

Pawtucket
Police
Department

2025 Annual Report



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PAWTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Pawtucket Police Department is proud to present its 2025 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.

2025 Highlights

The police department, including the department's Community Policing Unit, places great importance on forming positive relationships with the community. In 2025 we continued our efforts to become more involved in our community, participating in numerous events throughout Pawtucket. Some examples include officer attendance at outdoor basketball leagues in Pawtucket and the End of Summer BBQ event at the Prospect Heights, as well as participation in National Night Out, the Slater Park Trunk or Treat Event, the annual K-9 for Kids Holiday Party, and a number of food distribution events.

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 three hundred sixty-seven (367) narcotics related incidents. Through their work, approximately \$675,000 worth of narcotics were seized in 2025.

In 2025, eleven (11) 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. Eight (8) officers were promoted to varying ranks from sergeant to captain. 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 2025, the SRT was activated 8 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 team was also activated to assist in security assignments. One of these assignments was responding to Brown University after the mass casualty incident, where members of the Pawtucket SRT provided security at the reunification site. 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,



Tina Goncalves

Chief of Police



Administration Division

Allocation of Personnel

The Pawtucket Police Department's allocation for 2025 is 155 police officers and 63 civilians as follows:

Sworn Personnel

Chief	1
Major	3
Detective Captain	1
Captain	3
Detective Lieutenant	0
Lieutenant	8
Detective Sergeant	3
Sergeant	23
Detective	15
Patrol Officer	92
Total	149

Police Promotions In 2025

Name	From Rank	Promoted To	Effective Date
Jessica Goostray	Sergeant	Lieutenant	05/11/2025
Michael Dolan	Detective	Sergeant	05/11/2025
David Dolan	Lieutenant	Captain	08/10/2025
Nathan Gallison	Detective Sergeant	Lieutenant	08/10/2025
Trevor Lefebvre	Sergeant	Detective Sergeant	08/10/2025
Paul Trout	Sergeant	Detective Sergeant	08/10/2025
Zachary Day	Patrol Officer	Sergeant	08/10/2025
Matthew Mello	Patrol Officer	Sergeant	08/10/2025

Police Retirements/Terminations In 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Christopher Borrelli	01/10/2025
Patrick Clifford	01/27/2025
David Connors	03/08/2025
Emmanuel Mejia	04/27/2025
Uwe Sommer	04/27/2025
Ernest Pendergrass	06/14/2025
Percy Smith	07/12/2025
Noel Pichardo	07/18/2025
Timothy Graham	07/19/2025
Adam Popielarcheck	07/22/2025
Joel Jarvis	08/02/2025
John Duffin	08/09/2025
David Medeiros	09/13/2025
Maria Cruz	09/20/2025

Civilian Personnel

Police Accountant/ Civilian Admin Supervisor	1
Administrative Assistant	0
MCU	1
Prosecution	1
BCI	2
Dispatch	9
VIN	1
Matron	0
Municipal Court	4
Admin/Records/Payroll	3
Computer Ops	3
Animal Control	4
NCIC	1
Crossing Guards	31
Total Civilian	61

Civilians Hired In 2025

Richard Mclaughlin	02/24/2025
Timothy Usher	02/24/2025
Kebbeh Buwee	03/17/2025
LeeAnn Golden	04/28/2025
Kyle Nicolas	06/09/2025
Erletha Cunningham	08/20/2025
Richard Dunn	08/20/2025
Maria Gomes	08/20/2025
Bonnie Johnstone	08/20/2025
Tammy Scanlon-Spychall	08/20/2025
Rebekah Hutton	08/20/2025

Civilian Retirements/Terminations in 2025

Cory Arno	02/09/2025
Sean Barry	02/22/2025
Kathryn Munslow	12/01/2025



Detective Division

Overview

The Detective Division of the Pawtucket Police Department is comprised of fourteen 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. Three detectives are assigned to the Youth Services Bureau and one detective handles all Financial Crimes. Detective Sergeant Theodore Georgitsis supervises the East District Detectives along with Financial Crimes, and he assigns all reported criminal investigations and arrest follow-ups. He is also in charge of the distribution and completion of felony packages assigned to detectives. Detective Sergeant Nathan Gallison supervised the West District Detectives along with the Youth Services Bureau. In August of 2025, Detective Sergeant Gallison was promoted and Detective Sergeant Trevor Lefebvre assumed the responsibilities of supervising the West District Detectives and the Youth Services Bureau.

In 2025, there were 2,039 cases forwarded to the Detective Division, of which 1066 were felonies. The Financial Crimes Detective handled over 311 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 398 felony screening cases presented to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, which reflects a continued effort to resolve felony cases and prosecute these most dangerous offenders.

The two detective sergeants assigned to the Major Crimes Division 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 Detective Division 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 four detectives currently trained in Cellebrite 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
- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training (ICAC)
- Cellebrite Certified Operator / Physical Analyst Training
- Crisis Negotiation Training
- Sexual Assault Investigation Training
- Human Trafficking
- EBT Fraud
- Red Flag ERPO Training
- Elder Fraud
- Crypto Currency
- Interview and Interrogation
- Cyber Organized Crime
- Drone Search and Rescue



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 2025, the Pawtucket Police generated 219 Juvenile Arrest reports for the following offenses:

Aggravated Assault	9
All Other Larceny	17
All Other Offenses	31
Arson	8
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	8
Credit Card / ATM Fraud	1
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	5
Disorderly Conduct	43
Drug / Narcotic Violations	1
Forcible Rape	1
Intimidation	6
Loitering / Vagrancy / Curfew Violations	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Robbery	3
Runaway	1
Shoplifting	2
Simple Assault	48
Stolen Property Offenses (Receiving, etc.)	4
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	4
Traffic, Town By-Law Offenses	3
Weapon Law Violations	16

The YSB is staffed with three 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 and third detectives are responsible for investigating criminal offenses involving juvenile offenders, and are 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, all 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 nine (9) 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 December 31, 2025:

1. Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2025, 3 juveniles were re-arrested
2. Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2024, 2 juveniles were re-arrested
3. Of juveniles seen by the JHB in 2023, 4 juveniles were re-arrested

Cases Heard 2025 – 9

Number of Case Reviews – 0

Gender, Race, and Age of Offender 2025

Gender	
Male	7
Female	2

Age of Offender	
10 & Under	0
11	1
12	1
13	3
14	1
15	1
16	2
17	0

Race	
White	3
Hispanic	4
Black	2
Asian	

Sanctions 2025

Community Service	1
Curfew	0
Essay	3
Letter of Apology	6
Restitution	1
Refer to Counseling	0
Chores	0
Family Care Program	1
Report from School	0
Alcohol/Drug Testing	0
Verbal Warning	0
CSI Program	0
After School Program	0

Criminal Offenses 2025

Trespassing	
Simple Assault	2
Shoplifting	
Possession of Stolen Vehicle	
Malicious Damage	
Disorderly Conduct	4
Larceny/Poss. Stolen Goods	1
Alcohol & Drug Offenses	
Throw objects at motor vehicle	
B&E	
All other Larceny	1
Conspiracy	
Reckless Driving	
Driving w/o license	
Crank or Obscene Phone Calls	
Threats/cyber harassment	1
Duty to Stop in Accident	
Weapon other than Firearm	
Curfew	
False report of a crime	
Sexting	



Identification Bureau

Overview

The Identification Bureau provides comprehensive forensic and investigative support services to the Pawtucket Police Department on a 24-hour basis. The Identification Bureau's mission is to ensure the professional processing of crime scenes, the preservation and management of physical evidence, and the delivery of specialized forensic and administrative services that directly support criminal investigations, public safety, and successful prosecution.

In addition to crime scene operations, the Identification Bureau fulfills several critical administrative and regulatory functions, including civilian background investigations, sex offender registration and compliance enforcement, and centralized evidence management.

Personnel Assigned to the Identification Bureau During 2025

- **Det. Sgt. Alexander Smith** – Assigned since June 2024
- **Detective Mark Ramos** – Assigned since July 2019
- **Detective Patrick Malloy** – Assigned since January 2020
- **Detective Ty Karalis** – Assigned since August 2025
- **Identification Technician Bethany Quinlan** – Assigned since July 2006
- **Evidence Technician Jeffrey Davis** – Assigned since May 2017

Additionally, three patrol officers are collaterally assigned to the Identification Bureau to assist with on-call responsibilities.

All sworn personnel assigned to the Identification Bureau have successfully completed the two-semester University of Rhode Island Criminal Investigation and Scientific Evidence Program. All sworn members are also active members of the Rhode Island Criminalistics Association.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Identification Bureau

The Identification Bureau is responsible for processing crime scenes including, but not limited to, homicide, felony assault, sexual assault, burglary, robbery, arson, breaking and entering, home invasion, and carjacking. The Identification Bureau also processes scenes involving serious motor vehicle collisions, officer-involved shootings, industrial accidents, death investigations, and recovered stolen property.

Crime scenes are documented through digital photography and/or videography. Scenes are measured, and diagrams are created when necessary. Physical evidence is systematically located, collected, preserved, and submitted for forensic analysis, including DNA and latent fingerprint examination. Evidence is packaged and delivered to the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory and the Rhode Island Department of Health, and the Identification Bureau works in coordination with the Rhode Island State Medical Examiner's Office in death investigations.

Crime Scene Schedule and Investigative Procedures

All sworn members of the Identification Bureau participate in a rotating 24-hour on-call schedule, ensuring that a trained investigator is available at all times for crime scene response.

At crime scenes, the Identification Bureau employs modern, best-practice techniques for scene preservation, systematic searching, and the proper collection, preservation, and submission of physical evidence. Emphasis is placed on forensic photography, latent fingerprint development and classification, DNA collection, and detailed report writing.



Latent fingerprint evidence is submitted to the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory for entry into AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) for comparison against known criminal records.

Biological evidence is submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Health for entry into CODIS, the FBI's Combined DNA Index System. CODIS allows law enforcement agencies to compare forensic evidence from crime scenes with DNA profiles of convicted offenders nationwide, assisting investigators in identifying suspects and linking related cases.

Administrative Assignments

The Identification Bureau maintains an up-to-date adult arrest file system, including the classification and management of fingerprint records. Upon receipt of an expungement order, criminal fingerprint cards are removed from the system and permanently sealed or destroyed in accordance with law.

The Identification Bureau is also responsible for issuing departmental identification cards for all active and retired sworn personnel, as well as civilian employees. Additionally, the Identification Bureau provides specialized equipment and technical support to the department and other city agencies when needed.

Civilian Criminal Record Checks and National Background Checks

The Identification Bureau conducts national background checks requiring fingerprint submissions for civilian employment and licensing purposes. These background checks are performed for a wide range of requests, including adoption, foster care, firearms permits, child care employment, massage therapy licensing, group homes, medical marijuana licensing, and Board of Education requirements.

The Identification Bureau conducts hundreds of local criminal history checks annually for volunteers associated with the Pawtucket School Department, the Pawtucket Housing Authority, and other partner agencies.

Criminal background checks are also performed for the City Clerk's Office in support of business licensing applications, probate court name changes, and guardianship requests. In addition, the Identification Bureau

provides background investigations for Pawtucket’s personnel department for municipal employment purposes.

Sex Offender Registration

The Identification Bureau is responsible for the registration and monitoring of convicted sexual offenders residing within the City of Pawtucket, as mandated by Rhode Island General Laws (§11-37.1-3, §11-37.1-4, and §11-37.1-5).

Duties include fingerprinting and photographing offenders, tracking registration requirements, and entering offender information into the NCIC database. The Identification Bureau maintains comprehensive sex offender files, updates departmental records systems, and works closely with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, the Sex Offender Community Notification Unit, the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry, and other local and state agencies.

The Identification Bureau is responsible for conducting compliance investigations and preparing arrest warrants for offenders found in violation of registration statutes. The Identification Bureau actively monitors offender residency through regular, unscheduled home compliance checks to verify address accuracy and compliance with statutory requirements.

Identification Technician and Duties

The Identification Bureau has one full-time Identification Technician, whose duties include:

- Fingerprinting civilians and police applicants
- Classifying and filing fingerprint cards
- Entering modus operandi cards into IMC
- Conducting local, state, NCIC, and III criminal background checks
- Submitting charge adjustments to the Attorney General’s Office
- Scheduling fingerprinting appointments and maintaining appointment records
- Maintaining sex offender files and entering all data into the NCIC system
- Registering sex offenders on quarterly or annual schedules in accordance with statutory requirements

Background Checks for 2025

EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	597
CHARITABLE GAMING	74
LICENSES	404
HOUSING	297
FIREARMS	1051
PISTOL PERMITS	51
CHECKS FOR THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET	315
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR 2025	2,789
AVERAGE PER MONTH	232
AVERAGE PER DAY	8

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 2025

GENERAL	8
SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS	5
MASSAGE THERAPY	7
ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE	19
CHILDCARE	5
HEALTHCARE	36
MARIJUANA LICENSING	1
PROBATE GUARDIANS	6
TOTAL FOR YEAR 2025	87
AVERAGE PER MONTH	7
AVERAGE PER WEEK	2

Investigative Activity and Statistical Summary – 2025

Investigated Crimes

During calendar year 2025, the Identification Bureau investigated and processed approximately 416 crime scenes and forensic cases.

Note: This figure does not include the numerous daily requests received from the Major Crimes Unit and Special Squad for the processing and analysis of individual items of evidence.

Forensic Laboratory Results

Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory:

During 2025, Identification Bureau detectives submitted evidence in forty-nine (49) cases and received twenty-three (23) confirmed forensic matches linking suspects and/or evidence through laboratory analysis.

Rhode Island Department of Health – DNA Analysis:

During 2025, Identification Bureau detectives submitted evidence in sixty-two (62) cases and received two (2) confirmed DNA matches identifying suspects through CODIS submissions.

These laboratory results provided critical investigative leads, suspect identifications, and case linkages in active criminal investigations.

Sex Offender Registry and Compliance Statistics

As of 2025, a total of two hundred twenty-eight (228) registered sexual offenders resided within the City of Pawtucket. Risk level classifications were as follows:

- **Risk Level I:** 47
- **Risk Level II:** 91
- **Risk Level III:** 53
- **Pending classification (RIDOC):** 15
- **Unleveled (pre-Megan's Law convictions):** 22

During 2025, forty (40) warrants were generated and thirty-eight (38) registered sexual offenders were formally charged with Failure to Register – Sex Offender Registration Required, reflecting the Identification Bureau's continued emphasis on proactive monitoring and enforcement of registration compliance.



Special Squad

Overview

The Pawtucket Police Special Squad is responsible for investigating a wide range of criminal activity. These activities include, but are not limited to, narcotics violations, prostitution and sex trafficking, illegal gambling, illegal sales of tobacco products, and illegal weapons sales. The Special Squad will also conduct investigations as requested through the Major Crimes Unit, the Office of Professional Standards, or the Chief of Police.

Personnel

The Special Squad currently consists of one (1) detective lieutenant, one (1) detective sergeant, seven (7) detectives, and one (1) criminal analyst. There were several personnel changes in 2025 including assigning a new detective sergeant and two new detectives to fill vacancies created by retirements and promotions.

Several of the detectives in the Special Squad are assigned as task force officers 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 Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force (FBI), United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), and Rhode Island Attorney General's 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 also collaborates with the United States 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 other Rhode Island and surrounding Massachusetts Police Departments.

Search Warrants

During calendar year 2025, the Pawtucket Police Special Squad applied for and served a total of one hundred sixty-seven (167) court-authorized search warrants. In addition, the Special Squad provided investigative and operational assistance to partnering law enforcement agencies in the service of thirty-one (31) additional search warrants.

The warrants served supported a wide range of complex criminal investigations and included authorizations to search and/or seize persons, private residences, commercial properties, motor vehicles, storage units, cellular telephones, laptop computers, internet-based accounts, and financial accounts, as well as install GPS tracking devices and collect buccal swabs for DNA analysis.

The execution of these warrants resulted in numerous arrests and the seizure of significant quantities of illegal narcotics and proceeds derived from illicit drug distribution. Additionally, twenty-two (22) firearms were recovered during search warrant operations in 2025, contributing to enhanced public safety and the disruption of violent criminal activity.

Narcotics Intelligence and Investigative Activity

During calendar year 2025, the Pawtucket Police Special Squad received more than forty-four (44) tips, complaints, and community-generated concerns related to suspected narcotics activity. This information was received through multiple channels, including the patrol division, city residents, the City Council, the Mayor's Office, official City of Pawtucket and Pawtucket Police Department webpages, and the department's narcotics hotline.

Throughout the year, the Special Squad investigated more than three hundred sixty-seven (367) narcotics-related incidents. These investigations represented a combination of patrol-initiated arrests, court-authorized search warrants, marijuana citations, arrest warrants, overdose and death investigations, and proactive Special Squad narcotics investigations.

Drug Seizures and Prescription Drug Disposal

Through the coordinated efforts within the Pawtucket Police Department, substantial quantities of illegal narcotics were seized and removed from circulation during 2025. Seized substances included crack cocaine, powder cocaine, heroin, marijuana, opium, amphetamines/methamphetamines, and fentanyl. Additional cases involved the seizure of various prescription pills, liquid narcotics, unknown substances, and other illicit drugs.

The majority of marijuana-related incidents involved quantities under 2.5 ounces and were resolved through the issuance of citations in accordance with applicable state law. Consistent with trends observed in prior years, fentanyl continued to represent a significant portion of narcotics seizures. A large percentage of these fentanyl seizures consisted of counterfeit, pressed pills designed to mimic legitimate prescription medications. Members of the Special Squad also documented an increase in cocaine seizures during 2025, reflecting shifting trafficking patterns within the city.

In support of ongoing public safety and drug-abuse prevention efforts, the Pawtucket Police Department maintains an anonymous prescription drug drop-off container located in the front lobby of the police station. The Special Squad services this container on a weekly basis and ensures that all collected medications are properly processed and prepared for destruction. Additionally, the Pawtucket Police Department participates annually in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Program. In 2025, the department collected one hundred forty eight (148) pounds of unwanted prescription medications, which were subsequently transferred to the DEA for secure destruction.

Drug Overdoses / Death Investigations

There were eighty-five (85) reported drug overdoses in 2025 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 ten (10) 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 duty. In 2025, all officers were retrained in the proper use of Narcan during CPR training, and will be retrained in 2026.

Non Drug Related Assignments

We conducted several investigations involving the illegal sales of tobacco and THC products from convenience stores, as well as investigations into illegal massage parlors and liquor establishments.



K9 Unit

Overview

The Pawtucket Police K9 Unit is highly trained and prepared to assist the department in apprehending suspects, recovering evidence, detecting explosives, locating lost or missing persons, providing comfort to crime victims, and fostering connections within the community. In addition to enhancing the effectiveness of the department's patrol division, investigative division, and Special Response Team, members of the K9 Unit actively participate in community events and collaborate regularly with the Community Policing Unit.

Throughout 2025, the K9 Unit maintained its certifications and attended in-service trainings. Members also completed several specialized courses, including the V3 Canine Tier 1 Fundamental Decoy Course, Power & Control by Erik Good, Hometown Foundation's Dream Ride Police K9 Expo, K9 Law & Order Deployment Seminar, Sheepdog Guardian Consulting – Canine Legal Updates (Patrol & Narcotics Detection), and K9 Documentation and Accountability by Nose to the Ground K9 Training & Consulting.



In December 2025, the Pawtucket Police hosted the annual K9s for Kids Holiday Party at the Loeff Carousal in Slater Park. This event gave Pawtucket families the opportunity to enjoy the carousel, meet Santa Claus, and interact with all six K9s and their handlers. Attendees received Pawtucket Police K9 stickers, which were also distributed at other city events during the holiday season.

Two new K9s joined the unit in 2025: K9 Bruce, a Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd mix trained for patrol operations and narcotics detection, and K9 Kaya, a German Shorthaired Pointer trained for explosive and firearm detection.

It is with deep sadness that we announced the retirement of K9 Neko, who passed away from cancer in 2025.

Dual-Purpose Patrol/Narcotic Detection

In 2025, we added a new Patrol/Narcotics Detection team featuring K9 Bruce, partnered with Officer Christopher Baldwin. K9 Bruce successfully completed an 11-week K9 school in December. Both K9 Bruce and K9 Argo (partnered with Officer Gregory Malo) are certified by the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA), while K9 Magno (partnered with Officer James Leach) holds certification from the American Police Canine Association (APCA). Collectively, the teams completed over 878 hours of in-service training and more than 255 hours of off-duty sustainment and maintenance training. K9 Argo and K9 Magno also continue to train alongside the department’s Special Response Team. The following graph illustrates the on-duty deployments of the dual-purpose patrol/narcotics K9s:



Deployments	Argo & Ofc. Malo	Magno & Ofc. Leach	Bruce & Ofc. Baldwin
Narcotic Vehicle Sniff/Searches	8	30	0
Narcotic Building/House/Apt Searches	9	36	1
Narcotic Parcel Searches	1	6	0
Area Search for Narcotics	5	0	0
Tracks	4	0	0
Building Searches	0	1	0
Use of Force/Crowd Control	0	0	0
Article/Evidence Searches	6	0	0
Area Search for Suspects	4	0	0
Total Deployments	37	73	1

In addition to their duties within the City of Pawtucket, K9 Argo and K9 Magno assisted numerous outside law enforcement agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), East Providence Police, Central Falls Police, United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

Dual Purpose Patrol and Explosive/Firearm Detection

Sergeant Zachary Day and K9 Bane are certified as a dual-purpose patrol/explosives team by the American Police Canine Association (APCA). In 2025, they also earned explosives detection certifications from the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The K9 team completed an additional 416 hours of in-service and maintenance training. The following graph illustrates the on-duty deployments of the dual-purpose patrol and firearm/explosives K9 team:

Deployments	K9 Bane & Sgt Day
Evidence Search	1
Explosive/Firearms Building/House/Apt	3
Explosive/Firearms Area Searches	5
Protective Explosives Sweeps	3
Building Search	1
Total Deployments	13



K9 Bane assisted with pre-event explosive sweeps for the Mayor’s Inauguration and the inaugural game at Centerville Bank Stadium for RIFC. In addition to duties within the City of Pawtucket, K9 Bane also provided support at the University of Rhode Island.

Single Purpose Explosive/Firearm Detection K9

In 2025, we added a new single-purpose explosive/firearm detection team featuring K9 Kaya, partnered with Sergeant William Figura. K9 Kaya successfully completed an eight-week K9 school in June. They are certified as an Explosive/Firearm Detection Team by the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). The team has completed over 568 hours of in-service and maintenance training. The following graph illustrates the on-duty deployments of the single-purpose explosive/firearm detection K9:



Deployments	K9 Kaya & Sgt Figura
Community Events	12
Explosive/Firearms Building/House/Apt	1
Explosive/Firearms Area Searches	1
Protective Explosives Sweeps	12
Total Deployments	26

In addition to their duties conducted in the City of Pawtucket, K9 Kaya assisted numerous outside law enforcement agencies such as URI and Brown University.

Therapy K9

K9 Watson and Detective Sergeant Trevor Lefebvre are certified as a K9 Therapy Team by Pet Partners. The team completed over 200 hours of maintenance training and assisted in interviews and interactions with special victims, including those involved in cases of child abuse, sexual assault, child molestation, and death investigations. In addition, the team participated in numerous community events and engaged in countless interactions with students at local schools and other activities.



In 2025, K9 Watson worked with the following organizations: Special Olympics Rhode Island, Pawtucket YMCA, Pawtucket School Department, Leon Mathieu Senior Center, Camp Ker-Anna, The Autism Project, and Brown University.

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

Deployments	K9 Watson & Sgt. Lefebvre
Community Events/Visits	41
Interviews/Special Victims	3
Total Deployments	44

K9 Unit Outlook

In 2026, the K9 team will continue rigorous training and maintain all required certifications while strengthening its connection with the community. K9 Argo and K9 Magno will remain active in training alongside the department's Special Response Team, ensuring operational readiness for high-risk situations. The Special Response Team also plans to begin training with K9 Bruce and K9 Kaya, expanding the unit's capabilities. We are especially excited to integrate K9 Kaya into community events, where her specialized skills and friendly demeanor will help foster positive relationships between law enforcement and residents. The year ahead promises continued growth, collaboration, and opportunities to showcase the dedication of our K9 teams.



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 Officers Association (RITOA). In January 2024, the SRT was assessed by RITOA and received certification as a Special Response Team. The assessment included a review of RITOA standards as well as an on-site evaluation of the team. In 2025 the team continued towards the anticipated January 2027 recertification.

In 2025, the SRT was activated 8 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. The team was also activated to assist in security assignments. One of these assignments was responding to Brown University after the mass casualty incident, where members of the Pawtucket SRT provided security at the reunification site.



Personnel

The SRT is formed of twenty-six officers. All SRT assignments are collateral duty, meaning the officers have a primary position within the department (patrol officer, detective, etc.) and on SRT in addition to their regular assignments. 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 hour training block attended by all SRT officers. This year's 40 hour training block was conducted by the non-profit organization Community First Project, which provided 40 hours of training taught by Naval Special Warfare operators, at no cost to the department. These trainings focus on topics that increase officers' knowledge and ability to solve tactical problems.

Future Plans

The Special Response Team will continue to send officers to specialized trainings to keep current with changing tactics and problem solving methods, as well as evaluate the need for new equipment and tools which can help the department and community. The team will also be presenting a department-wide active shooter training. In 2026 we plan on adding new members to the team.



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 enters 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 § 12-12-17, 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 for information concerning felony cases, the scheduling of officers, and the preparation of subpoenas for victims and witnesses for upcoming felony court dates.

The Office of the Attorney General mandates the use of the Axon technology platform for every police department in the state of Rhode Island to present their cases to be prosecuted by the Office of the Attorney General. These include all felonies, certain misdemeanors, appeal cases, and all family court cases that involve juvenile offenders. The Axon platform has been utilized to present these cases to the Attorney General since November 2024.

In 2025, in excess of 485 felony arrests and 1,303 misdemeanor arrests were processed through the prosecution office. Over 701 arrest warrants were presented and entered into national or state computer systems, and 91 arrests on foreign or court warrants were made in 2025. Over 220 subpoenas were prepared and service attempted, and more than 463 felony packages were prepared and presented to the Office of the Attorney General.



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, and oversees the VIN station.

Personnel Municipal Court/Traffic Division:

Chief Judge Jack T. Gannon
Associate Judge Patrick McBurney
Sergeant Matthew Braga
Inspector Anthony Lucchetti
Inspector Thomas Hayes
Inspector Justin Snape
Municipal Court Supervisor Nadine Higgins
Public Safety Clerk Karen Magill
Public Safety Clerk Holly St. Jean
Public Safety Clerk Kerri Vecoli

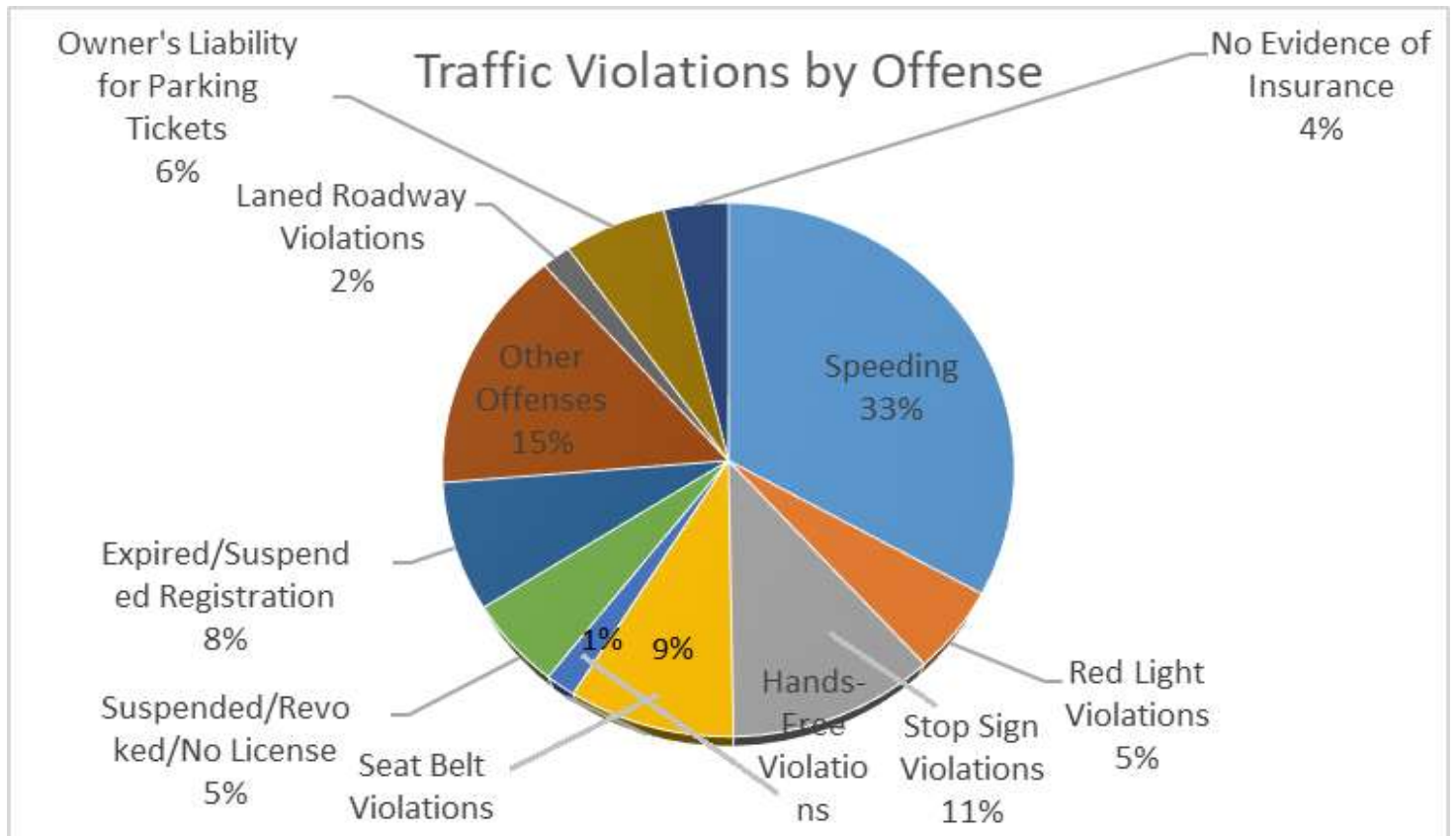
Traffic Division Duties and Statistics

The Traffic Division is responsible for investigating hit and run accidents, completing traffic surveys, and monitoring traffic problem areas within the City of Pawtucket. 2,712 traffic accidents were reported to the Pawtucket Police Department in 2025 and 582, or 21% 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. Some of the tools utilized to address traffic complaints are pole-mounted electronic radar speed signs which can be deployed throughout different areas of the city, along with variable message board mobile trailers. These trailers are utilized to post important safety messages, as well as conduct radar.

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 three 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, impaired driving campaigns, and a child passenger safety seat program. The Pawtucket Police Department issued 7078 traffic violations in 2025, 2,348 or 33% were speeding violations, 367 or 5% were red light violations, 805 or 11% were stop sign violations, 645 or 9% were seat belt violations, 118 or 1% were hands-free violations, 381 or 5% were for suspended/revoked/no license violations, 552 or 8% were for expired/suspended registration violations, 120 or 2% were for laned roadway violations, 426 or 6% were for owner's liability for parking ticket violations, 266 or 4% were for no evidence of insurance violations, and 1050 or 15% were for other offenses.



In 2025, the Pawtucket Police Department arrested 41 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 were five (5) parking ban emergencies declared in the year 2025. During these snow emergencies, multiple parking violations were issued, and approximately 375 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 25 automated school-zone speed-enforcement cameras and 22 automated red light cameras located at several major intersections throughout the city.

In the year 2025, there were 107,038 automated school-zone citations issued and 33,076 automated red light camera citations issued.

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



Motorcycle Unit

Overview

The Pawtucket Police Motorcycle Unit (Motor Unit) consists of twelve officers from various divisions and bureaus throughout the 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. Two members joined the Motor Unit after completing the course in May of 2025. 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 and two 2021 Harley-Davidson Electra Glides. The year started with an additional 2016 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide that was heavily damaged when it was struck by a careless driver during the escort of a funeral.

The Motor Unit is utilized to assist the Patrol Division, Traffic Division, and Community Policing Unit throughout the year. Assignments have included routine patrol, traffic enforcement, and patrol supervision. Assistance was also provided for the 4th of July Fireworks and several events in the area of Centreville Bank Stadium by responding through the congested pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The Pawtucket Police Motor Unit is most often utilized to provide an honorary escort for funeral processions. The unit assisted in the escort of many veteran funerals to the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Exeter, RI. 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 2025, the Motor Unit had the honor of participating in the escort of the funeral procession for active duty Rhode Island Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Scott Alexander. The unit also escorted the funerals and paid respect to many retired officers, including Pawtucket Police retirees Detective Theodore Kacharo, Captain Carl Benson, and Inspector Dennis Woynar. The unit also participated in the funeral escort for active duty Richmond Police Department Sergeant Richard Lawing.

The Motor Unit deployed 115 times to various events throughout the year. Prominent funeral escorts included those for Retired Providence Judge Caprio, retired Warwick Police Chief Blanchard, and retired Pawtucket City Councilman Hodge.

In addition to funeral escorts, the Motor Unit participated in a variety of honoring events. The unit participated in several escorts of rides commemorating veterans. The most notable was the procession to present retired Pawtucket Police Officer and Marine Veteran Thomas Calabro with awards for his service. 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, the annual Ride for Freedom to honor all veterans, and Wreaths Across America in honor of veterans. The Motor Unit organized and led the escort of the Operation Stand Down charity ride, which raises money to provide housing and employment for at risk veterans.

In addition, the unit also participated in the annual Pawtucket Saint Patrick's Day Parade and the Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade. Numerous additional events were attended by motor officers, including the annual Pawtucket K9 for Kids toy drive event, the Faith and Blue event at St. Teresa's Church, the Earth Day Clean Up, and National Night Out. The Motor Unit organized and led the escort of charity rides raising money for children with Autism in September of 2025. The unit also led the escort of Christmas is for Kids in December of 2025. This charity provides children with Christmas gifts when they otherwise might not receive them.

The Motor Unit was also involved in several escorts in support of the Rhode Island Special Olympics. The unit escorted the police officers and firefighters participating in the annual torch run. They completed separate escorts of athletes, equipment, and supporters. The unit also assisted in the escort of the annual Special Olympics charity motorcycle run.

The Motor Unit regularly is involved in community events to support children with cancer. In 2025, the unit escorted and honored a juvenile Pawtucket resident battling cancer for a Cops 4 Kids with Cancer event at Pawtucket City Hall. "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 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 2025 alone, the Motor Unit assisted in the escort of 18 juvenile cancer patients to and from their final cancer treatment.



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 the 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 are thirteen officers assigned to the Community Police Unit (CPU). There were numerous changes in personnel throughout 2025. Lieutenant David Dolan was the Officer in Charge through May 2025. In June 2025, Lieutenant Carrie Hormanski joined the unit and, along with Sergeant Michael Cioe, oversaw the operations of the unit. Officers Darren Rose, Dianne Rittmann-McLaughlin, Brian Beech, and Julianne Imondi were all assigned to the Community Police Unit as CPU Officers. Additionally, Officer Gregory Malo, along with his partner K9 Argo, and Officer Christopher Baldwin, with his partner K9 partner Bruce, were also assigned to the unit. Officers Rafael Perez, Ronald Jones, Micaela Lee, William Briggs, and Ty Karalis were all assigned as School Resource Officers during the 2024-2025 school year. Officers Rafael Perez, Ronald Jones, Micaela Lee, Gretchen Galvin, and Gabriel Murphy were the school resource officers for the beginning half of the 2025-

2026 school year. 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 selected middle and high schools within the Pawtucket School Department. 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 surrounding streets. They also conduct visible patrols of school buildings, grounds, and surrounding 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. Members of the CPU assist all Pawtucket schools with drills, emergency operation planning, school safety assessments, and a police presence at events.



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 be in need of 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 2025 we assisted with over 65 elderly affairs cases, which included conducting at least one check per case, and sometimes multiple follow-ups throughout the end of the year. At the end of 2025, there were forty-eight (48) active healthy aging cases being followed-up on.

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 placed in locations based on factors such as foot traffic, age of students, volume of vehicular traffic, and dangerousness of the crossings. Every year, just before school starts, members of the CPU provide the crossing guards with training regarding their job responsibilities. Throughout the school year, the CPU conducts numerous compliance checks to ensure that the crossing guards are fulfilling their job responsibilities.

In the 2024-2025 school year, there were twenty-eight (28) assigned crossing guards. In the 2025-2026 school year, with the re-opening of the Baldwin School and closure of the Annex building, there were 30 assigned crossing guards throughout the city, of which six (6) were new hires.

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 also covers topics including the history of policing, use of force, and search and seizure. They are also taught general skills including public speaking and leadership, receive CPR training, 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 had 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 assemble turkey baskets, and helping with the annual K9s for Kids Holiday Party. Additionally, they attend a Stations Day exercise with other police explorer posts. In June 2025, three (3) explorers attended a week-long Explorer Academy with other police explorer posts. Two Pawtucket Police explorers received commendations during the academy; one was Valedictorian and the other received the Advisor's Award.



Community Events

The Community Policing Unit is involved with city events throughout the year. In 2025, the CPU organized numerous community events including the Kind Hearts Campaign, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat, Hooks n' Heroes, and Faith & Blue. The last two events were new events held for the first time in Pawtucket and were



in collaboration with other entities including the National Park Service, and Rhode Island State Police, Central Falls Police, and East Providence Police. Members of CPU were also represented in numerous other events throughout the community, including attending the midnight basketball league at Payne Park throughout the summer and also the basketball league at Smithfield Avenue; Camp Wannagoagain hosted by the Autism Project RI; Back to School Nights hosted by the Pawtucket School Department; backpack giveaways hosted by CACD, Pawtucket School Department, and Pawtucket Housing Authority; End of Summer BBQ at Prospect Heights; trunk or treats including events hosted by the Rhode Island State Police and RIFC; and toy donation drives. Throughout the year, CPU also assisted in community food distribution events including Pawtucket Backpackers, Elisha Project in collaboration with Agnes Little Elementary School, along with packing and distribution of turkey baskets with Mrs. Grebien's annual fundraiser and the annual Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Baskets. CPU also assisted in delivering coats for veterans in collaboration with The Elisha Project,

handed out high fives and handshakes to students entering school as part of RI Handshake Initiative with the Pawtucket School Department, and participated in and helped with the annual Pawtucket Police K9s for Kids holiday celebration. Members of CPU also assisted in a Cops for Kids with Cancer donation to a local juvenile

battling cancer along with helping escort another resident to their last treatment in high style with Enzo's Escorts.

Community Response

The CPU was tasked with numerous quality of life complaints and neighborhood issues, including assistance with the unhoused population. Each issue was addressed with a plan of action put together by CPU and the Patrol Division, with assistance from additional city resources. 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.

The collaboration with Gateway Healthcare continued by having a mobile crisis clinician assigned to the police department. The clinician continued to provide services such as conducting psychiatric assessments, emergency certifications, and follow up services. Additionally, the Go Team Member from Family Services of RI was integral in offering additional services to members of the community.





Planning and Training

Overview

It is the policy of the Pawtucket Police Department to engage in strategic planning, proactively develop plans, and conduct ongoing research to maintain awareness of law enforcement innovations and the changing nature of issues affecting the profession. This ensures the department remains adequately trained and equipped to effectively carry out 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. Ensure that all officers are provided with the necessary tools, equipment, and resources to safely and effectively perform their duties.
6. Maintain the Manual of Procedures, including researching and writing new policies, reviewing and modifying existing policies, and issuing updates.
7. Provide introductory training for all newly assigned police officers and administer the Field Training Evaluation Program to newly assigned officers.
8. Recruit law enforcement candidates throughout the year and serves as the department's liaison to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy.

Personnel

Captain: Dino Giorgio

Sergeant: Craig Allison

Inspector: William Briggs

Officers with specialized training in specific subject areas are periodically assigned to the Planning and Training Division to conduct departmental training.

Duties and Assignments

I. Firearms Instructors

Department firearms instructors are selected from throughout the department and receive formal training through certified firearms instructor courses. Firearms instructors are assigned to the Planning and Training Division during scheduled firearms training periods. Currently, the department has twenty-seven (27) officers assigned as firearms instructors. Re-certification is conducted as needed.

II. Taser Instructors

Department TASER instructors receive formal training through a certified TASER Instructor Course. TASER instructors are assigned to the Planning and Training Division during scheduled training periods. The department has two (2) officers assigned as TASER instructors. Re-certification is conducted on a biannual basis.

III. Combative, Tactical, and De-Escalation Training

The Planning and Training Division is responsible for conducting annual Combative, Tactical, and De-Escalation Training, which includes instruction in less-lethal tools, verbal de-escalation techniques, and defensive tactics training (L.O.C.K.U.P. & L.E.A.D.S). All instructors receive formal training through a certified instructor course. There are fifteen (15) departmental officers certified in L.O.C.K.U.P. and L.E.A.D.S. who assist with the annual training program.

IV. Background Investigators

Department background investigators are selected from throughout the department and receive formal training through a certified background investigator course, as well as annual training provided by the department. The department currently has fifty-five (55) officers certified as background investigators. A department background investigator is temporarily assigned to the Planning and Training Division, as needed, to conduct pre-employment background investigations. Completed background investigations are submitted to the Office of the Chief of Police for final review by the command staff.

V. Field Training Officers

Department Field Training Officers (FTOs) consist of patrol officers selected from throughout the department who receive formal training through a certified Field Training Officer course, as well as annual training provided by the department. The department also has a Master FTO who serves as the FTO Coordinator. The department currently has one (1) Master FTO and twenty-six (26) FTOs.

VI. Physical Agility Training Assessors

The Planning and Training Division is responsible for Physical Training Assessors, who conduct assessments required for entry into the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy. The Pawtucket Police Department requires all new applicants to obtain a physical agility certificate from an independent agency, Fit2Serve, prior to the start of the hiring process. The department also maintains certified Physical Training Assessors for situations when a Fit2Serve certificate cannot be obtained within the required timeframe. Currently, the department has eight (8) officers trained as assessors.

VII. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) & Peer Support / Critical Incident Stress Management Team

The Planning and Training Division oversees the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). In 2023, the EAP established a partnership with a mental health coordinator to enhance support services. All peer support members are required to attend a three-day training on individual and group Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). Currently, the department has twelve (12) members assigned as peer support counselors.

VIII. Recruitment Team

Twelve (12) officers serve on the Recruitment Team, selected from throughout the department. The team meets periodically to address short- and long-term recruitment strategies, the hiring process, recruitment drives, college fairs, and other recruitment and retention topics. The team assists in identifying, attracting, and selecting prospective candidates and mentors individuals throughout the recruitment process.

IX. Recruitment & Hiring Process

The Planning and Training Division, in collaboration with the City of Pawtucket Personnel Department, oversees the hiring process for potential police officer candidates. In 2025, the department conducted two hiring processes, receiving eighty-five (85) applicants. The department also accepted two (2) lateral transfers of P.O.S.T.-certified police officers.

The Planning and Training Division conducted twenty-three (23) police background investigations in 2025. Six (6) candidates were selected for the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy 2025-I Session and successfully

graduated on May 22, 2025. Five (5) candidates were selected for the 2025-II Session and successfully graduated on December 19, 2025. Additionally, two (2) P.O.S.T.-certified lateral transfer officers were hired.

The Planning and Training Division also conducted background investigations for prospective firefighter candidates. Nine (9) firefighter background investigations were completed in 2025.

X. RI Municipal Police Training Academy Preparation

The Planning and Training Division processes candidates selected to attend the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. This includes procuring uniforms, books, and all supplies necessary for recruit training. Recruits participate in a formal mentoring program and meet periodically with Planning and Training staff throughout the 20-week training program.

The Planning and Training Division serves as the department liaison to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy, coordinating and issuing all required equipment for department-sponsored candidates. Planning and Training staff meet with recruits and academy personnel during attendance to monitor progress and ensure a smooth transition to departmental service.

Additionally, an officer from the department is appointed through the Planning and Training Division to serve as a Class Training Officer (CTO) at the RIMPTA, assisting with the daily affairs of academy recruits throughout each session.

XI. In-Service Recruit Training (FTO Program)

All newly assigned officers receive a comprehensive training series introducing the department's Manual of Procedures through lectures, videos, and discussions. Training includes an overview of defensive tactics, including verbal skills, and a review of all tactics learned at the police academy. Officers are tested and certified by department firearms and defensive tactics instructors. Additional training includes role-playing scenarios with current Field Training Officers (FTOs) to prepare officers for patrol duties.

All newly assigned officers participate in a formal Field Training & Evaluation Program (FTEP). The Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Planning and Training Division serves as the program coordinator and selects FTOs from a list of formally trained officers. Field Training Officers document the trainee's progress and maintain continual communication with the Planning and Training Division.

The FTEP is designed to last 12 weeks, structured as follows:

- Weeks 1–2: Introductory training through the Planning and Training Division
- Weeks 3–6: Assignment to a primary FTO
- Weeks 7–8: Assignment to a secondary FTO
- Weeks 9–10: Assignment to a tertiary FTO
- Weeks 11–12: Return to the primary FTO, working independently while being shadowed

After completing the FTEP, officers are assigned to one of three patrol platoons. The OIC schedules officers to patrol assignments and the communications center to ensure exposure to all areas of responsibility. Officers receive formal departmental evaluations during the probationary period and achieve permanent status after one (1) year of successful probation.

XII. Supervisor Training

The Planning and Training Division provides newly appointed sergeants with a 40-hour introductory training program covering their duties and responsibilities. In 2025, five (5) sergeants completed this training.

XIII. Dispatcher Training

The Planning and Training Division provides newly hired dispatchers with a one-day training program covering department policies and procedures relevant to their duties. In 2025, three (3) dispatchers completed this training.

XIV. Police Officer Retraining

The Planning and Training Division, in conjunction with the Office of Professional Standards, provides retraining for officers, as needed, on department policies, procedures, officer safety, and other duties related to the full scope of police functions. This ensures all officers remain current with departmental standards and best practices.

XV. Department Armory Management

The Planning and Training Division serves as the Office-in-Charge of the department armory. Responsibilities include maintaining all department-issued firearms, specialty weapons, equipment, and supplies. The division oversees the procurement and maintenance of all ammunition and related supplies for training purposes and operational deployment by department personnel. Inventories of weapons, equipment, and munitions are maintained and reviewed periodically to ensure accountability and operational readiness.

XVI. Body Armor Program

Under the Body Armor Program, all police officers are re-sized and issued new body armor every five (5) years to ensure proper fit and protection. In 2025, thirty-six (36) Pawtucket Police Department officers were issued new body armor.

XVII. Virtual Training Simulator

The Planning and Training Division conducts refresher training on the department's Use of Force Policy for all police officers. Training is delivered through discussions and interactive scenarios using the Virtual Firearms Training System (FATS) provided by The Trust. Officers are trained on a variety of decision-making scenarios, including topics such as domestic violence, emotionally disturbed persons, active shooter situations, motor vehicle stops, and the proper use of OC spray and TASERS.

Trainings

I. 2025 Schools, Seminars and Courses (In-Person & On-Line)

Members of the Pawtucket Police Department participated in the following external educational trainings in 2025 to enhance professional knowledge, skills, and certifications.

1. AXON TASER Instructor
2. Active Attack Incident Manager
3. Autism Awareness
4. Background Investigator School
5. Basic Motorcycle Operator Course
6. Basic Rifle School
7. BCI School
8. Child Passenger Seat (CPS) Technician Course
9. Crisis Negotiation Team Training
10. Community First Project
11. Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events
12. Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst
13. De-escalation Practitioner
14. Drug Unit Supervisor
15. Drone Search and Rescue

16. Force Encounters, Investigation Fundamentals, Decision Making, and Human Performance
17. First Line Supervisor Course
18. Field Training Officer Certification
19. FEMA ICS (Incident Command System) Course 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800, and 907
20. FBI Basic Crisis Negotiation Course
21. Gang Recognition for Law Enforcement Seminar
22. Grant Writing
23. High Risk Warrant Service
24. Human Trafficking
25. Homicide Investigation Course
26. Hostage Rescue
27. Introduction to Public Information Officer
28. Instructor Development Course
29. IA – Role of the Patrol First Responder Supervisor
30. Internal Affairs Investigation School
31. L.O.C.K.U.P. Arrest and Control
32. Law Enforcement Response to Suicidal Subjects
33. Laser Certification
34. Law Enforcement Response and Interaction with the Developmentally Disabled Community
35. Mastering Crime Scene Photography
36. NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting
37. Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Training
38. Officer Involved Shooting, Response and Investigation
39. Pre-Employment Background Investigator
40. Patrol Rifle Instructor
41. Police Utility Dog Search, Tracking, Narcotic Detection
42. Public Order and Public Safety – Basic Indirect Delivery
43. Responding Effectively to Complex Incidents
44. Resolving Burning Barricades
45. SWAT Command Decision Making and Leadership I
46. Shotgun Instructor
47. Sig Sauer Reflexive Shooting
48. SAFE Training
49. School Safety
50. Shotgun Instructor
51. Site Protection through Observation
52. Tactical Scouting
53. Tactical Mission Planning and Briefing
54. Training Management and Risk Mitigation for SWAT
55. L.O.C.K.U.P. Triple Certification
56. Work Zone Safety

II. Department Trainings (In-Person)

Members of the Pawtucket Police Department participated in the following in-person department trainings in 2025 to enhance skills, knowledge, and professional development.

1. Breathalyzer Recertification
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division and the R.I. Department of Health
 - b. Date: February 14-15, 2025

- c. Attended by: All currently certified breathalyzer operators
- 2. TASER Re-Certification
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: February 24-27, 2025
 - c. Attended: All TASER-certified officers
- 3. L.E.A.D.S.
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: March 24-28, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 4. Department Firearms Qualification (Spring)
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: May 12-16 and 19-23, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 5. L.O.C.K.U.P.
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: November 10-14, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 6. Department Firearms Qualification (Fall)
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: October 20-24 and 27-31, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 7. Virtual Firearms Training System (FATS)
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division and The Trust
 - b. Date: November 3-14, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Patrol Officers
- 8. Domestic Violence
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: September 15-19, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Patrol Officers

III. Department Trainings (On-Line)

Members of the Pawtucket Police Department participated in the following online department trainings in 2025 to enhance professional knowledge, skills, and compliance with departmental policies.

- 1. Monthly Training Bulletins: Search & Seizure, Disciplinary Bulletin, Arrest Bulletin and Investigative Stops
 - a. Sponsored by Quinlan Publishing
 - b. Date: January - December 2025
 - c. Department Email: All Pawtucket Police Sworn Personnel
- 2. Bias-Free Policing
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: February 17, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 3. Mental Health First Aid
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: June 23, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 4. Mutual Aid
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: March 3, 2025

- c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 5. Civil Disturbance
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: April 7, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers
- 6. Detention Facility
 - a. Sponsored by: Pawtucket Police Department Planning & Training Division
 - b. Date: December 29, 2025
 - c. Attended by: All Pawtucket Police Department Sworn Officers



Office of Professional Standards

Overview

In 2025, the Pawtucket Police Department Office of Professional Standards was under the command of Detective Lieutenant David Malkasian, who took over the office from Detective Lieutenant David Connors in August of 2025. Also assigned to the Office of Professional Standards was Detective Sergeant Mario Comella, Detective Sergeant Paul Trout, and Detective Sergeant Ethan Barrett, who replaced Detective Sergeant Comella in September of 2025.

The Office of Professional Standards is appointed by and operates under the direction of the Chief of Police, Tina Goncalves. Internal investigations conducted by the Office of Professional Standards are reported exclusively to the Chief of Police. All internal investigations are confidential in nature and are reviewed 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, which involve claims for payment by the city against the police and other city employees.
2. Investigates and produces reports to the Chief of Police for all legitimate internal and external allegations of officer misconduct and policy violations.
3. Provides the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office with documented requests for Brady/Giglio information on all police personnel slated to testify as required by law.
4. Provides the District and Superior Court with subpoenaed information on cases and officers in the judicial system.
5. Establishes and maintains a working relationship with the city solicitor, city attorney, prosecutor, the public and other attorneys as appropriate.
6. Responsible for the preparation of all Law Enforcement Officer's Due Process, Accountability and Transparency (LEODPATA) cases.
7. Responsible for the security of all Internal Affairs files and records.
8. 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.
9. Reviews officer's body worn camera videos in relation to complaints and 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 for citizens and officers alike.
6. To identify "high risk liability" areas of police work and attempt to reduce them through education and 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 2025

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 2025. Investigations are placed into three categories:

1. Internally Generated Investigations (29)

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 (21)

Citizen complaints are part of this category.

3. Field Inspection Investigations (12)

Field Inspection Reports are completed at the request of the Pawtucket City Clerk's Office, for the Council Committee on Claims. Often a field inspection will be a review of an incident that has already been reviewed, such as a motor vehicle 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: 2025

1. External Investigations

- a. Abusive Language - 1
 - i. Not Sustained -1
- b. Conduct Unbecoming - 5
 - i. Not Sustained - 2
 - ii. Unfounded - 2
 - iii. Under Investigation - 1
- c. Excessive Force - 3
 - i. Exonerated - 3
- d. Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations - 12
 - i. Not Sustained - 1
 - ii. Unfounded - 6
 - iii. Sustained - 4
 - iv. Under Investigation - 1
- e. Other - 0

2. Internal Investigations

- a. Abusive Language - 0
- b. Conduct Unbecoming- 1
 - i. Under Investigation - 1

- c. Excessive Force - 0
- d. Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations - 16
 - i. Sustained - 6
 - ii. Not Sustained - 1
 - iii. Exonerated - 1
 - iv. Other - 1
 - v. Under Investigation - 7
- e. Other - 0
- f. Officer-Involved Motor Vehicle Accidents - 12
 - i. Sustained - 6
 - ii. Not Sustained/Exonerated - 6

It is imperative to note that each incident may have multiple allegations. For example, a complaint could include both an allegation of Excessive Force and Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations, but is only listed/counted as one incident. It is also important to note that the overall disposition is listed above. If there are numerous allegations, many may in fact be exonerated, not sustained, or unfounded, but if one allegation within the complaint is sustained, a disposition of “sustained” will be indicated. Thus, a sustained disposition should not be assumed that every allegation of a particular complaint was sustained.

Use of Force Monitoring Systems

The Office of Professional Standards monitors all use of force by department personnel. Each case is evaluated to ensure the force used was justified and within the guidelines set forth by the department as well as Rhode Island General Law. 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, which is reviewed by his or her supervisor and forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards for additional assessment. 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 2025.



Animal Control

Overview

Pawtucket Animal Control has the responsibility of responding to and servicing calls 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 and a full time police liaison assigned to Animal Control to oversee law enforcement activities and department policies.

Animal Intake / Disposition Data

Dogs:

There were 260 dogs taken into the shelter in 2025. Their dispositions are as follows:

- 181 Returned to owner; other city; other shelter
- 53 Successfully placed
- 0 Euthanized (owner request)
- 4 Euthanized (shelter/vet. recommendation)
- 18 Remain at shelter
- 4 Transferred to other shelter
- 0 Died at vet / shelter

Euthanasia Summary:

- 0 Per owner request
- 1 Due to illness/injury
- 3 Due to vicious behavior
- 4 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.

There were 8 deceased dogs that were picked up from Pawtucket citizens or from public areas by animal control officers to be cremated.

Cats:

There were 156 cats taken into the shelter in 2025. Their dispositions are as follows:

- 19 Returned to owner; other city
- 105 Successfully placed
- 7 Shelter transfer
- 0 Other (died at shelter/vet.)
- 0 Euthanized (owner request)
- 23 Euthanized (sick/injured/vicious)

- 2 Remain at shelter

Euthanasia Summary:

- 0 Per owner request
- 23 Due to illness or injury (18 were hit by cars/ 5 had severe illness)
- 0 Due to vicious behavior
- 23 Total Euthanized

There were 32 deceased cats that were picked up from Pawtucket citizens or from public areas by animal control officers to be cremated.

Small Animals:

There were 13 small animals (rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.) taken into the shelter in 2025 with the following dispositions:

- 1 Returned to owner
- 12 Successfully placed
- 0 Euthanized (severe injury)
- 0 Transferred to other shelter
- 0 Remain at shelter

Quarantined Animals

There were 205 animals ordered to be quarantined in 2025. 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 2,116 calls for service in the year 2025.

There were 56 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 27 complaints of abandoned animals. There was 1 vicious dog hearing in 2025. There was 1 confirmed positive rabies case in our city in 2025.

Hoarding

There was 1 reported hoarding case in 2025 in which 27 cats were seized and 1 deceased cat located.

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

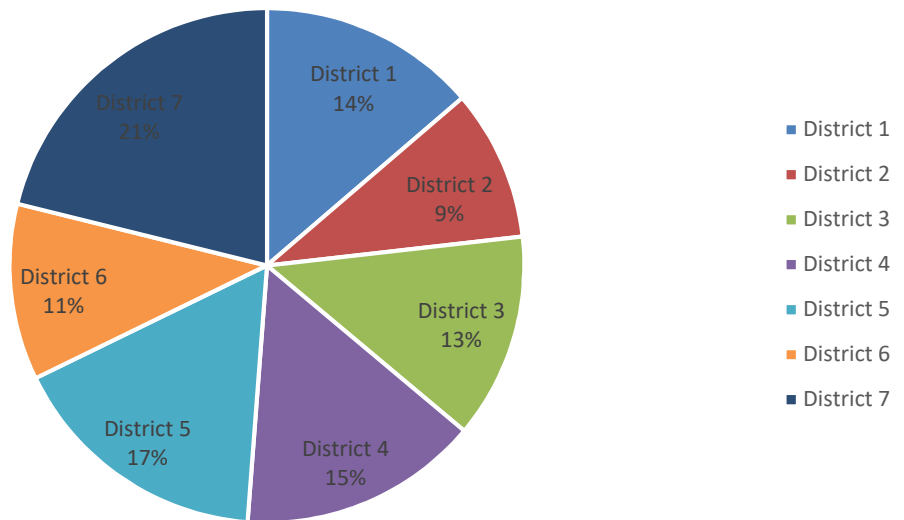
The following statistics concerning breakdowns of district and police shift/platoon have been generated using the Pawtucket Police Department's internal computer aided dispatch system and record management system. The Pawtucket Police Department participates in the National Incident Based Reporting System (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 generated, not the time when the incidents occurred, which can sometimes be delayed. Additionally, the following data is only for calls and reports in reported Districts. Calls for service and any associated reports that occurred outside of the City (mutual aid calls, etc...) would not show.

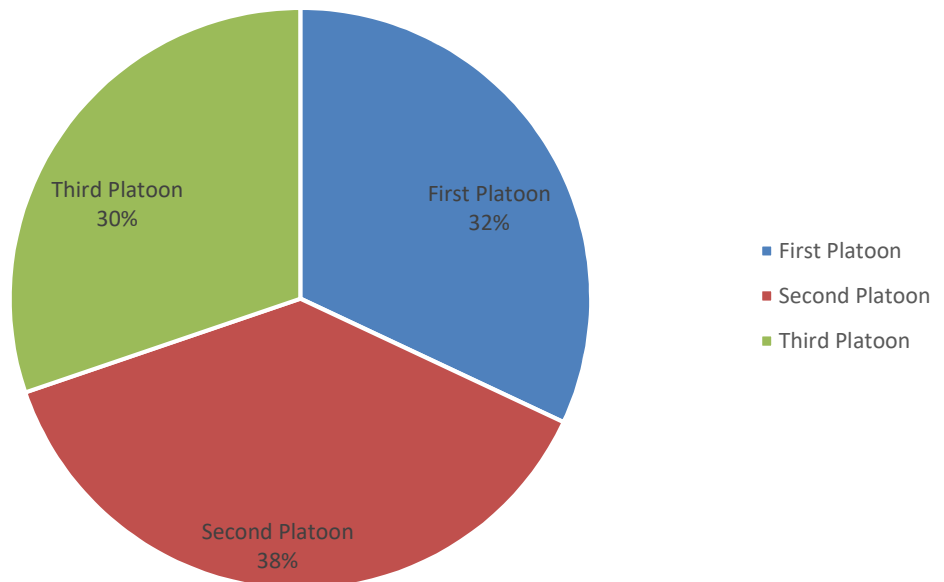
2025 Calls for Service by Platoon and District

	<u>First Platoon</u>	<u>Second Platoon</u>	<u>Third Platoon</u>	<u>Total</u>
District 1	2,562	3,562	1,930	8,054
District 2	1,774	1,943	1,434	5,151
District 3	2,409	2,411	1,885	6,705
District 4	2,821	3,734	2,053	8,608
District 5	3,099	3,685	4,285	11,069
District 6	2,070	2,267	3,027	7,364
District 7	3,949	4,475	3,042	11,466
TOTALS	18,684	22,077	17,656	58,417

2025 Calls for Service by District



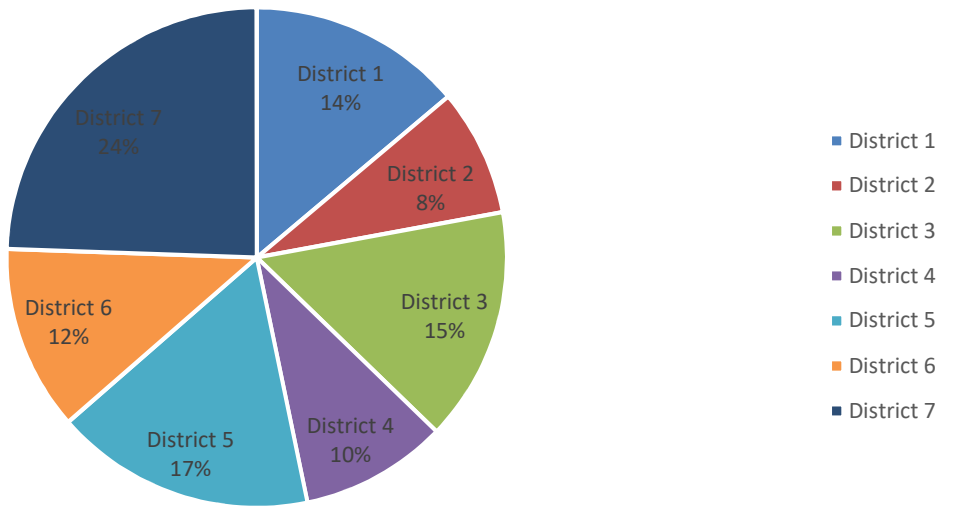
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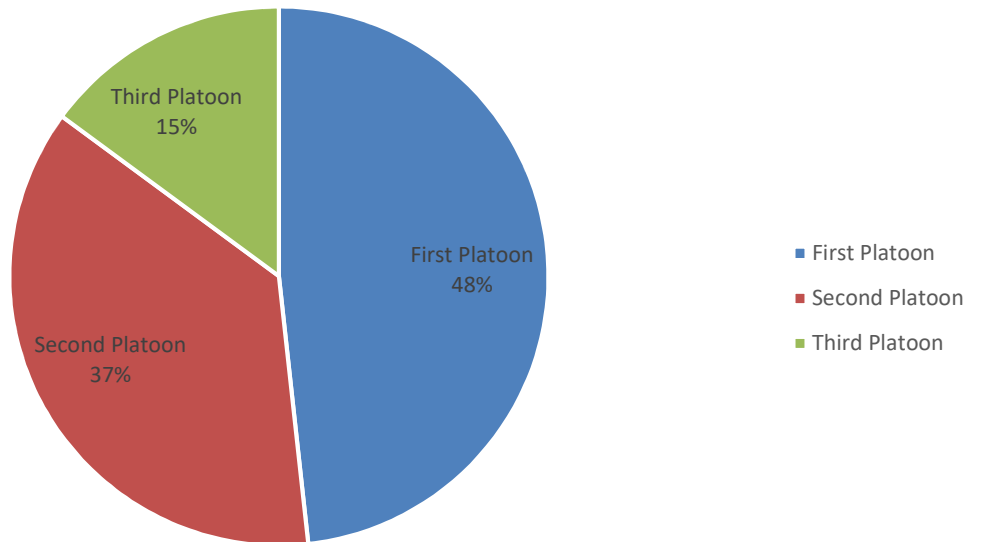
2025 Incident Reports by Platoon and District

	First Platoon	Second Platoon	Third Platoon	Total
District 1	392	313	125	830
District 2	232	178	68	478
District 3	428	291	108	827
District 4	269	214	93	576
District 5	476	440	197	1,113
District 6	338	279	118	735
District 7	691	442	164	1,277
TOTALS	2,826	2,157	873	5,856

2025 Incidents by District

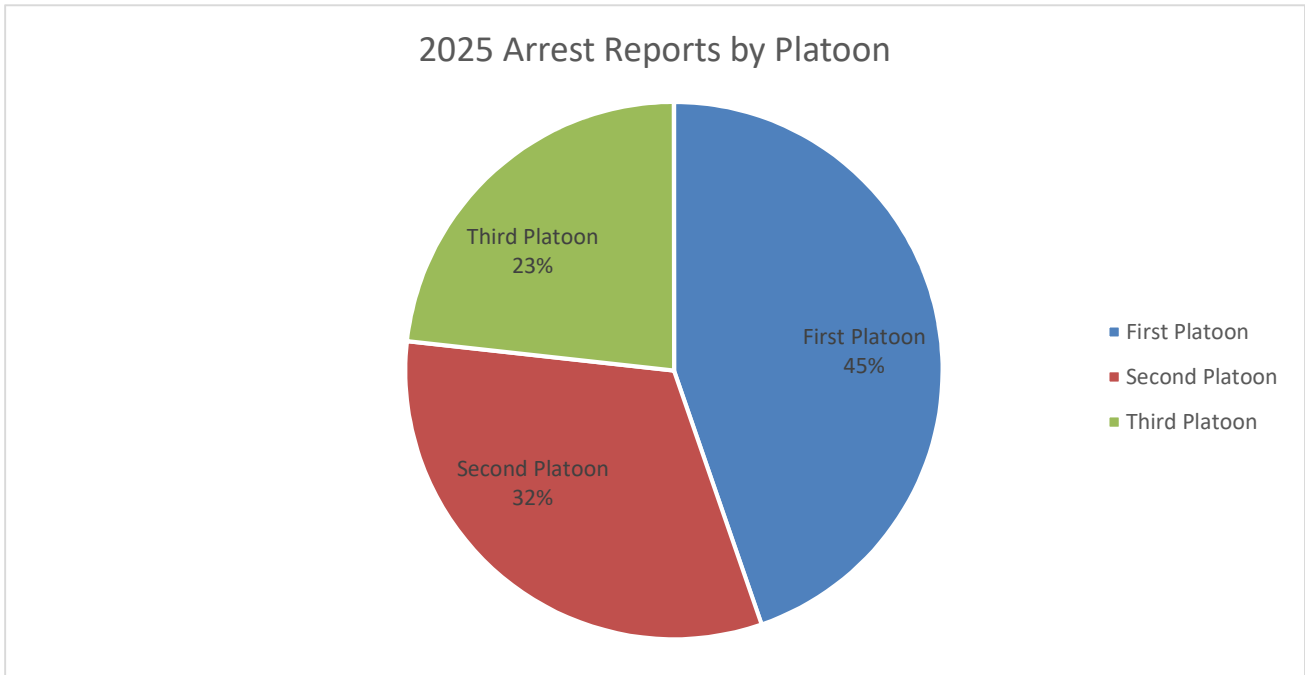
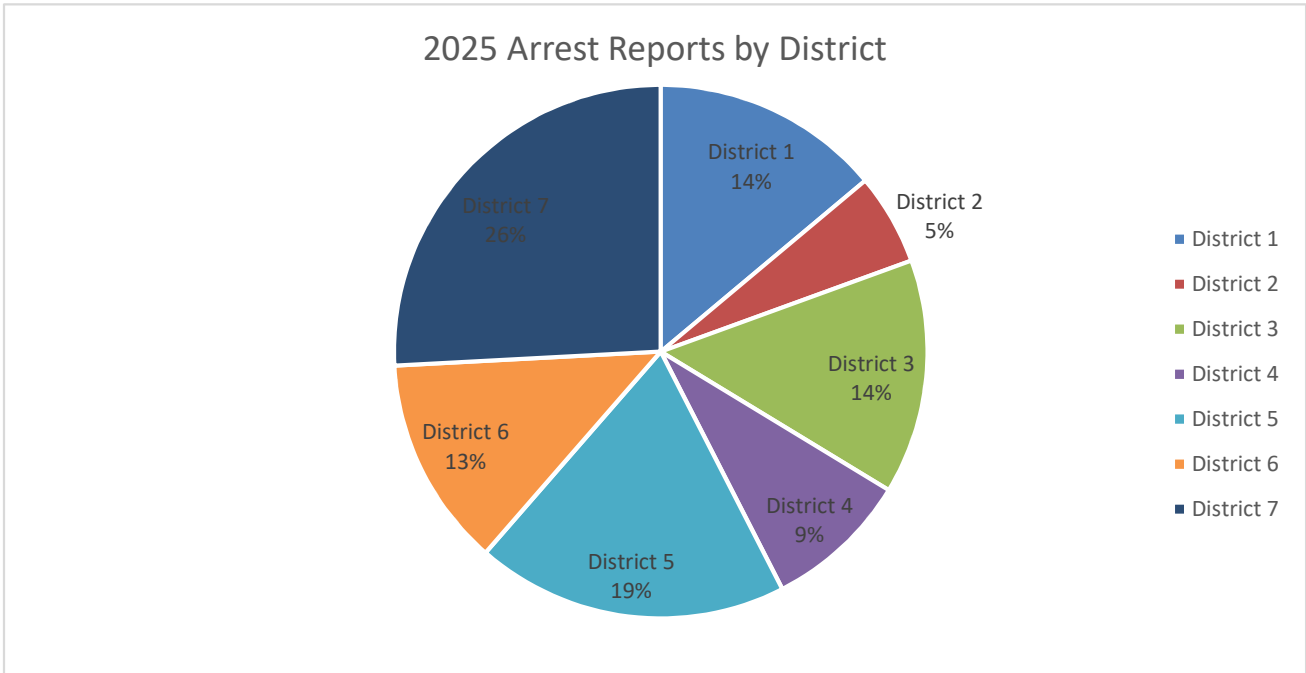


2025 Incidents by Platoon



2025 Arrest Reports by Platoon and District

	First Platoon	Second Platoon	Third Platoon	Total
District 1	133	103	51	287
District 2	53	44	22	119
District 3	136	88	44	268
District 4	84	59	45	188
District 5	181	142	123	446
District 6	122	80	92	294
District 7	247	169	120	536
TOTALS	956	685	497	2,138



Total Offenses / Historical Data

Offense Code	Offense Description	2023	2024	2025
09A	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	5	3	3
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
09C	Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	5	9	7
11A	Rape	41	37	26
11B	Sodomy	7	6	3
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	1	0	3
11D	Fondling	32	22	14
120	Robbery	45	44	25
13A	Aggravated Assault	132	146	119
13B	Simple Assault	764	706	619
13C	Intimidation	67	64	63
200	Arson	10	5	16
210	Extortion/Blackmail	16	13	15
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	151	144	109
23A	Pocket-picking	3	0	1
23B	Purse-snatching	4	2	2
23C	Shoplifting	119	139	128
23D	Theft From Building	148	152	111
23E	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	0	1
23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	183	167	132
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	225	131	109
23H	All Other Larceny	257	255	202
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	201	185	170
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	56	63	42
26A	False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	122	121	135
26B	Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	130	84	74
26C	Impersonation	7	9	2
26D	Welfare Fraud	0	0	0
26E	Wire Fraud	1	0	0
26F	Identity Theft	81	42	30
26G	Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	1	1
270	Embezzlement	11	11	5
280	Stolen Property Offenses	13	34	80
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	452	438	357
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	170	204	213
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	3	1	2
36A	Incest	0	0	0
36B	Statutory Rape	2	1	1
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	6	8	16
39A	Betting/Wagering	0	0	0
39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	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	2	2	0
40C	Purchasing Prostitution	1	1	0
510	Bribery	0	0	0
520	Weapons Law Violations	66	73	68
64A	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	1	0
64B	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0
720	Animal Cruelty	0	11	5
Grand Total		3539	3335	2909

The following data is for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 from <https://riucr.nibrs.com/>

Arrestee Sex	Count
Female	538
Male	1,496
Total	2, 034

Arrestee Race	Count
White	1,127
Black or African American	897
Asian	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Unknown	1
Total	2, 034

Arrestee Age	Count
11-15	118
16-20	225
21-25	209
26-30	286
31-35	277
36-40	294
41-45	215
46-50	147
51-55	115
56-60	63
61-65	48
66 and Over	36
10 and Under	1
Total	2, 034

Arrestee Armed With	Count
Unarmed	1, 988
Lethal Cutting Instrument	26
Firearm	8
Handgun	6
Other Firearm	5
Club/Blackjack/Brass Knuckles	1
Total	2, 034

Hate Crime Incidents Report

Agency	ORI	Incident Date	Time	Location	Offense	Bias Motivation	Injury Type	Offender Sex, Age and Race (Relationship Of Victim To Offender Description)	Weapon Force Involved
PAWTUCKET	RI0040800	2025-09-11	23	Convenience Store	13B-Simple Assault	41-Anti-Gay (Male)	M-Apparent Minor Injury	1. M - 34 - B (Victim Was Stranger)	40-Personal Weapons