

CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2023 Year in Review



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Members of our organization collectively achieved many goals in 2023. We worked diligently to recruit quality applicants to fill vacancies resulting from retirements, continued to employ the latest technology to prevent and solve crimes, and invested in various community outreach programs, including our crisis intervention program. Additionally, our crime analyst provided actionable intelligence to our personnel in the field and closely tracked and analyzed crime statistics, allowing us to execute an efficient and effective policing strategy.

As a result of many anticipated retirements, members throughout the department participated in an intensive recruitment campaign that began in June 2023. Applicants were required to complete various phases of the process, including successful completion of a physical agility test, written exam, and oral board interview. A hiring eligibility list was then established in the order the applicants finished. The final phase before selection included a psychological assessment, medical exam, comprehensive background investigation, and an interview with the executive staff. While the number of applicants (148) was far less than the previous hiring process in 2021, six high-quality candidates were chosen to attend the January 2024 Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. These recruits are completing an intensive twenty-week training program that will challenge them physically, academically, and mentally.

Federal grant funds were received to expand the department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). CIT is comprised of specially trained officers, mental health clinicians, and social service providers. The team has greatly benefited from adding two mental health clinicians embedded at the police department for the first and second shifts (8 am-12 am). Members of this team have responded to hundreds of calls to provide mental health treatment and other resources to assist with housing and other financial challenges, with the majority accepting these services. The repetitive mental health calls at specific addresses continue to decrease, allowing officers to focus on other patrol functions.

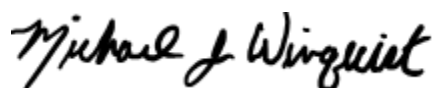
License plate readers have proven to be a valuable asset in preventing and solving crime. Since our plate reader cameras came online in August of 2021, we have recovered 76 stolen vehicles (resulting in 80 arrests), located 8 missing and endangered persons, arrested 40 persons wanted on warrants, and arrested 19 persons for stolen property.

The cameras have directly assisted in solving notable crimes such as bank robberies, drive-by shootings, carjackings, the apprehension of wanted sex offenders, sexual assault suspects, and many others that pose a danger to the public.

Thanks to the hard work of all of our sworn and civilian staff, we continue to experience historic lows in various crime categories. As anticipated, we experienced a slight uptick in some crime categories in 2023 post-COVID. When reviewing crime statistics, the recommended practice is to conduct a review based on five-year periods. Crimes against persons have been reduced by nearly 15% since 2019 and over 18% since 2010. Property crimes are down by almost 14% and over 50% using the same timeframes. 2023 Officers responded to 70,110 calls (4077 less than in 2022), while arrests decreased by 85 (1344). The number of motor vehicle crashes remained relatively constant, with 2935 reported.

The success of any police department can be directly linked to the level of community partnerships and support. On behalf of the men and women of the Cranston Police Department, I want to thank all the members of the public, including elected officials, for taking an active role in helping us achieve the shared goal of making the City of Cranston a safe city for all. It is an honor to have served as your police chief for the past nine years, and I look forward to working closely with you in the year ahead.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Winquist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colonel Michael J. Winquist
Chief of Police

EXECUTIVE COMMAND STAFF

Colonel Michael J. Winqvist - Chief of Police



Colonel Michael J. Winqvist was sworn as the Department's twenty-first Chief of Police on October 1, 2014. He is responsible for all operational and administrative functions of the Cranston Police Department.

Prior to being named Chief of the Cranston Police Department, Colonel Winqvist served as a member of the Rhode Island State Police for over twenty-four years, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Deputy Superintendent, where he received numerous commendations and letters of recognition for exemplary police work. During his tenure with the State Police, Colonel Winqvist served in nearly every Division to include the Uniform Division, Area Detectives, Narcotics Unit, Providence Police Gang Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Task Force, Fusion Center and Intelligence Unit and Motorcycle Team.

Colonel Winqvist has led many investigations targeting both traditional and non-traditional organized crime groups. These investigations resulted in the arrests of numerous individuals, as well as the forfeiture of assets derived from criminal activity. In 2006, Colonel Winqvist was charged with developing the State's Fusion Center, which continues to play a vital role in protecting the State from domestic and international threats by sharing intelligence amongst Federal, State and local partners.

Colonel Winqvist holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University and a Master of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Anna Maria University. Colonel Winqvist is also a graduate of the 2012/251st session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, V.A.

Colonel Winqvist is member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, New England Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as the Rhode Island Police Chiefs

Association where he serves on the executive board as Secretary. In 2018, Colonel Winquist was appointed to the Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training, which establishes rules, regulations and standards for certification and training for municipal and state criminal justice personnel, maintains records of law enforcement training, and serves as a resource to municipalities and the state to improve the quality of law enforcement pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws. In 2019, Colonel Winquist was also appointed to the State 9-1-1 Advisory Committee.



Major Todd Patalano has been a member of the Cranston Police Department since 1995. He is second in command of the police department since 2014 and currently serves as the Chief of Administrative Services.

Major Patalano's previous assignments include having served as the Commander of the Office of Professional Standards Division, Inspectional Services Division, Patrol Division, Planning and Research Division and Training Division. Major Patalano has also served as a supervisor in the Detective Division as well as an undercover investigator in the Special Investigations Unit.

He has also served as the department's Accreditation Manager leading to the successful reaccreditation by the prestigious Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). He has previously served as an FBI Certified Firearms Instructor, Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy Instructor and as the Department's Civil Rights Officer, amongst numerous other assignments.

Major Patalano holds a Master of Science Degree from Roger Williams University School of Justice Studies- Executive Law Enforcement program and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Roger Williams University – Administration of Justice program. He is also a graduate of the Command Training Series for Executive Development from Roger Williams University.



Major Robert Quirk has been a member of the Cranston Police Department since 1986. He currently serves as the Executive Officer within the department since 2014. He is responsible for the supervision and the control of Department members assigned to operational functions through the appropriate Division Commander. Major Quirk's previous commands include Uniform Division Commander, Assistant Commander/Office of Professional Standards, Assistant Detective Division Commander and Bureau of Criminal Identification Supervisor.

Major Quirk holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University. He is also a graduate of the Law Enforcement Development School sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Command Training Executive Development Course sponsored by Roger Williams University.



IN MEMORIAM OF FALLEN CRANSTON POLICE OFFICERS



Sergeant Walter Busby



Chief John Bigbee



Patrolman Henry Johnson

Dedicated to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived.

IN VALOR THERE IS HOPE



Cranston Police Department FY 2023 Budget

Police

Description

Actual

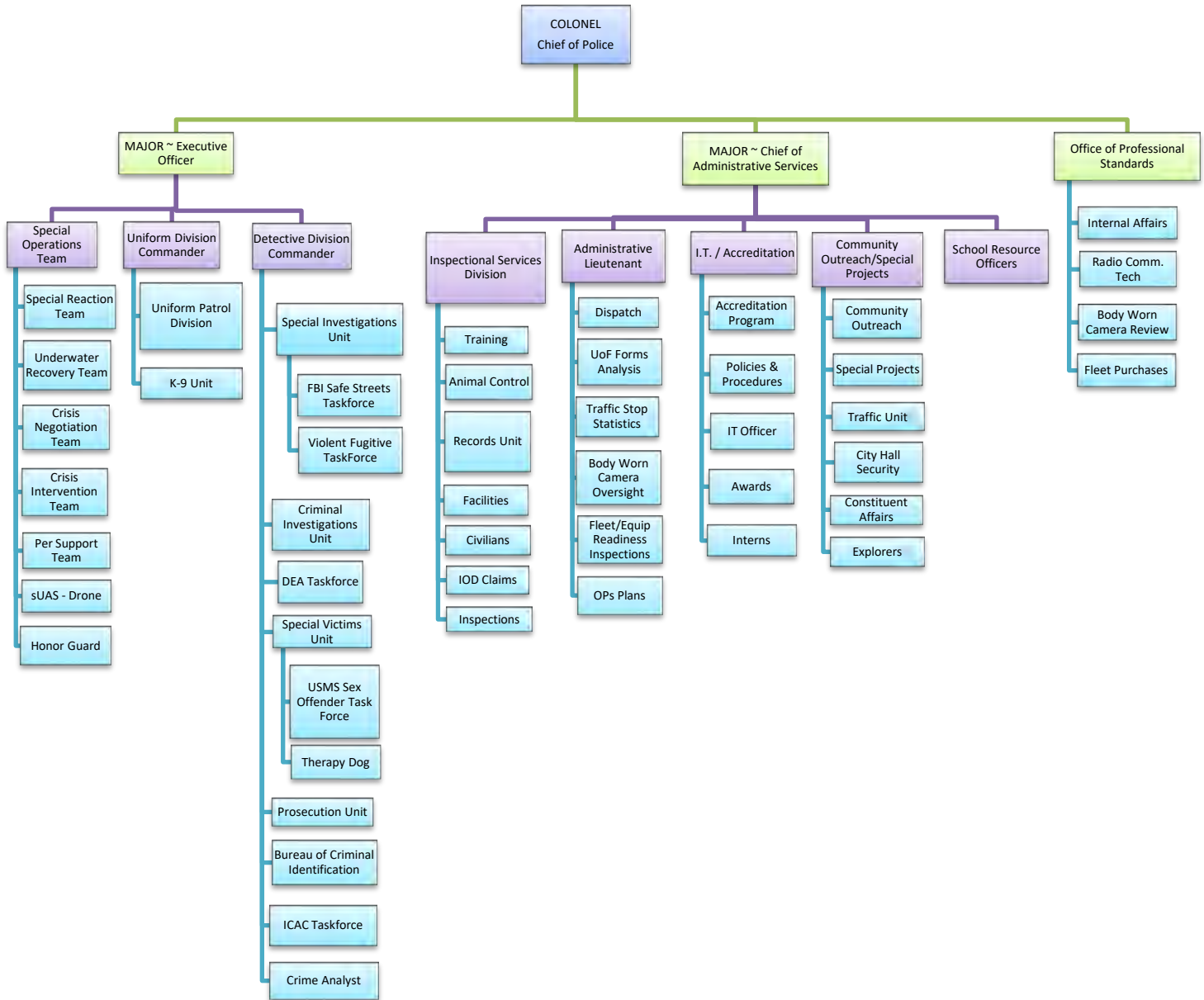
SALARY SCHEDULE	13,287,673
OVERTIME	1,500,000
SPECIAL DUTY	191,000
DIFFERENTIAL	15,000
LEGAL HOLIDAY PAY	1,220,035
LONGEVITY	1,502,295
EXTRA VACATION AFTER 10 YRS	86,317
SEVERANCE	200,000
SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVE	106,000
PART-TIME HELP	55,000
PAYROLL TAXES	330,425
PENSION CONTRIBUTION	2,735,152
HOSPITALIZATION	3,688,583
HOSPITALIZATION BUYBACK	36,743
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	39,804
NORMAL COST-CITY PENSION	32,751
UNIFORMS	120,000
UNIFORM CLEANING ALLOWANCE	208,985
DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES	85,000
GASOLINE & OIL	300,000
MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	300,00
EDUCATION PROGRAM	50,000
AMMUNITION	60,000
BCI	20,000
CHILD CARE FINGERPRINT CARDS	5,000
COMMUNITY POLICE	3,200
COMPUTER EXPENSES	135,000
CROSSING GUARDS	500,000
EQUIPMENT - PERSONNEL	50,000
PATROL	50,000
RENT	1,413,298
REPLACEMENT VEHICLES - MARKED	488,000
CIU EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY	20,000
POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM	5,000
IOD RETIREES	10,000
ELECTRICAL EQUIP. REPAIRS	30,000

INJURED ON DUTY - BLUE CROSS	60,000
PHYSICAL EXAMS	3,000
TRAINING PROGRAM	35,000
CITY CLAIMS	35,000
ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING I/A	15,500
EMERGENCY SERVICE UNITS	7,500
Total	29,025,761.00

Animal Control

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>
SALARY SCHEDULE	210,400
OVERTIME	2000
PAYROLL TAXES	16,861
PENSION CONTRIBUTION	27,933
HOSPITALIZATION	47,610
HOSPITALIZATION BUYBACK	1,000
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	768
UNIFORMS	2,300
EQUIPMENT	1,000
CARE OF ANIMALS	40,000
	358,881.00

Organizational Chart



UNIFORM DIVISION

Overview



In 2023, the Uniform Division was comprised of multiple units who serve the agency in a uniformed capacity. The largest contingent of the division is patrol, which consists of two Captains, five Lieutenants, thirteen Sergeants, and seventy Patrol Officers. The patrol function is the most visible and is considered the backbone of the police department. The officers assigned to the patrol division are primarily responsible for the front-line protection of the community, maintenance of order, and the protection of persons and property. They are primarily viewed by the public in marked police vehicles, on foot, bicycle, and other specialized vehicles.

The Cranston Police Department Communications Center is responsible for answering 911 and non-emergency calls. The Communications Center is staffed by thirteen full time civilians; they prioritize and enter calls for service for citizens relating to crimes in progress, traffic accidents, delayed reports, and other situations requiring a police response. Information received by the dispatchers is dispatched directly to officers in

the field by radio and through the Mobile Data Terminals in the police cruisers. The Communications Center provides support to the Police Department by managing access to communication systems, including phone and radio, to ensure necessary resources are deployed for the Police Department to safely respond to crimes and ensure the needs of our community are met. The Communications Center is a critical and vital link to Police, Fire, Rescue, and other emergency services. In 2023, the Communications Center dispatched 70,112 calls for service; some of those calls were initiated by citizens while others were officer generated events.

The Cranston Police K9 Unit is comprised of three K9 teams consisting of a



handler
and a K9.
The K9
teams
hold
national

certifications through the North American Police Work Dog Association where they have met the standards set forth to be dual purpose canines in the disciplines of, narcotic detection, criminal apprehension, evidence recovery, and tracking the human odor. The K9 unit continues to be held to a high standard throughout the state of RI as well as the City of Cranston with their popular demonstrations within the community.

Uniform Division Statistics

The following multi-year statistical review was completed to show the breakdown of data for each calendar year. The annual data review contains numerous statistics comparing 2020 through 2023. The purpose of the information contained in this

report is to review and evaluate possible agency trends, identify anomalies, and focus on areas of improvement.



Calls for Service.

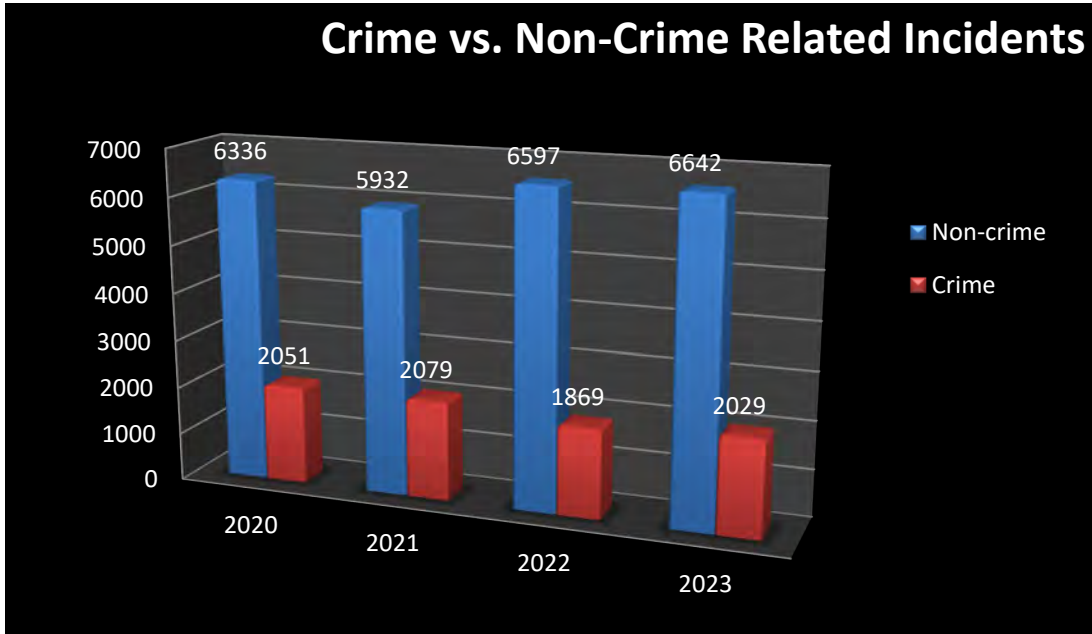
In 2023, there was a 5.54% decrease in overall calls for service from 2022.

2023 Calls for Service Graph



Crime Incidents vs Non-Crime Incident

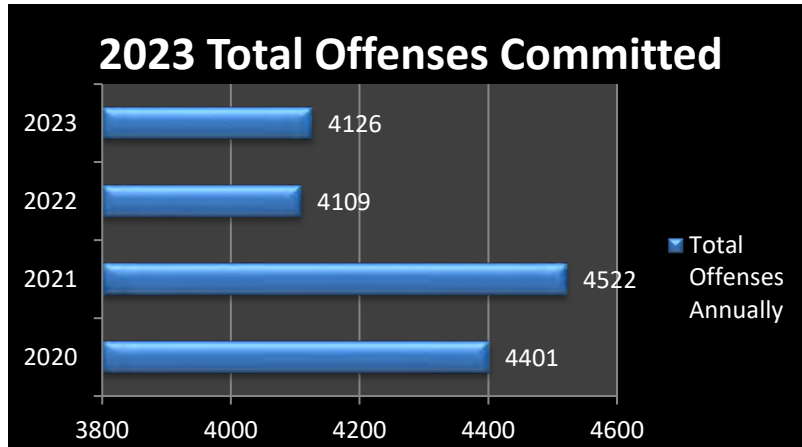
There was an 8.56% increase of crime involved incidents, and a 0.68% increase for non-crime involved incidents.



2023 Non-Crime Related Incident Graph

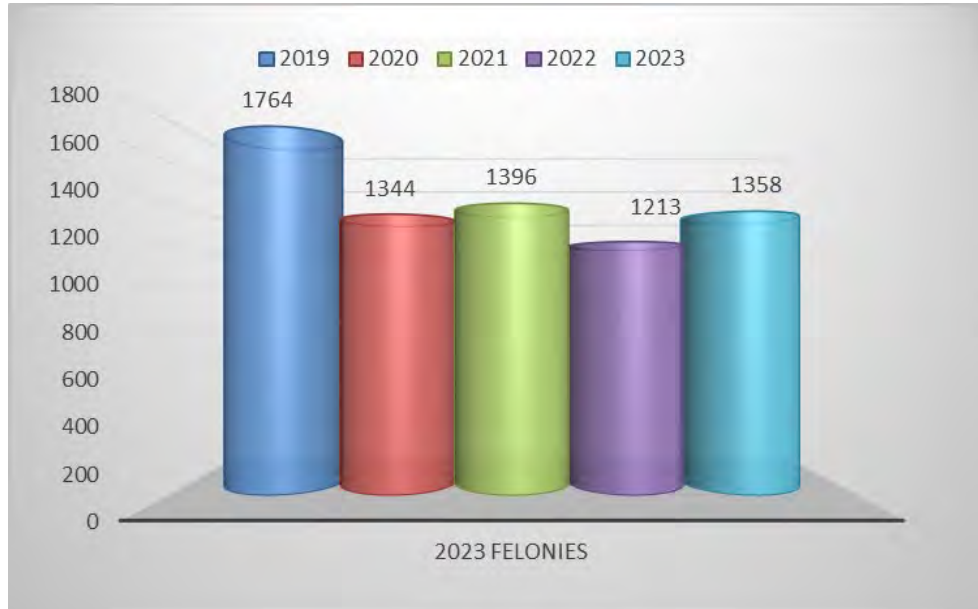
Total Offenses Committed

There was a slight increase of .41% for the total offenses committed in 2023.



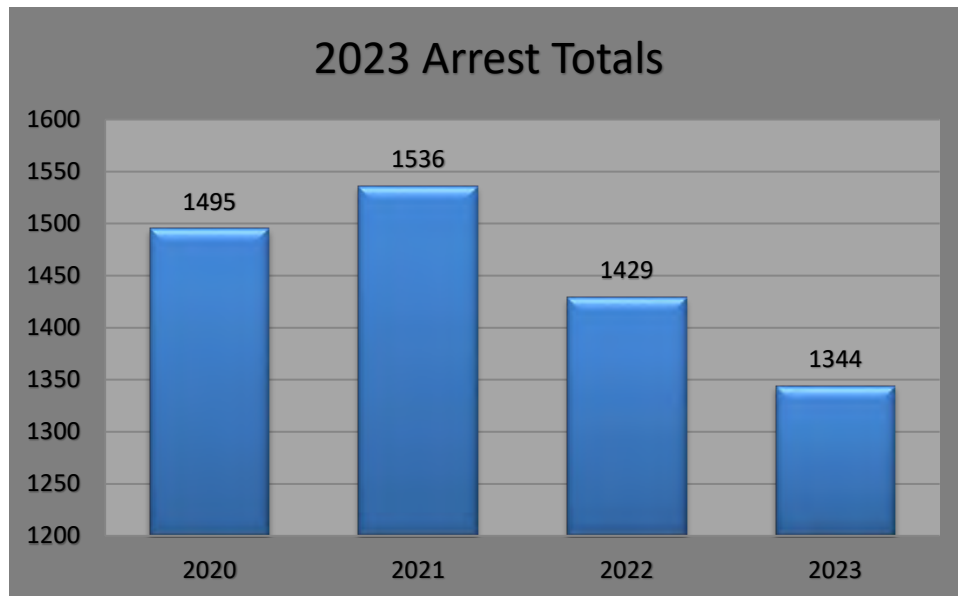
Felonies

There was a 11.95% increase in the total felonies committed.



Total Annual Arrests

The total number of arrests in 2023 was 1344, as opposed to 1429 arrests made in 2022. An overall decrease of 12.5%



On-View/Warrant/Summons Arrests

Of those arrests, 760 were on view arrests; 469 arrests were warrant based, and 115 were summons arrests.



DUI Arrests

A total of 71 DUI arrests were made in 2023, in comparison to 75 in 2022, a 5.3% decrease.

Juvenile Arrests

A total of 81 juveniles were arrested in 2022, a % decrease from the 113 juveniles arrested in 2023.

Open Arrest Warrants

There remain 117 open warrants waiting to be served from 2023.

Primary Goals of the Uniformed Division

It is always the goal of the Cranston Police Department Uniform Division to continue to perform in a professional manner and provide the citizens of the City of Cranston with the highest quality public service possible. We will continuously strive to perform the duties of law enforcement through preventive patrol and active enforcement of criminal and traffic laws within the City of Cranston. The uniformed division will promote conduct that is sensitive to the needs of the community while utilizing investigative resources to identify, arrest, and convict individuals who choose to commit crimes.

Directed Enforcement

With the restructuring of divisions within the agency in 2022, the Uniform Division can now work with the Community Outreach and the Traffic Divisions to alleviate citizens' concerns regarding criminal activity and traffic safety issues.

A collaborated effort between these divisions is likely to reduce crime, accidents, and problem areas within the city. Additionally, it will help to establish and maintain a great working relationship with the members of our community.

By mapping out these areas of concern and identifying the types of enforcement necessary, the Cranston Police Department will be able to serve the community in a more efficient and collaborative manner.



Logistical Goals for 2024

Increase DUI enforcement by increasing training for the frontline officers. This would include training more officers as DRE's and working with traffic to increase DUI patrols in targeted areas.

Train and instruct new recruits scheduled to attend and graduate the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy in June. Upon successful completion of the academy, the six recruits will undergo a rigorous Field Training and Evaluation Program where they will continue their training and on-the-job knowledge until, they are ready to work on their own.

Facilitate the renovation of the Communications/Dispatch Center to improve the functionality and ergonomics by upgrading hardware to support faster and more reliable communications equipment, including computers, monitors, and surveillance systems to ensure seamless operations during emergency situations.

Research and upgrade the current tasers being utilized by the patrol division to provide the most efficient, safe, and effective way to deploy them when needed.



K-9 Unit



The Cranston Police K-9 unit has completed another year of service, throughout 2023, the canine unit continued to preserve its bond within the community.

The Cranston Police K-9 unit continues to complete demos and parades, both outside and within the community of Cranston. Some of those highlighted were the Newport St. Patrick's Day parade, The Aquidneck Police Memorial parade, and the City of Cranston Memorial Day parade.

During the year the K-9 Unit attended several large community events, including the Spring Festival, Harvest Festival and the National Night Out. These were some of the highlighted events from the 21 demonstrations that the K-9 Unit participated in during 2023.



The canine units increased their relationship this year by getting together with our school SRO's with "High Five Fridays", an initiative that was started in the elementary schools where the students are greeted by both uniformed officers and members of the K-9 unit on their way into school. This initiative has been very successful and is very well received within the community.

The Cranston Police K-9 unit continues to assist our patrol division and our narcotics unit with narcotic searches. Cumulatively, the K9-Unit has completed 26 tracks, 18 building searches, and 105 searches for both the patrol and narcotics divisions.



K9 Statistics

- 105 Narcotic searches
- 26 Tracks
- 18 Building/Area Searches
- 5 Demonstrations



TRAFFIC UNIT



Overview

- The Traffic Division consists of one Sergeant, three patrol officers, and one civilian clerk. The unit is responsible for:
 - **Accident Investigation and Accident Reconstruction**
 - The investigation and reconstruction of all traffic crashes that involve death, serious injury, or any other incidents that require officers who are highly trained in the investigation of crimes involving vehicle and pedestrian related crimes.
 - **Follow-up for all traffic crashes**
 - Review, approve, and follow-up for all traffic crashes recorded in the city including hit and run crashes as well as the prosecution of all traffic offenses at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

- **Traffic enforcement programs**
 - Grant application and management for all traffic enforcement related grants including, but not limited to: Blue Riptide Speed, Alcohol, Child-Safety-Seat Checks, Distracted Driving, Pedestrian Safety, Click-it or Ticket, and the locally funded C.A.R.E. program.
- **Analyzing Racial Profiling Status Reports**
 - All traffic stops are reviewed to ensure that the racial profile data has been indicated. This information is then utilized and included in analyses that are submitted on a Quarterly basis listing any anomalies which may be present.
- **Community policing and public relations**
 - Assist with the continued development of community policing and public relations throughout the City and State. Providing educational programs for the public, related to traffic safety, such as child-safety-seat checks and AAA Senior Driving Class.
- **Traffic enforcement**
 - Directed Enforcement of traffic violations at locations that have been confirmed as problem areas through traffic data analysis.





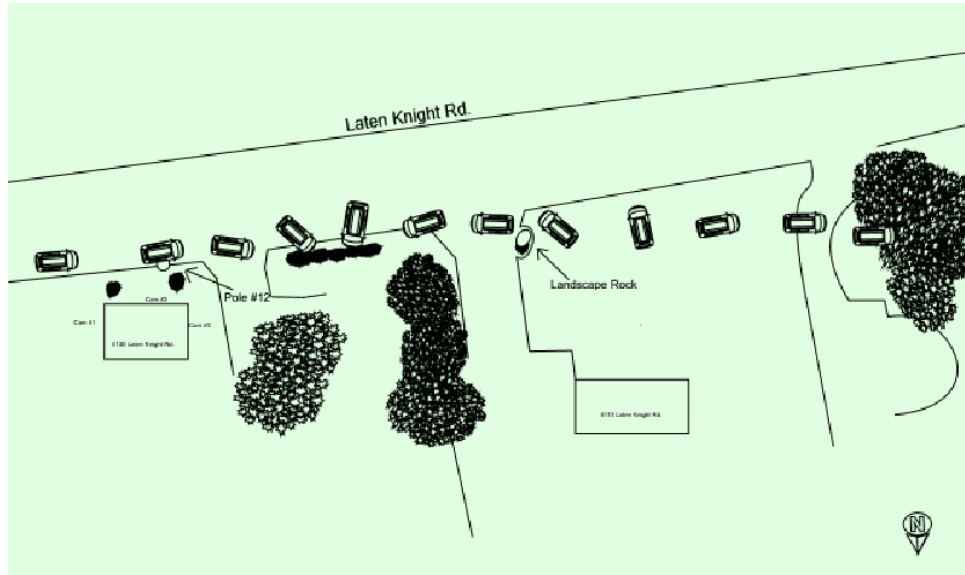
Accident Investigations and Accident Reconstructions

In 2023 members of the Traffic Division took and investigated many accidents. The following is a list of more serious accidents that the Traffic Division investigated or was a major part of:

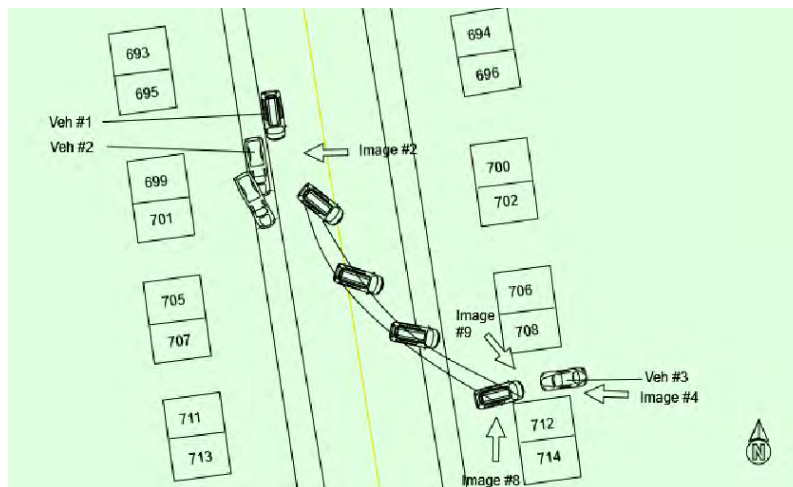
Serious Accidents and Other Arrest in which Traffic assisted with the investigation.

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06/13/23	23-31500-AC	Dyer Ave	Distracted E-Bike Operation	Inspector Decosta	Bicycle AC with Injuries
07/20/23	23-38695-AC	Cranston St	Failure of pedestrian to yield ROW	Inspector Bolduc	Pedestrian AC with Injuries
09/07/23	23-47758-AC	Garfield Ave	Failure to Maintain Control	Officer Cooper / Inspector Decosta	Fatality (Reported After the Fact) Single Veh into a Tree.

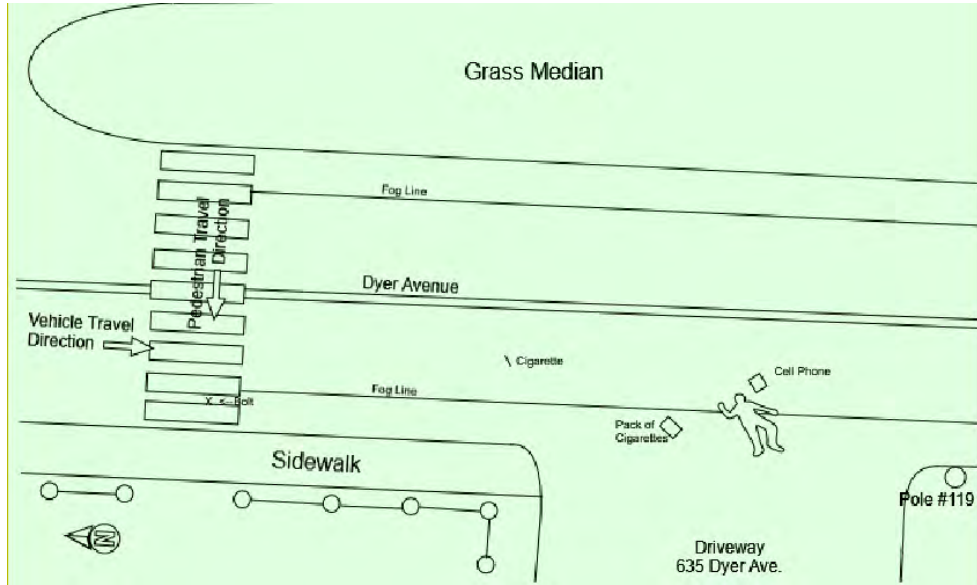
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01/22/23	23-4120-AC	Laten Knight Rd	Speed	Sgt. Needham	Single Vehicle CDR Imaged & Analyzed



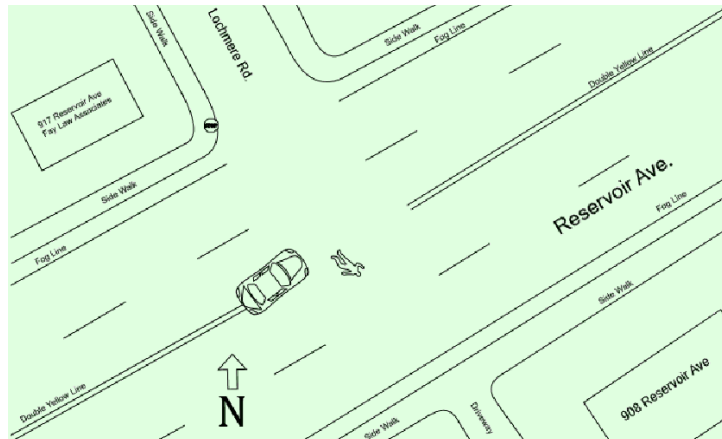
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02/01/23	23-6309-AC	Dyer Ave	DUI / No Seatbelt	Sgt. Needham	Fatality (Veh #1)



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02/07/23	23-7507-AC	Dyer Ave	Unknown	Inspector Bolduc	Pedestrian Hit & Run Flock LPR System utilized



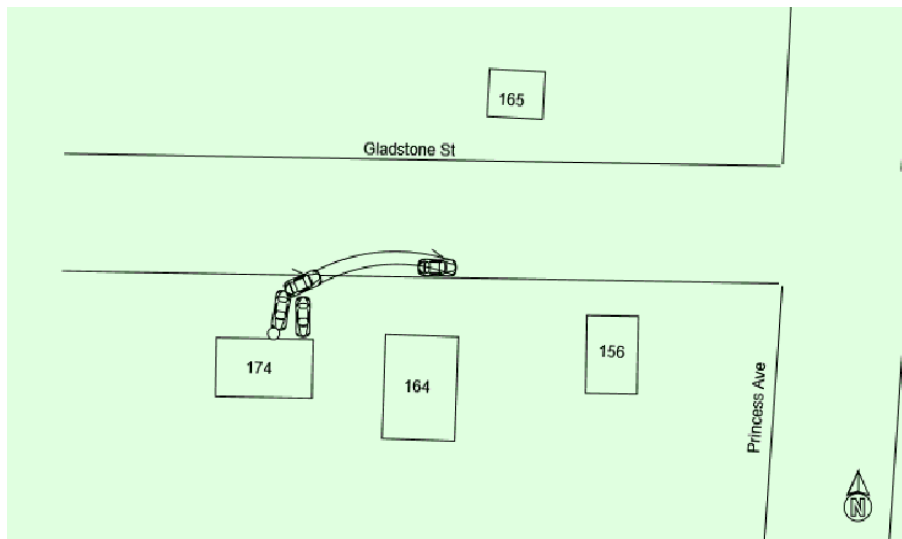
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03/03/23	23-11824-AC	Reservoir Ave	Failure of pedestrian to yield ROW	Inspector Aldrich	Pedestrian AC with injuries



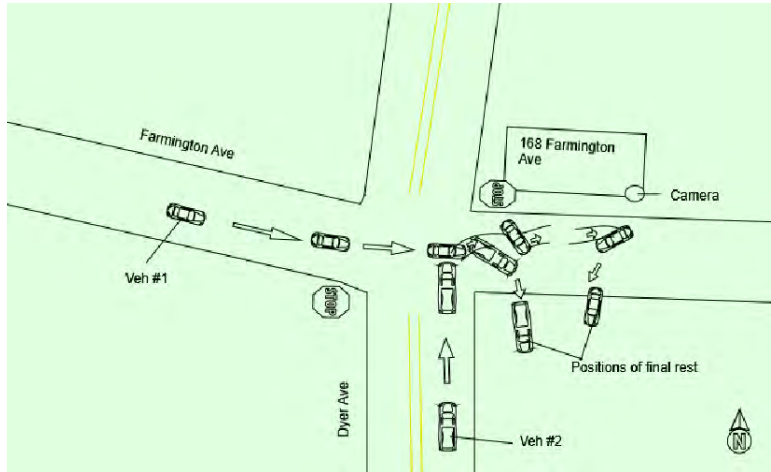
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03/22/23	23-15509-AC	Broad @ Wheeler	Multiple (Speed, No Helmet, aggressive driving)	Inspector Decosta	Fatality x2 Motorcycle with passenger AC FARO Used



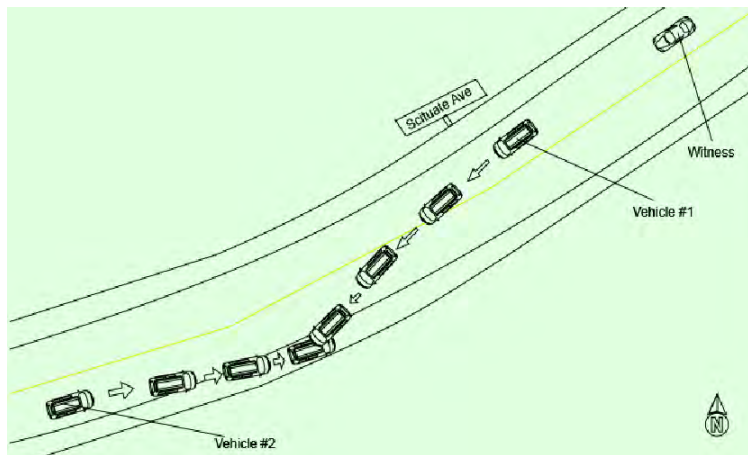
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05/19/23	23-27020-AC	Gladstone St	Veh not put in park. Steep Decline	Sgt. Needham	Single Vehicle. Rolled over Pedestrian



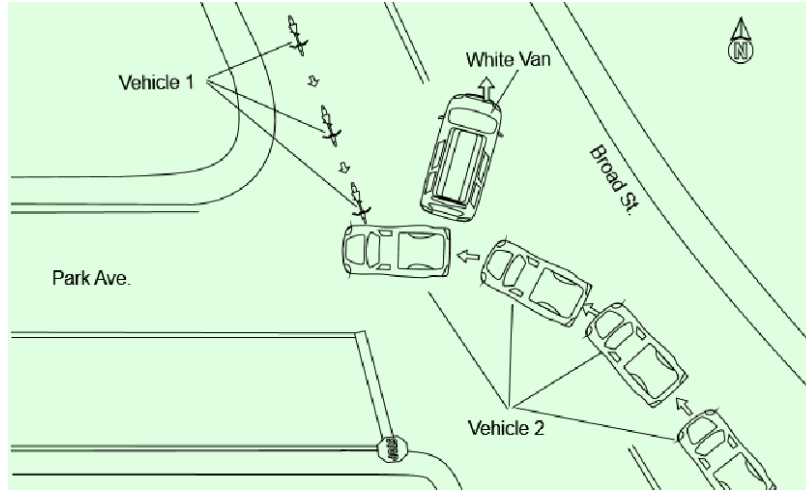
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05/31/23	23-29433-AC	Dyer @ Farmington	DUI / Speed / Obedience to Stop sign	Inspector Bolduc	CDR Imaged & Analyzed



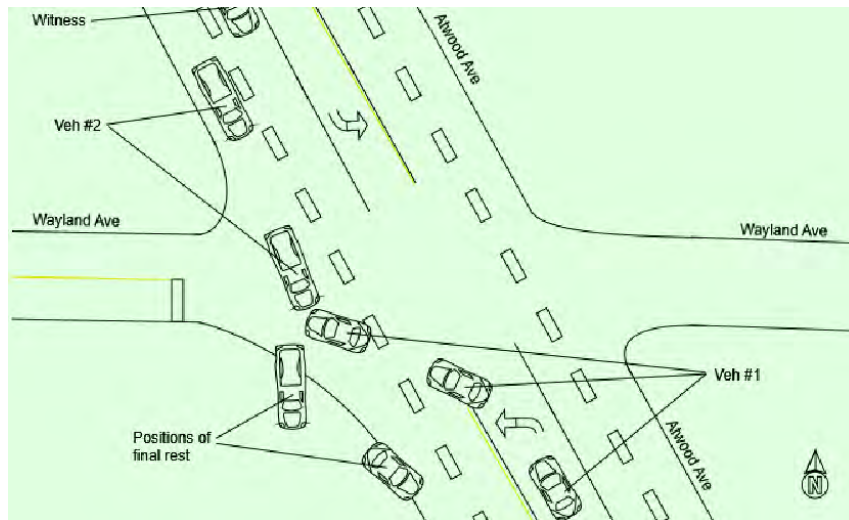
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06/19/23	23-32941-AC	Scituate Ave	Operator asleep behind the wheel	Sgt. Needham	Fatality (Veh #2) CDR Imaged & Analyzed, FARO Used



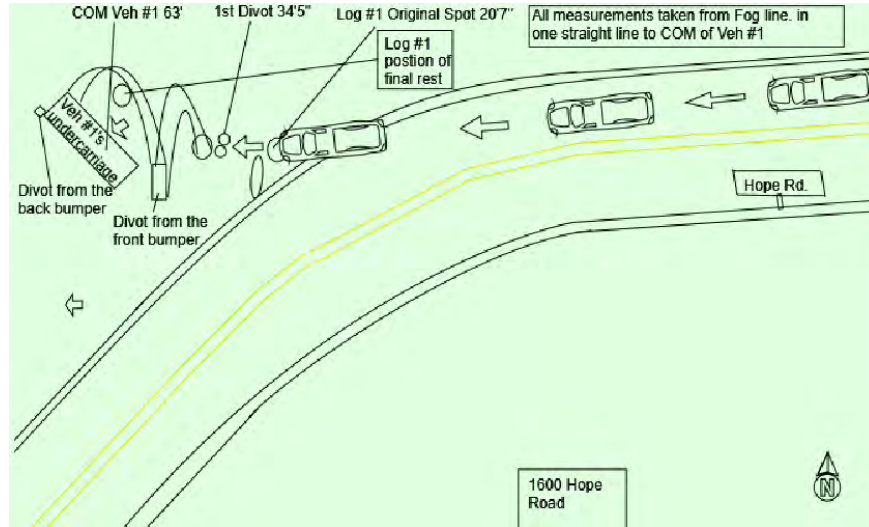
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06/23/23	23-33676-AC	Park @ Broad St	Potential Obstructed View	Inspector Aldrich	CDR Imaged & Analyzed



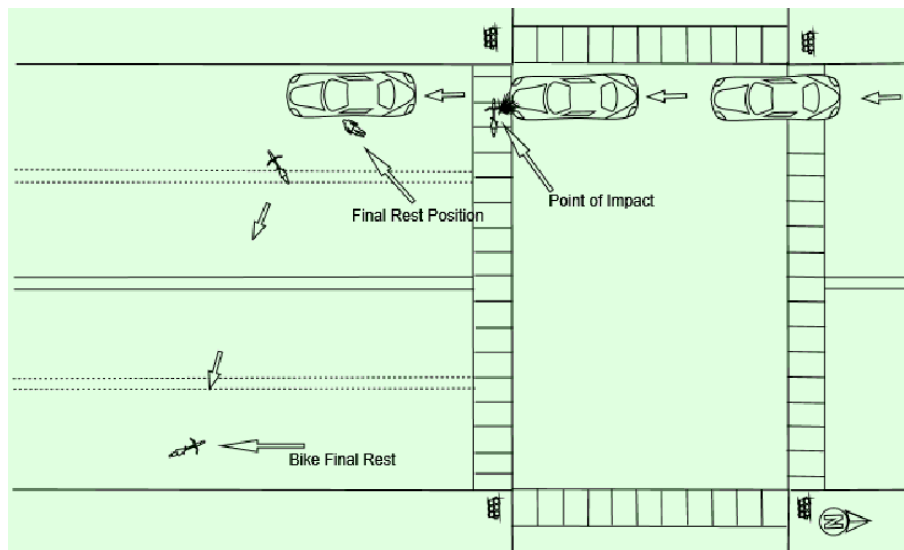
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07/17/23	23-38153-AC	Atwood @ Wayland	Failure to Yield ROW	Sgt. Needham	Fatality (Veh #1) CDR Imaged & Analyzed



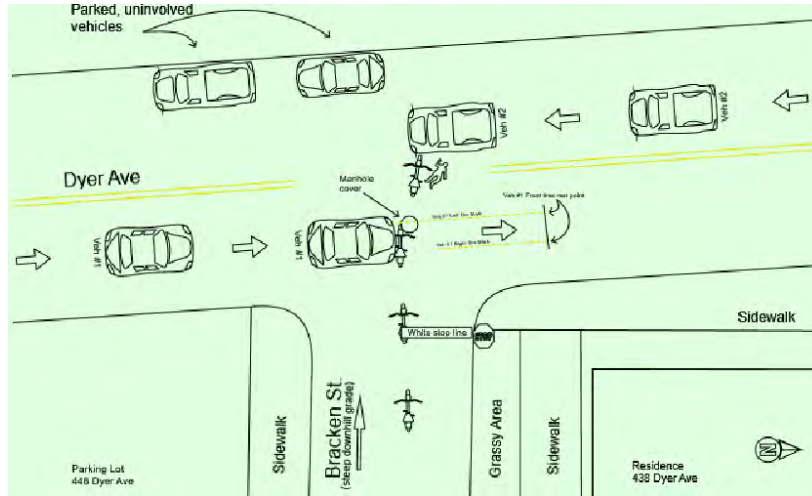
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08/15/23	23-43406-AC	Hope Rd	Speed / No Occupant Restraints	Sgt. Needham	Truck Rollover with Passengers in Bed



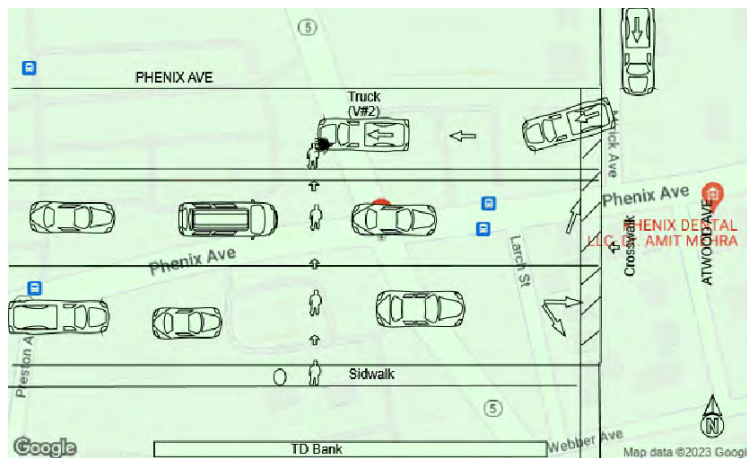
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08/24/23	23-45076-AC	Elmwood @ Park	Speed	Inspector Decosta	Bicycle AC with injuries



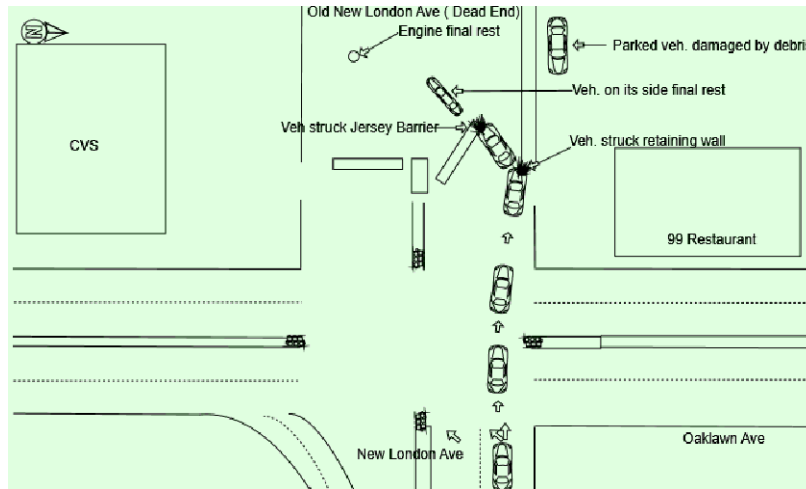
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10/04/23	23-53091-AC	Dyer Ave	Manner of entering intersection	Inspector Aldrich	Failure of bicyclist to yield ROW CDR Imaged & Analyzed FARO Used



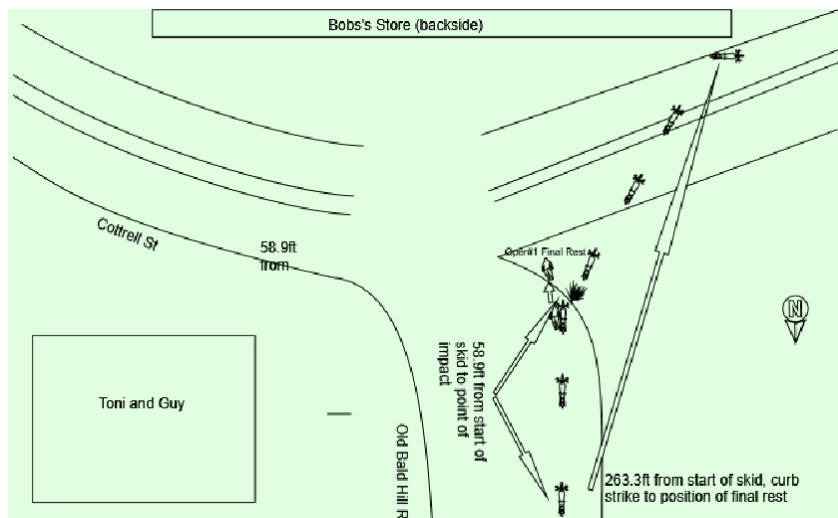
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10/27/23	23-57636-AC	Phenix @ Atwood	Failure of Pedestrian to yield ROW	Inspector Decosta	FARO used, CDR Imaged & Analyzed



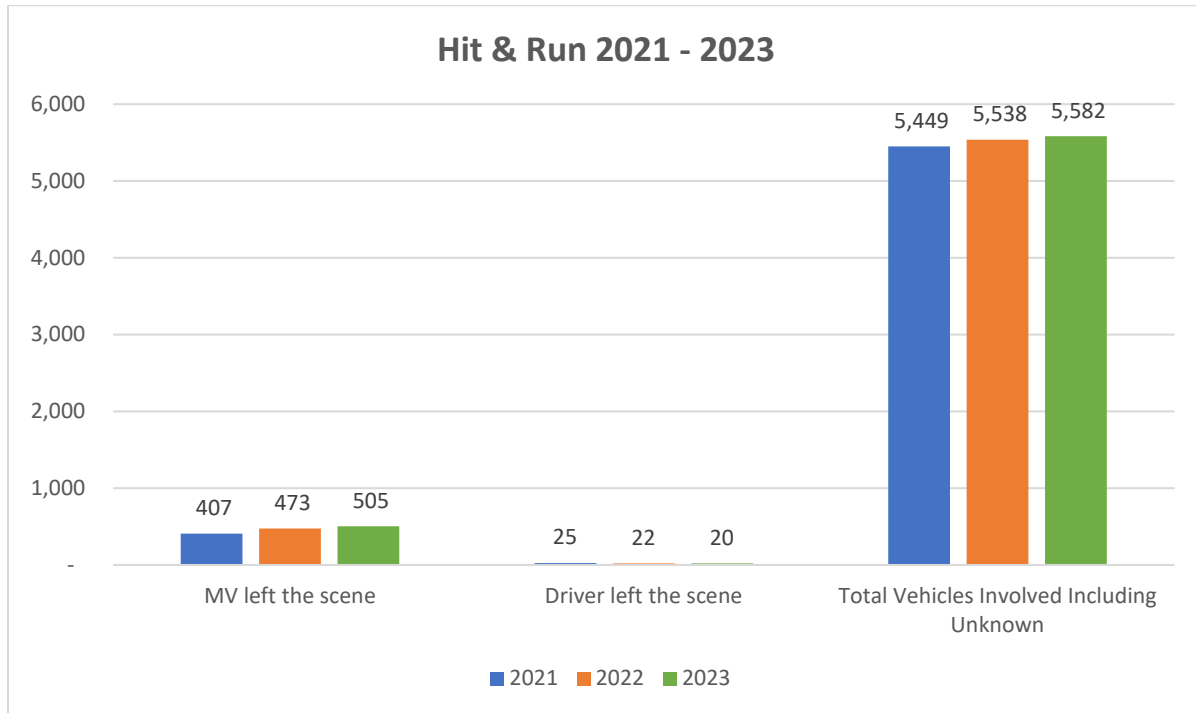
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11/25/23	23-63128-AC	New London Ave	Speed / Failure to Maintain Control	Inspector Decosta	Single Veh AC CDR Imaged & Analyzed



<u>Date</u>	<u>Report #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contributing Factor</u>	<u>Lead Investigator</u>	<u>Notes</u>
12/06/23	23-65208-AC	Old Bald Hill Rd and Cottrell St.	DUI / No Helmet	Inspector Decosta	Fatality Single Vehicle motorcycle AC



Follow-up for all traffic crashes



In 2023 the traffic division investigated 525 Hit and Run Accidents. This is an increase of 30 Hit and Run reported accidents from 2022.

In addition to following up with hit and run accident investigations within the City of Cranston the Traffic Division assisted other departments with serious motor vehicle accidents in which the airbags were deployed and the vehicles were supported by the Bosch CDR Tool.

Traffic enforcement programs

RIDOT Blue Riptide

Once again, the Cranston Police Department participated in the federally funded “Blue Riptide” program. This program is divided into several areas of enforcement including Speed, DUI, Distracted Driving, Pedestrian Safety, and Passenger Safety (Click it or Ticket).

To participate in “Blue Riptide” the Cranston Police Department Traffic Unit Sergeant is required to apply for grant monies on a yearly basis to cover the costs of details

performed throughout the year. Details are assigned through the Traffic Unit monthly according to specific program guidelines. The breakdown and year to year comparison for the program's different areas of enforcement are as follows:

Operation Blue Rip Tide DWI Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	DWI Arrest	Other Arrest	Warnings	Contacts
2016	97	29	6	109	549
2017	42	12	15	73	279
2018	35	17	7	34	201
2019	41	19	3	62	172
2020	42	10	13	59	192
2021	44	22	9	63	194
2022	42	30	5	60	137
2023	23	13	0	31	92

Operation Blue Riptide Speed Reduction Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	Speed Violations	Number of Arrest	Warnings	Contacts
2016	145	978	24	207	1519
2017	150	1027	25	320	1607
2018	153	1248	29	249	1652
2019	169	1395	15	250	1734
2020	141	1153	8	245	1515
2021	118	980	14	193	1132
2022	64	530	2	116	697
2023	76	618	2	85	752

Operation Blue Riptide Click or Ticket Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	Seatbelt Violations	Number of Arrest	Warnings	Contacts
2016	95	808	0	157	1013
2017	79	610	0	154	846
2018	62	446	0	94	617
2019	68	540	13	51	682
2020	21	184	0	16	207
2021	36	338	5	12	361
2022	20	193	0	15	204
2023	40	343	1	30	390

Operation Blue Riptide Pedestrian Safety

Year	Total number of details	Pedestrian Safety Violations	Number of Arrest	Warnings	Contacts
2017	8	64	0	15	91
2018	55	269	2	79	350
2019	106	503	3	45	660
2020	50	186	2	19	235
2021	32	122	0	22	182
2022	32	129	0	8	159
2023	44	163	0	8	207

Operation Blue Riptide Distracted Driving Reduction Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	Distracted Driving Violations	Number of Arrest	Warnings	Contacts
2017	42	143	7	71	412
2018	51	294	5	59	436
2019	71	514	12	83	718
2020	38	272	3	43	383
2021	43	238	5	28	316
2022	56	129	2	63	159
2023	49	175	1	30	266



Operation Blue Riptide Child Safety Occupant Protection

The Cranston Police Department Traffic Unit installs approx. 15 car seats, on average, per month, in the form of a free public service to the citizens of the City of Cranston and surrounding communities. In 2023 183 Car seats were installed.



The poster features the Cranston Police logo at the top left and a cartoon baby in a car seat at the top right. The main text reads "CRANSTON POLICE FREE Car Seat Check Event". Below this, it lists two dates and locations: "Saturday October 21st and November 4th" at the Central Library (140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston) and "Saturday November 18th" at the William Hall Library (1825 Broad Street, Cranston). The time is "10AM - 1PM". At the bottom, there are icons for various car seat types and logos for NHTSA and Child Car Safety. A banner asks "IS YOUR CHILD IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT?". Small text at the bottom provides contact information for SGT. NEEDHAM or INSP. BOLDUC.

C.A.R.E.



In addition to the “Blue Riptide” Program, the City of Cranston has its own version of targeted traffic enforcement with the “C.A.R.E.” Program. C.A.R.E. stands for **C**ranston **A**ccident **R**eduction and **E**nforcement program. This program, which is like the “Blue Riptide” Program, was re-implemented in 2015 to specifically target traffic violations through concentrated enforcement in statistically determined problem areas throughout the city. It is the responsibility of the Traffic Division Sergeant to remain up to date as to the

constantly changing problem areas in the city and assign-desired areas of traffic enforcement for the C.A.R.E. details on a weekly basis.

	# of Traffic Stops	# of Violations (including overnight parking)
2016	2407	2462
2017	2185	2139
2018	1729	1749
2019	1123	1096
2020	610	604
2021	301	2247
2022	215	6876
2023	255	8250

In 2021 there was a renewed focus on enforcing overnight parking which reduces the amount of minor side swipe hit and run accidents that are only discovered the next morning, well after the fact. Issuing of an overnight parking violation was not counted as a contact / Traffic Stop.

Analyzing Racial Profiling Status Reports

Even though all traffic stops are looked at daily to make sure the Racial Profile Data is completed, sometimes the racial profile information is missed. When this happens, Officers are notified and asked to complete the missing info. For 2023 the Cranston Police Department is once again 100% compliant.

In 2023 the Cranston Police had 22591 traffic stops and 14 traffic stops with documented searches where reports were taken. Sometimes the racial profile statistics collected in the IMC (Stats below), are collected from accidents reports, arrest reports as well as traffic stops. This is the explanation as to why there is a variation in the numbers.

See below for racial profiling information from 2023.

Race Stop Totals

Race	2020 Totals		2021 Totals		2022 Totals		2023 Totals	
Black/African American	2587	13.3%	3365	13.6%	3148	13.4%	3136	13.8%
White	11452	58.7%	14256	57.6%	12882	54.9%	12228	54%
Native American	58	<1%	37	<1%	42	<1%	42	<1%
Asian/Pacific Island/East Indian	612	3.5%	812	3.3%	796	3.4%	821	3.6%
Black Hispanic	989	5.1%	1377	5.6%	1353	5.8%	1331	5.9%
White Hispanic	3826	19.6%	4916	19.9%	5228	22.3%	5093	22.5%
Total	19524	100%	24763	100%	23449	100%	22651	100%

Reasons for stop

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Investigatory	172	992	1	51	127	303	1646
Violation	2985	10755	41	748	1174	4652	20265
Assist	69	481	0	22	30	138	740
Total	3136	12228	42	821	1331	5093	22651

Outcome Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
M/V Citation	359	1254	6	80	148	612	2459
N/D	44	208	0	18	18	59	347
Warning	2541	9561	33	672	1083	4098	17988
Arrest Driver	17	35	0	0	7	20	79
Arrest Passenger	1	4	0	0	2	4	11
No Action	174	1166	3	51	73	300	1767
Total	3136	12228	42	821	1331	5093	22651

Duration Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
0-15 Minutes	3061	12034	41	809	1303	4999	22247
16-30 Minutes	55	139	1	10	21	80	306
Over 30 Minutes	20	55	0	2	7	14	98
Total	3136	12228	42	821	1331	5093	22651

Search Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Yes	8	11	0	2	5	4	30
No	3128	12217	42	819	1326	5089	22621
Total	3136	12228	42	821	1331	5093	22651

Search Reason Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Incident to Arrest	5	5	0	0	3	4	17
Probable Cause	1	4	0	2	2	1	10
Terry Frisk	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Plain view contraband	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Odor of Drugs / Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inventory / Tow	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
Reasonable Articulate	1	3	0	0	1	0	5
Total	10	16	0	2	7	6	41

Search Scope Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Driver	7	11	0	2	5	4	29
Passenger	3	2	0	1	1	0	7
Vehicle	2	3	0	1	3	2	11
Total	12	16	0	4	9	6	47

Search Results

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
None	7	6	0	1	3	4	21
Weapons	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Money	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia	1	4	0	1	2	0	8
Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	12	0	2	5	4	31

Community policing and public relations

In 2023 Sgt. Needham continued to teach the Senior Driving Improvement class (1 x month) in the community room sponsored by AAA as he has done since 2019.

The Motorcycle Unit of the Traffic Division was able to participate in a number of public relation activities throughout the year. Garden City Touch-a-Truck events, Saint Mary's Feast & Veterans Day Parade, the Police Unity Tour and Wreaths across America are just a few examples. These were in addition to the 127 funerals and other

escorts provided for Police, Fire, Dignitaries, and Military Personnel around the State. This is an increase from the 97 escorts provided in 2022. Under the guidance of lead Motor Officer DeCosta, The Cranston Police Motorcycle Unit has become a sought-after resource in the State when Police escorts are needed.

Traffic enforcement

Selected Enforcement of Schools

At the beginning of the school year, CARE details, directed traffic enforcement patrols, and Traffic Officers focused in and around School zones increasing traffic enforcement. This was to bring attention to children walking to school and to keep speeds down in and around school zones.

Targeted Enforcement by Traffic Division

After receiving neighborhood complaints, traffic officers, CARE details and directed Traffic Enforcement patrols were assigned to specific intersections and streets adjacent to the high schools to target specific violations. Review of data, post enforcement, shows a decline in neighborhood complaints, speeding and an increase in quality-of-life issues.

Commercial Vehicle Inspections

In 2023 Inspector Decosta conducted thirty-three Level 1 Commercial Vehicle Inspections issuing over 400 violations and putting approx. 10 commercial vehicles out of service that were deemed to be unsafe. These Commercial Vehicle inspections insured safer roadways in the City of Cranston.

Prioritize Enforcement

- By prioritizing enforcement, the police department can address specific citizen's concerns in addition to reacting to data as it is developed.
- Even if eliminating all accidents might be impossible; the goal of reducing the number and severity of accidents is not.
- The following areas of interest continually have the highest number of accidents. This can be attributed to a higher volume of vehicles on these roads.

- Looking at data and having officers promote traffic safety in the areas that have the most accidents; is the most efficient way to utilize limited police personnel.
- When information comes in, such as a citizen complaint, a concentrated and concerted effort to decrease violations in that area is done by having C.A.R.E. details and directed patrol officers focus on it. Stats are kept, seeing how many violations are observed in the targeted area so that future details can be the most productive.
- The areas on this list have shown to be the areas with the most documented number of accidents.
- Looking at the information for 2023 most of the areas either remained unchanged (no more than a 5-crash change) or had a reduction in the number of accidents (5 or more crash reduction). There were only 9 locations that saw an increase in accidents (5 or more crash increase).
- These 9 locations will be put on the CARE list as priority patrol areas.

Location	2017 Crashes	2018 Crashes	2019 Crashes	2020 Crashes	2021 Crashes	2022 Crashes	2023 Crashes
Atwood Ave.	163	138	162	132	122	159	111
Broad St.	49	45	37	29	29	36	45
Bald Hill Rd	6	11	9	11	7	12	11
Budlong Rd.	20	30	22	12	18	26	20
Chapel View Blvd.	52	50	68	63	48	63	50
Comstock Pkwy	22	14	15	10	15	10	25
Cranston St.	210	186	211	178	189	202	184
Dyer Ave.	54	61	70	47	54	56	56
Elmwood Ave.	65	60	66	39	29	51	39
Farmington Ave	15	9	13	15	15	18	9
Gansett Ave.	11	18	33	21	21	26	30
Garfield Ave.	90	79	85	95	104	109	110

Hillside Rd.	62	51	75	42	55	72	73
Hope Rd.	24	21	18	9	18	13	14
Laurel Hill Ave	8	11	15	12	9	11	10
Legion Way	7	7	11	7	8	13	15
Mesh. Valley Pkwy.	23	22	19	12	11	15	18
Metropolitan Ave.	4	15	7	3	10	15	14
Midway Rd	14	13	13	10	7	15	19
Narragansett Blvd.	37	18	20	11	19	18	19
Natick Ave	20	23	28	24	23	25	31
New London Ave.	163	136	135	74	138	95	126
Norwood Ave	11	8	7	3	7	3	11
Oaklawn Ave.	202	184	202	130	152	162	154
Park Ave.	359	375	332	276	294	282	309
Phenix Ave.	116	88	95	66	79	59	64
Plainfield Pike	110	120	105	82	82	88	83
Pontiac Ave.	200	205	207	126	146	153	155
Reservoir Ave	265	251	272	216	261	259	255
Rolfe St	35	19	23	12	22	21	16
Scituate Ave.	38	38	58	32	45	39	39
Sockanosset X-Rd.	108	90	77	58	95	79	73
Warwick Ave.	36	40	35	22	19	29	34
Webster Ave.	8	18	16	11	20	13	23
Wellington Ave	14	11	19	15	20	18	9
Wilbur Ave.	21	23	20	15	14	21	13
Total	2642	2488	2600	1920	2205	2286	2267

Reduction
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Traffic Year to Year Statistics

The following year to year review contain numerous accident related statistics comparing 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. The purpose of the information contained in this report is to review and evaluate possible trends so that the traffic unit can focus our attention through continued targeted traffic enforcement and community education to the areas that need it most. Review of this information will also allow for the formulation of future targeted enforcement deployment strategies, by the identification of the time(s), day(s), and location(s) where the City of Cranston experiences the most crashes. The desired outcome is that the Cranston Police Department will have a positive impact in reducing collisions throughout the city and preventing the loss of property, and more importantly, the loss of life in 2024.

Overview of Traffic Stats

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	12 Year Avg. (2012-2023)
Total Crashes	3388	2499	2877	2858	2867	3186
Total Injuries	748	521	646	625	616	705
DWI Arrests	65	51	74	72	59	80
Fatal Crashes	2	3	8	1	7	3
Hit and Run Reports	486	387	410	473	525	466
Total Car stops	27733	18,862	24441	23329	22605	19816

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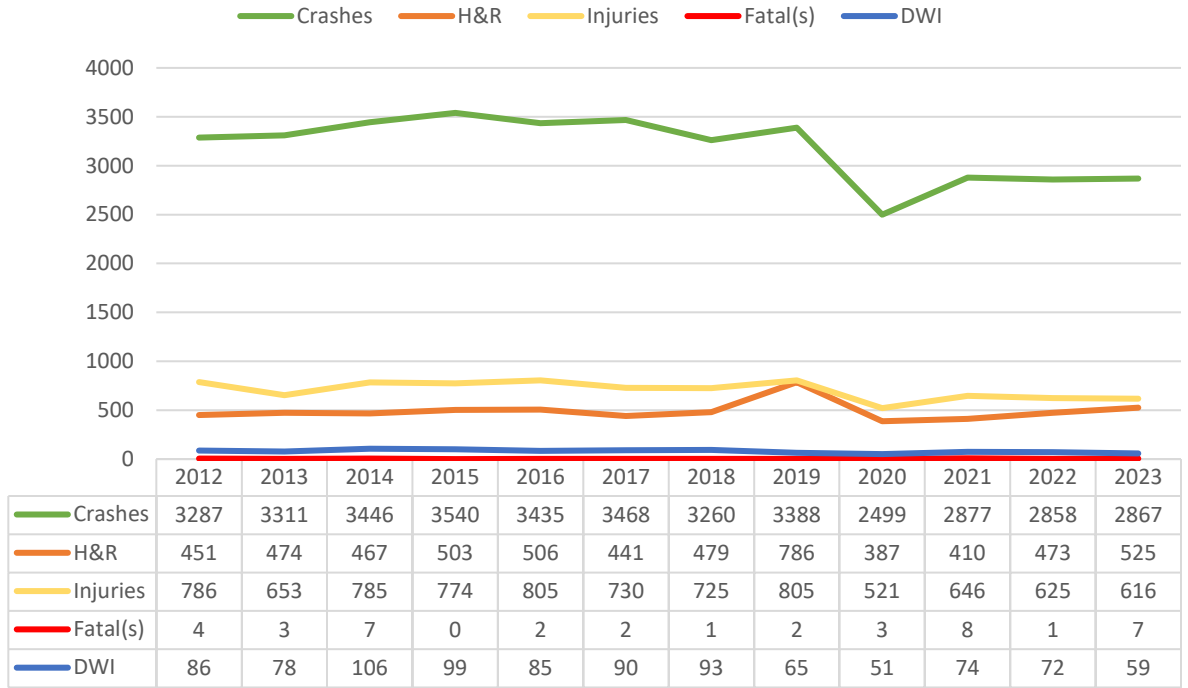
- In 2023 the number of DUI Patrols were decreased.
- The number of Fatalities increased by 6.
- Total number of crashes was relatively the same (increased by 9) as 2022.

- The total number of injuries was relatively the same (decreased by 9) as 2022.
- The number of Hit & Run reports increased by 52 reports.
- The number of traffic stops continues to be looked at and compared to number of accidents. There does not seem to be any correlation between the number of traffic stops and number of accidents (See charts below). So just focusing on increasing the number of traffic stops in an effort to reduce the number of accidents does not seem like a complete solution. A comprehensive effort of continued Traffic stops, improve road designs along with community outreach/social media and Education is still probably the best chance at reducing accidents in the City of Cranston.

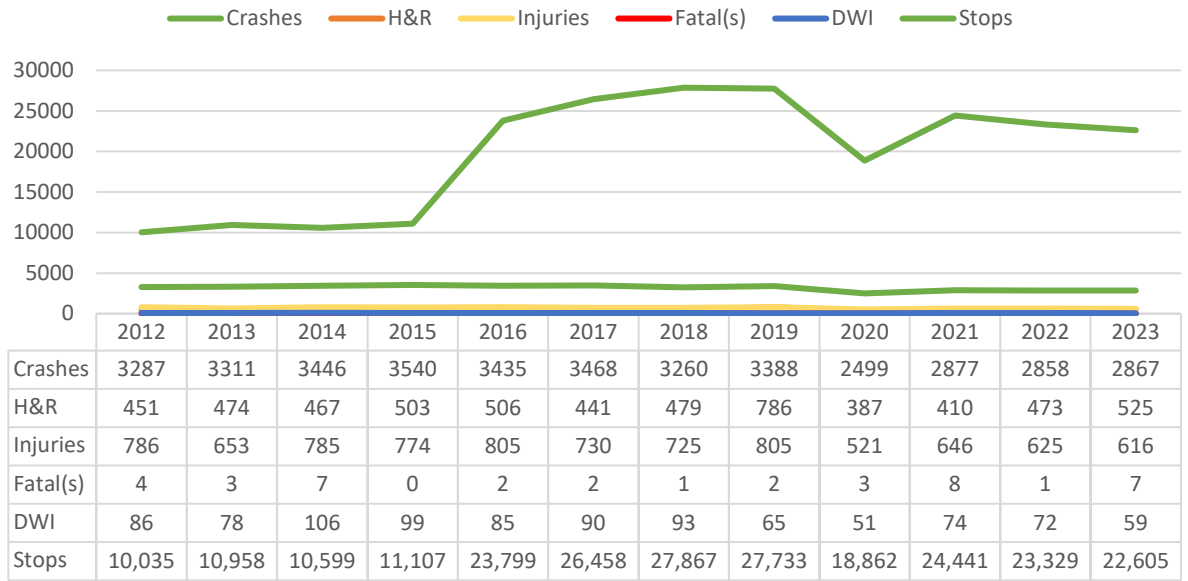
Year	#Traffic stops	#Accident
2017	+2502	-37
2018	+1568	-212
2019	-134	+128
2020	-8871	-889
2021	+5579	+378
2022	-1112	-19
2023	+724	+9

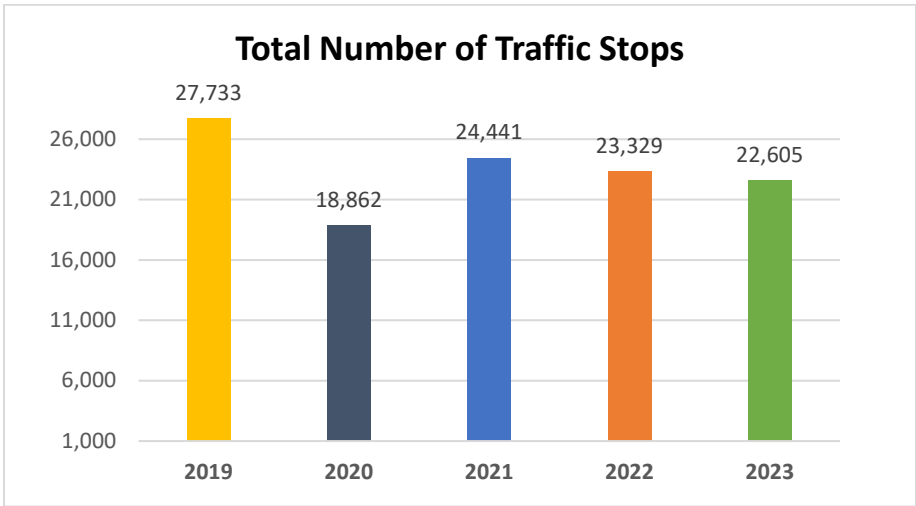
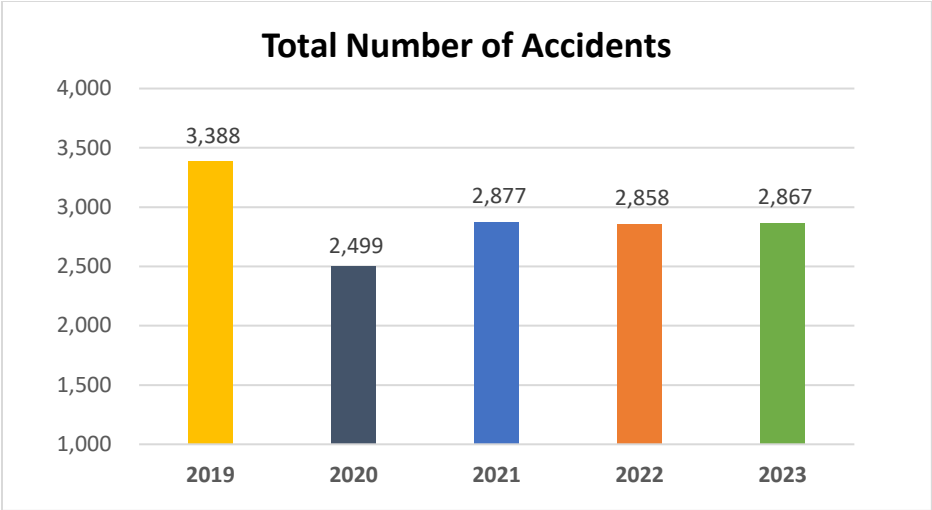
Cranston Traffic Stats (past 12 years)

Motor Vehicle 12 Year Statistics



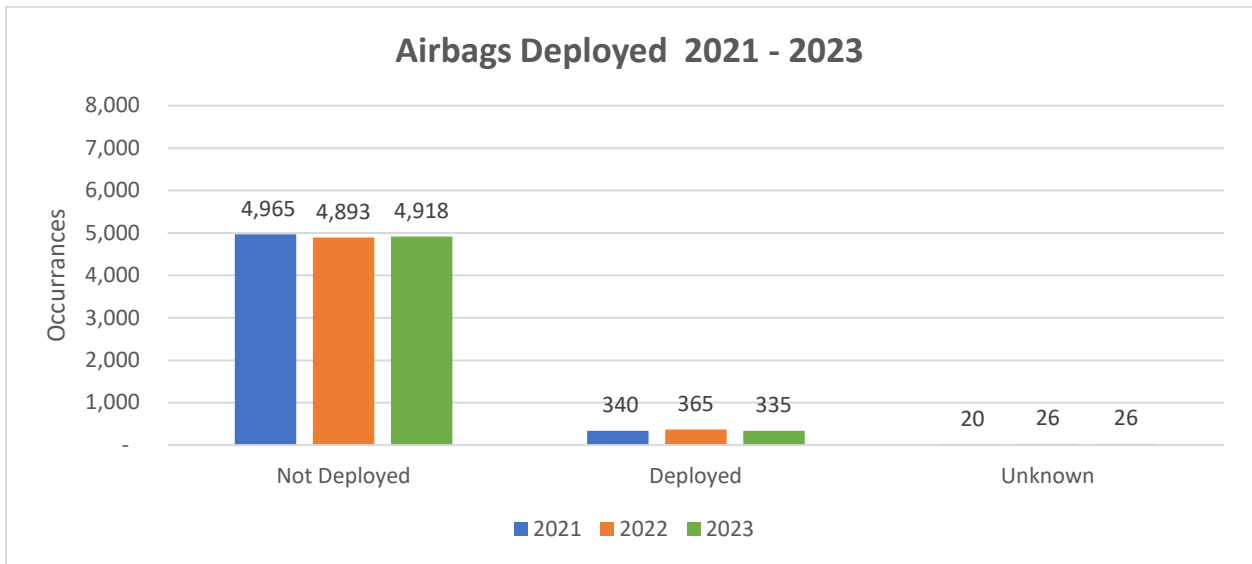
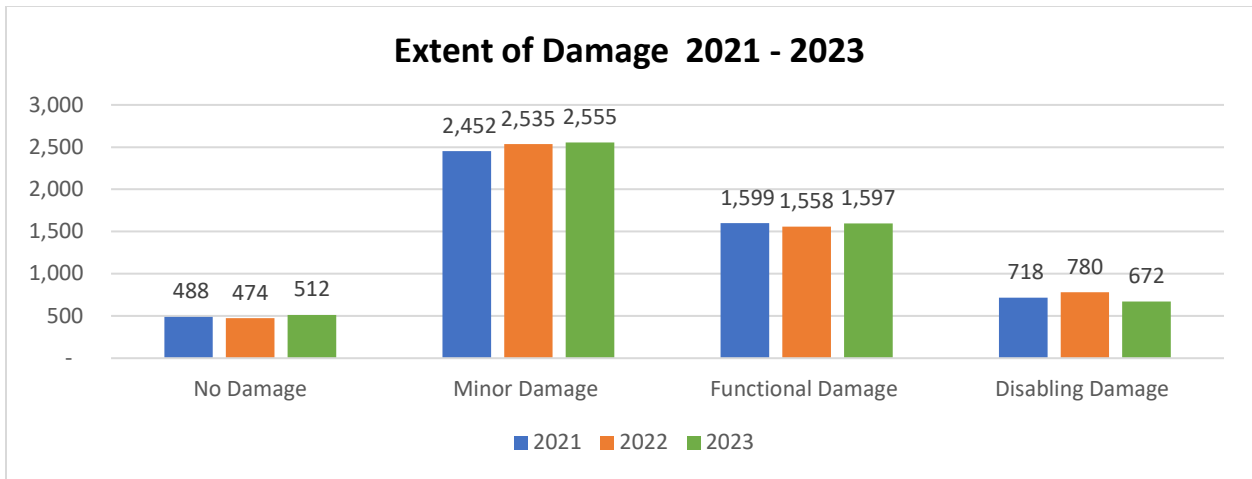
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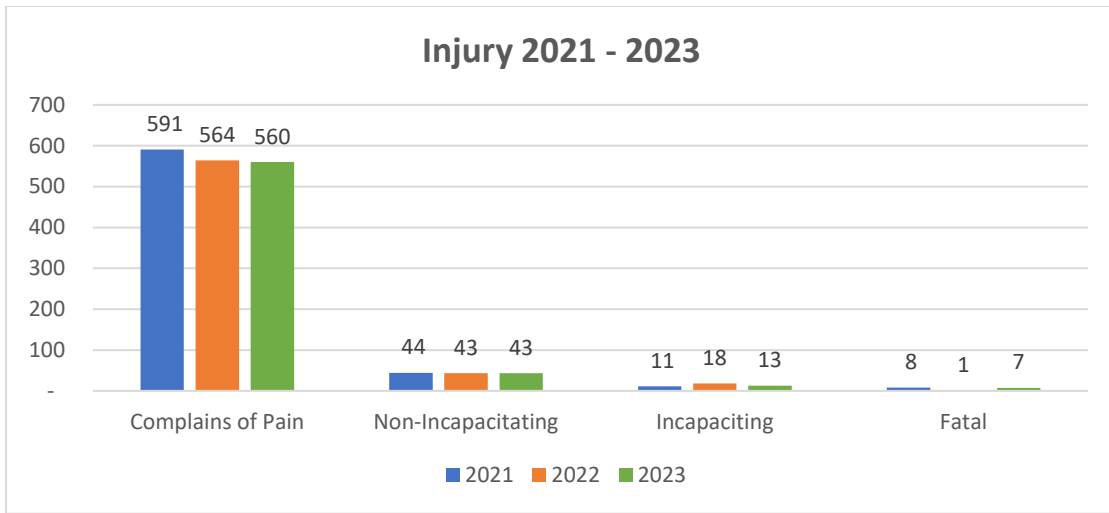


How bad were the accidents in 2023?

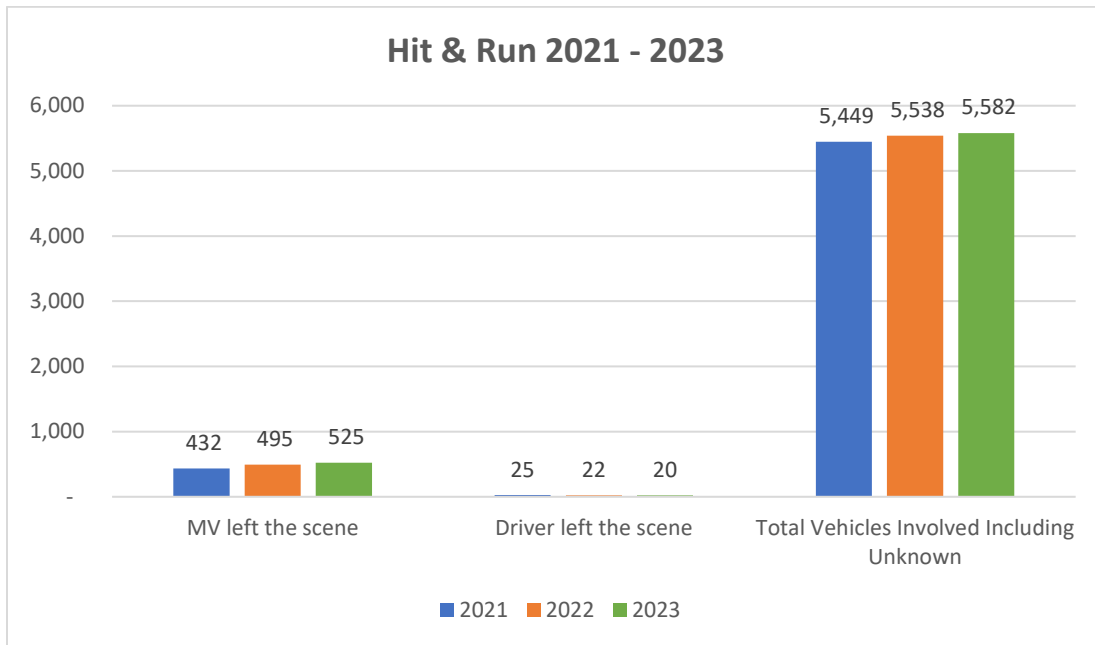
A Goal in 2023 was to keep all stats associated with accidents (Damage, Injuries, occurrences etc.) as low as possible.



Using Airbag deployment as an indicator of a serious accident we can see that the number of vehicles in-which the airbags were deployed decreased from 2022 to 2023 by 30 incidents.



Every year the goal is to keep the number of accidents that involve injuries as low as possible. This year the total number of reported injuries went down by 3 incidents. From 626 (in 2022) to 623 (in 2023).



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COMMUNICATIONS UNIT



The Cranston Police Department Communications Center is responsible for answering 911 and non-emergency calls. The Communications Center is staffed by thirteen full time civilians; they prioritize and enter calls for service for citizens relating to crimes in progress, traffic accidents, delayed reports, and other situations requiring a police response.

Information received by the dispatchers is dispatched directly to officers in the field by radio and through the Mobile Data Terminals in the police cruisers. The Communications Center provides support to the Police Department by managing access to communication systems, including phone and radio, to ensure necessary resources are deployed for the Police Department to safely respond to crimes and ensure the needs of our community are met. The Communications Center is a critical and vital link to Police, Fire, Rescue, and other emergency services. In 2023, the Communications Center dispatched 70,112 calls for service, some of those calls were initiated by citizens while others were officer generated events.



ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT



The Cranston Animal Control Division falls under the direction of the Police Department and was reassigned to the Inspectional Services Commander from the Uniform Division Commander during CY 2022. The Shelter is staffed by a Shelter Manager, two full-time Animal Control Officers and an Adoption Coordinator. The mission of the Animal Control division is to protect the health and safety of our residents, and to protect animals and promote their humane treatment.

A municipal animal shelter is a vital resource for any community. It provides a safe haven for stray, abandoned, and unwanted animals, and offers a range of services to promote their welfare and well-being. In this blog post, we will explore the importance of a municipal animal shelter and the many benefits it brings to the community it serves.





Animal Welfare

The most obvious benefit of a municipal animal shelter is the improved welfare of animals. It offers a safe and secure environment for stray or abandoned animals, where they receive adequate food, water, and medical care. These animals can be checked for any health problems, vaccinated, spayed, neutered, and treated for any illnesses. When a lost pet is brought into the shelter, the animal control officers will take steps to reunite the pet with its owner, avoiding the need to put it up for adoption.

Reduced Stray Animal Population

A municipal animal shelter can help to reduce the population of stray animals in the community. Stray animals are often a danger to themselves and others and can cause damage to property. With an animal shelter, these animals are taken off the streets, and they are put up for adoption or returned to their owners if possible. This can help to reduce the number of strays and decrease the likelihood of future incidents of animal cruelty and neglect.





Public Health and Safety

Municipal animal shelters also contribute to public health and safety. By providing medical care and vaccinations, they prevent the spread of diseases among animals and humans. Animal control officers ensure that animals are safely confined, and in the event of a public safety concern, they can remove aggressive or dangerous animals from the community.



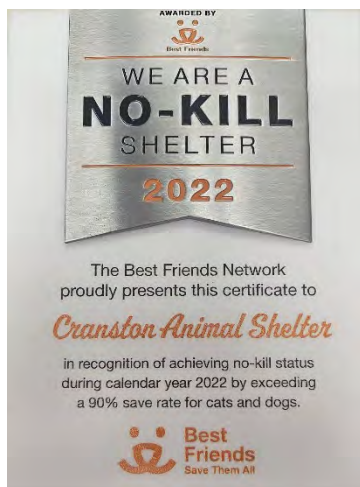


Community Engagement

Animal shelters can serve as a hub for community engagement. They offer a range of volunteer opportunities for those who want to help animals in need. These opportunities can range from dog walking to administrative tasks, and they can provide a meaningful way for members of the community to give back. Additionally, the shelter can offer educational programs that teach people about responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and the importance of

spaying and neutering pets.

In conclusion, a municipal animal shelter plays an essential role in ensuring the welfare of animals, reducing the stray animal population, and promoting public health and safety. It provides a safe haven for animals and offers many benefits to the community it serves. By supporting your local animal shelter, you can help make a difference in the lives of animals and the community.



The Cranston Animal Shelter follows the philosophy of a No-kill Shelter. This is generally defined as saving every dog and cat in a shelter who can be saved. It means healing the animals who can be healed, treating behaviors that can be treated, and prioritizing safety and a high quality of life for both pets and people in our communities. It means reducing the number of animals entering shelters through spay/neuter education and services and increasing the number of animals leaving shelters through adoption and other programs that lead to them finding safe places to call home.



In 2023 the shelter took in 201 dogs and 72 cats; all of which were fully vetted and adopted out. The Shelter also had the assistance of several rescues and shelters who took in sick or injured animals that the city would have issues adopting out. These in the Potter League, Friends of Homeless Animals, Vintage Pets, and the Providence Animal Rescue League.

The Animal Control Shelter continued its collaboration with the Providence Journal to help facilitate adoptions. In 2023 the Shelter continued its partnership with WJAR 10 in profiling adoptable dogs on the Studio 10 Television Program hosted by Mario Hilario.



The shelter has always worked closely with Shelter 2 Sofa, a local nonprofit dedicated to helping dogs transition from the shelter environment into their forever homes, and in 2023 entered into an agreement in which Shelter 2 Sofa would provide behavioral analysis and training for difficult dogs.



The City of Cranston also welcomed the formation of the Friends of the Cranston Animal Shelter (FOCAS), a local 501c3 non-profit group whose intent is to promote and assist the animals cared for while in the custody of the Cranston Animal Shelter.

The Animal Control Division makes every effort to promote pet adoptions of healthy, non-aggressive animals by the public and by approved animal rescue organizations. To reduce the number of homeless pets, our policy is that all dogs and cats are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.





DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Cranston Police Department's Detective Division is dedicated to investigating and resolving complex crimes in the City of Cranston. Throughout the year 2023, the division relentlessly pursued justice for victims and their loved ones. This annual report showcases the division's achievements, challenges faced, and new measures implemented.

The division includes one Captain, one Lieutenant, five Sergeants, thirty-two Detectives, four civilian clerks, and a Law Enforcement Advocate. The division is organized into five key units: Criminal Investigations, Special Victims, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Special Investigations, and Prosecution.

The Detective Division's core mission is to offer comprehensive criminal investigative support within the department. While the Uniform Patrol Division initially investigates and reports on incidents, cases requiring further investigation are escalated to our division for comprehensive follow-up and resolution. Our detectives handle a broad spectrum of crimes, including domestic violence, sexual offenses, cases involving juveniles, vandalism, and missing person investigations.

The division maintains strong collaborative ties with external law enforcement bodies, enhancing crime reduction efforts. We have forged productive relationships with local police departments statewide and regionally, the Rhode Island State Police, and federal agencies such as the FBI, JTTF, United States Marshal Service Sex Offender Task Force, and the statewide Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Equipped with advanced technology and specialized legal and analytical capabilities, the Detective Division is committed to providing superior investigative services and ensuring justice. The Bureau of Criminal Identification Unit employs cutting-edge

technology for law enforcement and evidence collection. Moreover, our Prosecution Unit has excelled in the successful prosecution of criminal charges, demonstrating remarkable coordination with the Rhode Island Judiciary to ensure fair and timely justice.

Detective Division members take immense pride in the dedication and tireless efforts of our investigative team, who are available around the clock, every day of the year. Their unwavering commitment is what sets the Detective Division apart as a vital component of the Cranston Police Department.

CASE ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW

To ensure effective oversight in case assignment, monitoring, and evaluation within the Division, the primary investigative responsibilities have been divided between the Special Victims Unit (SVU) and the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU).

Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU)

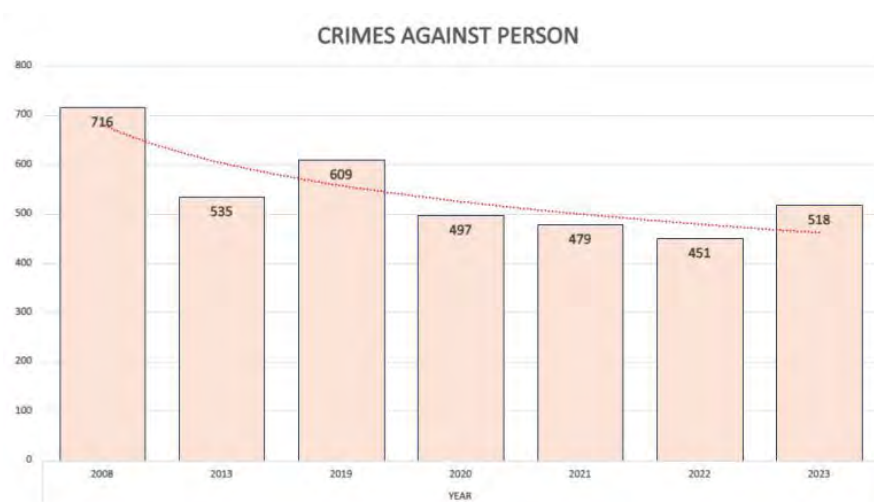
The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) of the Cranston Police is tasked with conducting follow-up investigations of crimes not resolved during the initial patrol, along with any further investigations recommended by Patrol Supervisors. The CIU's detectives, skilled in advanced investigative techniques such as forensic analysis, surveillance, and informant development, handle a wide range of crimes requiring detailed investigation. This excludes cases of sexual misconduct or those involving juvenile offenders, which are referred to the Special Victims Unit, and narcotics and vice-related crimes, handled by the Special Investigations Unit. Over the year, the CIU carried out one thousand and sixty-eight follow-up investigations and initiated an additional one hundred and sixty investigations independently.

The unit's efforts led to forty-three arrests stemming from these follow-up inquiries. Moreover, detectives made further arrests through on-scene, warrantless actions upon

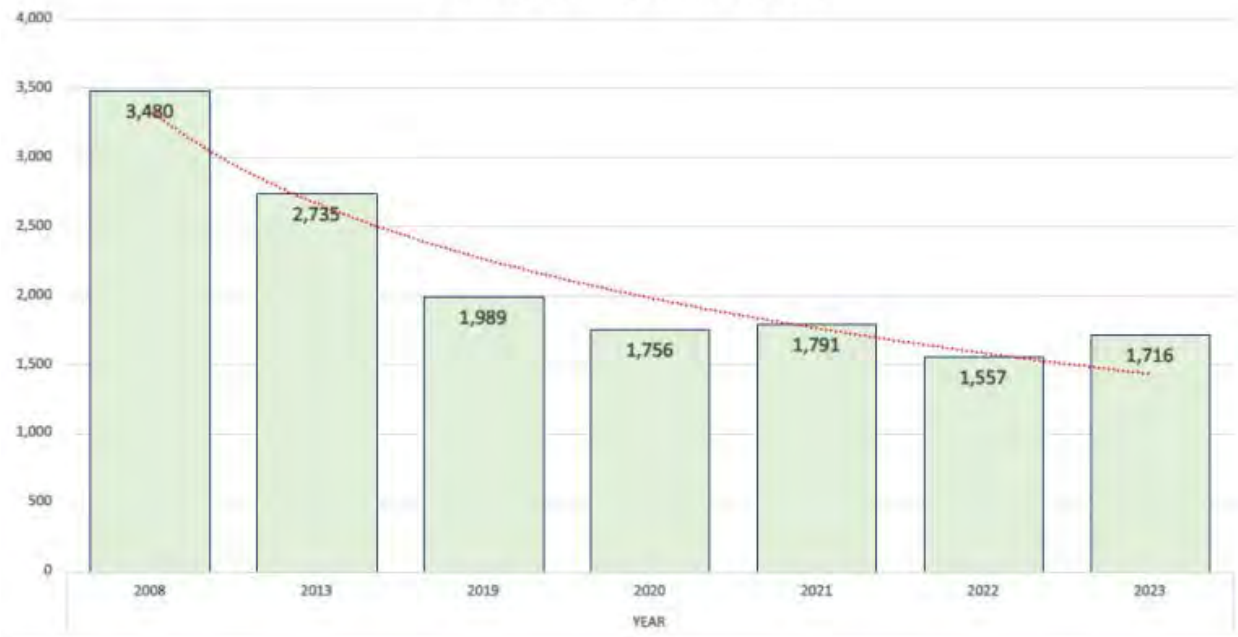
encountering suspects under various circumstances. The CIU also secured fifty-four arrest warrants and was instrumental in obtaining numerous search warrants. Additionally, the unit served as complainants for warrants executed by other agencies within Cranston's jurisdiction.



Crime Comparison Report

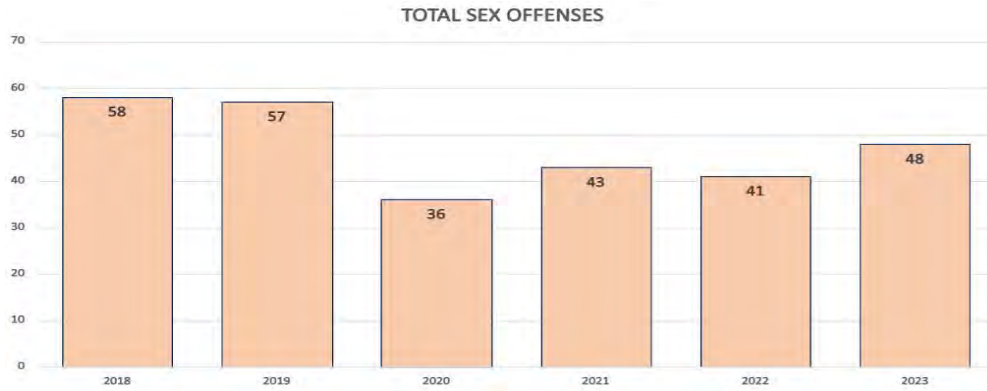


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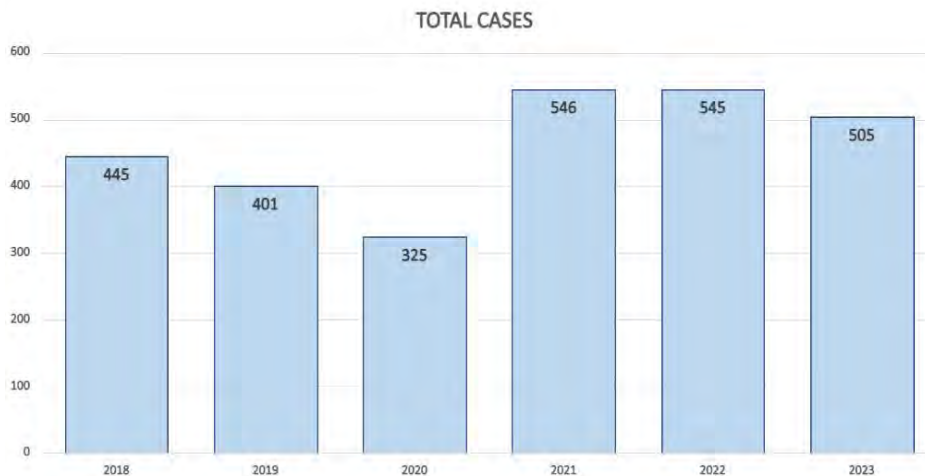


Special Victims Unit (SVU)

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) investigates crimes in the City of Cranston related to domestic violence, sexual offenses, child and elderly neglect/abuse, human trafficking, missing persons, runaways, and vandalism. The unit is also tasked with overseeing the sexual offender registry. To fulfill its mission, the SVU is staffed by four detectives and a civilian domestic violence advocate/law enforcement liaison, all under the supervision of a detective sergeant. Furthermore, three detectives hold positions as sworn members of the FBI, HIS, and SOLEMN federal task forces. The SVU detectives investigated forty-eight instances of criminal sexual contact, indicating a slight decrease in the overall number of reported sexual crimes.



In addition to its primary responsibilities, the unit also took charge of conducting follow-up investigations on initial reports filed by the Uniform Division. These investigations encompassed a range of offenses, including sexually based crimes, vandalism, family-related incidents, and cases involving runaways.



The unit carried out a total of 366 tasks specifically associated with the upkeep and oversight of the Sex Offender Registry in the City of Cranston. Throughout the year 2023, detectives made 38 community notifications for level two and three sex offenders, in accordance with legal requirements. Detailed in the chart below are additional actions tied to the registry's maintenance, such as the 69 checks performed to verify adherence to registry compliance standards.

SEX OFFENDER RELATED ACTIVITIES	2022	2023	% CHANGE
REGISTRATIONS	180	174	-3.33%
ADDRESS CHANGES	61	64	4.91%
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	157	69	-56.05%
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS	55	38	30.90%
WARRANTS	20	21	5.00%
TOTAL	473	366	-22.62%

2023 TOBACCO & ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS
11 OFFENSE REPORTS - 107 BUSINESSES CHECKED

Domestic Violence/Law Enforcement Advocate

The Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate is dedicated to offering comprehensive support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, with the position being fully supported by federal grants. They facilitate referrals for victims and their families to appropriate services through various means, including written communication, phone calls, in-person assistance in the office or other public venues, support during interviews with investigators, and accompanying victims to court. The Advocate actively promotes awareness in the community by participating in domestic violence and sexual assault training and workshops, aiming to be accessible to victims requiring assistance.

Participation in the Cranston United Against Violence and Abuse Task Force (CUAVA) monthly meetings is a key activity of the Law Enforcement Advocate. In 2023, their involvement extended to Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center staff meetings, the Rhode Island Domestic Violence Curriculum, and contributing to training sessions at the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy. Additionally, they engaged in the Law Enforcement Assessment Project, aimed at evaluating the effectiveness of the Law Enforcement Advocate Program across Rhode Island.

By regularly coordinating with various agencies, the Law Enforcement Advocate enhances outreach efforts in Cranston, ensuring victims of domestic violence and sexual assault receive the highest quality of support. Collaborations include working with the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, Cranston Community Action, Tri-Town

Community Action, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), and the Department of Elderly Affairs. This role is crucial in fostering partnerships with community organizations to prevent violence, abuse, and victimization across all demographics.

2023 DV/SA CHARGE BREAKDOWNS		
	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	562	70
SEX ASSAULT	n/a	22
CHILD MOLESTATION	n/a	20

2022 DV/SA CHARGE BREAKDOWNS		
	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	440	41
SEX ASSAULT	n/a	21
CHILD MOLESTATION	n/a	20

2021 DV/SA CHARGE BREAKDOWNS		
	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	467	69
SEX ASSAULT	n/a	23
CHILD MOLESTATION	n/a	20

	SEX ASSAULT	CHILD MOLESTATION	TOTAL
2023 SA & CM	22	20	42
2022 SA & CM	21	20	41
2021 SA & CM	23	20	43

NOTE: SOME CASES INCLUDED BOTH CHARGES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS		% CHANGE/PREVIOUS YR
2023	320	30.61%
2022	245	3.92%
2021	255	n/a

Juvenile Prosecutions

The Family Court Liaison officer submitted cases for -- juveniles as delinquent and -- juveniles as wayward to the Family Court. Additionally, -- juveniles necessitated emergency detention at the Rhode Island Training School.

Juvenile Hearing Board

Under the guidelines established by Cranston City Ordinance, specifically Chapter 2.72 – Juvenile Hearing Board, this board is empowered to adjudicate cases forwarded by the Police Chief's Office. This pertains to Cranston residents under eighteen who are accused of breaching Rhode Island's criminal statutes or city ordinances. Juveniles accused of offenses that would be considered misdemeanors if committed by an adult can opt for a hearing with the juvenile hearing board instead of proceeding to family court, pending approval from the Chief of Police. However, this option is not available to juveniles:

1. Charged with assault or battery, except with special authorization from the Chief's Office.
2. Who have been referred to the board twice before or failed to comply with previous sanctions or restitution set by the board.
3. Who were under the jurisdiction of the family court at the time of their offense, excluding guardianship issues.

The Chief has the discretion to refer any juvenile offender to the hearing board if it is deemed beneficial for both the individual and the community.

The Juvenile Prosecution Officer reviews cases involving juvenile arrests forwarded to the Prosecution Division. Should juveniles not adhere to the sanctions imposed by the Juvenile Hearing Board, their cases will be redirected to the Department for potential referral to Family Court. Juveniles are informed of this possibility during the intake process, upon signing a waiver of rights and agreeing to the board's terms.

The board reserves the right to decline cases if it emerges that the referral was inappropriate, the juvenile fails to provide necessary information, does not attend scheduled hearings, or does not cooperate with the board's procedures. In such

instances, the department is promptly informed, and the cases may then be directed to the Family Court.

The Juvenile Hearing Board is mandated to convene at least once a month. Notices are sent to juvenile offenders and their families sufficiently ahead of time, providing them the opportunity to adequately prepare for their hearing. These notifications detail the offense in question, as well as the date, time, and location of the hearing, and inform the offender of their right to legal representation at their own cost. Hearings conducted by the JHB are not open to the public.

Alcohol & Tobacco Compliance

In December 2021, the Special Victims Unit (SVU) assumed responsibility for conducting alcohol and tobacco compliance checks across the City of Cranston. This initiative is supported financially by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, in addition to the Cranston Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP). The outcomes of their rigorous enforcement activities were as follows:

2023 TOBACCO & ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS
11 OFFENSE REPORTS - 107 BUSINESSES CHECKED

Bureau of Criminal Identification



The Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) is responsible for the comprehensive management of crime scenes, which includes the seizure, cataloging, and storage of all evidence collected. This encompasses processing all evidence found at a crime scene, such as fingerprints, blood, DNA, and any additional evidence that may be discovered. The BCI Unit collaborates extensively with the Rhode Island State Crime Lab, the Medical Examiner's Office, and occasionally receives support from the FBI Crime Lab at Quantico to aid in evidence processing.

Beyond the core responsibilities of evidence collection, processing, and storage, the BCI unit fulfills a variety of additional duties. These include conducting fingerprinting for individuals in roles such as childcare workers, teachers, school bus drivers, and others mandated by law to undergo fingerprinting for employment verification. The unit is also tasked with the disposal of evidence that is either unreturnable to its rightful owner or no longer necessary for legal proceedings, registering sex offenders as mandated by law, participating in autopsies related to death investigations, and managing the cataloging, storage, and return of all firearms in the custody of the police department. The BCI is led by a Sergeant, who acts as the evidentiary custodian and oversees the unit's five detectives, with administrative support from a civilian clerk.



Prosecution Unit



The Prosecution Unit comprises three detectives, each bearing the title of Inspector, who are charged with overseeing both adult and juvenile prosecution efforts. A Detective Lieutenant directly supervises the unit, with additional support from two civilian administrative assistants.

This unit's primary responsibility is to prepare cases for prosecution, encompassing all adult arrests for both District and Superior

Courts and juvenile cases in Family Court. They manage the compilation and submission of all necessary documentation resulting from arrests conducted by the patrol division to either the Attorney General's Office or the City Solicitor's Office for further action.

The inspectors are pivotal in managing arraignments in District Court, covering both misdemeanors and felonies, and collaborate with Assistant Attorneys General for felony cases that advance to Superior Court post-arrangement. Additionally, they provide support during Superior Court violation hearings upon request and oversee juvenile proceedings in Family Court, stepping in to assist with adult cases as necessary.

Civilian clerks are tasked with assembling misdemeanor arrest packets for the City Solicitor's Office and felony arrest packages for the patrol division, with inspectors offering their assistance whenever they are not engaged in court duties.

2023 Prosecution Totals

Prosecution Three Year Comparison	2021	2022	2023
Total Arraignments	1301	1413	1307
Misdemeanor	1016	1074	989
Felony	285	339	318
Violation/Bail Hearings	111	172	111
Felonies Submitted for Screening	439	351	439
Cases Signed Up	369	245	302
Extreme Risk / Red Flag	12	14	19

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit handles inquiries related to drugs, vice activities, gambling, organized crime, gang operations, and violations of liquor legislation. The team, comprising a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, and five dedicated detectives, also focuses on gathering intelligence and conducting surveillance operations. A detective from the unit collaborates full-time with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF), while another detective works part-time with a task force led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Additionally, a detective within the unit is tasked with working on the Rhode Island State Police's Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF), all under the unit's oversight.

Special Investigations Unit Statistics for 2023:

- Arrests: 35 (assisted with an additional 41)
- Arrest Warrants: 3

- Search Warrants Executed: 18
- The Cranston Police Department SIU submitted 14 state forfeiture packages to the Attorney General’s Office in 2023. Included in those forfeitures is \$82,156.00 in cash, 4 vehicles, several items of gold, and multiple items of electronic equipment. 10 of the 14 submitted cases from 2023 are still pending at the Attorney General’s Office. The 2 that were successfully forfeited resulted in the sum of \$1,044.75 in cash being transferred to the city. The department did receive additional transfers of \$32,083.73 in cash from the RIAG in 2023 related to previously submitted forfeitures.
- Through methods of Controlled Buys, Search Warrants, and Arrests the Special Investigations Unit removed the following illegal narcotics from the streets in 2023:
 - Fentanyl 320.0 grams
 - Fentanyl Pills 13,120 pills + 78.6 grams
 - Marijuana 65.9 grams
 - Cocaine 2143.4 grams
 - Unknown Pills 20 pills
 - Methamphetamine 582.5 grams
 - Unknown Powder 256.3 grams
 - Crack Cocaine 35.7 grams
 - Crystal Meth 30.1 grams
 - Cocaine/Fentanyl 19.5 grams
 - MDMA 422.3 grams

Federal Forfeiture Statistics:

- \$20,927.84 was shared with CPD through the Federal Forfeiture Equitable Sharing Program in 2023, with several cases still pending sharing decisions.

FBI Safe Streets Task Force Activity for 2023

In 2023, the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF) engaged in multiple extensive, prolonged investigations. A significant federal Title III (TIII) investigation was launched against two individuals in March 2023, with actual phone intercepts commencing in October and concluding in December of the same year. The outcomes of these and other investigations are summarized in the annual statistics for 2023.

FBI SSTF 2023 Year End Statistics:

71 SSTF led video recorded buys in which over \$75,000 was spent, resulted in the seizure of:

- 100 g crack cocaine
- 1000 g fentanyl
- 5000+ fentanyl pills
- 750 g crystal meth
- 25 firearms

Throughout 2023, the investigations led to 21 arrests and the execution of over 30 search warrants. It's important to note that this number does not include search warrants issued for phones, packages, GPS tracking, etc. These efforts culminated in the confiscation of various items:

- 550 g crack cocaine
- 12.3 kilos of fentanyl
- 50000 + fentanyl pills
- 3+ kilo crystal meth
- 8 firearms
- \$30,000 in U.S.C. / pending seizure of a residence in Providence valued at \$400,000 .

RISP Violent Fugitive Task Force Activity 2023

- Total Arrests: 334
 - State: 280
 - Federal: 54
- Incidents: 15
- Search Warrants: 8

Of note:

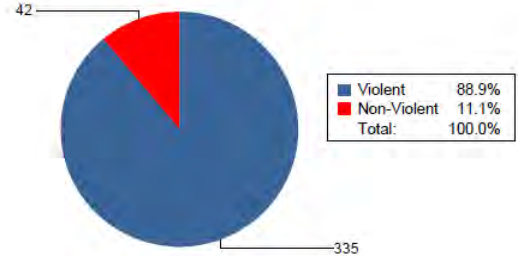
- 7 Homicide Suspects
- 60 Assault Suspects
- 36 Weapon Charges Related Arrests
- 11 Sex Assault Suspect Arrests
- 47 Narcotics Related Suspect Arrests

- 36 Burglary / Robbery Suspect Arrests

Seizures

Total Firearms Seized	17
Total Ammo Seized	56
Total Currency Seized	\$22,941
Total Vehicles Seized	1
Total Narcotics Seized	kg 17.703

SOP Violent vs. Non-Violent State/Local Warrants Received



Gang Arrests

Total Gang Fugitives	13
Total Warrants	18

Sex Offender Investigations

3612/3613 Warrants Closed by USMS Arrest

Federal	2
State/Local	62

Cranston Police Department Drone Program



The introduction of drone technology has brought significant advancements to the field of law enforcement, and the Cranston Police Department is no exception. With drones, police officers can now carry out surveillance and reconnaissance operations from a

safe distance, minimizing the risk of injury or loss of life. In 2022, the department took a major step toward professionalizing drone use with the certification of nine pilots under Part 107 of section 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The unit is currently under the supervision of Captain Vincent McAteer.

Our three unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are equipped with high-resolution cameras, thermal imaging sensors, and other advanced features that provide real-time situational

awareness to law enforcement personnel. This technology has proved particularly useful in situations where it is difficult for officers to access or observe wooded areas, or densely populated areas.

The benefits of drone technology for law enforcement are numerous. In addition to enhancing situational awareness and minimizing the risk of injury to officers, drones can also help reduce the response time in emergency situations. Moreover, drones are cost-effective and can save valuable resources that would otherwise be spent on traditional law enforcement methods. By embracing this new technology, the Cranston Police Department is taking an important step towards ensuring public safety and staying at the forefront of law enforcement innovation.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST



The Cranston Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Analyst conducts complex research and strategic crime analysis to identify and evaluate patterns and trends using probability studies and complex statistical analyses, develops and tests hypotheses, develops victim and suspect profiles, and forecasts criminal activity.

Productivity Report

48 Weekly Intelligence Bulletins

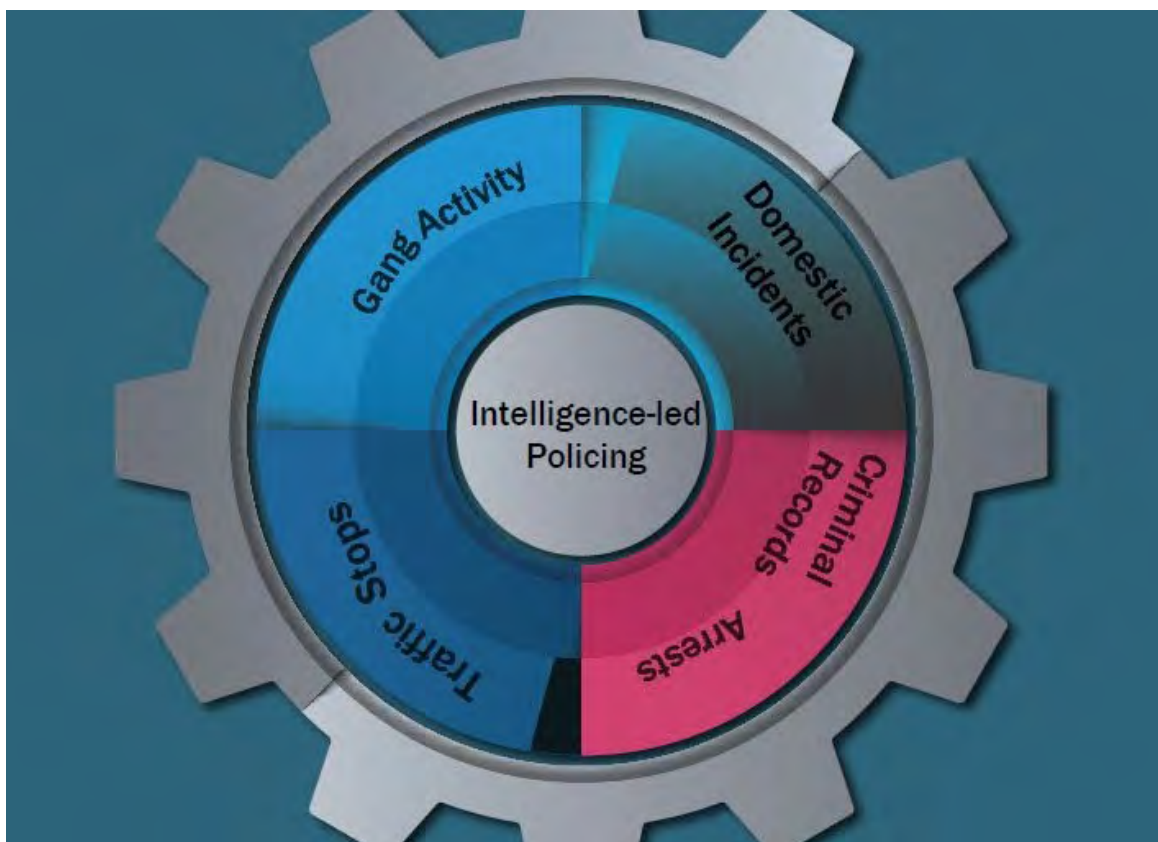
12 Monthly Statistical Reports

51 Officer Safety or Informational Bulletins

57 Incident Reports (+3 Assists)

26 Field Interview Reports

200+ Info / Intel requests from agencies across RI and MA



INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Inspectional Services Division (ISD) is composed of the Inspectional Services Unit , Training Unit, Animal Control Unit, Records Unit, National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) / Transcription Unit, Finance Clerk, Detail Clerk, and Switchboard Operator.

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES / ACCREDITATION UNIT

Calendar Year 2023 saw the shuffling of assignments in the Records Unit. The Chief Records Officer / Terminal Agency Coordinator responsibilities were transferred from a civilian employee to a Police Lieutenant. In addition to the duties and responsibilities inherent to this position, the Lieutenant was also tasked with review and redaction of onehundred and ninety-four (194) Body Worn Camera (BWC) videos for APRA and discovery requests. The Inspectional Services Division is also responsible for managing the operations of the police department's facility and conducting background checks for firearms purchases. The inspections process is an essential mechanism for evaluating the quality of the agency's operations; ensuring that the agency's goals and objectives are being pursued; identifying the need for additional resources and efficiency; and ensuring that control is maintained throughout the agency. Inspections include the evaluation of facilities, vehicles, equipment, records, personnel, procedures, and the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the organization.

The Inspectional Services Division Commander is primarily tasked overseeing the Animal Control Unit, processing Injured on Duty (IOD) claims, administrative oversight and approval of purchase orders (PO) (148 in CY 2023).

RECORDS UNIT / TERMINAL AGENCY COORDINATOR (TAC)

The Records Unit was staffed by one full-time civilian during 2023. This unit is primarily responsible for maintaining most of the police department's records, as well as providing reports and other requested documents to the public in accordance with the Access to Public Records Act (APRA). The Records Unit is also responsible for processing firearms purchase applications (1278 in CY 2023), court subpoenas, collecting games of chance applications/fees, NCIC validations, and Sexual Offender Records.

The Chief Records Clerk/TAC is the keeper of the records and is responsible for ensuring the timely compliance of NCIC and state policies and regulations by providing confidential clerical functions to the validation of all NCIC and RILETS records. The Chief Records Clerk is responsible for ensuring the accountability, effectiveness and efficiency of civilian personnel assigned to the Records Unit. The Chief Records Clerk reports directly to the Commander of the Inspectional Services Division and personally reviewed and redacted 241 records that were released under the Access to Public Records Act (APRA), prepared documents for 11 subpoenas and appeared in court for several of them. In 2023 eleven (11) Extreme Risk Protection orders were granted, resulting in the modification of site files, registration files, and master name files.

The Chief Records Clerk/TAC maintained a total of 220 sexual offender records in the NCIC and RI Sexual Offender Registry during CY2023. This work includes creation of new records for newly classified offenders, modifications to existing records, modification of the IMC master names records, maintaining the sexual offender registrations in IMC, importing images into NCIC, supplementing the applicable report, and notifying outside agencies. He also processed 459 NCIC “validations” during CY 2023 and managed 1291 records that were entered, cleared, cancelled, or modified in the NCIC and RILETS system.

2023 SUMMARY OF RECORDS UNIT ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY	TOTAL #	RECEIPTS
<i>Walk-in requests</i>	1889	\$1,423.70
<i>Mail Requests</i>		\$9,809.90
<i>E-Mail Requests</i>	4422	
<i>Fax Requests</i>	129	
<i>Online Accident Reports Sold (Crash Logic)</i>	3086	\$46,290.00
<i>Court Subpoenas</i>		\$233.00
<i>Games of Chance</i>		\$420.00

2023 Firearm Purchase Applications

Processed	1278
Approved	1269
Denied	9

NIBRS COMPLIANCE / TRANSCRIPTION UNIT



The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Unit is currently staffed by two full-time employees and one part-time clerk. The part-time Clerk is primarily responsible for transcription. These employees are overseen by the Chief Records Clerk, and report directly to the Inspectional Services Captain.

The Data Entry Transcriptionists / NIBRS Unit primary responsibility is transcribing reports into the department's computer system via the dictating system or any other recording medias, reviewing the reports to assure their compliance with national, state and local Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR), National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), and compiling applicable statistics as required by state and federal laws. This unit also works with the Network manager to resolve Information Management Corporation (I.M.C.) issues as they relate to police reporting methods.

2023 Total Number of Crimes As Reported through the NIBRS

2023	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022	CHANGE
GROUP A															
Animal Cruelty	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	4	50% Decrease
Arson	0	1	2	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	11	3	267% increase
Agg. Assault	3	5	3	6	4	5	7	4	2	4	3	3	49	55	11% Decrease
Simple Assault	30	31	32	30	36	32	32	30	30	33	18	16	350	275	27% Increase
Intimidation	3	4	2	2	1	3	5	4	1	1	1	1	28	23	22% Increase
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No Change
B&E	6	12	11	12	4	9	16	11	5	11	4	8	109	99	10% INCREASE
Counterfeiting/Forgery	10	9	8	4	7	7	3	4	5	7	4	3	71	60	18% Increase
Damage/Vandalism	34	22	30	29	21	27	28	23	29	50	28	21	342	288	319% INCREASE
Drug Violations	5	7	5	3	6	5	1	1	5	7	4	3	52	63	17% INCREASE
Embezzlement	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	2	16	12	33% INCREASE
Extortion/Black mail	3	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	12	19	36% Decrease
Fraud Offenses	25	22	25	21	16	22	19	24	15	15	21	25	250	237	5% INCREASE
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NO CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NO CHANGE
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NO CHANGE
Kidnapping	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	400% INCREASE
Larceny/Theft	75	31	54	58	64	56	61	54	76	72	56	54	711	702	1% INCREASE
Vehicle Theft	5	4	13	8	9	6	12	9	14	15	17	10	122	86	79% INCREASE
Pornography	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	8	5	60% INCREASE
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	100% INCREASE
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	2	2	12	12	NO CHANGE
Sex Offense - Force	6	3	3	2	3	4	0	4	2	6	6	1	40	34	18% INCREASE
Sex Offense-Non Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NO CHANGE
Stolen Property	5	1	7	7	5	6	5	5	4	3	0	3	51	51	NO CHANGE
Weapons Violation	2	6	5	5	1	3	4	0	1	4	4	4	38	29	31% INCREASE

FINANCE CLERK



The Finance Clerk is a full-time city employee who is under the direct supervision of the Police Department. She is responsible for receiving, processing, and paying all invoices that are incurred by the Cranston Police Department. She is also responsible for processing purchase orders, providing up to date data to the Police Administration concerning the balance of each line item of the budget throughout the year, and assisting members in all expenditures of the Police Department. She works closely with the Finance Department at Cranston City Hall to ensure that payment for goods and services provided to the Police Department are finalized through the Finance Department at Cranston City Hall. The Finance Clerk reports directly to the Inspectional Services Captain and has a close working relationship with the Majors and Chief, concerning the budget and departmental expenditures.

POLICE DETAILS ADMINISTRATIONS CLERK

The Police Details Administrations Clerk is a full-time city employee who is under the direct supervision of the Police Department. The primary responsibility for this position is to oversee the assignment of private and city paid details, to administrate the billing for police detail services rendered, and to work closely with vendors in the collections process.

The Details Administrations clerk was responsible for the processing of \$3,459,438.84 in revenue and working with approximately one hundred twenty-seven (127) vendors during CY 2023.

The Police Department continues to rely upon the continually evolving POLICE Detail Tracking System adopted in November of 2015. This secure, mobile friendly, Cloud-based software system streamlined the detail assignment/management process and resulted in a more efficient and transparent procedure.

**2023 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR THE POLICE DETAILS ADMINISTRATIONS
CLERK**

Total Hours Billed	54,770
Total Salary Billed	\$2,775,395
Total Administrative Fees Billed	\$232,013.60
Total Equipment Fees Billed	\$805,890.00
Total Billed	\$3,813,299.08

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR

The switchboard operator remains a full time position. It is currently staffed Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm. The switchboard operator's responsibilities include the efficient and proper operation of the switchboard, proper



routing of calls, mail, and packages, greeting visitors to headquarters, and accepting games of chance applications. The switchboard operator also assists Records personnel in the retrieval of reports and the IMC name merge project.

The switchboard operator processed a total of 20,850 calls to the police department in CY2023. Of those calls 15,266 were routine while 5,584 were transferred to the Communications Center for additional attention.

Training Division



The Training Division continued to ensure that Cranston police officers were well-trained, certified and/or re-certified in a variety of topics as well as coordinated and participated in multiple community events.

Departmental In-service

Trainings

Each topic had the most current and up-to-date information at the time of its offering, which allowed the Cranston Police Department to provide some of the most comprehensive training in the region. The course topics included:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic Violence• Sexual Assault• Implicit Bias• Mental Health First Aid• LEADS (de-escalation program)• Narcan• SFST/Breathalyzer• Ethics• Officer Wellness• Body Worn Cameras• Firearms- pistol & rifle• Active Threat Response | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of Force<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Control tactics including multiple officer options.○ Taser○ OC spray○ Baton○ Handcuffing techniques○ Weapon retention.○ Legal decisions○ Policy review emphasizing officer responsibilities especially the duty to intervene |
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Within each of these sessions, the instructors used progressive training techniques that enhanced the 2022 sessions while maintaining the required standards for the Cranston Police Department, the State of Rhode Island and CALEA. This continued to be true of the 2023 departmental firearms training and qualifications including the recent adoption of pistol optics for some officers who purchased them.

Together with the necessary decision shooting, reduced light shooting, moving targets, use of cover, non-dominant hand shooting, alternate position shooting, reloading drills, and malfunction situations, officers participated in room clearing techniques, a variety of scenarios including de-escalation and force on force as well as officer ambush counter tactics with the Training Division staff and Special Reaction Team instructors.

The current patrol rifle operators received annual training and qualified twice to carry the weapon system throughout the year. Within the annual training, officers participated in multiple types of drills to include moving from their vehicle to cover, target acquisition, firing from multiple stances, malfunctions and caring for the patrol rifle.

In addition to weapons, physical skills and related knowledge, the Training Division ensured that several mental health, emotional crisis, and officer wellness trainings were taught to enhance officer awareness, the knowledge to make informed decisions and the resources to handle these situations in a suitable manner.

Amongst these trainings, a major project for the Training Division was allocation, distribution and training for the agency's new body worn camera program. Upon delivery to the Cranston Police Department, the Training staff inventoried then registered each camera to the operating system. They scheduled then trained all involved to ensure each officer and supervisor assigned a camera as well as the agency's administration understood the equipment and its use. Additionally, the Training staff coordinated with the Uniform Division for equipment storage and the charging stations to be installed.

PowerDMS Trainings

PowerDMS was an integral component of 2023 as it proved efficient and user friendly for multiple trainings in 2022. The Training Division was able to disseminate presentations on Mental Health First Aid, Autism and use of force topics including policy review, LEADS, Taser, OC, baton & handcuffing. The same key elements of decision-making, communication, the use of proper techniques including multiple officer techniques, proper documentation, and the duty to intervene were emphasized. The use of force

presentations were supported by topic specific instructors to reinforce the information as well as meet the physical Taser standard of deploying cartridges. Participating officers practiced transitioning to/from less lethal (OC, baton & Taser, if applicable) to lethal then back again during their proficiency demonstrations.



Professional Development Trainings

In 2023, the Training Division sent *one hundred six officers to forty-one separate trainings, schools, classes, conferences, and seminars* which included Suicide Awareness; Mental Health; Youth Trauma & Addressing Childhood Experiences; Special Needs Symposium for First Responders; Officer Wellness; Crisis Intervention; Police Reform: "Changing the Culture of Policing while Building Community Trust and Confidence; "Call to Action: A State-Wide Summit on Addressing Hate; Biased Based Policing; Prosecution seminar; Distracted Driving Enforcement; Standard Field Sobriety Test Instructor; Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE); Drug Recognition Expert (DRE); De-escalation; Use of Force Analysis for Trainers; LOCKUP Arrest & Control; LOCKUP OC, baton & handcuffing; Weapon Retention; Team Arrest,

Vehicle Extraction & Weapon Retention; Taser Instructor; Pistol Instructor; FAA Drone Pilot; Best Recruiting and Hiring Practices; Background Investigations; ICS 300; ICS 400; Crowd Response; Social Network Investigations; Gang Recognition; Gun Violence; Patrol Tactics; Clandestine Labs; Undercover Investigations; Criminal Intelligence Fundamentals; Interview Techniques; Interview and Interrogation; Criminal Procedures; Basic Crime Scene Investigations; Crime Scene Response in Child Abduction Cases, Enhancing Investigations through Genetic Genealogy; Leadership; First Line supervisor; Mid-Management Supervisor; Field Training Officer; Crash Reconstruction; Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Reconstruction; Motorcycle Operation for Law Enforcement; Work Zone Safety; Traffic Incident Management; AMBER Alert; Response to Missing Children; K9 First Aid; ALICE; Active Shooter response; Field Training Officer; and Instructor Development.

By providing this variety of training opportunities and professional development to all members of the agency, the Department seeks to serve the city more effectively.

Complex Improvement & Expansion

The Cranston Police Training Complex is the most versatile police training facility in Rhode Island that requires continual maintenance. Many small improvements were made throughout 2023 including range clean up, target repair, enhanced berm structure, water drainage, and added security to the buildings and signage to the property. Due to consistent noise complaints from surrounding residents, the Cranston Police Department reduced the amount of weapon firing by its officers while keeping in compliance with state statutes; reduced the range use by outside agencies to three small agencies; and developed multiple options for future range enclosure to be considered by city officials. Throughout the year, the Training staff remained conscience of the nearby neighborhoods and worked with the local schools to limit impacts on any of their outdoor extracurricular activities. Despite reports from external sources, we continued to have great relationships with the neighbors and the school district.

Hosting

The Training Complex hosted several meetings, courses, and trainings throughout 2023:

January

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Explorers meeting
- DUI/SFST certification
- Crime Scene Technician class
- Basic Crash Reconstruction #2
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Recon

February

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Recon
- Body Worn Camera training
- Active Threat Response Meeting
- Statewide DVSA meeting

March

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Basic Crash Reconstruction #3
- Basic Crime Scene Investigation
- K9 First Aid

April

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Citizens Police Academy
- Pistol Optic Instructor

May

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Citizens Police Academy
- Police Mountain Bike training
- CCRI Security virtual training

June

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Citizens Police Academy
- Motorcycle Crash Reconstruction
- Pistol Optic training

July

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Statewide Training Division Meeting
- Police Mountain Bike training
- Fit2Serve agility test

August

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Firearms Instructor meeting
- Fit2Serve agility test

September

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- Control Tactics instructor meeting

October

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- CPR/AED/NARCAN training
- DCYF training
- Control Tactics training
- Promotional testing

November

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- CPR/AED/NARCAN training
- DCYF training
- Control Tactics training
- Active Threat Response training
- Promotional testing

December

- Peer Support meeting
- SRT training
- DUI/SFST certifications
- Control Tactics training
- Active Threat Response training
- URI Police Citizen's Academy virtual training

The partnerships formed by hosting and assisting with outside training has provided the Cranston Police Department with the opportunity to develop solid relationships among agencies. These relationships allow for the exchange of information and of training ideas to assist our officers in providing the best service to Cranston residents.

Firearms Training Programs

Throughout the year, the Training Facility hosted or assisted the following agencies to conduct their firearms training programs:

- East Providence Police Department
- Johnston Police Department
- Smithfield Police Department

Equipment

In 2022, the State of Rhode Island provided grant funding for all police departments to purchase a specified amount of body worn cameras. The Training Division was involved with the selection, planning, and purchasing of 89 cameras. In 2023, the Training Division coordinated and assisted with program implementation and the training officers as well as the administration on the system.

With the gradual expiration of ballistic vests throughout the department, replacements were purchased as needed with more officers choosing to wear the vest carrier. Since moving the equipment from the belt to the vest was a considerable change, the Training Division provided a two-hour training course to familiarize officers with ideas and techniques that promote the proper placement and use of each piece of equipment.

Based on the 2022 testing by pistol instructors, Special Reaction Team members and officers, it was determined that the red dot pistol optic technology would benefit officers. In 2023, the Colonel approved their use following the creation of policy and the approval of standardized training and equipment.

Community Programs & Events

The Citizens Police Academy was held from April to June in 2023. During that time, 12 law enforcement related classes featuring a variety of topics and instructors were attended by 20 people. As with past classes, the attendees enjoyed the class curriculum

and the overall program. Based on their feedback and the support of the CPD Administration, Training plans to provide a class for 2024.

For the tenth year, the ALICE program, used for active threat response, was taught in an age-appropriate manner at each school building throughout the city. In total, the Cranston Police Department provides training to approximately 10,000 students and staff within the Cranston School District each year. The instructors offer current information and usable concepts to allow for quick decision-making in a time of crisis. Although the possibility of an incident is statistically low, the Cranston Police Department supports open discussion and pre-planning to provide the best options for everyone's safety. The Cranston Police Department is proud of the relationship that has been built with the school district and the community to mitigate violent threats in schools over the last decade.

Recruitment & Hiring Process with Applicant Investigations

In 2023, the Training Division was responsible for organizing the recruitment of applicants, managing applications on PoliceApp.com, communicating with applicants, and coordinating with Fit2Serve which oversaw the standardized testing process of physical fitness assessments and written exams.

To attract quality applicants who are representative of the City's demographics, the Cranston Police used its social media presence and website along with multimedia ads,



hiring sites, multiple minority specific sites and PoliceApp.com for hiring advertisements notifying interested parties to apply on PoliceApp.com.

Recruitment officers attended multiple events including the Cranston Spring Festival,

Cranston Fall Festival and CCRI Law Enforcement Career Fair while others visited local businesses and walked neighborhoods in a grassroot effort to enhance the candidate pool.

Based on the needs of the Department, ten extensive background investigations were completed for the hiring of new officers. For who needed to attend the municipal academy, the Training Division prepared the officer and had a primary Field Training Officer assigned as the point of contact throughout the academy session.



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APPLICANTS FLUENT IN ENGLISH, AND ANY OTHER LANGUAGE, INCLUDING
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Summary

Overall, the Training Division’s main goal was to provide members of the Cranston Police with progressive training and equipment to produce officers who are professional and well-respected in the community. To achieve this, the Training Division maintained and created new relationships while seeking insight from various organizations. By doing so, the Cranston Police Department has continued its role as a leader in local law enforcement while protecting the residents of the City of Cranston

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Introduction

The Cranston Police Department *Office of Community Outreach* was established in November 2014 following the implementation of a more community-oriented policing-based strategy by Colonel Michael J. Winquist. The Office currently works under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administrative Services, Major Todd Patalano. The OCO's goal is the successful promotion and implementation of the Department's Community Policing and Crime Prevention efforts.

The Office of Community Outreach is primarily responsible for the strategic planning and establishment of intervention strategies and education programs to prevent crime throughout the city; as well as the development of partnerships with individuals who live, work or otherwise have an interest in the community, and which serves to proactively address issues such as crime and quality of life.

In January of 2022, Colonel Michael J. Winquist saw the value and need to expand the department's community outreach efforts and increase the size of the unit to three full-time sworn members and a temporary officer. In addition to this increase in staffing, the chief assigned all special projects to fall under this newly sized unit.

The Office of Community Outreach in 2023

A Summary of Efforts:

The mission of the Cranston Police Department is to establish and maintain a proactive partnership with our residents and business owners and genuinely work together to solve problems facing our community. This mission can only be achieved by fostering collaborative relationships between our agency and the individuals, groups and organizations in our community that serve to develop the initiatives and solutions to the problems facing our society while increasing a public trust in the police. *Our mission supports a comprehensive and multifaceted community policing strategy of engaging our community whenever and wherever possible.*

In November of 2014, the Cranston Police Department took the step to create a new office known as the *Office of Community Outreach*. The purpose of this office is straightforward: the Office of Community Outreach is responsible for the strategic

planning and establishment of intervention strategies and education programs to prevent crime throughout the City of Cranston; as well as the development of partnerships with individuals who live, work, or otherwise have an interest in the community. Additionally, the office serves to proactively address issues such as crime and quality of life as well as foster connections within the community and to the police department.



We have composed a list of many of the events the Community Outreach Division could be found at in 2023:

- Explorer Stations Day – Camp Fogarty
- Earth Day Cleanup – Meshanticut Lake
- Senior Center Courtyard Renovation Project

- Hope Church Bike Path Cleanup
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day Event
- Autism Project Image Walk Goddard Park
- Glen Hills Walk to School
- Cranston Little League Opening Day
- Touch A Truck Garden City
- Newport Police Parade
- Arlington Bike to School
- CPD Memorial Ceremony
- Beanbag Toss- Lights & Siren International
- Cranston Police Spring Street Festival
- High Five Friday Gladstone School
- Gaspee Days Parade
- CCAP-Sprague Mansion Safety Day
- Cranston Library Safety Day
- Kids-Con Park Theater
- Statewide Explorer Academy Camp Varum
- Bocce Ball Lights & Siren International
- God Voice Ministries Festival
- Sensory Friendly Safety Day
- Cranston High School mentor Block Island Experience
- RI Guardians Conference
- Housing Authority Meetings
- Cranston Police Fall Street Festival
- Autism Project Sensory Friendly Trunk or Treat
- SORI 5K
- YMCA Trunk or Treat
- Numerous school Trunk or Treats
- Rotary Club Touch a Truck
- Veterans Day Parade
- Thanksgiving food drives
- Festival of Trees Rhodes on the Pawtuxet
- CPD Kids Holiday Party



What follows is a more detailed look at the Office of Community Outreach’s efforts during the calendar year 2023. These highlights include direct outreach activity as well as coordinated efforts by this office and conducted by diverse members of the Cranston Police Department.

Community Meetings

The Cranston Police Department was invited to and was present at numerous community meetings in 2023. Many of these meetings were generated by stakeholders in the community or requests to attend by elected officials. At these meetings we met with residents to discuss a variety of issues including, but not limited to, crime trends in the area, the different legislative changes or updates that may impact the community,

and to strategize to proactively develop initiatives with our residents to improve their overall quality of life. Please note that some of these meetings were spurred by specific crime trends in the area. These open meetings have provided the means for our agency to improve communication between the residents and business owners of the City of Cranston and their police department. Most of the complaints that the department continues to receive from members of the public revolve around quality-of-life issues, specifically traffic and property crime issues. The OCO receives many of these complaints via the constituent affairs office at Cranston City Hall. Captain Justin Dutra serves as the direct contact between city hall constituent affairs and the police department.

Crisis Intervention Gateway Mental Health/CCAP Partnership

In March of 2022, we publicly announced that the department increased Officer training in mental health awareness and entered new partnerships with mental health service and community providers to enhance the department's response and follow-up on mental health-related calls. Due to additional stressors within communities across the country, such as the pandemic and challenging economic times, we were responding to increased mental health calls. A few years ago, all Officers completed "Mental Health First Aid" training, designed to help you in the field recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and people who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. They also received training in de-escalation techniques and how to interact with persons with mental illness and special populations such as individuals with autism or mental developmental challenges. Some cities have chosen alternative programs that remove police involvement from specific calls and divert them directly to social service providers. Instead, we decided to build upon our long-standing and trusted relationship within our community and apply a multi-disciplinary approach that includes behavioral health experts, community partners, and a specialized team of Officers who make up our Crisis Intervention Team. Eight (8) Officers initially volunteered to join the CIT and received 40 hours of specialized training with mental health clinicians from Gateway Mental Health. We have since expanded the team and now have sixteen (16) trained CIT Officers. This training included additional de-escalation techniques for crises, strategies to address mental health in the community, and how to better support mental health for first responders. With the help of CARES (Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security) Act grant funding passed by Congress in 2020 and allocated through the office of Housing and Urban Development via the Community Development Block Grant, we

have expanded this partnership to provide face-to-face follow-up services to the Cranston community. Representatives from the Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP), a long-standing partner with the Cranston Police, were recently added to our team with Gateway Mental Health. Each week, a trained CIT officer with Gateway and CCAP clinicians responds to residents who have been in crisis or have chronic mental health issues, require substance abuse treatment, or face fundamental quality-of-life challenges and barriers. Together, we are performing outreach to ensure that these individuals and their families have the necessary resources to improve their situation. The Crisis Intervention Team continues to be a beneficial program that coordinates services between the community and specialized facilities that can offer optimum care. As a result of our valued partnerships with Gateway Health and CCAP, combined with advanced Officer training, we are fulfilling our goals of safely responding to mental health-related calls with understanding and compassion and connecting our residents with much needed resources. With a focus on alleviating repetitive calls for service and servicing the community's needs, the program will continue to provide the community with essential services during periods of crisis. In late 2023, we were awarded a \$500,000 grant by the US Department of Justice to expand the program to include adding full-time mental health clinicians who will be assigned to the department full-time. As of December 1, 2023, we were able to expand the program to include 40 hours per week of a dedicated officer/clinician team responding to mental health crisis in real time. They are also available for follow-up on situations needing extra attention. Two clinicians from Gateway are now embedded in the department averaging approximately 60 hours per week on day and evening shifts with an additional 6-8 hours per week of a dedicated CCAP clinician. The 18 officers from the CIT Team and our community partners handled 735 CIT calls for service in 2023 and expect that number to greatly increase in 2024 with the additional federal grant funding and dedicated CIT hours. These teams should be credited for their hard work in making the program an overwhelming success.

Cranston Housing Partnership

The Cranston Police Department continues to have a productive partnership with the Cranston Housing Authority. Captain Dutra and Sergeant Jeffrey Chapman continue to be the primary points of contact between the two organizations. The partnership initially began after the department received many complaints about the quality of life in the high-rise manors, particularly that of the Knightsville Manor. This manor is home to

many elderly and disabled residents and had received its share of unwanted visitors, causing many of the residents to live in fear of criminal activity. Following prior initiatives to bring video camera monitoring into the manors and setting up a sub-station in the Knightsville Manor, the department successfully opened a new sub-station in the Hall Manor completing a goal to have two operating off-site locations in the east and west sides of the city. Regular communication regarding specific crime or quality of life incidents continues between Captain Dutra and Housing Director Rob Coupe. Every two weeks information is shared and discussed regarding incidents at Cranston Housing properties. Much of the problems that we are currently addressing involves quality of life issues which are handled by Housing.



The Office of Community Outreach currently serves as the Department's POC for the HOPE Initiative. The "HOPE" initiative, which stands for Heroin-Opioid Prevention Effort, aims to bring law enforcement officers and substance abuse professionals together to make sure those who are struggling with addiction receive the help they need. In October of 2019, seven members of our department, along with other police officers from across the state completed prerequisite training to participate in this effort.

DEA Drug Take Back Days



Each April and October, the Cranston Police Department, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, partner in a national program to promote the police department as a drop off location for residents seeking to properly dispose of unused

prescription drugs. This effort is known as the Drug Enforcement Administration Drug

Take Back Day. Regarding this program, the Office of Community Outreach served as the primary marketing contact for the department on electronic and print media.

Coffee with a Cop

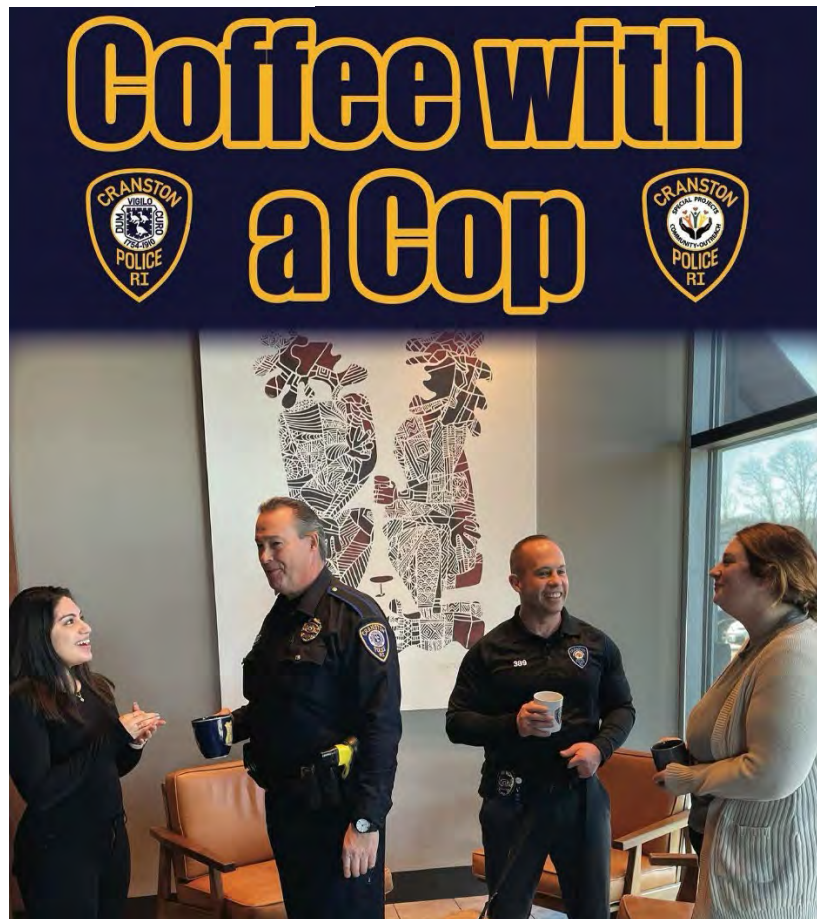
Cranston Police engaged the public in several “coffee with a cop” events. These events are a way for the public to engage their local police in a relaxed setting over a cup of coffee on the Cranston Police.



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Cranston Police Spring and Fall Festivals



In 2023, the Office of Community Outreach partnered with “We Be Jammin Events” for our first annual Spring and Fall Community Festivals. These events, held in May and October, featured over 100 craft vendors, food trucks, and family friendly events and demonstrations. By way of these

events, we were able to raise thousands of dollars and enjoy some food, shopping and fun with the residents and visitors of the City of Cranston. These funds are deposited into CPD Cares, www.cpdcares.com, which is a charitable organization of the Cranston Police Department.





CPD Cares

Funds raised through our different community events, online patch/coin store and other charitable donations are given back by way of local charities, non-profits, and donations. CPD Cares is a registered 501©(3). Some of the donation recipients include but are not limited to:

- CLCF
- YMCA Midnight Basketball League Sponsor
- Cranston Cares
- Lights and Sirens International
- Special Olympics of RI
- RISPCA
- Cranston Rotary Club
- Block Island Fire Department
- Cranston West Boys Basketball



- Public Safety Needs Coalition
- Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island
- Operation Stand Down
- Young Marines of Rhode Island
- Edgewood Eagle Cheerleaders
- 100 Thanksgiving Pies to the Praise Tabernacle Church Homeless Dinner
- 200 Thanksgiving Turkeys for CCAP and Local Veterans
- Community Outreach received a donation of 400 hot/cold packs, 900 ice packs, 140 ice bags and 400 back supports from Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation. We subsequently dispersed these items to Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc, and the Cranston School Department.
- Holiday toy drives and donations to local churches, schools, and non-profits

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This on October 22nd, the Cranston Police partnered up with the Rhode Island Special Olympics for our annual 5K event. The event this year at Garden City Center was a huge success meeting and exceeded our fundraising goal, raising over tens of thousands of dollars for the SORI. Special thanks to the RI Municipal Police Academy for their huge donation and full participation and all the for volunteers making the race a success. And lastly, thanks to Garden City Center for the use of their beautiful property and Mike Montecalvo of Channel 12 our MC.

Cranston's Reading Weeks – Spring 2023

The entirety of the Department also engaged with the Cranston School Department in a meaningful way as our officers volunteered their time to read in various elementary schools during the spring semester of 2023. This effort – which included the Chief and his Executive Staff – demonstrated firsthand the positive impact that members of law enforcement have on the youth of the city.



Block Island Mentorship Experience

The Cranston Police Department is always looking to create unique opportunities to bond and mentor young citizens of Cranston. One of these notable initiatives this year involved a group of Cranston High School kids and a visit to Block Island. Cranston Police Community Outreach, along with members of RI State Police Community Diversity and Equity Unit and Office of The Attorney General escorted a group of Cranston High School students interested in Criminal Justice studies to Block Island. Outreach events like this are ways to expose urban youth to new experiences. For these kids, this was their first time to Block Island and for many, their first time being on a boat. Throughout the day, police officers and a prosecutor for the RIAG were able to interact with the kids in a relaxed setting and discuss their questions and concerns with our Criminal Justice system. We were able to visit a light house, the local PD and FD, the Mohegan Bluffs, the salt pond and the 1661 Zoo and Farm. Special thanks to the Draper family of the 1661 Inn for an amazing lunch to include lobster rolls, sushi, chicken wings, pizza and more after a guided tour of the farm and zoo. We

would also like to recognize the RIAG for purchasing the ferry tickets for the kids and the Block Island Harbormaster for the tour of the salt pond. As The 1661 Inn refused money for the lunch, CPDcares made a donation to the Block Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department in the amount of \$1000 for the lunch and hospitality of the people and businesses of Block Island.



Halloween Trunk or Treats

Halloween Season is always a fun time of year for the Cranston Police. We are busy traveling around visiting all the various Trunk or Treats with our haunted Hummer and CALI Polaris mobile. This year we visited a half a dozen events giving out pounds of candy and scares. Thanks to all the little ghosts and goblins for making our Halloween season fun.



Cranston Police Shop with a Cop/Holiday Party

Cranston children and their families were invited to participate with volunteers from the police department to provide the opportunity for children, who otherwise may not have had the means to pick out gifts for their loved ones and even themselves. The Cranston Police Department Community Outreach Division hosted a Holiday Party before the event with Santa, Mrs. Clause, and a surprise guest appearance from the Grinch. Families were provided with lunch, transportation to and from Walmart with a Police escort and were able to shop with a Cranston Police Officer.

Cranston Police Community Outreach closed out 2023 big, providing toys to over two hundred children who needed a little extra help this year. Recipients included almost 100 children from Cranston Family Center, three local churches, two charter schools, and several families who faced hardships this year. These toys were gathered from various businesses, organizations, and private donors. We would like to recognize Cardi's Furniture & Mattresses, Cranston Cares, St. Mary's Feast Society, Dollar General, and the memory of Alexis Silva for their help this year.



CALI - Cranston Police Department, Aubin Center, Leadership in Innovation



CALI is Rhode Island's first Canine Comfort Therapy Program, believed to be the first of its kind in the country. CALI, is an Australian labradoodle, is jointly handled by Special Victims Unit Detective Michael Iacone and Dr. Christine Barron of Hasbro Children's Hospital to help foster an open and trusting dialogue with children suspected of being victims of maltreatment including sexual and physical abuse with investigators and treating physicians. This groundbreaking initiative will feature the first comfort therapy dog to serve as a member of a Rhode Island police department, as well as the first resident canine in a local hospital. After undergoing extensive training with Courteous Canine LLC, including basic puppy obedience classes, Cali received a Canine Good Citizen and Pet Partners evaluation and certification. The Therapy Dog interacts with children who have been victimized of child maltreatment:

- Child abuse or child maltreatment is physical, sexual, or psychological maltreatment or neglect of a child or children, especially by a parent or other caregiver. Child abuse may include any act or failure to act by a parent or other caregiver that results in actual or potential harm to a child, and can occur in a child's home, or in the organizations, schools, or communities the child interacts with.

The Therapy Dog is trained as an investigative tool to provide affection, emotional support, and comfort which will be utilized in the following:

- Interviews of children who are victims of physical/sexual abuse/ sex trafficking.
- Interviews of children who have witnessed a crime where there has been a loss of life, serious injury, or domestic violence to a family member.
- Hasbro Children's Hospital's Aubin Center medical examinations
- Forensic interviews
- Judicial testimony

The Therapy Dog is utilized in the community and may be called upon for the following:

- Children's Hospital visits
- Nursing Homes
- Schools
- Public events

In 2023, CALI's activity are as follows:

- CALI visited all Cranston Public School and close to 100 classrooms.
- Cali visited all grades and classrooms at Immaculate Conception Catholic Regional School
- Little Learners Academy
- St Kevins Catholic School
- Staff at RI Medical Imaging
- Rotary club
- J Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center
- Highlander Charter School

- St. Mary's School for Children
- Smithfield Public Schools
- Scituate Public Schools
- CCAP Staff visit
- Cranston Public Schools summer program
- Autism Project Summer Camp
- CCAP Head Start
- East Greenwich Safety Day with Kindergartners
- Tiverton Police Department Therapy Dog swearing in
- RI College



Cranston Police Explorers

Cranston Police Explorer Program 2023-2024



Explorer Program Purpose

To educate and involve the youth of Cranston in police operations and to cultivate an interest in possible law enforcement careers.



Membership Guidelines for Post 402

Explorers must be responsible and dedicated.



The Police Explorer Program, Post 402, continued throughout the year with 22 explorers and 5 Cranston Police Advisors. The program provides high school students an opportunity to educate themselves in police operations and to cultivate their interest in a career in law enforcement. The program requires students to be role models for others as well as good students in their respective classrooms. This year, the Explorers participated in various parades, competitions, community events as well as the distribution of holiday meals. The Explorers have witnessed first-hand what community service means and have

represented the Police Department well. Twelve of the Explorers were able to attend the week-long Explorer Academy during August at Camp Varnum. The academy put the Explorers through various drills and exercises much like a real police academy. The explorers graduated from the academy and now hold the distinction of Explorer 1st Class. The 2023-2024 Explorer Program looks to continue this progress and hopes to send additional explorers to the Explorer Academy.



Social Media



Without question, social media has been a departmental community outreach strength. OCO will continue to utilize Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube to promote departmental activities and accomplishments.

Tip411



411

The Cranston Police Department has eliminated antiquated and seldom used tip software and MyPD app for a new program called tip411.

Tip411 Pro is a web-based tool that provides law enforcement agencies with a way to receive anonymous tips and publish public safety alerts to their community. Also included with tip411 Pro is a customized iPhone/Android mobile app that lets citizens submit anonymous tips, view public safety alerts, view agency social media and online information, and more. Adding anonymous tips via text message, smartphone apps or web tips will enhance established telephone hotlines.

Vacation Notification Program

This popular program will continue to be promoted and continue to be utilized due to its effectiveness in targeting temporarily vacant houses for checks. This is routinely posted to our Facebook page and mentioned at community gatherings.

E-Commerce Exchange

This is another popular program that will continue to be promoted. Thus far many residents have anecdotally expressed satisfaction in keeping online exchanges of goods safe by offering the lobby and parking lot as a place to conduct their exchanges.

School Resource Unit Activity

The Cranston Police Department's School Resource Officer Unit is the primary working liaison with the Cranston School Department. The SRO unit works with the school administrations to help ensure a safe environment for students within and around the schools. The unit strives to keep the lines of communication open between our public schools and the police department to identify and address any potential issues before they can impact the learning environment of our schools. As previously mentioned, command of the School Resource Unit was turned over to the OCO in the fall of 2015 as the mission of the unit is commensurate with that of Community Outreach.

The primary purpose of this position is to serve the students and the schools during the 180-day school year, patrol all schools of the city – with special emphasis on the secondary schools; and serve as a liaison between school administration, faculty, students, and the Police Department. Additionally, the SROs gather information and intelligence on youth crime, gangs, or any criminal activity in and around the schools of Cranston.



The function of the School Resource Officer is diverse and all four-officer wear many “hats” during their tours of duty:

- Visible, active law enforcement figure on campus dealing with any law related issues.
- Classroom resource for instruction in the following areas: law related education, violence diffusion, safety programs, alcohol and drug prevention, crime prevention and other areas.
- Member of the faculty and administrative team working hand in hand to solve problems in the school community.
- Resource for the students which will enable them to be associated with a law enforcement officer in the student’s environment.
- Resource to teachers, parents, and students for conferences on an individual basis, dealing with individual questions or problems.
- Counseling resource in areas which may affect the educational environment and may be of a law related nature.

The ongoing goals of the unit continue to evolve with the relative changes in law enforcement and the educational community. As such, the primary goals work hand in hand with our overall goal of community-oriented policing:

- Bridge the gap between police officers and young people and increase positive attitudes toward law enforcement.
- Teach the value of our legal system.
- Promote respect for people and property.
- Reduce juvenile crime by helping students formulate an awareness of rules, authority and justice.
- Take a personal interest in students and their activities.
- Allow students access to the legal system.
- Give students a realistic picture of our laws and legal system so they will have an investment in supporting and improving it.
- Teach students how to avoid becoming a victim through self-awareness and crime prevention.

In addition to the duties that the school resource officers are responsible for, the members of the SRO unit work within the community in a myriad of different forums. The forums include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Members of the Substance Abuse Task Force executive board.

- Certified A.L.I.C.E trainer.
- Participated and assisted in coordination of Wounded Warrior 5k at Roger Williams Park.
- Fundraising to help support Cranston Public Schools Title I Family Center, child opportunity zone (COZ) for school supplies and gifts for underprivileged children during the holiday season.

Furthermore, the SROs are responsible for attending their respective schools extracurricular activities throughout the school year which include sporting events, fundraisers, open houses, dances and graduations.

After the horrific tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the SRO unit has been an integral cog in the development of school safety within the Cranston Public Schools District. They have assisted members of the SRT team in developing recommendations to make each individual school within the district a safer environment for students. Moreover, the administrations from both the CPD and CPS collaborated on a district wide policy to ensure safety within the school district. As a result, the A.L.I.C.E (**A**lert, **L**ockdown, **I**nform, **C**ounter, and **E**vacuate) program was implemented in 2013 and presented to all faculty, staff, and student in the Cranston school district. Continuing education of the ALICE program has been conducted every year since its inception.

OCO Future Challenges and Opportunities

The Office of Community Outreach recognizes that the future challenges we face as an agency will continue to evolve as various societal changes take place (economic, political, etc.). As such, we as an agency need to continue to explore new and innovative ways to engage the public through partnerships, outreach events, and proactive initiatives. This report has illustrated many events, with many more engagements not necessarily mentioned, that have been used to bridge the gap with our community.

The opiate and mental health crisis in the state of Rhode Island continues with major concern. While law enforcement has taken steps to mitigate this crisis, we as a department should continue to position ourselves in a manner to respond in non-traditional (to law enforcement) ways. The HOPE Initiative and Crisis Intervention Teams being the prime example of how this Department will be a leader in law enforcement's response to the continuing public health crisis.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Office of Professional Standards is to first and foremost protect the integrity of the Cranston Police Department. The integrity of the Cranston Police Department is reflected and represented by the personal discipline of each employee. To a certain degree, the public image of the Department is developed and strengthened by the Professional Standards Office response to allegations of misconduct committed by employees and its response to complaints concerning dissatisfaction with the services, policies, procedures, or practices of the department.

The thorough investigations of any allegations ensure that the integrity of the department is maintained at the highest level. The complaints the office receives are investigated to determine whether they are substantiated or unsubstantiated by evidence, and the reported conclusions of fact are communicated to the Colonel.

The objectives of the Professional Standards Office are diverse and numerous:

- Protection of the public trust
- Protection of the department
- Protection of employees
- Retention of corrigible employees
- Removal of unfit personnel
- Identification of training failure
- Identification of policy failure

PERSONNEL

The Office of Professional Standards is currently under the command of Captain Sean Parker.

COMPLAINTS

The number of complaints received and investigated by the Office increased from last year, as can be seen in the table below. Sixteen of the twenty-six complaints were received from citizens.

Year	Total Complaints for year	Number of complaints received from public
2018	17	11
2019	25	17
2020	22	11
2021	13	8
2022	17	11
2023	26	16

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS INVESTIGATIONS

The Office of Professional Standards investigated twenty-six complaints between January and December 2023. Please see below a breakdown of the cases and the investigative findings.

Pending	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Other Sustained	Policy Failure	Total
1	11	5	0	8	1	0	26

In addition to these investigations, the Office of Professional Standards responded to numerous requests for information concerning Giglio/Brady status of officers, recordings captured on the Equature system, and personnel investigative file requests from Superior Court.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT



Unit Purpose and Role

The Information Technology Unit of the Cranston Police Department is designed to be staffed by two employees, the Information Technology Manager, and a Technical Resource Officer (TRO).

The TRO position is intended to address the day-to-day requests for technical and troubleshooting assistance related to commonly used software products, printers, networked computers, and mobile data terminals. This includes the general maintenance of these devices to include software updates.

The Information Technology Manager position is held by a captain and is designed to enhance the Cranston Police Department's operational capabilities and will assist in the flow, dissemination, and management of electronic media, both within and outside of this agency. The Information Technology Manager coordinates with the Adjutant Officer his/her duties as they pertain to information technology matters, website content, and security. The Information Technology Manager falls under the direction and supervision of the Adjutant Officer.

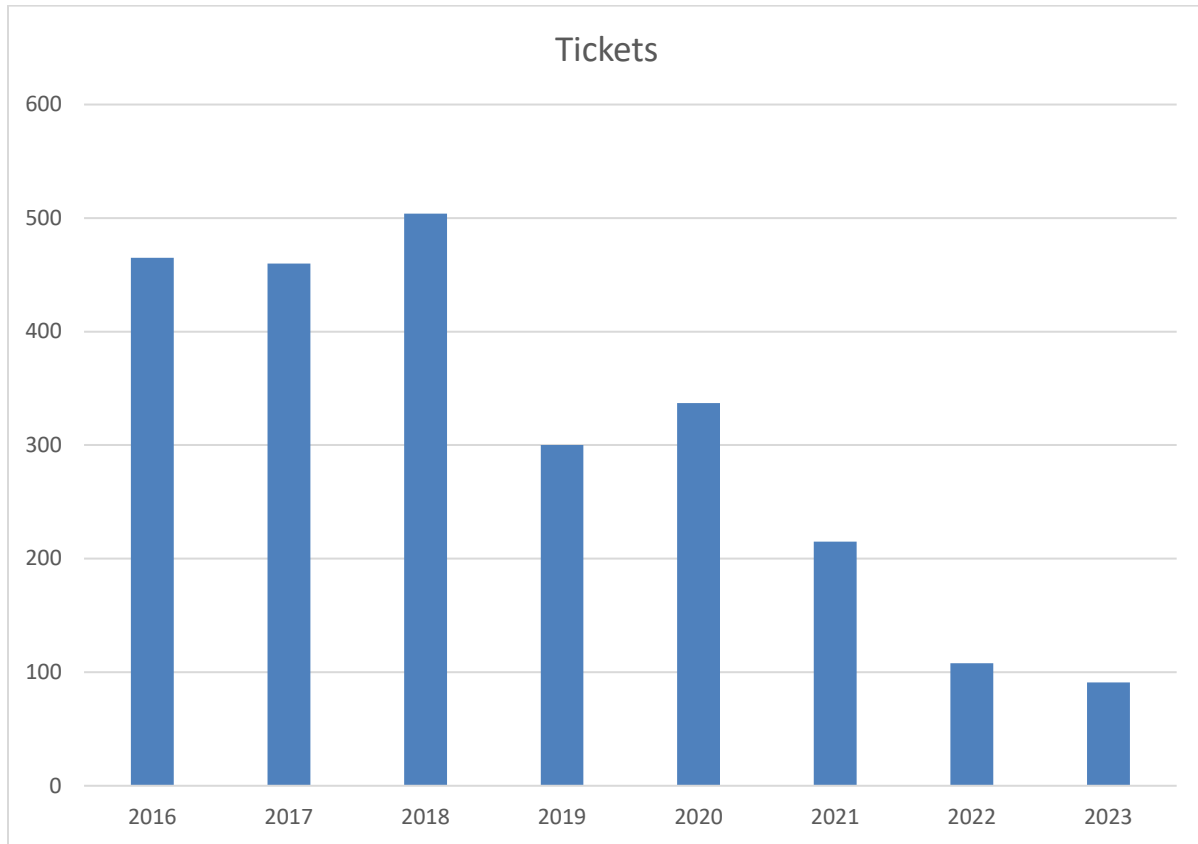
The Information Technology Unit is responsible for:

- I. Website Management
 - a. Create, develop, and manage content for organization's web presence (requires working with content management software)
 - b. Coordinate web projects across departments.
 - c. Maintain a consistent look and feel throughout all web properties.
 - d. Copyedit and proofread all web content.
 - e. Keep current with emerging web technologies through relevant blogs, listservs, and events.
 - f. Assure web-based information is archived for future needs and reference.

- II. Access Control System Management
 - a. Review's security project proposals, specifications, drawings, and quotations, represents the agency at security installation projects and ensures that site security construction/installation standards and agency needs are addressed in accordance with quality assurance standards. Oversees security project processes, progress, costs, and quality control and provides timely security project status reports to superiors on a regular basis.
 - b. Ensures compliance with security standards, policies, and procedures.
 - c. Identifies and reports violations of security protocols and takes appropriate corrective action to eliminate system weaknesses.
 - d. Provides direct supervision for the Security Systems Administration positions.
 - e. Develop and oversee implementation of contingency plans.
 - f. Oversees the operational readiness of all security central monitoring systems, communication network, building data gathering panels, electronic field sensors and device.
 - g. Manage the creation and maintenance of security systems computer programs that satisfy the operational needs of the Department.
 - h. Ensures seamless coordination and delivery of all security technology services and contracted services.

- i. Ensures the department security infrastructure is properly maintained by the security technology staff and contractors.
 - j. Provides asset management of the security technology inventories.
 - k. Perform related duties incidental to the work described above.
- III. Information Technology
- a. Supervise the coordination with computer specialists and/or contractors to adapt, modify, correct, and improve existing databases, software, and systems.
 - b. Investigate and analyze new/inventive uses for the management of information and emerging technologies.
 - c. Supervise the maintenance of the mobile data terminal network.
 - d. Ensure that end-users are provided with technical training and guidance for the incorporation of technological resources consistent with their role and responsibility within the Department.
 - e. Ensure compliance with C.A.L.E.A. and R.I.P.A.C. standards.
 - f. Supervise the maintenance of the agency's computer network and operating software.
 - g. Maintain accountability of department technology, including hardware, software, and networking devices.
 - h. Any other duties and responsibilities as designated by the Chief of Police or Adjutant Officer.
- IV. Criminal Justice Information Systems (C.J.I.S.)
- a. Identify who is using the C.J.I.S. System Agency (C.S.A.) approved hardware, software, and firmware and ensure no unauthorized individuals or processes have access to do the same.
 - b. Identify and Document how the equipment is connected to the state system.
 - c. Ensure that personnel security screening procedures are being followed as stated in the C.J.I.S. Security Policy.
 - d. Ensure the approved and appropriate security measures are in place and working as expected.
 - e. Support policy compliance and ensure the C.S.A. Information Security Officer (ISO) is promptly informed of security incidents.

Service Statistics:



Report Writing computers are maintained bi-weekly or monthly to include, but not limited to: Microsoft Windows updates, clearing of cache and cookies, virus scans, disk clean-up(s) and deleting of temporary files.

Other communal computers (roll call, mugshot, booking, etc...), not specifically assigned to an employee, are maintained on a bi-monthly basis.

Assigned computers are maintained when not inconvenient to the employee or as issues arise.

Highlights:

- Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant awarded for 2022 to upgrade Wi-Fi network, internal servers, and network security fabric. This process was continued in 2023.

- Server room power consumption reduction.
 - Reduced power consumption of server room by 40%.
 - Server room APC time to shutdown capacity increased by 38% based upon this reduction.
- CPDROOT
 - Migrated to CPDROOT2 (Both Servers are in operation.)
- Pending
 - Migration of the following servers to new hardware:
 - CPDUTILITY
 - CPDFS

SPECIALTY UNITS

Honor Guard



2023 Honor Guard Statistics

The Cranston Police Honor Guard Unit currently consists of 18 dedicated members of all ranks led by Captain Gerard Carnevale. The members of the unit are represented by all divisions of the department and from the ranks of Patrol personnel to Captain.

In 2023 the unit attended 42 events which was 10 more events than in 2022. The members of the Honor Guard attended 46 events in 2021, compared to a mere 9 events in 2020, and 41 events in 2019. The Honor Guard attended many wakes, funerals, and

memorials for honored individuals including family members of officers, retired officers, officers from outside agencies, and other distinguished members of the public.

A few notable appearances where the Honor Guard was invited back to present the colors were at The New England Revolution, The Newport Gulls, and the Cranston West Little League Opening Day, The Cranston Hall of Fame dinner, the NEIT 911 Memorial, and of course the Cranston Police Department Police Memorial held at the station.



The Cranston Police Honor Guard is always active in many parades throughout the state. Parade season typically starts in March with the Newport, Providence, and West Warwick St. Patrick's Day Parades. While at the Aquidneck Island parade, held in May 2023, the team was approached by a member of the Mystic St. Patrick's Day Parade committee member and asked to attend their parade in 2023. The Honor Guard marched in the Mystic Parade and will add that to our schedule. The Honor Guard was also able to attend the Gaspee Day Parade, the Saint Mary's Feast Parade, the Santa Maria D'Prata Feast Parade the East Greenwich Memorial Day Parade, and the Cranston Veteran's Day Parade.



The Honor Guard team also delivered Christmas meals from the Senior Center to elderly Cranston residents.



2023 Honor Guard List of Events

EVENT DATE	EVENT
1/2/2023	City Innaguration
1/10/2023	Sgt. Montanarro Funeral
1/18/2023	Joseph Dilorenzo Funeral
1/30/2023	Vespia Funeral
3/4/2023	NE Revolution Opening Day
3/11/2023	Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade
3/12/2023	WW St. Patrick's Parade
3/18/2023	Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade
3/19/2023	Mystic St. Patrick's Day Parade
3/25/2023	Park Cinema Boxing

4/29/2023	C.W. Little Lague
4/29/2023	Gillette for Soccer
4/30/2023	Guns and Hoses Hockey game
5/7/2023	Aquidneck Police Parade
	Newport Awards Dinner
5/17/2023	Police Memorial
5/29/2023	E.G. Memorial Day Parade
6/30/2023	Newport Gulls
7/5/2023	Newport Gulls
7/12/2023	Newport Gulls
7/14/2023	Newport Gulls
7/19/2023	Newport Gulls
7/23/2023	St. Mary's Parade
7/26/2023	Newport Gulls
7/29/2023	Park Cinema Boxing
7/31/2023	Newport Gulls
8/2/2023	Newport Gulls
8/3/2023	Newport Gulls
8/6/2023	Newport Gulls
9/3/2023	Santa Maria Di Prata Procession
9/11/2023	911 @ NEIT
9/19/2023	Wake EPPD Ret. Carl Winqvist
9/20/2023	Funeral EPPD Ret. Carl Winqvist
10/5/2023	Wake for Ret. Chief Razza
10/8/2023	Prov. Columbus day Parade
10/13/2023	Cranston Hall of Fame
10/19/2023	Richard Tomlin Wake
10/20/2023	Richard Tomlin Funeral
11/11/2023	Cranston Veterans Parade
11/19/2023	Meeting for Comm. Service Events
12/9/2023	Bought gifts for children to donate
12/22/2023	Brought Meals to Elderly
12/27/2023	D'Amico Funeral



The Cranston Police Underwater Recover Team serves to assist the department in water-borne investigations and specialized recovery. Every member of the team is a PADI certified open water diver and advanced open water diver. The entire team also has their DEM boating license, as we assist and train on the boat assigned to the department's harbormaster.

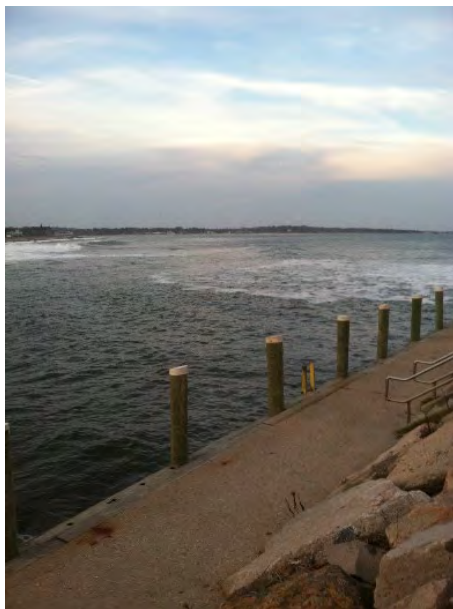
The team's capabilities include but are not limited to submerged evidence location and recovery, submerged body location and recovery, and underwater vehicle extraction. The Underwater Recovery Team is also available to assist neighboring jurisdictions in their water-based investigations and recoveries.

There are currently eleven members assigned to the Cranston Police Underwater Recovery Team, which is its maximum capacity.

2023 Activities and Trainings Attended



The Underwater Recovery Team completed eighteen training days for the 2023 calendar year. These training courses consisted of preparing the team through various drills and exercises for any potential callouts the team may receive. The training took place during the day, as well as at night, in various locations and weather conditions. The team periodically photographs various dive sites throughout the state where the team conducts training exercises. These photographs allow for the team to document exactly where the team has trained, and what the exact weather and water conditions were at the time of the training.



DEM Joint Training



Typically, at least once a year, the URT conducts a joint training exercise with the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). The joint training consisted of DEM taking the team on one of their patrol boats in order to conduct a deep-water dive in Narragansett Bay. The joint training exercises provide a great benefit to the URT as it allows not only for the team to practice deep water dive drills in the open ocean, but also allowed for the team to communicate with DEM officers to learn their policies and procedures in the event the team is requested by DEM in the future.





SRT Team Makeup

Chief of Police

Colonel Michael Winqvist

Team Commander

Captain Justin Dutra

Assistant Team Commanders

Sergeant Dennis Trinh

Entry Team Leader

Patrolman Jonathon Quaranto

Sniper Leader

Sergeant Dennis Trinh

Operators

16 Entry and 5 Sniper (Cross Trained)

- **SRT R.I. Commission on Standards and Training**

- Initial Training
- Recurrent Core Competency Training
- Update and Refresher Training
- Supervision and Management
- Approval of Prior Training
- Training Safety
- Scenario Based Training
- Annual Training Plan
- Training Documentation

- **SRT Threat Assessments**

- SRT members continue to be assigned to School Security Assessment Committee where they physically inspect the school buildings and make recommendations for improvements.
- SRT members continue periodic trainings at all Cranston Schools K-12 teaching Active Aggressor, Active Shooter Response to schools as requested.
- Temple Sinai Threat Assessment

- **SRT Deployments**

- 18 Pengrove St. – Barricaded Gunman
- 36 Versailles St. – SIU Search Warrant
- 38 Lesile St. – CIU Armed Robbery Warrant
- 206 Dunedin St. – CIU Search Warrant
- Warwick Ave – WPD/CPD Mutual Aid WPD SIU Warrant

- **Equipment Received/Purchased** (Dept. funds, Grants, Fundraising)

- Manual Breaching Equipment Tools (Department Funds)
- 22 Tactical Communication Headsets (Department Funds)
- 3 AR Upper Receivers (Department Funds)
- 3 Tactical Rifle Lights/Mounting Equipment (Department Funds)

- **Training Received**
 - Close Quarters Red Dot Handgun
 - Rescue Task Force Course
 - Stop The Bleed Tac Med Course
 - Tactical Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (New Mexico Tech)

- **SRT Instruction to Department**
 - Throughout the year, SRT members use their knowledge and their experience to train fellow department members in a variety of tactical situations. In 2023, SRT provided the department training in the following areas:
 - Patrol Rifle Familiarization Instruction
 - Range Instruction
 - Tactical Medical Instruction

- **SRT Statewide Instruction**
 - RI Municipal Police Academy requested tactical instructors for the following:
 - Building Searches
 - Active Shooter
 - Sim-munition

- **SRT Memberships**
 - Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association
 - National Tactical Officers Association

- **Community Service Events Attended**
 - CPD Spring and Fall Festivals
 - 2 Touch a Truck Events
 - National Night Out Event

- **Team Training**
 - Semi-Annual Certification in the following areas:
 - Day Qualification - Pistol, Tactical Rifle
 - Night Qualification – Pistol, Tactical Rifle

- Semi-annual testing was conducted in the following SRT standards:
 - Building Clearing, First Aid, Waterborne Operations, Hostage and Barricaded Subject, Woodland Operations, Distraction Devices, Less Lethal, Active Shooter and Rapid Insertion team, Physical Fitness and Tactical Obstacle Course. Along with numerous required tactical team core competencies.
- Conducted K9 tactical training and integration with entry team.
- Conducted scenario-based training in City owned properties.
- SRT conducted multiple school building searches throughout the city.
- The Cranston Police SRT follows the National Tactical Officers Association standard and trains 16 hours a month.
- The team trained in all annual core competencies required by the RI POST certification protocol:
 - Equipment Familiarization & Maintenance
 - Firearm skills (live fire)
 - Primary weapons
 - Secondary weapons
 - To include low light/night training
 - Individual operator's uniform maintenance and wear
 - Non-explosive breaching
 - 12-Gauge shotgun breaching
 - Rams, picks, pullers, etc.
 - Munitions
 - Chemical agents: options and delivery systems
 - Less lethal impact munitions and delivery
 - Light/sound diversionary devices
 - Other less lethal devices
 - Night vision equipment
 - Use of ballistic shields
 - Weapons maintenance
 - Team composition and duty
 - Active Shooter response
 - Barricaded Subject response
 - Booby Traps

- Containment Techniques (i.e. establish perimeters)
 - Cover and movement
 - Covert and dynamic clearing
 - Downed officer/citizen rescue and evacuation
 - Entries
 - Tactical Emergency and Medical Support
 - High risk warrant services
 - Contain and callouts
 - Dynamic
 - Remote take downs
 - Homicide bombers
 - Long rifle-initiated assaults
 - Night movement
 - Marksman Observer Operations
 - Hostage/rescue awareness training
 - Rural operations
 - Scouting
 - Tactical operation center
 - Vehicle assaults
 - Tactical Team policies and Procedures
 - Mission and tactical contingency planning
 - Barricaded subject/suspect
 - Hostage Situations
 - Warrant service planning
 - Training simulations (scenario-based training)
- **Updated Programs**
 - In compliance with CALEA standards, SRT reviewed and updated its standard operating procedures.
 - **Equipment Inspections**
 - SRT Van and Truck
 - SRT ammunition
 - SRT Weapons
 - SRT Gas/Less lethal

- SRT Noise Flash Diversionary Device

- **Recommended Equipment Purchases**
 - New tactical Vests
 - Video surveillance equipment such as a robotic camera
 - New Tactical Throw Phone to replace OOS outdated one
 - 3 Colt Commando AR Upper receivers update to aging Bushmaster AR Rifles
 - Night vision equipment

- **Recommended Trainings**
 - Advanced Tactical Entry training course
 - Advanced Sniper techniques training course
 - Scenario-based training with use of Simunition for realistic force on force training
 - DHS related port, rail, and bus security
 - TSA aircraft security
 - Surveillance techniques
 - Entry Team Leader Development Course
 - Sniper Team Leader Development Course
 - Mechanical/Explosive Breaching Course
 - Close Quarters Combat Course

- **Initiatives for 2024**
 - SRT will enhance its capabilities by continuing to learn new tactics, obtaining valuable intelligence, enhancing its DHS terrorism training, and working cohesively with outside agencies while exceeding its already high standards of service and protection that it provides the residents of Cranston.

PEER SUPPORT TEAM

The Cranston Police Department Peer Support team has been developed to provide debriefing following critical incidents. The focus of this service is to minimize the harmful effects of job stress, particularly in crisis or emergency situations. The highest priorities of the team are to maintain confidentiality and to respect the individuals involved. It is not the function of the Peer Support Team to replace ongoing professional counseling, but to provide immediate crisis intervention and peer support. The Peer Support Team provides emergency personnel with a tool to alleviate stress-related symptoms, as well as facilitating access to the department's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) which offers additional counseling services, should they be needed. The City of Cranston has contracted with Community Care Alliance of Woonsocket to provide a wide range of Employee Assistance Programs including, but not limited to counseling.

The Peer Support Team is comprised of ten (10) personnel, one (1) civilian and nine (9) sworn officers. Selection of members for the Peer Support team shall be initiated by the Chief of Police or his or her designee, by requesting nominations from all officers. Members of the department may nominate any officer within the department they believe would effectively serve in the capacity as a peer support team member. The nominated officers are contacted, informed of their nomination, and asked if they wish to be considered for the team. The Chief of Police or designee shall review the list of nominees then select the candidate he/she believes is most suitable regardless of seniority, to include but not be limited to addressing any need for representation within a certain division or demographic within the department. If no suitable nominations are received, the Chief of Police reserves the right not to fill the position on the team at that time and may request that additional nominations may be submitted. The Chief of Police has ultimate discretion in the selection of officers to the team as well as the team's operating structure.

Within the past year, team members were deployed for several incidents. These incidents include debriefings following critical/emergency incidents and officers experiencing the effects of job-related stress.

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The mission of the Crisis Negotiation Team is to resolve a situation peacefully through ongoing communication with a hostage/barricaded subject and to develop the ability to use alternative approaches to resolve the crisis.

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is currently comprised of five active members, a team leader and four negotiators. All members are required to complete a forty (40) hour FBI Basic Crisis Negotiation Training Course. Members are also encouraged to attend at least one four (4) hour incident training per year conducted by the New England Crisis Negotiators Association (NECNA).

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

In January 2020, representatives from the Cranston Police Department and Gateway Mobile Crisis Clinicians attended the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. After spending the 40 hours learning de-escalation techniques for crisis situations, topics addressing mental health in the community, as well as how to better support our first responder mental health, this partnership was formed. Over the past year, we have worked together to respond to mental health related calls with compassion, support, and resources. When a Cranston CIT officer responded to a mental health or quality of life crisis, they would forward the information to the Gateway clinicians. The Gateway clinicians would then follow up as needed to ensure that the person has access to treatment and resources in the community. The Gateway clinicians were available on-call to join the CIT officers if a person in crisis would benefit from immediate clinical support on scene. The goal was to recognize when a person is in crisis and explore ways to best address the root causes before it escalates.

The development of the “Crisis Intervention Team” within the city of Cranston is a beneficial program that coordinates services between the community and specialized facilities that can offer optimum care. With a focus on alleviating repetitive calls for

service as well as servicing the needs of the community, the program is providing the community with essential services during their crisis. Cranston Police currently has 18 trained Crisis Intervention Officers. In addition to these specialized trained officers, all Cranston Officers receive de-escalation and mental health training as part of our in-service training program. These trained CIT officers respond to initial calls for service involving various levels of crisis and social service-related demands while on their routine patrol utilizing their training.

During the past year, mental health calls for service have become extremely frequent, especially in our lower income communities. With a rise in individuals isolating themselves due to the pandemic, many people unemployed, drug overdoses and drug related deaths at an all-time high, mental health concerns have soared. The rise in the homeless population within the city limits, especially with those housed at Harrington Hall as well as transient individuals that crowd our street corners to panhandle, having specialized members of the department assigned to address those with needs and to be proactive instead of reactive can curb the rise in mental health calls for service.