

Pawtucket
Police
Department

2024 Annual Report



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PAWTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Pawtucket Police Department is proud to present its 2024 Annual Report. We once again endeavored to identify and address quality of life matters for those in Pawtucket along with responding to and attempting to prevent emerging crime trends. We will continue to diligently work daily, around the clock, to be able to respond to the varying needs from the community while focusing on safeguarding the lives and property of all who live, work, and visit Pawtucket.

2024 Highlights

The police department, including the department's Community Policing Unit, places great importance on forming positive relationships with the community. In 2024 we continued our efforts to become more involved in our community, participating in over 150 events throughout Pawtucket. Some examples include officer attendance at the midnight basketball league in Payne Park and the summer basketball league at the Smithfield Ave courts, as well as participation in the Slater Park Trunk or Treat Event, the annual K-9 for Kids Holiday Party, and a BINGO luncheon at the Leon Mathieu Senior Center.

The Patrol Division, along with members assigned to Special Squad, worked collaboratively to identify and address narcotic related offenses in 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 six hundred seventeen (617) narcotics related incidents. Through their work, approximately \$700,000 worth of narcotics were seized in 2024.

In 2024, seven (7) 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, two (2) transfer officers joined the department from other law enforcement agencies. The department also uses a recruitment team of selected officers to help identify, attract, and select prospective candidates for employment. Nineteen (19) 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 throughout the police department.

After receiving approval to re-establish the Special Response Team (SRT) in 2022, the team began training and in January 2024 it was assessed by the Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association (RITOA). The SRT successfully passed the assessment, receiving certification as a Tier 2 team defined by RITOA and the National Tactical Officers Association. In 2024, the SRT was activated 5 times to assist Special Squad and/or the Detective Division in serving warrants, which resulted in the apprehension of numerous suspects and the seizure of narcotics and firearms. The SRT is a great asset to the police department, increasing the department's readiness and effectiveness.

Acknowledgements

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 in our daily interactions and for our community initiatives and last, but certainly not least, to the citizens of Pawtucket who continuously place their trust in the Pawtucket Police Department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tina Goncalves". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" being more prominent than the last name "Goncalves".

Tina Goncalves

Chief of Police



Administration Division

Allocation of Personnel

The Pawtucket Police Department's allocation for 2024 is 155 Police Officers and 60 Civilians as follows:

Sworn Personnel

Chief	1
Major	3
Detective Captain	1
Captain	3
Detective Lieutenant	0
Lieutenant	7
Detective Sergeant	2
Sergeant	26
Detective	14
Patrol Officer	95
Total	152

Police Promotions In 2024

Name	From Rank	Promoted To	Effective Date
John Donley	Sergeant	Lieutenant	02/04/2024
William Lopatka	Patrol Officer	Sergeant	02/04/2024
Dylan Salvatore	Patrol Officer	Detective	02/04/2024
Robert Pickett	Detective Captain	Major	05/26/2024
Kenneth Dolan	Captain	Detective Captain	05/26/2024
Dino Giorgio	Lieutenant	Captain	05/26/2024
Eric Bucka	Sergeant	Lieutenant	05/26/2024
Carrie Hormanski	Sergeant	Lieutenant	05/26/2024
Mario Comella	Patrol Officer	Sergeant	05/26/2024
Justin Jesse	Patrol Officer	Sergeant	07/21/2024
Gregory Martin	Detective	Sergeant	07/21/2024
Nathan Gallison	Sergeant	Detective Sergeant	10/13/2024
Anthony Richards	Patrol Officer	Sergeant	10/13/2024
Brian Hurley	Patrol Officer	Detective	10/13/2024
Jason Lafond	Detective	Sergeant	12/15/2024
Ethan Barrett	Detective	Sergeant	12/15/2024
Alexander Campbell	Patrol Officer	Detective	12/15/2024
Taylor Fay	Patrol Officer	Detective	12/15/2024
James Doyal	Patrol Officer	Detective	12/15/2024

Police Retirements/Terminations In 2024

Name	Effective Date
Ariel Vega	02/09/2024
Christopher Dupont	05/10/2024
Christopher Rivas	06/05/2024
Shawn Pitts	06/28/2024
Alias Imondi	07/13/2024
Christopher Lefort	09/07/2024
Peter Spetelunas	11/02/2024

Civilian Personnel

Police Accountant/Civilian Admin Supervisor	1
Administrative Assistant	0
MCU	1
Prosecution	1
BCI	2
Dispatch	9
VIN	2
Matron	0
Municipal Court	3
Admin/Records/Payroll	3
Computer Ops	4
Animal Control	6
NCIC	1
Crossing Guards	27
Total Civilians	60

Civilians Hired In 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Eily Brindak	01/08/2024
Gale Yallop	01/08/2024
Patrick McBurney	02/26/2024
Mark Labee	03/24/2024
Cory Arno	03/25/2024
Jason Pina	04/01/2024
Patrick Farley	04/29/2024
Melissa Fontes	06/10/2024
Kerri Vecoli	06/20/2024
Kerrin Bergeron	08/29/2024
Michael Cooper	09/23/2024
Kathryn Munslow	10/07/2024

Civilian Retirements in 2024

Donna Nesselbush	03/01/2024
Denise Dacosta	03/19/2024
Lisa Roach	03/19/2024
Karen Kinch	06/28/2024
Anike Fernandes	08/25/2024
Petrina Morris	11/04/2024
Stacy Pinto	11/25/2024



Detective Division

Overview

The Detective Division of the Pawtucket Police Department is comprised of thirteen detectives, two detective sergeants, one detective captain and one major.

The Detective Division 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 handles all Financial Crimes. Detective Sergeant Christopher LeFort supervised the West District Detectives along with Financial Crimes and assigned all reported criminal investigations and arrest follow-ups. Detective Sergeant Theodore Georgitsis supervised the East District Detectives and Youth Services Bureau and is in charge of the distribution and completion of felony packages assigned to detectives.

In September of 2024, Detective Sergeant Lefort retired and Detective Sergeant Georgitsis' responsibilities transitioned to assigning all reported criminal investigations and arrest follow ups while supervising East District Detectives, Financial Crimes, and felony packages assigned. Detective Sergeant Nathan Gallison was promoted to his current rank and he supervises the West District Detectives and the Youth Services Bureau.

In 2024, there were 2,213 cases forwarded to the Detective Division, of which 796 were felonies. The Financial Crimes Detective handled over 284 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 469 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.

The two detective sergeants assigned to the Major Crimes Unit 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.

The unit also has detectives credentialed as members of the Special United States Deputy Marshal Task Force, Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF), the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Unit of the Rhode Island State Police (RISP) as well as Homeland Security Investigations Task Force. In addition, there are three detectives 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:

- Homicide Investigation School
- The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation
- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training (ICAC)
- Child Abuse and Child Death Seminar
- Cellebrite Certified Operator / Physical Analyst Training
- Crisis Negotiation training
- Sexual Assault Investigation Training
- FAA-UAS training



Youth Services Bureau

Overview

The Youth Services Bureau (YSB) is a branch of the Detective 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 2024, the Pawtucket Police generated 273 Juvenile Arrest reports for the following offenses:

Aggravated Assault	7
All other larceny	7
All other offenses	38
Burglary/Break and Entering	9
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	20
Disorderly Conduct	38
Drug/Narcotic Violations	3
Extortion/Blackmail	1
Family Offenses/non violent	10
Forcible rape	1
Forcible sodomy	1
Intimidation	2
Loitering/Vagrancy/Curfew	9
Motor vehicle theft	19
Robbery	7
Shoplifting	7
Simple assault	71
Theft from a building	4
Theft from a motor vehicle	2
Traffic town by law offenses	4
Weapons law violations	10

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 YSB records and ensuring that case files are complete and prepared for presentation to the Family Court.

The Family Court 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 (SROs), and they 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.

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 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 currently of eight (8) Pawtucket citizens appointed by the Mayor of Pawtucket and confirmed by the Pawtucket City Council.

The YSB was able to divert 11 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, 2025:

1. Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2024, **2** juveniles were re-arrested
2. Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2023, **3** juveniles were re-arrested
3. Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2022, **10** juveniles were re-arrested

Cases Heard 2024 - 11

Number of Case Reviews – 0

Gender, Race, and Age of Offender 2024:

Gender	
Male	7
Female	4

Race	
White	0
Hispanic	8
Black	3
Asian	0

Age of Offender	
10 & Under	0
11	1
12	2
13	1
14	4
15	0
16	1
17	2

Criminal Offenses 2024:

Trespassing	0
Simple Assault	0
Shoplifting	0
Possession of Stolen Vehicle	0
Malicious Damage	3
Disorderly Conduct	1
Larceny/Poss. Stolen Goods	2
Alcohol & Drug Offenses	2
Throw objects at motor vehicle	0
B&E	0
All other Larceny	0
Conspiracy	0
Reckless Driving	0
Driving w/o license	0
Crank or Obscene Phone Calls	0
Threats/cyber harassment	2
Duty to Stop in Accident	0
Weapon other than Firearm	0
Curfew	0
False report of a crime	1
Sexting	0

Sanctions 2024:

Community Service	4
Curfew	0
Essay	5
Letter of Apology	7
Restitution	1
Refer to Counseling	0
Chores	0
Family Care Program	0
Report from School	0
Alcohol/Drug Testing	0
Verbal Warning	0
CSI Program	0
After School Program	0



Identification Bureau

Overview

The Identification Bureau is responsible for processing crime scenes for the Pawtucket Police Department. They are available at all times to assist the department. Aside from the tasks usually associated with crime scene investigators, the Identification Bureau has several administrative tasks including civilian background checks, sex offender registration compliance for Pawtucket offenders, and maintaining all of the evidence held by the Pawtucket Police Department.

Personnel Assigned to Identification Bureau During 2024:

Det. Sgt. Alexander Smith, assigned since June 2024
Det. Sgt. Eric Bucka, assigned from December 2022 to June 2024
Detective Mark Ramos, assigned since July 2019
Detective Joel Jarvis, assigned since September 2019
Detective Patrick Malloy, assigned since January 2020
ID Technician Bethany Quinlan, assigned since July 2006
Evidence Technician Jeffrey Davis, assigned since May 2017

Additionally, two officers are collaterally assigned to the Identification Bureau to cover on-call assignments.

All sworn police personnel assigned to the Identification Bureau have attended and graduated from 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.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Identification Bureau

The Identification Bureau is responsible for processing scenes at crimes including; homicide, felony assault, sexual assault, burglary, robbery, arson, breaking and entering, home invasion, and carjacking. They will also process the scenes of serious motor vehicle accidents, officer involved shootings, industrial accidents, death investigations, and recovered stolen property. Crime scenes are documented using digital photography and/or 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.

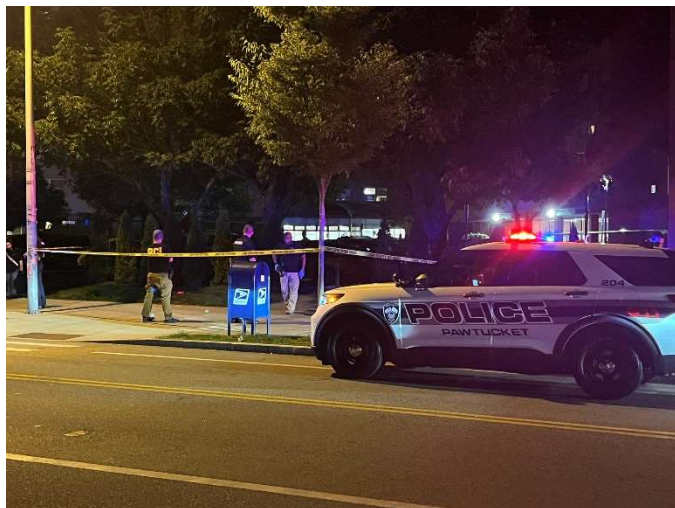
Crime Scene Schedule and Investigative Procedures:

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 at all times 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 responsible for maintaining an up-to-date adult arrest file system via fingerprint cards, including removing criminal fingerprint cards from the classification system upon expungement of arrest records. The arrest record is then permanently sealed or destroyed. 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 is also available to assist the city or department when its specialized equipment is needed.

Civilian Criminal Record Checks and National Background Checks:

The Identification Bureau provides National Background checks, which require fingerprints of civilians for employment. 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. 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 records 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. The Identification Bureau is responsible for investigating sexual offenders for compliance as well as completing warrants for those offenders in violation of Rhode Island General Laws. Also, the ID Bureau is responsible for monitoring the whereabouts of the offenders. This is achieved by conducting regular unscheduled visits to their homes to verify that they reside where they claim.

Identification Technician and Duties:

There is one full-time Identification Technician assigned to the Identification Bureau. The ID Technician's duties include:

- Taking fingerprints for civilian backgrounds and police applicants
- Filing classified fingerprint cards
- Entering modus cards into IMC
- Conducting criminal background checks on local, state, NCIC, and III level
- Submitting charge adjustments to the Attorney General's Office
- Making appointments for fingerprinting and maintaining the appointment book
- Maintaining sex offender files and entering all information into the NCIC database
- Registering sex offenders on a quarterly or yearly basis depending on the law

Background Checks for 2024

EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	597
CHARITABLE GAMING	82
LICENSES	406
HOUSING	263
FIREARMS	853
PISTOL PERMITS	46
CHECKS FOR THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET	243
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR 2024	2,490
AVERAGE PER MONTH	207.5

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 2024

GENERAL	21
SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS	5
MASSAGE THERAPY	2
ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE	15
CHILDCARE	16
HEALTHCARE	25
MARIJUANA LICENSING	2
PROBATE GUARDIANS	8
TOTAL FOR YEAR 2024	94
AVERAGE PER MONTH	8
AVERAGE PER WEEK	2

Investigated Crimes 2024

During the year of 2024, the Identification Bureau investigated 400 crimes.

*Note: The above figure does not include all of 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:

During the year of 2024, Identification Bureau detectives received confirmed matches to seventeen (17) suspects and/or evidence.

Rhode Island Department of Health DNA Matches on Suspects:

During the year of 2024, Identification Bureau detectives received confirmed DNA matches on twenty-one (21) suspects.

Sexual Offender Statistics 2024

The total number of sexual offenders that reside within the City of Pawtucket in the year 2024 is two hundred thirty-five (235). Of the two hundred thirty-five (235), forty-nine (49) are Risk Level I, eighty-seven (87) are Risk Level II, fifty-two (52) are Risk Level III, fifteen (15) have a level that is currently pending with the RIDOC, and the remaining thirty-two (32) were convicted prior to the institution of Meghan's Law and are therefore unleveled.

During the year 2024, thirty-seven (37) sex offenders were charged with Failure to Register-Sex Offender Registration Required.



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, sex trafficking, illegal gambling, illegal sales of tobacco products, illegal weapons sales, as well as other special investigations requested through the Major Crimes Unit, the Office of Professional Standards, and/or the Chief of Police.

Personnel

The Special Squad currently consists of one (1) detective lieutenant, one (1) detective sergeant, and seven (7) detectives. There were several personnel changes in 2024. One Officer from the Patrol Division was assigned to the Special Squad to fill a vacant position. In total, there are currently nine (9) Pawtucket Police officers assigned to the Special Squad.

Several of the detectives in the Special Squad are assigned as task force officers working with state and federal partners. One detective is assigned full-time to the Rhode Island Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force (DEA). We also have detectives assigned part-time to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigations Safe Streets Task Force (FBI), United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) and Rhode Island Attorney Generals 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 as well as 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 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 served one hundred eleven (111) court ordered search warrants in 2024 and assisted other law enforcement agencies in thirty-eight (38) search warrants in 2024. 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, forty-two (42) firearms were seized.

Drug Related Incidents and Investigations

The Pawtucket Police Special Squad received over seventy-six (76) tips, concerns, or complaints regarding narcotic activity. The information came from the patrol division, city residents, city council, Mayor's Office, City of Pawtucket and Pawtucket Police webpages, or the narcotics telephone hotline.

The Pawtucket Police Special Squad investigated over six hundred seventeen (617) 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

A large quantity of narcotics were seized and taken off the streets through the combined efforts of the entire Pawtucket Police Department. The drugs seized included crack cocaine, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, opium, amphetamines/methamphetamines, and fentanyl, along with various pills, liquids, unknown drug types, and other illicit narcotics. A majority of the marijuana cases were under 2.5 ounces and a citation was issued. As in previous years, we have seen continued fentanyl seizures. Many of these fentanyl seizures were counterfeit pressed pills. Members of Special Squad have seen an increased number of cocaine seizures from the year 2023.

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 2024, the Pawtucket Police collected two hundred fifty-five pounds (255 lbs.) of unwanted prescription drugs, which were turned over to the DEA for destruction.

Drug Overdoses / Death Investigations

There were ninety (90) reported drug overdoses in 2024 within the City of Pawtucket. A majority of those overdoses involved fentanyl or some type of counterfeit pill that contained fentanyl or methamphetamine. There were eighteen (18) death investigations involving narcotics or possible narcotic use. A majority of those are believed to involve 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 2024, all officers were retrained in the proper use of Narcan during CPR training, and will be retrained in 2026.

In 2024, the Pawtucket Police secured an additional two hundred eight-eight (288) doses of Narcan from the RIDOH CARA Grant Program. This Narcan was distributed to police officers, individuals, businesses, and the Safe Stations located at all Pawtucket fire stations. We also installed six (6) NaloxBoxes provided by the RIDOH CARA Grant Program in areas of the city where there is a high propensity of drug use.

Non Drug Related Assignments

We conducted several investigations involving the illegal sales of tobacco and THC products from convenience stores.



K9 Unit

Overview

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, providing comfort to victims of crimes, and making connections with the community. In addition to enhancing the effectiveness of the department's patrol, investigative divisions and the Special Response Team, members of the K9 Unit also participate in community events and collaborate with the Community Policing Unit.

Throughout 2024, the K9 Unit maintained their certifications as well as attended in-service trainings. Additionally, K9 Unit members attended the following specialty trainings/courses: E-Collar Without Conflict, K9 Critical Issues Seminar, American Society of Canine Trainers Basic Handler School, Northeast Houndsman Tracking Seminar, Dream Ride Police K9 Expo, and Perimeter & Containment for K9 Teams.

In December 2024, the Pawtucket Police held the 6th annual K9's for Kids Holiday Party. The event was held at the Loeff Carousal in Slater Park. The event allows Pawtucket families to enjoy the carousel, meet Santa Claus, and interact with all five K9s and their handlers. Those who attended were given a Pawtucket Police K9 ornament which were also given out at other City events during the holiday season.



Dual-Purpose Patrol/Narcotic Detection

Both Patrol/Narcotic Detection K9 teams are certified by the APCA. Combined, they conducted over 467 hours of in-service training and over 207 hours of off-duty sustainment/maintenance training. K9 Argo and K9 Magno continue to train with the department's Special Response Team. The following graph displays the on-duty deployments of the Dual-Purpose K9s:



Deployments	Argo & Ofc. Malo	Magno & Ofc. Leach
Narcotic Vehicle Sniff/Searches	16	18
Narcotic Building/House/Apt Searches	14	13
Narcotic Parcel Searches	2	18
Area Search for Narcotics	13	1
Tracks	2	2
Building Searches	1	0
Use of Force/Crowd Control	2	0
Article/Evidence Searches	10	0
Area Search for Suspects	2	0
Total Deployments	62	52

In addition to their duties conducted in the City of Pawtucket, K9 Argo and K9 Magno assisted numerous outside law enforcement agencies such as the: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), East Providence Police, Central Falls Police and United States Postal Inspection Service.

Dual Purpose Patrol and Explosive/Firearm Detection

Officer Day and K9 Bane are certified by the APCA. The K9 team completed 349 hours of in-service/maintenance training. The following graph displays the on-duty deployments of the Dual-Purpose Patrol and Firearm/Explosives K9 team:

Deployments	K9 Bane & Officer Day
Bomb Threats	5
Explosive/Firearms Building/House/Apt	6
Explosive/Firearms Area Searches	6
Protective Explosives Sweeps	1
Tracking	2
Total Deployments	20



In addition to duties conducted in the City of Pawtucket, K9 Bane assisted outside law enforcement agencies including the East Providence Police Department, and North Kingstown Police Department with bomb threats at facilities in their jurisdictions.

Tracking K9

K9 Neko and Sergeant Figura are certified as a K9 Tracking Team by the APCA and are also certified by the Northeast Houndsmen Organization, where certification included simulated search and rescue efforts including drones and water rescue. The K9 Tracking Team has conducted over 300 hours of in-service/maintenance training. The following graph displays the on-duty deployments of the Tracking K9:



Deployments	K9 Neko & Sgt Figura
Criminal Suspect Tracks	1
Missing Elderly Individuals	2
Missing and/or Endangered Juveniles	7
Emotionally Disturbed Individuals	1
Community Events	21
Total Deployments	32

Therapy K9

K9 Watson and Sergeant Trevor Lefebvre are certified as a K9 Therapy Team by Pet Partners. The K9 Therapy Team conducted over 200 hours of maintenance training. The K9 Therapy Team has assisted in interviews/interactions with special victims (i.e., victims of child abuse, sexual assault, child molestation and death investigations). In addition, the team also participated in a variety of community events and had countless interactions with students at local schools.

In 2024, K9 Watson worked with the following organizations: Special Olympics RI, Pawtucket YMCA, Pawtucket Boys and Girls Club, Pawtucket School Department, Leon Mathieu Senior Center, St. Cecilia's School, Central Falls Police Department, and Camp Ker-Anna.



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

Deployments	K9 Watson & Sgt. Lefebvre
Community Events	52
Interviews/Special Victims	4
Total Deployments	56

Outlook

In 2024, the K9 team will continue to train and maintain all required certifications, while also engaging with the community. K9 Argo and K9 Magno will continue to train with the department's Special Response Team. In 2025, the Special Response Team hopes to begin training with K9 Bane.



Special Response Team

Overview

In 2022, with the approval of the Mayor and Chief of Police, the Pawtucket Police re-established the Special Response Team (SRT). In 2023, the SRT began training to meet the requirements of the Rhode Island Tactical Officer Association.

In January 2024, the SRT was assessed by the Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association (RITOA). The assessment included a review of RITOA standards as well as an on-site evaluation of the team. The SRT successfully passed the assessment, and received certification as a Tier 2 team defined by RITOA and the National Tactical Officers Association.

In 2024, the SRT was activated 5 times to assist the Special Squad and/or the Detective Division in serving warrants, which resulted in the apprehension of numerous suspects and the seizure of narcotics and firearms.



Personnel

The SRT is formed of twenty-eight officers. The SRT trains with the nine officers assigned to the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) and the ten officers assigned to the Drone Team. The three teams work in collaboration to respond to a wide range of calls for service.

Training

Each month the SRT train for 16 hours. The team also holds an annual 40 hours training block attended by all SRT officers. The trainings focus on topics that focus on increasing officers' knowledge and ability to solve tactical problems.

Future Plans

The SRT will continue to send officers to specialized trainings to keep current with changing tactics and problem solving methods. The team will continue to evaluate the need for new equipment and how the tools can help the department and community.



Prosecution Division

Overview

The Pawtucket Police Prosecution Unit operates within the framework of the Detective Division and is comprised of one sergeant, three police inspectors, one civilian clerk and one civilian Law Enforcement Advocate.

The mission of the Prosecution Unit is to ensure that every felony, misdemeanor and applicable 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 District 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. Each 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. An error can result in a defendant wrongly incarcerated, an incorrect charge filed, or a potentially dangerous subject 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 is then assigned for pre-trial. If it is a felony complaint, it will be referred to Superior Court. The prosecution officer is responsible for requesting or negotiating bail and special conditions of release at arraignment. The prosecution officer is then responsible for data entry regarding each case via internal computer systems, which enable the police department to track cases.

Additionally, the Prosecution Unit presents 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 the Pawtucket City Solicitor's Office. 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 them 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 the prosecution sergeant; however, officers assigned to the Prosecution Unit 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 biweekly 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 the prosecution sergeant.

As part of the Pawtucket Police Body Worn Camera (BWC) program, the Prosecution Unit regularly provides footage from arrest encounters to the City Solicitor's Office, Office of Attorney General, and defense counsel.

The prosecution clerk 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. The clerk maintains and updates the arrest warrant records and tracks statute of limitation procedures governed by RIGL § 12-12-7, and is responsible for the timely management of all expungement orders. The clerk 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.

In 2024, in excess of 564 felony arrests and 1,407 misdemeanor arrests, and three (3) civil violations were processed through the prosecution office. Over 750 arrest warrants were presented and entered into national or state computer systems, and 146 arrests on foreign or court warrants were made in 2024. Over 260 subpoenas were prepared and service attempted, and more than 400 felony packages were prepared and presented to the Office of Attorney General.

In November 2024, the Office of the Attorney General mandated the use of the Axon software platform for every police department in the state of Rhode Island to present felony packages for screening. Since this change was made, the prosecution office electronically submitted 31 cases for screening through Axon in 2024. In December 2024, the prosecution sergeant began cross-training all employees in the Prosecution Unit on the use of the Axon software for submitting cases to the Attorney General's Office.



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 Jack T. Gannon
Associate Judge Patrick McBurney
Sergeant Matthew Braga
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 Kerri Vecoli

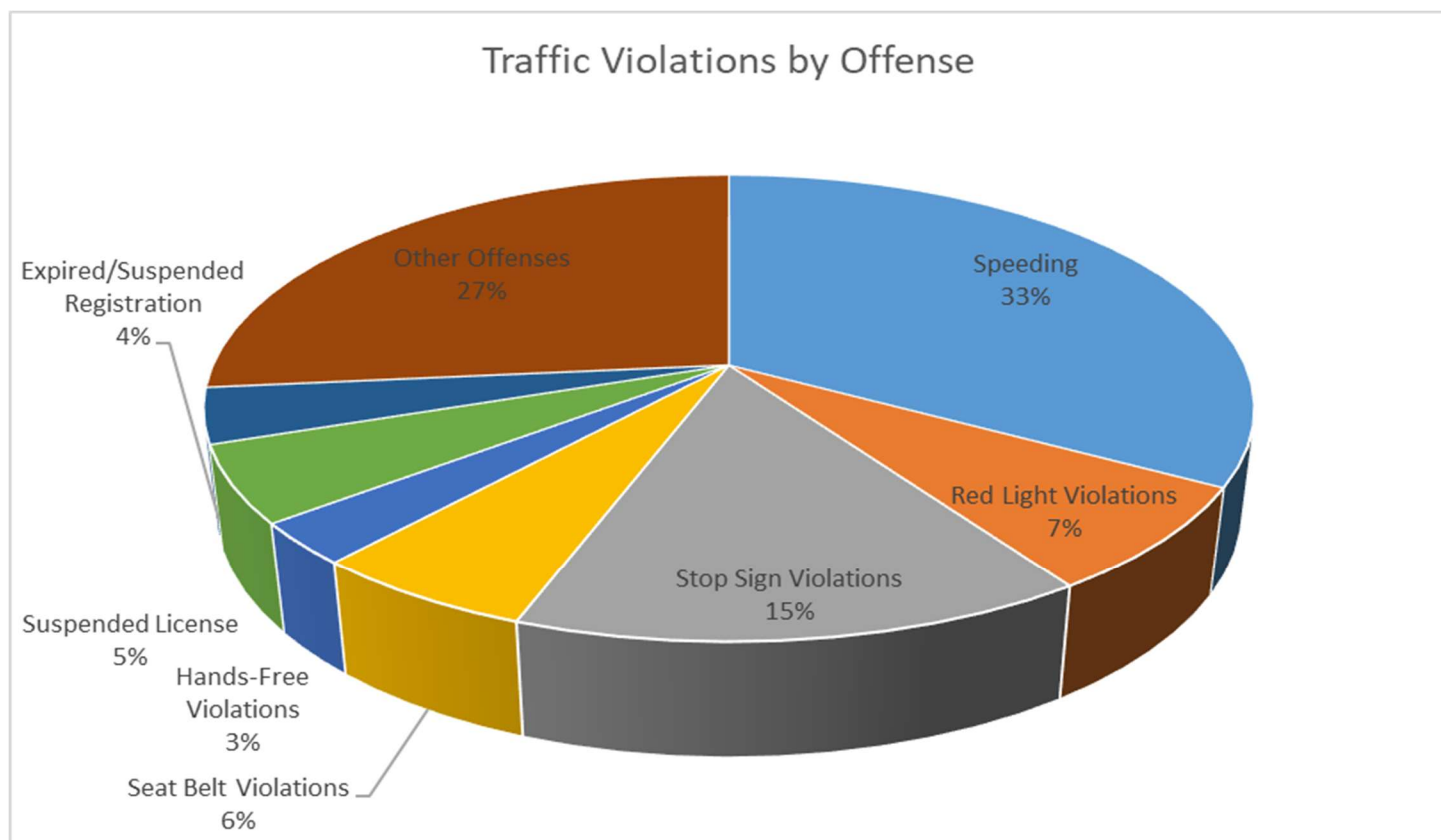
Traffic Division Duties and Statistics

The Traffic Division is responsible for investigating hit-and-run accidents, completing traffic surveys, and monitoring traffic problem areas within the City of Pawtucket. 2,919 traffic accidents were reported to the Pawtucket Police Department in 2024 and, 674 or 23% 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. The Traffic Division also deployed several new electronic radar speed signs to address speed related traffic complaints.

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 7602 traffic violations in 2024; 2,526 or 33% were

speeding violations, 559 or 7% were red light violations, 1135 or 15% were stop sign violations, 448 or 6% were seat belt violations, 221 or 3% were hands-free violations, 390 or 5% were for suspended license violations, 305 or 4% were for expired/suspended registration violations and 2,018 or 27% were for various other moving violations.



In 2024, the Pawtucket Police Department arrested 48 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Pawtucket Police Department has thirteen officers certified in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement and one officer certified as a Drug Recognition Expert. 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 was one parking ban emergency declared in the year 2024. During this snow emergency, multiple parking violations were issued, and 69 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 23 automated school-zone speed-enforcement cameras and 21 automated red light cameras located at several major intersections throughout the city.

In the year 2024, there were 84,790 automated school-zone citations issued and 30,349 automated red light camera citations issued.

As noted above, the Traffic Division has many responsibilities, including arraignments and trials of defendants in Pawtucket Municipal Court, which operates three days a week, on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.



Motorcycle Unit

Overview

The Pawtucket Police Motorcycle Unit (Motor Unit) consists of ten officers from various divisions and bureaus throughout the Pawtucket Police Department. Once officers are selected to join the Motor Unit, they must attend an 80-hour police motorcycle operator course, which is sponsored by the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. The course 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. The Pawtucket Police Department is proud to have one of the finest fleets of motorcycles in Rhode Island. The current motorcycle fleet consists of two 2023 Harley Davidson Electra Glides, two 2021 Harley Davidson Electra Glides and one 2016 Harley Davidson Electra Glide.

The Motor Unit is utilized to assist the Patrol Division throughout the year. Assignments have included routine patrol, traffic enforcement and patrol supervision. Assistance was also provided for the 4th of July Fireworks by responding to emergencies throughout the congested pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The Pawtucket Police Motor Unit is most often utilized to provide an honorary escort for funeral processions. The greatest honor for the Motor Unit is to provide fellow officers with an escort after they have, unfortunately, paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. In 2024, the Motor Unit had the honor of participating in the escort of the funeral procession for Rhode Island Department of Corrections Officer Carlo Vaccaro, who died in the line of duty. The unit also participated in the funeral escort for active duty Richmond Police Department Sergeant Richard Lawing.

The Motor Unit deployed motors 146 times over the course of 67 events throughout the year. Prominent funeral escorts included those for Retired Pawtucket Police Chief John Tomlinson, Superior Court Magistrate William P. Rampone, retired Jamestown Police Chief James Pemental, and Cedric Huntley, the former director of the Nonviolence Institute. In addition to funeral escorts, the unit completed escorts for unique processions.

The unit participated in several escorts of rides honoring veterans. The most notable being the escort of the remains of Civil War Veteran Byron R. Johnson to his final resting place in Oak Grove Cemetery. Others included: "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. Other escorts were performed to honor Cpl. Holly Charette USMC and the annual Ride for Freedom, to honor all veterans.

In addition, the unit also participated in the annual Pawtucket Saint Patrick's Day Parade, the Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the annual Aquidneck Island Police Parade. Numerous additional escorts were provided, such as participation in Wreaths Across America delivering Christmas wreaths in honor of veterans, delivering of turkey baskets throughout Rhode Island and participation at the annual Pawtucket K9 for Kids toy drive event.

“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 throughout Rhode Island escorted him to Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Since then, the Pawtucket Police Motor Unit has proudly participated in dozens of Enzo’s Escorts for children celebrating their last treatments, from all over Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. In addition to the dozens of Enzo’s Escorts, in 2024 the Motor Unit was excited to participate in two Cops 4 Kids with Cancer events, which were for children who live in the City of Pawtucket.

The motor unit was also involved in several escorts in support of the Rhode Island Special Olympics. Motor units escorted the police officers and firefighters participating in the annual torch run. They also completed separate escorts of athletes, equipment, and supporters. Additionally, the Motorcycle Unit coordinated and participated in the escorts of several charity rides, raising money, toys, and other goods for various causes.



Community Policing Unit

Overview

The Pawtucket Police Department's Community Policing Unit (CPU) is a dedicated liaison between the police department and the community. Members of the CPU 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, in 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 by encouraging a willingness to work together cooperatively and improving neighborhood stability and race relations. Another objective is to educate and assist community business leaders in crime prevention by implementing an action plan to meet community needs.

The CPU 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 CPU, 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 CPU 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 CPU has developed specialized programs to enhance school safety and develop closer relationships between the police and the community, as well as continue to better quality of life throughout the city.

There were fourteen officers that were assigned to the Community Police Unit (CPU). These officers are:

Lieutenant David Dolan
Sergeant Emmanuel Mejia
Officer Darren Rose
Officer Uwe Sommer
Officer Julianne Imondi
Officer Gregory Malo (K9)

Officer Zachary Day (K9)
Officer James Leach (K9)
Officer Justin Jesse (Elderly Affairs)
Officer Ronald Jones (SRO)
Officer Micaela Lee (SRO)
Officer Rafael Perez (SRO)
Officer William Briggs (SRO)
Officer Ty Karalis (SRO)

The CPU 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 provide 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.



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 helps with many different problems including self-neglect, dementia, Alzheimer's, and elder abuse. In 2024, we assisted with over fifty-nine (59) elderly affairs cases. Twenty-three (23) of these cases have been closed after the citizens were connected with various services and no longer require assistance through the police department. There were thirty-six (36) open elderly affairs cases at the close of 2024. These citizens are in various stages of the program. All but one has been connected to various service providers to assist with their needs and our unit will continue periodic checks until all of their needs are met.

Crossing Guards

The school 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 assigned to 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 CPU 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 2024, there were twenty eight (28) assigned crossing guard posts throughout the city.

Police Explorers Program

The Pawtucket Police Explorers Program is for people ages 14-20 that have completed 8th 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 recruited at area schools and has students 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 with trunk-or-treat, helping assemble turkey baskets, helping with the 6th Annual K9s for Kids Holiday Party and participating in Wreaths Across America. In addition, some were able to participate in a weeklong Police Explorers Training Academy in June.



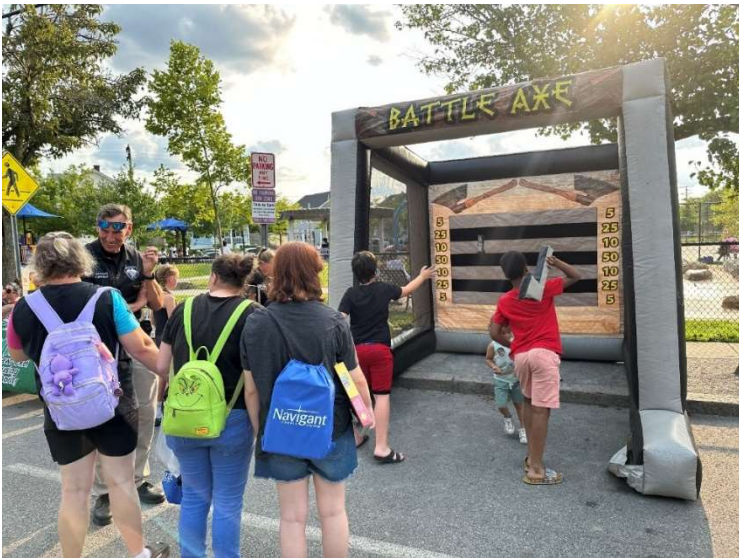
Community Events

The Community Policing Unit is involved with city events throughout the year. In 2024, the CPU participated in over 150 events throughout the community. Some of these events included food drives, fundraisers, 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 the Public Safety Special Needs Coalition, Blackstone Advocacy Center, Pawtucket Central Falls Health Equity Zone, Local Initiative Support Corporation, Non-Violence Institute, Gateway Healthcare, Pawtucket Boys and Girls Club, Collette Travel, Pawtucket Senior Center, Pawtucket School Department, Pawtucket Housing Authority and Pawtucket City Hall. The CPU assisted the members of the Boys and Girls Club with distributing 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 Community Policing Unit made several trips to local elementary schools and day care centers to read books to the children. We were accompanied many times by Pawtucket Police K-9 Watson and Sergeant Trevor Lefebvre. CPU members assisted 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 and outdoor BBQ's. National Night Out included several local businesses and organizations speaking out against violence and narcotics. This event had 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 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.

Members of CPU also took part in the Slater Park Trunk or Treat and the Sensory Friendly Trunk or Treat in Lincoln. We help facilitate several Cops for Kids with Cancer ceremonies, where families were recognized and given a check to help with their expenses. We also participated in several Special Olympic events over the course of the year.

We helped with many events at the senior center. We handed out Valentine's Day Cards, at the senior center and other elderly housing. We ran a BINGO luncheon at the senior center. We also participated in their Senior Prom. The Senior Prom was put on by one of the local high schools, where they mirrored their senior prom at the senior center. There was a photo booth, live entertainment and food.

This year we helped with the Pawtucket Backpackers Organization. They are a group that distributes food to needy families in the city, through the schools. Over 75 tons of food has been distributed through this program this year. Every week food items are distributed to the schools to give to families in need. They have also provided food "go bags" for the homeless. We have also distributed clothing and blankets to the homeless, during the winter months.

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.

There has been an increased effort in dealing with the homeless problem in Pawtucket. There have been rising concerns about homeless encampments throughout the city. Members of CPU have responded to these areas to assist the homeless. In many instances, they were referred to services which allowed them to find alternate living conditions. We have also participated in assisting soup kitchens to help feed the homeless. We also partnered with the Elisha Project, which donated over 40 buckets (containing clothing and hygiene products) that were distributed to the homeless population.

This was our first year with a full time mobile clinician assigned to the department. They provided services such as: conduct psychiatric assessments, emergency certifications, and follow up services. They will be primarily assigned to second shift hours and will be available to assist patrol with mental health calls for service. They have also changed their schedule to provide their services during the day shift hours once a week. We are also in the beginning stages of talking with Gateway to provide additional resources, and possible another clinician.





Planning and Training

OVERVIEW

The policy of the Pawtucket Police Department is to develop plans actively 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 adequately trained and equipped to meet its organizational mission.

1. Provide legislative updates affecting laws enacted and repealed.
2. Provide training bulletins concerning improved procedures.
3. Provide information concerning the necessity for adopting or modifying policies.
4. Provide information concerning training requirements and opportunities.
5. Maintains the Manual of Procedures, including researching and writing new policies, reviewing and modifying existing policies, and issuing updates.
6. Provide introductory training for all newly assigned police officers and administer the Field Training Evaluation Program to newly assigned officers.
7. Recruit law enforcement candidates throughout the year and serves as the department's liaison to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy.

PERSONNEL

Captain: Timothy Graham

Sergeant: Peter Spetelunas (retired in October 2024)

Sergeant: Craig Allison

Inspector: Percy Smith

In addition, those officers within the department who received specialized training in specific subject areas and are assigned to Planning and Training periodically to conduct departmental training.

DUTIES

I. Firearms Instructors

Department Firearms instructors are selected from throughout the department and receive formal training in firearms instruction. Firearms instructors are assigned to Planning & Training during the scheduled firearms training periods. Currently, the department has 25 officers assigned as firearms instructors.

II. Taser Instructors

Department TASER Instructors received formal training from a Certified TASER Instructor Course. TASER Instructors are assigned to the Planning & Training Division during the scheduled training periods. Re-certification is conducted on a yearly basis.

III. Background Investigators

A department background investigator assigned to the Planning & Training Division conducts pre-employment background investigations. Completed background investigations are submitted to the office of the Chief of Police before a final review by the command staff.

The Planning and Training Division conducted fifteen (15) police background investigations on potential candidates in 2024. Five (5) candidates were selected to enter the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy 2024 -I Session and successfully graduated from the academy on May 23, 2024, and two (2) candidates were selected to enter the 2024-II Session and successfully graduated from the academy on December 20, 2024. After completing the background investigation, two (2) officers were hired as lateral transfers.

In 2023 the Planning and training Division started the process of conducting firefighter background investigations. (7) Firefighter background investigations were conducted on prospective firefighter candidates in 2024.

IV. In-Service Recruit Training

All newly assigned officers receive a comprehensive training series, which introduces new officers to the department's Manual of Procedures through lectures, videos, and discussions. New officers receive an overview of defensive tactics, including verbal skills, and a review of all tactics learned while attending the 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 recruiting candidates for the position of police officer. There were two hiring processes conducted in 2024 with 89 total applicants.

In 2024, the Pawtucket Police Department accepted lateral transfers of P.O.S.T. certified police officers.

In 2024, the Planning & Training Division continued to refine and improve the newly formed recruitment team of twelve (12) members to help identify, attract, and select prospective candidates for employment with the Pawtucket Police Department. They attended numerous physical assessments and college fairs to assist and mentor those identified prospects with the hiring process.

VI. Recruitment

The Planning & Training Division processes candidates selected to attend the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. This includes purchasing uniforms, required books, and supplies 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. It is responsible for coordinating all required equipment by department-sponsored candidates. The division meets with candidates and academy staff during academy attendance to monitor progress and ensure a smooth transition to the department.

Through the Planning & Training Division, an officer from the department was appointed to the Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy (RIMPTA) as a Class Training Officer (CTO) to assist with the daily affairs of academy recruits during the 144th and 145th sessions of the RIMPTA.

During 2024, seven (7) recruits completed their required RIMPTA and were appointed as officers. In addition, two (2) officers were sworn in as P.O.S.T Certified transfer officers.

VII. Police Officer Retraining

The Planning and Training Division works in conjunction with the Office of Professional Standards, under the Supervision of Lieutenant David Connors during the year 2024, by retraining officers in policies, procedures, officer safety issues, and any other duties related to the Patrol Division.

VIII. Field Training & Evaluation Program (FTO)

All newly assigned officers receive a formal Field Training & Evaluation Program. The Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of Planning & Training assumes the responsibility of the program coordinator. The program coordinator selects Field Training Officers 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 two weeks of introductory training through the Planning & Training Division. Officers are then assigned to a primary FTO for four weeks, a secondary FTO for two weeks, and a third FTO for two weeks. Officers are then reassigned to the primary FTO for the final phase, in which they work independently and are shadowed by the primary FTO.

The officers are then assigned to one of the three patrol platoons. The Officer-in-Charge schedules them to patrol assignments and the communications center to ensure they are exposed to all areas of responsibility. Officers receive formal department evaluations during the probationary period and become permanently assigned employees after one (1) year of a successful probationary period. Currently there are twenty-six (26) officer's certified as Field Training Officers.

IX. Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The Planning and Training Division oversees the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). In 2023, the EAP formed a new partnership with a mental health coordinator. All peer support members were required to attend a three-day training on individual and group critical incident stress management. Currently there are twelve (12) members assigned as peer support counselors.

X. Combative and Tactical Training:

The Planning and Training Division is responsible for the annual Combative and Tactical Training, which includes using less lethal tools, verbal de-escalation techniques, and defensive tactics training (L.O.C.K.U.P.). There are fifteen (15) departmental officers that are certified in L.O.C.K.U.P. and assist with annual trainings.

XI. Department Armorer-Equipment

The Planning & Training Division acts as the Office in Charge of the department armory. This includes maintaining all department-issued weapons and specialty weapons, equipment, and 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 periodically.

Thirty-two (32) Pawtucket Police officers were issued new body armor in 2024.

XII. Supervisor Training

The Planning and Training Division trains newly appointed Sergeants with a 40-hour introductory training on their duties and responsibilities. In 2024, eight (8) sergeants were provided this training.

XIII. Firearms Training Simulator

Each December, the Planning & Training Division does a refresher training on the Use of Force Policy for members of the Police Department through discussion and interactive videos. The following topics are reviewed: Domestic Violence, Emotionally Disturbed Persons, Active Shooters, Motor Vehicle Stops, TASER function and use.

XIV. 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 2024, the Pawtucket Police Department required all new applicants to obtain a physical agility certificate from an independent agency, Fit2Serve, before 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. Currently the department has eight (8) officers trained as assessors.

XV. 2024 Schools, Seminars and Courses

Members of the Pawtucket Police Department have attended the following educational trainings in 2024.

1. ICS 300	Date: January 30 – 31, 2024
2. ICS 400	Date: February 01-02, 2024
3. Policing in an Evolving World	Date: February 9, 2024
4. Gang Recognition for Law Enforcement Seminar	Date: February 15, 2024
5. Building Search and Robbery Response	Date: March 4, 2024
6. Interview/Interrogation Techniques	Date: March 18, 2024
7. Violation Training	Date: March 19, 2024
8. EBT Fraud/ Skimming Stolen Benefits & Trafficking	Date: March 20, 2024
9. De-Escalation Principles and Practices	Date: March 20 – 21, 2024
10. Honor Guard Training	Date: March 25-29, 2024
11. LE Pistol Instructor	Date: April 1 -5, 2024
12. Vulnerable Populations: Working with Autistic Persons	Date: April 5, 2024
13. Gang Recognition for Law Enforcement Seminar	Date: April 11, 2024
14. First Line Supervisor Course	Date: April 17-18, 2024
15. RI School Summit	Date: April 22, 2024
16. Use of Force Investigations and Analysis for Police Leaders	Date: April 29-30, 2024
17. First Line Supervisor Course	Date: May 6-9, 2024

18. Field Training Officer Certification	Date: May 17, 2024
19. Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs Seminar	Date: May 1, 2024
20. Basic Motorcycle Course	Date: May 20-31, 2024
21. L.O.C.K.U.P. Arrest and Control	Date: June 10-14, 2024
22. Basic Rifle School	Date: July 16-18, 2024
23. Recruitment and Retention Conference	Date: August 14-15, 2024
24. Moot Court- Police Testimony Class	Date: August 23, 2024
25. L.E.A.D.S. Instructor Course	Date: Sept. 3-5, 2024
26. ARIDE	Date: Sept. 3-5, 2024
27. BCI School	Date: Sept. 2024
28. IA School	Date: Sept. 9-13, 2024
29. First Line Supervisor Course	Date: Sept. 16-20, 2024
30. Domestic Violent / Sovereign Extremism Seminar	Date: Sept 24, 2024
31. Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Training	Date: Oct. 11, 2024
32. Working with Veterans in the Community Training	Date: Nov. 13, 2024
33. Field Training Certification School	Date: Dec. 3-6, 2024

XVI. Department Training

1. Monthly Training Bulletins: Search & Seizure, Disciplinary Bulletin, Arrest Bulletin and Investigative Stops
 - a. Sponsored by Quinlan Publishing
 - b. Date: January - December 2024
 - c. Department Email: All Pawtucket Police Sworn Personnel
2. Breathalyzer Recertification
 - a. Sponsored by Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division and the R.I. Department of Health
 - b. Date: February 5-6, 2024
 - c. Attended by: All currently certified breathalyzer operators
3. TASER Re-Certification
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: April 22-25, 2024
 - c. Attended: All TASER-certified officers
4. LEADS
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: May 13-17, 2024
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
5. Department Firearms Qualification

- a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: March 11-22, 2024
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 6. Bias-Free Policing
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: February 2024
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 7. LOCKUP
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: September 9-13, 2024
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 8. Department Firearms Qualification
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: October 14-25, 2024
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 9. Training: Firearms Training Simulator
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: November 4-18, 2024
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Patrol Officers



Office of Professional Standards

Overview

In 2024, 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 was Detective Sergeant Mario Comella and Detective Sergeant Paul Trout.

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.
8. Reviews Officer's Body Worn Camera (BWC) videos in relation to complaints/administrative reviews.

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.

Investigations in 2024:

One of the primary responsibilities of the 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 62 documented investigations in 2024. Investigations are placed into three categories:

1. Internally Generated Investigations (35)

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 (18)

Citizen complaints are part of this category.

3. Field Inspection Investigations (9)

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 accident, 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*: 2024

1. External Investigations

- a. Abusive Language-0
- b. Conduct Unbecoming-4.
 - i. Sustained-2
 - ii. Not Sustained-1
 - iii. Exonerated-1
- c. Excessive Force-1
 - i. Exonerated-1
- d. Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations-13
 - i. Exonerated – 4
 - ii. Not Sustained – 4
 - iii. Unfounded – 3
 - iv. Sustained – 2
- e. Other – 0

2. Internal Investigations

- a. Abusive Language – 0
- b. Conduct Unbecoming- 2

- i. Sustained-2
- c. Excessive Force-0
- d. Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations -7
 - i. Sustained – 6
 - ii. Not Sustained- 1
- e. Other - 0
- f. Officer-Involved Motor Vehicle Accidents - 26
 - i. Sustained – 18
 - ii. Not Sustained/Exonerated – 8

*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 2024.

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

Overview

Pawtucket Animal Control has the responsibility of responding to and servicing calls for service involving domestic animals and wildlife, as well as maintaining and operating the Pawtucket Animal Shelter. The unit operates out of the animal shelter that is located in Slater Park. The unit is staffed with three (3) Animal Control Officers and two (2) Pound Keepers that are supervised by the Animal Shelter Supervisor. In 2024, a full time police liaison was assigned to Animal Control to oversee law enforcement activities and department policies.

Animal Intake / Disposition Data

Dogs:

There were 370 dogs taken into the shelter in 2024. Their dispositions are as follows:

- 186 Returned to owner; other city; other shelter
- 110 Successfully placed
- 0 Euthanized (owner request)
- 5 Euthanized (shelter/vet. recommendation)
- 13 Remain at shelter
- 55 Transferred to other shelter
- 1 Died at vet / shelter

Euthanasia Summary

- 0 Per owner request
- 4 Due to illness/injury
- 1 Due to vicious behavior
- 5 Total Euthanized

The Pawtucket Animal Shelter retained its continuing status as a no-kill shelter and received certification from the Best Friends Animal Society confirming the status. The shelter remains committed to only utilizing euthanasia when the practice is in the best interest of the animal's quality of life or necessary for public health and safety.

Sixteen (16) deceased dogs were picked up from Pawtucket citizens or from public areas by animal control officers to be cremated.

Cats:

There were 148 cats taken into the shelter in 2024. Their dispositions are as follows:

- 6 Returned to owner; other city
- 82 Successfully placed
- 27 Shelter transfer
- 2 Other (died at shelter/vet)
- 0 Euthanized (owner request)
- 21 Euthanized (sick/injured/vicious)
- 10 Remain at shelter

Euthanasia Summary:

- 0 Per owner request
- 21 Due to illness or injury
- 0 Due to vicious behavior
- 21 Total Euthanized

Sixty-two (62) deceased cats were picked up from Pawtucket citizens or from public areas by animal control officers to be cremated.

Small Animals:

There were fifteen (15) small animals (rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.) taken into the shelter in 2024 with the following dispositions:

- 2 Returned to owner
- 10 Successfully placed
- 0 Euthanized (severe injury)
- 0 Transferred to other shelter
- 3 Remain at shelter

Quarantined Animals

There were 188 animals ordered to be quarantined in 2024. Quarantined animals were either ordered to their owners' homes or held at the animal shelter, by animal control during the year. Reasons for quarantine included reported animal attacks and animals located with wounds of unknown origin.

Calls for Service / Violations

Animal control officers responded to approximately 1,846 calls for service in the year 2024.

There were 131 violations to appear in municipal court given for violations including: dog at large, barking dog, unleashed/unvaccinated/unlicensed dog, etc.

Animal Control responded to and investigated 40 complaints of abandoned animals. There were no vicious dog hearing in 2024. There was 1 confirmed positive rabies case in our city in 2024.

Hoarding and Criminal Incidents

In addition to calls for service and minor violations, animal control responded to several high profile criminal incidents.

On 1/5/24, animal control responded to a location where 8 yellow Labrador Retrievers were found hoarded in unacceptable conditions. The investigation concluded with the suspect surrendering the hoarded animals to be rehomed and repaying the costs for boarding, care, and medical treatment in addition to several municipal fines.

On 2/9/24, animal control responded to a location where 5 hoarded bulldogs were located in unsanitary conditions. The dogs were seized and later adopted to suitable homes.

On 4/8/24, animal control responded to a location where 46 dogs were found to be hoarded in deplorable conditions. The owners were charged with 46 counts of unnecessary cruelty to animals. All of the animals were seized, groomed, medically treated and either rehomed or transported to assisting shelters. The incident was a significant operation and required the assistance of Central Falls Animal Control and many animal shelters throughout the state.

On 7/29/24, animal control responded to a location where 7 dogs and a cat were found hoarded in unsanitary conditions. The animals were surrendered to the shelter and the owner paid all costs for boarding, care, and medical treatment in addition to municipal fines.

On 9/17/24, animal control responded to a location where an extremely emaciated dog was located in the home. The owner was subsequently charged with unnecessary cruelty to animals. A veterinarian assessed the dog and estimated that the dog would have likely starved to death had it not been seized at the time. The dog made a full recovery after months of treatment and was adopted to a suitable home.

On 10/1/24, animal control assisted the police department after they located 15 hoarded dogs in poor health and unsanitary conditions. The owner was charged with 15 counts of unnecessary cruelty to animals along with other unrelated criminal charges. All dogs were eventually surrendered to the shelter and adopted to suitable homes.

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 an 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

Overview

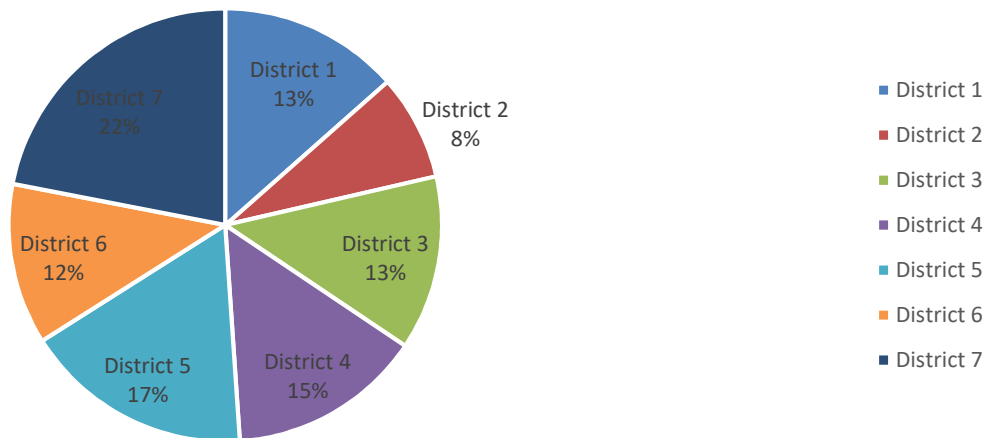
The following statistics concerning breakdowns of district and police shift/platoon have been generated using the Pawtucket Police Department's internal computer aided dispatch system and record management system. Pawtucket Police Department participates in the National Incident Based Reporting System (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.

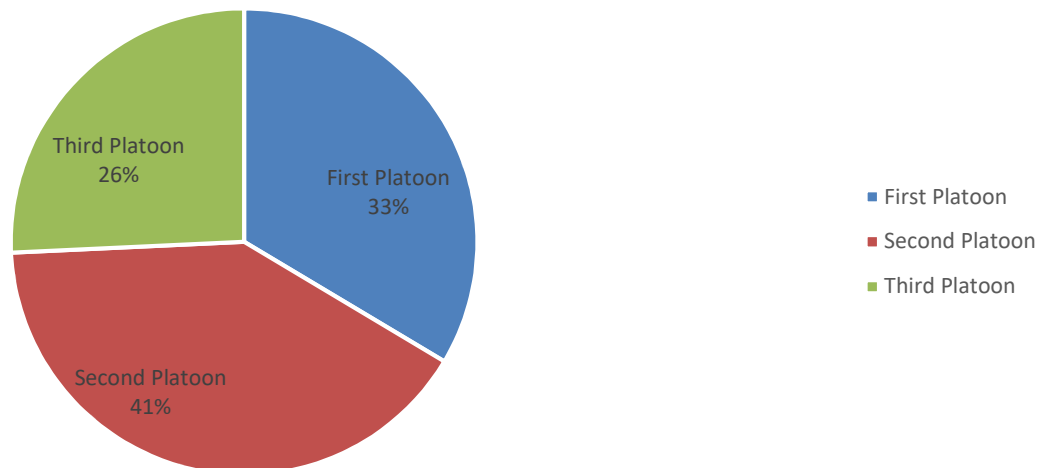
2024 Calls for Service by Platoon and District

	First Platoon	Second Platoon	Third Platoon	Total
District 1	2,671	3,565	1,810	8,046
District 2	1,738	2,126	846	4,710
District 3	2,918	2,997	1,863	7,778
District 4	2,366	4,459	1,744	8,659
District 5	3,380	3,743	3,083	10,206
District 6	2,037	2,513	2,636	7,186
District 7	4,927	4,777	3,385	13,089
TOTALS	20,037	24,270	15,367	59,674

2024 Calls for Service by District



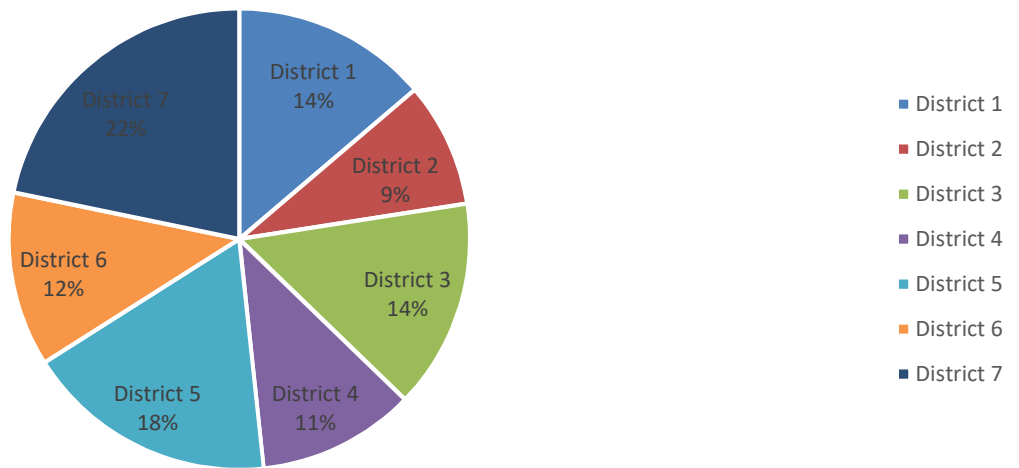
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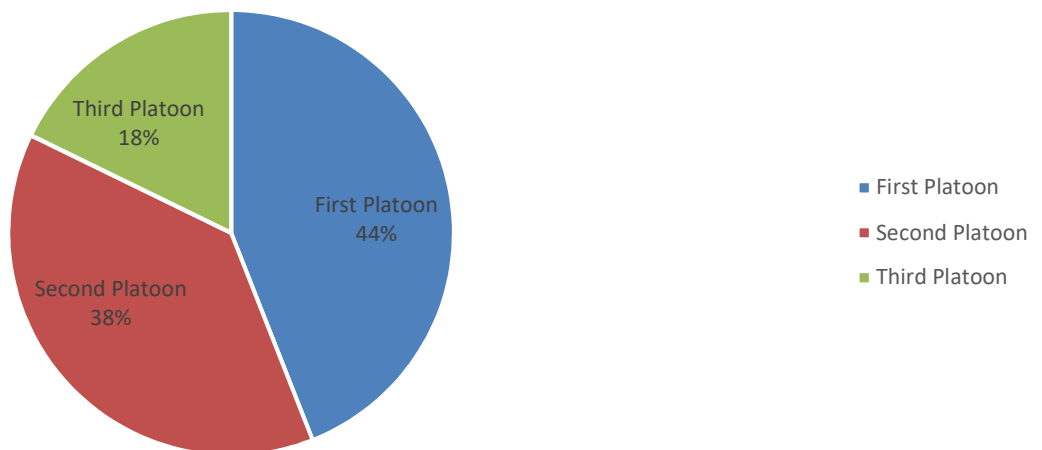
2024 Incident Reports by Platoon and District

	First Platoon	Second Platoon	Third Platoon	Total
District 1	376	350	162	888
District 2	253	238	74	565
District 3	475	326	146	947
District 4	298	276	140	714
District 5	466	467	208	1,141
District 6	314	319	156	789
District 7	656	486	260	1,402
TOTALS	2,838	2,462	1,146	6,446

2024 Incidents by District



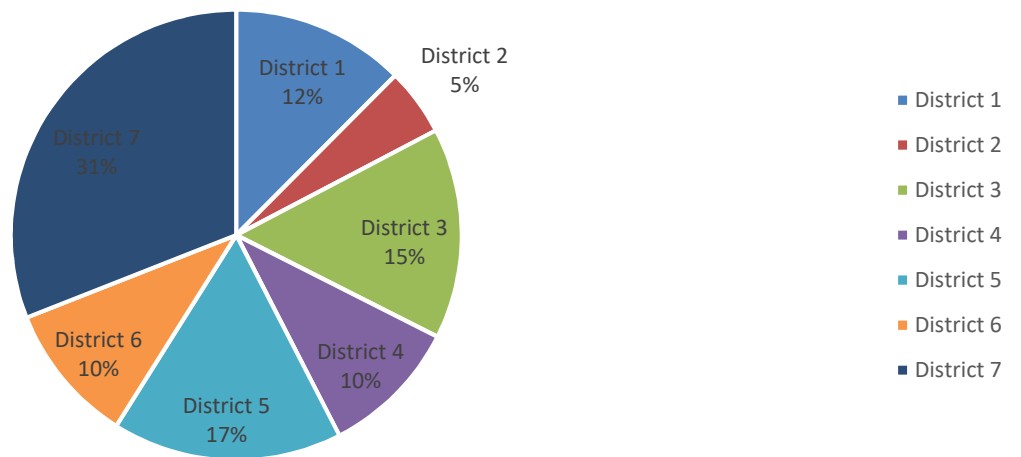
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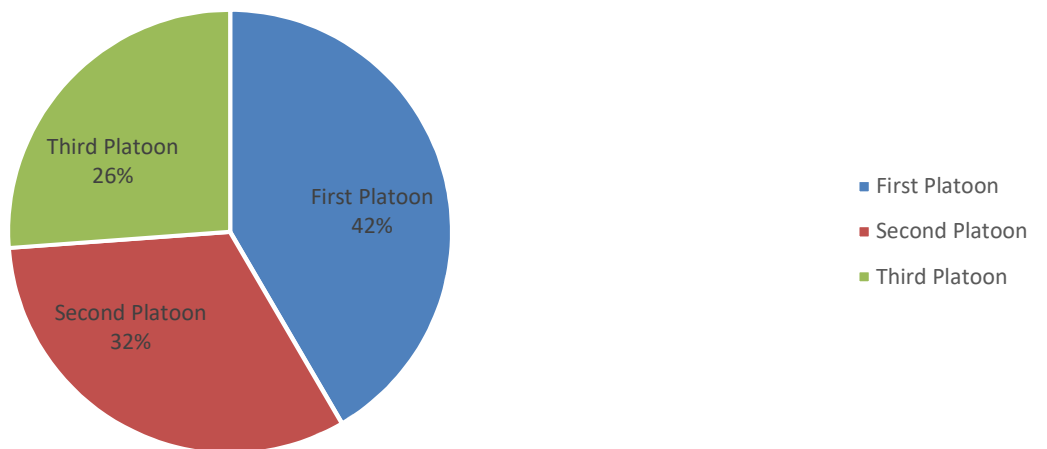
2024 Arrest Reports by Platoon and District

	First Platoon	Second Platoon	Third Platoon	Total
District 1	126	118	95	339
District 2	49	61	31	141
District 3	153	113	71	337
District 4	101	82	56	239
District 5	167	137	108	412
District 6	102	105	142	349
District 7	313	168	133	614
TOTALS	1,011	784	636	2,431

2024 Arrest Reports by District



2024 Arrest Reports by Platoon



UCR Offense Codes (FBI) - RI0040800 - PAWTUCKET

Offense Code	Offense Description	2022	2023	2024
09A	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	3	5	3
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
09C	Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	3	5	8
11A	Rape	32	41	36
11B	Sodomy	4	7	6
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	0	1	0
11D	Fondling	49	31	20
120	Robbery	35	45	43
13A	Aggravated Assault	142	132	146
13B	Simple Assault	668	764	702
13C	Intimidation	55	67	64
200	Arson	9	10	5
210	Extortion/Blackmail	6	16	13
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	163	151	143
23A	Pocket-picking	1	3	0
23B	Purse-snatching	3	4	2
23C	Shoplifting	81	119	137
23D	Theft From Building	189	148	150
23E	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	0	0
23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	309	183	166
23G	Theft From Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	450	225	129
23H	All Other Larceny	299	257	251
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	238	201	186
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	80	56	63
26A	False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	118	120	119
26B	Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	95	129	82
26C	Impersonation	7	7	8
26D	Welfare Fraud	0	0	0
26E	Wire Fraud	3	1	0
26F	Identity Theft	67	80	43
26G	Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	1
270	Embezzlement	11	11	11
280	Stolen Property Offenses	72	10	35
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	443	452	437
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	228	169	203
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	1	3	1
36A	Incest	0	0	0
36B	Statutory Rape	1	2	1
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	20	6	8
39A	Betting/Wagering	0	0	0
39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	1	0	0
39C	Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0	0

39D Sports Tampering	0	0	0
40A Prostitution	0	0	0
40B Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	2	2
40C Purchasing Prostitution	0	1	1
510 Bribery	0	0	0
520 Weapons Law Violations	77	66	73
64A Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	1
64B Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0
720 Animal Cruelty	0	0	11
Grand Total	3963	3530	3310

The following data is for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 from <https://riucr.nibrs.com/>:

Arrestee Sex	Count
Female	612
Male	1,727
Total	2,339

Arrestee Age	Count
11-15	159
16-20	268
21-25	272
26-30	317
31-35	332
36-40	300
41-45	279
46-50	164
51-55	97
56-60	72
61-65	46
66 and Over	31
10 and Under	2
Total	2,339

Arrestee Race	Count
White	1,271
Black or African American	1,051
Asian	13
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Unknown	3
Total	2,339

Arrestee Armed With	Count
Unarmed	2,287
Firearm	10
Handgun	9
Lethal Cutting Instrument	28
Other Firearm	3
Club/Blackjack/Brass Knuckles	3
Total	2,340

Hate Crime Incidents Report

Incident Date	Time	Location	Offense	Bias Motivation	Injury Type	Offender Sex/Age/ Race (Relation to Victim)	Weapon/ Force Involved
2024-06-13	15	School– Elementary /Secondary	290-Destruction /Damage /Vandalism of Property	12-Anti-Black or African American	-	-	-
2024-08-07	14	Commercial /Office Building	13B-Simple Assault	41-Anti-Gay (Male)	M-Apparent Minor Injury	1. M / 18 / B (Stranger)	40-Personal Weapons