

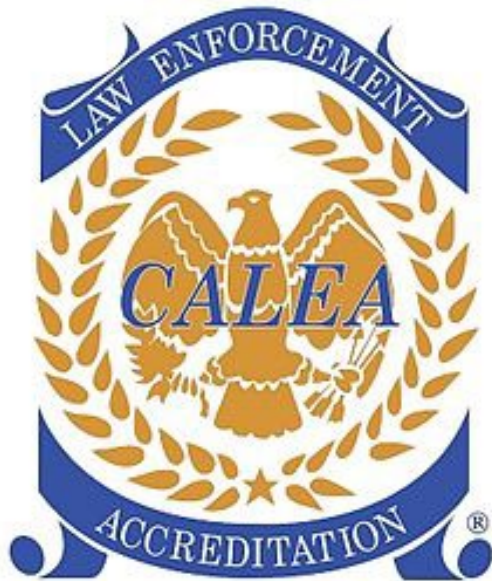
# **CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**



## **2024 Year in Review**



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As we reflect on the year 2024, I am proud to report significant progress in both the growth of our department and the safety of our community. Through the continued dedication of our officers and the support of the community we serve, we've made great strides in achieving our mission to protect and serve with integrity and professionalism.

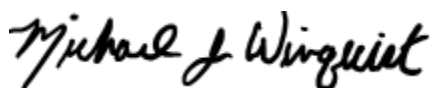
One of the most notable achievements this year has been the successful expansion of our department. Through a focused and strategic recruitment campaign, we've been able to attract a diverse and highly qualified group of new officers. These individuals bring fresh perspectives, skills, and a renewed sense of purpose to our team, enabling us to meet the demands of a growing and evolving city. I am proud to say that we have not only met but exceeded our recruitment goals, setting us up for success in the years ahead.

In addition to strengthening our workforce, we've made significant strides in reducing crime across the city. For the past several years, crime rates have steadily declined thanks to a combination of proactive policing, community partnerships, and a commitment to data-driven strategies. In 2024, we saw a continuation of this positive trend, with crime rates dropping across several key categories. Violent crime, property crime, and overall incidents have decreased, which is a direct reflection of our community's collaboration with our officers and our collective efforts to create a safer environment for everyone.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we remain focused on the work still to be done. Our commitment to improving public safety, fostering trust, and engaging with the community will remain our highest priority. We are grateful for the support we've received and look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that our city remains a place where everyone feels safe and valued.

Thank you to our officers, partners, and community for making 2024 a year of growth and progress. Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger future.

Respectfully,



Colonel Michael J. Winkquist  
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 Winqvist 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 Winqvist 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 2024 Budget**

## **Police**

### **Description**

### **Actual**

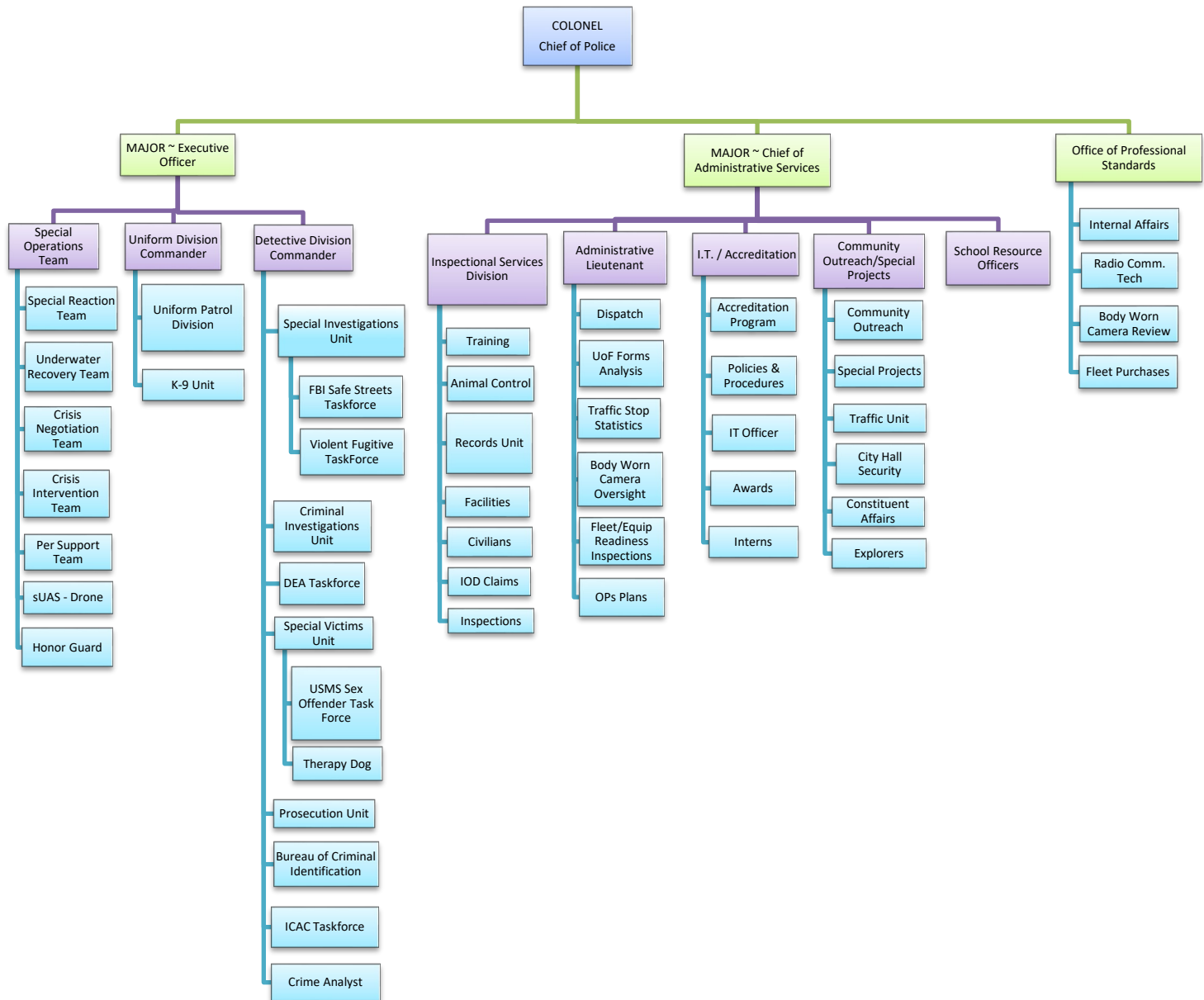
|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| SALARY SCHEDULE                  | 13,390,102 |
| OVERTIME                         | 1,500,000  |
| SPECIAL DUTY                     | 191,000    |
| DIFFERENTIAL                     | 15,000     |
| LEGAL HOLIDAY PAY                | 1,258,910  |
| LONGEVITY                        | 1,570,590  |
| EXTRA VACATION AFTER 10 YRS      | 87,239     |
| SEVERANCE                        | 200,000    |
| SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVE         | 106,000    |
| PART-TIME HELP                   | 45,000     |
| PAYROLL TAXES                    | 337,727    |
| PENSION CONTRIBUTION             | 2,884,129  |
| HOSPITALIZATION                  | 3,620,139  |
| HOSPITALIZATION BUYBACK          | 33,143     |
| GROUP LIFE INSURANCE             | 40,272     |
| NORMAL COST-CITY PENSION         | 33,796     |
| UNIFORMS                         | 120,000    |
| UNIFORM CLEANING ALLOWANCE       | 233,000    |
| DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES            | 85,000     |
| GASOLINE & OIL                   | 275,000    |
| MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS            | 300,000    |
| EDUCATION PROGRAM                | 37,200     |
| AMMUNITION                       | 60,000     |
| BCI                              | 20,000     |
| CHILD CARE FINGERPRINT CARDS     | 5,000      |
| COMMUNITY POLICE                 | 3,200      |
| COMPUTER EXPENSES                | 100,000    |
| CROSSING GUARDS                  | 500,000    |
| EQUIPMENT - PERSONNEL            | 50,000     |
| PATROL                           | 50,000     |
| RENT                             | 1,397,686  |
| REPLACEMENT VEHICLES -<br>MARKED | 488,000    |
| CIU EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY         | 20,000     |
| POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM          | 5,000      |
| IOD RETIREES                     | 10,000     |
| ELECTRICAL EQUIP. REPAIRS        | 20,000     |

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 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  |
|                              |        |

#### **Animal Control**

| <b><u>Description</u></b> | <b><u>Actual</u></b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| SALARY SCHEDULE           | 226,933              |
| OVERTIME                  | 2000                 |
| PAYROLL TAXES             | 17,437               |
| PENSION CONTRIBUTION      | 26,750               |
| HOSPITALIZATION           | 48,090               |
| HOSPITALIZATION BUYBACK   | 1,000                |
| GROUP LIFE INSURANCE      | 768                  |
| UNIFORMS                  | 2,300                |
| EQUIPMENT                 | 1,000                |
| CARE OF ANIMALS           | 35,000               |

# Organizational Chart



# UNIFORM DIVISION

## Overview



In 2024, 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 one Captain, 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 people 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.

## K-9 Unit



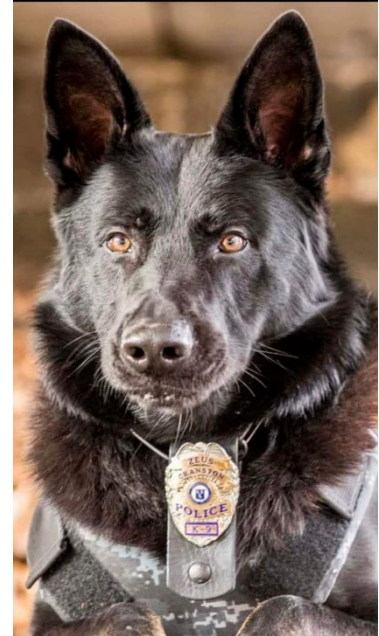
The K9 Unit continues to serve as a critical resource in enhancing the operational capabilities of the department. Throughout the year, the unit has supported a wide range of law enforcement activities, including patrol operations, narcotics detection, tracking of suspects, evidence recovery, and search and rescue missions.

Our trained handlers and their canine partners have worked collaboratively to ensure rapid response and effective deployment in both routine and high-risk situations. The unit's specialized skills have contributed to numerous successful apprehensions, the removal of illegal substances from the community, and the safe location of missing persons.

In addition to field operations, the K9 Unit has actively engaged in community outreach, participating in demonstrations, school visits, and public safety events to strengthen community trust and foster positive relationships between the public and law enforcement.

Ongoing training remains a cornerstone of the unit's effectiveness, with regular scenario-based exercises ensuring that teams remain proficient and adaptable to evolving challenges. The department remains committed to supporting the K9 Unit as a vital component of its mission to protect and serve the community.

During the year the K-9 Unit attended several large community events, including the Spring Festival, Fall Festival and the National Night Out. These were some of the highlighted events from the demonstrations that the K-9 Unit participated in during 2024. 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.



# TRAFFIC UNIT



## Overview

- The Traffic Division consists of one Sergeant, four 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 2024 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:

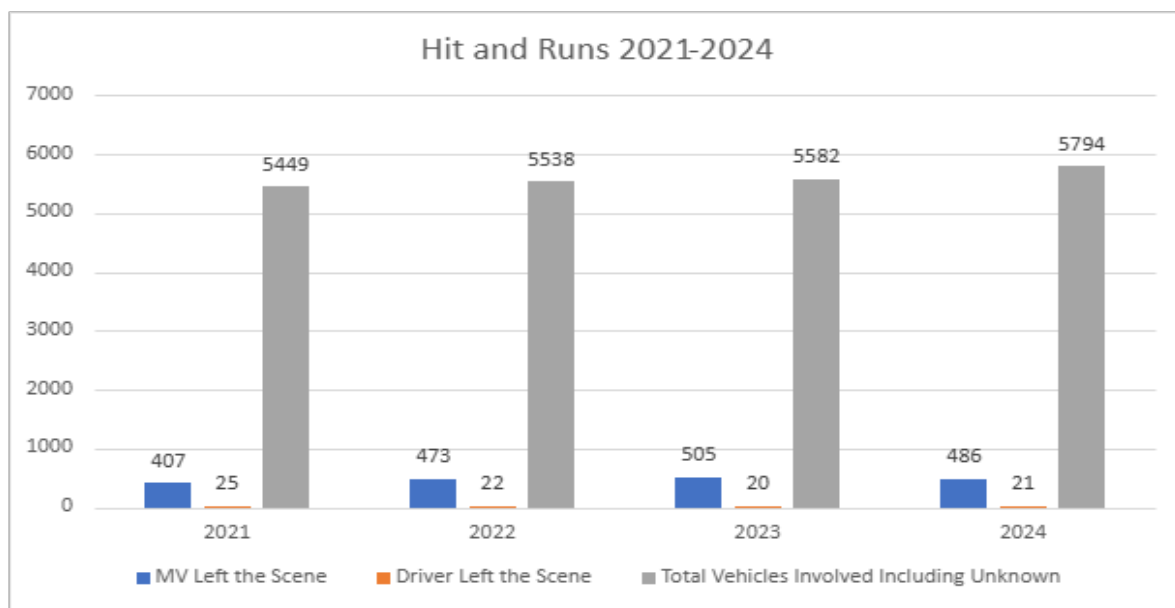
### **Serious Accidents and Other Arrest in which Traffic assisted with the investigation**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Report #</u></b> | <b><u>Location</u></b> | <b><u>Contributing Factor</u></b> | <b><u>Lead Investigator</u></b> | <b><u>Notes</u></b> |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|

|          |                |                             |                                                       |                                |                                                                         |
|----------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/05/24 | 24-14747-AC    | Reservoir Ave               | Weather and Pedestrians not using the Crosswalk       | Inspector Bolduc               | Two Pedestrian AC with injuries                                         |
| 04/29/24 | 24-26439-AC    | Wellington Ave              | Speed, Operator's inexperience on a motorcycle        | Inspector Bolduc               | <b>Fatality</b><br>Motorcycle into a Guardrail and then a Tree          |
| 07/05/24 | 23-40669-AC/AR | Oak St                      | Disturbance                                           | Inspector Bolduc/Det. Division | <b>Fatality</b><br>Investigate as a Murder                              |
| 08/09/24 | 24-48026-AC    | 41 Strathmore Rd.           | Visibility                                            | Inspector Aldrich              | <b>Fatality</b><br>Vehicle backed out of driveway striking Pedestrian   |
| 10/14/24 | 24-62010-AC    | Sunset Terrace and Park Ave | Vehicle making a turn and did not see the pedestrians | Inspector Aldrich              | Two Pedestrian AC with injuries                                         |
| 10/18/24 | 24-63060-AC/AR | Atwood Ave                  | DUI                                                   | Sgt. Josefson                  | Arrest Warrant for Operator after obtaining Blood Draw Warrant/ Results |
| 11/02/24 | 24-66406-AC    | New London Ave              | Pedestrians not using a crosswalk and the operator    | Sgt. Josefson                  | One Pedestrian AC with injuries/                                        |

|          |             |             |                                    |                                   |                                                         |
|----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|          |             |             | leaving the scene of the accident  |                                   | Operator left scene and was later arrested on a warrant |
| 11/09/24 | 24-68212-AC | Cranston St | Pedestrian not using the crosswalk | Inspector Aldrich/Inspector Hardy | One Pedestrian AC with injuries                         |

### **Follow-up for all traffic crashes**



In 2024 the traffic division investigated 486 Hit and Run Accidents. This is a decrease of 19 Hit and Run reported accidents from 2023. 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 on a monthly basis 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       |
| 2024 | 21                      | 9          | 0            | 61       | 91       |

**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      |
| 2024 | 113                     | 1049             | 1                | 100      | 1176     |

**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      |
| 2024 | 39                      | 316                 | 0                | 20       | 355      |

**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      |
| 2024 | 64                      | 274                          | 0                | 7        | 309      |

**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      |
| 2024 | 55                      | 240                           | 1                | 26       | 301      |

### **Operation Blue Riptide Child Safety Occupant Protection**

The Cranston Police Department Traffic Unit installs approx. 13 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 2024 160 Car seats were installed and 3 were given out to members of the public.

### **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 similar to 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.

|      | <i># of Traffic Stops</i> | <i># of Violations (including overnight parking)</i> |
|------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 2016 | 2407                      | 2462                                                 |
| 2017 | 2185                      | 2139                                                 |
| 2018 | 1729                      | 1749                                                 |
| 2019 | 1123                      | 1096                                                 |
| 2020 | 610                       | 604                                                  |
| 2021 | 301                       | 2247                                                 |
| 2022 | 215                       | 6876                                                 |
| 2023 | 255                       | 8250                                                 |
| 2024 | 453                       | 5046                                                 |

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 on a daily basis 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 2024

the Cranston Police Department is once again 100% compliant. In 2024 the Cranston Police had 25456 traffic stops and 19 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 2024.

#### **Race Stop Totals**

| <b>Race</b>                      | <b>2021 Totals</b> | <b>2022 Totals</b> | <b>2023 Totals</b> | <b>2024 Totals</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Black/African American           | 3365 13.6%         | 3148 13.4%         | 3136 13.8%         | 3746 14.7%         |
| White                            | 14256 57.6%        | 12882 54.9%        | 12228 54%          | 12873 50.6%        |
| Native American                  | 37 <1%             | 42 <1%             | 42 <1%             | 46 < 1%            |
| Asian/Pacific Island/East Indian | 812 3.3%           | 796 3.4%           | 821 3.6%           | 843 3.3%           |
| Black Hispanic                   | 1377 5.6%          | 1353 5.8%          | 1331 5.9%          | 1833 7.2%          |
| White Hispanic                   | 4916 19.9%         | 5228 22.3%         | 5093 22.5%         | 6115 24%           |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>24763 100%</b>  | <b>23449 100%</b>  | <b>22651 100%</b>  | <b>25456 100%</b>  |

#### **Reasons for stop**

|               | <b>Black</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>Amer. Ind.</b> | <b>Asian / Ind.</b> | <b>Black hisp.</b> | <b>White hisp.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Investigatory | 164          | 698          | 2                 | 40                  | 100                | 230                | 1234         |
| Violation     | 3485         | 11640        | 43                | 775                 | 1687               | 5689               | 23319        |
| Assist        | 97           | 535          | 1                 | 28                  | 46                 | 196                | 903          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3746</b>  | <b>12873</b> | <b>46</b>         | <b>843</b>          | <b>1833</b>        | <b>6115</b>        | <b>25456</b> |

#### **Outcome Totals**

|              | <b>Black</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>Amer. Ind.</b> | <b>Asian / Ind.</b> | <b>Black hisp.</b> | <b>White hisp.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| M/V Citation | 449          | 1875         | 7                 | 117                 | 207                | 751                | 3406         |
| N/D          | 29           | 199          | 1                 | 14                  | 13                 | 51                 | 307          |
| Warning      | 3087         | 9749         | 37                | 654                 | 1530               | 4976               | 20033        |

|                  |             |              |           |            |             |             |              |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Arrest Driver    | 12          | 59           | 0         | 1          | 17          | 26          | 115          |
| Arrest Passenger | 2           | 9            | 0         | 0          | 0           | 2           | 13           |
| No Action        | 167         | 982          | 1         | 57         | 66          | 309         | 1582         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>3746</b> | <b>12873</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>843</b> | <b>1833</b> | <b>6115</b> | <b>25456</b> |

**Duration Totals**

|                 | <b>Black</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>Amer. Ind.</b> | <b>Asian / Ind.</b> | <b>Black Hisp.</b> | <b>White Hisp.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 0-15 Minutes    | 3666         | 12657        | 44                | 827                 | 1800               | 5996               | 24990        |
| 16-30 Minutes   | 61           | 165          | 2                 | 13                  | 24                 | 99                 | 364          |
| Over 30 Minutes | 19           | 51           | 0                 | 3                   | 9                  | 20                 | 102          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>3746</b>  | <b>12873</b> | <b>46</b>         | <b>843</b>          | <b>1833</b>        | <b>6115</b>        | <b>25456</b> |

**Search Totals**

|              | <b>Black</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>Amer. Ind.</b> | <b>Asian / Ind.</b> | <b>Black Hisp.</b> | <b>White Hisp.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Yes          | 8            | 23           | 0                 | 0                   | 2                  | 13                 | 46           |
| No           | 3738         | 12850        | 46                | 843                 | 1831               | 6102               | 25410        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3746</b>  | <b>12873</b> | <b>46</b>         | <b>843</b>          | <b>1833</b>        | <b>6115</b>        | <b>25456</b> |

**Search Reason Totals**

|                        | <b>Black</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>Amer. Ind.</b> | <b>Asian / Ind.</b> | <b>Black Hisp.</b> | <b>White Hisp.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Incident to Arrest     | 4            | 8            | 0                 | 0                   | 2                  | 5                  | 19           |
| Probable Cause         | 1            | 11           | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 4                  | 16           |
| Terry Frisk            | 0            | 2            | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0                  | 2            |
| Plain view contraband  | 1            | 4            | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 1                  | 6            |
| Odor of Drugs/ Alcohol | 0            | 0            | 0                 | 0                   | 0                  | 0                  | 0            |

|                           |           |           |          |          |          |           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Inventory/<br>Tow         | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2         | 5         |
| Reasonable<br>Articulable | 3         | 7         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 5         | 15        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>10</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>63</b> |

### Search Scope Totals

|              | <b>Black</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>Amer.<br/>Ind.</b> | <b>Asian<br/>/ Ind.</b> | <b>Black<br/>Hisp.</b> | <b>White<br/>Hisp.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Driver       | 6            | 20           | 0                     | 0                       | 2                      | 9                      | 37           |
| Passenger    | 3            | 6            | 0                     | 0                       | 0                      | 2                      | 11           |
| Vehicle      | 6            | 16           | 0                     | 0                       | 2                      | 13                     | 37           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>15</b>    | <b>42</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>                | <b>4</b>               | <b>24</b>              | <b>85</b>    |

### Search Results

|                             | <b>Black</b> | <b>White</b> | <b>Amer.<br/>Ind.</b> | <b>Asian<br/>/ Ind.</b> | <b>Black<br/>Hisp.</b> | <b>White<br/>Hisp.</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| None                        | 6            | 8            | 0                     | 0                       | 2                      | 7                      | 23           |
| Weapons                     | 1            | 0            | 0                     | 0                       | 0                      | 1                      | 2            |
| Money                       | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0                       | 0                      | 1                      | 1            |
| Drugs/Drug<br>Paraphernalia | 1            | 13           | 0                     | 0                       | 0                      | 4                      | 18           |
| Alcohol                     | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0                       | 0                      | 0                      | 0            |
| Other                       | 1            | 2            | 0                     | 0                       | 0                      | 0                      | 3            |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>9</b>     | <b>23</b>    | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>                | <b>2</b>               | <b>13</b>              | <b>47</b>    |

## Community policing and public relations

In 2024 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. Since Sgt. Needham's retirement, Sgt. Josefson and Lt. D'Amico have become certified instructors to continue the Senior Driving Improvement Class in 2025. The first class is being taught in January at the Cranston Senior Center. 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 the Special Olympics of Rhode Island. These were in addition to the 137 funeral and other escorts provided for Police, Fire,

Dignitaries, and Military Personnel around the State. This is an increase from the 127 escorts provided in 2023. Under the guidance of lead Motor Officer Aldrich, 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**

CARE details, directed traffic enforcement patrols, and Traffic Officers focus on and around School zones increasing traffic enforcement, when issues have been reported to School Resource Officers and the Traffic Division.

### **Targeted Enforcement by Traffic Division**

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

### **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 2024 a majority 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 13 locations that saw an increase in accidents (5 or more crash increase).
- These 13 locations will be put on the CARE list as priority patrol areas.

| <b>Location</b>    | 2020<br>Crashes | 2021<br>Crashes | 2022<br>Crashes | 2023<br>Crashes | 2024<br>Crashes |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Atwood Ave.        | 132             | 122             | 159             | 111             | 136             |
| Broad St.          | 29              | 29              | 36              | 45              | 32              |
| Bald Hill Rd       | 11              | 7               | 12              | 11              | 12              |
| Budlong Rd.        | 12              | 18              | 26              | 20              | 18              |
| Chapel View Blvd.  | 63              | 48              | 63              | 50              | 58              |
| Comstock Pkwy      | 10              | 15              | 10              | 25              | 21              |
| Cranston St.       | 178             | 189             | 202             | 184             | 190             |
| Dyer Ave.          | 47              | 54              | 56              | 56              | 72              |
| Elmwood Ave.       | 39              | 29              | 51              | 39              | 53              |
| Farmington Ave.    | 15              | 15              | 18              | 9               | 10              |
| Gansett Ave.       | 21              | 21              | 26              | 30              | 24              |
| Garfield Ave.      | 95              | 104             | 109             | 110             | 95              |
| Hillside Rd.       | 42              | 55              | 72              | 73              | 115             |
| Hope Rd.           | 9               | 18              | 13              | 14              | 18              |
| Laurel Hill Ave.   | 12              | 9               | 11              | 10              | 21              |
| Legion Way         | 7               | 8               | 13              | 15              | 8               |
| Mesh. Valley Pkwy. | 12              | 11              | 15              | 18              | 15              |
| Metropolitan Ave.  | 3               | 10              | 15              | 14              | 12              |
| Midway Rd.         | 10              | 7               | 15              | 19              | 14              |
| Narragansett Blvd. | 11              | 19              | 18              | 19              | 20              |
| Natick Ave.        | 24              | 23              | 25              | 31              | 25              |
| New London Ave.    | 74              | 138             | 95              | 126             | 125             |
| Norwood Ave        | 3               | 7               | 3               | 11              | 5               |
| Oaklawn Ave.       | 130             | 152             | 162             | 154             | 149             |
| Park Ave.          | 276             | 294             | 282             | 309             | 347             |
| Phenix Ave.        | 66              | 79              | 59              | 64              | 83              |
| Plainfield Pike    | 82              | 82              | 88              | 83              | 93              |
| Pontiac Ave.       | 126             | 146             | 153             | 155             | 150             |
| Reservoir Ave.     | 216             | 261             | 259             | 255             | 227             |

|                   |             |             |      |      |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|-------------|
| Rolfe St          | 12          | 22          | 21   | 16   | 16          |
| Scituate Ave.     | 32          | 45          | 39   | 39   | 41          |
| Sockanosset X-Rd. | 58          | 95          | 79   | 73   | 96          |
| Warwick Ave.      | 22          | 19          | 29   | 34   | 40          |
| Webster Ave.      | 11          | 20          | 13   | 23   | 14          |
| Wellington Ave    | 15          | 20          | 18   | 9    | 8           |
| Wilbur Ave.       | 15          | 14          | 21   | 13   | 20          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1920</b> | <b>2205</b> | 2286 | 2267 | <b>2383</b> |

  Reduction   Relatively Unchanged   Increase

### **Traffic Year to Year Statistics**

The following year-to-year review contains numerous accident-related statistics comparing 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. 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 on continued targeted traffic enforcement and community education in 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**

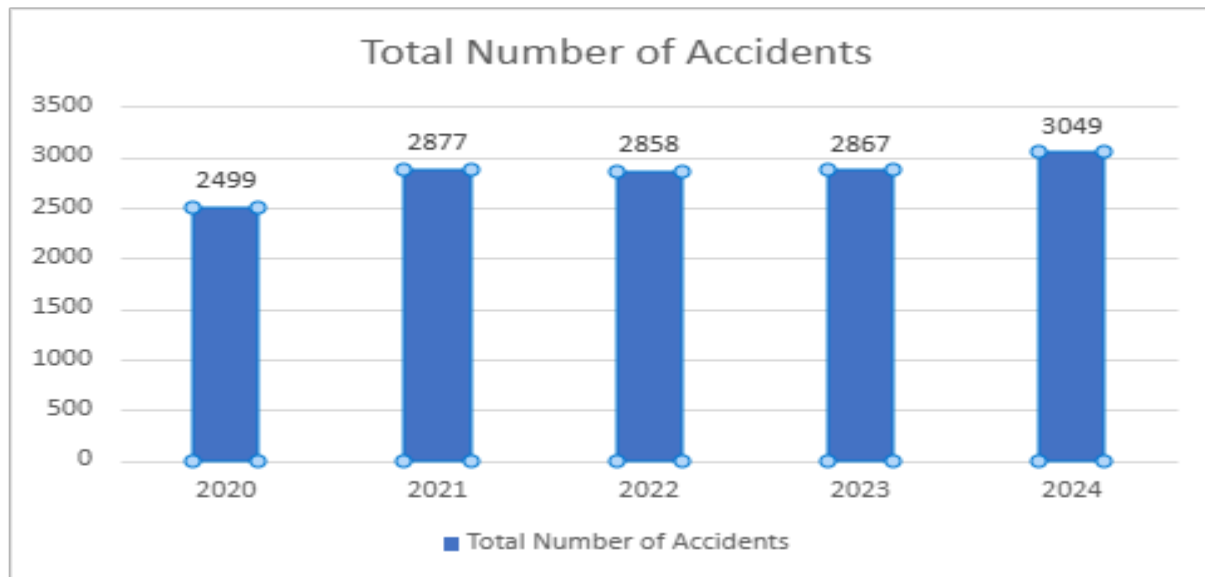
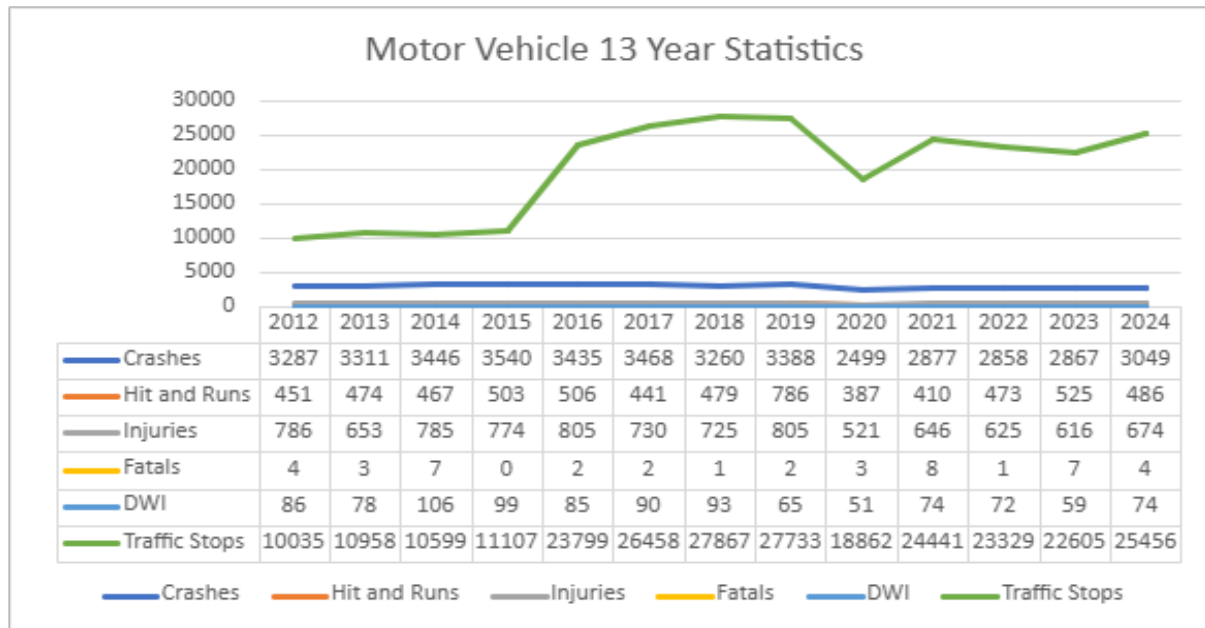
| <b>Category</b>     | <b>2020</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> | <b>13 Year Avg.<br/>(2012-2024)</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Crashes       | 2499        | 2877        | 2858        | 2867        | 3049        | 3175                                |
| Total Injuries      | 521         | 646         | 625         | 616         | 674         | 703                                 |
| DWI Arrests         | 51          | 74          | 72          | 59          | 74          | 80                                  |
| Fatal Crashes       | 3           | 8           | 1           | 7           | 4           | 3                                   |
| Hit and Run Reports | 387         | 410         | 473         | 525         | 486         | 468                                 |
| Total Car Stops     | 18,862      | 24441       | 23329       | 22605       | 25456       | 20250                               |

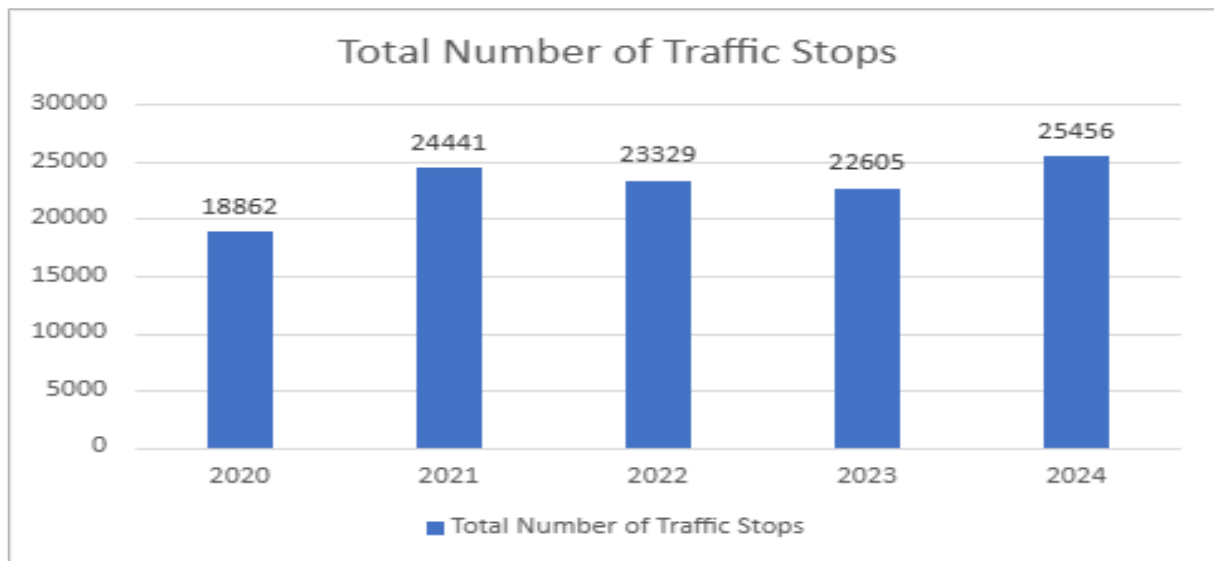
 Reduction \_\_\_\_ Relatively Unchanged  Increase

- In 2024 the number of DUI Patrols were decreased but we had 15 more DUI arrests.
- The number of Fatalities decreased by 3.
- Total number of crashes increased by 182.
- The total number of injuries increased by 58.
- The number of Hit & Run reports decreased by 39 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 crashes 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        |
| 2024 | +2851          | +182      |

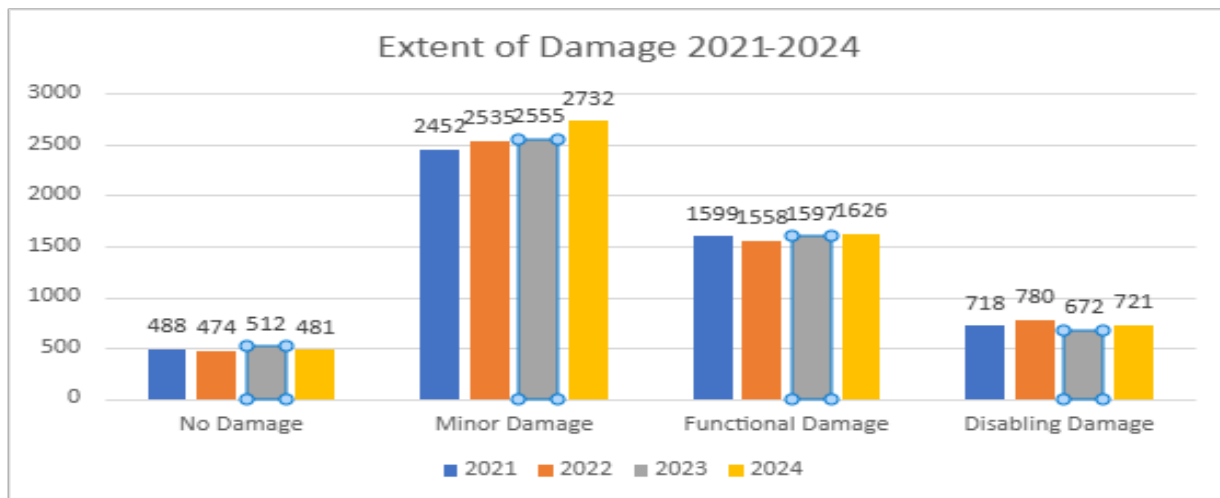
## Cranston Traffic Stats (past 13 years)



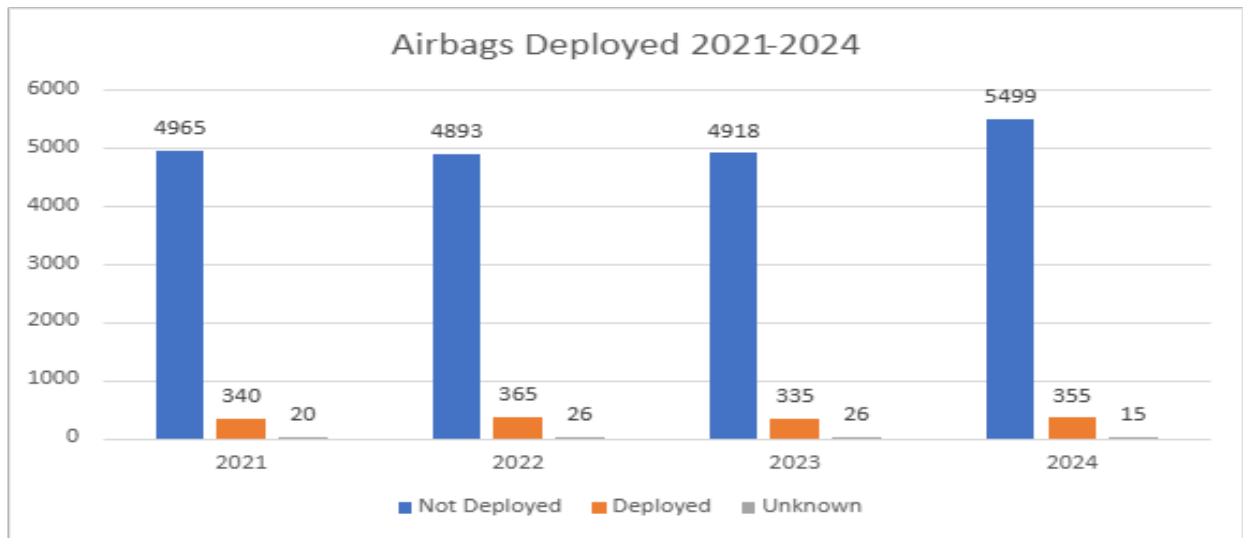


### **How bad were the accidents in 2024?**

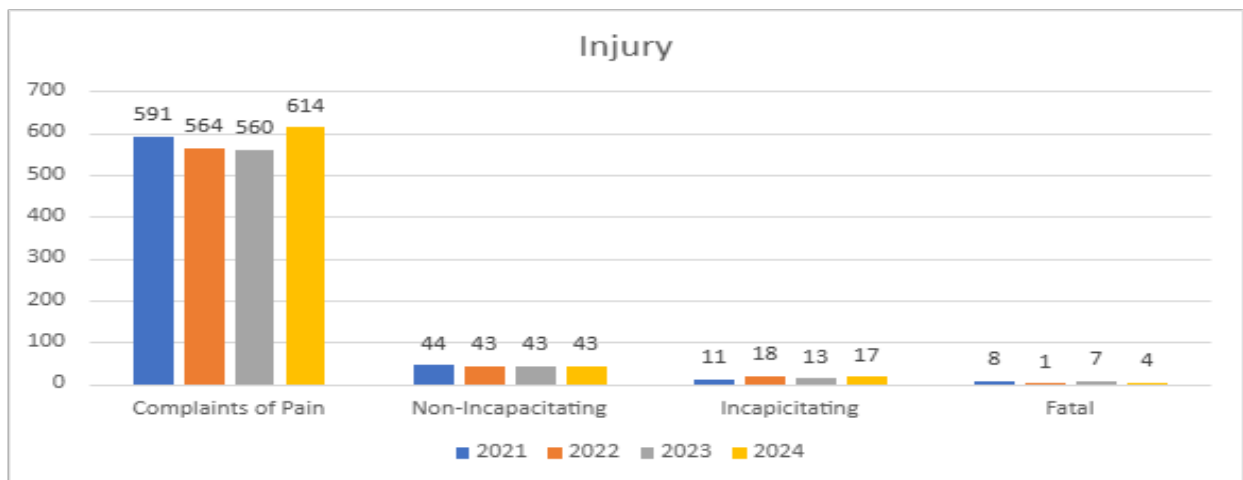
A Goal in 2024 was to keep all stats associated with accidents (Damage, Injuries, occurrences etc.) as low as possible.



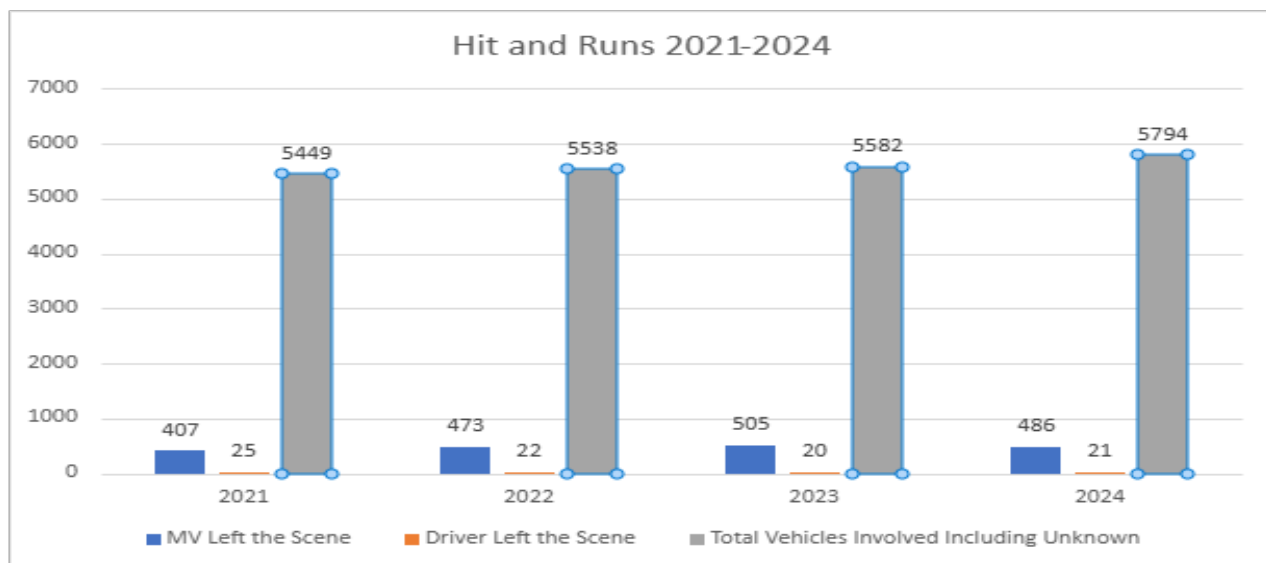
Comparing 2023 to 2024 vehicles involved in accidents that had damage (of some kind) increased by 255. From 4824 (in 2023) to 5079 (in 2024).



Using Airbag deployment as an indicator of a serious accident we can see that the number of vehicles in-which the airbags were deployed increased from 2023 to 2024 by 20 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 increased by 55 incidents. From 623 (in 2023) to 678 (in 2024).



The number of Hit and Run Accidents decreased by 19 Hit and Run accidents in 2024.

## 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.



## ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT



The Cranston Animal Control Unit 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.

The Cranston Animal Control Unit will be reassigned to the Uniform Division Commander beginning in CY 2025.

A municipal animal shelter is a vital resource for any community. It provides a 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. While animal shelters and the communities they serve value those objectives, euthanasia is used only as a last resort, when an animal is suffering from an irreparable medical or behavioral condition. No-kill means that an end-of-life decision for a pet is an act of mercy rather than one done for convenience or lack of space.

In 2024 the shelter took in 192 dogs and transferred in 9 additional dogs from area shelters/ rescues for a total of 201 dogs. The Shelter took in 96 cats and accepted an additional 1 from an area rescue for a total of 97. 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 are 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 2024 the Shelter continued its partnership with WJAR 10 in profiling adoptable dogs on the Studio 10 Television Program hosted by Mario Hilario.

In 2024 the Cranston Animal Shelter partnered with the New England Institute of Technology's Veterinary Technician Program. This partnership allowed adoptable animals to receive medical treatment including spay and neuter procedures. This partnership is expected to continue in CY 2025 and beyond.



The City of Cranston also welcomed the formation of the Friends of the Cranston Animal Shelter (FOCAS) in 2023. FOCAS is 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 Cranston Animal Shelter Staff and FOCAS are collaborating on the construction of a “Rainbow Bridge” on the shelter property sometime in CY 2025.

The Animal Control Unit 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 remains steadfast in its mission to investigate and resolve complex criminal cases within the City of Cranston. In 2024, the division continued its unwavering pursuit of justice, ensuring that offenders are held accountable, and victims receive the support they deserve. This report highlights the division's accomplishments, challenges, and operational enhancements implemented over the past year.

Under the leadership of Captain Vincent M. McAteer, III, a 28-year veteran of the Cranston Police Department with 29 years of law enforcement experience, the division operates with a highly trained team of investigative personnel. Supporting this effort are Lieutenant Stephen Brooks (29 years of service) and Lieutenant Dennis Neri, who oversees Special Investigations with 28 years of experience. The division also consists of five Sergeants, 32 Detectives, four civilian clerks, and a Law Enforcement Advocate, ensuring comprehensive investigative coverage.

The division is structured into five specialized units, each dedicated to a critical aspect of criminal investigation:

- **Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU)** – Handles major case investigations, including homicides, robberies, and other serious offenses.
- **Special Victims Unit (SVU)** – Investigates crimes involving domestic violence, sexual offenses, juvenile-related incidents, and missing persons.
- **Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI)** – Provides forensic support, evidence processing, and crime scene analysis.
- **Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** – Focuses on narcotics, organized crime, vice-related offenses, and intelligence gathering.
- **Prosecution Unit** – Prepares and prosecutes cases in coordination with state and federal judicial entities.

The Detective Division plays a vital role in supplementing and expanding upon the initial investigations conducted by the Uniform Patrol Division. While patrol officers respond to and document incidents, cases that require additional investigative resources, forensic analysis, or specialized expertise are assigned to the division for thorough follow-up. Detectives are tasked with investigating a diverse range of offenses, including but not limited to violent crimes, financial fraud, cybercrimes, and property-related offenses.

Collaboration remains a cornerstone of the division's operational strategy. Detectives maintain strong working relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to enhance intelligence-sharing and maximize investigative effectiveness. These partnerships include the Rhode Island State Police, the FBI, the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the U.S. Marshals Service Sex Offender Task Force, and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Utilizing cutting-edge technology and advanced investigative techniques, the Detective Division continues to raise the bar for professional law enforcement services. The Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) remains at the forefront of forensic investigations, employing the latest in DNA analysis, fingerprint identification, and digital evidence processing. Additionally, the Prosecution Unit maintains a high success rate in securing convictions, ensuring that offenders are held accountable through the Rhode Island judicial system.

The Cranston Police Department Detective Division takes immense pride in the dedication, professionalism, and perseverance of its personnel. Available 24/7, 365 days a year, these investigators work tirelessly to ensure that justice is served and that the City of Cranston remains a safe place to live, work, and visit.

### **CASE ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW**

To maintain operational efficiency and ensure effective oversight of case assignment, monitoring, and evaluation within the division, investigative responsibilities are strategically divided between the Special Victims Unit and the Criminal Investigations Unit. Sergeants Lori Sweeny, Jeffrey Chapman, and Mark Whitman are responsible for the management and allocation of cases within their respective units, operating under the administrative leadership of Lieutenant Stephen Brooks. This structured approach

enhances investigative effectiveness and ensures a coordinated response to criminal investigations.

## **Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU)**

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations into cases that remain unresolved after an initial patrol response, as well as those referred by Patrol Supervisors for further inquiry. CIU detectives utilize advanced investigative techniques, including forensic analysis, surveillance, and informant development, to thoroughly examine complex cases.

CIU handles a broad scope of criminal investigations, apart from sexual misconduct and juvenile-related offenses, which are assigned to the Special Victims Unit (SVU), and narcotics and vice-related crimes, which fall under the jurisdiction of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU).

Over the past year, the CIU conducted follow-up investigations and initiated additional independent investigations. These efforts resulted in numerous arrests, in addition to numerous warrantless on-scene arrests made by detectives who encountered suspects in various circumstances. The CIU also secured arrest warrants and played a key role in obtaining multiple search warrants. Furthermore, the unit acted as complainants for warrants executed by other law enforcement agencies operating within the jurisdiction of Cranston.

Through its dedicated personnel and strategic investigative approach, the Criminal Investigations Unit remains a vital component of the Cranston Police Department's mission to uphold public safety and ensure justice is served.

## **Special Victims Unit (SVU)**

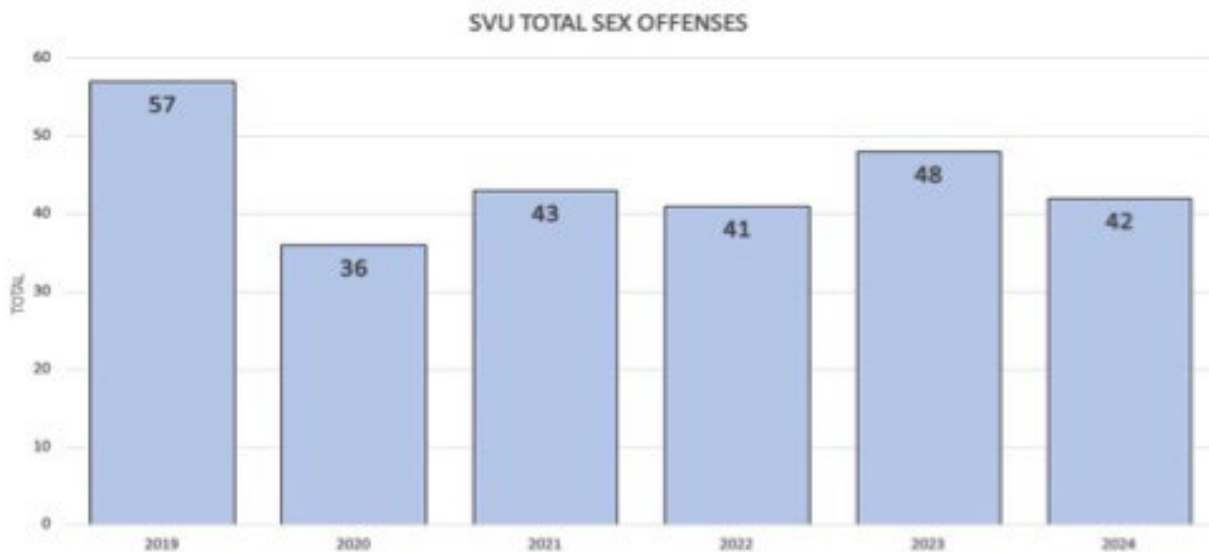
The Special Victims Unit (SVU), under the leadership of Detective Sergeant Lori Sweeney, is responsible for investigating sensitive and complex crimes within the City of Cranston. The unit handles cases involving domestic violence, sexual offenses, child

and elder abuse/neglect, human trafficking, missing persons, runaways, and vandalism. Additionally, the SVU oversees the sexual offender registry, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations.

To effectively carry out its mission, the SVU is staffed by four detectives and a civilian domestic violence advocate/law enforcement liaison, all operating under the supervision of Detective Sergeant Sweeney. The unit is further reinforced by the expertise of three detectives serving as sworn members on federal task forces, including the FBI, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and SOLEMN.

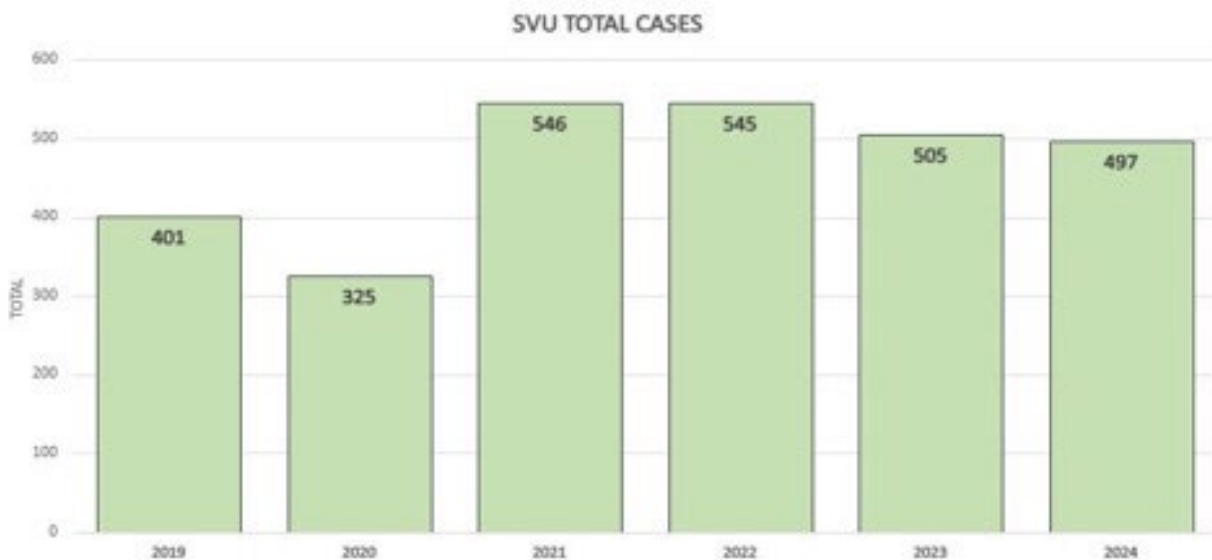
In 2024, SVU detectives conducted 42 investigations into criminal sexual contact, reflecting a slight decrease in the overall number of reported sexual offenses compared to the previous year. The SVU remains dedicated to victim advocacy, thorough investigative procedures, and collaborative efforts with local, state, and federal partners to ensure justice and support for victims of these serious crimes.

#### **TOTAL SEX OFFENSES**



In addition to its primary responsibilities, the Special Victims Unit conducts follow-up investigations into initial reports filed by the Uniform Division. These follow-up investigations cover a broad range of offenses, including sexually based crimes, domestic crimes, family-related incidents, and cases involving runaways. The SVU's investigative efforts ensure that all cases receive thorough examination and appropriate

resolution, reinforcing the Cranston Police Department's commitment to public safety and victim advocacy.



The Special Victims Unit is responsible for the maintenance and enforcement of the Sex Offender Registry within the City of Cranston. In 2024, the unit conducted 450 tasks related to registry oversight, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations.

Throughout the year, Detective Daryl Fish from the SVU completed 37 community notifications for level two and level three sex offenders, in strict adherence to legal mandates. Additionally, the unit performed 155 compliance checks to verify that registered offenders were adhering to all statutory requirements. The SVU remains committed to proactive enforcement, community awareness, and interagency collaboration to uphold public safety and accountability regarding the Sex Offender Registry.

### **Special Victims Unit: Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Enforcement**

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) is responsible for conducting all alcohol and tobacco compliance checks throughout the City of Cranston. These operations are funded through grants from the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH), the Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP), and the Federal Drug-Free Communities initiative under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

During the most recent enforcement period, SVU conducted 98 compliance checks across licensed establishments, resulting in the following outcomes:

- **Alcohol Compliance Checks:** 37 completed, 3 establishments issued warnings
- **Tobacco Compliance Checks:** 61 completed, 7 establishments cited for violations

These proactive enforcement efforts reinforce the department's commitment to preventing the unlawful sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations, and promoting public health and safety within the community.

| SEX OFFENDER RELATED ACTIVITIES | 2023 | 2024 | % CHANGE |
|---------------------------------|------|------|----------|
| REGISTRATIONS                   | 174  | 180  | 3.44%    |
| ADDRESS CHANGES                 | 64   | 73   | 14.06%   |
| COMPLIANCE CHECKS               | 69   | 115  | 66.66%   |
| COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS         | 38   | 37   | -2.63%   |
| WARRANTS                        | 21   | 45   | 114.28%  |
| TOTAL                           | 366  | 450  | 22.95%   |

|                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2024 TOBACCO &amp; ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS</b> |
| <b>8 OFFENSE REPORTS - 98 BUSINESSES CHECKED</b>    |

### **Domestic Violence/Law Enforcement Advocate**

The Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate plays a critical role in providing comprehensive support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This position is fully funded through federal grants and serves as a vital resource in victim advocacy, crisis intervention, and legal support.

The Advocate's responsibilities include:

- Facilitating referrals for victims and their families to appropriate services.

- Providing support through written communication, phone calls, and in-person assistance at the office or designated public venues.
- Assisting victims during investigative interviews and accompanying them to court proceedings.
- Actively engaging in community outreach, training programs, and awareness initiatives related to domestic violence and sexual assault.

As part of community engagement efforts, the Advocate actively participates in Cranston United Against Violence and Abuse (CUAVA) Task Force monthly meetings. In 2024, involvement extended to:

- Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center staff meetings.
- Rhode Island Domestic Violence Curriculum development.
- Training sessions at the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy.
- The Law Enforcement Assessment Project, aimed at evaluating the effectiveness of the Law Enforcement Advocate Program across Rhode Island.

Through ongoing collaboration with various agencies, the Advocate enhances victim outreach and ensures those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault receive the highest quality of support. Partnerships include:

- Rhode Island Attorney General's Office.
- Cranston Community Action.
- Tri-Town Community Action.
- Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).
- Department of Elderly Affairs.

This role is instrumental in fostering strong partnerships with community organizations, furthering the collective effort to prevent violence, abuse, and victimization across all demographics.

| 2024 DV/SA CHARGE BREAKDOWNS |             |        |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------|
|                              | MISDEMEANOR | FELONY |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE            | 440         | 42     |
| SEX ASSAULT                  | n/a         | 18     |
| CHILD MOLESTATION            | n/a         | 10     |

| 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     |

|                                        | SEX ASSAULT | CHILD MOLESTATION | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| 2024 SA & CM                           | 18          | 10                | 28    |
| 2023 SA & CM                           | 22          | 20                | 42    |
| 2022 SA & CM                           | 21          | 20                | 41    |
| NOTE: SOME CASES INCLUDED BOTH CHARGES |             |                   |       |

| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS |     | % CHANGE/PREVIOUS YR |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 2024                      | 286 | -10.62%              |
| 2023                      | 320 | 30.61%               |
| 2022                      | 245 | n/a                  |

# Juvenile Prosecution

## **Juvenile Prosecutions**

The Family Court Liaison Officer formally submitted cases to Family Court for prosecution, classifying juveniles as either delinquent or wayward based on the nature of their offenses. Additionally, emergency detention at the Rhode Island Training School was necessitated for certain juveniles due to the severity of their infractions. Detailed records of these violations are meticulously maintained in the juvenile arrest book, which is regularly updated by Inspector Kevin Denny.

## **Juvenile Hearing Board**

Pursuant to Cranston City Ordinance Chapter 2.72 – Juvenile Hearing Board, the Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB) operates as an alternative adjudication body for Cranston residents under the age of 18 accused of violating Rhode Island criminal statutes or municipal ordinances. This diversionary program allows juveniles accused of misdemeanor-level offenses to opt for a board hearing instead of formal Family Court proceedings, contingent upon the approval of the Chief of Police.

However, the following juveniles are ineligible for JHB consideration:

1. Juveniles charged with assault or battery, except with special authorization from the Chief's Office.
2. Repeat offenders who have previously been referred to the board twice or failed to comply with prior sanctions or restitution orders.
3. Juveniles already under Family Court jurisdiction at the time of the offense, except in cases related to guardianship matters.

The Chief of Police retains discretion to refer any juvenile case to the Juvenile Hearing Board if it is deemed beneficial to both the individual and the community at large.

## **Case Review and Compliance Enforcement**

The Juvenile Prosecution Officer, Inspector Kevin Denny, conducts a comprehensive review of all juvenile arrest cases forwarded to the Prosecution Division. Juveniles who fail to comply with the board's sanctions face case escalation, wherein their matters are redirected to the Department for potential referral to Family Court. Juveniles are

explicitly informed of this consequence at the intake process, during which they sign a waiver of rights and agree to the board's terms.

The Juvenile Hearing Board reserves the authority to reject cases under the following conditions:

- The referral is deemed inappropriate based on case particulars.
- The juvenile fails to provide required information or misses scheduled hearings.
- The juvenile refuses to cooperate with board procedures.

In cases where the JHB declines jurisdiction, the Prosecution Division is promptly notified, and the matter is reassigned for Family Court consideration.

### **Juvenile Hearing Board Operations**

The Juvenile Hearing Board is mandated to convene at least once per month. Official notifications are sent to juvenile offenders and their guardians well in advance, detailing the alleged offense, the date, time, and location of the hearing, and their right to secure legal representation at their own expense. All JHB hearings remain closed to the public, ensuring confidentiality in the adjudication process.

This structured approach reinforces the Cranston Police Department's commitment to rehabilitation-focused juvenile justice, balancing accountability with opportunities for corrective action while safeguarding the best interests of the community.

# CALI Therapy Dog Program

In 2018, the Cranston Police Department and Hasbro Children's Hospital introduced a



groundbreaking addition to their team: "C.A.L.I.", standing for Cranston Police Department, Aubin Center, Leadership in Innovation. This Australian Labradoodle is co-managed by Detective Michael Iacone of the Special Victims Unit and Dr. Christine Barron from the Hasbro Children's Hospital Aubin Center. This unique collaboration marks the first instance of a comfort therapy dog serving simultaneously in a Rhode Island police department and as a resident canine in a local hospital. The initiative aims to support investigators and medical professionals in building a trusting communication channel with children suspected of suffering from abuse, including maltreatment, and sexual and

physical harm. C.A.L.I. pioneers Rhode Island's Canine Comfort Therapy Program, a novel concept nationwide. Despite challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, C.A.L.I. was honored with the 2020 Crime Victim Service Award, highlighting her invaluable contribution to the department.

C.A.L.I.'s mission focuses on engaging with children who have endured various forms of maltreatment, aiming to offer solace, emotional support, and affection during:

- Interviews with child victims of physical or sexual abuse, including sex trafficking.
- Interviews with child witnesses to crimes resulting in death, serious injuries, or domestic violence against a family member.
- Medical examinations at the Hasbro Children's Hospital's Aubin Center.
- Forensic interviews and judicial testimonies.

Beyond her investigative role, C.A.L.I. actively participates in community outreach, including:

- Assisting at vaccination clinics organized by the Cranston School Department.
- Accompanying victims during Grand Jury appearances.
- Supporting the West Warwick Police Peer Support Debriefing.
- Visiting over 30 schools and daycares across Cranston and statewide.
- Making rounds at children's hospitals and nursing homes.

C.A.L.I.'s presence was made possible through the generosity of a private donor to the Aubin Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital. The expenses for her food, grooming, and veterinary care are jointly covered by the Cranston Police Department and Hasbro Children's Hospital, showcasing a committed partnership towards community welfare and support.

## **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 Sergeant Michael Patnaud, who acts as the evidentiary custodian and oversees the unit's five detectives, with administrative support from a civilian clerk, Ms. Laurie Chapman.

The Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) is responsible for processing all crime scenes, including the seizure, cataloging, and storage of evidence. This encompasses fingerprints, blood, DNA, and other physical evidence crucial to criminal investigations. The BCI Unit collaborates extensively with the Rhode Island State Crime Lab, Office of the State Medical Examiners, Rhode Island Department of Health Lab, and, when necessary, the FBI Forensic Crime Lab in Quantico for specialized forensic analysis.

Beyond crime scene investigations, BCI personnel perform several critical law enforcement support functions, including:

- Fingerprint processing for individuals legally required to undergo background checks (e.g., child-care workers, teachers, school bus drivers).
- Maintaining and managing the evidence storage room in accordance with legal and procedural mandates.
- Destruction of evidence that is either non-returnable to its owner or no longer required for prosecution.
- Test-firing and forensic analysis of seized firearms, with ballistic data entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).
- Processing court-ordered expungements and maintaining fingerprint records of all arrestees.

### **2024 Equipment Acquisitions**

To enhance operational efficiency, the BCI Unit procured the following equipment in 2024:

- (2) Nikon P1000 Digital Cameras – High-resolution cameras for crime scene documentation.
- Miscellaneous stock replacements – Essential supplies for evidence processing and scene investigations.

## **2024 BCI Productivity Summary**

The BCI Unit played a pivotal role in numerous criminal investigations and evidence processing efforts throughout the year. The following statistics highlight key areas of BCI involvement in 2024:

### **Crime Scene Processing & Investigations**

- 28 Crime scenes processed
- 1 Homicide investigation
- 2 Sexual assault cases
- 5 Robberies
- 7 Aggravated assaults
- 10 Breaking and Entering cases
- 1 Larceny investigation
- 17 Stolen vehicle cases
- 3 Arsons
- 0 Vandalism cases
- 8 Weapons offenses
- 12 Sudden death investigations
- 4 Fatal vehicle accident investigations

### **Forensic Firearm & Evidence Processing**

- 35 Firearm test-fires conducted
- 91 Firearms traced through ATF E-Trace
- 23 Pieces of evidence processed for fingerprint analysis and submitted to the Crime Lab
- 18 Bullet casings submitted for ballistic analysis

### **Evidence Handling & Case Support**

- 124 Prosecution requests completed
- 320 Detective/officer requests for evidence transfers or removals
- Over 450 Property returns processed for prisoners and civilians
- 5 Autopsies attended for forensic support
- Narcotics collection and destruction in coordination with the DEA

- 625 Expungements processed (including marijuana-related expungements provided by District and Superior Court)

### **Training & Community Engagement**

- Trained all new officers in Crime Scene Technician (CST) procedures
- Maintained AFIS database and user access management
- Conducted a presentation for the Civilian Police Academy

### **Evidence Room & Asset Seizures**

- Approximately 3,400 pieces of evidence logged into the evidence room.
- \$2,346 in seized currency securely stored in the currency room.
- 15 Vehicles processed for forensic evidence.

The Bureau of Criminal Identification continues to play a vital role in supporting the Cranston Police Department's investigative efforts. Through rigorous crime scene processing, forensic analysis, and evidence management, BCI ensures that cases are effectively documented and prosecuted. Planned upgrades in equipment, technology, and vehicle resources will further enhance the unit's capabilities, ensuring continued efficiency, accuracy, and compliance with investigative standards.

# Prosecution Unit



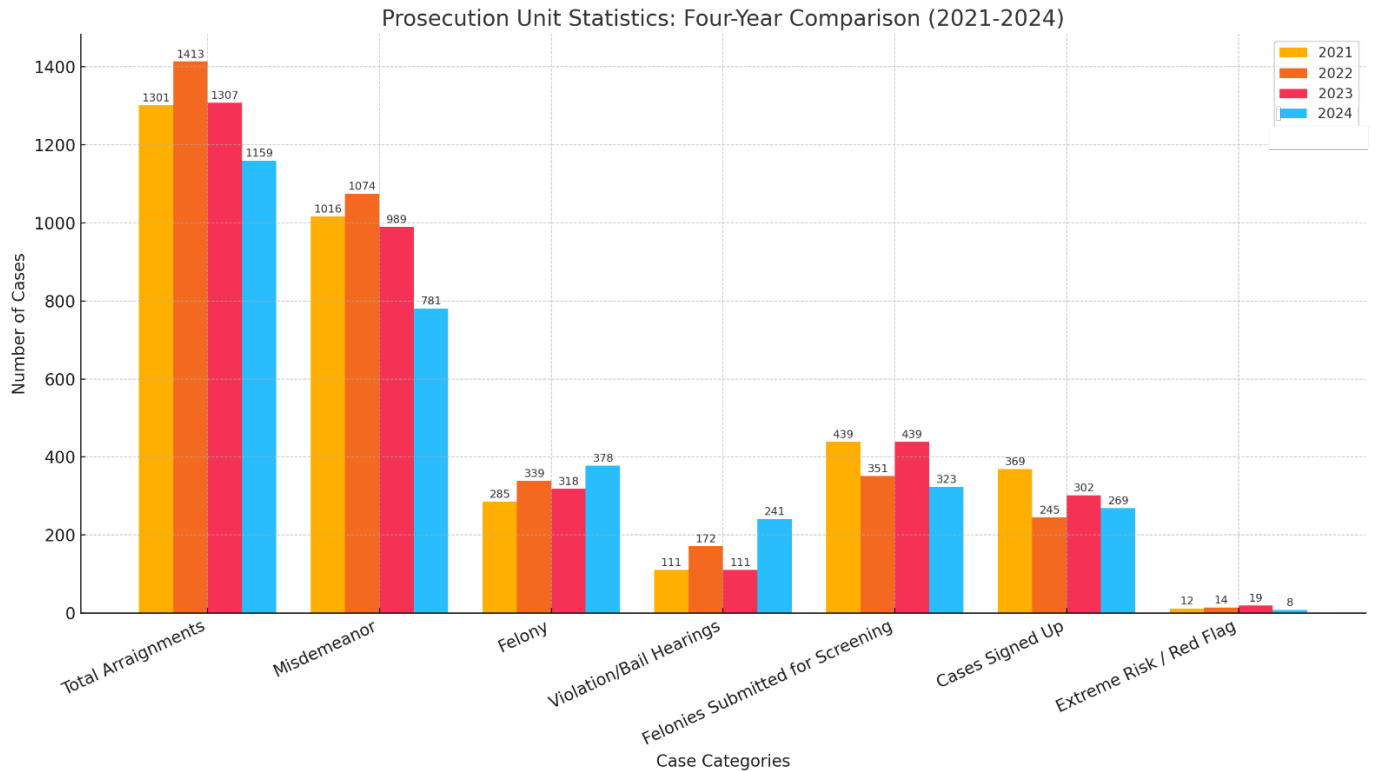
The Prosecution Unit comprises three detectives, each bearing the title of Inspector, who are charged with overseeing both adult and juvenile prosecution efforts. Detective Lieutenant Stephen Brooks directly supervises the unit, with additional support from two civilian administrative assistants, Ms.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

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.

## 2024 Prosecution Totals



## 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.

- **FBI Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF)** – One SIU detective assigned full-time.

- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Task Force** – One SIU detective assigned part-time.
- **Rhode Island State Police (RISP) Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF)** – One detective assigned.
- **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force** – One detective assigned.
- **Rhode Island State Police High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force** – One detective assigned.

These partnerships allow SIU to leverage federal resources in combatting violent crime, drug trafficking, and organized criminal enterprises.

## 2024 SIU Statistics

### Investigations & Arrests

- Total Arrests: 37 (Assisted with an additional 54)
- Arrest Warrants Executed: 1
- Search Warrants Executed: 17

### State Forfeiture Cases

- 13 State forfeiture cases submitted to the Attorney General's Office.
- \$56,765 in cash, 1 vehicle, and multiple gold items seized.
- 9 forfeiture cases completed, yielding \$26,789.70 transferred to the City of Cranston.
- Additional forfeiture recoveries from previous cases totaled \$2,760.66 in cash and one forfeited vehicle.

### Narcotics Seizures

Through controlled buys, search warrants, and arrests, the SIU seized the following illegal narcotics in 2024:

| Substance      | Quantity Seized        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Fentanyl       | 268.9 grams            |
| Fentanyl Pills | 20 pills + 203.6 grams |

| <b>Substance</b>                                | <b>Quantity Seized</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Marijuana                                       | 3,757.1 grams          |
| Cocaine                                         | 353.5 grams            |
| Crack Cocaine                                   | 152.9 grams            |
| Methamphetamine                                 | 157.4 grams            |
| Crystal Meth                                    | 179.8 grams            |
| Unknown Pills                                   | 12.3 grams             |
| Adderall Pills                                  | 322.5 grams + 13 pills |
| Amphetamine Pills                               | 28 pills               |
| Xanax                                           | 5 pills                |
| MDMA                                            | 1.4 grams              |
| Concentrated Marijuana Butter                   | 4 pounds               |
| Dimethyltryptamine, Dextroamphetamine, Ketamine | 26.5 grams             |

### **Federal Forfeiture Statistics**

The DEA's Equitable Sharing Program completed a multi-year asset-sharing process in 2024, resulting in:

- **\$101,880.16** in federal forfeitures awarded to the Cranston Police Department.
- Several forfeiture cases remain pending with additional funds expected in 2025.

### **Task Force Activity Reports**

#### **FBI Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF) – 2024 Statistics**

The FBI SSTF led multiple long-term investigations, including a federal TIII wiretap case initiated in March 2024 that ran through December 2024.

#### **Significant Enforcement Outcomes:**

- **67 video-recorded controlled buys** (\$70,000 in transactions).
- **Seizures:**
  - 300 grams of crack cocaine

- 2,500 grams of fentanyl
- 4,000+ fentanyl pills
- 750 grams of crystal meth
- 11 firearms
- **Arrests & Warrants:**
  - 19 suspects arrested
  - 25+ Search/Arrest Warrants executed
  - Seizures from investigations:
    - 24.2 kilos of cocaine
    - 550 grams of crack cocaine
    - 2.3 kilos of fentanyl
    - 20,000+ fentanyl pills
    - 2+ kilos of methamphetamine
    - 20 firearms
    - \$135,000 in U.S. currency seized

#### **RISP Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF) – 2024 Statistics**

- **Total Arrests:** 214
- **Search Warrants Executed:** 4
- **Major Case Arrests:**
  - 5 Homicide suspects
  - 17 Armed robbery suspects
  - 4 Kidnapping suspects
  - 38 Sexual assault/child molestation suspects
  - 30 Narcotics distribution suspects
  - 29 Breaking & entering/home invasion suspects
  - 58 Firearm-related felony assault suspects

The RISP VFTF also assisted with state and federal fugitive apprehensions, conducting numerous surveillance operations, interviews, and coordinated takedowns.

#### **RISP HIDTA Task Force – 2024 Statistics**

The HIDTA Task Force, which includes Cranston Police, continued its aggressive pursuit of major drug trafficking organizations (DTOs), targeting narcotics and firearms.

| Category                        | Seizures/Arrests            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Arrests</b>                  | 97                          |
| <b>Firearms Seized</b>          | 52 (Including 8 Ghost Guns) |
| <b>Search Warrants Executed</b> | 114                         |
| <b>Cash Seized</b>              | \$555,574.00                |
| <b>Vehicles Seized</b>          | 24                          |
| <b>Illegal Narcotics Seized</b> |                             |
| Cocaine                         | 28.36 kilos                 |
| Crack Cocaine                   | 1,130 grams                 |
| Heroin                          | 202.2 grams                 |
| Fentanyl                        | 41.44 kilos                 |
| Fentanyl Pills                  | 227 pills                   |
| Marijuana                       | 54.61 pounds                |
| Methamphetamine                 | 655.3 grams                 |
| MDMA                            | 3,298.1 grams               |
| Oxycodone Pills                 | 124                         |
| Alprazolam Pills                | 31                          |
| Clonazepam Pills                | 75                          |
| LSD                             | 495 grams                   |
| Psilocybin                      | 1,436 grams                 |

The HIDTA Task Force also removed high-powered firearms from criminal organizations, including:

- 8 ghost guns
- 2 illegal "switch" devices (converted semi-automatic handguns to full-auto mode)

The Special Investigations Unit continues to play a critical role in combating violent crime, drug trafficking, and organized criminal enterprises. Through its proactive enforcement strategies, interagency partnerships, and targeted investigations, SIU has made significant strides in reducing illicit activities in the City of Cranston and beyond.

The unit's collaboration with federal task forces has resulted in substantial narcotics and firearms seizures, as well as the successful apprehension of high-profile fugitives. Looking forward to 2025, SIU remains committed to enhancing public safety, expanding intelligence capabilities, and strengthening enforcement efforts against criminal networks.

### **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.

## 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**

The Inspectional Services Division is also responsible for managing the operations of the police department's facility and overseeing the various internship programs. 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.

### **RECORDS UNIT / TERMINAL AGENCY COORDINATOR (TAC)**

The Records Unit was staffed by a Lieutenant and one (1) full-time civilian during 2024. 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 (1456 in CY 2024), 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 254 records that were released under the Access to Public Records Act (APRA), prepared documents for 27 subpoenas and appeared in court for several of them. In 2024 eighteen (18) 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 271 sexual offender records in the NCIC and RI Sexual Offender Registry during CY2024. 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 404 NCIC "validations" during CY 2024 and managed 1058 records that were entered, cleared, cancelled, or modified in the NCIC and RILETS system.

## 2024 SUMMARY OF RECORDS UNIT ACTIVITY

| <b>ACTIVITY</b>                                   | <b>TOTAL #</b> | <b>RECEIPTS</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Walk-in requests</i>                           | 2034           | \$1,461.60      |
| <i>Mail Requests</i>                              | 223            | \$6,270.34      |
| <i>E-Mail Requests</i>                            | 3597           |                 |
| <i>Fax Requests</i>                               | 162            |                 |
| <i>Online Accident Reports Sold (Crash Logic)</i> | 3007           | \$53,040.00     |
| <i>Court Subpoenas</i>                            |                | \$196.00        |
| <i>Games of Chance</i>                            |                | \$250.00        |

## 2024 Firearm Purchase Applications

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Processed | 1456 |
| Approved  | 1443 |
| Denied    | 13   |

## 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.

### **2024 Total Number of Crimes As Reported through the NIBRS**

| <b>2024</b>              | <b>IBR CODE</b> | <b>JAN</b> | <b>FEB</b> | <b>MAR</b> | <b>APRIL</b> | <b>MAY</b> | <b>JUNE</b> | <b>JULY</b> | <b>AUG</b> | <b>SEPT</b> | <b>OCT</b> | <b>NOV</b> | <b>DEC</b> | <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>CHANGE</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>GROUP A OFFENSES</b>  |                 |            |            |            |              |            |             |             |            |             |            |            |            |               |             |               |
| Animal Cruelty           | 720             | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1             | 6           | 83% decrease  |
| Arson                    | 200             | 2          | 0          | 2          | 1            | 2          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 2          | 2          | 11            | 11          | NO CHANGE     |
| Aggravated Assault       | 13A             | 2          | 4          | 4          | 0            | 6          | 5           | 4           | 4          | 5           | 4          | 1          | 2          | 41            | 49          | 16% decrease  |
| Simple Assault           | 13A             | 22         | 26         | 22         | 26           | 29         | 41          | 29          | 27         | 39          | 25         | 25         | 20         | 331           | 350         | 5% decrease   |
| Intimidation             | 13C             | 1          | 1          | 2          | 3            | 0          | 4           | 3           | 2          | 2           | 2          | 5          | 5          | 30            | 28          | 7% increase   |
| Bribery                  | 510             | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0             | 0           | NO CHANGE     |
| B&E                      | 220             | 4          | 5          | 3          | 11           | 5          | 6           | 10          | 11         | 7           | 5          | 7          | 3          | 77            | 109         | 29% decrease  |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery   | 250             | 6          | 0          | 8          | 6            | 3          | 4           | 5           | 6          | 3           | 2          | 4          | 8          | 55            | 71          | 23% decrease  |
| Damage/Vandalism         | 290             | 18         | 17         | 24         | 22           | 19         | 26          | 25          | 21         | 19          | 19         | 17         | 4          | 231           | 342         | 32% decrease  |
| Drug Violations          | 35A             | 3          | 11         | 11         | 12           | 4          | -8          | 8           | 4          | 3           | 7          | 3          | 4          | 78            | 52          | 50% increase  |
| Embezzlement             | 270             | 3          | 1          | 3          | 5            | 1          | 0           | 1           | 1          | 2           | 0          | 2          | 2          | 21            | 16          | 31% increase  |
| Extortion/Blackmail      | 210             | 1          | 0          | 3          | 1            | 3          | 1           | 1           | 1          | 0           | 3          | 0          | 0          | 14            | 12          | 17% increase  |
| Fraud Offenses           | 26A-G           | 21         | 23         | 27         | 24           | 20         | 25          | 21          | 24         | 20          | 16         | 21         | 15         | 257           | 250         | 3% increase   |
| Gambling Offenses        | 39A-D           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0             | 0           | NO CHANGE     |
| Homicide                 | 09A-C           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 1          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1             | 0           | 100% increase |
| Human Trafficking        | 64A-B           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0             | 0           | NO CHANGE     |
| Kidnapping               | 100             | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1             | 4           | 75% decrease  |
| Larceny/Theft            | 23A-H           | 49         | 59         | 51         | 64           | 67         | 59          | 61          | 60         | 72          | 72         | 88         | 68         | 770           | 711         | 8% increase   |
| Motor Vehicle Theft      | 240             | 5          | 12         | 10         | 8            | 3          | 8           | 4           | 3          | 13          | 6          | 6          | 2          | 80            | 122         | 34% increase  |
| Pornography              | 370             | 2          | 0          | 3          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 1           | 0          | 1          | 0          | 7             | 8           | 13% decrease  |
| Prostitution             | 40A-C           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0             | 1           | 100% decrease |
| Robbery                  | 120             | 2          | 0          | 1          | 1            | 1          | 1           | 1           | 1          | 0           | 0          | 3          | 1          | 12            | 12          | NO CHANGE     |
| Sex Offenses - FORCE     | 11A-D           | 2          | 3          | 0          | 1            | 0          | 2           | 0           | 1          | 5           | 3          | 2          | 1          | 20            | 40          | 50% decrease  |
| Sex Offenses - NON-FORCE | 36A-B           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0             | 0           | NO CHANGE     |
| Stolen Property          | 280             | 7          | 4          | 5          | 5            | 3          | 5           | 3           | 2          | 1           | 6          | 1          | 2          | 44            | 51          | 14% decrease  |
| Weapons Violations       | 520             | 2          | 4          | 0          | 4            | 4          | 4           | 5           | 3          | 5           | 2          | 3          | 1          | 37            | 38          | 3% decrease   |

## **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 \$3,497,699.64 in revenue and working with approximately one hundred twenty-nine (129) vendors during CY 2024.

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.

## 2024 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR THE POLICE DETAILS ADMINISTRATIONS CLERK

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| Total Hours Billed               | 55,001.25             |
| Total Salary Billed              | \$2,683,366.26        |
| Total Administrative Fees Billed | \$192,693.38          |
| Total Equipment Fees Billed      | \$621,640.00          |
| <b>Total Billed</b>              | <b>\$3,497,699.64</b> |

### 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 13,157 calls to the police department in CY2024. Of those calls 10,054 were routine while 3,500 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:

- Breathalyzer/SFST
- Taser
- Pistol Qualifications
- Rifle Qualifications
- Narcan
- Pre-Employment Background Investigations
- Legal Decision
- Implicit Bias

Within each of these sessions, the instructors used progressive training techniques that enhanced the 2023 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 2024 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-dominate hand shooting, alternate position shooting, reloading

drills, and malfunction situations, officers participated in felony car stop 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.

### **PowerDMS Trainings**

PowerDMS was an integral component of 2024 as it proved efficient and user friendly for multiple trainings in 2024. The Training Division was able to disseminate presentations for Vehicle Pursuits, Agency Jurisdiction and Mutual Aid, Biased Based Profiling, Incident Command System, Public Mental Health, Legislative Updates, Incident Command Systems, Active Threats and RI Energy Safety Course for First Responders.

### **Professional Development Trainings**

In 2024, the Training Division sent one hundred twenty nine officers (129) to forty six (46) separate trainings, schools, classes, conferences, and seminars which included Best Practice Response for Child Abuse Cases; Wide Area Search; EBT Fraud; Honor

Guard School; Privately Made Firearms & Machine Gun Conversion Devices; Street Crimes Tactical Training; Autism Awareness for LE; De-Escalation Training; CPS Certification; Dive Rescue; Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs; Legal Aspects of Serious Injury/Death Crash Investigations; EDR Basics for Prosecution; Basic Crash Investigation; Moot Court Police Testimony; Ballistic Shield Training; Advanced Clan Lab and Clan Lab Chemistry; Basic Motorcycle Officer Course; AAA Driver Improvement Program; First Line Supervisor Training; Leadership and Legacy Training; Domestic Violent Extremism and Sovereign Citizen; Less Lethal Instructor, De-Escalation Train the Trainer; Critical Skills Diver; Boat Based Operations; Advanced Crash Investigation; Riot Training; Computer and Mobil Forensics Training Course; Standardized Awareness Training; Community Policing and Concepts of/and Responses to Child Trauma; Academy Application and Background Investigations; Understanding Veteran Culture – Working with Vets in the Community; Proactive and Undercover Investigation; Burn Boston Burn – Serial Arson Case Seminar; FTO Certification Course; SMART (Stress Management & Resiliency Training), Distracted Driver Training; Crash Reconstruction, Red Dot Pistol Instructor Development Course, Executive Protection; FTO Co-Ordinator.

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. Small improvements were made throughout 2024 including range cleanup, target repair and enhanced berm structure. Repairs are underway to get the target-turning system operational again with the hope for it to be fully functional by the summer of 2025. The lights, both in the classroom

and on Alpha range, were updated to LED lights through a grant the department received.

Due to consistent noise complaints from surrounding residents, the Cranston Police Department reduced the amount of weapons being fired by its officers while keeping in compliance with state statutes; reduced the range use by outside agencies to four small agencies; and explored multiple options for future range noise mitigation as well as off-site locations to hold firearms trainings. 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 2024:

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| <u>January</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Explorers meeting</li></ul> <u>February</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Explorer meeting</li></ul> <u>March</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Honor Guard School</li><li>• DRE training</li></ul> <u>April</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Citizens Police Academy</li><li>• Street Crimes Training</li><li>• Taser Training</li><li>• Cranston Fire Rescue Task Force Meeting</li></ul> <u>May</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Citizens Police Academy</li><li>• CCRI Security virtual training</li></ul> <u>June</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Citizens Police Academy</li></ul> <u>July</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Pistol Optics Training</li><li>• Cranston Fire Rescue Task Force Meeting</li></ul> | <u>August</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Firearms Instructor meeting</li><li>• Pistol Optics Training</li><li>• Ballistic Shield School</li></ul> <u>September</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• Control Tactics instructor meeting</li><li>• Patrol Rifle School</li><li>• Department Firearms training</li><li>• Bicycle School</li></ul> <u>October</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• DCYF training</li><li>• Control Tactics training</li><li>• RITOA Training</li><li>• Crash Reconstruction School</li><li>• Axon Road Show</li><li>• Suppressor demos from Surefire and Dead Air</li></ul> <u>November</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• TacMed training</li><li>• Pistol Optic Class</li><li>• DUI/SFST recertification</li></ul> <u>December</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Support meeting</li><li>• SRT training</li><li>• DUI/SFST certifications</li><li>• Crash Reconstruction School</li><li>• RITOA meeting</li><li>• FTO Coordinator class</li></ul> |
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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
- Airport Police Department

### **Equipment**

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.

In 2024, the Rhode Island Legislature modified the laws pertaining to suppressors on weapons and legalized sworn officers to use suppressors on firearms while using them in the scope of their official duties. Extensive education and research was conducted into different suppressor options for the patrol rifle program. Several different manufactures were invited to the shooting range to provide a demonstration of their products. Ultimately, a decision was made to purchase Dead Air suppressors based

on product performance as well as cost considerations. These suppressors will be put into use in the spring of 2025.

In the fall of 2024, the Training Division was made aware of a new partnership between Glock and Aimpoint optics where Glock would be introducing a new platform for their pistols with red dot optics. Approximately 25% of the department had already switched over to using red-dot optics with the duty weapon. This new platform offered an opportunity to outfit the entire department with state of the art weapons and optics. These new firearms will be put into service in the summer of 2025 after the department takes delivery of them.

### **Community Programs & Events**

The Citizens Police Academy was held from April to June in 2024. During that time, 13 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, the Training Division plans to provide a class for 2025.

For the eleventh year, the ALICE program, used for active threat response, was taught in an 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 2024, the Training Division was responsible for organizing the recruitment of applicants through two separate recruitment drives, 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 CCRI Law Enforcement Career Fair, New England Tech Career Fair and National Night Out while others visited local businesses and walked neighborhoods in a grassroot effort to enhance the candidate pool. Recruitment efforts were also directed at Fit2Serve's agility tests, where verified applicants would be located.

Based on the needs of the Department, extensive background investigations were completed for the hiring of new officers. For those 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. In the second hiring process, only lateral transfers were hired and prepared for their employment with the Cranston Police Department.

### **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. Winkvist. 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. Winkvist 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 bid for 6 months. In addition to this increase in staffing, the chief assigned all special projects to fall under this newly sized unit.

## **Personnel**

The Office of Community Outreach is currently under the command of Captain Justin Dutra, a twenty-seven-year veteran of law enforcement and a twenty-two-year member of the Cranston Police Department. He has been assigned to the OCO since January of 2022. The unit is supported by Sergeant Gregg Weller who serves as the permanent Community Outreach sergeant. Sergeant Weller is a seasoned veteran of the department and have served in many different units within the police department. OCO is supported by numerous members of the Cranston Police Department, both sworn and civilian.

### **The Office of Community Outreach in 2024**

#### **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 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 2024:

- Explorer Stations Day – Camp Fogarty
- Earth Day Cleanup
- Senior Center Activity Events
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day Event
- Autism Project Image Walk Goddard Park
- Glen Hills Walk to School
- Eden Park Walk to School
- 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 Car Seat Clinic
- CCAP/HEZ Dinner at Sprague Mansion
- Volleyball CCAP/HEZ
- Statewide Explorer Academy Camp Varum
- Bocce Ball Lights & Siren International
- God Voice Ministries Festival

- Sensory Friendly Safety Day
- National Night Out
- Housing Authority Meetings
- Cranston Police Fall Street Festival
- Autism Project Sensory Friendly Trunk or Treat
- CCAP/HEZ Soccer Camp
- Autism Project Summer Camp in South Kingstown
- Numerous school Trunk or Treats
- Rotary Club Touch a Truck
- Veterans Day Parade
- Thanksgiving food drives
- Police Station Tours
- Career Day Ocean State Academy
- CPD Kids Holiday Party

What follows is a more detailed look at the Office of Community Outreach's efforts during the calendar year 2024. 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 2024. 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 on the community, and to strategize and 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, property crime issues, and the growing Homeless population and their encampments. 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 of our Officers completed "Mental Health First Aid" training, designed to help you in the field recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and persons who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. You 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 over 1500 CIT calls for service in 2024. 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 off-site locations operating 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. Many of the problems that we are currently addressing involves quality of life issues which are handled by Housing.

### **HOPE Initiative**



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. The HOPE initiative is slated to begin seeing referrals in Q1 2019.

### **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.

### **Cranston Police Spring and Fall Festivals**

In 2024, the Office of Community Outreach partnered with “Ocean State Food Truck Festivals” for our 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.company.site](http://www.cpdcares.company.site), 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
- Ronald Gill Memorial
- Cranston Cares
- Lights and Sirens International
- Special Olympics of RI
- Enzo's Escorts
- Cranston School Department Scholarship Fund
- YMCA
- Plates With a Purpose
- Public Safety Needs Coalition
- Operation Stand Down
- Young Marines of Rhode Island
- 100 Thanksgiving Pies to the Praise Tabernacle Church Homeless Dinner
- Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinners for Cranston families in need
- Holiday toy drives and donations to local churches, schools, and non-profits

### **National Night Out**

This past August, the Cranston Police brought back our National Night Out Event. This year's event was held at the Cranston YMCA. We were able to showcase police equipment and assets to the public and have officers from various divisions available

to the public. We also had food trucks, jumpy houses, vendors, kids' activities and more to create a relaxed environment for police/community interactions.

### **Cranston's Reading Weeks – Spring 2024**



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 2024. This effort – which included members of

the Chief's Executive Staff – demonstrated firsthand the positive impact that members of law enforcement have on the youth of the city.

### **Halloween Trunk or Treats**

Halloween 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 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. 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 2024 big, providing toys to over 500 hundred children who needed a little extra help this year. Recipients included almost 100 children from Cranston Family Center, local churches, charter schools, the YMCA, 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, Waste Management, 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 2024, CALI's activities 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
- Pumpkin Patch Day Care
- Rotary club
- RI Superior Court Grand Jury with Victims
- Newport Public Schools
- Barrington Police Department Therapy Dog Swearing in Ceremony
- Smithfield Public Schools
- St. Elizabeth Nursing Home
- CCAP Staff visit
- Cranston Public Schools summer program
- Autism Project Summer Camp
- CCAP Head Start
- East Greenwich Safety Day with Kindergartners
- Hasbro Children's Hospital
- Cranston Police Department's Community Events

### **Cranston Police Explorers**

The Police Explorer Program, Post 402, continued throughout the year with 12 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 the academy and now hold the distinction of Explorer 1st Class. The 2024-2025 Explorer Program looks to continue this progress and hopes to send additional explorers to the Explorer Academy.

### **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.



## **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.

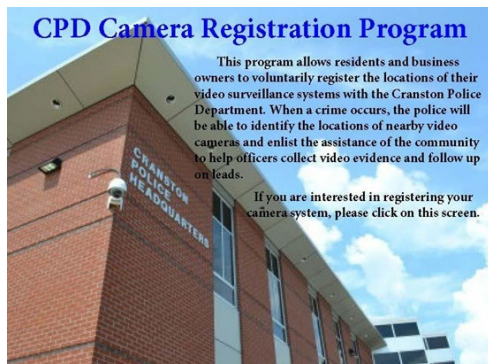
## **Tip411**



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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 Divisional 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 (**Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) program was implemented in 2013 and presented to all faculty, staff, and students in the Cranston school district. Continuing education of the ALICE program has been conducted every year since its inception.**

# 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 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:

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## 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.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Total Complaints for year</b> | <b>Number of complaints received from public</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 2018        | 17                               | 11                                               |
| 2019        | 25                               | 17                                               |
| 2020        | 22                               | 11                                               |
| 2021        | 13                               | 8                                                |
| 2022        | 17                               | 11                                               |
| 2023        | 26                               | 16                                               |
| <b>2024</b> | <b>13</b>                        | <b>5</b>                                         |

#### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS INVESTIGATIONS

The Office of Professional Standards investigated thirteen complaints between January and December 2024. Please see below a breakdown of the cases and the investigative findings.

| Pending | Unfounded | Exonerated | Not Sustained | Sustained | Other Sustained | Policy Failure | Total |
|---------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| 4       | 1         | 0          | 0             | 6         | 2               | 0              | 13    |

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

#### POTENTIAL OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS HEARING

There are no pending Bill of Rights case/hearings.

# SPECIALTY UNITS

## Honor Guard



The Honor Guard Unit remains a distinguished and ceremonial representation of the department, committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism, respect, and tradition. Throughout the year, the unit has participated in numerous formal

events, including funerals for fallen officers, community ceremonies, parades, and special departmental functions.

Members of the Honor Guard have demonstrated exceptional dedication to precision drill, ceremonial protocol, and the preservation of law enforcement traditions. Their disciplined presence serves as a visible reminder of the department's commitment to honor, integrity, and service.

Regular training sessions have ensured the Honor Guard remains proficient in drill and ceremony, uniform presentation, and protocol adherence. The department continues to recognize and support the Honor Guard Unit as a vital embodiment of its heritage and a symbol of pride for both its members and the community.

The unit's responsibilities extend beyond ceremonial duties, as members also play a role in fostering community relations by representing the department at public events. This visible connection between the department and the public strengthens trust and reinforces the department's values.



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.

### **2024 Activities and Trainings Attended**

The Underwater Recovery Team completed sixteen training days for the 2024 calendar year. These training courses consisted of preparing the team in various drills and exercises for any potential callouts the team may receive. The trainings 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 to conduct a deep-water dive in the Narragansett Bay. The joint training exercises provide a great benefit to the URT as they allow not only for the team to practice deep-water dive drills in the open ocean but also allow 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.

## **2024 Call Outs and Community Events**

URT members typically participate in numerous community events and team callouts every year. Some of our events and callouts are listed below:

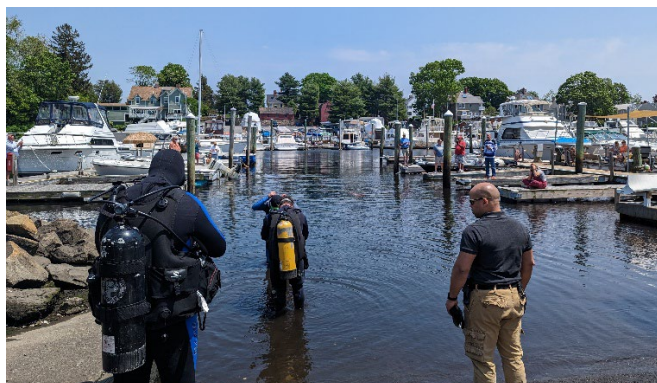
### ***Team Events***

- March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Special Olympics plunge
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – East Providence Touch-a-Truck
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Garden City Touch a Truck
- May 19<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – CPD Springfest event
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – CPD Fall Festival
- October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Cranston Rotary Event in Garden City

### ***Team Call Outs***

In the summer of 2024, URT assisted with one missing swimmer call for service in the City of Warwick.

URT also assists in boat removal call for service as well. For instance, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, URT was requested to remove a vehicle that had driven into the bay from a boat ramp in Edgewood.







## **SRT Team Makeup**

### **Chief of Police**

Colonel Michael Winkvist

### **Team Commander**

Captain Justin Dutra

### **Assistant Team Commanders**

Sergeant Dennis Trinh

### **Entry Team Leader**

Patrolman Jonathon Quaranto

### **Sniper Leader**

Sergeant Dennis Trinh

- **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 training at all Cranston Schools K-12 teaching Active Aggressor, Active Shooter Response to schools as requested.
- Temple Sinai Threat Assessment
- Cranston City Hall Threat Assessment

- **SRT Deployments**

- 18 Harding Ave. – Barricaded Gunman
- Senator Jack Reed Protestor Security Detail – Rhodes On Pawtuxet

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

- 1 Pro-Tec Rifle Rated Ballistic Shield (Temple Sinai donation)

- **Training Received**

- Close Quarters Red Dot Handgun
- Rescue Task Force Instructor Course
- Stop The Bleed Tac Med Course
- Patrol Rifle Instructor School
- Vehicle Counter Ambush Course
- Less Lethal, Chemical, NFDD Instructor School
- UAV Operator Course
- Ballistic Shield Operator Course
- Executive Protection Course

- **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 2024, SRT provided 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
  - 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
  - 12 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 2025**

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 offer 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 of 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 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 they escalate.

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.