

PAWTUCKET  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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# **PAWTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Pawtucket Police Department is proud to present its 2022 Annual Report. We again strived for new and innovate ways to identify crime and quality of life concerns within our community while using updated ideas and methods to address the concerns. We diligently work daily, around the clock, to be able to respond to needs from the community while focusing on safeguarding the lives and property of all who live, work, and visit Pawtucket .

### **2022 HIGHLIGHTS**

2022 finally felt like a year of some normalcy after the chaos of the pandemic the last few years. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual K9s for Kids event in December was another smashing success, even with the chilly weather, we greeted several hundred people. Our Department again participated in National Night Out held at Payne Park in August. In October, we celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month with our Pink Patch campaign, selling patches, stickers, and keychains to raise awareness and funds in support of one of our Officers battling breast cancer and also donating to RI Pink Heals. We also had our first ever Fall Family Wellness event to bring together community groups. In November and December, our Officers once again participated in No Shave November and Don't Shave December raising funds for first responders in need.

The Patrol Division, along with the Special Squad Division, worked collaboratively to identify and address narcotic related offenses in the City of Pawtucket, bearing in mind the fatal overdoses that had occurred and the effects they had on families and communities at large. Members of the Special Squad investigated over seven hundred seventy two (772) narcotics related incidents. Through their work, approximately \$8,228,000.00 worth of narcotics was seized in 2022.

In 2022, twelve (12) new officers completed the Municipal Police Academy and were sworn in as officers as part of our mission to fully staff and diversify the department to meet the needs of the community. Additionally, six (6) transfer officers joined the Department from local and federal agencies. Fourteen (14) officers were promoted to varying ranks from Detective to Major. The promotions in part rewarded officers for their hard work and allowed new ideas to be brought to different units.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

We would like to acknowledge several people and groups whose support and cooperative efforts on our behalf have helped us to achieve our goals. I would like to thank the dedicated men and women of the Pawtucket Police Department, both sworn and civilian, for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to serve the community through ever changing difficulties. I would also like to thank Mayor Donald R. Grebien, the members of his administration, and the honorable members of the Pawtucket City Council for their continued support. I would like to extend our thanks to our national and state officials and local representatives for all of their efforts on our behalf. Sincerest thanks also go to the members of the

business community for their continued support and cooperation and to the citizens of Pawtucket who continuously place their trust in the Pawtucket Police Department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina Goncalves". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tina Goncalves  
Chief of Police



# Administration Division

## Allocation of Personnel

### Sworn Personnel

The Pawtucket Police Department's allocation for 2022 is 154 police officers as listed below:

Chief	1
Major	3
Detective Captain	1
Captain	3
Detective Lieutenant	0
Lieutenant	6
Detective Sergeant	2
Sergeant	23
Detective	13
Patrol Officer	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>

## Police Promotions In 2022

Name	From Rank	Promoted To	Effective Date
Kyle Juckett	Patrol	Detective	04/04/2022
Austin Webb	Patrol	Detective	04/04/2022
David Holden	Detective Captain	Major	05/06/2022
Alan Mal	Captain	Detective Captain	05/06/2022
Timothy Graham	Lieutenant	Captain	05/06/2022
Kenneth Dolan	Sergeant	Lieutenant	05/06/2022
Trevor Lefebvre	Detective	Sergeant	05/06/2022
Christopher Dupont	Captain	Major	11/20/2022
Joseph Skahan	Sergeant	Lieutenant	11/20/2022
Alias Imondi	Detective	Sergeant	11/20/2022
William Figura	Detective	Sergeant	11/20/2022
Evan Delatorre	Patrol Officer	Detective	11/20/2022
Jason Lafond	Patrol Officer	Detective	11/20/2022
Ariel Vega	Patrol Officer	Detective	11/20/2022

## Police Retirements In 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Richard Laforest	01/01/2022
Edward Berube	02/25/2022
Michael Kane	04/29/2022
Susan Cormier	10/15/2022
Shawn Driscoll	10/07/2022
William McCaughey	10/21/2022

## Civilian Personnel

The Pawtucket Police Department's allocation of civilian personnel is 60 and they are assigned as follows:

Police Accountant/ Civilian Admin Supervisor	1
Administrative Assistant:	1
MCU:	1
Prosecution:	1
BCI:	1
Dispatch:	9
VIN:	2
Matron:	1
Municipal Court:	3
Admin/Records/Payroll:	2
Computer Ops:	2
Animal Control:	6
NCIC:	1
Crossing Guards:	29
<b>Total Civilian</b>	<b>60</b>

## **Civilians Hired In 2022**

Michael Kane	05/02/2022
Ryan Carello	08/01/2022
George Case	08/28/2022
Harold Sanabria	08/28/2022
Sally Wilson	08/28/2022

## **Civilian Retirements in 2022**

Marie Case	01/28/2022
Charlene Gagnon	05/01/2022



# Detective Division

The Detective Bureau of the Pawtucket Police Department, under the direction of Major Daniel Mullen, is responsible for the investigation of the majority of misdemeanor crimes and all felonies. Assisting in the oversight of the unit was that of Detective Captain David Holden and Detective Captain Al Mal.

The Detective Bureau is divided geographically into East and West Districts, with five detectives assigned to each side of the city. Two detectives are assigned to the Youth Services Bureau and one detective handling all Financial Crimes. Detective Sergeant Christopher LeFort supervises the Major Crimes and Financial Crime Detectives, along with assigning all reported crime investigations and arrest follow-ups. Detective Sergeant Theodore Georgitsis supervises the Youth Services Bureau and is in charge of the distribution and completion of felony packages assigned to detectives.

In 2022, there were 2,651 cases forwarded to the Detective Bureau, of which 907 were felonies. The Financial Crimes Investigator, Detective Douglass Harrington, handled over 239 financial crime investigations, to include check, credit / debit card, and identity fraud, embezzlement, and obtaining money /goods and / or services under false pretenses.

There were also 430 felony screening cases presented to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office. These numbers reflect a continued effort to resolve felony cases and prosecute these most dangerous offenders.

In 2022, the Major Crimes Unit saw the promotions of several Detectives/Officers. Detective Captain David Holden promoted to Major (5/22), Captain Al Mal was promoted to Detective Captain (5/22), Detective Trevor Lefebvre to Sergeant (5/22), Detective Alias Imondi to Sergeant (11/22), Detective William Figura to Sergeant (11/22), Officer Gregory Martin to Detective (1/22/), Kyle Juckett to Detective (4/22), Officer Austin Webb to Detective (4/22), Officer Evan Della Torre to Detective (11/22), Officer Jason Lafond to Detective (11/22), and Officer Ariel Vega to Detective (11/22). The unit also had two detectives retire; Detective Edward Berube (3/22) and Detective Susan Cormier (7/22).

Detective Sergeant Christopher LeFort and Detective Sergeant Theodore Georgitsis serve as the Public Information Officers for the department. These duties include answering any and all media inquiries, as well as issuing press releases and scheduling press conferences for any major incident.

Detective Craig Letourneau has been credentialed as a Special United States Deputy Marshal and serves on the Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF). Detective Ethan Barrett serves as a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Unit of the Rhode Island State Police (RISP).

Detectives Harrington and Barrett are currently trained in Cellebrite and GrayKey cell phone computer forensic training, allowing for cell phone extractions to be completed in house.



In order to keep current with the latest technology and investigative techniques, Detectives assigned to the Major Crimes Unit attended the following courses:

“Inside the Tape” Homicide Investigation School

The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training (ICAC)

Investigative Genetic Genealogy

Child Homicide Investigations

Introduction to Crime Analysis

Police Involved Shootings

Critical Incident Training



# Youth Services Bureau

The Youth Services Bureau (YSB) is a branch of the Criminal Investigations Division and is responsible for investigating and prosecuting crimes involving juvenile offenders. The primary goal of the YSB is to assist in the rehabilitation of all juvenile offenders, either through the Family Court or through some other court-approved diversion program.

In 2022, the Pawtucket Police generated 263 Juvenile Arrest reports for the following offenses:

Aggravated Assault	7
All other larceny	6
All other offenses	26
Burglary/Break and Entering	4
Credit Card/ATM fraud	8
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	12
Disorderly Conduct	60
Drug/Narcotic Violations	2
Drunkenness	1
Forcible Fondling	2
Forcible rape	3
Forcible sodomy	1
Intimidation	1
Loitering/Vagrancy/Curfew	4
Motor vehicle theft	19
Pornography/Obscene material	2
Robbery	5
Shoplifting	3
Simple assault	41
Stolen property offenses	3
Theft from a building	7
Theft from a motor vehicle	10
Traffic town by law offenses	14
Trespass of real property	1
Weapons law violations	21

The YSB is staffed with two Detectives and one Detective Sergeant. The primary Detective is designated as the Family Court Prosecuting Detective. Their main duties are the presentation of wayward cases before the Family Court, service of all Family Court summonses, and investigating criminal offenses. The

court detective is also responsible for the initial arraignment and pre-trial hearings of all wayward juveniles presented by the Pawtucket Police before the Family Court. They also prepare all delinquent juvenile cases for presentation to the Attorney General's Office. They are charged with maintaining the Youth Bureau records and ensuring that case files are complete and prepared for presentation to the Family Court.

The Prosecuting Detective serves as the primary liaison between the Pawtucket Police Department and the Attorney General's Office, Public Defender's Office, Defense Counsel and Family Court Clerk's Office.

The second detective is responsible for investigating criminal offenses involving juvenile offenders, and is also assigned to handle graffiti matters and all Wayward/Disobedient & Missing Child/Runaway reports. Running away from home can be indicative of future wayward/disobedient behavior, therefore, following up on all reports of missing children/runaways is of vital importance. As an early intervention, detectives communicate to the parents of runaways that there are social services available to them and aid them in procuring these services.

Further, both detectives ensure that troubled juveniles and their parents are directed to the appropriate social services agency. YSB Detectives follow-up these cases with petitions to Family Court when it is deemed appropriate. YSB Detectives also work closely with the School Resource Officers, (SRO's), and frequently exchange information. The goal is to mediate impending problems at the schools and to implement the appropriate law enforcement action when needed to avoid school disruptions.

The following Detectives have transitioned through the Youth Services Division in the year 2022;

Detective Keith Shillan, Detective Michael Dolan, Detective Gregory Martin, Detective Kyle Juckett, Detective Austin Webb, Detective Jason Lafond, Detective Evan DellaTorre and Detective Ariel Vega.

Detective Sergeant Theodore Georgitsis is the officer in charge of the Youth Bureau. He oversees the daily operation of the YSB. He also prepares and presents cases to be heard before the Pawtucket Juvenile Hearing Board. Detective Sergeant Theodore Georgitsis also serves as the liaison to the Pawtucket Prevention Coalition.

In addition to the above mentioned responsibilities the YSB detectives are also crossed trained with the detectives from Major Crimes and are placed on the on call list and called back to duty after hours to investigate major crimes committed by either juvenile or adult offenders. Detectives assigned to the YSB routinely handle investigations from the Major Crimes Unit on a daily basis as needed.

The Youth Services Bureau acts as the primary liaison between the police department and:

- Rhode Island Family Court
- Rhode Island Truancy Court
- Attorney General's Juvenile Prosecution Unit
- Department of Children, Youth and Families
- Juvenile Probation Office
- Pawtucket School Department
- Communities for People
- Ocean Tides
- Pawtucket Assessment and Referral Team (PART)

## Juvenile Hearing Board

The Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB) was once again instrumental in our effort to rehabilitate juvenile offenders. The board is comprised of twelve (12) Pawtucket citizens appointed by the Mayor of Pawtucket and confirmed by the Pawtucket City Council.

The current JHB members are Chairwoman *Diane Dufresne, Alexander Danso, Felisberto Fontes, Chris Villegas, Maribel Echeverry, John McNichols Sr., Carol Osso, Gregory Ames, Donna Crawshaw, Marlon Dixon, Kinnan Dowie and Lillian Silva.*

The YSB was able to divert 25 juvenile offenders from Family Court to be heard by the JHB. The Juvenile Hearing Board yearly report breaks down the demographics of the juveniles forwarded to the hearing board and the offenses committed. (Detailed below)

## Juvenile Hearing Board Yearly Report

### **Number of re-arrests within 1, 2, and 3 years (“re-offense rate”):**

As of January 1, 2023:

- 1: Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2022, 4 juveniles were re-arrested
- 2: Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2021, 10 juveniles were re-arrested
- 3: Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2020, 4 juveniles were re-arrested

### **Cases Heard 2021 - 25**

### **Number of Case Reviews - 4**

### Gender, Race, and Age of Offender 2022:

Gender	
Male	17
Female	8

Race	
White	4
Hispanic	13
Black	8
Asian	0

Age of Offender	
10 & Under	1
11	1
12	4
13	2
14	5
15	3
16	5
17	4

Criminal Offenses 2022:

Trespassing	
Simple Assault	3
Shoplifting	
Possession of Stolen Vehicle	
Malicious Damage	
Disorderly Conduct	15
Larceny/Poss. Stolen Goods	
Alcohol & Drug Offenses	1
Vandalism	1
B&E	
All other Larceny	3
Conspiracy	
Reckless Driving	
Driving w/o license	1
Crank or Obscene Phone Calls	
Threats	
Duty to Stop in Accident	
Weapon other than Firearm	1
Curfew	
Sexting	

Sanctions 2022:

Community Service	15
Curfew	
Essay	6
Letter of Apology	7
Restitution	3
Refer to Counseling	
Chores	
Family Care program	
Report from school	1
Alcohol / Drug Testing	
Verbal Warning	
CSI Program	
After School Program	2



# Identification Bureau

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Identification Bureau include the processing of crime scenes such as; homicides, felony assaults, sexual assaults, burglaries, robberies, arsons, breaking and enterings, death investigations, home invasions, car jackings, serious motor vehicle accidents, officer involved shootings, industrial accidents and recovered stolen property. Crime scenes are documented using digital photography and videography, the scene is measured and diagrams are created when necessary. Physical evidence is collected and preserved to be analyzed for DNA and latent fingerprints. Evidence is packaged for delivery to the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory, the Rhode Island Department of Health, and to assist the Rhode Island State Medical Examiner in identifying victims of death investigations.

## **Current Personnel Assigned:**

Sergeant William McCaughey	October 2020 through October 2022
Sergeant Eric Bucka	December 2022 through present
Officer Mark Ramos	July 2019 through present
Officer Joel Jarvis	September 2019 through present
Officer Patrick Malloy	January 2020 through present
ID Technician Bethany Dupont	July 2006 through present

All sworn police personnel assigned to the Identification Bureau have attended and graduated from or are currently attending the two semester University of Rhode Island Criminal Investigation & Scientific Evidence course. In addition, all sworn police personnel are active members of the Rhode Island Criminalistics Association.

## Crime Scene Schedule and Investigative Procedures:

All sworn personnel assigned to the Identification Bureau are on a rotating twenty-four (24) hour call back schedule. This schedule consists of one member being readily available for call out, for crime scene processing.

While at crime scenes the Identification Bureau employ the most modern techniques of crime scene preservation, crime scene search, and the collection, preservation, and transmission of physical evidence. The Bureau's emphasis is on forensic photography, lifting and classification of latent fingerprints, obtaining DNA samples, and report writing.



Latent fingerprint evidence is submitted to the Rhode Island State Crime Lab for entry into AFIS- the automated fingerprint identification system, for comparison against known criminal's fingerprints.

When items of evidence are biological in nature they are submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Health for entry into **CODIS (the FBI's searchable DNA database for all law enforcement agencies)**. This system enables law enforcement agencies to compare submitted evidence collected from various crimes to thousands of convicted felons in the system. With this information the Identification Bureau has the opportunity to conclusively identify those suspected of having committed crimes.

### Administrative Assignments:

The Identification Bureau is also responsible for removing criminal fingerprint cards from the classification system upon expungement of arrest records. The arrest record is then permanently sealed or destroyed.

The personnel of the Identification Bureau are responsible for maintaining an up to date adult arrest file system via fingerprint cards.

The Identification Bureau is also responsible for issuing departmental identification cards for all active and retired police personnel, as well as civilian employees.

The Bureau also photographs all promotional ceremonies within the department and at times assists various divisions within city hall.

### Civilian Criminal Record Checks and National Background Checks:

The Identification Bureau provides National Background checks, which require fingerprints, of civilians for employment. The National Background checks are conducted by appointment only on Wednesdays between the hours of 1230hrs-1500hrs. These national background checks are done for various reasons, including but not limited to; adoption, firearm permits, child care, foster care, massage therapy, group homes, medical marijuana, and for the board of education.

The Identification Bureau conducts hundreds of criminal records checks for residents volunteering within the Pawtucket School Department, Pawtucket Housing Authority, and various other agencies.

The Identification Bureau also performs criminal records checks for the city clerk's office. These checks are done for people applying for licenses to operate businesses within the city of Pawtucket or for individuals requesting a name change or guardianship through the probate court. In addition, criminal records checks are done for the city of Pawtucket's personnel department for employment purposes.

### Sexual Offender Registration:

The Identification Bureau is responsible for the registration of convicted sexual offenders, which is mandated under Rhode Island general Laws 11-37-.1-3, 11-37-1-4, and 11-37-1-5 for all offenders currently living within the City of Pawtucket. During office hours it is the Identification Bureau's responsibility for the fingerprinting and photographing of these offenders, keeping track of registration requirements, and entering offender's information into the NCIC database.

The Identification Bureau is also responsible for maintaining offender information and updating their registration forms within separate files and in the department's IMC system. The ID Bureau works closely with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, the Sex Offender Community Notification Unit, the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry and other city and state agencies. Also, the ID Bureau works closely with Sergeant Eric Bucka and the department's Major Crimes Unit in monitoring the whereabouts of the offenders. This is achieved by conducting unscheduled visits to their homes to verify that they actually reside where they claim.

### Identification Technician and Duties:

Bethany Dupont is assigned on a full time basis to the Identification Bureau and has been since July of 2006. She works a forty (40) hour workweek Monday through Friday.

Her duties are as follows:

- Taking of fingerprints
- Filing classified fingerprint cards.
- Entering modus cards into IMC.



- Conduct criminal background checks on local, state, NCIC, and III level.
- Submits charge adjustments to the Attorney General's Office.
- Answer all incoming phone calls that are office related.
- Make appointments for fingerprinting and maintain the appointment book.
- Maintain sex offender files and enter all information into the NCIC database.
- Register sex offenders on a quarterly or yearly basis depending on the law.

Processing the following:

- Childcare workers
- Healthcare workers
- Gun permit applications
- Firearms purchases
- Housing applications
- Charitable gaming licenses
- Law Enforcement Employment
- School Volunteers
- City employees

The following on Sex Offenders:

- Fingerprint
- Photograph
- Maintain files
- Monitor registration dates
- Maintain NCIC files

#### Evidence Facilities:

The Identification Bureau has the following areas for the storing of items of evidence:

1. Main Property Room
2. Bulk Evidence Room
3. Exterior Evidence Room
4. Garage Bays I & II
5. Temporary Evidence Storage Bin
6. Bicycle Room

#### Processing Room:

The Identification Bureau Processing room is used to process evidence through chemically enhanced techniques. Below is a list of equipment that is used in the room.

1. Fuming hood work station
2. Evidence drying closet with auto waste pump
3. Chemical storage cabinet
4. DFO/ Ninhydrin Oven
5. Serial number restoration kit
6. Fingerprint comparison software
7. Heavy duty portable flood lights
8. Blue-Maxx light system
9. ALS (Alternate Light Source)
10. Wet-Wop fingerprint enhancer
11. Foot print casting materials
12. Leica Disto Laser Distance Reader
13. Recroasting Material
14. Pelican Light

Background Checks for 2022

EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	301
CHARITABLE GAMING	54
LICENSES	426
HOUSING	218
FIREARMS	975
PISTOL PERMITS	26
CHECKS FOR THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET	185
<b>TOTAL FOR THE YEAR 2022</b>	<b>2,185</b>
<b>AVERAGE PER MONTH</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>AVERAGE PER DAY</b>	<b>6</b>

\*Note: There are also general BCI background checks done on a daily basis. They are done for various reasons and that total is not included in the above statistics.\*

National Background Checks (Fingerprinting) for 2022

**\* Please note because of the close contact needed, all fingerprinting services were suspended due to the Coronavirus.**

GENERAL	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS	
MASSAGE THERAPY	
ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE	
CHILDCARE	
HEALTHCARE	
MARIJUANA LICENSING	
PROBATE GUARDIANS	
<b>TOTAL FOR YEAR 2022</b>	
<b>AVERAGE PER MONTH</b>	
<b>AVERAGE PER WEEK</b>	

**Grand Total of funds generated from fingerprinting in 2022 is \$0**

\*Note: Fingerprinting is done, on Wednesdays by appointment only, between the hours of 12:30pm and 3:00pm.\*

Sexual Offender Statistics

The total number of sexual offenders that reside within the City of Pawtucket in the year of 2022 is two hundred twenty-three (223). Of the two hundred twenty-three (223) sexual offenders one hundred ninety-two (192) have to register with the Pawtucket Police Department either annually or quarterly, the remaining thirty-one (31) are only required to check in when they move. The thirty-one (31) were convicted when different laws applied.

Investigated Crimes 2022

Sgt. McCaughey	56
Officer Ramos	83
Officer Jarvis	60
Officer Malloy	90
<b>Total Crimes Investigated</b>	<b>290</b>

\*Note: The above figures do not include the daily requests from the Major Crimes Unit and the Special Squad to process various items of evidence.

**Rhode Island State Crime Lab Matches on Suspects or Evidence:**

Sgt. William McCaughey	0 Matches
Sgt. Eric Bucka	0 Matches
Officer Mark Ramos	9 Matches
Officer Joel Jarvis	2 Matches
Officer Patrick Malloy	4 Matches

**Rhode Island Department of Health DNA Matches on Suspects:**

Sgt. William McCaughey	0 Matches
Sgt. Eric Bucka	0 Matches
Officer Mark Ramos	9 Matches
Officer Joel Jarvis	5 Matches
Officer Patrick Malloy	4 Matches



# Special Squad

## **Overview**

The Pawtucket Police Special Squad is responsible for investigating a wide range of criminal activity. These criminal activities include, but are not limited to, narcotics violations, prostitution and sex trafficking, illegal gambling, illegal sales of tobacco products, and illegal weapons sales, as well as other special investigations requested through the Major Crimes Unit, Internal Affairs Investigation Division, and/or the Chief of Police.

## **Personnel**

The Special Squad currently consists of one (1) Detective Lieutenant, one (1) Detective Sergeant, and six (6) Detectives. In total, there are currently eight (8) Pawtucket Police Officers assigned to the Special Squad. We have three (3) vacant Detective positions and plan on filling those spots in 2023.

Several of the Detectives in the Special Squad are assigned as Task Force Officers in both a full time or part time role. One Detective is assigned full time to the Rhode Island Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force (DEA). One Detective is assigned part time to the Rhode Island Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF), which is overseen by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Two Detectives are assigned part time to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). One Detective is assigned part time to the Federal Bureau of Investigations Safe Streets Task Force (FBI). Two Detectives are assigned part time to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Urban Violent Crime Task Force.

The assignments of these Detectives have proven to be highly successful in coordinating law enforcement efforts between State, Federal, and Local agencies. The combined efforts and resources assist in combating the complex and lucrative drug trade and other illegal activities that derive from the sale and distribution of illegal narcotics. Many of the Federal agencies can provide resources that would otherwise be unavailable to the Pawtucket Police. The Special Squad works with and maintains close contact with several other agencies which include: the United State Secret Service, the United States Postal Service, the Adult Correctional Institution, the Rhode Island Department of Probation and Parole, the Rhode Island State Police, the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, the Rhode Island Division of Taxation, and the Rhode Island Registry of Motor Vehicles, as well as every other Rhode Island Police Department and surrounding Massachusetts Police Departments.

## **Search Warrants**

The Pawtucket Police Special Squad applied for and executed a total of one hundred two (102) court ordered search warrants in 2022. The Pawtucket Police Special Squad assisted other law enforcement agencies in thirty-two (32) search warrants in 2022. These search warrants could only be obtained through countless hours of surveillance, research and other investigative techniques utilized by members of the Special Squad. The search warrants were obtained for persons, residences, businesses, vehicles, storage units, cell phones, laptops, internet accounts, bank accounts, GPS, thermal imaging, and buccal swabs (DNA). The execution of these search warrants resulted in numerous arrests as well as the seizure of significant amounts of narcotics and proceeds derived from these illegal sales. During the execution of the search warrants, thirty (30) firearms were seized. All the firearms seized were deemed operable, many of which were loaded or had ammunition readily available where the firearm was located.

## **Drug Related Incidents and Investigations**

The Pawtucket Police Special Squad received over forty-five (45) tips, concerns, or complaints regarding narcotic activity. The information came from the patrol division, city residents, city council, Mayor's Office, or the narcotics hotline.

The Pawtucket Police Special Squad investigated over seven hundred seventy-two (772) incidents involving narcotics. These incidents were an accumulation of patrol arrests, search warrants, marijuana citations, arrest warrants, overdose and death investigations, and Special Squad Investigations.

## **Drug Seizures**

Through a combined effort of the entire Pawtucket Police Department, a large quantity of narcotics were seized and taken off the streets. As in previous years, the main drug seized was marijuana (124 cases). In a vast majority of those cases, the amount was less than 2.5 ounces and a citation was issued. The other drugs seized were: heroin (5 cases); crack cocaine (127 cases); cocaine (59 cases); Opium (11 cases); Amphetamines/Methamphetamines (18 cases); and Fentanyl (79 cases). The remaining drug cases (125) were seizures of various pills, liquids, unknown drug types, and other illicit narcotics. As in previous years, we have had an increase of Fentanyl seizures. A majority of these Fentanyl seizures were counterfeit pressed pills. There has been an increase in the seizure of pure powder Fentanyl or other narcotics having a trace amount of Fentanyl or a Fentanyl analog in it. Approximately \$8,228,000.00 worth of narcotics was seized in 2022.

In 2022 all narcotics pertaining to closed cases were packaged in boxes and marked for destruction. All narcotics and paraphernalia pertaining to these cases were properly destroyed.

The Pawtucket Police Department offers an anonymous prescription drop off container for anyone who wishes to drop off expired and unwanted prescription drugs. This container is located in the front entrance of the police station. The Special Squad empties this container on a weekly basis, and processes the discarded drugs for destruction. The Pawtucket Police Department also participates in the DEA Drug Take Back program which is held every year. In 2022, the Pawtucket Police collected two hundred twenty-four (224 lbs.) of unwanted prescription drugs which were turned over to the DEA for destruction.

## **Drug Overdoes / Death Investigations**

There were one hundred fifteen (115) reported drug overdoses in 2022 within the City of Pawtucket. A majority of those overdoses involved heroin, fentanyl, or some type of counterfeit pill. There were forty-one (41) death investigations involving narcotics or possible narcotic use. A majority of those are believed to involve heroin/fentanyl or a fentanyl analog. The Pawtucket Police Special Squad works closely with detectives from the Major Crimes Unit, Identification Bureau and the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Office to determine the exact cause of death in these cases.

Since 2017, the Pawtucket Police Department has been trained on how to properly administer Narcan, and all officers that received the training were issued Nasal Narcan doses to carry on their person. In 2022, all officers were retrained in the proper use of Narcan during CPR training. In October 2022, the Pawtucket Police Department received new Narcan from the RIDOH CARA Grant Program. All expiring Narcan was donated to RICARES which will distribute them through programs they run throughout the city and surrounding areas. In 2022, there were twenty-three (23) incidents which a member of the Pawtucket Police Department had to administer Narcan to a person that was possibly having a drug overdose. In every case the Narcan was effective in reviving the suspect. We had a total of seventy-seven (77) reported uses of Narcan by members of the Pawtucket Police, Pawtucket Fire Department, Family members, Friends, and Self administration.

In 2022, the Pawtucket Police secured four hundred ninety-two (492) doses of Narcan which was used to hand out to police officers, individuals, businesses, and the Safe Stations. We also received four (6) NaloxBoxes which will be installed in areas of the city where there is a high propensity of drug use.

## **Non Drug Related Assignments**

Since our three (3) Massage Parlors were raided in 2020, we have not received any complaints concerning them or any other massage parlors in the City as they all remain closed.

## **Future Issues**

Since the new Rhode Island laws pertaining to marijuana were enacted in 2011 and updated in 2017, there has been a steady increase in the illegal growing, manufacturing, and selling of marijuana as well as various other forms of marijuana such as dabs, hash oils and wax. In 2022 the State of RI enacted the RI Cannabis Act which legalized recreational marijuana, updated the amount of plants and useable marijuana a person can have in their residence, and updated the civil and criminal penalties for marijuana possession.

In 2022, the Special Squad conducted investigations on several large scale marijuana grow operations in the City of Pawtucket. Those investigations resulted in the arrest of several subjects, the seizure of over four hundred eleven (411) plants, approximately seventy-one (71) pounds of useable/packageable marijuana, and the seizure of various growing materials and several firearms from some of these locations. The Special Squad also investigated numerous complaints of residents growing marijuana in their residence. A majority of those were individuals that were growing marijuana legally in accordance with the RIGL.

As in previous years, there has been an increase in the sale and use of Fentanyl within the City of Pawtucket. Fentanyl is commonly mixed with heroin, cocaine, and other narcotics to produce a greater

“high.” The ingestion of too much fentanyl can result with the user overdosing and possible respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. In the past couple of years there has been an increase in the sale and use of Crystal Methamphetamine (crystal meth). Both Fentanyl and Crystal Meth is being illegally manufactured and sold in pill form. This is not only a local issue, but a nationwide epidemic.

The Special Squad is continuously trying to stay up to date on various techniques on combating the ever growing narcotics problem. The Special Squad continuously holds in house trainings as well as attends outside trainings. All members have completed the two-week Drug Enforcement Administration Basic Narcotics Class. Several members attended trainings and seminars in regards to the ongoing opioid epidemic in Rhode Island. Several members are scheduled to attend other narcotics enforcement related trainings this upcoming year.

The Special Squad recently purchased and updated some of their surveillance and communication equipment. These items are instrumental in surveillance, apprehension, and conviction of subjects conducting illegal activities in the City of Pawtucket.



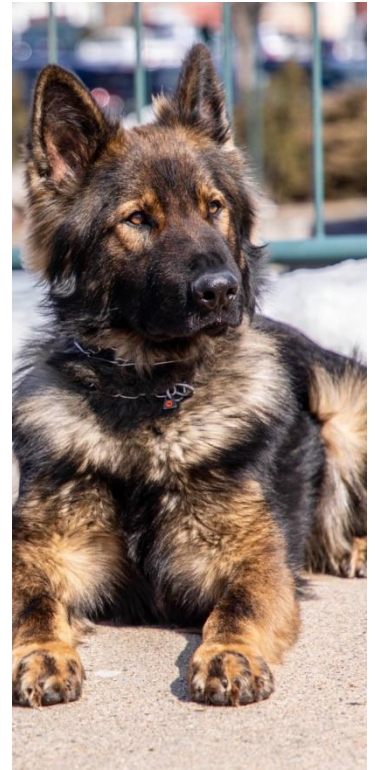


# K-9 Unit

The Pawtucket Police K9 Unit is highly trained and ready to assist the department in apprehending suspects, recovering evidence, detecting explosives, locating lost/missing persons, provide comfort to victims of crimes, and make connections with community members. In addition to enhancing the effectiveness of the department's Patrol and Investigative Divisions, members of the K9 Unit also participate in community events and often collaborate with the Community Policing Unit.

Throughout 2022, the K9 unit maintained their certifications as well as attended all scheduled in-service trainings.

In April 2022, Officer Day and K9 Bane completed explosive and firearm detection and human tracking training at the RI K9 Academy. K9 Bane earned and maintained his certification in these areas through the American Police Canine Association (APCA). In November 2022, K9 Bane began training to earn a certification in K9 patrol work and evidence recovery. K9 Bane is scheduled to complete training in February 2023 and will be certified as a dual purpose K9.



In December 2022, the Pawtucket Police held the 4th annual K9's for Kids Holiday Party. The event was held at the Looff Carousel in Slater Park. The event was a great success and allowed Pawtucket families to enjoy the carousel, meet Santa Claus, and interact with all five K9s and their handlers.



**Dual-Purpose Patrol/Narcotic Detection**

Both Patrol/Narcotic Detection K9 teams are certified by the APCA. They each conducted 288 hours of in-service training and 200-hours of off-duty sustainment/maintenance training. Both Patrol/Narcotic Detection K9 teams attended the APCA National Conference at Camp Fogarty. The following graph displays the on-duty deployments of the Dual-Purpose K9s:

**Deployments**

K9 Patrol/Narcotic Team	Argo & Ofc. Malo	Magno & Ofc. Leach
Narcotic Vehicle Sniff/Searches	18	8
Narcotic Building/House/Apt Searches	6	12
Narcotic Parcel Searches	2	2
Area Search for Narcotics	1	6
Tracks	7	0
Building Searches	1	2
Use of Force/Crowd Control	5	0
Article/Evidence Searches	8	1
Area Search for Suspects	4	0
<b>Total Deployments</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31</b>

In addition to assisting the Pawtucket Police Patrol, Detective and Narcotics Divisions K9 Argo and K9 Magno assisted numerous outside law enforcement agencies, which include the Rhode Island State Police, Providence Police, East Providence Police, Central Falls Police, Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Administration and United States Postal Inspection Service. Both K9 Magno and K9 Argo assisted with

the seizure of Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl and US currency related to the sale of illegal narcotics.



**Explosive/Firearm Detection**

Officer Day and K9 Bane completed 440 hours of training during the Explosive/Firearm Detection and Tracking School, 232 hours of training during the Patrol School and completed 201 hours of in-service training at the RI K9 Academy. The following graph displays the on-duty deployments of the Explosive/Firearm Detection K9 team:

**Deployments:**

<b>K9 Bane and Officer Day</b>	
Explosive/Firearms Vehicle Sniff/Searches:	3
Explosive/Firearms Building/House/Apt/Area	7
Protective Explosives Sweeps	3
Tracking	1
<b><u>Total Deployments</u></b>	<b>14</b>

K9 Bane assisted with the successful recovery of several firearms and ammunition.



**Tracking K9**

In 2022, handler Detective William Figura was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Figura and K9 Neko are now assigned to the Patrol Division. K9 Neko and Sergeant Figura are certified as a K9 Tracking Team by the APCA. The K9 Tracking Team has conducted 216 hours of in-service training and 72 hours of off-duty sustainment/maintenance training. The following graph displays the on-duty deployments of the Tracking K9:

**Deployments**

K9 Tracking Team	Neko & Sgt Figura
Criminal Suspect Tracks	1
Missing Elderly Individuals	1
Missing and/or Endangered Juveniles	3
Emotionally Disturbed Individuals	2
Community Events	10
<b>Total Deployments</b>	<b>17</b>

## **Therapy K9**

In 2022, handler Detective Trevor Lefebvre was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. K9 Watson and Sergeant Trevor Lefebvre are now assigned to Patrol Division. Sergeant Lefebvre is also tasked with all Assistant K9 Coordinator responsibilities. Sergeant Lefebvre and K9 Watson are certified as a K9 Therapy Team by Pet Partners. The K9 Therapy Team conducted 32 hours of in-service training and 196 hours of off-duty sustainment/maintenance training. The K9 Therapy Team has assisted in interviews of special victims (i.e., victims and families of violent felony assaults, kidnapping, sexual assaults, child molestation and death investigations). In addition, the team also participated in a variety of community events.



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In 2022, K9 Watson worked with the following organizations: The Child Advocacy Center at Day One, Special Olympics RI, the RI Attorney General’s Office, Hasbro Children’s Hospital, Pawtucket YMCA, Pawtucket Boys and Girls Club, Pawtucket School Department, and St. Theresa’s School

The following chart displays the on-duty deployments of the K9 Therapy Team:

## **Deployments**

K9 Therapy Team	Watson & Sgt. Lefebvre
Community Events	24
Interviews	7
Total Deployments	31

## **Outlook**

In addition to the daily responsibilities assigned to the K9 team, Sergeant Lefebvre, Officer Malo and K9 Argo applied for and were chosen to be members of the newly reinstated Special Response Team. In addition to training with the K9 team, Officer Malo and K9 Argo will begin training with the Special Response Team. Officer Malo and K9 Argo along with Sergeant Lefebvre are scheduled to attend a specialized K9 training to assist with introducing K9 Argo into a team setting. After the initial training, the K9 team will discuss introducing K9 Magno and K9 Bane into the Special Response Team setting.



# Special Response Team

## **Overview**

In 2022, with support from the Mayor and the Chief of Police, the Special Response Team (SRT) was reestablished after an eleven year absence. Any officer who was interested in joining the Special Response Team had to complete an intense and competitive selection process. The selection process was comprised of a physical agility test, firearm proficiency test and an oral interview. At the completion of the process, twenty-five officers and Canine Argo were selected to continue to the training phase.

## **Personnel**

The twenty-five person team is comprised of officers from all divisions, shifts and ranks. The team consists of one Major, two Lieutenants, five Sergeants, two Detectives, and fifteen Patrol Officers. Five of these officers were previous members of the Special Response Team before it was dissolved in 2012.

## **Training**

The entire newly established team has already attended a one week Basic S.W.A.T. School at the Sig Sauer Academy in New Hampshire. Individual officers have also attended specialized trainings in various specialties. The team will continue to attending trainings to meet all Tactical Team Training Standards put into place by the Rhode Island Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.).

## **Outlook**

The Pawtucket Police Department is working to obtain all the equipment necessary to properly outfit the Special Response Team. The team will continue to work towards updating existing Policy, as well as meet all Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC), Rhode Island Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (POST), and The Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association (RIOTA) tactical team standards. After all requirements are fulfilled, the team will be assessed by the POST which has the authority to certify the tactical team. The Pawtucket Police Department is preparing to have the Special Response Team certified by December 2023.



# Prosecution Division

The Pawtucket Police Prosecution Unit operates within the framework of the Investigative Services Division and is under the supervision of Sgt. John Donley

## **Prosecution Unit police personnel:**

Sgt. John Donley  
Patrol Officer Maria Cruz  
Patrol Officer William Lopatka  
Patrol Officer Geoffrey Metfooney (6/2022-Present)

There are two civilian positions within the Prosecution Unit:  
Prosecution Clerk Brenda Ricci  
Law Enforcement Advocate Aileen Cepeda

The mission of the Prosecution Unit is to ensure that every felony, misdemeanor and civil violation is presented to the Rhode Island Judicial System in its complete and proper form and to follow its progress through the system until a final disposition.

The unit is responsible for presenting all arrestees before the Sixth Division Court for initial appearance and arraignment, as well as preparing these cases for all of the Court proceedings, including grand jury, violation and/or bail hearings, pre-trial conferences, and trials.

The Prosecution Unit is responsible for the daily arraignment calendar and as such, they are responsible for preparing the necessary paperwork required by the Rhode Island District Court and presentment of the cases to the presiding judge. Every morning, members of the Prosecution Unit must review every police arrest report along with witness statements, DV/SA forms, and other documentation. This review and preparation must be thorough and accurate. A mistake could result in a defendant being wrongly incarcerated, or a potentially dangerous subject being improperly released. The Prosecution Unit is the final check before arrest reports are presented to the court. At this stage in the criminal justice system, the defendant will enter a plea. The case will either be passed for pre-trial, or, if a felony complaint, referred to Superior Court. The prosecution officer is responsible for requesting bail and in some instances, arguing with defense attorneys in regards to bail amounts and special conditions of release. The prosecution officer is then responsible for data input regarding each case, which enables the police department to track them.

Additionally, they present arrest warrants to the presiding judge for consideration, as well as enter the signed warrants into the NCIC and/or RILETS computer systems.

All misdemeanor cases that are not resolved at the arraignment stage are scheduled for a pre-trial hearing. At the initial pre-trial, the majority of the cases result in a continuance to enable both sides to complete the discovery process, contact witnesses and victims, and for any further investigation. The case is rarely resolved at the initial pre-trial appearance. If the case is not disposed of during pre-trial conferences, the case is scheduled for trial.

Misdemeanor cases heard in District Court are prosecuted by Pawtucket City Solicitors. In order to efficiently and effectively prosecute these cases, the Prosecution Unit maintains a close working relationship with the City Solicitor and associate attorneys. Regular meetings are held with the City Solicitors to discuss and strategize matters scheduled for trial. All misdemeanor case files are maintained by the prosecution unit, and they are updated after each pre-trial and trial. Prosecution Officers are responsible for the preparation of subpoenas, witness and victim contact, updating data in reports to reflect the status of the case, as well as making evidence available for trials. Answering discovery motions to the public defender and private attorneys in a timely manner is required to satisfy Rule 16 of the District Court. These duties are generally completed by Sgt. Donley; however, officers assigned to prosecution are cross-trained to handle all applicable responsibilities of the unit.

The prosecution unit is responsible for presenting all felony cases to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office for information signing and Grand Jury presentation. A prosecution officer reviews the felony package completed by Detectives, exhibits the packages, and submits them to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office for prosecution. A prosecution officer meets weekly at the Attorney General's Office and confers with a Special Assistant Attorney General to review the facts of each case. This task is usually the responsibility of Sgt. Donley.

Clerk Brenda Ricci handles all daily administrative functions in the office, including answering telephone calls from the public, prosecutors, attorneys, domestic violence advocates and department personnel. The prosecution unit is responsible for handling department arrest warrants from the time of signing until arrest or other disposition. Clerk Ricci maintains and updates the arrest warrant records and tracks statute of limitation procedures governed by RIGL § 12-12-7. Clerk Ricci is responsible for the timely management of all expungement orders. She also handles requests from the Attorney General's Office regarding felony cases including, but not limited to: supplemental requests or information concerning felony cases, the scheduling of officers, and the preparation of subpoenas for victims and witnesses for upcoming felony court dates.

The Law Enforcement Advocate, Aileen Cepeda, is compensated by a Federal Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act grant. Ms. Cepeda is multi-lingual, which assists the office in prosecuting domestic violence cases, especially where there are language barriers or requests for services. She contacts and meets with victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assaults and is a resource for victims in distress or who may be in need of emergency shelter or assistance. Ms. Cepeda provides domestic violence training to the police department and keeps the office updated on any new or proposed domestic violence/sexual assault legislation. She informs and prepares victims of court procedures, and she works closely with detectives to assist with victims as cases proceed through the investigation phase.

In 2022 in excess of 589 felony arrests, 1,397 misdemeanor arrests and 171 civil violation arrests were processed through the prosecution office. There were 695 warrants that were presented and entered into national or state computer systems, and 118 arrests on foreign or court warrants were made in 2022. Over 240 subpoenas were prepared and service attempted.



# Traffic Division

## **Overview:**

The Pawtucket Police Department Traffic Division is responsible for enforcing traffic laws and the investigation of traffic accidents within the City of Pawtucket. The Traffic Division is responsible for maintaining the Pawtucket Traffic Enforcement (PTE) Program, the Automated Traffic Camera Safety Program, arraignments, and trials of defendants in Pawtucket Municipal Court and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. The Traffic Division organizes traffic assistance for parades, funeral processions, and road race events. The Traffic Division completes felony screening documentation for traffic-related felony cases referred to the RI Attorney General's Office.

## **Personnel Municipal Court/Traffic Division:**

Chief Judge Donna Nesselbush  
Associate Judge Jack T. Gannon  
Sergeant Craig Allison  
Officer Anthony Lucchetti  
Officer Thomas Hayes  
Officer Justin Snape  
Municipal Court Supervisor Nadine Higgins  
Public Safety Clerk Karen Magill  
Public Safety Clerk Holy St. Jean  
Public Safety Clerk Karen Leclaire

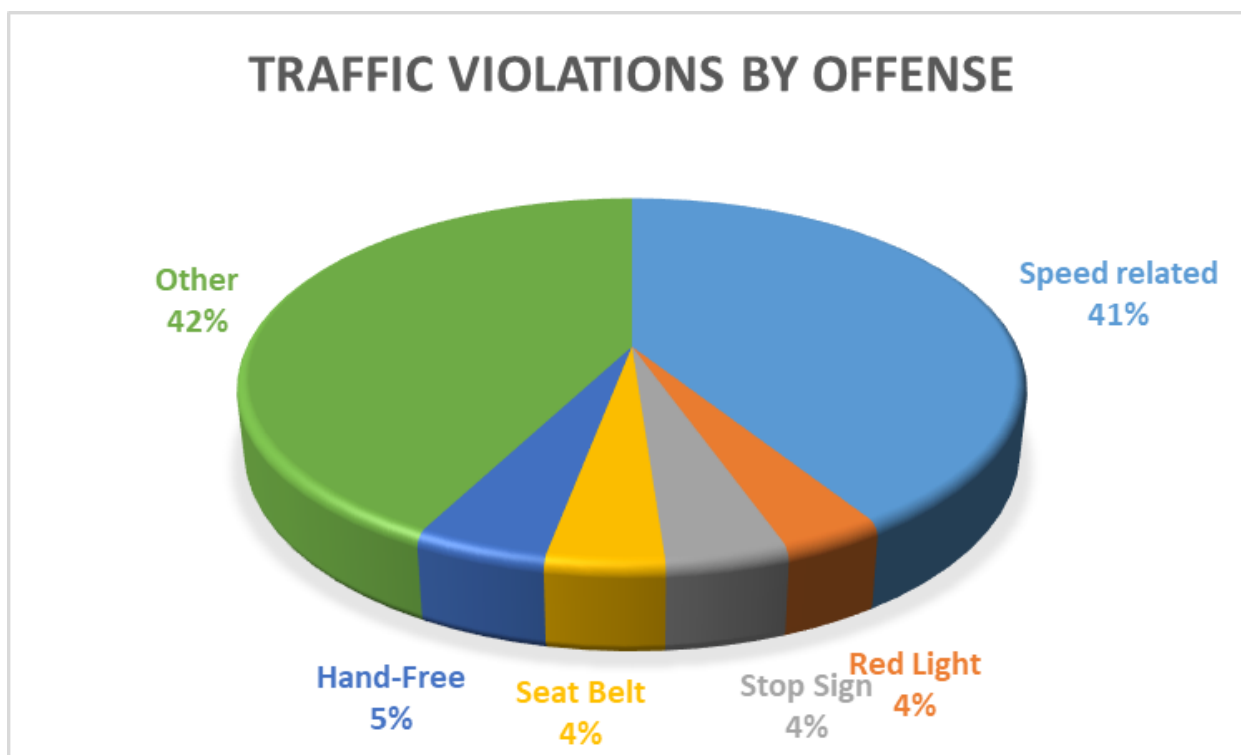
## **Traffic Division Duties and Statistics**

The Traffic Division is responsible for investigating hit and run accidents, completing traffic surveys, and monitoring traffic problem areas within the City of Pawtucket. 2,821 traffic accidents were reported to the Pawtucket Police Department in 2022 and, 668 or 24% of those reported accidents were hit and run in nature.



The Traffic Division receives various traffic-related complaints, from speeding to abandoned and illegally parked vehicles. The complaints are evaluated and addressed through a coordinated effort between the Traffic Division, Patrol Division, and Community Policing Unit.

In 1993 the City of Pawtucket established the Pawtucket Traffic Enforcement Program (PTE). The program is regulated by Pawtucket City Council Ordinance, chapter 293, Section 1. The program aims to increase visibility while strictly approaching traffic violations. The increased enforcement is designed to reduce the number of serious traffic accidents and to educate the public on traffic awareness and safety. Traffic enforcement posts are determined by reviewing citizen complaints, accident reports, and information received from our two-variable sign traffic trailers. In addition to the Pawtucket Traffic Enforcement Program, the Pawtucket Police Department utilizes funds from federal grants sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The federal grant funds are for specific traffic enforcement mobilizations from speed enforcement, distracted driving/hands-free enforcement, seat belt enforcement, and impaired driving campaigns. The Pawtucket Police Department issued 4865 traffic violations in 2022, 1,995 or 41% were speeding violations, 173 or 4% were red light violations, 209 or 4% were stop sign violations, 201 or 4% were seat belt violations, 228 or 5% were hands-free violations and 2,059 or 42% were for various other moving violations.



In 2022, the Pawtucket Police Department arrested 49 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Pawtucket Police Department has ten officers certified in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement and two officers certified as Drug Recognition Experts. These certifications are funded through federal grants sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Traffic Division is responsible for coordinating special event parade permits. In the event of a winter snowstorm or weather-related emergency, the Traffic Division organizes police personnel to arrange for

the removal of those vehicles parked on city streets that hinder snow removal. There were three parking ban emergencies declared in 2022. During those snow emergencies, 551 violations were issued and, 325 motor vehicles were towed from the roadways.

In 2019, the city of Pawtucket entered into a contract with the Sensys Gatso Group, a provider of solutions in traffic management specializing in automated traffic enforcement. The City of Pawtucket operates 14 automated school-zone speed-enforcement cameras and 17 automated red light cameras located at several major intersections throughout the city.

In the year 2022, there were 79,792 automated school-zone citations issued and 28,807 automated red light camera citations issued.

Pawtucket Municipal Court operates three days a week, on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.



# Motorcycle Unit

The Pawtucket Police Motor Unit consists of eight officers from various divisions and bureaus throughout the Department. Once officers are selected to join the Motor Unit, they must attend the Police Motorcycle Operator course, which is sponsored by the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. The training is a strenuous two-week training which consists of slow cone maneuvers, high speed maneuvers, emergency braking and accident avoidance, as well as riding in formation and escort procedures.

Upon successful completion of this training the officers are authorized to utilize the Pawtucket Police Department motorcycles, which consists of two 2021 Harley Davidson Electra Glides, two 2016 Harley Davidson Electra Glides and one 2007 Harley Davidson Road King.

The Pawtucket Police Motor Unit is most often utilized to provide an honorary escort for funeral processions. The greatest honor the Unit has is to provide fellow Officers with an escort after they have, unfortunately, paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. In 2022, the Motor Unit provided escorts for one RI DOC Officers who died of COVID-19 contracted while working. Members of the unit also travelled to Bristol Connecticut to honor two Officers who were murdered in the line of duty in October of 2022.

Throughout the year, the Unit was deployed dozens of times for various functions. Aside from funeral escorts, the Unit has the pleasure of participating in more lighthearted events such providing escorts for several annual Rhode Island Special Olympics events. They also participate in the annual Pawtucket Saint Patrick's Day Parade and the annual Aquidneck Island Police Parade. In addition, members of the Motor Unit attend the annual "Touch a Truck" and "K9 for Kids" Christmas events.

Members of the Pawtucket Police Motor Unit work closely with other RI Police Motor Units to provide escorts throughout the State such as the annual "Wreaths Across America" and "Ronnie's Ride" in honor of RI native, USCG PS3 Ronald Gill Jr, who was killed in the line of duty conducting Homeland Security Operations. Also in July of 2022 the Pawtucket Police Motor Unit was able assist other Motor Units from around the State and the US Secret Service with a Presidential Motorcade.



“Enzo’s Escorts” was started in 2020 for an 8-year-old boy, Lorenzo, who was going to his last cancer treatment after battling leukemia. Various Police and Fire Departments from throughout the State escorted him to Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Since then the Pawtucket Police Motor Unit has happily participated in dozens of Enzo’s Escorts for children celebrating their last treatments, from all over Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. In 2022 the Unit was excited to participate in four Enzo’s Escorts, two of which were for children who live in the City of Pawtucket.

The Motor Unit is utilized to assist the Patrol Division throughout the year. During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks events the Motor Unit assists by responding to emergencies throughout congested pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Motor Units can also be used as patrol, traffic enforcement, or patrol supervision.



# Community Policing Unit

The Pawtucket Police Department's Community Policing Unit (CPU) is a dedicated liaison between the police department and the community. Members of the unit attend meetings of community groups, crime watches, and other meetings throughout the city. By meeting with citizens during non-emergency situations, officers are able to make personal connections and develop lasting community relationships. The Pawtucket Police Department has a Community Policing plan which the police engage the community to solve problems that affect the environment where crime, disorder, violence and drug abuse thrive.

Our Community Policing policies and programs are based on collaboration between police and citizens in non-threatening and supportive interactions. These interactions include efforts by police to listen to citizens, take seriously the citizens' definitions of problems, and solve the problems that have been identified. Program goals include improved citizen esteem toward the police, improved police attitudes toward citizens, more effective police service as defined by the police, and more effective service as defined by citizens. Focus is on problem identification, analysis, and utilization of systematic problem solving techniques, together with a strong community partnership, as a means to achieve more effective long term solutions to persistent crime problems.

Our objective is to obtain a favorable attitude between the police and citizens with encouraging a willingness to work together cooperatively, with improving neighborhood stability and race relations. Educating and assisting community business leaders in crime prevention by implementing an action plan to meet community needs.

The department's Community Police Unit has established an effective partnership with the community. This was accomplished by conferring with community leaders in the areas of business, professional groups, social service agencies, religious and civic organizations, and non-law enforcement city agencies. These organizations in joint cooperation with the Community Police Unit have repeatedly demonstrated their willingness to donate time and resources in support of our Community Policing programs. The interaction and assistance that these groups afford aided the Community Police Unit in developing specialized programs that addressed current and future needs within the community.

The Community Police Unit continues to develop programs that will maintain effective partnerships within the community. To address future needs within the community the Community Police Unit has developed specialized programs to enhance school safety and develop closer relationship between the police and the community as well as continue to better quality of life throughout the city.

There are fourteen officers assigned to the Community Police Unit (CPU). Lieutenant Chris Lombardi, Sergeant Daniel Ashworth were the Unit Supervisors throughout 2022. Officers Darren Rose, Jared Boudreault, Julie Borsari, Greg Malo, Zac Day, James Leach and Chris Miller are all assigned to the Community Police Unit. Officers Ron Jones, Michaela Lee, Uwe Sommer, Ralph Perez and Ty Karalis were all assigned at School Resource Officers as part of the CPU. We also were assigned K-9's Magno, Argo and Bane who are assigned to Officers Leach, Malo and Day. The Community Policing Unit also maintains supervision of the civilians assigned as crossing guards. In addition, the CPU handles various elderly affairs matters, and oversees the Police Explorer's Program and the organization of numerous community events.

### School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers are permanently assigned at the city's middle and high schools. They provided law enforcement expertise and resources to assist school staff in maintaining safety and order within their assigned school. They also conduct visible patrols of school buildings, grounds, and surroundings streets. The SRO's assume primary responsibility for handling all calls for service at their assigned school and coordinating the response of other police resources to the school. Data is collected from the weekly activity reports submitted by each school resource officer. CPU implemented a plan of action to begin training each school and students in active threat training. After several interactive open meetings with parents and staff we began implementing this training to staff at every school, with the plan to begin training the students in early 2023.

### Elderly Affairs

An officer in the Community Policing Unit serves as the department's elderly affairs advocate. This position follows up on reports concerning elderly residents who may need additional social services. Working with the City of Pawtucket Division of Senior Services, the Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging, and the East Bay Community Action Program, the elderly affairs advocate works to help with many different problems including self-neglect, dementia, Alzheimer's, and elder abuse. In 2022 we assisted with over 65 Elderly Affairs cases.

### Crossing Guards

The crossing guards fall under the supervision of the Community Policing Unit. The crossing guards are employed to increase the safety of students walking to and from school. They are strategically placed in locations based on factors such as foot traffic, age of students, volume of vehicular traffic, and dangerousness of the crossings. Every year, just before school starts, the Community Policing Unit provides the crossing guards with training regarding their job responsibilities. Throughout the school year, the Community Policing Unit conducts numerous compliance checks to ensure that the crossing guards are fulfilling their job responsibilities.

In 2022 there were 28 assigned crossing guards throughout the city.

## Police Explorers Program

The Pawtucket Police Explorers Program is for people ages 14-20 that have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The program introduces youths to the world of law enforcement and has covered topics including the history of policing, use of force, and search and seizure. They are also taught general skills including public speaking and leadership, and they participate in team building exercises. Since the program was re-launched in September 2021, there have been several recruitment initiatives to recruit new explorers. The program was able to have participants from Tolman High School, Shea High School, William M. Davies Career and Technical High School, Blackstone Academy, Blackstone Valley Prep High School and Community College of Rhode Island. Explorers and their Advisors participated in numerous community events including area cleanups, helping assemble Turkey Baskets, assisting with the Pawtucket Police Fall Family Wellness Celebration, helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual K9s for Kids Holiday party, and participating in Wreaths Across America. The Pawtucket Police Explorers Program were recipients of the 7-11 project A Game grant to help the program continue and grow at no cost to the youths who participate.

## Community Events

The Community Policing Unit is involved with city events throughout the year. The CPU participated in over 170 events throughout the community. Some of these events included food drives, fund raisers, holiday parties and neighborhood events. These events were often put together by several different organizations throughout the community. Working closely with these organizations the CPU and Police Department were able to build quality relationships with many people. Some of these organizations included Family Care Community Partnership (FCCP), Plouffe's Diner, Bake My Day, The Elisha Project, PCF Development, 5 Corners Pizza, Pawtucket School Department, Pawtucket Housing Authority and Pawtucket City Hall. The CPU assisted the members of the Boys and Girls Club with distributing over 1,200 thanksgiving dinners throughout the state of Rhode Island. In addition, Mrs. Grebien continued her Thanksgiving tradition of distributing turkeys to Pawtucket residents in need, and members of CPU assisted with loading and delivering these meals throughout the city.

The CPU made several trips to local elementary schools and day cares to read books to the children. We were accompanied many times by Pawtucket Police K-9 Watson and Detective Trevor Lefebvre. CPU members assisted Sgt. Hormanski with the annual K-9 for Kids Holiday Party for Pawtucket youth in Slater Park. Several hundred individuals attended this event. Pizza, Hot Cocoa, cookies, popcorn, rides on the carousel and toys were provided for the youth who attended.

Several events were with the Pawtucket Housing Authority and Wynn Properties (Prospect Heights) including National Night Out, outdoor BBQ's and movie nights. National Night Out included several local businesses and organizations speaking out against violence and narcotics. This event held approximately 300 individuals from all different areas of Pawtucket.

Members of the CPU attended the midnight basketball league at Payne Park and also the basketball league at Smithfield Avenue. Volunteers, local businesses and the Pawtucket CPU worked together to ensure safe and successful basketball leagues for our city youth to attend. Many of the games had well over 200 individuals attend.

## Community Response

The CPU was tasked with numerous quality of life complaints and neighborhood issues. Each issue was addressed with a plan of action put together by CPU and the Patrol Division. These plans and the implementation often proved successful through open communication and constant attention. We were able to alleviate several ongoing concerns throughout the city with no further action. We often worked with several neighborhood and community groups in this effort.







# Planning and Training

## **FUNCTION**

The policy of the Pawtucket Police Department is to actively develop plans and to conduct research to ensure that the agency is knowledgeable of innovations in law enforcement and the varying nature of the problems and concerns affecting law enforcement to ensure the department is properly trained and equipped to meet its organizational mission.

1. Provide statistical information concerning law enforcement functions.
2. Provide legislative updates affecting laws enacted and repealed.
3. Provide training bulletins concerning improved procedures.
4. Provide information concerning necessity for adopting or modifying policies.
5. Provide information concerning training requirements and opportunities.
6. Maintains the Manual of Procedures, which includes researching and writing new policies, reviewing and/or modifying existing policies and issuance of any such updates.
7. Provide introductory training for all newly assigned police officers and administer the Field Training Evaluation Program to newly assigned officers.

## **PERSONNEL**

Captain: Timothy Graham  
Sergeant: Peter Spetelunas  
Officer: Percy Smith

As well as those officers within the department who have received specialized training in specific subject areas are assigned to Planning and Training periodically to conduct departmental trainings.

## **DUTIES**

### **I. Firearms Instructors**

Department Firearms instructors are selected from throughout the department and receive formal training in the instruction of firearms. Firearms instructors are assigned to Planning & Training during the scheduled firearms training periods. Currently, the department has 23 officers assigned as firearms instructors:

## Pawtucket Police Department Firearms Instructors:

Major: David Holden	Major: Christopher Dupont
Captain: Yuri Wozny	Lieutenant: Dino Giorgio
Lieutenant: Kenneth Dolan	Lieutenant: Joseph Skahan
Sergeant: Daniel Ashworth	Sergeant: Craig Allison
Sergeant: Gary Correia	Sergeant: Alias Imondi
Sergeant: Jessica Goostray	Sergeant: Nathan Gallison
Detective: Craig Letourneau	Detective: Dennis Smith
Officer: William Briggs	Officer: Percy Smith
Officer: Zachary Day	Officer: Tyler Shea
Officer: Greg Malo	Officer: William Lopatka
Officer: Christopher Miller	Officer: Joel Jarvis
Officer: Diane Rittman-McLaughlin	

## **II. Taser Instructors**

Department Taser Instructors received formal training as such from Certified Taser Instructors. Taser Instructors are assigned to Planning & Training during the scheduled training periods. Currently, the department has 3 officers assigned as a Taser instructors:

Lieutenant: Kenneth Dolan  
Lieutenant: Joseph Skahan  
Officer: Percy Smith

## **III. Background Investigators**

Pre-employment background investigations are conducted by a formal Pre-Employment Background Investigations Unit assigned to the Planning & Training Division during times that such investigations are necessary. Completed investigations are submitted to the office of Chief of Police and candidates are then scheduled for final command staff review & interview. In 2022 the background investigation unit conducted 29 background investigations.

## **IV. In-Service Recruit Training**

All newly assigned officers receive a comprehensive training series, which introduces new officers to department Manual of Procedures through lecture, video and discussions. New officers all receive an overview of defensive tactics, to include verbal skills and a review of all tactics learned while attending police academy. The officers are tested and certified by department firearms and defensive tactics instructors. New officers are also trained through role playing scenarios with current field training officers to prepare them for going on the road.

## **V. Hiring Process**

The Planning & Training Division assists the City of Pawtucket Personnel Department with the recruitment of candidates for the position of police officer. Members of the Planning & Training Division plan, schedule and administer the physical agility assessment, proctor the written exam, and participate

in the interview process. There was one hiring process conducted in 2022 which started with 70 applicants.

In 2022, the Pawtucket Police Department accepted lateral transfers of P.O.S.T. certified police officers.

## **VI. Recruitment**

The Planning & Training Division is responsible for processing candidates selected to attend the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. This includes purchasing of uniforms, required books and supplies that are necessary for recruit training during the academy. Recruits enter a formal mentoring program and meet bi-monthly with the Planning & Training staff throughout the 20 week training program. The Planning & Training Division is the department liaison to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy and is responsible for coordinating all required equipment necessary for use by department sponsored candidates. The division meets with candidates and academy staff during academy attendance to monitor progress and assure a smooth transition to the department

### **Academy Recruits / Appointed Officers 2022:**

Yolando Andrade	Graduation Date: May 18, 2022
Benjamin Geoghegan	Graduation Date: May 18, 2022
Edalina Pires	Graduation Date: May 18, 2022
Israel Thomas	Graduation Date: May 18, 2022
Carolyn Whalen	Graduation Date: May 18, 2022
John Kortenbeutel	Graduation Date: December 16, 2022
Adam Kulacz	Graduation Date: December 16, 2022
Gabriel Murphy	Graduation Date: December 16, 2022
Travis Plausse	Graduation Date: December 16, 2022
Jake Prando	Graduation Date: December 16, 2022
Dimitri Rosa	Graduation Date: December 16, 2022
James Votta	Graduation Date: December 16, 2022

### **P.O.S.T. Certified Transfer Officers Appointed in 2022:**

Emilio Mejia	Appointment Date: January 17, 2022
Matthew Mello	Appointment Date: April 18, 2022
James Spellman	Appointment Date: August 01, 2022
Corey Benton	Appointment Date: October 31, 2022
Casey Iannelli	Appointment Date: October 31, 2022
Jimmy Melvin	Appointment Date: October 31, 2022

## **VII. Police Officer Retraining**

The Planning and Training Division works in conjunction with the Internal Affairs Division, under the Supervision of Lieutenant David Connors during the year 2022, by retraining officers in policies, procedures, officer safety issues, and any other duties related to the Patrol Division.

## **VIII. Field Training & Evaluation Program (FTO)**

A formal Field Training & Evaluation Program is provided to all newly assigned officers. The OIC of Planning & Training assumes the responsibility of program coordinator. Field Training Officers are selected by the Chief of Police with recommendation from the program coordinator from a list of formally trained Field Training Officers.

Field Training Officers document the field training progress and continually communicate with the Planning & Training Division as to the newly assigned officer's progress. This program is designed to last 12 weeks, with officers receiving 2 week introductory training through the Planning & Training Division. Officers are then assigned to a primary FTO for 4 weeks, a secondary FTO for 2 weeks and then a tertiary FTO for 2 weeks. Officers are then reassigned to the primary FTO for the final phase which they work on their own and are shadowed by the primary FTO.

The Officers are then assigned to one of the three patrol platoons and are scheduled by the Officer-in-Charge to patrol assignments and the communications center to ensure that they are exposed to all their areas of responsibility. Officers receive formal department evaluations during the probationary period and become permanently assigned employees after a one (1) year of a successful probationary period.

### **Field Training Officers for 2022 included:**

Officer: Zachary Day	Officer: Garrett Drainville
Officer: Greg Malo	Officer: Taylor Fay
Officer: Geoffrey Metfooney	Officer: Julianne Borsari
Officer: James Leach	Officer: Micaela Lee
Officer: Gregory Bushy	Officer: Matthew Levasseur
Officer: Caisey Calabro	Officer: John McComiskey
Officer: Matthew Choquette	Officer: Thomas Wycislak
Officer: Noel Pichardo	Officer: Ty Karalis
Officer: James Doyal	Officer: Dylan Salvatore
Officer: Brian Hurley	Officer: Christopher Borrelli
Officer: Nicholas Patrie	Officer: Brian Vestri
Officer: David Palmer	Officer: Justin McCabe
Officer Tyler Mobrice	Officer: Thomas Letourneau

## **IX. Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

The Planning and Training Division is responsible for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). In 2022 the EAP formed a new partnership with a mental health coordinator. All members of peer support were required to go to a three-day training on individual and group critical incident stress management.

**Pawtucket Police Department Peer Support Counselors:**

Lieutenant: Joseph Skahan  
Sergeant: Nathan Gallison  
Detective: Dennis Smith  
Officer: Julie Borsari  
Officer: Maria Cruz  
Officer: Michael Haberek  
Officer: Michaela Lee  
Officer: Alyson Tessier

Sergeant: Michael Cioe  
Sergeant: David Malkasian  
Detective: Jeffrey Furtado  
Officer: Caisey Calabro  
Officer: James Doyal  
Officer: Ronald Jones  
Officer: Mark Ramos  
Officer: Ana Vertentes

**X. Combative and Tactical Training:**

The Planning and Training Division is responsible for the annual Combative and Tactical Trainings which include the use of less lethal tools, verbal de-escalation techniques and defensive tactics training (L.O.C.K.U.P.).

**Pawtucket Police Department Combative and Tactical Training Instructors:**

Lieutenant: David Dolan  
Sergeant: Justin Gould  
Detective: Kyle Juckett  
Officer: Anthony Richards  
Officer: Percy Smith

Lieutenant: Kenneth Dolan  
Sergeant: Alexander Smith  
Detective: Ariel Vega  
Officer: Nicholas Sisto  
Officer: Thomas Wycislak

**XII. Investigations:**

Backgrounds Investigations

The Planning and Training Division performed twenty-nine (29) background investigations on potential candidates. Five (5) candidates were selected to enter the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy 2022 - I Class and successfully graduated the academy on May 18, 2022, and seven (7) were selected to enter the 2022-II class and successfully graduated the academy on December 16, 2022. Six (6) officers were hired as lateral transfers after completing the background investigation.

## **Police Officers Appointed In 2022**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Emilio Mejia	01/14/2022
Matthew Mello	04/18/2022
Carolyn Whalen	05/31/2022
Yolando Andrade	05/31/2022
Edalina Pires	05/31/2022
Benjamin Geoghegan	05/31/2022
Israel Thomas	05/31/2022
James Spellman	09/18/2022
Corey Benton	10/30/2022
Casey Ianelli	10/30/2022
Melvin Jimmy	10/30/2022
James Votta	12/16/2022
Adam Kulacz	12/16/2022
Travis Plausse	12/16/2022
Gabe Murphy	12/16/2022
Jake Prando	12/16/2022
Dimitri Rosa	12/16/2022
John Kortenbeutel	12/16/2022

### **XIII. Department Armorer-Equipment**

The Planning & Training Division acts as the Office in Charge of the department armory. This includes maintaining all department issued weapons as well as specialty weapons, equipment & supplies. The division is responsible for ordering and maintaining all ammunition and supplies for training purposes and operational deployment by all division employees. Inventories of weapons, equipment and munitions are maintained and reviewed on a periodic basis.

In 2022 the Pawtucket Police Department transitioned from the .40 caliber Glock Gen 4, model 23 firearm to the 9mm Glock Gen 5, model 19 firearm. Every officers was issued the new authorized firearm upon qualification. Twenty-six (26) Pawtucket Police officers were issued new body armor in 2022.

### **XIV. Supervisor Training**

The Planning and Training Division is responsible for training newly appointed Sergeants with a 40 hour introductory training of their duties and responsibilities. The following Sergeants were trained:

Sergeant: Trevor Lefebvre

Sergeant: Alias Imondi

Sergeant: William Figura

### **XV. FATS (Firearms Training Simulator)**

During the month of December, the Planning & Training Division does refresher training on the Use of Force Policy to members of the Police Department through discussion and interactive videos. The

following topics are covered: Domestic Violence, EDP calls, Active Shooter, Vehicle Stops, and using the Taser.

## **XVI. Physical Training Assessors**

The Planning & Training Division is responsible for the Physical Training assessors who conduct assessments that are requirements for entry into the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy.

In 2022 the Pawtucket Police Department required all new applicants obtain a physical agility certificate from an independent agency, Fit2Serve prior to the start of the hiring process.

The Pawtucket Police Department still maintains several certified physical training assessors for those occasions when a Fit2Serve certificate can't be obtained within the time frame to start the hiring process.

### **Pawtucket Police Department Physical Training Assessors:**

Major: Chris Dupont  
Captain: Robert Pickett  
Lieutenant: Dino Giorgio  
Lieutenant: Kenneth Dolan  
Lieutenant: Joseph Skahan  
Detective Sergeant: Christopher Lefort  
Sergeant Emmanuel Mejia  
Sergeant: Alias Imondi  
Detective: Scott Sullivan  
Detective: Mario Comella  
Detective: Jonathan Gagnon  
Officer: Percy Smith

## **XVII. 2022 School and Seminars**

### **Schools / Seminars / Workshops:**

1. Seminar / School: Response to an Active Shooter  
Date: March 05, 2022
2. Seminar / School: Response to an Active Shooter  
Date: March 05, 2022
3. Seminar / School: Motorcycle School  
Date: March 06, 2022
4. Seminar / School: FTO Certification  
Date: March 20, 2022
5. Seminar / School: FTO Instructor  
Date: March 20, 2022
6. Seminar / School: First Line Supervisor  
Date: March 20, 2022
7. Seminar / School: Brain Injury 101  
Date: May 21, 2022
8. Seminar / School: Patrol Rifle/Pistol Instructor

- Date: June 13, 2022
9. Seminar / School: Crisis Intervention Training  
Date: July 16, 2022
  10. Seminar / School: BCI School  
Date: July 19, 2022
  11. Seminar / School: Red DOT Instructor  
Date: July 25, 2022
  12. Seminar / School: Lockup Instructor  
Date: July 29, 2022
  13. Seminar / School: Hostage/ Crisis Negotiator  
Date: July 29, 2022
  14. Seminar / School: Drone Pilot FAA Prep  
Date: July 29, 2022
  15. Seminar / School: Lock-Up Edge Weapon Training  
Date: July 29, 2022
  16. Seminar / School: SRO Administrator / Collaboration  
Date: July 29, 2022
  17. Seminar / School: Prosecution Seminar  
Date: July 29, 2022
  18. Seminar / School: Guardian Mindset  
Date: August 10, 2022
  19. Seminar / School: Smart Stress Training  
Date: August 22, 2022
  20. Seminar / School: Mental Health First Aid  
Date: September 06, 2022
  21. Seminar / School: Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs  
Date: September 08, 2022
  22. Seminar / School: Threat Assessment for School Resource Officers  
Date: September 14, 2022
  23. Seminar / School: Taser Instructor  
Date: September 23, 2022
  24. Seminar / School: Crisis Intervention Training  
Date: September 26, 2022
  25. Seminar / School: First Line Supervisor Training  
Date: September 27, 2022
  26. Seminar / School: Active Shooter Training for Dispatchers  
Date: October 13, 2022
  27. Seminar / School: Supervising Critical Incidents  
Date: October 24, 2022
  28. Seminar / School: K9 Handler Leadership Training  
Date: December 13, 2022



## **XVII Department Training**

1. Training: Monthly Training Bulletins: Search & Seizure, Disciplinary Bulletin, Arrest Bulletin and Investigative Stops  
Sponsored by: Quinlan Publishing  
Date: January – December 2022
2. Training: TASER Re-Certification  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division  
Date: February 8-12, 2022
3. Training: LEADS Training  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division  
Date: March 8-12, 2022
4. Training: Breathalyzer Recertification  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division  
Date: March 8-10, 2022
5. Training: Bias-Free Policing  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department  
Date: March 22-26, 2022
6. Training: Department Firearms Qualification  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department  
Date: May 17-28, 2022
7. Training: LOCKUP  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department  
Date: September 13-17, 2022
8. Training: Firearms Qualification  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department  
Date: October 18-29, 2022
9. Training: CPR Certification  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department  
Date: November 29- December 2, 2022
10. Training: Firearms Training Simulator  
Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department  
Date: December 6th-17th, 2022



# Office of Professional Standards

In 2022, the Pawtucket Police Department Office of Professional Standards was under the command of Detective Lieutenant David Connors. Also assigned to the Office of Professional Standards were Detective Sergeant Carrie Hormanski and Detective Sergeant Matthew Braga.

The Office of Professional Standards is under the direction of Police Chief Tina Goncalves. Internal Investigations conducted by Office of Professional Standards are reported solely to the Chief of Police. All internal investigations are confidential in nature and are evaluated by the Chief of Police on a case by case basis for final disposition. Discipline on internal matters is determined by the Chief of Police.

The Office of Professional Standards:

1. Conducts numerous Field Inspection reports as requested by the Office of the City Clerk involving claims for payment by the city against police personnel and city employees.
2. Provides the office of the Rhode Island Attorney General with documented requests for Brady/Giglio information on all police personnel slated to testify as required by law.
3. Provides the District and Superior Court with subpoenaed information on cases and officers in the judicial system.
4. Establishes and maintains a working relationship with the city solicitor, city attorney, prosecutor, the public and other attorneys as appropriate.
5. Responsible for the preparation of all Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights cases.
6. Responsible for the security of all Internal Affairs files and records.
7. Maintains a working partnership with the Rhode Island Inter-local Trust and the law firm of DeSisto Law on pending cases and suits involving the City of Pawtucket and its employees.

Goals of the Office of Professional Standards:

1. To thoroughly investigate all legitimate complaints/allegations of police misconduct originating from citizens or agency employees.
2. To improve the quality of police services and increase community support and confidence in the police department.
3. To establish a meaningful and effective complaint processing system that will facilitate police-citizen cooperation.

4. To monitor police officer's compliance with department rules, regulations and procedures.
5. To clarify rights and ensure due process protection to citizens and officers alike.
6. To identify "high risk liability" areas of police work and attempt to reduce them through effective training methods.

Responsibilities:

1. Assume responsibility for recording, controlling and reviewing all investigations of complaints against employees.
2. Assume responsibility for maintenance of all complaint investigation files, their review and analysis to monitor trends in the numbers and types of complaints.
3. Assist in positive discipline by being alert to potential problems and trends involving employee behavior, attitude or conditions of which the agency management should be aware.
4. Report all findings resulting from internal investigations of employee misconduct, improper procedures or poor service to the appropriate command personnel.

2022

One of the primary responsibilities of Office of Professional Standards is to accept and investigate all complaints of police misconduct received from any citizen or agency employee. In total, there were 70 documented investigations in 2022. Investigations are placed into three categories:

1. Internally Generated Investigations (34)

Included in the internally generated investigations are all officer involved motor vehicle accidents, which are reviewed by the Office of Professional Standards.

2. Externally Generated Investigations (24)

Citizen complaints are part of this category.

3. Field Inspection Investigations. (12)

Field Inspection Reports are completed at the request of the Pawtucket City Clerk's Office, for the Council Committee on Claims. Often a Field Inspection will be a review of an incident that has already been reviewed, such as a motor vehicle accidents, but in all cases a request for a field inspection will generate a separate report. Thus, one incident can generate two investigations which are reflected in either external or internal investigations.

## **Breakdown of Allegations/ Incidents and Dispositions\*: 2022**

### 1. External Investigations

Abusive Language-0

Conduct Unbecoming-0

Excessive Force-6

Not Sustained - 3

Exonerated - 2

Under Investigation - 1

Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations-18

Sustained - 3

Not Sustained - 10

Under Investigation - 4

Other - 1

### 2. Internal Investigations

Abusive Language - 0

Conduct Unbecoming- 1

Not Sustained - 1

Excessive Force-0

Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations-6

Sustained - 4

Not Sustained - 0

Under Investigation - 1

Other - 1

Officer-Involved Motor Vehicle Accidents-27

Sustained - 12

Not Sustained - 15

\*It is imperative to note that each incident only has one allegation listed, but may have multiple. For example, a complaint could include both an allegation of Excessive Force and Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations, but is only listed under one, generally the most serious allegation based on the totality of the incident. It is also important to note that the overall disposition is listed above. If there are numerous allegations, a disposition of "Sustained" may not indicate that all allegations were sustained, but at least one was.

### Use of Force Monitoring Systems:

The Office of Professional Standards monitors all uses of force by department personnel. Each case is evaluated to ensure that the force used was justified and within the guidelines established by the department as well as the General Laws of the State of RI. In 2020, the Office of Professional Standards

began monthly reporting to the FBI National Use-of-Force Data Collection system and continued with the reporting in 2022.

Every type and degree of use of force used by members of the department, from physical control to the discharge of a service weapon in the course of duty, is recorded on a Subject Aggression/Resistance Form by the officer and is reviewed by his or her supervisor and forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards for review.



# Animal Control

## Animal Intake / Disposition Data

### DOGS:

There were 226 dogs taken into the shelter in 2022. Their dispositions are as follows:

- 186 – Returned to owner; other city; other shelter
- 28 - Successfully placed
- 0 – Euthanized (owner request)
- 0 - Euthanized (shelter / vet. recommendation)
- 10 - Remain @ shelter
- 2- Transferred to other shelter
- 0 – died @ vet / shelter
- 0 – escaped from shelter

### Euthanasia Summary

- 0 – per owner request
  - 0 – due to illness / injury
  - 0– due to vicious behavior
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0 – Total Euthanized

There were also 86 animals quarantined (home / shelter) by animal control during the year.

100% of adoptable dogs logged in to the shelter in 2022 were placed or returned to their original owner.

There were also 14 deceased dogs picked up by Animal Control Officers during the year.

## **CATS:**

There were 90 cats taken into the shelter in 2022. Their dispositions are as follows:

- 6- Returned to owner; other city
- 55- Successfully placed
- 0- Shelter transfer
- 2- Other (died @ shelter / vet)
- 0- Euthanized (owner request)
- 12- Euthanized (sick / injured/ vicious)
- 13 - Remain @ shelter
- 0 - Got loose / stolen from shelter / other
- 2 - Released

## **Euthanasia Summary:**

- 0 - per owner request
  - 12 - due to illness or injury
  - 0- due to vicious behavior
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12 - Total Euthanized

100 % of adoptable cats taken into the shelter were adopted out or returned to their original owner. There were also 28 deceased cats picked up by Animal Control Officers during the year.

\*There were also 19 small animals (Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, etc. taken into the shelter in 2022.

## **Calls for Service / Violations**

Animal Control Officers responded to approximately 1,450 calls for service in the year 2022. There were 104 violations to appear in municipal court given for charges such as dog at large, barking dog, unleashed / unvaccinated / unlicensed dog etc. Animal Control responded to and investigated 30 complaints of abandoned animals. There was one vicious dog hearing in 2022. There were no confirmed positive rabies cases in our city in 2022.

# **Pawtucket Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty**





## SAMUEL W SLOCUM



Rank: Patrolman  
Panel: 33-E: 27  
Department: Pawtucket, Rhode Island, P.D.  
End of Watch: February 4, 1906  
Cause: Physical-Related Incident  
Age: 58  
Years of Service: 22

Description: Patrolman Slocum suffered a fatal heart attack after a foot pursuit of an armed suspect. Patrolman Slocum answered a disturbance call where an intoxicated man was brandishing a pistol and threatening the neighbors. When the suspect saw Patrolman Slocum he fled the scene. Patrolman Slocum pursued the suspect on foot for about one block until he captured and subdued him. After placing the suspect in handcuffs, Patrolman Slocum suffered a massive heart attack and died.

## WILLIAM WETHERSPOON GEMMELL

Rank: Special Officer  
Panel: 10-W: 28  
Department: Pawtucket, Rhode Island, P.D.  
End of Watch: June 22, 1908  
Cause: Gunfire  
Age: 24  
Years of Service: Unknown

Description: On June 19, 1908, Special Officer Gemmell was shot when he was summoned to settle a dispute between two men. When Officer Gemmell showed his badge, the suspect shot him twice in the neck and fled. Patrolman Frank Butman responded to the sounds of shots fired and was also shot by the fleeing suspect. The officers were transported to the hospital. Officer Gemmell was paralyzed as a result of the shooting and died three days later. Patrolman Butman survived his injuries. The suspect was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 25 years in prison.

## DAVID BOSWELL BURNS

Rank: Special Officer  
Panel: 40-W: 29  
Department: Pawtucket, Rhode Island, P.D.  
End of Watch: August 18, 1925  
Cause: Drowning  
Age: 33  
Years of Service: Unknown

Description: Special Officer Burns and fellow officers were aboard the excursion vessel, Mackinac, as invited guests of the owner when the boiler exploded. According to eyewitnesses, Officer Burns went under the waves while attempting to save a drowning child. Officer Burns' body was located two weeks later on August 31, 1925.

## CHARLES PATNAUDE



Rank: Patrolman  
Panel: 34-W: 1  
Department: Pawtucket, Rhode Island, P.D.  
End of Watch: September 30, 1952  
Cause: Gunfire  
Age: 48  
Years of Service: 25

Description: Shot while in pursuit of armed bank robbery suspect.

## THOMAS TRUESDALE



Rank: Detective Lieutenant  
Panel: 58-W: 3  
Department: Pawtucket, Rhode Island, P.D.  
End of Watch: June 30, 1958  
Cause: Gunfire  
Age: 58  
Years of Service: 37

Description: Detectives Truesdale and Emil Newberg were shot by a mentally deranged man wielding a German Luger. Pawtucket Police had surrounded the house and kept the suspect under surveillance for several hours before they entered. Detective Truesdale was shot in the chest and died on the operating table. Detective Newberg was shot in the abdomen and was pronounced dead on arrival. The suspect was arrested after a gun battle with police.

## EMIL A NEWBERG



Rank: Detective  
Panel: 30-W: 3  
Department: Pawtucket, Rhode Island, P.D.  
End of Watch: June 30, 1958  
Cause: Gunfire  
Age: 56  
Years of Service: 30

Description: Detectives Newberg and Thomas Truesdale were shot by a mentally deranged man wielding a German Luger. Pawtucket Police had surrounded the house and kept the suspect under surveillance for several hours before they entered. Detective Newberg was shot in the abdomen and was pronounced dead on arrival. Detective Truesdale was shot in the chest and died on the operating table. The suspect was arrested after a gun battle with police.

## DOREEN A TOMLINSON



Rank: Patrolwoman  
Panel: 62-W: 9  
Department: Pawtucket, Rhode Island, P.D.  
End of Watch: June 26, 1984  
Cause: Automobile Accident  
Age: 21  
Years of Service: 1

Description: Patrolwoman Tomlinson was killed in an automobile accident while in pursuit of a speeding vehicle.



# Patrol Statistics

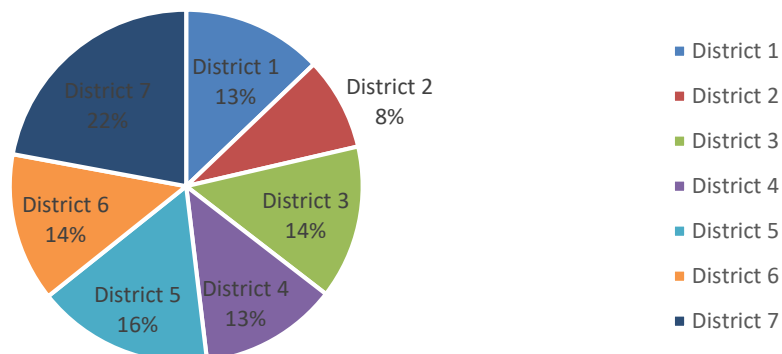
The following statistics concerning breakdowns of district and police shift/platoon have been generated using the Pawtucket Police Department's internal computer aided dispatch system and record management system. Pawtucket Police Department participates in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Users should be aware that computer aided dispatch generated reporting statistics will differ from those illustrated by the NIBRS report provided at the end of this section.

Any "Administrative calls," such as transport meals to station, police vehicle inventory, officer's meals, officer personal reasons, etc., were eliminated when analyzing the calls for service data. The information for incident and arrest reports includes all reports, including those completed by Detectives, members of the Special Squad, School Resource Officers, etc... and were counted in the respective shift when the report was completed. The analysis counts when the reports were completed, not time when the incidents occurred, which can sometimes be delayed.

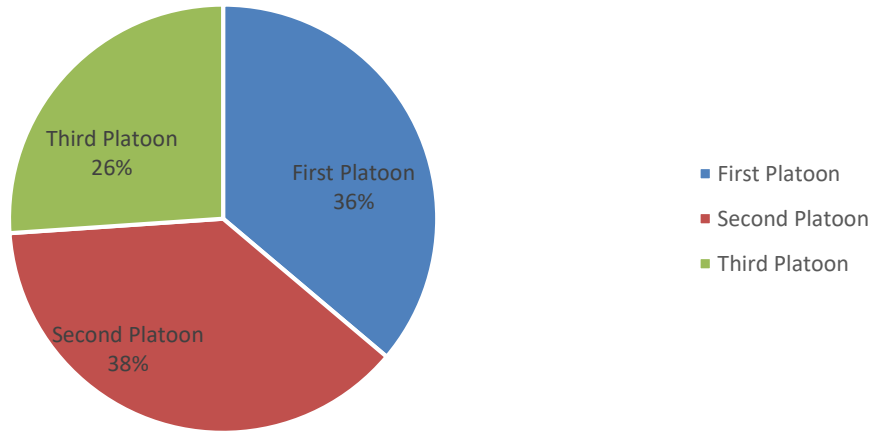
## 2022 Calls for Service by Platoon and District

	<u>First Platoon</u>	<u>Second Platoon</u>	<u>Third Platoon</u>	<u>Total</u>
District 1	2,667	2,942	1,779	<b>7,388</b>
District 2	1,901	1,888	1,106	<b>4,895</b>
District 3	2,946	2,949	2,190	<b>8,085</b>
District 4	2,696	2,988	1,580	<b>7,264</b>
District 5	3,382	3,492	2,418	<b>9,292</b>
District 6	2,533	2,821	2,472	<b>7,826</b>
District 7	4,643	4,612	3,434	<b>12,689</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20,768</b>	<b>21,692</b>	<b>14,979</b>	<b>57,439</b>

## 2022 Calls for Service by District



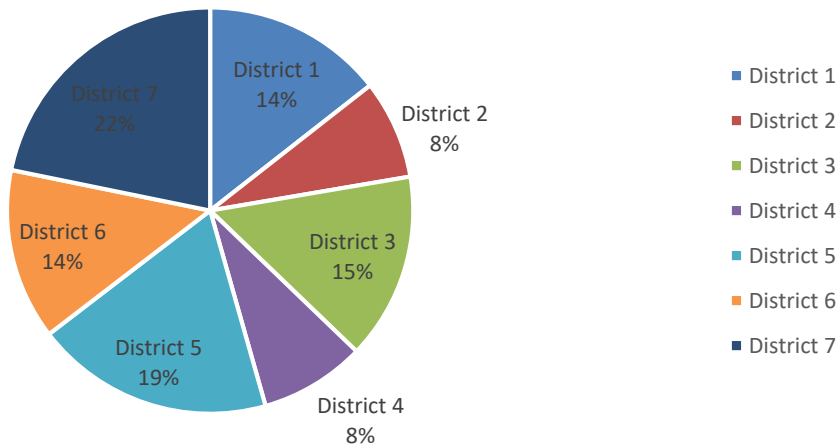
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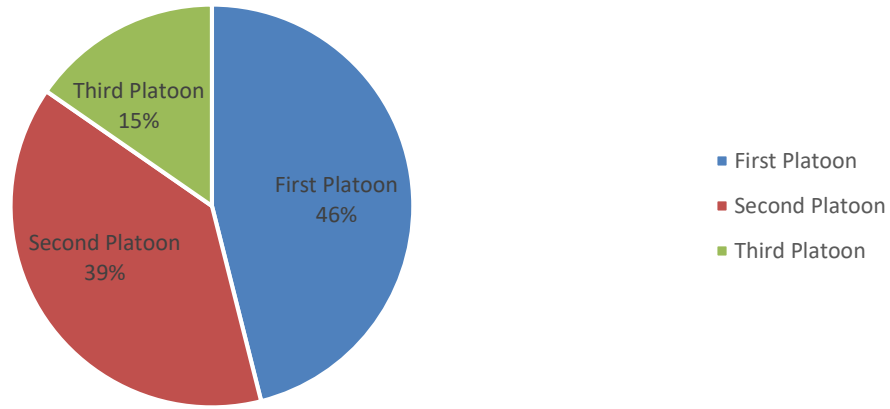
## 2022 Incident Reports by Platoon and District

	<u>First Platoon</u>	<u>Second Platoon</u>	<u>Third Platoon</u>	<u>Total</u>
District 1	429	395	135	<b>959</b>
District 2	234	211	79	<b>524</b>
District 3	465	368	155	<b>988</b>
District 4	226	243	90	<b>559</b>
District 5	595	494	173	<b>1262</b>
District 6	417	353	135	<b>905</b>
District 7	695	500	253	<b>1448</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3061</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>6445</b>

## 2022 Incidents by District



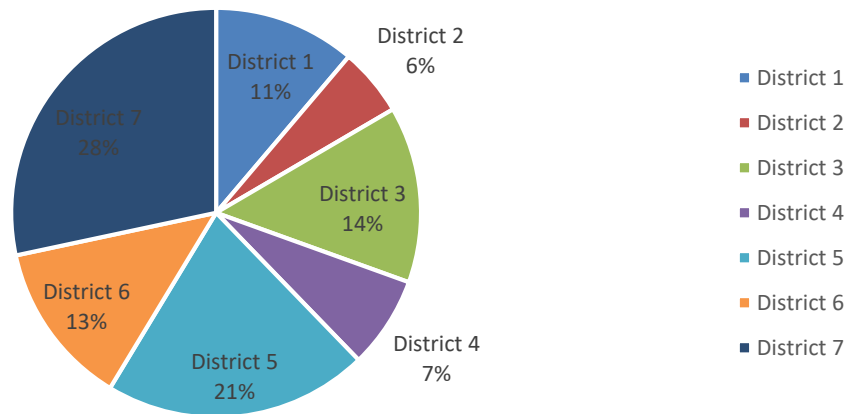
## 2022 Incidents by Platoon



## 2021 Arrest Reports by Platoon and District 2022 Arrest Reports by Platoon and District

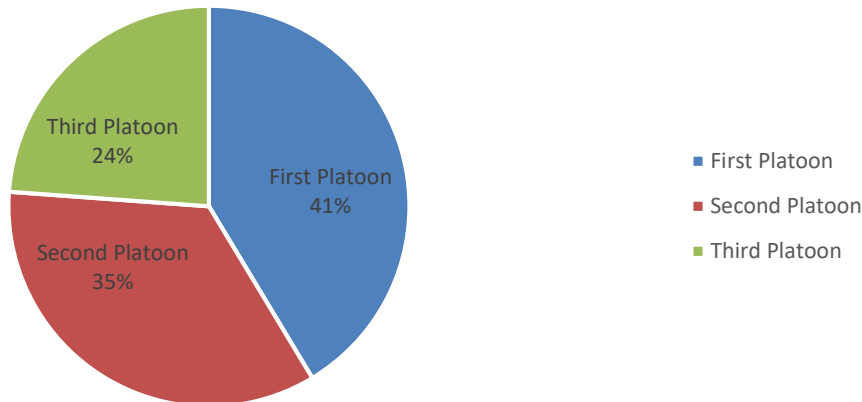
	<u>First Platoon</u>	<u>Second Platoon</u>	<u>Third Platoon</u>	<u>Total</u>
District 1	119	116	62	297
District 2	57	63	28	148
District 3	148	129	82	359
District 4	77	104	47	228
District 5	222	139	125	486
District 6	138	127	109	374
District 7	301	215	159	675
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>2567</b>

## 2022 Arrest Reports by District



The following data was retrieved from <https://riucr.nibrs.com>. Please note the differences in arrest numbers from above are attributable to arrests for instances that are not new crimes, such as bench warrants or other similar instances.

## 2022 Arrest Reports by Platoon



### UCR Offense Codes(FBI) - RI0040800 - PAWTUCKET

#### Total Offenses / Historical Data

Offense Code	Offense Description	20	20	20
		20	21	22
09A	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	4	5	3
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
09C	Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	12	4	3
11A	Rape	40	40	32
11B	Sodomy	1	7	4
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	0	1	0
11D	Fondling	20	37	48
120	Robbery	36	36	35
13A	Aggravated Assault	21	23	14
13B	Simple Assault	1	7	7
13C	Intimidation	61	60	65
200	Arson	4	0	7
210	Extortion/Blackmail	54	66	53
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	13	15	9
23A	Pocket-picking	5	6	6
23B	Purse-snatching	22	16	16
23C	Shoplifting	0	5	3
		1	1	1
		7	6	3
		12		
		6	79	80

23D		13	10	19
	Theft From Building	4	9	0
23E	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	1	1	0
23F		27	21	30
	Theft From Motor Vehicle	2	6	7
23G	Theft From Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	30	33	44
23H		4	9	8
	All Other Larceny	23	29	30
240		8	6	0
	Motor Vehicle Theft	22	21	23
250		0	5	7
	Counterfeiting/Forgery False	40	26	78
26A		18	13	11
	Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	4	1	6
26B				
	Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	85	42	93
26C		2	14	7
26D		0	1	0
26E		2	0	3
26F		77	56	66
26G		1	5	0
270		7	3	10
280		10	11	
	Stolen Property Offenses	3	7	71
290		59	46	43
	Destruction/Damage/Vandalis m of Property	7	2	9
35A		15	19	22
	Drug/Narcotic Violations	7	1	8
35B		0	1	1
36A		0	1	0
36B		4	0	1
370				
	Pornography/Obscene Material	11	12	20
39A		0	0	0
39B				
	Operating/Promoting/Assistin g Gambling	0	0	1
39C				
	Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0	0
39D		0	0	0
40A		1	1	0
40B				
	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0
40C		0	0	0
510		0	1	0
520		11	11	
	Weapons Law Violations	1	5	72



64A	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0
64B	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0
720	Animal Cruelty	1	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>
		<b>16</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>32</b>

The following data is for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 from <https://riucr.nibrs.com/>

Arrestee Race	Count
White	705
Black or African American	519
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian	9
Unknown	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,236</b>

Arrestee Sex	Count
Female	315
Male	921
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,236</b>

Arrestee Age	Count
11-15	70
16-20	168
21-25	168

26-30	189
31-35	196
36-40	154
41-45	100
46-50	63
51-55	52
56-60	43
61-65	21
66 and Over	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,236</b>

<b>Arrestee Armed With</b>	<b>Count</b>
Firearm	12
Handgun	12
Lethal Cutting Instrument	20
Unarmed	1,189
Club/Blackjack/Brass Knuckles	2
Other Firearm	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,236</b>