

CRANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2025 Year in Review



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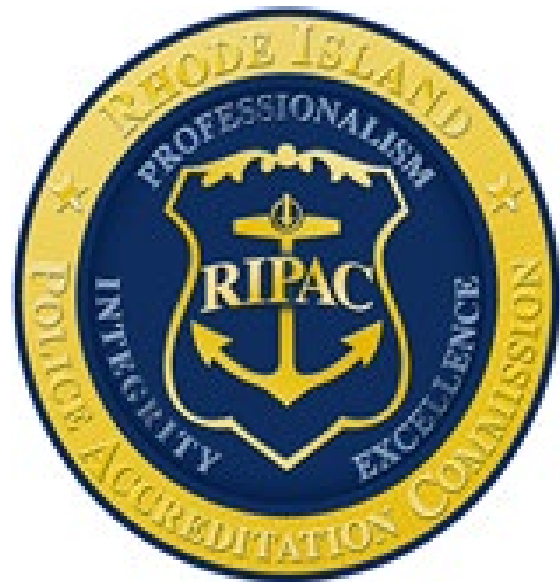
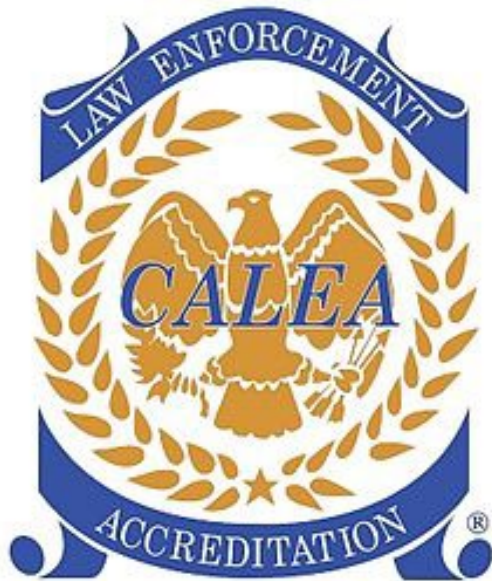


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As we reflect on 2025, I am proud to report continued progress in strengthening our department and maintaining the safety of our community. Through the dedication of our officers and the support of the public and our elected officials, we remain committed to our mission of protecting and serving with integrity, professionalism, and accountability.

Public safety outcomes in 2025 remained strong. Crimes against persons remained at historic lows, while property crime declined by an additional 8 percent, reaching a new historic low for our city. These results reflect the professionalism of our officers, the strong performance of our investigative units, and the partnerships we maintain with the community.

This year also marked an important milestone in our commitment to professional excellence and accountability. Our department completed the on-site accreditation assessment conducted by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This intensive review includes a comprehensive examination of departmental policies, procedures, and operations, as well as interviews with personnel. I am pleased to report that the assessor recommended our department for a Certificate of Advanced Accreditation, with final confirmation expected from the CALEA Board in March 2026. The department also continues to maintain accreditation through the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission. These accreditations ensure our department meets the highest professional standards and continues to evolve as a modern and capable law enforcement agency.

Our Crisis Intervention Team continues to deliver measurable success in connecting individuals experiencing mental health challenges with services and support. This program is funded entirely by federal grants and includes a full-time mental health clinician embedded within the department who co-responds to calls involving behavioral health crises. This collaborative model enables thoughtful de-escalation and ensures individuals receive the assistance they need while maintaining public safety and the safety of responding officers.

Our investigative units continued to perform at a high level throughout the year, successfully resolving serious crimes within our community and on our roadways. Training also remained a priority. The Training Division conducted practical active-shooter response exercises for all sworn personnel to ensure officers remain prepared to respond effectively in worst-case scenarios.

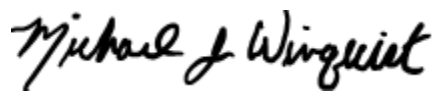
The department also expanded its K-9 Unit from two teams to five with the assistance of federal grant funding. These teams play a critical role in public safety operations, assisting in the tracking of missing persons and criminal suspects as well as detecting dangerous narcotics entering our community.

In addition, we completed a comprehensive renovation and modernization of our dispatch center. This facility serves as the hub of our emergency communications system, and the upgrades include state-of-the-art technology funded entirely through American Rescue Plan Act funding approved by the Mayor.

Finally, we were proud to host our annual awards ceremony honoring dozens of officers for heroic and exemplary service. Their dedication reflects the professionalism and commitment demonstrated by members of this department every day.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the continued support of the public we serve and the leadership of our elected officials. Together, we remain committed to ensuring our city remains a safe and welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Winkquist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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 2025 Budget

Police

Description

Actual

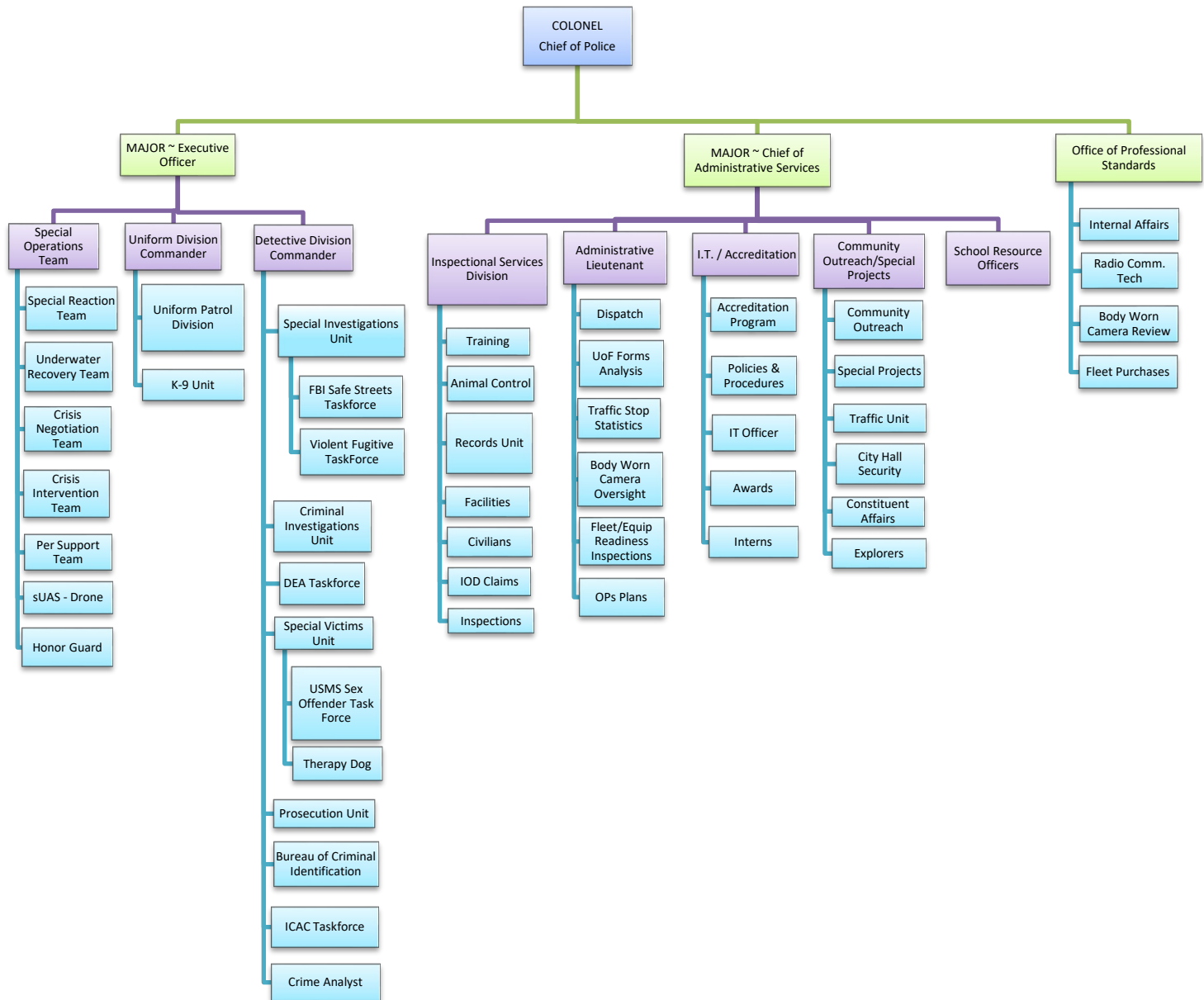
SALARY SCHEDULE	14,082,027
OVERTIME	1,963,600
SPECIAL DUTY	200,000
DIFFERENTIAL	15,000
LEGAL HOLIDAY PAY	1,284,580
LONGEVITY	1,604,219
EXTRA VACATION AFTER 10 YRS	78,377
SEVERANCE	80,000
SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVE	111,500
PART-TIME HELP	45,000
PAYROLL TAXES	352,144
PENSION CONTRIBUTION	3,603,687
HOSPITALIZATION	3,891,330
HOSPITALIZATION BUYBACK	35,143
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	40,032
NORMAL COST-CITY PENSION	34,472
UNIFORMS	150,000
UNIFORM CLEANING ALLOWANCE	231,600
DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES	91,000
GASOLINE & OIL	247,500
MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	469,000
EDUCATION PROGRAM	37,200
AMMUNITION	60,000
BCI	20,000
CHILD CARE FINGERPRINT CARDS	5,000
COMMUNITY POLICE	3,200
COMPUTER EXPENSES	135,000
CROSSING GUARDS	500,000
EQUIPMENT - PERSONNEL	50,000
PATROL	50,000
RENT	1,397,686
REPLACEMENT VEHICLES - MARKED	650,000
CIU EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY	0
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	42,000
CITY CLAIMS	30,000
ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING I/A	15,500
EMERGENCY SERVICE UNITS	7,500

Animal Control

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>
SALARY SCHEDULE	249,435
OVERTIME	2000
PAYROLL TAXES	19,158
PENSION CONTRIBUTION	18,025
HOSPITALIZATION	64,747
HOSPITALIZATION BUYBACK	1,000
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	768
UNIFORMS	2,300
EQUIPMENT	1,000
CARE OF ANIMALS	35,000

Organizational Chart



UNIFORM DIVISION

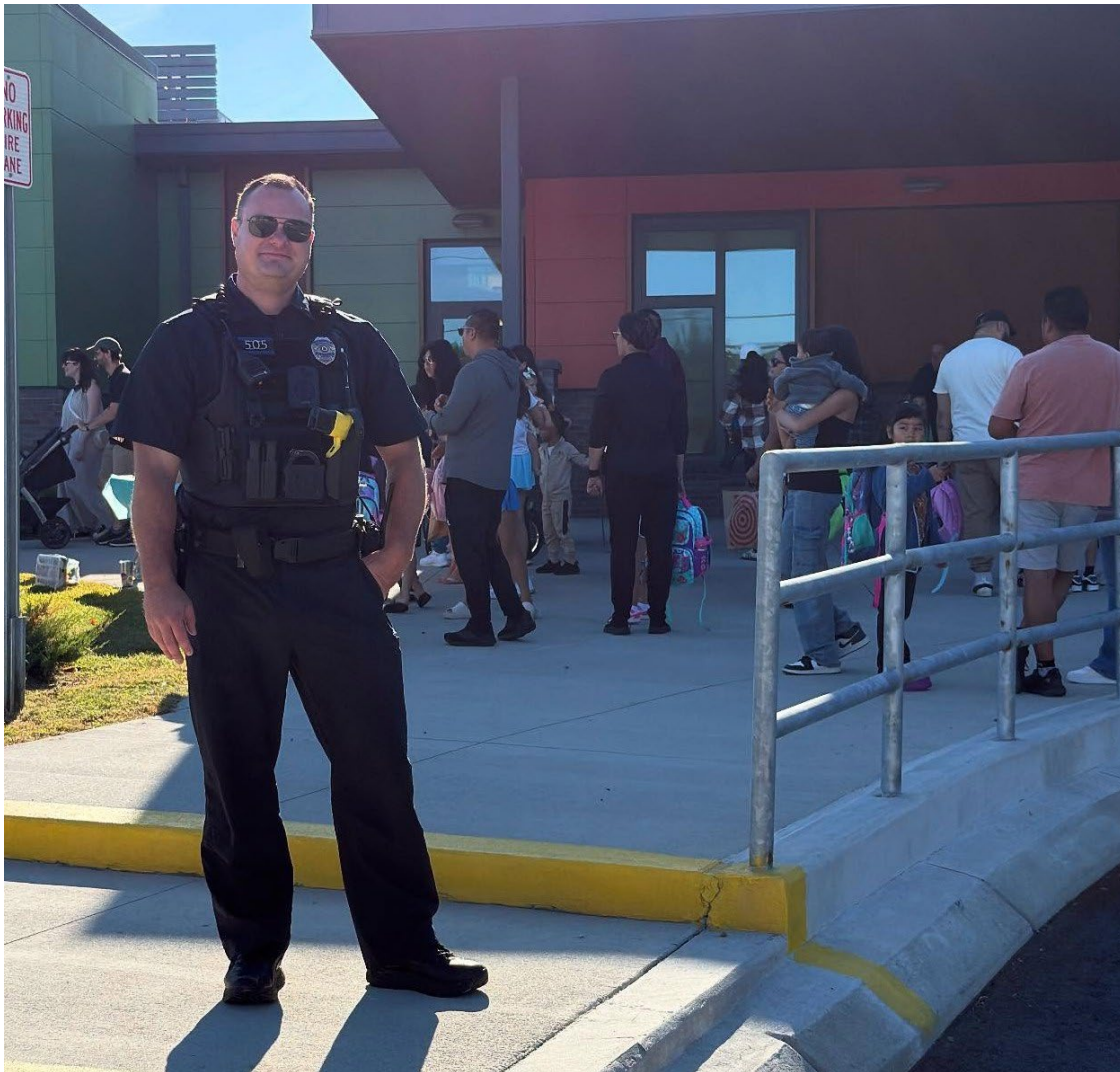
Overview



In 2025, 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 2025.

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 of Cranston 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 monthly and 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.



Crash Investigations and Crash Reconstructions

In 2025 members of the Traffic Division took and investigated many crashes. The following is a list of more serious accidents that the Traffic Division investigated and/or was a major part of:

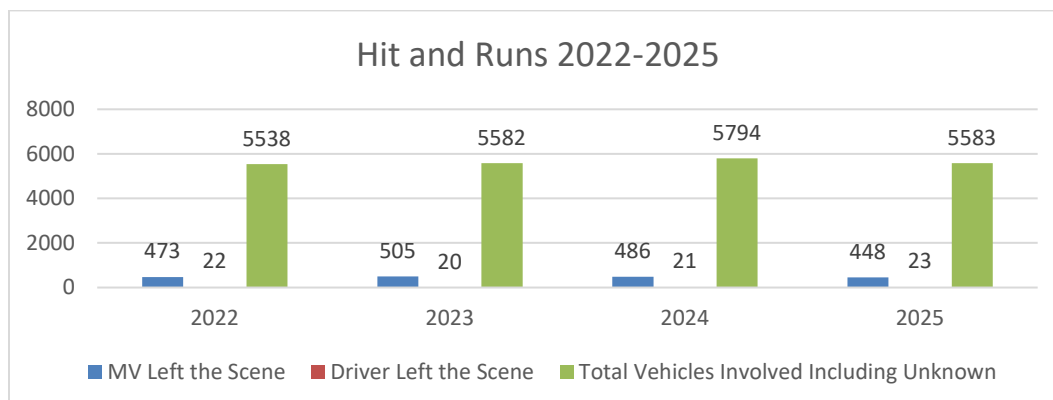
Serious Crashes and Other Arrest in which Traffic assisted with the investigation

<u>Date</u>	<u>Report #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contributing Factor</u>	<u>Lead Investigator</u>	<u>Notes</u>
01/01/25	25-132-AC	Pontiac Ave. at Slater Rd.	Weather and Alcohol	Inspector Dimpleby	Two vehicles/ Injuries
01/17/25	25-3990-AC	Cranston St. at Seneca St.	Operator Failed to Yield R.O.W.	Sergeant Josefson	Providence PD Motorcycle struck by SUV/Injuries to officer

03/18/25	25-19331-AC	Dyer Ave. at Chestnut Ave.	Speed of motorcycle	Inspector Hardy	Motorcycle versus SUV/ Severe injuries to motorcycle operator
05/03/25	25-31491-AC	1776 Plainfield Pike	Operator thought rider had cleared the bus	Inspector Aldrich	Serious Injuries
05/03/25	25-31498-AC	Cranston St. at Gansett Ave.	Police Cruiser responding to a call and struck another vehicle in the intersection	Inspector Hardy	Multiple minor injuries reported
05/18/25	25-35371-AC	1300 Pippin Orchard Rd.	Juvenile Operator was speeding and driving recklessly	Inspector Dimbleby	Fatality/ Arrest of Juvenile Operator
05/22/25	25-36317-AC	Cranston St. at Princess Ave.	Juvenile struck while crossing the crosswalk on a rainy day	Inspector Aldrich	Juvenile suffered serious injuries
05/22/25	25-36323-AC	Hope Field/ Chaffee Complex	Operator drove through fence and caused damage to baseball field and then left the scene	Inspector Hardy	Damage to Baseball Field

05/28/25	25-38121-AC	Garfield Ave.	Operator hit bicyclist in crosswalk	Sergeant Josefson	Bicyclist suffered minor injuries
06/11/25	25-42168-AC	101 Woodland Ave.	Juvenile accidently put car in gear and backed into father	Inspector Hardy	Minor Injuries
06/26/25	25-45976-AC	641 Atwood Ave.	Johnston Police Officer hit a telephone pole	Inspector Hardy	Minor Injuries
07/19/25	25-51679-AC	Park Ave. at Pontiac Ave.	Pedestrian struck by car	Inspector Aldrich	Minor injuries
11/14/25	25-79726-AC	Atwood Ave. at Royal Ave.	Pedestrian Hit Crossing the Street	Inspector Bolduc	Fatal
12/5/25	25-84944-AC	99 Garfield Ave./Texas Roadhouse	Two people struck by car in parking lot	Inspector Dimbleby	Two with serious injuries/ Operator Arrested

Follow-up for all traffic crashes



In 2025 the traffic division investigated 448 Hit and Run Crashes. This is a decrease of 38 Hit and Run reported crashes from 2024. In addition to following up with hit and run crash investigations within the City of Cranston, the Traffic Division assisted other Departments with serious motor vehicle crashes 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 Department’s detail DTS system 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 Riptide DWI Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	DWI Arrest	Warnings	Contacts
2016	97	29	109	549
2017	42	12	73	279
2018	35	17	34	201
2019	41	19	62	172
2020	42	10	59	192
2021	44	22	63	194
2022	42	30	60	137
2023	23	13	31	92
2024	21	9	61	91
2025	49	38	92	132

Operation Blue Riptide Speed Reduction Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	Speed Violations	Warnings	Contacts
2017	150	1027	320	1607
2018	153	1248	249	1652
2019	169	1395	250	1734
2020	141	1153	245	1515
2021	118	980	193	1132
2022	64	530	116	697
2023	76	618	85	752
2024	113	1049	100	1176
2025	136	1241	135	1382

Operation Blue Riptide Click or Ticket Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	Seatbelt Violations	Warnings	Contacts
2017	79	610	154	846
2018	62	446	94	617
2019	68	540	51	682
2020	21	184	16	207
2021	36	338	12	361
2022	20	193	15	204
2023	40	343	30	390
2024	39	316	20	355
2025	54	481	28	509

Operation Blue Riptide Pedestrian Safety

Year	Total number of details	Pedestrian Safety Violations	Warnings	Contacts
2017	8	64	15	91
2018	55	269	79	350
2019	106	503	45	660
2020	50	186	19	235
2021	32	122	22	182
2022	32	129	8	159
2023	44	163	8	207
2024	64	274	7	309
2025	110	492	57	549

Operation Blue Riptide Distracted Driving Reduction Enforcement

Year	Total number of details	Distracted Driving Violations	Warnings	Contacts
2017	42	143	71	412
2018	51	294	59	436
2019	71	514	83	718
2020	38	272	43	383
2021	43	238	28	316
2022	56	129	63	159
2023	49	175	30	266
2024	55	240	26	301
2025	111	965	101	1066

Operation Blue Riptide Child Safety Occupant Protection

The Cranston Police Department Traffic Unit installs approx. 16 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 2025, 194 Car seats were installed and one was given out to a member 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>
2017	2185	2139
2018	1729	1749
2019	1123	1096
2020	610	604
2021	301	2247
2022	215	6876

2023	255	8250
2024	453	5046
2025	324	5184

In 2021 there was a renewed focus on enforcing overnight parking which reduces the amount of minor side swipe hit and run crashes that are only discovered the next morning, well after the fact. The 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 reviewed 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 information. For 2025 the Cranston Police Department is once again 100% compliant. In 2025, the Cranston Police had 28295 traffic stops and 22 traffic stops with documented searches where reports were taken. Sometimes the racial profile statistics collected in IMC (Stats below), are collected from crash 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 2025.

Race Stop Totals

Race	2022 Totals	2023 Totals	2024 Totals	2025 Totals
Black/African American	3148 13.4%	3136 13.8%	3746 14.7%	4703 16.3%
White	12882 54.9%	12228 54%	12873 50.6%	13933 48.1%
Native American	42 <1%	42 <1%	46 <1%	62 < 1%
Asian/Pacific Island/East Indian	796 3.4%	821 3.6%	843 3.3%	1005 3.5%
Black Hispanic	1353 5.8%	1331 5.9%	1833 7.2%	2196 7.6%
White Hispanic	5228 22.3%	5093 22.5%	6115 24%	7041 24.3%
Total	23449 100%	22651 100%	25456 100%	28940 100%

Reasons for stop

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Investigatory	126	472	6	37	85	229	955
Violation	4507	13140	56	944	2084	6694	27425
Assist	70	321	0	24	27	118	560
Total	4703	13933	62	1005	2196	7041	28940

Outcome Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
M/V Citation	705	2817	7	195	327	1135	5186
N/D	68	198	0	15	34	86	401
Warning	3769	10213	51	759	1771	5576	22139
Arrest Driver	30	79	0	4	17	41	171
Arrest Passenger	6	12	0	0	1	2	21
No Action	125	614	4	32	46	201	1022
Total	4703	13933	62	1005	2196	7041	28940

Duration Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
0-15 Minutes	4571	13668	62	989	2141	6865	28296
16-30 Minutes	107	197	0	13	44	141	502
Over 30 Minutes	25	68	0	3	11	35	142
Total	4703	13933	62	1005	2196	7041	28940

Search Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Yes	7	21	0	1	6	12	47
No	4696	13912	62	1004	2190	7029	28893
Total	4703	13933	62	1005	2196	7041	28940

Search Reason Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Incident to Arrest	4	9	0	0	3	6	22
Probable Cause	1	10	0	0	3	4	18
Terry Frisk	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Plain view contraband	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Odor of Drugs/ Alcohol	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
Inventory/ Tow	2	2	0	1	2	2	9
Reasonable Articulable	1	1	0	0	1	2	5
Total	8	24	0	1	11	17	61

Search Scope Totals

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
Driver	6	19	0	0	6	12	43
Passenger	0	2	0	0	3	3	8
Vehicle	3	9	0	1	4	7	24
Total	9	30	0	1	13	22	75

Search Results

	Black	White	Amer. Ind.	Asian / Ind.	Black Hisp.	White Hisp.	Total
None	6	13	0	1	3	8	31
Weapons	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Money	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia	0	7	0	0	1	4	12

Alcohol	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	7	22	0	1	6	12	48

Community policing and public relations

In 2025, Sgt. Josefson and Lt. D'Amico continued to teach the Senior Driving Improvement class (1 x month) at the Cranston Senior Center. This program is sponsored by AAA and we have partnered with AAA since 2019. The Motorcycle Unit of the Traffic Division was able to participate in a number of public relation activities throughout the year to include Garden City Touch-a-Truck events, Saint Mary's Feast & Veterans Day Parade, the Police Unity Tour, Holly Charette Ride, Ron Gill Ride, Christmas for Kids Toy Run, Wreaths Across America, Enzo's Escorts, and the Special Olympics of Rhode Island. These were in addition to the 166 funeral escorts and other escorts provided for Police, Fire, Dignitaries, and Military Personnel around the State. This is an increase from the 137 escorts provided in 2024. 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 in 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 crashes might be impossible; the goal of reducing the number and severity of the crashes is not.
- The following areas of interest continually have the highest number of crashes. This can be attributed to a higher volume of vehicles on these roads.
- Observation of data and having officers promote traffic safety in the areas that have the most crashes 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 crashes.
- Looking at the information for 2025 a majority of the areas either remained unchanged (no more than a 5 crash change) or had a reduction in the number of crashes (5 or more crash reduction). There were 9 locations that saw an increase in crashes (5 or more crash increase).

- These 13 locations will be put on the C.A.R.E. list as priority patrol areas.

Location	2021 Crashes	2022 Crashes	2023 Crashes	2024 Crashes	2025 Crashes
Atwood Ave.	122	159	111	136	119
Broad St.	29	36	45	32	40
Bald Hill Rd	7	12	11	12	14
Budlong Rd.	18	26	20	18	16
Chapel View Blvd.	48	63	50	58	52
Comstock Pkwy	15	10	25	21	27
Cranston St.	189	202	184	190	204
Dyer Ave.	54	56	56	72	45
Elmwood Ave.	29	51	39	53	38
Farmington Ave.	15	18	9	10	12
Gansett Ave.	21	26	30	24	15
Garfield Ave.	104	109	110	95	102
Hillside Rd.	55	72	73	115	83
Hope Rd.	18	13	14	18	19
Laurel Hill Ave.	9	11	10	21	14
Legion Way	8	13	15	8	9
Mesh. Valley Pkwy.	11	15	18	15	17
Metropolitan Ave.	10	15	14	12	23
Midway Rd.	7	15	19	14	9
Narragansett Blvd.	19	18	19	20	18
Natick Ave.	23	25	31	25	22
New London Ave.	138	95	126	125	130
Norwood Ave	7	3	11	5	9
Oaklawn Ave.	152	162	154	149	154
Park Ave.	294	282	309	347	316
Phenix Ave.	79	59	64	83	72
Plainfield Pike	82	88	83	93	114
Pontiac Ave.	146	153	155	150	167
Reservoir Ave.	261	259	255	227	235
Rolfe St	22	21	16	16	12
Scituate Ave.	45	39	39	41	39
Sockanosset X-Rd.	95	79	73	96	96

Warwick Ave.	19	29	34	40	30
Webster Ave.	20	13	23	14	9
Wellington Ave	20	18	9	8	10
Wilbur Ave.	14	21	13	20	10
Total	2205	2286	2267	2383	2301

Reduction _____ Relatively Unchanged _____ Increase

Traffic Year to Year Statistics

The following year to year review contains numerous crash related statistics comparing 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025. The purpose of the information contained in this report is to review and evaluate possible trends so that the Traffic Unit can focus its attention through continued targeted traffic enforcement and community education to the areas that need it most. Review of this information will also allow for the formulation of future targeted enforcement deployment strategies, by the identification of the time(s), day(s), and location(s) where the City of Cranston experiences the most crashes. The desired outcome is that the Cranston Police Department will have a positive impact in reducing collisions throughout the city and preventing the loss of property, and more importantly, the loss of life in 2025.

Overview of Traffic Stats

Category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	10 Year Avg. (2016-2025)
Total Crashes	2877	2858	2867	3049	2964	3067
Total Injuries	646	625	616	674	664	681
DWI Arrests	74	72	59	74	99	76
Fatal Crashes	8	1	7	4	3	3
Hit and Run Reports	410	473	525	486	448	494
Total Car Stops	24441	23329	22605	25456	28295	24885

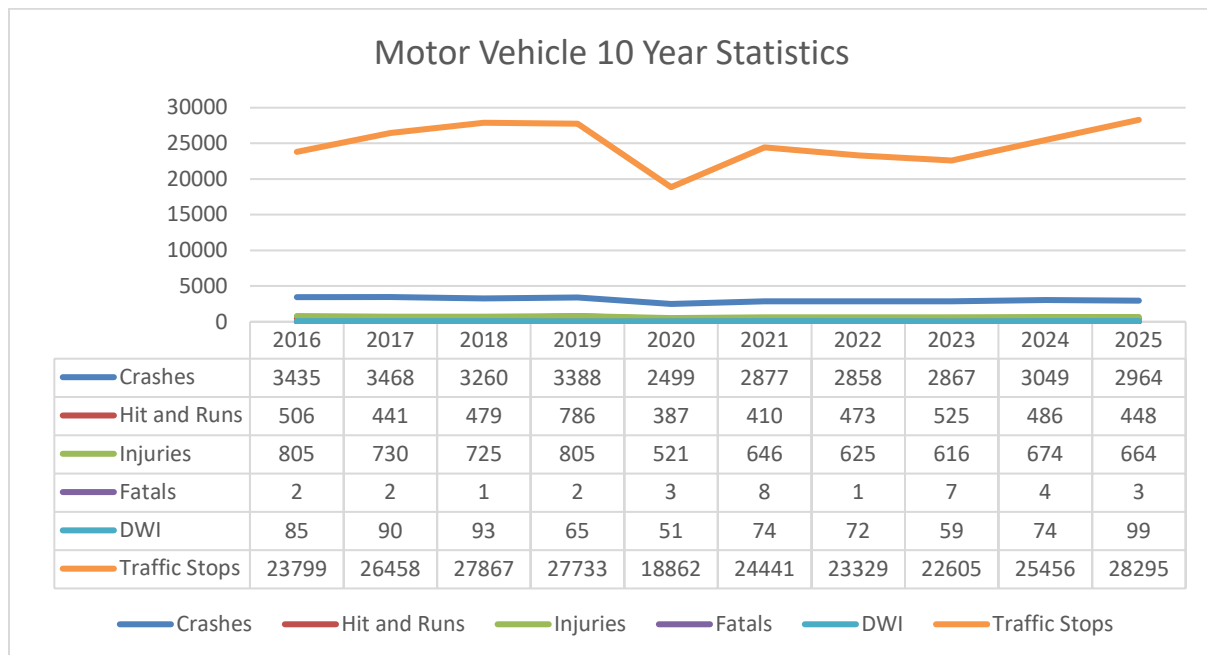
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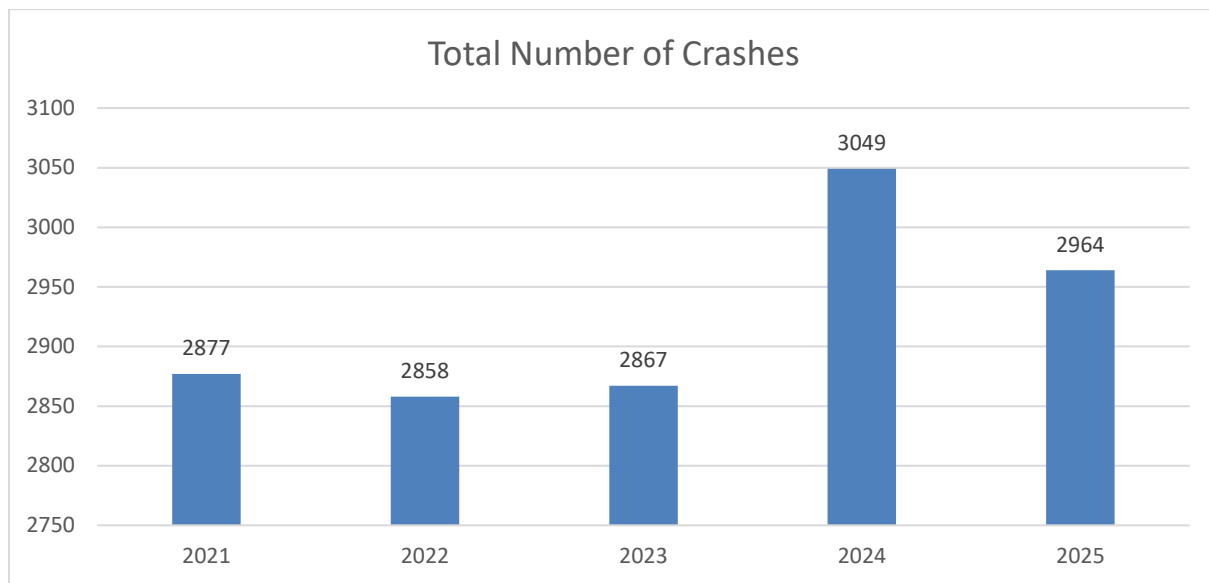
- In 2025 the number of DUI Patrols were increased and the number of arrests for DUI increased by 25 arrests.
- The number of Fatalities decreased by 1.
- Total number of crashes increased by 85 crashes.
- The total number of injuries decreased by 10.

- The number of Hit & Run reports decreased by 38 reports.
- The number of traffic stops continues to be reviewed and compared to number of crashes. There does seem to be a correlation between the number of traffic stops and number of crashes. Increasing the number of traffic stops in an effort to reduce the number of crashes has helped in reducing traffic crashes in the City. A comprehensive effort of continued traffic stops, improved road designs, along with community outreach/social media and education are still the best options for reducing crashes in the City of Cranston.
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Year	#Traffic stops	#Crashes
2017	+2502	-37
2018	+1568	-212
2019	-134	+128
2020	-8871	-889
2021	+5579	+378
2022	-1112	-19
2023	+724	+9
2024	+2851	+182
2025	+2839	-85

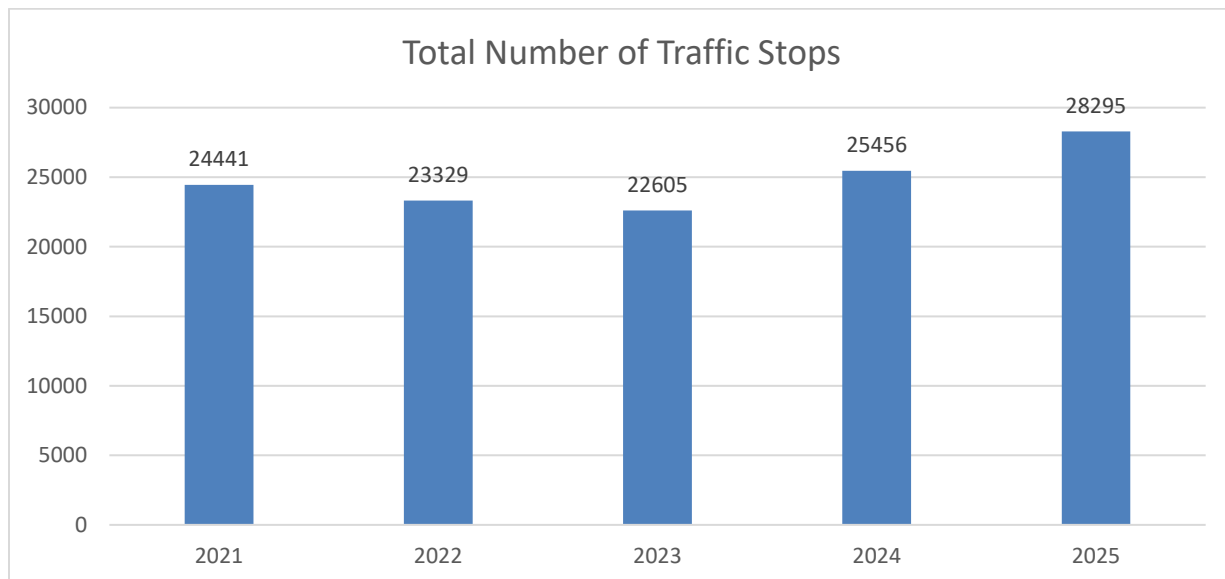
Cranston Traffic Stats (past 10 years)

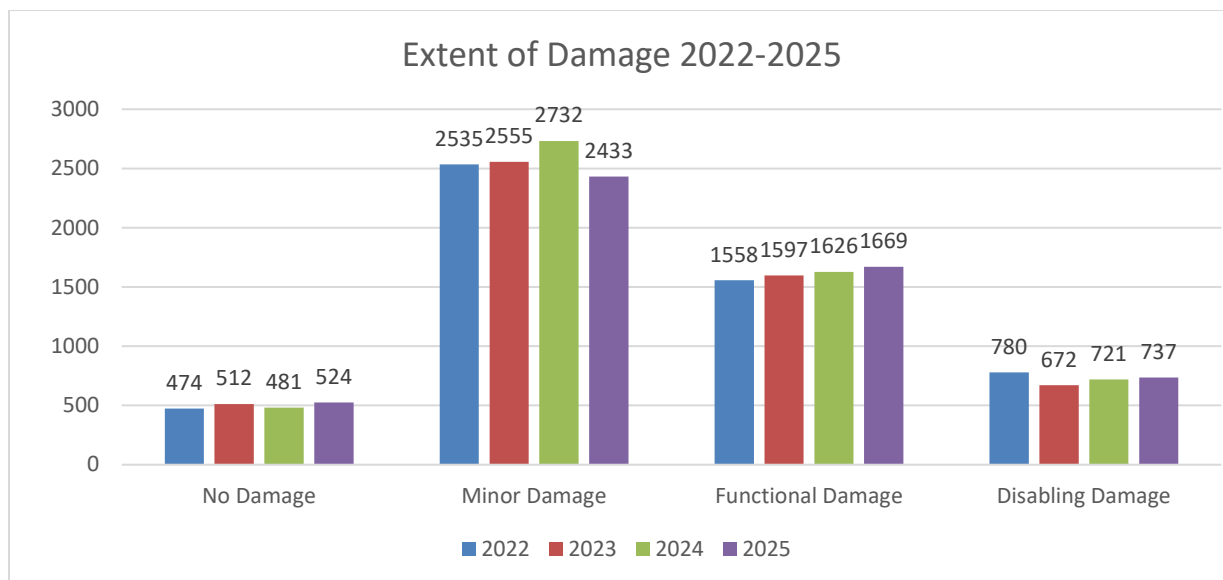




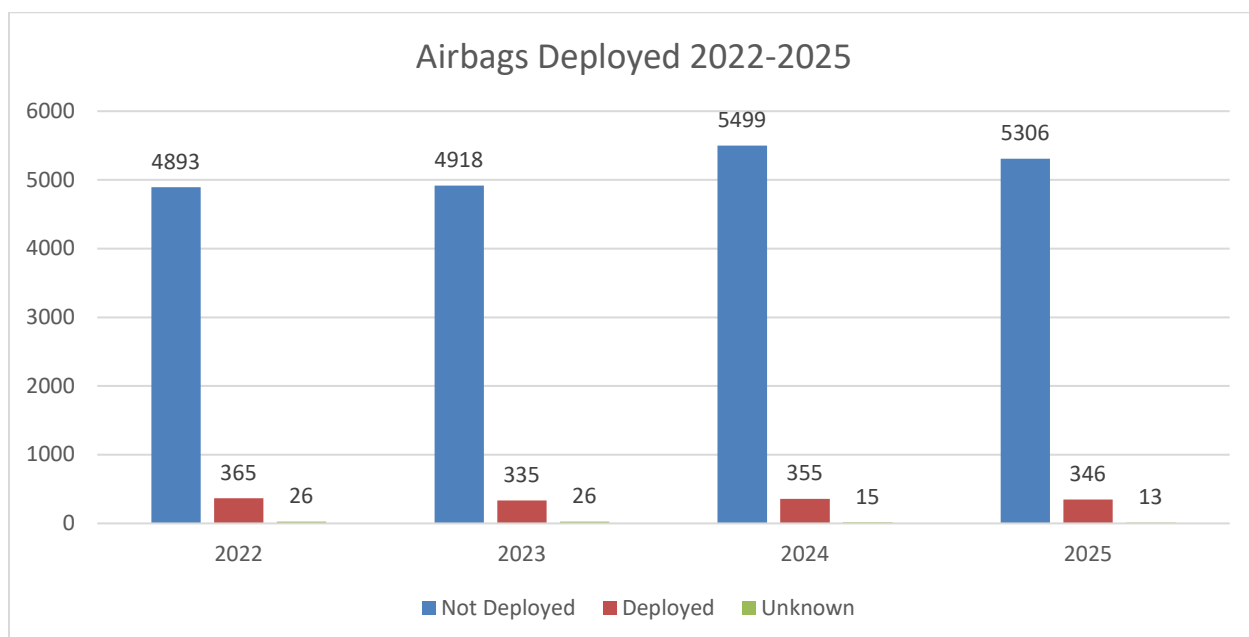
How bad were the accidents in 2025?

A Goal in 2025 was to keep all stats associated with crashes (damage, injuries, occurrences etc.) as low as possible.

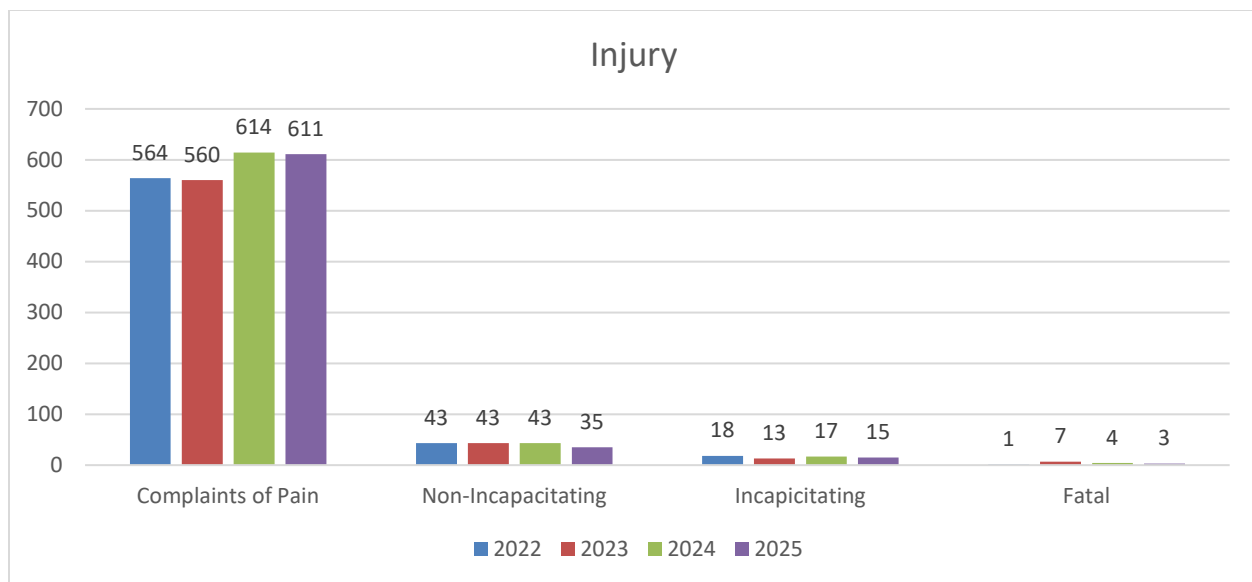




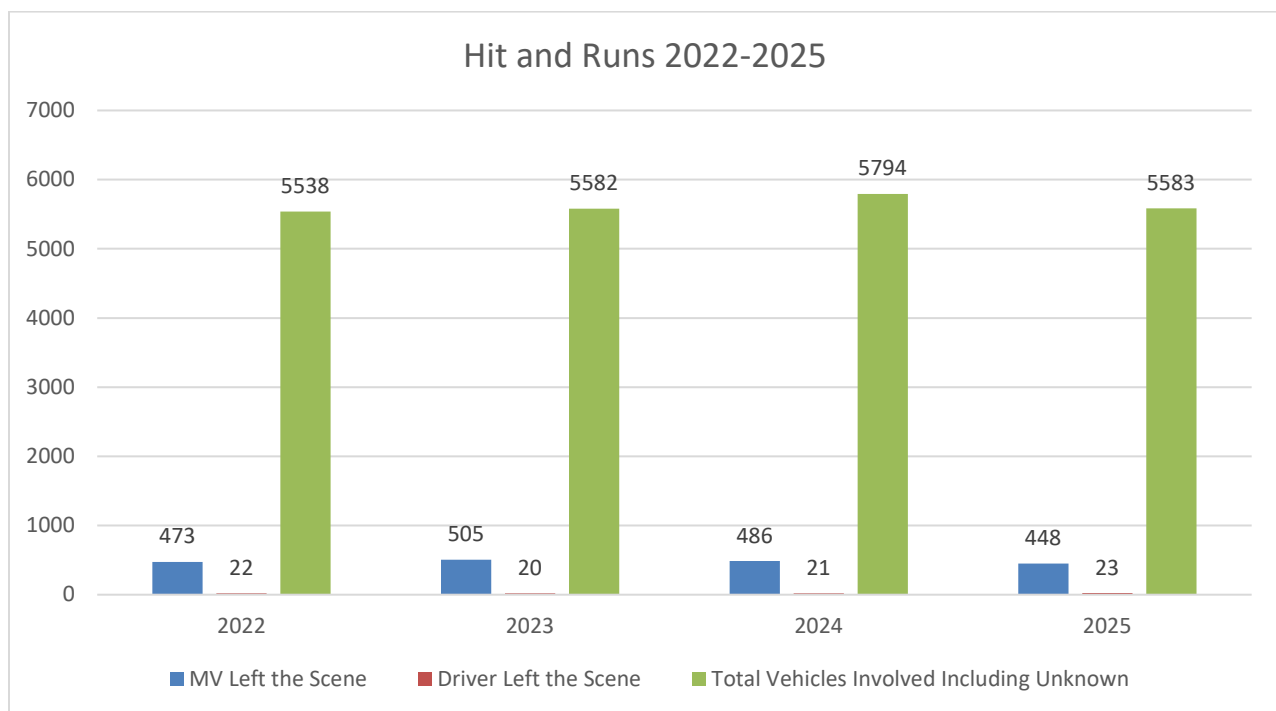
Comparing 2024 to 2025 vehicles involved in crashes that had damage (of some kind) decreased by 240, from 5079 (in 2024) to 4839 (in 2025).



Using airbag deployment as an indicator of a serious crash, we can see that the number of vehicles in-which the airbags were deployed decreased from 2024 to 2025 by 9 incidents.



Every year the goal is to keep the number of crashes that involve injuries as low as possible. This year the total number of reported injuries decreased by 14 incidents, from 678 (in 2024) to 664 (in 2025).



The number of Hit and Run crashes decreased by 38 Hit and Run crashes in 2025.

* Reducing the amount of Hit and Run reports (closer to 468)

* Reducing the amount of fatalities (Closer to 3).

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In 2025 the Cranston Police Department was able to improve in all of the above categories, compared to the ten-year average.

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 is the responsibility of the Uniform Division Commander. The Shelter is staffed by a Shelter Manager, two full-time Animal Control Officers and an Adoption Coordinator.

The mission of the Animal Control division is to protect the health and safety of our residents, and to protect animals and promote their humane treatment.

A municipal animal shelter is a vital resource for any community. It provides a 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.



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 29-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.

The unit investigates a broad range of criminal offenses. Sexual misconduct and juvenile related cases are assigned to the Special Victims Unit. Narcotics and vice related offenses fall under the Special Investigations Unit. All other serious felony and complex misdemeanor investigations are managed by the Criminal Investigations Unit.

The Criminal Investigations Unit continues to serve as a core investigative component of the department. Through disciplined case management, coordinated supervision, and thorough investigative work, the unit directly supports the department's responsibility to protect victims, enforce the law, and maintain public confidence.

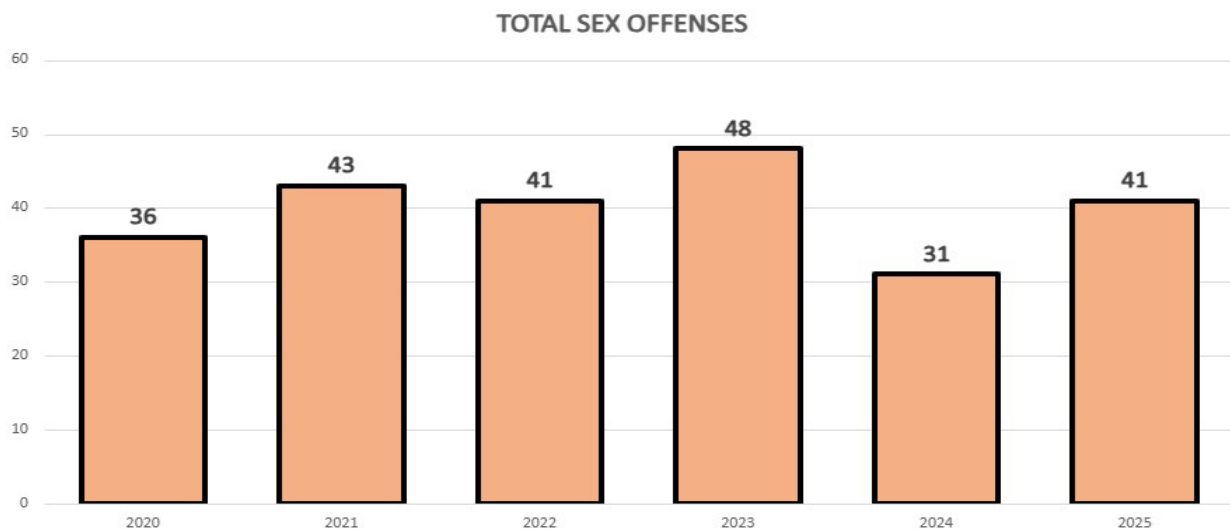
Special Victims Unit (SVU)

The Special Victims Unit, under the supervision of Detective Sergeant Lori Sweeney, is responsible for investigating sensitive and complex offenses within the City of Cranston. The unit handles cases involving domestic violence, sexual assaults, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, missing persons, runaways, and related offenses. The SVU also manages the sexual offender registry and monitors compliance with applicable state and federal requirements.

The unit is staffed by four Detectives and a civilian domestic violence advocate who serves as a law enforcement liaison. All personnel operate under the direct supervision of Detective Sergeant Sweeney. The division is further strengthened by three Detectives assigned as sworn members of federal task forces, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, and SOLEMN. These assignments enhance intelligence sharing and investigative coordination in cases that extend beyond local jurisdiction.

During 2025, the Special Victims Unit conducted forty-one investigations into criminal sexual contact. This reflects a measurable change from the prior year and provides a data point in assessing crime trends within the community. Beyond statistical reporting, the unit remains focused on victim centered investigations, thorough case development, and coordinated prosecution efforts. The work performed by the Special Victims Unit continues to play a critical role in protecting vulnerable populations and maintaining public trust within the City of Cranston.

TOTAL SEX OFFENSES



In addition to its core responsibilities, the Special Victims Unit conducts follow up investigations on cases initially documented by the Uniform Patrol Division. These investigations include sexually based offenses, domestic violence incidents, family related matters, and cases involving runaways.

The unit ensures that each case receives appropriate investigative review, victim contact, and case development. Through consistent follow up and coordination with

advocacy partners and prosecutors, the Special Victims Unit reinforces the department's commitment to victim protection, accountability, and public safety within the City of Cranston.



The unit conducted 382 activities that directly related to the maintenance and supervision of the Sex Offender Registry for the City of Cranston. During 2025, Detective Daryl Fish, of the Special Victims Unit, initiated 39 sex offender community notifications for level two and three offenders as required by law. The chart below shows the other activities related to the maintenance of this registry, including the 91 checks that were conducted to ensure compliance

with the offender registry requirements.

Registry enforcement remains a priority function of the Special Victims Unit. Through consistent monitoring, direct offender contact, and coordination with state partners, the unit works to maintain accountability, enhance community awareness, and uphold public safety standards within the City of Cranston.

Special Victims Unit: Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Enforcement

The Special Victims Unit is responsible for conducting alcohol and tobacco compliance checks throughout the City of Cranston. These enforcement operations are supported through grant funding provided by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, the Comprehensive Community Action Program, and the Federal Drug Free Communities initiative under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

During the reporting period, enforcement operations resulted in a total of 107 business checks conducted throughout the City. Of those inspections, 89 were alcohol and tobacco compliance checks. These efforts resulted in 1 alcohol violation and 8 tobacco violations being identified and addressed in accordance with applicable regulations.

These enforcement efforts are preventive in nature and are designed to deter the unlawful sale of alcohol and tobacco products to minors. Through consistent inspections and follow up action, the department continues to promote regulatory compliance, public health, and community safety within the City of Cranston.

	SEX ASSAULT	CHILD MOLESTATION	TOTAL
2025 SA & CM	22	19	41
2024 SA & CM	21	10	31
2023 SA & CM	22	20	42
NOTE: SOME CASES INCLUDED BOTH CHARGES			

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS		% CHANGE/PREVIOUS YR
2025	300	4.89%
2024	286	-10.62%
2023	320	30.61%

2025 DV/SA CHARGE BREAKDOWNS		
	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	249	66
SEX ASSAULT	n/a	22
CHILD MOLESTATION	n/a	19

2024 DV/SA CHARGE BREAKDOWNS		
	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	440	42
SEX ASSAULT	n/a	21
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

SEX OFFENDER RELATED ACTIVITIES	2024	2025	% CHANGE
REGISTRATIONS	180	197	9.44%
ADDRESS CHANGES	73	35	-52.05%
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	115	91	-20.87%
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS	37	39	5.40%
WARRANTS	45	20	-55.55%
TOTAL	450	382	-15.11%

2025 TOBACCO & ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS
86 OFFENSE REPORTS - 89 BUSINESSES CHECKED

Domestic Violence/Law Enforcement Advocate

The Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate serves a critical function within the Detective Division by providing direct support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This position is fully funded through federal grant programs and operates as an essential component of the department's victim services framework.

The Advocate is responsible for facilitating referrals for victims and their families to appropriate community based services. The position provides support through written correspondence, telephone contact, and in person meetings conducted at the police department or other appropriate locations. The Advocate assists victims during investigative interviews and accompanies them to court proceedings when necessary. In addition, the role includes participation in community outreach initiatives, training programs, and public awareness efforts focused on domestic violence and sexual assault.

As part of ongoing community engagement, the Advocate participates in monthly meetings of Cranston United Against Violence and Abuse. During the past year, involvement also included participation in Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center staff meetings, collaboration in the development of the Rhode Island Domestic Violence Curriculum, instructional support at the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy, and participation in the Law Enforcement Assessment Project, which evaluates the effectiveness of the Law Enforcement Advocate Program statewide.

The Advocate maintains active partnerships with the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, Cranston Community Action, Tri Town Community Action, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and the Department of Elderly Affairs. These working relationships enhance coordination of services and ensure that victims receive consistent and informed support.

This position strengthens the department's overall response to domestic violence and sexual assault by integrating victim advocacy into the investigative process and reinforcing collaboration with community service providers throughout the City of Cranston.

Juvenile Prosecution

The Family Court Liaison Officer is responsible for formally submitting juvenile cases to the Rhode Island Family Court for prosecution. Juveniles are classified as delinquent or wayward based on the specific nature and severity of the offense. In certain cases, emergency detention at the Rhode Island Training School was required due to the seriousness of the conduct involved. All juvenile violations and court submissions are documented in the juvenile arrest book, which is maintained and regularly updated by Inspector Kevin Denny to ensure accuracy and accountability.

Juvenile Hearing Board

Pursuant to Cranston City Ordinance Chapter 2.72, the Juvenile Hearing Board operates as an alternative adjudication forum for Cranston residents under the age of eighteen who are accused of violating Rhode Island criminal statutes or municipal ordinances. The board serves as a diversionary option for juveniles charged with misdemeanor level offenses and allows eligible individuals to resolve matters through a hearing process rather than formal proceedings in Family Court. Participation is subject to review and approval by the Chief of Police.

Certain categories of juveniles are not eligible for referral to the Juvenile Hearing Board. Juveniles charged with assault or battery are excluded absent specific authorization from the Chief's Office. Repeat offenders who have previously been referred to the board on two occasions or who failed to comply with prior sanctions or restitution orders are also ineligible. In addition, juveniles who are under active Family Court jurisdiction at the time of the offense are not eligible, except in matters related to guardianship.

The Chief of Police retains discretionary authority to refer appropriate cases to the Juvenile Hearing Board when such referral is determined to be in the best interest of the juvenile and consistent with the broader interests of the community.

Case Review and Compliance Enforcement

Inspector Kevin Denny, serving as the Juvenile Prosecution Officer, conducts a comprehensive review of all juvenile arrest cases submitted to the Prosecution Division. Juveniles who are referred to the Juvenile Hearing Board and fail to comply with imposed sanctions are subject to case escalation. In such instances, the matter is returned to the department for potential referral to the Rhode Island Family Court. Juveniles are advised of this consequence during the intake process, at which time they execute a waiver of rights and acknowledge the terms and conditions established by the board.

The Juvenile Hearing Board retains the authority to decline cases under specific circumstances. A case may be rejected if the referral is determined to be inappropriate based on the facts presented. The board may also decline jurisdiction if the juvenile fails to provide required documentation, does not appear for scheduled hearings, or refuses to cooperate with board procedures.

When the Juvenile Hearing Board declines to accept jurisdiction, the Prosecution Division is notified without delay and the case is reassigned for formal Family Court review.

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, in partnership with Hasbro Children's Hospital, introduced C.A.L.I., which stands for Cranston Police Department Aubin Center Leadership in Innovation. C.A.L.I. is an Australian Labradoodle co-managed by Detective Michael Iacone of the Special Victims Unit and Dr. Christine Barron of the Aubin Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital. This collaboration marked the first time in Rhode Island that a comfort therapy dog served both within a municipal police department and as a resident canine in a hospital setting.

The purpose of this initiative is to assist investigators and medical professionals in establishing trust and open communication with children who may have experienced abuse, including physical harm, sexual abuse, trafficking, or other forms of maltreatment. C.A.L.I. serves as a support resource during sensitive investigative and medical interactions. In 2020, C.A.L.I. received the Crime Victim Service Award in recognition of her contribution to victim services despite the operational challenges presented during the pandemic.

C.A.L.I.'s role includes providing support during interviews with child victims of physical or sexual abuse, including sex trafficking cases. She is present during interviews with child witnesses to violent crimes, including incidents involving death, serious injury, or domestic violence within the home. C.A.L.I. also assists during medical examinations at the Aubin Center, forensic interviews, and court proceedings when appropriate.

Beyond investigative settings, C.A.L.I. participates in community outreach initiatives. These activities have included assisting at vaccination clinics organized by the Cranston School Department, accompanying victims during Grand Jury appearances, supporting peer debriefing efforts, visiting schools and day care centers throughout Cranston and across the state, and making visits to children's hospitals and nursing homes.

C.A.L.I.'s placement was made possible through the generosity of a private donor to the Aubin Center. Ongoing expenses, including food, grooming, and veterinary care, are jointly supported by the Cranston Police Department and Hasbro Children's Hospital. This partnership reflects a sustained commitment to victim centered services and community engagement within the City of Cranston.

Bureau of Criminal Identification



The Bureau of Criminal Identification is responsible for processing all crime scenes within the City of Cranston. This includes the collection, preservation, cataloging, and storage of physical evidence, including fingerprints, blood evidence, DNA, firearms, digital media, and other items of evidentiary value. BCI personnel work in coordination with the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory, the Office of the State Medical

Examiners, the Rhode Island Department of Health Laboratory, and when necessary, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory in Quantico for specialized forensic testing and analysis.

In addition to crime scene responsibilities, the Bureau of Criminal Identification performs several essential support functions for the department and the community. Personnel conduct fingerprint processing for individuals required by law to complete background checks, including childcare providers, educators, and school transportation employees. The unit maintains and oversees the department's evidence

storage facility in accordance with statutory requirements and established chain of custody protocols.

BCI personnel are also responsible for the authorized destruction of evidence that is no longer required for prosecution or that cannot legally be returned to its owner. Firearms seized during investigations are test fired and analyzed, with ballistic data entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network to assist in identifying potential links to other crimes. The unit processes court ordered expungements and maintains fingerprint records for all individuals arrested by the department.

The Bureau of Criminal Identification remains a foundational component of the department's investigative operations by ensuring that evidence is collected, preserved, and managed in a manner that supports successful prosecution and upholds evidentiary integrity.



2025 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 2025:

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 remains a critical component of the Cranston Police Department's investigative framework. Through disciplined crime scene processing, coordinated forensic analysis, and strict evidence management protocols, the unit ensures that cases are properly documented and supported for prosecution.

Planned enhancements in equipment, investigative technology, and vehicle resources are intended to strengthen operational capacity and improve response efficiency. These upgrades will support continued compliance with evidentiary standards while enhancing the accuracy, reliability, and overall effectiveness of forensic operations within the City of Cranston.

Prosecution Unit



The Prosecution Unit is responsible for overseeing both adult and juvenile prosecution functions within the Cranston Police Department. The unit ensures that all cases are properly prepared and presented for proceedings in District Court, Superior Court, and Family Court. The unit is staffed by three Detectives who hold the rank of Inspector and operate under the direct supervision of Detective Lieutenant Brian D'Amico. Administrative support is provided by Ms. Sandra Stickel

and Ms. Sylvia DuPerry, who manage case documentation and filing requirements.

The primary responsibility of the Prosecution Unit is the preparation and submission of case files for all adult arrests and juvenile offenses. This includes reviewing arrest

reports, compiling supporting documentation, and ensuring timely submission to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office or the City Solicitor's Office for prosecution. Inspectors oversee arraignments in District Court for both misdemeanor and felony charges and coordinate with Assistant Attorneys General on felony matters that advance to Superior Court. The unit also supports Superior Court violation hearings and manages juvenile proceedings in Family Court. When necessary, Inspectors assist with adult matters to maintain continuity of operations.

The civilian clerks are responsible for assembling misdemeanor arrest packets for the City Solicitor's Office and organizing felony arrest documentation for patrol personnel. Inspectors provide support with these administrative functions as court schedules permit. Through disciplined case preparation, coordination with prosecutors, and adherence to procedural standards, the Prosecution Unit ensures the consistent and professional handling of criminal matters within the City of Cranston.

2025 Prosecution Totals

Prosecution Three Year Comparison	2023	2024	2025
Total Arraignments	1301	1413	1307
Misdemeanor	1016	1074	989
Felony	285	339	318
Violation/Bail Hearings	111	172	111
Felonies Submitted for Screening	439	351	439
Cases Signed Up	369	245	302
Extreme Risk / Red Flag	12	14	19

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit is responsible for investigating narcotics offenses, vice related activity, illegal gambling operations, organized criminal enterprises, gang involvement, and violations of liquor laws within the City of Cranston. The unit also conducts intelligence gathering and targeted surveillance operations in support of proactive enforcement initiatives.

The Special Investigations Unit is led by Lieutenant Dennis Neri and Sergeant Kevin Antonucci, and consists of five full-time Detectives. In addition to their municipal responsibilities, SIU personnel are assigned to state and federal task forces, which strengthens interagency coordination, enhances intelligence sharing, and expands enforcement capabilities across jurisdictional boundaries.

These task force assignments include:

- **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 (VFVF)** – 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.

Special Investigations Unit Statistics for 2025

- Arrests: 30 (Assisted with an additional 34)
- Arrest Warrants: 1
- Search Warrants Executed: 15
- The Cranston Police Department SIU submitted 11 State forfeiture packages to the Attorney General's Office in 2025. Included in those forfeitures is

\$74,642.00 in cash, 5 vehicles, a single-family house, 1 boat, 1 motorcycle, and several items of gold. 8 of the 11 submitted cases from 2025 are still pending at the Attorney General's Office. The 3 that were successfully forfeited resulted in the sum of \$1,571.50 in cash being transferred to the city. The department did receive additional transfers of \$70,109.20 in cash, \$2,658.80 from the sale of forfeited property, and 3 forfeited vehicles (two of which will be sold and one retained to be utilized as an unmarked) from the RIAG in 2025 related to previously submitted forfeitures.

- Through methods of Controlled Buys, Search Warrants, and Arrests the Special Investigations Unit removed the following illegal narcotics from the streets in 2025:

➤ Fentanyl	876.5 grams
➤ Fentanyl Pills	2500 pills (3945.1 grams)
➤ Marijuana	155 pounds
➤ Cocaine	101.4 grams
➤ Unknown Pills	5 pills
➤ Methamphetamine	348.9 grams
➤ Crack Cocaine	310.5 grams
➤ Crystal Meth	567.3 grams
➤ Methamphetamine Pills	1730.5 grams
➤ Mushrooms	16.6 grams
➤ Unknown Powder	1221.5 grams

Federal Forfeiture Statistics

In 2025, as part of the process of the Cranston Police Department assigning members to participate on multiple federal task forces, \$18,017.04 was shared with CPD through the Federal Forfeiture Equitable Sharing Program, with several cases from 2025, and previous years, still pending sharing decisions related to seized assets.

DEA Task Force

In 2025 The DEA Task Force which is composed of members of not only federal DEA field agents but also members from multiple law enforcement municipalities throughout the State of RI produced the following numbers:

- 87 Arrests
- Seizure of \$1.4 million in US Currency
- 53.1 Kilos of Fentanyl
- 49 Kilos of Cocaine
- 86 Kilos of Marijuana
- 4 Kilos of Methamphetamine
- 2.5 Kilos of Heroin

FBI SSTF 2025 Year End Statistics

2025 saw a total of 17 arrests and 16 federal indictments. As part of this activity the following items were seized:

- 3.1 Kilos of cocaine
- 2.4 Kilos of fentanyl
- 4000 fentanyl pills
- 17 Pounds of methamphetamine
- 9 firearms
- \$28,000 in U.S.C.
- 1 house with an anticipated forfeiture of \$176,000

RISP HIDTA Task Force Activity 2025

Throughout 2025, members of the HIDTA Task Force consistently demonstrated unwavering excellence in their mission of dismantling and disrupting drug trafficking organizations, and in the removal of illegal firearms off of the streets of Rhode Island. Their dedication to the mission of ensuring public safety has yielded remarkable results and has undoubtedly contributed to the reduction of violent crimes and fatal narcotics overdoses in the State of Rhode Island.

Below is a list of seizures and statistics generated from the HIDTA Task Force in the calendar year of 2025. During this year, the HIDTA Task Force continued their proactive approach to illegal narcotics and illegal firearms. Full-time members of the HIDTA Task Force in the calendar year of 2025 are; Rhode Island State Police, Providence Police, North Providence Police, Cranston Police, Lincoln Police, Johnston Police, DEA, and members of the RIANG Counterdrug Program.

HIDTA 2025 Year End Statistics

- 146 Arrests
- 74 Firearms Seized
- 18 Ghost Guns
- 13 Switches (Devices that convert semi-automatic handguns to fully automatic)
- 104 Search Warrants
- \$747,680.00 in US Currency seized
- 39 Vehicles seized
- 23 Incident Reports
- 40.35 Kilos of Cocaine
- 1259 Grams of Crack Cocaine
- 8.25 Kilos of Heroin
- 17.8 Kilos of Fentanyl
- 227 Fentanyl Pills
- 5,347 Pounds of Marijuana
- 720 Grams of Methamphetamine
- 1958 Grams of MDMA
- 311 Oxycodone Pills
- 101 Alprazolam Pills
- 446 Adderall Pills
- 495 Grams of LSD
- 573 Grams of Psilocybin

The Special Investigations Unit remains a central component in the department's efforts to address violent crime, narcotics distribution, and organized criminal activity. Through proactive enforcement initiatives, sustained intelligence development, and coordinated investigative operations, the unit continues to disrupt illicit activity within the City of Cranston.

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

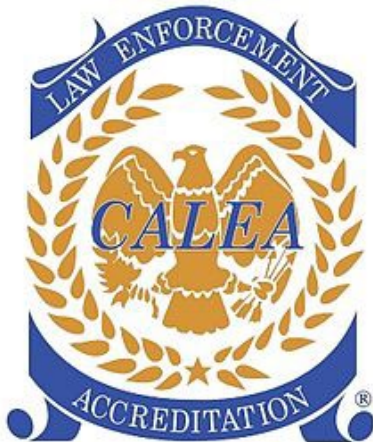


The Cranston Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Analyst conducts complex research and strategic crime analysis to identify and evaluate patterns and trends using probability studies and complex statistical analyses, develops and tests hypotheses, develops victim and suspect profiles, and forecasts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

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Inspectional Services Division (ISD) is composed of the Inspectional Services Unit, Accreditation Unit, Training Unit, and Detail Clerk.

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES / ACCREDITATION UNIT



The Inspectional Services Division is responsible for managing the state (RIPAC) and national accreditation (CALEA) programs and maintaining its good standing; the operations of the police department's facility;



maintaining the departments policy database; and conducting background checks for other Municipal Divisions when necessary. 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 with processing Injured on Duty (IOD) claims, administrative oversight and approval of purchase orders (policy revisions (16 in CY2025), mangement of the accreditation process, as well as the activities of the personnel assigned to the various units under his command. The accreditation process is best described as "...the bestowing of credentials symbolizing approval from a professional organization upon practitioners or specific institutions. It is a progressive and time proven way of helping organizations evaluate and improve their overall performance."

The Cranston Police Department made the commitment to seek both national accreditation under the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Inc., and statewide accreditation under the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC).

The department successfully achieved it's intial CALEA Advanced Accreditation Award on March 24, 2012, and received our fifth award in March of 2026.

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 millions of dollars in revenue and working with hundreds of vendors during CY 2025.

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.

Records Division

RECORDS UNIT / TERMINAL AGENCY COORDINATOR (TAC)

The Records Unit was staffed by a Captain and one (1) full-time civilian during 2025. This unit is primarily responsible for maintaining most of the police department's records to include Body Worn Camera and Automated License Plate Reader video, 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 (1661 in CY 2025), 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 24 subpoenas and appeared in court for several of them. In 2025 five (5) 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 317 sexual offender records in the NCIC and RI Sexual Offender Registry during CY2025. 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 408 NCIC “validations” during CY 2025 and managed 979 records that were entered, cleared, cancelled, or modified in the NCIC and RILETS system.



2025 SUMMARY OF RECORDS UNIT ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY	TOTAL #	RECEIPTS
<i>Walk-in requests</i>	696	\$526.40
<i>Mail Requests</i>	152	\$8,439.45
<i>E-Mail Requests</i>	4930	
<i>Fax Requests</i>	146	
<i>Online Accident Reports Sold (Crash Logic)</i>	9288	\$53,040.00
<i>Court Subpoenas</i>		\$176
<i>Games of Chance</i>		\$390

2025 Firearm Purchase Applications

Processed	1661
Approved	1633
Denied	28

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.

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR

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



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

The switchboard operator processed a total of 20,950 calls to the police department in CY2025. Of those calls 15,483 were routine while 5,447 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
- Use of Force
- Pistol Qualifications
- Pistol Red Dot Optic Training
- Rifle Qualifications
- Narcan
- First Aid/AED/CPR
- Active Shooter
- Tac-Med Training
- Department of Corrections Mapper training
- K9 training
- Domestic Violence
- Riot Control
- SMART (Stress Management and Resiliency Training)
- Mental Health/CIT training
- Legal Decisions
- Implicit Bias

Within each of these sessions, the instructors used progressive training techniques that enhanced the 2025 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 2025 departmental firearms training and qualifications including the recent adoption of pistol optics for the entire department.

The roll out of the pistols with red-dot optics was the first major change in our pistol weapon systems since 1992 when the department switched from revolvers to Glock Pistols. Each officer completed the red dot optic training over the course of two consecutive days, and it was well received by all.

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 also participated in a combat/decision shooting course, 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.

In the spring of 2025, the training division conducted a department wide Active Shooter Training in conjunction with the Cranston Fire Department and their Rescue Task Force (RTF). This was the first time in both the Fire and Police Department's history that a large-scale training exercise had been conducted. The Rescue Task Force is something that had been in the planning stages for the past several years and we were finally able to implement it fully. The goal of the RTF is to expedite treating injuries in an active shooter situation and ultimate saving lives by having the Fire Department enter into an active shooter scene with police escort prior to the scene being rendered completely safe. The training was well received by members of both departments and plans for continuing annual trainings are underway.

PowerDMS Trainings

PowerDMS was an integral component of 2025 as it proved efficient and user friendly for multiple trainings. The Training Division was able to disseminate presentations for: Vehicle Pursuits, Cell Block Policy, Ethics In-Service, Agency Jurisdiction and Mutual Aid, Arrestee DNA Collection Training, Legislative Updates, and Domestic Violence Protective Order Training

Professional Development Trainings

In 2025, the Training Division sent one hundred ninety-five (195) officers in total, (eighty-two (82) different officers/dispatchers) to seventy-two (72) separate trainings, schools, classes, conferences, and seminars which included: Legal Updates, Basic Tactical Medical Instructor Training, Death and Homicide Investigation, De-Escalation Training, Working with Autistic Persons, Gang Recognition for Law Enforcement, De-Escalation Train the Trainer, Understanding Concepts and Responses to Childhood Trauma, Safe Accessible Interviewing for Elders, EBT Fraud Investigations, Trauma Services Law Enforcement Symposium, Advancing Investigation with Forensic Genetic Genealogy, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, Extreme Risk Protection Order Training, DUI Refresher Training, Solo Officer Rapid Deployment, Overseeing Enhancing and Developing the Training Unit, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, Autism Awareness for Law Enforcement, First Line Supervisor Training, Interview Techniques, Honor Guard School, Pedestrian and Bicycle safety Enforcement, Traumas of Law Enforcement Training, LOCKUP Arrest and Control Tactics Instructor, Narcotics Enforcement and Trafficking Investigations, Social Networking Investigations, FLETC Active Threat Instructor, Motorcycle Operator Course, Taser Instructor, Simunition Instructor, Tactical Emergency Medical Support, Barricaded Subject, Public Order Public Safety, Ignition Interlock Training, Grant Writing for Law Enforcement, Instructor Development Program, All Hazards public Information Officer Course, FLETC Tac-Med for First Responders, FLETC Tac-Med Train the Trainer, Reunification Training, Advanced FTO Training, Theory of Non-Violence Training, Difficult Callers Dispatch Training, Responding Effectively to Complex Incidents, Drone Tactics, Glock Armorer School, Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management, LOCKUP L.E.A.D.S, Force Science – Force Encounters, Sight Protection Through Observation Techniques, Document Inspection, Artificial Intelligence 101, Street Crimes Training, NTOA Commander Training, Work Zone Safety, Understanding Veteran Culture.

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. Significant improvements were made throughout 2025 including range cleanup, target repair and enhanced berm structure. The target turning system became operational for the first time in well over a decade thanks to electrical upgrades. A pullup station was installed next to the rope climb in the former obstacle course. The building façade in “Hogan’s Alley” was in bad disrepair and unfortunately had to be torn down and demolished. This did allow the training division to utilize that area to set up steel targets so that officers could conduct turning drills using multiple targets that were not adjacent to each other.

Due to consistent noise complaints from surrounding residents, the Cranston Police Department maintained having a reduced the amount of weapons being fired by its officers while keeping in compliance with state statutes; maintained having a reduced range use by outside agencies to three 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 2025:

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.

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 continued to 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. After extensive education and research was conducted into different suppressor options for the patrol rifle program, a decision was made to purchase Dead Air suppressors based on product performance as well as cost considerations. These suppressors were put into use in the spring of 2025. The noise reduction, while not silent, is considerable compared to firing a rifle unsuppressed. This also coincided with the department's purchase of twenty-four (24) new 10.5" barrel Colt rifles that were acquired via a grant. These new rifles were rigorously tested and outfitted with the suppressors. The feedback from the officers using them has been overwhelmingly positive with many noting the reduced barrel size has allowed more maneuverability without sacrificing the effective range of the weapon. The department's previous rifles were decommissioned by the department and sold to a licensed firearm dealer.

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. This new platform offered an opportunity to outfit the entire department with state-of-the-art weapons and optics. These new firearms were put into service in the summer of 2025. After each officer completed a rigorous 2-day training with the new weapon, they were put into service. Overall, the accuracy of the qualification scores by department officers increased by using this new weapon system.

Community Programs & Events

The Citizens Police Academy was held from April to June in 2025. During that time, 13 law enforcement related classes featuring a variety of topics and instructors were attended by 24 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 2026.

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

Recruitment & Hiring Process with Applicant Investigations

In 2025, the Training Division was responsible for organizing the recruitment of applicants through a recruitment drive, managing applications on PoliceApp.com and F2Hire.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, URI Career Fair, New England Tech Career Fair and National Night Out. Recruitment efforts were also directed at Fit2Serve's agility tests, where verified applicants would be located. After the hiring list was created, extensive background investigations were completed for the top candidates and ultimately one lateral transfer was hired.

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 has 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 2025

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 2025:

- 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 Events
- 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 2025. 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 2025. Many of these meetings were generated by stakeholders in the community or requests to attend by elected officials. At these meetings we met with residents to discuss a variety of issues including, but not limited to, crime trends

in the area, the different legislative changes or updates that may impact the community, and to strategize 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 people 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 2000 CIT calls for service in 2025. 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. Much of the problems that we are currently addressing involve 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.

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 with 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, 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 2025

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 2025. 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 Season is always a fun time of year for the Cranston Police. We are busy traveling around visiting all the various Trunk or Treats with our haunted Hummer and CALI Polaris mobile. This year we visited a half 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 2025 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 2025, 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

Cranston Police Explorer Program



Explorer Program Purpose

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



Membership Guidelines for Post 402

Explorers must be responsible and dedicated.



The Police Explorer Program, Post 402, continued throughout the year with 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, and community events as well as the distribution of holiday meals.

The Explorers have witnessed first-hand what community service means and has represented the Police Department well. Twelve of the Explorers were able to attend the week-long Explorer Academy during August at Camp Varnum. The academy put the Explorers through various drills and exercises much like a real police academy. The explorers graduated from the academy and now hold the distinction of Explorer 1st Class. The 2024-2025 Explorer Program looks to continue this progress and hopes to send additional explorers to the Explorer Academy.

Social Media



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

Tip411

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

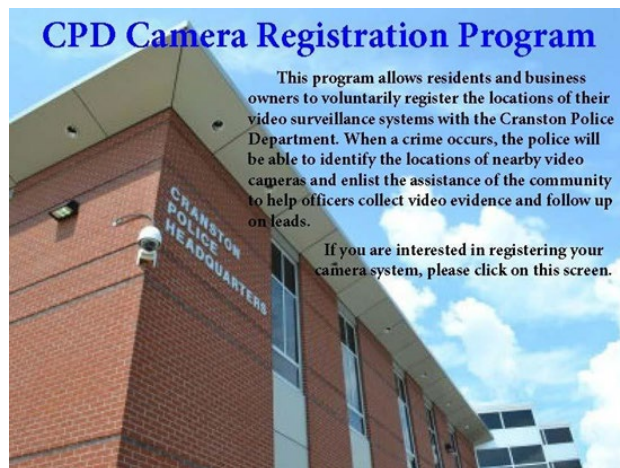


411

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 resources for instruction in the following areas: law related education, violence diffusion, safety programs, alcohol and drug prevention, crime prevention and other areas.
- Members 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 resources in areas which may affect the educational environment and may be of a law related nature.

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

- Bridge the gap between police officers and young people and increase positive attitudes toward law enforcement.
- Teach the value of our legal system.
- Promote respect for people and property.
- Reduce juvenile crime by helping students formulate an awareness of rules, authority and justice.
- Take a personal interest in students and their activities.

- Allow students access to the legal system.
- Give students a realistic picture of our laws and legal system so they will have an investment in supporting and improving it.
- Teach students how to avoid becoming a victim through self-awareness and crime prevention.

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

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

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

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

OCO Future Challenges and Opportunities

The Office of Community Outreach recognizes that the future challenges we face as an agency will continue to evolve as various societal changes take place (economic, political, etc.). As such, we as an agency need to continue to explore new and innovative ways to

engage the public through partnerships, outreach events, and proactive initiatives. This report has illustrated many events, with many more engagements not necessarily mentioned, that have been used to bridge the gap with our community.

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

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

PERSONNEL

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

COMPLAINTS

The number of complaints received and investigated increased from last year, as shown in the table below. Sixteen of the eighteen complaints were received from citizens.

Year	Total Complaints for year	Number of complaints received from public
2020	22	11
2021	13	8
2022	17	11
2023	26	16
2024	13	5
2025	18	16

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS INVESTIGATIONS

The Office of Professional Standards investigated eighteen complaints between January and December 2025. Please see below a breakdown of the cases and the investigative findings.

Pending	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Other Sustained	Policy Failure	Total
0	11	3	1	3	0	0	18

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 the 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.



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.



SRT Team Makeup

Chief of Police

Colonel Michael Winkquist

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.
- SRT provided Active Aggressor training for the Cranston Libraries throughout the year.
- SRT provided Active Aggressor training for Phillips Memorial Baptist Church.

- **SRT Deployments**

- 118 Warwick Ave. Criminal Warrant.
- Brown University. Active Shooter Incident in Providence.

- **Training Received**

- SWAT Command Decision Making II
- Critical Incident Response and Leadership by Savage Training
- Command of High-Risk Critical Incident by Savage Training
- Resolution to a Barricaded Suspect by NTOA
- High-Risk Warrant School by NTOA

- Investigation fundamentals, Decision Making and human Performance by Force Science
 - Glock Armor's Course by GLOCK
 - Resolving Burning Barricaded by NTOA
 - Change of Behavior CQB by NTOA
 - Rescue Task Force During Emergency to an Active Assailant by FEMA
 - Responding Effectively to Complex Incidents by TEEX
 - Solo Officer Rapid Deployment by ALERRT
 - Active Shooter Level I by ALERRT
 - Active Attack Integrated Response by ALERRT
 - SIMUNITION Instructor Court by SIMUNITION
 - Pistol Optics Instruction By AZTEC Training
- **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 the department training in the following areas:
 - Patrol Rifle Familiarization Instruction
 - Range Instruction
 - Tactical Medical Instruction
- **SRT Statewide Instruction**
 - RI Municipal Police Academy requested tactical instructors for the following:
 - Building Searches
 - Active Shooter
 - Sim-munition
- **SRT Memberships**
 - Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association
 - National Tactical Officers Association

- **Community Service Events Attended**

- CPD Spring and Fall Festivals
- 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

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.