conduct a motor vehicle stop of two subjects on Rt. 95 in Richmond. Subsequently, the target of the investigation was found to have approximately 850 cartons of cigarettes secreted in an elaborate hidden compartment in his vehicle. Three individuals were arrested as a result of the actions that night. They were eventually released on bail where their passports were seized and they were restricted to travel within confines of Rhode Island only. Subsequent motions by the defendants to the court lifted their travel restrictions, despite the objections by the RI Attorney General's Office. The day after their travel restrictions were lifted, the main suspect and associates traveled to VA and purchased another load of cigarettes.*

*It was at that point that members of the Intelligence Unit began to conduct an even more detailed review of the target and associates. As the scope of the investigation grew, members of the Intelligence Unit decided that additional resources and investigation support would be necessary. The case eventually went Federal and received cooperation between to Attorney General's Office and the US Attorney's Office. The Federal Bureau of Investigations Joint Terrorism Task Force (FBI – JTTF) became involved and assisted. Additionally, Members of State Police High Intensity Drug Task Force (HIDTA), along with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) joined the investigative team.*

*The investigative path led towards an electronic intercept. This was unique in the fact that it had never been done from a predicated offense of money laundering with a supportive criminal activity of smuggling. After several months of continued investigations, the intercepts were live for almost three (3) months.*

*As a result of the joint investigation with the RISP (Intelligence, Fusion, HIDTA), FBI (JTTF), HSI, IRS, USDA, Social Security Administration, US Attorney's Office and authorities in the Commonwealth of Virginia uncovered additional participants in these alleged fraudulent activities, as well as additional criminal activities. On the cigarette portion alone, in a one year period, it was revealed that over a million dollars was spent on untaxed cigarettes which represented a loss of over \$800,000 in tax revenue for the state of Rhode Island. During one smuggling trip to Virginia, members of our investigative team collaborated with VA State Police. This resulted in a motor vehicle stop and seizure of \$30,000 in United States currency that had been intended for the purchase of a shipment of smuggled cigarettes.*

*Throughout the course of this investigation it was revealed that the main target and associates were also involved in EBT (food stamp fraud), Social Security fraud and the creation of fraudulent business and financial documents. The organized structure and method of operation deployed by this criminal element rivaled that of any Drug Trafficking Operation (DTO) or those of the traditional organized crime. They appeared intent on exploiting all means at that disposal for maximizing financial gain. This group was also adept at counter surveillance techniques and took great lengths to evade members of law enforcement.*

*At the conclusion of the investigation, numerous search warrants were executed throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts. This resulted in the seizure of an additional approximately \$100,000 in United States Currency, along with another seven hundred (700) cartons of illegal cigarettes and the seizure of six motor vehicles. Seven members of this organization were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on numerous charges, to include, Trafficking in Contraband, False Statements, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and Money Laundering charges.*

*The investigation was an excellent example of a strategic investigation to take down the command structure and associates of a criminal enterprise operating within the State of Rhode Island and beyond. The Intelligence Unit will continue to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies in battling organized crime.*

# ***VIOLENT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE***

***LIEUTENANT TODD D. NEILL***

*The Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF) is under the command Lieutenant Todd Neill. This unit is currently comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, three (3) Detectives, one (1) Providence Police Patrolman, (1) Rhode Island Sheriff, and three (3) full-time and two (2) part-time members from the United States Marshals Service.*

*The Violent Fugitive Task Force is responsible for tracking and locating subjects that are wanted on violent felony charges. Members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force track and investigate long-term fugitive matters and also handle a large quantity of parole violators, federal probation violators, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) escapees, and requests from the Attorney General's Office as well as requests from local and federal law enforcement agencies.*

*The Violent Fugitive Task Force is located at an off-site location in Warwick, Rhode Island. The Task Force primarily uses the State Police Lincoln Barracks to process, hold, and interview suspects.*

*During the past calendar year, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested one hundred and ninety-eight (198) people wanted by law enforcement agencies and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests include: four (4) individuals wanted for murder, nine (9) individuals wanted for armed robbery, three (3) subjects wanted for armed bank robbery, six (6) subjects wanted for escape, two (2) individuals wanted for rape, one (1) individual wanted for kidnapping adult for ransom, and eight (8) individuals wanted for assault with a dangerous weapon to include firearms.*

*The Violent Fugitive Task Force brought additional criminal charges on subjects on the following: one individual charged with twenty (22) counts of breaking and entering and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, one individual charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and resisting arrest, one (1) individual charged with impersonating a police officer, one (1) individual charged with delivery of controlled substance and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, three (3) separate cases of subjects charged with delivery of a controlled substance, one (1) individual charged with felony assault.*

## ***Interesting Investigation***

*During the month of October 2014, detectives from the Smithfield, Rhode Island Police Department contacted the Violent Fugitive Task Force to request assistance in locating and apprehending Suspect #1, who was wanted on several court warrants and was wanted for questioning in several breaking and entering investigations. The task force obtained a search warrant for records on Suspect #1's cell phone and determined that subject was potentially living at an address off of Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence, Rhode Island. Members then conducted surveillance on this address and identified the owner of the house to be Suspect # 2. Suspect # 2 was known to members of the unit to be a career criminal. On October 23, 2014, members of the task force responded to the Suspect # 2's home in search of Suspect # 1. Members were met by Suspect # 2 and a female who was previously identified as the girlfriend of Suspect # 1. Members searched Suspect # 2's home with his consent for Suspect # 1 with negative results. However, detectives learned that a North Providence detective had a confidential source that placed Suspect # 1 at an address on Capital Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.*

*This North Providence Police detective had also been looking for Suspect # 1 as a potential robbery suspect. The North Providence Police Detective along with a Pawtucket Police Department invited members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force to assist them in locating and apprehending Suspect #1. Members of the task force, along with North Providence and Pawtucket Police department responded to Capital Street in Pawtucket and located Suspect # 1 in a second floor apartment hiding in a cupboard beneath the kitchen sink. Consent to search was obtained from Suspect # 1 and the other resident of the apartment. Members then located a .22 caliber pistol under a bed where Suspect # 1 had been sleeping.*

*Suspect # 1 was taken to the State Police Lincoln Woods barracks to be charged with resisting arrest and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Once at the barracks, Suspect # 1 was given his rights and confessed to possessing the firearm and also gave information pertaining to him pawning off items from a Smithfield break and entering complaint. Suspect # 2 also confessed that the items he pawned off were given to him by Suspect # 1.*

*After interviewing Suspect # 1, members then returned to the home of Suspect # 2 in North Providence, Rhode Island and obtained written consent to search of Suspect # 2's home. Suspect #1's girlfriend was questioned and explained to detectives that all of the jewelry in her bedroom at Suspect #2's home was taken from home breaks committed by Suspect #2's. Suspect # 2 then confessed that he had committed numerous house breaks in Rhode Island, and that he and Suspect # 1 had pawned most of the merchandise. Suspect # 2 then led detectives to a .40 caliber handgun that he had hidden in his backyard that was taken from a Providence house break.*

*Suspect # 2 was taken to the State Police Lincoln Woods barracks where a formal interview was taken. Suspect # 2 stated that he had committed numerous home breaks in Rhode Island. He also admitted to committing two bank Robberies with Suspect #1 and another person.*

*As a result of this investigation, the task force was able to arrest two career criminals, clear twenty-two breaking and entering complaints, and solve two armed bank robberies. Both Suspect # 2 and Suspect # 1 were also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.*

# AUTO THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD UNIT

*SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER J. DICOMITIS*

*The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit is currently comprised of a Sergeant and one civilian investigator which is presently under the command of Sergeant Christopher J. Dicomitis, a sixteen (16) year veteran. An additional member includes Investigator Michael S. Douglas. During 2013, Sergeant Dicomitis also assisted Rhode Island State Police Lieutenant David A. Doucet, a twenty two (22) year veteran who has been assigned to serve as the Chief of the Enforcement Section within the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles, which includes the Rhode Island Automobile Dealer's License and Regulation Office.*

*The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud unit is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives determined by the Division. In conjunction with these responsibilities, this Unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes involving the theft and other unauthorized use of motor vehicles, as well as automobile related insurance fraud. In addition, the unit provides assistance to other units within the Detective Bureau, as well as providing support to the department's uniform members in areas such as vehicle identification, document authenticity, and investigations that remain at the barracks level.*

*The Unit also provides support and works as a liaison to investigators with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicle's Enforcement Division with identifying vehicles through the use of secondary points of identification, with the inspection of vehicles through the state's "salvage inspection" program, along with various other types of investigations, as the need arises. The Unit also provides assistance to both the Insurance and Body Shop/Salvage Divisions within the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (DBR) in the oversight of Automobile Body Shops and Auto Salvage Wrecking Yards. A Unit Supervisor presently sits as member of the Rhode Island Dealers License and Hearing Board and the Safety and Emissions Hearing Board, both of which fall under the Division of Motor Vehicles, as well as the Auto Collision Repair Licensing Advisory Board within the Department of Business Regulation.*

*In addition, the Unit also serves as the Law Enforcement point of contact for the Fraud Unit within the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT), and is tasked with prosecuting all cases of suspected fraudulent unemployment insurance and temporary disability insurance claims forwarded by the DLT.*

*Members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit also work in close collaboration with agents from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, as well as other members of Law Enforcement on the local, state, and federal level, by offering support and assistance to those agencies with ongoing criminal investigations.*

*During the previous calendar year, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit conducted a total of seventy six (76) separate investigations, which included insurance fraud, possession of stolen motor vehicles, recovered stolen motor vehicles, obtaining money under false pretenses and other violations of Rhode Island law. These investigations resulted in the arrest of twenty two (22) subjects on a variety of charges. Stolen motor vehicle investigations throughout the year resulted in the recovery of thirty nine (39) stolen motor vehicles having a total value of two hundred twenty four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$224,800.00). In addition, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit received a total of ten (10) complaints filed by the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Fraud Unit, which resulted in the arrests of these ten individuals who illegally collected a combined total of one hundred twenty six thousand six hundred eighty eight dollars (\$126,688.00) in unemployment benefits from the State of Rhode Island.*

## **INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

*During the month of July, 2013, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit commenced an investigation where a subject had illegally collected Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits from the State of Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training while her husband had been incarcerated at the Adult Correctional Institutions.*

*Members subsequently conducted an in-depth investigation which ultimately led to Suspect # 1 of North Attleboro, Massachusetts and learned that during the month of September, 2013, Suspect # 2 (related to suspect #2) had filed a claim for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits with the State of Rhode Island. After review, the claim was authorized and entitled the relative to receive a four hundred fifty five (\$455.00) dollar payment from the state for as long as he met the criteria outlined in the Department of Labor and Training Rules and Regulations of Claims for Unemployment Benefits.*

*According to the Department's rules on availability, Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Rule 17. Filing Claims for Unemployment Insurance Benefits. Section E states that every claimant shall make such personal efforts to find suitable work as are customarily made by persons in the same occupation or in any other occupation for which the claimant is reasonably suited, commensurate with current economic conditions to include, but not limited to: registering for work with the Employment Service, making themselves available for profiling services when offered, provided, however, that no claimant shall in order to establish his/her availability be required to perform any unreasonable act in seeking work to pursue a search which has no definite basis expectation that it would result in re-employment. Section G outlines the Department's rules on contacting the Call Center for payments: "the individual must establish ability to work and availability for work for such week."*

*During the month of June, 2013, the Department of Labor and Training's Fraud Unit had detected through the Department's utilization of the Department of Corrections (UI) Payment History Cross-match Report that Suspect #2 had been incarcerated at the Adult Correctional Institute during a time period when the benefits were being dispersed, thus, not actively seeking work and ineligible for unemployment benefits under Rule 17, Section E and Section G.*

*Members learned through their investigation that during the time period when Suspect # 2 was incarcerated, Suspect # 1 routinely mislead the Department of Labor and Training adjudicators by providing fraudulent information relative to his work status, as well as his incarceration and actually had a male subject impersonate her husband to adjudicators while continuing to receive his (UI) Unemployment Benefits.*

*Based on the information, a forensic audit was conducted on the claim submitted by Suspect # 2 and it was determined that Suspect # 1 had illegally obtained a total of two thousand two hundred seventy five hundred dollars (\$2,275.00) in unemployment benefits while her husband had been incarcerated at the Adult Correctional Institution.*

*At the conclusion of the investigation, members were able to charge Suspect # 1 with one Felony count of Obtaining Money under False Pretenses over \$1500.00.*

# **CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION UNIT**

*LIEUTENANT RICHARD J. ALTIMARI JR.*

*The Rhode Island State Police Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) is responsible for the processing of crime scenes, providing technical services with criminal investigations, and assisting agencies with forensic investigations. CIU forensic specialties include: crime scene processing and documentation, digital photography, evidence processing, latent print development and comparison, footwear impression development and comparison, blood spatter interpretation, shooting reconstruction, and video analysis. The CIU is comprised of: one (1) lieutenant, one (1) sergeant, four (4) detectives and one (1) civilian clerk.*

*Actions taken at the outset of an investigation at a crime scene can play a pivotal role in the resolution of a case. A careful, thorough investigation is the key to ensuring that physical evidence is not tainted, destroyed nor overlooked.*

*The CIU is also responsible for the positive identification of all subjects taken into custody, as well as the maintenance of criminal records and the dissemination of arrest information to authorized parties. The CIU provides fingerprinting and background checks to all persons required by State Law to fulfill background check requirements.*

## **Interesting Investigation**

*On September 11, 2012 at approximately 11:30pm, the Criminal Identification Unit was requested to respond to a residence in the Town of Foster to process and document the scene of a shooting incident which had just occurred there.*

*Foster Police requested that the Criminal Identification Unit take control of all aspects of the crime scene shooting incident which encompassed eight distinct and separate locations including; two residences, a bedroom, a bathroom, a hallway, an outside walkway area, a motor vehicle, and a motel room.*

*The incident began when an unannounced suspect came to the Foster residence and proceeded to shoot the victim several times in an upstairs bedroom. The victim, in an attempt to get away from the gunman, also received several more gunshot wounds in an adjacent bathroom and hallway. Incredibly, the victim was able to exit the residence where he received several more gunshots on the walkway leading from the house.*

*After sustaining eight (8) gunshot wounds, the victim was able to find safety inside a neighboring residence where he stayed until medical personnel could arrive and transport him to the hospital. CIU members were now tasked with the unenviable assignment of processing eight distinct and separate crime scene locations in an effort to link the suspect responsible for this shooting incident.*

*Aside from the normal routine of crime scene documentation, evidence collection and analysis, photography and video, CIU members were also tasked with, blood swabs, gunshot residue collection, buccal swab collection kit, shell casing and projectile fragment analysis, blood spatter analysis and a shooting reconstruction analysis. After all was said and done, the victim miraculously survived this harrowing shooting incident.*

# **PROPERTY CONTROL OFFICER**

**LIEUTENANT ARNOLD S. BUXTON**  
**SERGEANT DIANE M. DOUGHERTY**

Lieutenant Arnold Buxton is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and is charged with the control of found, recovered, and evidentiary property. Lieutenant Buxton assumed the role of Division Property Officer on April 16, 2012. Lieutenant Buxton is assisted by Sergeant Diane Dougherty who is a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Division. Sergeant Dougherty assumed the role of Assistant Property Officer on December 16, 2012. Proper handling, security, and disposition of evidence is critically important toward a positive outcome with Division investigations. In addition to property maintenance, Lieutenant Buxton and Sergeant Dougherty provide support for the Detective Bureau and perform administrative functions such as scheduling and facilitation of background checks.

During 2013, the following narcotics and narcotic samples were received from the Rhode Island Department of Health. These narcotics and samples were a result of seizures made by the Uniform and Detective Bureaus and include marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and miscellaneous controlled substances:

*Packages from Toxicology:                      446 items*

*Total number of weapons received and released from the Uniform and Detective Bureau:*

*Weapons Seized:                                      109 weapons*  
*Weapons Released:                                  71 weapons*

*Miscellaneous evidence received from the Uniform and Detective Bureaus (excluding weapons):*

*Miscellaneous:                                      2,325 items*

*Returned evidence: This evidence includes miscellaneous property seized from arrests or offenses.*

*Evidence Returned:                                81 vehicles*  
*180 items*

*At the time of this report there are 38 vehicles being stored at Headquarters from 2013 cases.*

*Vehicles seized:                                    26 Vehicles are pending forfeiture proceedings*  
*8 Vehicles are held for accident investigations*  
*3 Vehicles are stored for another agency*  
*1 Vehicle is held for an investigation*

*Amount of evidence that was destroyed:*

*Evidence Destroyed:                              736 miscellaneous items*  
*6 large pieces of narcotics evidence*

# **CHARITABLE GAMING UNIT**

**MRS. PAULINE M. MALEC  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

*Pauline Malec is the Administrative Assistant for the Charitable Gaming Unit. She has been employed in this position since August 2008. Captain Kevin O'Brien is the Superintendent's current designee in charge of the Charitable Gaming Unit.*

*Rhode Island General Law gives the Division of State Police both regulatory and enforcement authority over all charitable gaming activity conducted in Rhode Island. At present, raffles and bingos are the only games allowed. The Charitable Gaming Unit serves citizens from all walks of life. For many, it is the only contact they have with the Rhode Island State Police. Most charitable and non-profit organizations in Rhode Island have had contact with this Unit.*

*Mrs. Malec is responsible for reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events. She provides assistance to applicants with the process. She answers questions and provides information to the general public, as well as other State agencies, local police departments and members of the legal community. All raffle applications require dual approval from the Chief of Police in the city / town where the drawing is to be held and the State Police. The Charitable Gaming Unit works closely with all local police departments. All organizations authorized to conduct a raffle must file a financial report with the State Police after the event is held. During 2013, there were one thousand, three hundred forty-three (1,343) authorizations granted to charitable and / or non-profit organizations to conduct raffles.*

*The amount of money wagered on bingo in Rhode Island has fallen dramatically since the opening of legal gaming casinos. This decrease in income reflects a trend that is going on nationwide. The number of organizations conducting weekly bingo in our State has dropped significantly, from sixty-five (65) in 1990 to fifteen (15) in 2013. The General Assembly attempted to remedy this situation by increasing the amount of money that could be awarded as prizes; in 1998 it was increased from four thousand, two hundred fifty dollars (\$4,250) to six thousand fifty dollars (\$6,050) per night, and in July, 2005 the General Assembly increased the amount of money to be awarded in prizes during bingo to seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) per night. Consequently, most charitable organizations do not take in the gross receipts needed to pay out seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in prizes per night. In 2013, eighty (80) senior citizen organizations were granted authorizations to conduct bingo on a regular basis and thirty-three (33) organizations were granted approvals to conduct recreational or one-time special bingo games. All together, one hundred twenty-eight (128) authorizations were granted to charitable and/or non-profit organizations to conduct bingo in 2013.*

*Charitable Gaming Unit information, applications and forms are available to the public online on the State Police website ([www.risp.ri.gov/charitablegaming](http://www.risp.ri.gov/charitablegaming)). Citizen response to this new avenue of information and service has been tremendously positive, as many citizens now log onto the Charitable gaming web page.*

*Revenue from charitable gaming activity is not taxed in Rhode Island, as it is in most other states. A five-dollar application fee is levied on each application.*

# **GAMING ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

*LIEUTENANT JOHN P. FLAHERTY III*

The Gaming Enforcement Unit (GEU) was formed in March 2013 and increased in personnel in April 2013 with the legalization of table games in the State of Rhode Island. Members of the Unit are responsible for conducting criminal investigations as it relates to both the table games and video lottery terminal (VLT) operations at both the Twin River Casino and the Newport Grand casino. Members of the Unit are also responsible for conducting a vast array of background investigations as it relates to the suitability of individuals, vendor companies, and corporate entities that have a direct impact on the operations at both gaming facilities in the State. During the 2013 calendar year the primary focus of the Unit related to conducting well over one thousand background investigations on applicants seeking employment at the Twin River casino. Table games became operational in June 2013, and as a result GEU also focused its attention to various types of table game criminal activity and cheating. During the calendar year members of the Unit arrested forty-eight (48) subjects. Members of the Unit worked on a daily basis with members of the Rhode Island Lottery concerning various criminal investigations. During the calendar year members of the Unit received specialized training as it relates to table game investigations.

During the calendar year, members of the Unit began an investigation into a group of subjects involved in the fraudulent use of credit cards. This group uses the credit cards to obtain money from cash advance machines at the Twin River casino. Several arrests were made of subjects involved in the cash transactions. Further investigation revealed that the subjects utilizing the cash advance machines were often times being recruited and paid by other co-conspirators; and defendants often utilized fraudulent checks to conduct the criminal operation. Members of GEU identified various individuals in this fraudulent cash advance operation and additional arrests were affected. As this investigation expanded, members of GEU began to work in conjunction with members of the Providence, Warwick, and Cumberland Police Departments and also with the United States Secret Service. The law enforcement teams worked with prosecutors from both the Office of the Rhode Island Attorney and the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island. Various investigative methods to include the execution of search warrants were used to develop information into the organized criminal group involved in the production and use of fraudulent checks. The GEU and other law enforcement agencies learned that various banking institutions, government entities, and private businesses had incurred significant losses after discovering the checks were found to be fraudulent or counterfeited. The losses incurred were well over six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000.00). Towards the end of the 2013 calendar year, the investigation continued with additional enforcement action to take place in 2014.

## **Gaming Enforcement Unit Personnel**

**Corporal:** Corporal Shelley O'Neill

**Detectives:** Richard Ptaszek, Timothy Allen, Michael Brock, Daniel Hernandez, Ernest Adams, and Robert Laurelli.

# **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**MAJOR DAVID P. TIKOIAN**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: MELISSA M. ARVER**

*The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the personnel and fiscal management of the Division, as well as supervision of the day-to-day operations of the Division's administrative units. The Chief Administrative Officer also acts as a liaison with the Rhode Island Troopers' Association and civilian unions pertaining to the concerns of sworn and civilian personnel.*

*Several capital improvement projects were started during 2013. This began with the refurbishment of our Property/Evidence and Supply Storage buildings just west of State Police Headquarters. Additionally, a local architectural firm was awarded a contract through the Department of Administration to provide architectural and engineering plans, specifications and documents for the renovations to our Lincoln Woods Barracks, as well as, our former Supply and Intelligence buildings. These capital project initiatives are being coordinated under the direction of Lieutenant Robert E. Cunniff, Jr.*

*The Management Information Systems Unit (MIS), the Technical Services Unit, and the Radio Bureau, each fall under the command of the Chief Administrative Officer. The Management Information Systems Unit maintains all computer systems for the Rhode Island State Police on a twenty-four hour basis. The Technical Services Unit works to keep the Rhode Island law enforcement community abreast with the most current technology available. Through the Technical Services Unit, the Division hosts the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) and the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS). To supplement the Technology and Communications Unit, the Radio Bureau keeps all of the barracks, vehicles, and infrastructure functional so that communication is always available.*

*Additionally, the Chief Administrative Officer oversees the Division's Fleet. Much of our aging fleet was replaced during 2013 with the use of forfeiture funds. Several specialty vehicles were also purchased through grant funding. This included the purchase of a Cyber Crime Response vehicle that supports a robust Computer Crimes investigative unit.*

*Finally, the Chief Administrative Officer oversees work of the Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit. This Unit assists the Command Staff with legislation, budget proposals, and traffic enforcement resources. They are also tasked with planning all large events hosted by the Rhode Island State Police. Additionally, they administer all overtime details; produce the Division Annual Report, progress reports, goals and objectives, HS-1 Grant Applications/Budgets to the Office on Highway Safety, and other publications.*

# ***PLANNING, RESEARCH & ACCREDITATION UNIT***

*LIEUTENANT ANN C. ASSUMPICO  
CORPORAL LAURIE LUDOVICI  
TROOPER AMANDA L. BREZNIAK  
TROOPER WILLIAM C. CORSON  
TROOPER JONATHAN M. ELLIOTT*

## ***UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR)***

*MRS. LINDA L FRACCOLA*

## ***SOCIAL MEDIA***

*MS. ALLISON O'CONNOR*

*Lieutenant Ann C. Assumpico is the Officer in Charge of the Division's Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit formally known as Traffic/ Planning and Research Unit. Presently there is one (1) Corporal, three (3) Troopers and two (2) Civilians in the unit. Lieutenant Assumpico has been a member of the Division for twenty-two (22) years and has served at each barracks. On February 25, 2013, the Unit assignment was expanded to include, accreditation standards, social media and web development to support the goals of the Division.*

*In a constant effort to improve highway safety throughout the State, the Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit continues to work closely with the Department of Transportation's Office on Highway Safety. In 2013, the Unit was responsible for representing the Division within various national, State, local and private organizations and committees regarding highway safety issues. These include, the National "Operation C.A.R.E." coalition, State Traffic Commission, Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Committee and Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD). The Unit promotes programs and technologies to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on the roadways.*

*Another essential aspect of the Division's highway safety enforcement is educational components involving child passenger safety programs. These programs are designed to educate citizens and visitors of the State regarding seat belt and child restraint safety, and to increase safety belt usage in Rhode Island.*

*The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit oversees the coordination of all overtime assignments, which include Speed Aggressive Driving, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols and other assignments with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation.*

*The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit is responsible for the Rhode Island State Police Internship Program. This program provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn through first-hand participation in law enforcement or related careers in criminal justice. The unit mentored and placed over 80 students as part of the Program.*

*The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit will continue its efforts to implement progressive and innovative changes in the field of law enforcement. In addition, the unit researches and develops new technical and administrative programs that will enhance the future organizational growth of the Division. Furthermore, the unit is also charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing various events such as: the yearly Memorial Ceremony, media educational summits, Rhode Island State Police Museum events, special events, and department promotional events.*

*The Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit researched, compiled and applied for the IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge and won first place in the country. This is the first time that the Rhode Island State Police took first place in the category of up to 250 sworn members. During the IACP's Annual Conference in Philadelphia in October 2013, the Rhode Island State Police received the Award. The award was based on evaluations of performance in such areas as training, incentives, community outreach and highway safety enforcement – with particular attention to laws on speeding, impaired driving, child restraint and safety-belt use.*

*In November of 1992, the Rhode Island State Police made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation status under the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA). The Commission's mission is to establish a set of professional standards which strengthen crime prevention programs, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory practices, improve services, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and boost citizen and staff confidence in the law enforcement profession.*

*Since the Division initially attained accredited status in November of 1994, it has continually updated policies and procedures to conform to evolving law enforcement issues and accreditation standards. Furthermore, the Division has gathered numerous forms of documentation that demonstrate compliance with Division policies, procedures and accreditation standards. The Division complies with those applicable four hundred and eighty (480) standards established by the Commission.*

*As a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the Accreditation Unit and Division's sworn and civilian members, the Rhode Island State Police successfully passed its fifth on-site visit for re-accreditation, and was accredited for the sixth time by CALEA in November 2011 receiving the "Accreditation with Excellence" award, formerly known as "Flagship Agency" recognition. This is the Division's third consecutive recognition award.*

*The Division's seventh CALEA on-site assessment is planned for August 2014. The majority of the work to be conducted this year will involve managing and enhancing standard compliance, and generating and revising Division policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the highest level of best practices.*

*The Division maintains an active presence in the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Coalition. The Coalition was established to support both accredited agencies and agencies interested in the accreditation process within Rhode Island.*

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

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

*Responsibilities of the Planning, Research and Accreditation Unit include, but are not limited to: collecting and compiling statistical information regarding the Division, the circulation of all data and planning information in a timely manner. The Unit is also accountable for the creation, compilation, and production of the following:*

- *Division's Annual Report*
- *Progress Reports, Goals and Objectives*
- *Office on Highway Safety Quarterly and Annual Reports*
- *Crime Analysis Reports*
- *Commuter Mileage Reports*
- *Scheduling of the Rollover Simulator*
- *State Wide Monthly Citation Audits*
- *Memo to Personnel*
- *Special Orders*
- *Press Releases*
- *Scheduling of Flu Clinics, Blood Drives*
- *HS-1 Grant Applications/Budgets to Office on Highway Safety*
- *Crime in Rhode Island, Uniform Crime Reports*
- *Create Community Safety Brochures*
- *Complete Surveys and Research Police Issues*



# ***UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING UNIT***

***MRS. LINDA FRACCOLA  
OPERATIONS MANAGER***

*Mrs. Linda Fraccola is the Operations Manager for the Rhode Island State Police and has served with the State Police for twenty-seven (27) years. She is responsible for the statewide operation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) and is the crime collection liaison between local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The UCR System is the State's crime system, which is mandated by the Rhode Island General Law to assemble uniform offense and arrest data from local and state law enforcement agencies, in a form prescribed by the Superintendent.*

*The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a detailed nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the Country.*

*With receipt of data covering thirty-nine (39) reporting jurisdictions within the State of Rhode Island, the difficulty of attaining uniformity is readily apparent. It is the standard operating procedure to examine incoming reports for mathematical accuracy and completeness, and perhaps, of even greater importance, for reasonableness as a possible indication of error. Regardless of the extent of the statistical verification process used by the UCR Unit, the accuracy of the data assembled under this system depends on the sincere effort exerted by each contributor to meet the necessary standards.*

*This Windows based management system has been programmed to the specifications of the UCR Unit and to detail offenses and arrest data, law enforcement employee counts, and other special programs of particular interest. With the use of these computer-generated reports and statistical analysis, the UCR Unit produces an annual publication entitled, "Crime in Rhode Island." The UCR Unit then assembles, publishes, and distributes the statistics to criminal justice agencies, the general assembly, and public research groups.*

*"Crime in Rhode Island" can be downloaded from the Rhode Island State Police home page at [www.risp.ri.gov](http://www.risp.ri.gov), by navigating to the Crime Statistics Link.*

# **TRAINING ACADEMY**

## **SERGEANT DEREK W. BOREK**

*The Training Academy is under the command of Sergeant Derek W. Borek, nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. Sergeant Borek is assisted by Corporal Kenneth D. Jones, a sixteen (16) year veteran, Trooper Mark W. Gilson, a sixteen (16) year veteran, and Trooper Meredith L. Zenowich, an eight (8) year veteran, who are responsible for all training activities.*

*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 Instruction School, all in-service training for members of the Division, firearms training for the members the Rhode Island Department of Sheriffs, Rhode Island Capitol Police, Rhode Island State Fire Marshals, and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy also coordinates training with the other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Trainers.*

*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 and colleges in Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.*

*In 2013, the Training Academy held its second Citizen's Trooper Academy. The academy consisted of six (6) three (3) hour sessions with one session per week. The goal of hosting this academy was to demonstrate various components of training that Troopers are provided and to educate on the roles and responsibilities of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*In May 2013, the Division continued its mandatory In-Service training program. The In-Service training program is designed to provide sworn members with all mandatory In-Service training courses in two (2) phases facilitated throughout the calendar year. Phase I consisted of ten (10), ten (10) hour sessions on Firearms Training / Annual Qualifications, DWI Recertification, Ethics, Use of Force and pepper spray/expandable baton recertification. Phase II consisted of ten (10), one (1) hour sessions on FATS training. The training academy began for the first time an on-line training program that included Biased Based Policing, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens and the All Hazards Plan.*

*In 2013, Division Members were issued TASER's. Each Division Member issued a TASER went through a four (4) hour training session that included the basic operational theory and practical application on how to reasonably, safely and effectively operate a TASER.*

*The Division also commenced the 2013 Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Academy on July 15, 2013. Forty (40) recruits started the Training Academy class with thirty-six (36) recruits graduating on December 13, 2013. The recruit class was a diverse group comprised of former military, law enforcement and college educated individuals.*

*The Training Academy's goal is to ensure that the Rhode Island State Police remain at the forefront of law enforcement training in order to serve and protect the citizens of the State.*

# *TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES UNIT*

*LIEUTENANT RICHARD J. ALTIMARI, JR.*

*Lieutenant Richard J. Altimari, Jr. is the officer in charge of the Division's Technology and Communication Unit. Lt. Altimari has been a member of the Division for twenty-three and one half (23 1/2) years and has served at each barracks, including a summer assignment on New Shoreham. Lt. Altimari is also currently in charge of the Criminal Identification Unit, as well as the assignment of the Technology and Communications Unit.*

*Lieutenant Altimari serves on the following committees: Interoperable Communications Committee, the Commission on Prejudice and Bias, the Traffic Records Coordinating Council, and the E 9-1-1 Advisory Commission.*

*Lieutenant Altimari oversees the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Control Section, the Technical Services Unit, Management Information Systems, the Radio Services Bureau, and the Administrative Officer assigned to the Dispatch Area. Additionally, Lt. Altimari is responsible for all technology in the Headquarters building, including the camera system and door access system.*

# ***RADIO SERVICES***

***MR. THOMAS CROTTY***

***DIRECTOR***

***ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN: MR. ROBERT P. GODIN***

*Mr. Thomas Crotty is the Director of Radio Communications and has served with the Division for over seventeen (17) years. He is responsible for the performance of the Rhode Island State Police radio communication systems. The radio systems provide voice and data communications for the Division and are supported by thirteen (13) communication sites located throughout the state. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Department of Environmental Management, and the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center. In addition to the state agencies, the Rhode Island State Police (RISP) radio infrastructure also supports the statewide eight hundred megahertz (800 MHz) interoperable radio system of the Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network (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 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other governmental agencies.*

*As the microwave and eight hundred megahertz (800 MHz) radio communications systems are the lifeline of the Rhode Island State Police, it is imperative that the systems are at an optimum level of performance at all times. The staff inspects and monitors all communication sites on a regular basis to ensure that the systems are kept at the highest level of reliability. Radio Services is also responsible for the installation and repair of the fleet emergency systems that include emergency lights, radio equipment, mobile data and radar units.*

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

# ***MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS***

***MR. JAMES SHEA***

***DIRECTOR***

***PERSONNEL: MS. CAROL LABOSSIÈRE  
MR. RAFAEL TEJADA  
MR. GLENN LAWRENCE  
MR. RICHARD BLAINE***

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

*The MIS Unit had a busy year with the responsibility of setting up a new wireless training system for recruits as well as the configuring of 35 more laptops to the mobile network. The MIS Unit is also looking forward to modernizing the current data storage system that will allow for the collection and retention of audio and video into the divisions' Record Management System. As the Division expands, the MIS Unit is responsible for maintaining this complex network. The MIS Unit is looking toward expansion in the future to allow for continued 24hr network support.*

*The MIS Unit will continue its' efforts in keeping the Rhode Island State Police current with technology and trends.*

# ***RILETS/NCIC CONTROL SECTION***

*MISS JOAN M. COLLINS  
SUPERVISOR*

*Miss Joan Marie Collins is the supervisor of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) / Telecommunications Unit. She has served with the State Police for twenty-one (21) years, starting as a Telecommunicator in November of 1992. Miss Collins is the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry Database Manager, is the America's Missing: Broadcasting Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Web Portal Administrator, Missing Senior Citizen Web Portal Administrator, and performs the work of the RILETS / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Quality Assurance Unit.*

*During the year, training was provided to all Rhode Island police departments on AMBER Alerts, Missing Senior Citizen Alerts, Rhode Island Sex Offender Database, and NCIC Validation and Compliance.*

*Several times a year, the Rhode Island State Police works in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police to promote AMBER Alert awareness by providing Child Identification kits to parents to be used in the event their child is reported missing or abducted.*

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

*Assistance is provided to municipal police departments, state, and federal agencies, concerning policies and procedures for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), and Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) systems. The Unit also assists the agencies with any problems that they may encounter with the systems, including hardware or software concerns and frame relay failures. In addition, the Unit monitors and directs both incoming and outgoing interstate message traffic to ensure that they are properly formatted and directed to the correct destinations.*

*The Unit is responsible for maintaining affidavit and arrest warrants for the State Police, conducting intensive backgrounds through database searches, processing the monthly NCIC validations, creating, editing, and activating AMBER Alerts via the AMBER Alert web portal, creating, editing, activating Missing Senior Citizen Alerts via the Rhode Island Broadcaster's Silver Alert web portal, obtaining out-of-state criminal history information for authorized state programs, and monitoring the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency radios for emergency and testing situations.*

*During the past calendar year, the Unit performed thousands of requests for computer checks for Division members. These checks resulted in three hundred and twelve (312) confirmed NCIC hits and two thousand, eight hundred and six (2,806) confirmed hits from the Rhode Island state files.*

**Unit Staff**

*Mr. Paul D. Johnson  
Mr. Richard E. Peck  
Ms. Susan E. Walsh*

*Ms. Joanne Greenleaf  
Ms. Colleen E. Noonan*

# ***TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT***

***MR. WILLIAM K. GUY  
DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS***

***PERSONNEL: MR. GORDON ROBERTS  
MR. STEPHEN FRIEDRICH***

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

*At the heart of the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit is the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS), which provides network services and data access to law enforcement officers statewide. The RILETS network connects to seventy-two (72) criminal justice agencies within the state, providing a vital link to local, state, regional and national criminal justice data resources. Drivers' license information, motor vehicle registration information, criminal history and wanted persons checks are among some of the data elements provided by the RILETS network to the law enforcement community. The RILETS network support and help desk services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.*

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

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

*Crash Report Interface – The Crash Report Interface facilitates the transfer of crash report data from law enforcement agencies throughout the state to the Department of Transportation's Crash Repository over the RILETS network.*

*J Link Interface – The J Link Interface provides for the exchange of arrest and disposition data between the courts and all Rhode Island police agencies over the RILETS network.*

*Citation Interface – The Citation Interface provides for the exchange of citations and citation disposition data between law enforcement agencies and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal over the RILETS network.*

*Cross Agency Interface – The Cross Agency Interface provides for the exchange of name and vehicle data between police agencies over the RILETS network.*

*Department of Motor Vehicles Interface – The Department of Motor Vehicles Interface provides Rhode Island driver and vehicle data to police officers in Rhode Island and nationwide.*

*Criminal History Interface – The Criminal History Interface provides access to Rhode Island criminal history data, from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, to law enforcement agencies within Rhode Island and nationwide.*

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

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

*Lieutenant Richard Altimari is the Officer-in-Charge of Technology and Communications for the Rhode Island State Police. Lieutenant Altimari oversees the operation of the Technical Services Unit in addition to the Radio Services Unit and the Management Information Systems Unit.*

# ***FLEET OFFICER/SUPPLY UNIT***

*LIEUTENANT MICHAEL J. GILL*

*ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLY OFFICER: MRS. LINDA SLADER*

*Lieutenant Gill is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Division and oversees the Division's Fleet and Supply Unit. One of the functions of this Unit is to monitor and maintain the Division's Performance Appraisal Management System. All Performance Appraisals are submitted to this office annually.*

*The Fleet office also processes all uniform requests and handles equipment distribution and tracking. Moreover, the office ensures that the Division is properly equipped and complies with the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards pertaining to equipment, vehicles, and record keeping.*

*As the Division Fleet Officer, Lieutenant Gill's responsibilities include ordering new vehicles, monitoring Fleet maintenance, approving major repairs, registration renewal, auto body repair, ordering tires, gas cards, completing monthly and yearly mileage reports, and the data entry of all maintenance performed. In 2013 the Division replaced over 50% of its' aging fleet. A total of 174 vehicles were purchased and put into service with funding from the Google forfeiture case.*

# **CANINE UNIT**

## **SERGEANT MATTHEW T. ZERRELLA**

*In 2013, the Canine Unit was comprised of fifteen (15) sworn members and fifteen (15) canines. The Canine Unit works under the supervision of the Operations Officer, Lieutenant Robert S. Wall, and Canine Unit Commander, Sergeant Matthew T. Zarrella. On June 18th the Division changed the Canine Coordinator title to Canine Unit Commander. At this time, Sergeant Matthew T. Zarrella assumed the position.*

*The Canine unit has the capability of offering a wide range of services. Those services include explosive detection, utility/patrol work, narcotics detection, and human remains detection. Additionally, the unit offers a full program in search and rescue, to include disaster search, wilderness search and trailing. Two (2) Troopers are trained in search management and one (1) Trooper is the Canine Search team manager for the Rhode Island Urban Search & Rescue Team.*

*Members of the Canine Unit have been utilized by the Division on a regular basis and have responded to requests for assistance for the United States Military, Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies.*

*In 2013 Canine Unit members participated successfully in the New England State Police Administrator Conference (NESPAC) and International Police Work Dog Association IPWDA recertification of each canine in their respective utility/patrol and scent disciplines.*

*On December 31, 2013 the Division retired three canines as a result of old age and failing health. Canine Eva handled by Sergeant Zarrella, Canine Moe handled by Sergeant Eric W. Jones and Canine Bear handled by Acting Corporal Carlsten, spent the majority of their working life serving the Division. These Canines were highly experienced and will be greatly missed on the road.*

### **Activity**

*In 2013, the Canine Unit added (1) patrol/explosive canine and (1) single purpose explosive canine to the ranks. The Unit also completed the cross training of (2) two search dogs with a "Trailing School" and (2) patrol dogs with a "Narcotic School."*

*Canine unit members participated in a total of six (6) canine schools in 2013. Four of these schools were hosted by Master Trainers from the State Police Canine Unit and two others were organized by outside organizations throughout the United States. The six (6) canine training schools attended are listed as follows:*

- SAR Air Scent School 1/7/13 - 1/31/13
- Explosive Detection School 1/28/13 - 3/22/13 conducted by Boston Police Department
- Narcotic School 3/25/13 - 5/18/13 conducted by the Rhode Island State Police
- Patrol/Explosives School 9/23/13 - 11/8/2013 conducted by the Rhode Island State Police
- International Police Work Dog Association National Caine Training Event 1/28/13 - 11/1/13
- SAR Trailing School 11/18/13 - 12/13/13 conducted by the Rhode Island State Police

During the patrol/explosives school the Division graduated two local police canine teams to include one (1) team from Central Falls Police Department for utility/patrol, and one (1) team from North Smithfield Police Department for patrol/explosives detection.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, terrorists set off two explosive devices during the Boston Marathon. At the request of the Boston Police Department, five (5) Division explosive detection canine teams were sent to Boston and joined with other teams to assist in the search of additional explosive devices throughout the city. Over several days that followed, the Canine Unit teams assisted in searching numerous suspicious packages, buildings and offices along Boylston Street, to include the Metro Theatre. Fortunately, no additional explosive devices were detected, the lone surviving terrorist was apprehended and the Canine teams returned to Rhode Island safely. The Boston Police Department expressed their sincere appreciation for the division's assistance during this crisis.

In October of 2013, the Division sent three NESPAC Trainers to the International Police Work Dog Association "National Workshop" held at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Butlerville Indiana. While at the Nationals, one (1) Sergeant completed his second year apprenticeship towards his patrol/narcotics trainer status and one (1) Trooper completed his third and final year of apprenticeship towards his Master Trainer status in Search and Rescue, under the International Police Work Dog Association rules.

In 2013, the Canine Unit was unable to remain on a 4PM to 4AM patrol schedule, yet still responded to a total of two hundred and forty (240) incidents. These incidents resulted in the following:

- 157 narcotics searches
- 56 explosive detection searches
- 47 patrol calls
- 7 missing person searches
- 5 cadaver searches
- 24 public speaking presentations

Out of the above mentioned statistics the following activity was recorded:

**Narcotics:**

- 173 pounds Marijuana
- 3 kilograms of Cocaine
- 120 grams of Heroin
- 5 Alprazolam pills
- 21 Molly capsules
- 40 Lorazepam pills
- 32 Vicodin pills
- 5 strips of Suboxone

**Seized Currency:**

\$492,043.00 dollars United States currency

**Canine Patrol:**

- 1 felony apprehension to include one (1) canine bite
- 27 tracks resulting in finding 2 suspects
- 5 hand gun searches resulting in 2 hand guns located
- 4 article searches
- 8 building searches
- 5 area searches

**Canine Search and Rescue:**

*7 missing person searches resulting in 3 persons found who were lost/missing on land*

**Canine Land Human Remains Detection:**

*4 searches for human remains*

**Canine Water Search:**

*1 water search resulting in 1 person found deceased in the water*

**Canine Explosive Detection:**

*56 searches, all areas found to be clear from explosives*

**Public Presentations/Appearances:**

*At the request of many public and private institutions, the canine unit responded to 24 public speaking demonstrations that were conducted throughout the State.*

*In 2011 a local film producer who teaches film at the University of Rhode Island received permission from the Division to begin a documentary film project about the Divisions' Search and Rescue (SAR) canine teams. This project has continued through 2013 and is targeted to be released in December of 2014. It is anticipated that the film, titled "Reliance" will be aired on national television.*

**Interesting Investigation**

*On Thursday, January 10, 2013, a Division handler responded with his canine partner to the Woonsocket Police Department to assist the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with a canine narcotics search of a vehicle suspected of possessing narcotics.*

*After performing a visual scan of the vehicle, the Trooper retrieved his canine partner from his cruiser and performed an exterior search of the vehicle. During the exterior search, the canine displayed odor response at the seam of the rear passenger side door, quarter panel and seam between the front passenger side door and "B" pillar. The canine then proceeded to alert by sitting on the ground.*

*The Trooper then conducted an interior search of the vehicle with the canine and observed the canine to show odor response along the front headliner, dashboard and center console of the vehicle. The canine then proceeded to sit directly on top of the center console of the vehicle.*

*Once the canine was removed from the suspected vehicle, the Trooper identified the area of the interior alert to the DEA Agents and Woonsocket Police Detectives.*

*On Friday, January 11, 2013, a search warrant was executed on the vehicle and members of the DEA located a large sum of U.S. currency in the amount of \$170,000.00 dollars and a large amount of narcotics packaging materials.*

## **Canine Unit Personnel**

<i>Lt. Robert S. Wall</i>	<i>K-9 Unit Supervisor</i>
<i>Sergeant Matthew T. Zarrella</i>	<i>K-9 Commander / IPWDA / NESPAC Master Trainer (SAR/Cadaver search) Canine Buster – Explosive/Gun Detection/Search and Rescue</i>
<i>Corporal Roger J. Reardon</i>	<i>IPWDA / NESPAC Master Trainer (Patrol/Narcotics) K-9 Kubo - German Shepherd Dog / Explosives, Gun Detection/Patrol</i>
<i>Trooper Erik W. Jones</i>	<i>NESPAC Trainer (Patrol/Narcotics) K-9 Chuck - Belgian Malinois / Patrol/Narcotics</i>
<i>Trooper Scott R. Carlsten</i>	<i>K-9 Bear - German Shepherd Dog / Cadaver Search, Disaster Search, Search and Rescue NESPAC / IPWDA Trainer Search and Rescue and Human Remains detection</i>
<i>Trooper Kevin M. Grace</i>	<i>K-9 Ziko - German shepherd / Patrol/Narcotics</i>
<i>Trooper Peter A. Filuminia</i>	<i>K-9 Nico - Rottweiler / Patrol / Narcotics</i>
<i>Detective Erik P. Yanyar</i>	<i>K-9 Boris - German shepherd / Patrol / Narcotics</i>
<i>Trooper Luke R. Brisson</i>	<i>K-9 Gump - German shepherd / Patrol / Explosives</i>
<i>Trooper Sean P. McGehearty</i>	<i>K-9 Bane - Belgian Malinois / Patrol / Narcotics</i>

## Canine Unit Personnel

<i>Trooper Daniel W. Gazzola</i>	<i>K-9 Rex - Belgian Malinois / Patrol / Explosives</i>
<i>Trooper Charlie A. Bergeron</i>	<i>K-9 Zeus – Labrador retriever / Keeshond mix Cadaver / SAR</i>
<i>Trooper Dan S. O’Neil</i>	<i>K-9 Ruby – Border collie Malinois mix / Cadaver SAR</i>
<i>Trooper Lisa Silveira</i>	<i>K-9 Annie - Yellow Labrador retriever / Explosives</i>
<i>Trooper Damien Maddox</i>	<i>K-9 Buster - Black Labrador retriever / explosives</i>
<i>Trooper Scott Carlsten</i>	<i>NESPAC / IPWDA Master Trainer (Search and Rescue and Human Remains Detection)</i>
<i>Trooper Kevin Grace</i>	<i>K-9 Ziko - German Shepherd Dog Patrol/Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Peter Filuminia</i>	<i>K-9 Nico - Rotweiler Patrol/Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Detective Erik Yanyar</i>	<i>K-9 Boris - German Shepherd Dog Patrol/Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Luke Brisson</i>	<i>K-9 Gump - German Shepherd Dog Patrol/Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Sean McGehearty</i>	<i>K-9 Bane - Belgian Malinois Patrol/Narcotics Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Daniel Gazzola</i>	<i>K-9 Rex - Belgian Malinois Patrol/Explosives/Gun Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Charlie Bergeron</i>	<i>K-9 Zeus – Labrador Retriever Keeshond mix Search and Rescue/Human Remains Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Dan O’Neil</i>	<i>K-9 Ruby – Border Collie Malinois mix Search and Rescue/Human Remains Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Sean Pasley</i>	<i>K-9 Tao - German Shepherd Dog Patrol/Explosives/Gun Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Lisa Hanley</i>	<i>K-9 Annie -Yellow Labrador Retriever Explosives/Gun Detection</i>
<i>Trooper Damion Maddox</i>	<i>K-9 Sam - German Shepherd Dog Patrol/Explosives/Gun Detection</i>

# **MARINE UNIT/DIVE TEAM**

## **CORPORAL SIMON LIU**

The Division Marine Unit is composed of nine (9) Troopers. Five (5) of the Troopers are certified boat operators who have successfully attended a forty (40) hour advance patrol boat operator's course instructed by members of the Massachusetts State Police and the United States Coast Guard. A twenty-seven (27) foot safe boat (2705) is utilized for patrol and conducting missions on Rhode Island's waterways. This vessel is capable of operating year round and in harsh weather conditions. Two smaller inflatable vessels are also used for ponds, lakes and shallow water missions.

The Division Dive Team is composed of eight (8) Troopers who are certified through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI), National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI), Scuba Diving International (SDI) or Emergency Response Diving International (ERDI). Dive Team responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the search and recovery of drowning victims, homicide victims, evidence recovery, and the inspection of vital structures and vessels to combat the war against terrorism and narcotics trafficking.

### **2013 Notable Achievements**

During the summer of 2013, the Marine Unit provided a law enforcement presence in Narragansett Bay, Block Island Sound, and Johnsons Pond in an effort to promote a safe boating environment. This was achieved by making routine safety inspections, issuing violations for unsafe operation and targeting people Boating While Intoxicated (BWI).

In September of 2013, the newly appointed members of the Rhode Island State Police Marine Unit successfully completed the New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Public Safety Diver Course.

### **Marine Unit Members**

Corporals: Simon C. Liu

Troopers: David T. Bassignani, Mark J. Perotti, John J. Gadrow (\*), David M. Gormly, Sean M. Crowley (\*\*), Roupen Bastajian (\*\*), Ryan N. Mahoney (\*\*), Andrew L. Carter (\*\*)

(\* ) Boat Operator Only

(\*\* ) Diver Only

# ***HONOR GUARD UNIT***

## ***LIEUTENANT ROBERT WALL***

*The Honor Guard Unit consists of thirty-six (36) members who are trained in precision military drill and protocol. The unit is under the direction of Lieutenant Robert S. Wall, Operations Officer. During 2013, members of the Honor Guard represented the Division at twenty-eight (28) events such as parades, funerals, and opening ceremonies. The Honor Guard Unit has established itself as an award-winning unit and continues to maintain an excellent reputation throughout New England.*

### **Unit Members**

**Captain:** Ernest C. Quarry, Jr.

**Lieutenants:** Joseph F. Philbin, Michael J. Rosa, Ann C. Assumpico

**Sergeants:** Paul S. Sikorskyj

**Corporals:** Gerald M. McKinney, Michael J. McGlynn, Darnell S. Weaver

**Troopers:** Kevin M. Grace, Scott L. Hartwell, Douglas S. Watters, Peter A. Filuminia, Kristopher Lagor, Sean P. McGehearty, Daniel W. Gazzola, Michael J. Capone, Amanda L. Brezniak, William F. Reilly Jr., Franklin T. Navarro, William C. Corson, Daniel S. O'Neil, Lawens Fevrier, Nicholas J. Messinger, Sean M. Crowley, Roupen Bastajian, Adam J. Houston, Amoncio A. DaCruz, James Donnelly-Taylor, Ruth C. Hernandez, Adrian Cybowicz, Jared J. Andrews, Andrew G. Elsing, Nicholas J. Martin, James A. D'Angelo, Jason J. Muccino, Brent C. Wilks.

# ***MOTORCYCLE UNIT***

## ***LIEUTENANT JOSEPH F. PHILBIN***

*The Rhode Island State Police Motorcycle Unit is currently under the command of Lieutenant Joseph F. Philbin. The Unit utilizes two (2) 2008 Harley Davidson FLHTP Electra Glide Police Motorcycles for patrol in heavy traffic areas, for special functions, and, on occasion, for routine patrol when staffing levels permit. The motorcycles were also used for the following details in 2013: The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade, Annual Aquidneck Island National Police Parade, the funeral for Providence Police Officer John Raposa, and various other funerals and escorts for visiting dignitaries. The Motorcycle Unit may be utilized for any occasion deemed necessary by the Superintendent. All Motorcycle Unit members have successfully completed a highly skilled two-week police motorcycle operator's course and a three day re-certification. The Unit will be adding four new 2014 Harley Davidson FLHTP Electra Glide Police Motorcycles in early 2014, which will bring the Motorcycle Unit to a full complement of six motorcycles.*

### ***Motorcycle Unit Members***

*Lieutenants: Joseph F. Philbin, Michael Reynolds Jr.*

*Sergeants: Thomas Peck Jr.*

*Corporals: Simon C. Liu, Ernest P. McKenney, John P. Charbonneau, Peter J. Chabot*

*Troopers: Marc J. Lidsky, Anthony K. Commendatore, Peter A. Filuminia, William C. Corson*

# **TACTICAL TEAM**

## **SERGEANT DEREK BOREK**

The Rhode Island State Police Tactical Team has a long established tradition of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. The Tactical Team is under the command of Sergeant Derek Borek. The Tactical Team was designed for situations in which a traditional police response would be insufficient.

In 2013, the Tactical Team continued to train at a high level of expertise in many areas, to include; hostage rescue, downed officer rescue, barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrants, large structure and building clearing, woodland/open area searches, K-9 tracks, dignitary protection, and active shooter scenarios. In addition to this training, Tactical Team members assisted local police departments with firearms and active shooter training, assisted Division members with in-service training dealing with firearms proficiency and officer safety issues. Tactical Team members also volunteered their time with parade and public relations details. In addition, several Tactical Team members serve as instructors/cadre throughout the year at NESPAC approved Tactical schools.

Each Tactical Team member has completed training through NESPAC approved courses in Basic SWAT, Advanced SWAT, Basic Sniper, and Mechanical Breaching. Team Leaders also continue to meet monthly with New England State Police SWAT teams to exchange training ideas. Additionally, the Tactical Team hosted a NESPAC Basic Tactical Team School in Narragansett.

The Tactical Team continues to work closely with the Division Canine Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, and local police agencies. Additionally, State Police Tactical Team Snipers continually train and assist local police agencies.

In 2013, the Tactical Team completed one hundred and eighty (180) hours of training and was utilized for one (1) high-risk search warrant and one (1) barricaded situation. On April 19, 2013, twenty members of the Rhode Island State Police Tactical Team were activated under the New England State Police Administrators Compact (NESPAC) agreement to assist the Massachusetts State Police Tactical Team with the investigation of the Boston Bombing.

### **Tactical Team Members**

Team Commander: Sergeant Derek W. Borek

Sergeants: Scott N. Raynes

Corporals: Jeffrey P L'heureux, Kenneth D. Jones, Gregory W. Cunningham

Troopers: Mark W. Gilson, Thomas E. Jaques, Kenneth M. Moriarty, Edward L. Viera Jr., Eric M. Yelle, David T. Bassignani, Thomas G. Chabot Jr., Robert J. Richardson, Kevin K. Kojoian, Nicholas P. Rivello, Kristopher Lagor, Shawn P. Slade, Ernest E. Adams, Robert P. Laurelli, Adam B. Kennett, Michael Reynolds III, Sean M. Crowley, Ryan M. Santo

# ***COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION UNIT***

*LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. WALL*

*The Collision Reconstruction Unit provides technical analysis of all available information to determine how a collision occurred and the probable cause for its occurrence. All available facts and evidence is collected and recorded for use in determining causation factors for the possible prosecution of criminal violations and presentations in civil actions.*

*The Collision Reconstruction Unit is composed of six (6) Troopers. All six (6) Troopers have completed two hundred and forty (240) hours of specialized training and are certified Collision Reconstruction Specialists. Certain members are also certified for pedestrian, bicycle, and motorcycle crash investigations, as well as the use of the Leica Total Station, the Vericom 3000 Braking and Dynamometer Computer, the Visual Statement EdgeFx Forensic Diagramming Program, and the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval System.*

## **2013 Notable Achievements**

*The Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated thirty-two (32) cases in 2013. Seventeen (17) of these cases involved a fatality and thirteen (13) cases provided assistance to eleven (11) different Municipal Police Departments throughout the State, including the Naval Criminal Investigative Service's (NCIS) investigation of a pedestrian fatality on the Newport Naval Base. A total of ten (10) of these investigations have resulted in criminal charges.*

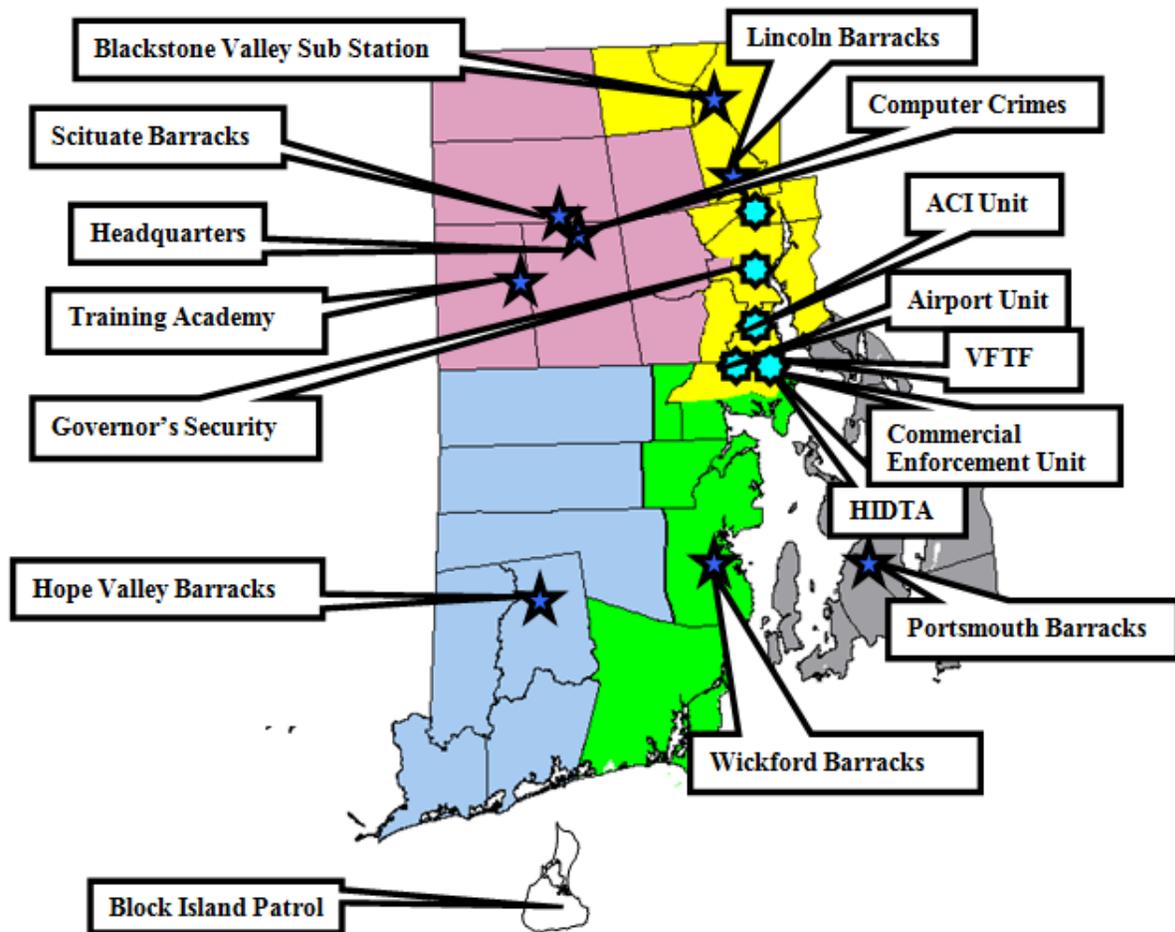
## **Collision Reconstruction Unit Members**

*Lieutenant: Robert S. Wall, OIC*

*Corporal: Jeffrey L'heureux*

*Troopers: Michael Brouillette, Adam Kennett, Karlene McTaggart, Robert Hopkins, Amy Jackman*

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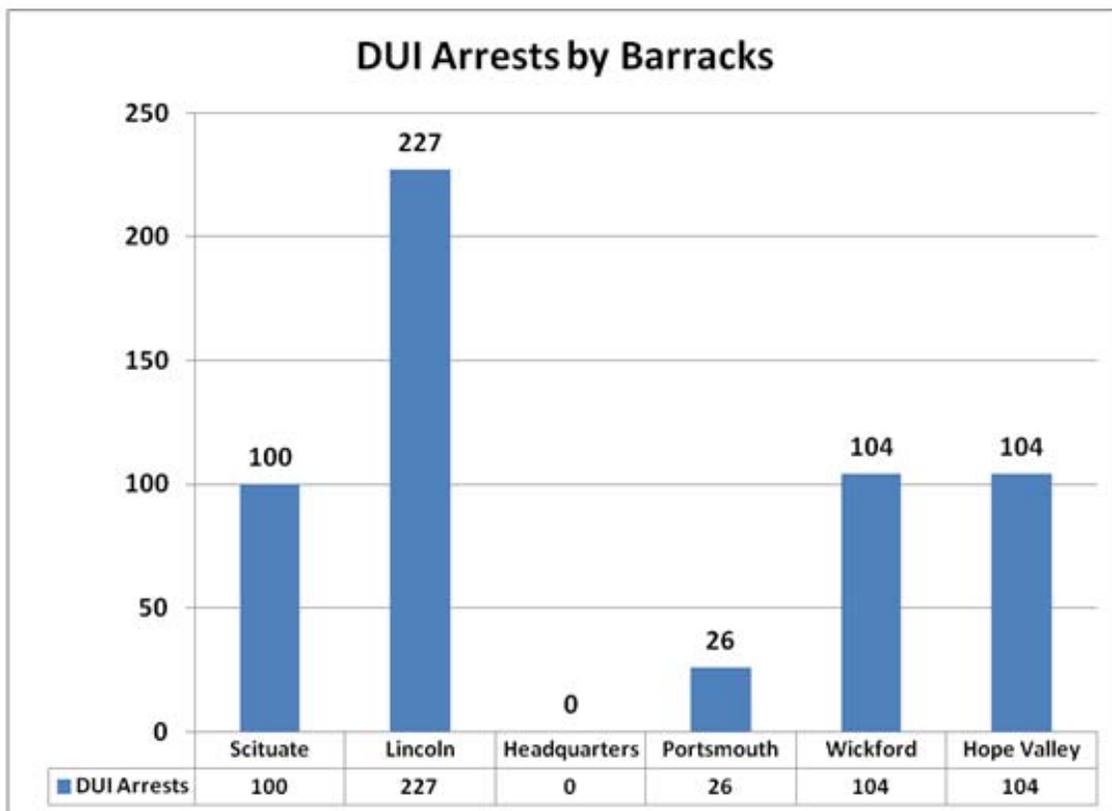


**Statistical Data by Barracks 2013**

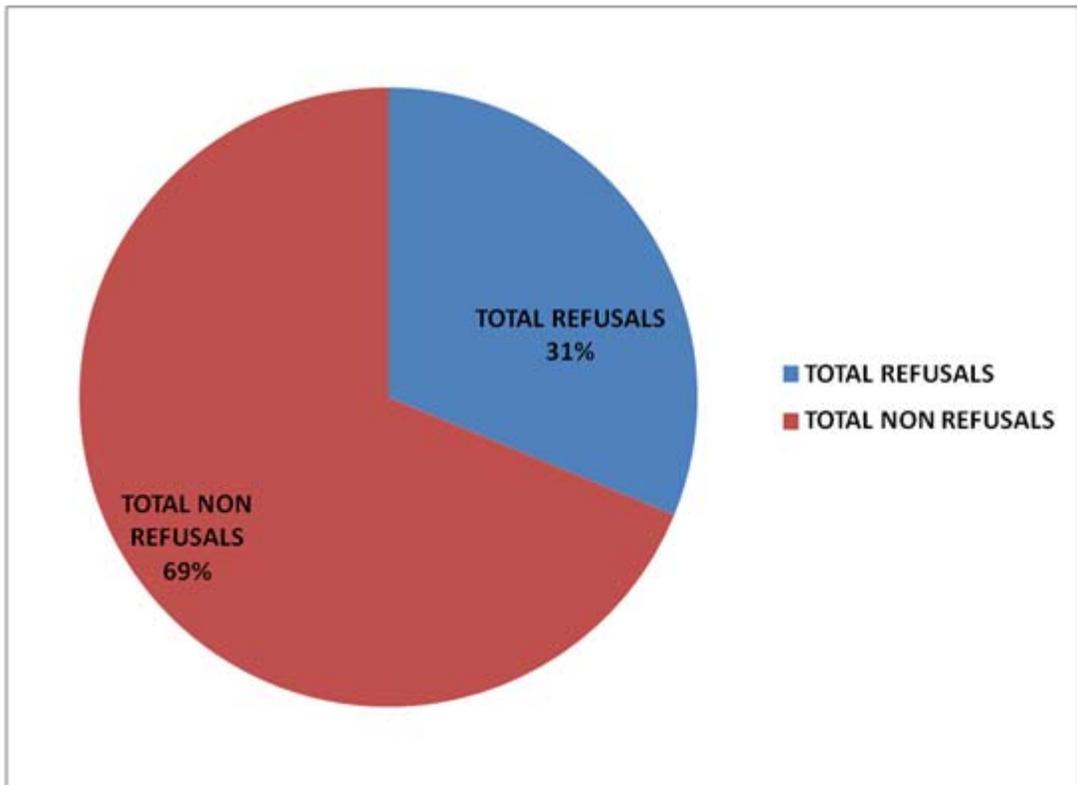
Barracks	Accidents	Incidents	Arrests	Citations
Scituate	751	762	1,237	10,360
Lincoln	3,142	1,207	2,267	13,617
Portsmouth	64	60	148	1,907
Wickford	665	717	1,172	9,489
Hope Valley	412	640	875	10,596
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>5,699</b>	<b>45,969</b>

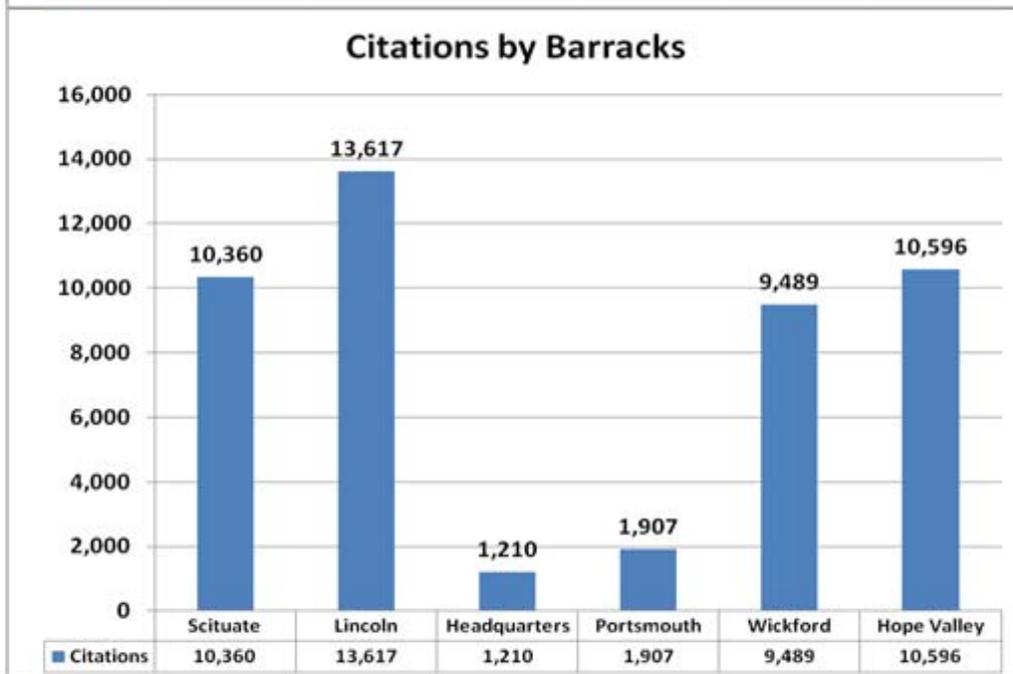
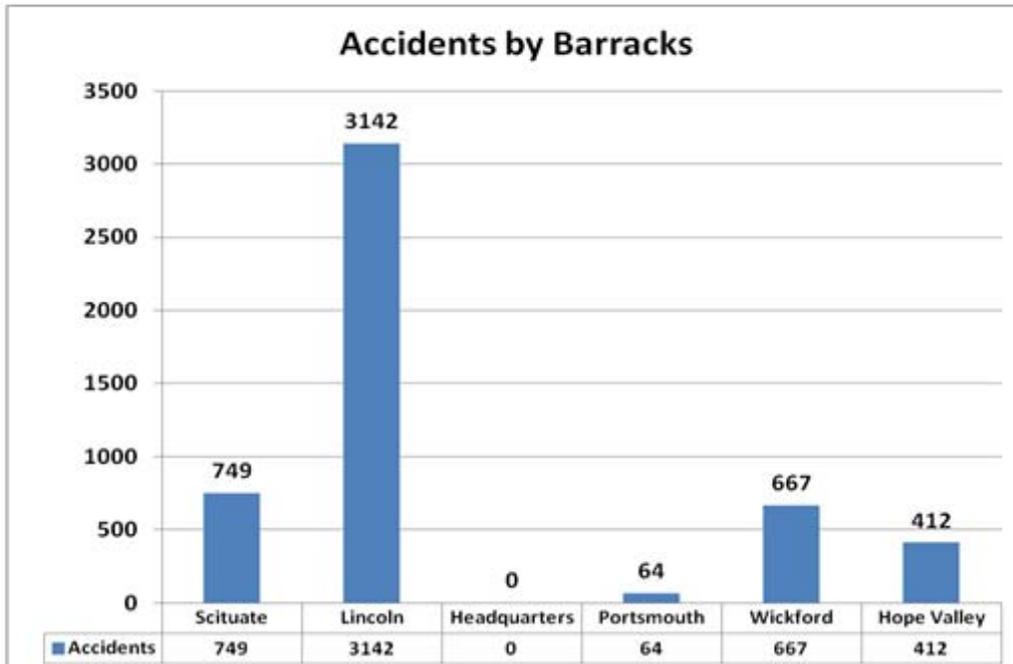
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Scituate	100
Lincoln Woods	227
Detectives	0
Portsmouth	26
Wickford	104
Hope Valley	104
Total	561

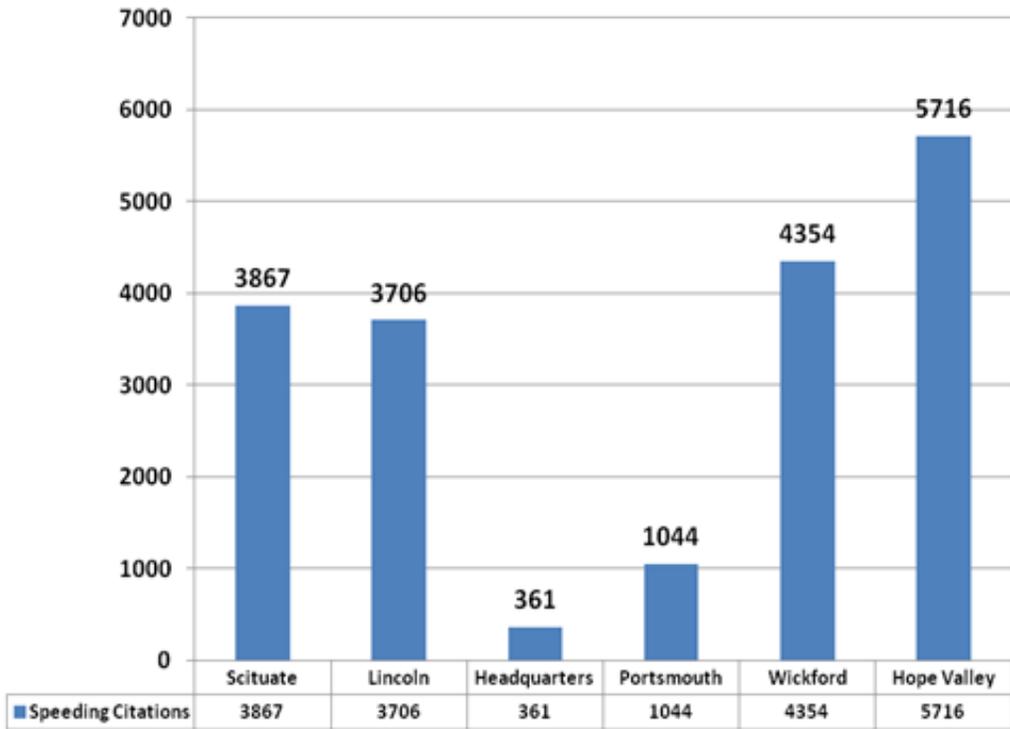


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Total Refusal	175
Total Non-Refusal	386
Total	561

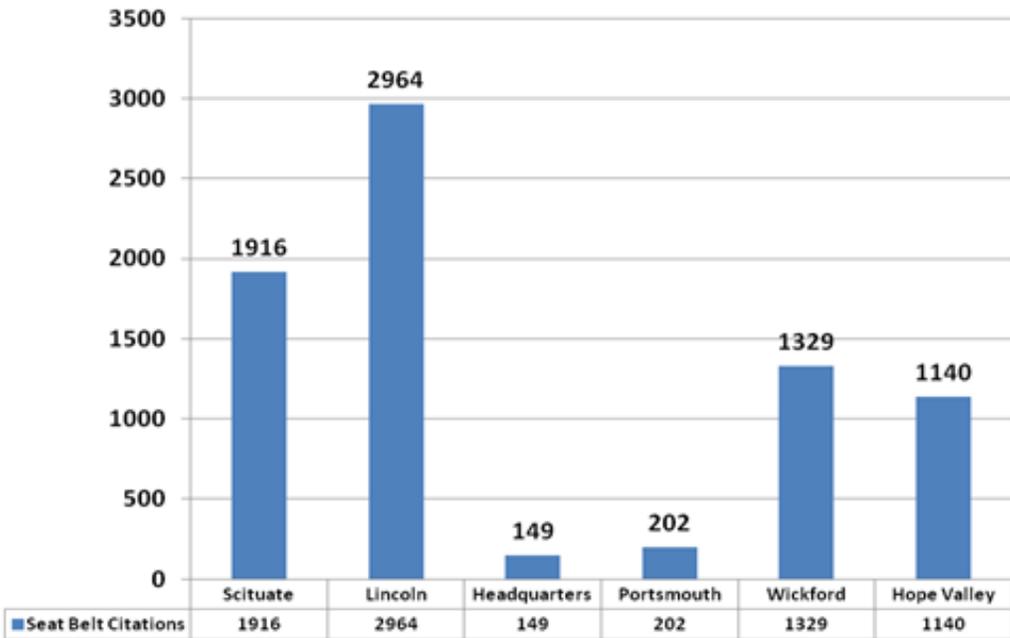


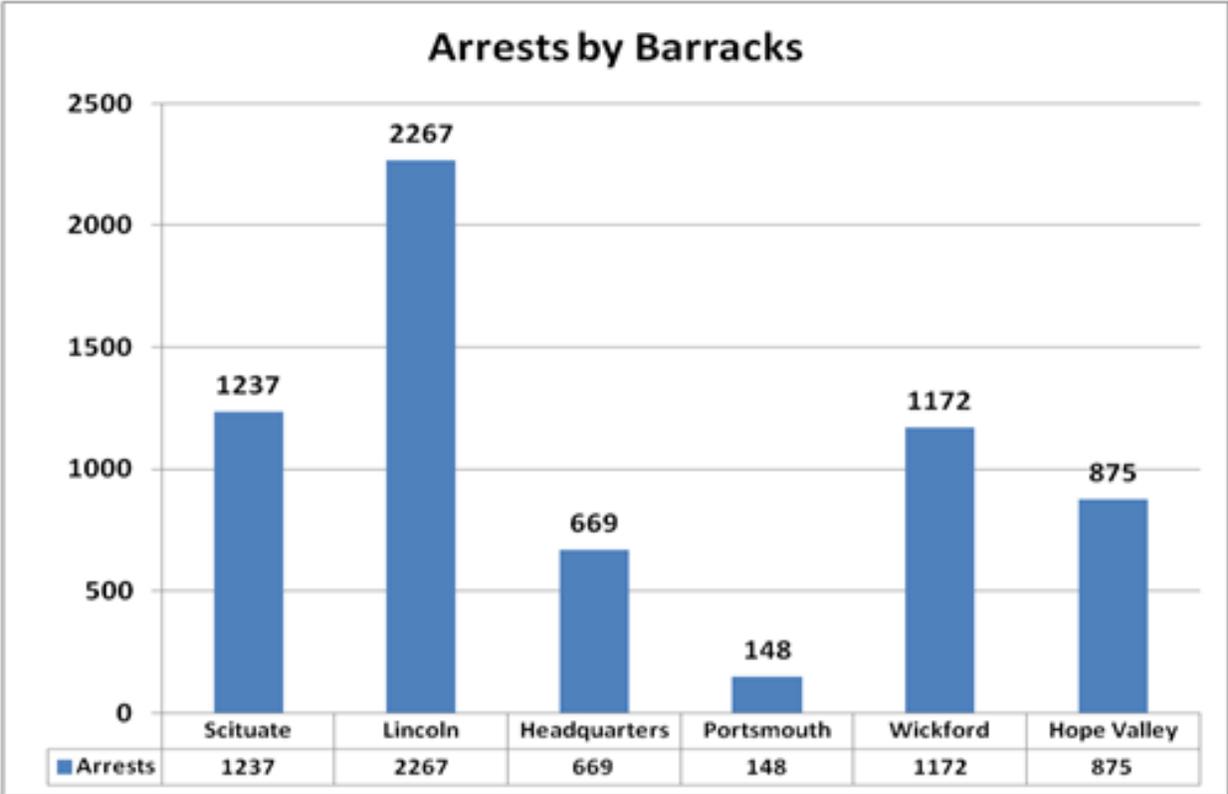
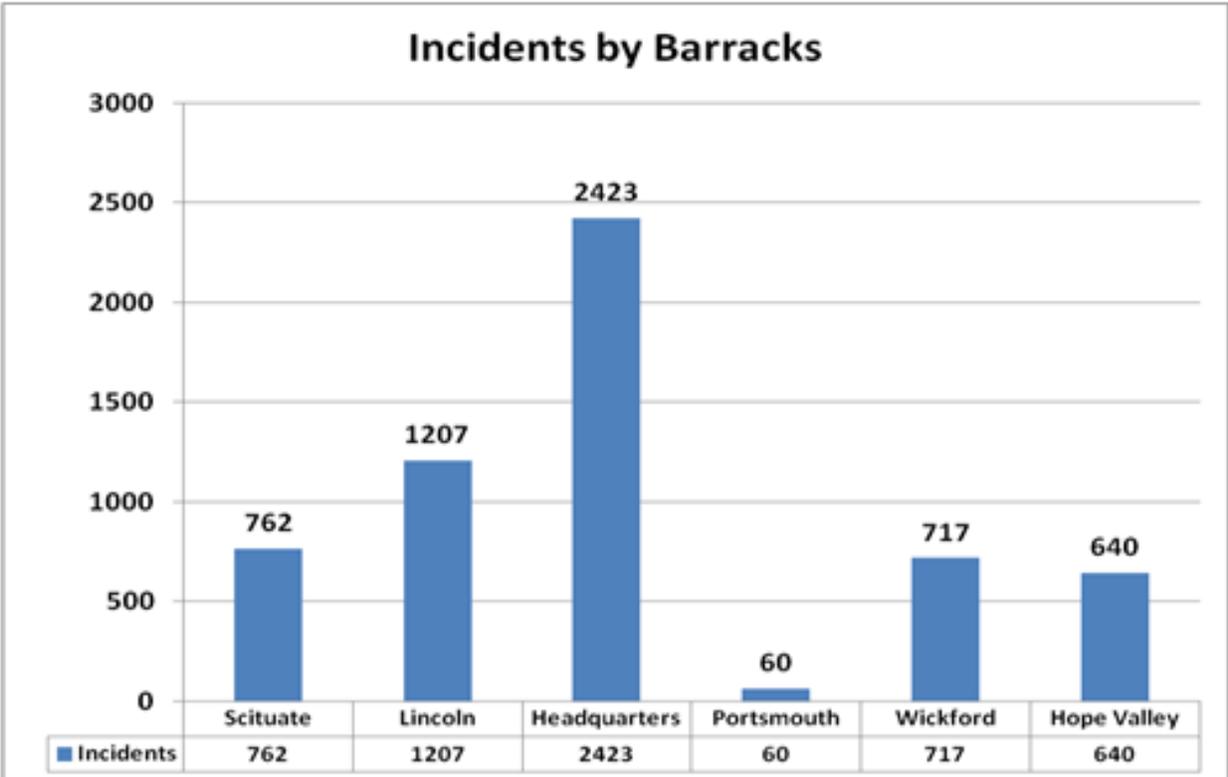


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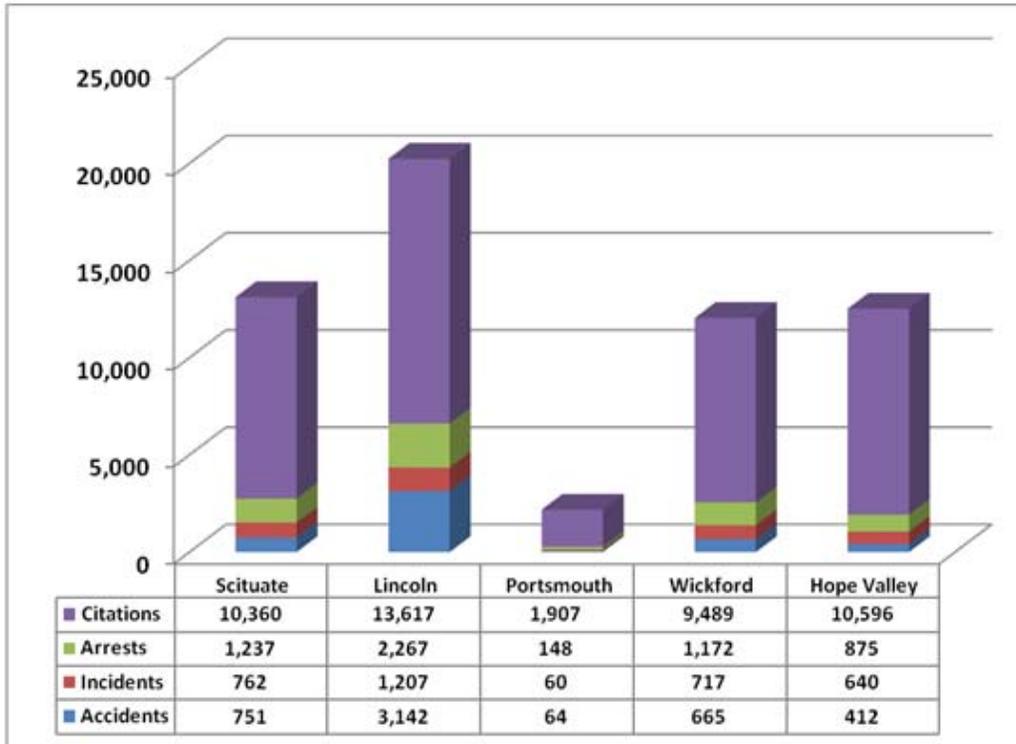


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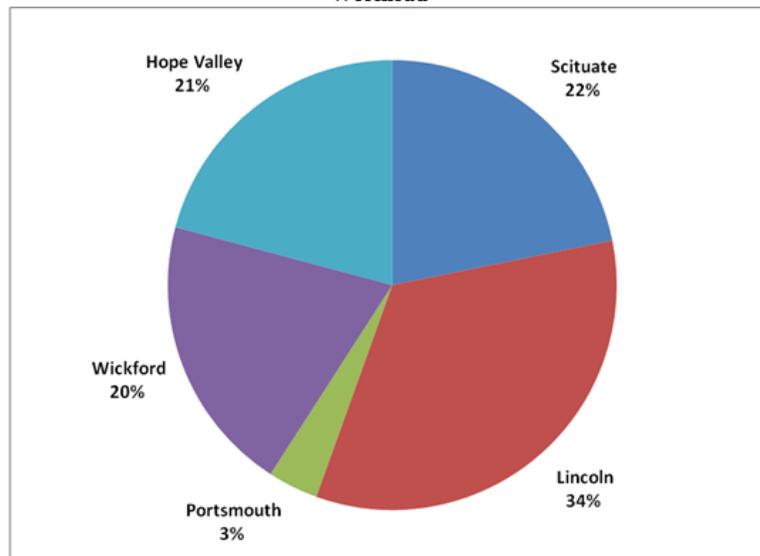




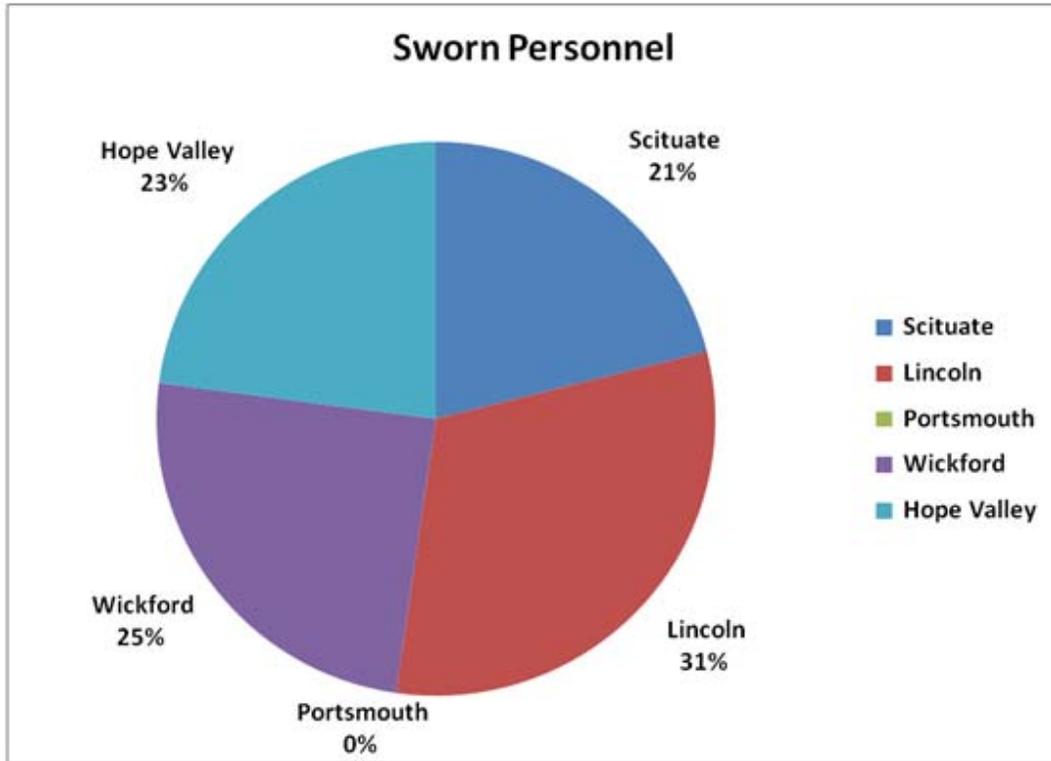
### Workload Assessment Chart 2013



### Workload



**Personnel Allocation 2013 (Sworn Uniform/Assigned to Barracks)**



## Crimes 2013

IBR Crime	Detectives	Scituate	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
MURDER & NONNEG MANSLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIG MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
FORCIBLE RAPE	12	7	1	0	2	1	23
FORCIBLE SODOMY	5	0	1	0	0	0	6
SEXUAL ASSAULT W/OBJECT	3	2	0	0	0	1	6
FORCIBLE FONDLING	4	3	8	0	3	0	18
ROBBERY	0	1	1	0	4	0	6
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	13	1	5	0	5	0	24
SIMPLE ASSAULT	34	26	74	4	39	45	222
INTIMIDATION	28	23	21	0	11	8	91
ARSON	1	0	1	1	0	2	5
BURGLARY	1	2	5	0	5	10	23
PURSE-SNATCHING	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
THEFT FROM BUILDING	2	0	10	0	21	10	43
THEFT FROM COIN-OPERATED MACHINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1	2	11	0	6	8	28
ALL OTHER LARCENY	30	15	26	2	18	16	107
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	32	10	27	0	8	11	88
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	57	36	31	0	13	10	147
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE	145	60	60	0	19	7	291
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER	5	55	13	0	5	3	81
IMPERSONATION	5	4	6	0	3	2	20
EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
SHOPLIFTING	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	0	1	1	0	3	5	10

Crimes are listed by the Rhode Island State Police Barracks where they originated. The actual investigation of the crimes may involve Personnel from more than one Barracks.

## Crimes 2013

IBR Crime	Detectives	Scituate	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
WELFARE FRAUD	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
WIRE FRAUD	15	5	2	1	2	0	25
EMBEZZLEMENT	18	7	5	0	2	1	33
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	8	6	20	0	2	4	40
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI	3	4	51	2	15	26	101
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	194	67	232	16	89	195	793
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
STATUTORY RAPE	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL	118	0	3	0	0	4	125
BETTING / WAGERING	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
OPERATING / PROMOTING / ASSIST	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
PROSTITUTION	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTIT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
BRIBERY	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	29	3	22	1	4	15	74
BAD CHECKS	8	93	43	0	25	8	177
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	6	2	14	0	14	3	39
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	0	124	309	35	136	126	730
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	1	38	2	23	1	65
PEEPING TOM	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
RUNAWAY	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	1	1	0	1	2	2	7
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	359	237	511	13	168	161	1449
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	104	959	1601	91	826	548	4129
INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUNKENNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1257</b>	<b>1764</b>	<b>3162</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1477</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>9064</b>

Driving Under the Influence numbers listed in the above chart include all DUI offenses. Each Driver may be charged with more than one DUI offense.

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### **Barracks**

*(Non-Emergency)*

Scituate Barracks	311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate Lt. Douglas Newberg, Patrol Commander	334-6726
Hope Valley Barracks	54 Nooseneck Hill Road, Richmond Lt. William Jamison, Patrol Commander	539-2411
Lincoln Woods Barracks	1575 Old Louisquisett Pike, Lincoln Lt. Eric LaRiviere, Patrol Commander	444-1100
Portsmouth Barracks	838 East Main Road, Portsmouth	849-4444
Wickford Barracks	7875 Post Road, North Kingstown Lt. Paul Olszewski Patrol Commander	294-3371

### **Headquarters**

**311 Danielson Pike**

**North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857**

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Planning, Research & Accreditation	Lt. Ann Assumpico, OIC	444-1212
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