# Rhode Island State Police 2010 Annual Report



# Colonel Brendan P. Doherty Commissioner of Public Safety



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March 22, 2011

The Honorable Lincoln D. Chafee Governor State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations State House Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Chafee:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2010 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report; my fourth since being named Superintendent in April 2007.

During calendar year 2010 construction was completed on the new Headquarters Building in North Scituate, and a formal dedication and grand opening was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The State Police Museum Foundation also received private foundation grants and donations and refurbished the historic barn on the Headquarters Complex.

During the year, the Division continued and expanded its Community Outreach Program. We held the second "Kids, Cops, & Classrooms" program and the third "Kids, Cops, & Christmas" program to benefit children at Crossroads Rhode Island. The State Police continued its partnership with area urban schools and youth organizations and began a leadership program at Providence high schools and "Project Night Vision" at the Chad Brown Housing Complex.

Our State and Nation are facing unprecedented challenges, but our members continue to successfully perform in an exemplary manner. On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year as we strive to continue providing the best law enforcement services for the citizens and visitors of our state.

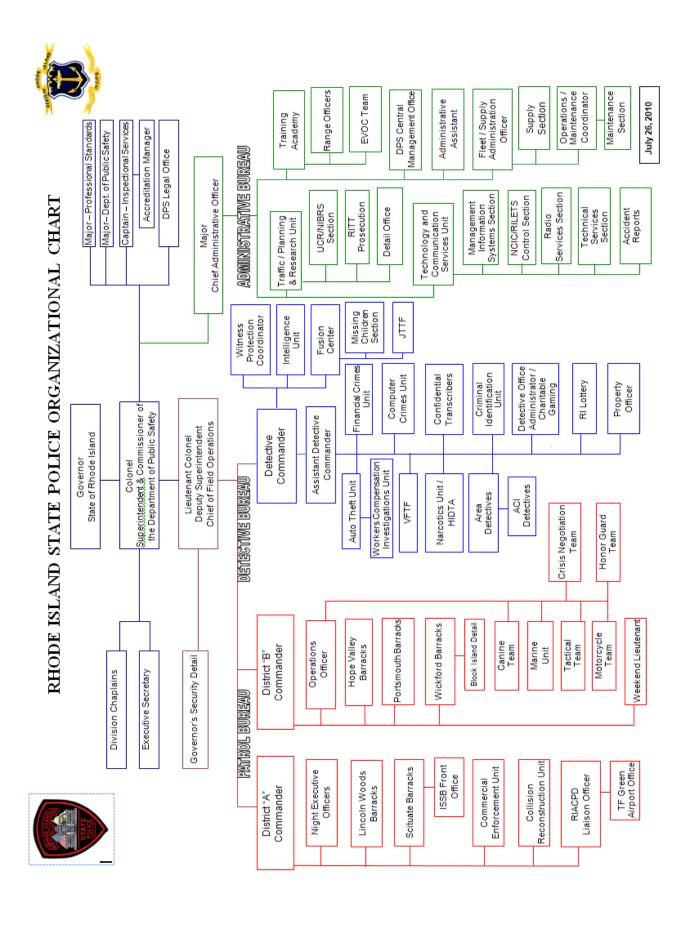
Sincerely,

Brendan P. Doherty

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Superintendent



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## Rhode Island State Police



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Rhode Island State Police is a full service, statewide law enforcement agency whose mission is to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism and integrity, and protect the inherent rights of the people to live their lives in freedom and safety. To this end, Division employees shall perform their respective patrol, investigative and support functions to the best of their ability and cooperate with other State agencies, as well as with local and Federal authorities.

### **DIVISION CREED**

"You are always to remember that you are in the Rhode Island State Police and In the Service of the State.

It is a call of honor. It requires unselfish devotion to duty, the highest type of honesty and downright courage."

# **SUPERINTENDENT**COLONEL BRENDAN P. DOHERTY

# Executive Secretary Ms. Barbara Laird

Colonel Brendan P. Doherty was sworn in as the eleventh Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police on April 28, 2007. Colonel Doherty graduated from the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy in 1980 and rose through the ranks to the rank of Major, second in command of the Division, until his retirement in 2004. While a member of the State Police, Colonel Doherty served in the Uniform Bureau and was promoted to the Detective Bureau, where he was assigned to the Intelligence Unit. He then spent the next eleven years in the Intelligence Unit with a primary focus on traditional and non-traditional organized crime, wire intercepts, intelligence gathering, and narcotics and surveillance techniques.

In 1997, then Lieutenant Doherty was assigned to supervise the Public Corruption/Financial Crimes Unit, and in 1999 he was promoted to the rank of Captain/Detective Commander in charge of all investigative components. After brief assignments in Internal Affairs and as Administrative Major, he became the second in command of the Division, running daily Patrol and Detective operations. Upon his retirement, Major Doherty accepted a position at Roger Williams University as the Director of Public Safety and left briefly to accept the position of Director of Public Safety at T.F. Green Airport. He returned to Roger Williams University, where he also headed up the Environmental Health and Safety component.

Colonel Doherty holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College. He is also a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He has received extensive training in media relations, organized crime, ethics, homicide investigations, and leadership development. He has lectured on law enforcement matters at Roger Williams University, the Rhode Island State Police Academy, and the University of South Africa.

As Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, Colonel Doherty serves as the commanding officer of the Division and is accountable for staffing the Patrol and Detective Bureaus to provide statewide law enforcement services. The mission of these two bureaus is to promote highway safety, maintenance of order, prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of violators. The Superintendent is also responsible for ensuring the control of traffic, maintaining safety enforcement on the State's highways and the development and enforcement of all policies and regulations for the Division. The Superintendent must ensure structure, discipline, efficiency and morale within the Division, along with establishing goals, direction, and priorities.

The Superintendent reports directly to the Governor and is charged with informing the Governor of all major, ongoing investigations, except where prohibited by law. Over the course of the past year, the Superintendent has served on the following boards, commissions and task forces: The Grants Administration Office Policy Board, and Criminal Justice Steering Committee; the Rhode Island Crime Lab Commission; the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Commission; the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee; the International Association of Chiefs of Police/State and Provincial Division, New England Police Chiefs Association, New England State Police Administrators Conference; New England State Police Information Network Board of Directors; Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board, the Boards of Crossroads Rhode Island, Special Olympics, Butler Hospital, Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts

of America, and the Boys and Girls Club. Colonel Doherty is also a coach for the Boys and Girls Club of Providence/Chad Brown basketball team, and he previously served on the Board of Directors of the Beacon Mutual Insurance Company.

During 2010, the Division provided personnel to assist other state and municipal agencies. Lieutenant David Palmer served as the Acting Chief of the Rhode Island Capitol Police. In August, Chief Joseph Little, the former Chief of the Narragansett Police Department, was sworn in as the permanent chief. The Division continues to maintain a presence at T.F. Green Airport. Lieutenant Frank Castellone is the Division's liaison at the Airport, and the Operations Officer, Lieutenant Arnold Buxton, is located at the Command Readiness Center of the Rhode Island National Guard. Troopers were also assigned to Block Island to augment the law enforcement presence during busy summer weekends.

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Division participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National AMBER Alert Day Child Safety Fair with the Massachusetts State Police at Patriot Place in Foxboro. The fair focused on child abduction awareness, prevention, and education. Members fingerprinted children and prepared digital child identification kits for parents. They also provided a static display of cruisers and motorcycles, as well as having the canine unit present.

In March the Superintendent was selected as one of seventeen law enforcement leaders to attend a week-long counter-terrorism seminar in Israel. The program was funded by the Anti-Defamation League in Washington, D.C., and the instructors were members of the Israeli National Police.

In response to concerns about underage drinking, the Superintendent began the "Underage Drinking & Nightclub Safety Task Force." This is a collaboration with the State Police, the Fire Marshal's Office, and the Department of Business Regulations. The Task Force made unannounced visits to nightclubs and bars to ensure that alcohol was not being served to underage patrons, that capacity limits were not being exceeded, fire code regulations were being followed, and that all applicable licenses to serve alcohol were current.

The Division teamed up with officers from the Providence Police Department in the "Neighborhood Response Team" program again in 2010. These special patrols were deployed weekend nights during peak holiday periods in the City of Providence. The teams have been highly effective in reducing crime in the Capitol City.

During 2010, the following members of the Division retired: Major Elwood M. Johnson, Jr., Captain James E. Swanberg, Lieutenant Joseph S. DelPrete, Lieutenant Eric L. Croce, Lieutenant Arthur J. Kershaw, IV, and Investigator Peter Dias. We wish them all a happy, healthy retirement and thank them for their many years of dedicated service to the Rhode Island State Police. We welcomed three new staff members during the past year: Richard Blaine, Technical Support Programmer; Mr. Jacob T. Bouillette and Mr. Thomas L. Nichols, Utility Maintenance Technicians.

Corporal Robert Wall was deployed with his military unit to Guantanamo Bay. He has safely returned and is back on duty. We salute him, and thank him for his service to our country.

The Division's Detective Bureau continues its mission of providing excellent investigative services and responds to ever-increasing requests for its expertise. During the past year, detectives assisted local police departments in the investigation of several major cases. In addition, each detective carries a considerable caseload in his or her own specialty area.

Members of the State Police played an integral role during the historic floods that occurred throughout Rhode Island on March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 29-30<sup>th</sup>. Troopers were assigned to the EMA, and

were strategically placed throughout the state in flood-damaged areas. The Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent provided constant updates on highway conditions to the public via press conferences and on the radio, television, and through the print media.

The Division lost an outstanding member of the Detective Bureau on March 14<sup>th</sup>, when Sergeant James D. Dougherty died in a motor vehicle accident. Sergeant Dougherty was a member of the Class of 1990 and was most recently assigned to the HIDTA Task Force. He was the son of Retired Lieutenant and Mrs. James Dougherty and the husband of Corporal Diane Dougherty. Sergeant Dougherty was a "trooper's trooper" and received numerous commendations during his career. He was very active in youth sports in the state and will be missed by all who were privileged to know him. To honor his dedication to the Division, the Fitness Center in the new Rhode Island State Police Headquarters was named in his memory.

During peak holiday periods, the Uniformed Bureau and Commercial Enforcement Unit joined other New England states in regional and national traffic enforcement campaigns, including "C.A.R.E." (Combined Accident Reduction Effort), "Child Passenger Safety Week," "Click-It or Ticket," "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose," and "Operation A.B.C." (America Buckles Up Children). The Division continued aggressive patrolling against impaired drivers. A billboard campaign was conducted during the Christmas and New Year's holiday season through a partnership with MetLife Auto and Home and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Billboards were located on highways in the greater Providence area. AMICA Insurance sponsored public service announcements that were aired on local radio stations to remind motorists not to drink and drive.

The Community Outreach Program was very active during 2010. Troopers visited several urban schools. The Superintendent also coached a basketball team for the Boys and Girls Club of Providence at the Chad Brown Housing Complex. In January, the Superintendent organized a youth baseball clinic at the Elmwood Community Center in Providence. Participating in the clinic were troopers, CCRI baseball coaches, and a professional baseball player.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Community Outreach Program and the Rhode Island Troopers Association sponsored a sports event with the athletes of Central High School. Basketball, volleyball, and wiffleball games were organized, and the teams consisted of student athletes and troopers. Tee shirts and beverages were donated by the Troopers' Association, and other refreshments were donated by members of the community. A total of 32 troopers and 1 civilian participated in this event during their off-duty leave day.

During the summer, members of the Division volunteered for "Project Night Vision." The program was held at the Chad Brown Housing Complex and combined athletics, community service, and roundtable discussions with a different theme each week. Troopers served as basketball coaches two evenings a week.

The State Police also hosted a "Building Bridges in the Community Forum." Panelists included Ambassador Raymond Flynn; Colonel Brendan Doherty; Mr. Dante Bellini, of RDW Group; Ms. Sandy Riojas, a teacher at Martin Luther King School, and Mr. Kobi Dennis, of the Boys and Girls Club of Providence. Attendees included educators, private non-profit organizations, law enforcement, attorneys, and youth service providers. The group discussed methods and ideas to keep youth engaged in community activities and help them do the right thing.

Members of the State Police participated in several parades throughout the year including: The Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Aquidneck Island National Police Parade, the Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and the Westerly Columbus Day Parade.

"The Rhode Island State Police Advisory Board on Emerging Issues in Law Enforcement," which includes representatives from education, the business community, private non-profit agencies, the clergy, and colleges and universities, continued its mission to assist the State Police find innovative solutions to problems and recommend improvements for our state.

The Superintendent also serves as Commissioner of the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety. The agencies that were consolidated under the Department are: Emergency-911 Telephone System, State Fire Marshals' Office, the Grants Administration Office, the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy, and the Rhode Island Capitol Police. The Rhode Island State Police Finance Office was merged into the Department of Public Safety and assumed the responsibility of all the agencies' purchasing, personnel, and payroll, functions. In June, the State Fire Marshal's Office held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new State Fire Academy in Exeter. Major Kenneth J. Marandola, serves as the liaison from the State Police to the Department of Public Safety.

October was designated "Cyber Security Month" in the State of Rhode Island. The Computer Crimes Unit held several awareness programs during the month to highlight dangers and precautions while using the Internet.

The Rhode Island State Police Training Academy Class of 2009 completed its field training officer program and began patrolling on its own in January. The Division also began its recruitment drive for the next class of troopers scheduled to begin the Training Academy in the summer of 2011.

Members of the Division also participated in several charitable events during the year to benefit Special Olympics and the State Employees Charitable Appeal. In August, the State Police partnered with the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association, the Governor's Office, and W.B. Mason for the second "Kids, Cops, and Classrooms," an initiative that provided backpacks and school supplies for children, who are clients of Crossroads Rhode Island. In December, the State Police partnered with the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association for the third year with "Kids, Cops, & Christmas," for the children of Crossroads. In addition, the Rhode Island Blood Center held a blood drive at Headquarters.

Construction was completed on the new Rhode Island State Police Headquarters/E-911 Public Safety Answering Point in North Scituate. The grand opening and dedication was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The building is 56,384 square feet, and was designed by RGB of Providence to achieve LEED Silver Certification. LEED certification is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED buildings are designed to have an immediate and measurable impact on a building's performance. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: Sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality. The contractor for the project was A.F. Lusi Construction of Smithfield, and project management was by W.E. Marchetti Consulting, LLC of Warwick. The new building houses the Command Staff, Technical Services Unit, Detective Bureau, NCIC, Department of Public Safety Administration, and E-911.

The Colonel Walter E. Stone Conference Center in the new building has already proven to be a valuable resource to both the State Police and our community partners. In November and December, the room was used for the "Building Bridges Forum," the MADD-RI DRE Graduation Ceremony, several press conferences, a commissioned officers' meeting, a computer crimes seminar, and a mortgage fraud seminar.

The Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation was awarded grants from the Champlin Foundations and the Kimball Foundation to refurbish the exterior of the historic barn located at the

Headquarters Complex in North Scituate. Restoration included a new roof, siding, windows, and doors. The barn was dedicated at the same time as the new Headquarters facility.

The State Police Narcotics Unit received the Attorney General's Justice Award in a February 25<sup>th</sup> ceremony. The Commercial Enforcement Unit received the 2010 Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Leadership Award for having the lowest average annual commercial vehicle fatality rate for calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008. This is the second consecutive year that the CEU has received this award. In October, the Superintendent received a community leadership award from the Providence Branch NAACP. In December Colonel Brendan Doherty, Detective William Accardi, and Trooper Erik Yanyar received awards for outstanding service in law enforcement from the Colonel D.B. Kelley Foundation.

The upcoming year will present new challenges for the Rhode Island State Police, but the Division also has many exciting opportunities ahead. The new Department of Public Safety will continue to develop further efficiencies and provide support to the several state agencies. The new Headquarters building is now fully operational, and the 2011 Rhode Island State Police Training Academy class will begin its 22 weeks of intensive training. The men and women of the Rhode Island State Police will continue to provide the quality law enforcement services that our citizens have come to expect from their State Police.

### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

MAJOR DAVID S. NEILL

The Professional Standards Unit, Major David S. Neill, is a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Division. Major Neill holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the University of Rhode Island and an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University. The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Division of State Police. The Unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly, and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will end with one of three determined classifications: founded, unfounded, or unsubstantiated. Founded complaints result in disciplinary sanctions or corrective actions in compliance with General Order -3C, titled, "Internal Investigation Procedure / Policy."

The Professional Standards Unit investigated a total of forty-three (43) complaints between January and December of 2010. Twenty-seven (27) cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated, twelve (12) cases were determined to be founded and required corrective action or disciplinary sanctions, four (4) cases are pending and two (2) cases were for informational purposes. In 2010, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public on several thousands of occasions through traffic collision investigations, incidents, arrests, investigations, and citations, yet the Professional Standards Unit only received forty-three complaints against personnel from both external and internal sources.

#### Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2010:

Туре	Number of Complaints	Unfounded - Unsubstantiated	Discipline/Founded	Pending
Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)	3	1	1	1
Job Performance (Sworn)	36	23	10	2
, ,	30	23	70	3
Racial profiling (Sworn)	2	2	0	0
Job Performance (Civilian)	1	1	0	0
Miscellaneous (Civilian)	1	0	1	0
TOTAL:	43	27	12	4

#### Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2009:

Туре	Number of	Unfounded -	Discipline/Founded	Pending
	Complaints	Unsubstantiated		
Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)	11	5	4	2
Job Performance (Sworn)	18	8	10	0
Racial profiling (Sworn)	4	2	2	0
Job Performance (Civilian)	2	0	2	0
Miscellaneous (Civilian)	3	2	1	0
TOTAL:	38	17	19	2

#### Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2010:

Туре	Proper Use - Justified	Discipline	Total
High Speed Pursuits	9	4	13
Discharge of Firearm	0	0	0
Discharge of Firearm (To dispatch injured/dangerous animal)	7	0	7
Use of Force/Physical	8	0	8
Use of Force/Capstun	1	0	1
Use of Force/Cas 21	0	0	0
Use of Division Canine (K-9)	0	0	0
Use of Other Implement	0	0	0
Use of Electronic Control Device	0	0	0

#### Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar-Year 2009:

Туре	Proper Use - Justified	Discipline	Total
High Speed Pursuits	4	0	4
Discharge of Firearm	1	0	1
Discharge of Firearm	7	0	7
(To dispatch injured/dangerous animal)			
Use of Force/Physical	12	0	12
Use of Force/Capstun	6	0	6
Use of Force/Cas 21	0	0	0
Use of Division Canine (K-9)	0	0	0
Use of Other Implement	2	0	2
Use of Electronic Control Device	2	0	2

### INSPECTIONAL SERVICES UNIT

CAPTAIN LEROY V. ROSE, JR.

The Inspectional Services Unit Captain LeRoy V. Rose, Jr. is a twenty-four (24) year veteran responsible for evaluating the administration and operation of the Division, as well as periodic inspections of facilities, vehicles, equipment, records, personnel and investigative procedures. The Inspectional Services Unit analyzes Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards that effect/encompass Division-wide operations and compares current organizational practices, policies and procedures to mandatory and non-mandatory CALEA standards. The Captain identifies and recommends the means by which deficiencies may be overcome to satisfy the standards and enable the attainment and maintenance of the Division's accredited status.

In March of 2009, the Division was formally re-accredited by CALEA. The Division earned recognition as a Flagship Agency for the second consecutive re-accreditation cycle.

Since 2000, the Inspectional Services Unit has continued to maintain a Quality Assurance Program. Surveys are mailed to persons who have had contact with the Division in the areas of complaint investigation (both uniform and detective), accident investigation and enforcement of vehicle and traffic law. Surveys were once again mailed out in late 2008. As has been the case with every annual survey, the Division continues to maintain a 90%+ level of satisfaction for its services to Rhode Island residents.

Captain Rose also served on the Rhode Island State Police Headquarters building committee and worked to ensure that the new headquarters fulfills the Divisions facility and equipment needs and complies with accreditation requirements.

# ACCREDITATION UNIT

SERGEANT SHARI L. RUSSELL



Sergeant Shari L. Russell, an eighteen-year (18) veteran of the Division, currently serves as the Division's Accreditation Manager. Sergeant Russell assumed this position in April 2009. This position was re-established in May of 1999 to further streamline the voluminous amount of documentation necessary to sustain accreditation requirements. The Accreditation Unit is currently comprised of one (1) Sergeant and one (1) Trooper.

In November of 1992, the Rhode Island State Police made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation status under the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. The Commission, a non-profit and private corporation was created in 1979 through the combined efforts of four major law enforcement organizations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association and the Police Executive Research Forum. The Commission's mission is to establish a set of professional standards which strengthen crime prevention programs, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory practices, improve services, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and boost citizen and staff confidence in the law enforcement profession.

Since the Division initially attained accredited status in November of 1994, the Division has continually updated policies and procedures to conform to evolving law enforcement issues and accreditation standards. Furthermore, the Division has gathered numerous forms of documentation that demonstrate compliance with Division policies, procedures and accreditation standards. Currently, the Division complies with those applicable four hundred sixty-four (464) standards established by the Commission. The Division successfully passed the on-site visit for re-accreditation process in December of 2008 and was accredited for the fifth time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in March 2009, receiving National CALEA recognition as a Flagship Agency for the second consecutive re-accreditation cycle.

The Division's sixth CALEA on-site assessment is scheduled for August 27 - 30, 2011. As such, the majority of the work conducted this year involved providing proof of compliance for the past and current year, managing and enhancing standard compliance, and generating and revising the Division's polices and procedures to comply with the addition of new and reflect the prior changes to the  $5^{th}$  edition CALEA standards. This included creating, expanding and improving on Division intranet websites, researching best practices in law enforcement related procedures, advising and educating Division personnel on compliance matters and providing input in the construction and operations pertaining to the new Department of Public Safety/Rhode Island State Police Headquarters complex to ensure compliance.

The Division maintains an active presence in the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Coalition, which was established to support both accredited agencies and agencies interested in the accreditation process within Rhode Island.

# DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT/ CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND S. WHITE

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond S. White, a twenty-four (24) veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, is the Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Field Operations. He holds a Master of Science degree in the Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University. The Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Field Operations is the second highest-ranking officer in the Division.

The Deputy Superintendent is directly responsible for the Patrol and Detective Bureaus as well as the Governor's Security Detail. Additionally, he has supervisory responsibility for the specialized units within these branches, to include: the Commercial Enforcement Unit, RI Airport Corporation Police Liaison Officer, the Division's TF Green Airport Office, Marine Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Canine Team, Tactical Team, Honor Guard Team, Crisis Negotiation Team and Motorcycle Team. The Deputy Superintendent is closely and continuously involved in the day-to-day operations of the Division of State Police.

The Superintendent has designated the Lieutenant Colonel as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the State Police and as such he is responsible for disseminating information to the public through the print and electronic media. Among the responsibilities of the PIO is the coordination of public speaking appearances and demonstrations by Division members throughout the State and Northeast. He periodically meets with representatives of the various media outlets to ensure that the Division maintains an open line of communication with them.

The Deputy Superintendent is the conduit for requests from local, state and federal agencies seeking the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police. He regularly represents the Division at the State House and with the State's Legislature on numerous Rhode Island State Police initiatives. The Deputy Superintendent reports directly to the Superintendent, and along with the Superintendent, works to ensure the efficient operation and establish goals, direction, and priorities for the Division of State.

In addition, the Deputy Superintendent is the Coordinator for the Rhode Island AMBER Alert Plan and is responsible for establishing the protocol for investigating child abduction investigations. The Rhode Island AMBER Alert Plan provides a rapid response to the most serious child abduction cases. When an alert is activated, the Rhode Island State Police, through the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, will immediately gain the assistance of local broadcasters to send an emergency alert to the public in the hope for a quick and safe recovery of the abducted child. In 2008, this program was expanded to include elderly persons.

### DISTRICT COMMANDERS

#### CAPTAIN DARREN H. DELANEY CAPTAIN JAMES G. PEREIRA

The District Commander's office is staffed with two captains, Captain Darren H. Delaney, a twenty-four (24) year veteran, is the District "A" Commander. Captain Delaney holds a Master's Degree in Justice Administration from Anna Maria College along with a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University. He is also a graduate of Bryant University Center for Management Police Leader Ship Course. Captain Delaney previously was assigned as the Operations Officer, Hope Valley Barracks Patrol Commander and Night Executive Officer.

Captain James G. Pereira, a twenty (20) year veteran, is the District "B" Commander. Captain Pereira holds a Bachelor's Degree in Consumer Affairs from the University of Rhode Island. Captain Pereira previously served at all the barracks locations including Block Island and the Governor's Executive Security detail. Captain Pereira has served as a member of the Tactical Team, Motorcycle Unit, and EVOC Instructor. He previously served as the Division Liaison at Theodore Francis Green Airport.

Captain Delaney is responsible for overseeing the northern operations of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Chepachet Barracks, Commercial Enforcement Unit, Night Executive Officers, T.F. Green Airport Office and the Division's Collision Reconstruction Unit. Additional responsibilities include supervising the Division Lieutenant, who serves as the Liaison for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Police Department.

Captain Pereira is responsible for overseeing the southern operations of the Hope Valley Barracks, Wickford Barracks, and Portsmouth Barracks. Additional responsibilities include supervising the Operations Officer, which includes all of the Division's specialized units.

The District Commanders have the overall responsibility of assuring all barracks are operating in a uniform manner to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Division. As secondary responders, the District Commanders respond to all major incidents being investigated by uniformed patrols. Also included in their responsibilities is the allocation of personnel around the state. Due to the dynamics and the varied daily responsibilities of the organization, assigning troopers around the state is a very labor-intensive part of this position.

The District Commanders work with other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate the Division's efforts in the war against terrorism. All special security details and assignments are the responsibility of the District Commanders.

### SCITUATE BARRACKS

LIEUTENANT ERIC C. LARIVIERE

#### PATROL AREA:

Burrillville, Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, Warwick



The Scituate Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Eric C. LaRiviere, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Scituate Barracks personnel structure consists of; one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, one (1) Corporal and twenty-one (21) Troopers. The Lieutenant and Sergeants have an office at the State Police Blackstone Valley Substation located in the Welcome Center on Route 295 North in the Town of Lincoln. The prosecution office is located at State Police Headquarters serving Troopers assigned to the Scituate Barracks patrol area.

The Scituate Barracks encompasses over 307 square miles. In 2010, the patrol area expanded to include the northern branch of Route 146 from Route 295 to the Massachusetts stateline. The Rhode Island State Police 295 Blackstone Valley Sub Station gives troopers easy access to the state highways and secondary roads in the area. The Scituate Barracks Troopers also have patrol responsibilities from the Connecticut state-line in the northwest portion of the state to the Route 6 Providence metro area. The members of this barracks are also responsible for providing police services to over ten (10) cities and towns.

Patrol activities range from traffic patrol and enforcement, crash investigations, and various criminal activities, to include everything from armed robbery to embezzlement. Troopers made nearly 900 arrests in 2010 with over fifty (50) resulting in the apprehension of drunk drivers. Through concentrated traffic enforcement efforts, fatal accidents were reduced from five (5) in 2009 to one (1) in 2010. These efforts also resulted in the issuance of 7,600 motor vehicle violations.

In addition to patrol duties, members of the Scituate Barracks are assigned to various specialty responsibilities that support the Division of State Police. These responsibilities include being assigned to; Governors Security Detail, SWAT Team, Hostage-Crisis Negotiation Team, Honor Guard Details, Firearms Instruction, and Canine Team. Members of the Scituate Barracks are also responsible for dispatch and front office duties at the new Rhode Island State Police Headquarters, which officially opened on October 22, 2010.

#### Interesting Investigation

In July of 2010, while conducting traffic enforcement on Route 295, a member of the Scituate Barracks stopped a motor vehicle for excessive speed. The motor vehicle stop resulted in the

apprehension of the operator for Operating after Suspension and Possession of Marijuana. As a result of this arrest, the suspect agreed to cooperate and become an informant for the trooper.

The confidential informant agreed to introduce an undercover State Police Detective to his supplier. As a result of this introduction, a joint two-month undercover investigation began with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Detectives and the trooper.

Acting in an under cover capacity, the State Police Detective made several purchases of marijuana from the main target and supplier. As a result of these purchases, a court ordered search warrant was executed. A large amount of marijuana was confiscated along with scales and other paraphernalia indicative to a large scale drug distributor. The supplier was arrested and charged with several counts of felony delivery and possession of marijuana charges.

This is just one of many cases that the uniformed troopers at the Scituate Barracks work closely with our detectives to investigate, arrest, and prosecute violent offenders.

#### Barracks Personnel

Sergeants: Mark B. Surtel, John A. Beauregard

Corporal: Clarence Snead

Troopers: John C. Shelhart, Sean A. McCarthy, Kenneth D. Jones, Scott R. Carlsten, Jason E.

Lawton, Scott L. Hartwell, Peter J. Cambio, Nicholas P. Rivello, Kristopher Lagor, Stephen W. Brown, Joy M. Younkin, Michael J. Capone, David M. Trainor, Derek G. Melfi, Amanda L. Brezniak, Steven J. Haynes, Nicholas J. Messinger, Sean F. Pasley, James M. Thomas, Ryan N. Mahoney, Kenneth Marandola Jr., Melissa A. Giardina

# LINCOLN BARRACKS LIEUTENANT STEVEN M. LEFEBVRE

#### PATROL AREA:

Central Falls, Cranston,
Cumberland, East Providence,
Lincoln, North Providence,
North Smithfield, Pawtucket,
Providence, Smithfield,
Warwick, Woonsocket



The Lincoln Woods Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Steven M. Lefebvre, a twenty-three (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Lincoln Woods Barracks is located at 1575 Old Louisquisett Pike in the Town of Lincoln. One (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, twenty-eight (28) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance person are staffed at the barracks. Several members of the Lincoln Woods Barracks are also involved with the Division's Specialty Units that include: Tactical Team Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Technical Accident Reconstruction Unit, Marine Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Search and Rescue (SAR), Canine (K-9) Unit, and Commercial Enforcement Unit. There are also a few members who are still attached to the military and are at times activated.

The Lincoln Woods Barracks utilizes thirty-three (33) marked uniform patrol vehicles and two (2) low-profile vehicles to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 206 square miles. This area of responsibility is fifty percent urban, twenty-five percent metropolitan, and twenty-five percent rural which includes Rhode Island's three (3) major highways.

The Lincoln Woods Barracks, situated in and around the Providence/Metropolitan area, is responsible for a variety of calls for service. Interstates 95 and 195 and Route 10 take up the majority of these calls. The barracks is also responsible for patrolling and providing police service to all state facilities to include: the State Capitol, the Department of Administration, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Traffic Tribunal, the Institute of Mental Health, the General Hospital, the Adult Correctional and Juvenile Facilities in Cranston, and all Providence County Court facilities. The Lincoln Barracks also assists the twelve (12) local police agencies on various investigations in their area.

Over the past year, troopers at the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated 1022 incidents and made 2,140 arrests. Of these arrests, 161 were for Driving under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor and/or Drug violations. With responsibility of the Providence/Metropolitan area, traffic problems are a significant strain on resources. As such, the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated 3,192 motor vehicle accidents last year. Furthermore, the Lincoln Woods Barracks' commitment to traffic safety is evident in the 12,771 traffic citations issued for motor vehicle code violations.

#### Interesting Investigation

In July of 2010 the Providence Police Department relayed a BOLO for an armed car-jacking that had occurred in the City of Providence. The suspect vehicle was reported to be a green Kia sport utility vehicle bearing an unknown out of state registration. Original reports advised that the two suspects were described as black or Hispanic males and that a firearm was alleged to have been shown. At this point, several troopers from the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Providence Police, and North Providence Police responded to the area of the call.

Approximately forty-five mintues later, East Providence Police reported that one of their narcotics detectives had discovered the above vehicle in the Walgreens parking lot in the Town of North Providence. A Lincoln Woods Barracks trooper and a North Providence Police Officer were in the area and immediately responded to investigate. The trooper and officer located the vehicle and reported to the Lincoln Woods Barracks that the vehicle was unoccupied. The registration on the vehicle was relayed to the Providence Police Department, who confirmed that it was in fact the vehicle that was reported stolen.

Members of the Providence Police Department responded to process the vehicle as several troopers, Providence Police officers, and North Providence Police officers remained on scene to assist. During the processing of the vehicle, a trooper and an East Providence Police detective observed a black Nissan Maxima exiting a side street to the rear of the Walgreens parking lot. The vehicle was being operated by a female with two male passengers, both wearing white t-shirts. The occupants of this vehicle appeared suspicious as they avoided making eye contact with any of the law enforcement members present. It appeared they were going out of their way to avoid being noticed. A trooper conducted a check with the Registry of Motor Vehicles on the registration. The check revealed the plates belonged to a different vehicle than the one displaying them. The trooper followed and attempted to stop the vehicle by activating the emergency lights on his cruiser. As the suspect vehicle approached a highway entrance ramp it became apparent that the operator was not going to stop for the trooper. The trooper continued behind the vehicle as it entered the highway and relayed this information to other troopers in the area. The trooper was assisted on the highway by a North Providence officer. The trooper and the officer were able to "box in "the suspect vehicle, subsequently stopping it on the highway.

As the trooper and the officer approached the vehicle, the trooper could detect a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The trooper asked the driver of the vehicle as to why she did not stop for the police. The operator advised the vehicle was unregistered and she did not want to get caught. The trooper requested a license from the operator, who attempted to retrieve an item from the floor of the driver's side of the vehicle. The trooper asked the suspect to exit the vehicle and discovered a small blue pill which was an ecstasy pill and was hers. The suspect was placed into custody and secured. The two suspect passengers in the vehicle were identified and asked to exit the vehicle.

Other troopers responded to assist and a further investigation revealed that the suspect in the front passengers seat was in possession of a small bag of greenish leafy substance, believed to be marijuana. A further search of the vehicle revealed six separate large bundles of this greenish leafy substance in the vehicle. The substance was seized and transported to the Lincoln Woods Barracks along with the three subjects. The suspected greenish leafy substance was field tested and proved positive for the presumptive presence of marijuana. The total weight of the marijuana was approximately seventy (70) pounds. It was believed that this vehicle and its occupants may have been involved with the original car-jacking complainant. The original complainant, was unable to positively identify either of the two male suspects in the above vehicle as the two subjects involved in the car-jacking of her vehicle.

This investigation was the result of excellent intuition and cooperative police work among several law enforcement agencies.

#### Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: Steven Lefebvre

Sergeants: William Jamieson and Joseph Philbin

Corporals: John Keenan, Thomas Peck, Scott Raynes

Troopers: Wesley Pugh-Pennington, John Allen, Jeffrey L'Heureux, David Bassignani, Robert

Richardson, Damien Longo, Peter Filuminia, Marc Alboum, Nuno Vasconcelos, Daniel Hernandez, Mark McGehearty, Ernest Adams, Brian Macera, , Sean McGehearty, Luke Schatz, James Brown, Robert Laurelli, Heather Donahue, William Reilly, Charles Bergeron, Kyle Shibley, Kyle Draper, Sean Crowley, Jonathan Elliot, Adam Houston,

James Gaffney, Michael Reynolds III, Donald Pope.

Civilian: Mr. Francis Dolan

# HOPE VALLEY BARRACKS

LIEUTENANT PAUL J. OLSZEWSKI

#### PATROL AREA:

Charlestown, Coventry, Exeter, Hopkinton, Richmond, Westerly, West Greenwich



The Hope Valley Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Paul J. Olszewski, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The barracks is located at 54 Nooseneck Hill Road in the Town of Richmond and is presently staffed by one (1) lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, three (3) corporals, twenty-three (23) troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance person. In 2010, sworn personnel from Hope Valley Barracks simultaneously served on the following specialized units: Tactical Team, Marine Unit, Honor Guard, Collision Reconstruction Unit, and the Canine (K-9) Unit.

The Hope Valley Barracks utilizes thirty-two (32) marked uniform patrol vehicles, two (2) low profile vehicles, and one (1) 4X4 vehicle to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 250 square miles. Troopers from this barracks handle a wide variety of investigations and calls for service, as the patrol is situated in one of the State's most rural areas. Troopers are responsible for patrolling major roadways, such as Routes 95, 3, 102, 165 and 1, along with all secondary highways and rural side roads.

The Town of Exeter, which was once patrolled exclusively by members of the Exeter Barracks, is now divided and patrolled by both the Hope Valley and Wickford Barracks's.

Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks are committed to traffic safety and conducting thorough criminal investigations. The patrol investigated 471 motor vehicle accidents, which is a slight increase from accidents that took place in 2009. Troopers issued 7,805 citations during 2010. Troopers also arrested 685 individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including 61 arrests for Driving While Under the Influence. The patrols also investigated 622 incidents, which is a slight decrease from 2009.

#### Interesting Investigation

In May of 2010 members of the Hope Valley Barracks conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 95, in the City of Warwick. During this motor vehicle stop, troopers detected an extremely strong odor of burnt marijuana emanating from within the vehicle's passenger compartment of the vehicle. The operator was subsequently placed under arrest and a motor vehicle impound report was conducted. During this inventory, a women's "Coach" brand purse and a number of electronic devices, including cell phones, Global Positioning Satellite Unit, and DC electronic power cords were observed. A check with the Warwick Police Department confirmed that similar items were stolen from numerous motor vehicles, during a prior two day period. With the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Detective Bureau, an interview was conducted with the operator of this vehicle. This suspect admitted that he and an accomplice were responsible for numerous larcenies from motor vehicles, and consented to a search of his residence. This search resulted in approximately one half ounce of marijuana, a two shot "Deringer" .22 caliber handgun, several pieces of drug paraphernalia, two Apple Ipods, and \$475.00 of US Currency.

#### Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: Paul Olszewski

Sergeants: Kelsey Marshall, Robert Carnevale

Corporals: Stephen Flood, Brian Montminy, Roger Reardon

Troopers: Jeffrey Coleman, Erik Jones, Stephen Vanner, Michael Brouillette, G. Thomas Chabot Jr., Kevin Kojoian, Matthew McGuire, Anthony Commendatore, Shawn Slade, Daniel Gazzola, Michael Ferruccio, Meredith Zenowich, Michael Doherty, Lawens Fevrier, Kevin Cloud, Ryan Santo, John R. Brown, Roupen Bastajian, Robert Marchand, Christopher O'Conors, Louis Fiorenzano, Amoncio DaCruz, Anthony Washington.

Maintenance: Mr. Scott Gordon

# PORTSMOUTH BARRACKS LIEUTENANT FRANK D. SULLIVAN III

#### PATROL AREA:

Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Bristol, Barrington, Warren, Little Compton, Tiverton, Jamestown



In 2010, the Portsmouth Barracks fell under the command of Lieutenant Frank D. Sullivan III, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Portsmouth Barracks is located at 838 East Main Road in the Town of Portsmouth. The Portsmouth Barracks complement is comprised of; one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, two (2) Corporals, and ten (10) Troopers. Vehicles assigned to the Barracks included fourteen (14) marked cruisers. These vehicles are utilized to patrol the combined jurisdiction of approximately 359 square miles.

The Portsmouth Patrols provided vital service in their support and patrol of the Pell Bridge, Jamestown-Verrazano Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge and Sakonnet Bridge.

In addition to their patrol duties, troopers were assigned to a wide array of added responsibilities. These responsibilities included being assigned to; Tactical Team, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Accident Reconstruction, Honor Guard Detail, Motorcycle Unit, Firearms Instruction, Domestic Violence Instruction, Certified Seat Belt Instruction and Hostage Negotiation. Barracks personnel were also frequently assigned to special details. These special details were diverse and usually specific to the patrol area. Some of the assigned details were: Rhode Island Air National Guard Air show traffic enforcement and security, LNG ship security, Reach the Beach traffic enforcement, Blessing of the Fleet road race traffic enforcement, Governor's Bay Day and military escorts to and from Quonset Point and the Newport Naval War College.

During the 2010 calendar year, members of the Portsmouth Barracks issued 4,331 citations, arrested 323 subjects, handled 139 incidents and responded to 112 accidents. Patrol members arrested 121 subjects for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs and/or Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test.

#### **Interesting Investigation**

In August of this year the Wickford Barracks received numerous 911 calls regarding a vehicle stopped in the right, westbound travel lane at the center span of the Newport Bridge. Motorists advised that a subject was observed standing at the bridge railing.

Upon troopers' arrival, the subject was observed standing on the outside rail of the bridge supported by an orange electrical cord. Troopers stopped all traffic on the bridge, and began a dialogue with the subject. Troopers observed the subject remove a hat and throw it down toward the water. The subject then let go of the electrical cord, and stepped further away from the railing. As the subject stepped away from the railing he looked back toward police, and made eye contact with Troopers and stated "The State Troopers are here?" "Don't you guys have something more important to do then come out here for me?" Troopers replied that the subject was the most important thing, and that they were there to help. At that moment, the subject stepped back toward the railing and was taken into police custody. The subject later stated to the troopers that as a resident of Rhode Island, the State Police were held in high regard. Upon seeing troopers on the Newport Bridge, "Something clicked in my mind when I saw those Stetsons, and so I climbed back toward all of you."

#### Portsmouth Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: Frank D. Sullivan III

Sergeants: Michael Gill

Corporals: Robert Wall, Celeste Potter

Troopers: Gennaro Ramirez, Edward Viera, John Gadrow, Luke Brisson, Charles Bergeron,

Franklin Navarro, David Gosling, Brendan Devine, Brendan Palmer, Dwayne Correia

# WICKFORD BARRACKS

LIEUTENANT JAMES M. MANNI

#### PATROL AREA:

East Greenwich, North Kingstown, Narragansett, South Kingstown, Exeter, West Warwick, Warwick



In 2010, the Wickford Barracks fell under the command of Lieutenant James M. Manni, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Wickford Barracks is located at 7875 Post Road in the Town of North Kingstown. The Wickford Barracks complement was comprised of; one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, two (2) Corporals, twenty-one (21) Troopers and one (1) civilian. In September 2010, one (1) Corporal was transferred out of the Wickford Barracks and re-assigned to the Lincoln Woods Barracks. Vehicles assigned to the Barracks included twenty-two (22) marked cruisers, two (2) unmarked cruisers, one (1) canine SUV, one (1) Dive Team pick-up truck, and one (1) maintenance SUV. These vehicles are utilized to patrol the combined jurisdiction of approximately 340 square miles.

The increased motor vehicle traffic in the South County area created a constant demand for police services. The Wickford Patrols provided police services on a daily basis for commuter traffic to and from the interstate highway system and the metropolitan areas of Providence, Cranston, Warwick and suburban South County. In the summer months, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, there were additional demands for service due to the State facilities and beaches located in South County. These additional demands not only resulted in the need for stronger motor vehicle enforcement, but also caused a substantial increase in criminal complaints and arrests. From May 2010 until September 2010, four (4) members of the Wickford Barracks were assigned to the Block Island Detail.

In addition to their patrol duties, ten (10) Troopers were assigned to a wide array of added responsibilities. These responsibilities included being assigned to; Governor's Security Detail, Tactical Team, Canine Unit, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Accident Reconstruction, EVOC Unit, Honor Guard Detail, Firearms Instruction, Domestic Violence Instruction, Certified Seat Belt Instruction, Hostage Negotiation and CPR/First Aid Instruction. Barracks personnel were also frequently assigned to special details. These special details were diverse and usually specific to the patrol area. Some of the assigned details were; Quonset Air Show traffic enforcement and security, LNG ship security, Tall Ships traffic enforcement and security, "Reach the Beach" traffic enforcement, Blessing of the Fleet road race traffic enforcement, Governor's Bay Day and military escorts to and from Quonset Point and the Newport Naval War College.

During the 2010 calendar year, members of the Wickford Barracks issued 6,371 citations, arrested 592 subjects, handled 739 incidents, responded to 637 accidents (0 fatal accidents), handled 48 Assaults, 3 B & E's and 3 Burglary's. Patrol members arrested 84 subjects for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs and/or Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test.

#### Interesting Investigation

In June 2010, Troopers were dispatched to assist members of the Exeter Fire/Rescue Department with a male subject who was having a diabetic emergency. Upon arriving at the Exeter residence, Troopers were approached by the subject's wife who advised that her husband had become combative when approached to administer his insulin shot. She further stated that she was in fear of her husband and that there were firearms located in the residence.

When troopers entered the residence, they observed the male subject lying on the floor yelling for the troopers and rescue personnel to leave. Troopers assisted the subject to his feet at which time he started walking around the room stating "I'm looking for my pistol" as he walked towards a metal case lying on the floor. The subject disobeyed the troopers commands and became verbally/physically combative while resisting arrest.

After a brief struggle, where one of the troopers broke his right hand, the subject was placed into custody. Located in the metal case were six handguns, one of which was loaded. It was later learned that the male subject had pointed the loaded handgun at the three rescue personnel prior to the troopers arrival. The male subject was charged with three counts of Felony Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (handgun), two counts of Assault on a Police Officer, Domestic-Simple Assault /Battery, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct.

#### **WICKFORD BARRACKS STAFF**

Lieutenant: James M. Manni

**Sergeants:** Michael Rosa, Michael Reynolds

**Corporals:** James Pardington

**Troopers:** Marc Lidsky, Paul Conlon, Gregory Cunningham, Terrance Pendergast, Darnell

Weaver, Jean Tondre, Charles LeValley, Kevin Grace, Michael Brock, Eric Yanyar, David Gormly, Daniel O'Neil, William Corson, Adam Kennett, Andrew Emerson, Courtney Mulcahy, Steven Vinton, Andrew Carter, Jamie Donnelly-Taylor, Ruth

Hernandez, Lisa Silveira

Maintenance: Mr. Tom McCarthy

### COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

SERGEANT DAVID J. MEDEIROS

Sergeant David J. Medeiros is the Commander of the Commercial Enforcement Unit (CEU) and has served with the Unit since 1995.

The unit presently consists of one (2) Sergeants, and (8) Troopers. In addition, there are currently nine (9) uniform Troopers who have also received training in Motor Carrier Safety that are used on a part-time basis to assist in road checks, off peak inspections, commercial vehicle traffic enforcement, heavy-duty emissions testing, new entrant safety reviews, and weight details. All CEU troopers receive extensive training in all phases of Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Material Transportation at the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Region-1 Academy, located at the Massachusetts State Police Academy, in New Braintree, Massachusetts.

The Commercial Enforcement Unit, commonly known as the Truck Squad, has the responsibility of enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations. Unit members also enforce Rhode Island Size & Weight Regulations, Rhode Island Public Utility Motor Carrier Regulations, Department of Environmental Management Heavy-Duty Emissions Testing Regulations and Rhode Island Fuel Tax Regulations. Funding for the Unit comes from the Federal Motor Carrier Assistance Program and matching State funds. The Unit is also responsible for conducting post-crash accident investigations involving commercial motor vehicles.

Size and weight enforcement is conducted by using portable platform scales, portable scales and Weigh In Motion (WIM) scales that allow the trucks to be weighed as they drive over the portable unit. The addition of WIM technology has allowed the Unit to increase the number of vehicles weighed and enforce weight restrictions more efficiently. In late November of 2007 a weight restriction of 18 tons was placed on the Pawtucket River Bridge, which is located on Route 95 between exits 27 and 28, and the Sakonnet River Bridges on Route 24 connecting Tiverton and Portsmouth, continued into 2010. To date, over 22,800 trucks have been stopped, 17,000 summonses were issued. Fines for these citations total approximately \$8.3 million.

During the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, the Unit conducted a total of 4,016 Safety Inspections of trucks and buses. This resulted in a total of 15,771 violations. In addition, a total of 813 (approximately 20%) vehicles were placed out-of-service for serious safety violations, and 224 (approximately 5%) drivers were placed out-of-service for license and hour of service violations.

Throughout the year, members are requested to give presentations and demonstrations concerning the Federal Regulations and Safety Inspections. Unit members have also been requested to act as judges at the Rhode Island Trucking Associations' Championship as well as participate and provide judges for the North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC), which was held in August of 2010.

The CEU is continuing its partnership with the Office of Motor Carriers involving High Risk Carrier and Driver Operations. This partnership allows additional enforcement activities on carrier operations throughout the nation. The partnership involves the following: When an inspection of an Interstate or Intrastate carrier reveals it to be a High Risk Operation, a formal letter of complaint is sent to the Rhode Island Office of Motor Carriers. This complaint is then forwarded to the Office of Motor Carriers in the state in which the carrier is domiciled. This allows the nation's High Risk carriers to be checked and inspected more frequently, which in turn improves highway safety.

In April 2010, the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, awarded the Rhode Island State Police the "2010 MCSAP Leadership Award" for having the lowest commercial vehicle fatality rate in FY2009. This marks the third consecutive year the CEU has received this award.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks, the CEU continues to be involved in numerous Homeland Security details including coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard on all LPG Vessels that unload at the Port of Providence.

#### Commercial Enforcement Unit Personnel

Sergeant: Daniel C. Cusumano

Troopers: John E. Furtado, Sean P. O'Hern, Simion Liu, John W. Gibbs, Ronald J. Longolucco,

Mark W. Gilson, Mark J. Perotti, Gina Maria Lindell

Aux.CEU

Members: Sgt. Michael J. Gill, Cpls. Stephen B. Flood, Paul J. Sikorskyj, Ernest P. McKenney,

Terrence B. Pendergast, John J. Gadrow, Sean P. McGehearty

Data Entry

Coordinator: Vacant

# OPERATIONS OFFICER LIEUTENANT ARNOLD S. BUXTON

Rhode Island State Police Special Operations are currently under the direct supervision and coordination of the Division's Operations Officer, Lieutenant Arnold S. Buxton, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Operations Officer is responsible for certifying the operational readiness and preparedness of the Division's Special services, which includes the following units: Canine Unit, Marine Unit, Dive Team Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Honor Guard Unit, Tactical Unit, and Crisis Negotiation Unit. The Operations Officer is also responsible for statewide activations of AMBER Alert, Silver Alert, and Task Force II, which is responsible for coordinating and deploying search teams and resources for Missing Persons. In addition, the Operations Officer serves on several committees, boards and panels such as the Rhode Island Incident Management Task Force, Medical Emergency Distribution System Working Group, Hurricane Evacuation Working Group, Providence Emergency Advisory Council, Weapons of Mass Destruction Working Group, Sector Southeastern New England Port Safety and Security Forum, and Rhode Island Task Force 2. In addition the Operations Officer serves as a liaison to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and maintains an office at the RIEMA Headquarters in Cranston.

During the past year, the Operations Office was involved in the planning and coordination of the Division's response to such events as NCAA Round I basketball tournament, 2010 Flood, International Iron Man 70.3 race, Rhode Island National Guard International Air Show, several transportation security programs with the TSA, several full scale and table top exercises dealing with homeland security operations, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, The Big "E" Eastern States Exposition and numerous dignitary security protection details including the visit by President Barack Obama in October of 2010.

### NIGHT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

LIEUTENANT KEVIN J. HAWKINS LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. CUNNIFF, JR.

The Night Executive Officers are charged with commanding all sworn and civilian personnel working during the night shift. Traditionally there are two (2) Lieutenants assigned to this position. During 2010, Lieutenant Kevin J. Hawkins, and Lieutenant Robert E. Cunniff, Jr., both twenty (20) year veterans, shared this assignment.

Their responsibilities include the inspection and management of the troopers during this shift while coordinating all field activities by directing investigations and responding to all significant incidents. This includes assisting local city and town police on all law enforcement matters. The Night Executive Officers report directly to the District Commanders.

# WEEKEND OFFICER - IN -CHARGE LIEUTENANT DAVID P. TIKOJAN

The Weekend Officer in Charge is in charge of commanding all sworn personnel working during the Weekend. Lieutenant David P. Tikoian is an eighteen (18) year veteran assigned to this position.

The Weekend Officer in Charge has responsibilities that include the inspection and management of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Troopers during this shift, while coordinating all field activities and responding to all significant incidents. In addition, the duties of this position include being assigned an Amber Alert Coordinator and the Public Information Officer. The Weekend Officer in Charge reports directly to the District Commanders.

# EXECUTIVE SECURITY LIEUTENANT DAVID P. TIKOJAN

The Governor's Executive Security Unit is under the command of Lieutenant David P. Tikoian an eighteen (18) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, who reports directly to the Deputy Superintendent / Chief of Field Operations. This unit is comprised of (1) Corporal and (1) Trooper who facilitate the day-to-day operations of the Governor's Security Detail. Division members assigned to this unit have successfully completed specialized training in the area of Executive/Dignitary protection.

The Executive Security Unit is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the Governor and first family at all times. Protective responsibilities include personal, grounds and facility security, postal, e-mail and telephone screening as well as threat evaluation. These duties remain the same whether the Chief Executive's official business is within Rhode Island or requires out of state travel. The Executive Security Unit utilizes numerous resources to ensure the safety and security of the Governor. These resources include communication and working relationships with multiple law enforcement agencies including, local and state police, Capitol Police, United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States State Department, Transportation Security Administration and the United States Postal Inspectors just to mention a few.

The Governor's Executive Security personnel spend a majority of their time conducting advanced work and formulating logistical arraignments for the many public appearances the Chief Executive Officer must attend while in office.

Staff: Corporal Paul S. Sikorskyj Trooper Jeffrey C. Coleman

## **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

The Detective Bureau is comprised of trained detectives who investigate serious crimes requiring specialized investigative techniques, forensic examination and cultivation of informants, which demands clear and accurate court testimony and exhaustive dedication to a case through its final resolution.

The specialized units within the Detective Bureau focus their proactive efforts toward investigating crimes related to terrorism, homicides, the distribution of illegal narcotics, computer crimes, stolen automobiles, white collar crime, public corruption, organized crime, Asian/Latin gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and violent fugitives.

The Detective Bureau is comprised of the following Units: Major Crimes; ACI Investigations; Financial Crimes/Public Corruption; Violent Fugitive Task Force; Computer Crimes; Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud; Narcotics/HIDTA Task Force; Criminal Identification; Witness Protection; Intelligence; Evidence/Property Control; and Lottery Investigations.

Members of the Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) assist the various detective units and local law enforcement agencies with their expertise in the identification, collection and preservation of evidence. The CIU collects and analyzes crime scene evidence that can be instrumental in identifying suspects, weapons used and the modus operandi of a crime.

Members of the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) assist the various detective units and local law enforcement agencies with their expertise in the identification, collection and preservation of "digital" evidence. The Unit also provides extensive computer training to members of law enforcement and outside agencies.

Members of the Fusion Center assist the various detective units, as well as federal and local law enforcement agencies by collecting and disseminating information with a nexus to terrorism and major crimes.

#### **Detective Bureau Personnel**

Detective Commander: Captain James O. Demers.

Assistant Detective Commander: Lieutenant Raymond B. Studley

Lieutenants: David Palmer, John Flaherty III, Nicholas Tella, John Lemont,

Michael Winquist, Brian Casilli, John Avant, Michelle Kershaw.

Sergeants: John Killian, Benjamin Barney, David Doucet, Todd Catlow,

Kenneth Bell, Kevin O'Brien, Richad Altimari

Corporals: Timothy Sanzi, Todd Neill, Patrick Reilly, Joseph Dubeau,

Gerald McKinney, Claire Desmairas, Michael Casey

Detectives: Shelley O'Neill, Dennis Fleming, Kevin Barry, Staci Shepherd,

John Charbonneau, Richard Swanson, Richard Ptaszek,

Timothy Allen Jr., Matthew Moynihan, Christopher Zarrella, John

Alfred, Christopher Dicomitis, John Grassel, William Accardi, Scott Baruti, Peter Chabot, Robert Creamer, Brendan Doyle, Eric Yelle, Kenneth Bounaiuto, Cynthia Trahan, Phillip Martin, Christopher Schram, Douglas Watters, Timothy Dandeneau, Thomas Jaques

Investigators: Charles McCann, James Cruise, Michael Douglas.

Civilians: Karen Felice, Pauline Malec, Peta Ann Simpson, Lori Tellier,

Barbara Redinger, John Soscia, Michael DiComitis, Gerard J. Ratigan and Stephen Bathgate, Brittnay Morgan, Christine

Crocker, Allison O'Connor

Designees of the Detective Bureau work in unison with federal agents and local police officers to assist in specialty Units comprised by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Marshal Service (USMS), Rhode Island National Guard (RING), Providence Police, Coventry Police, North Providence Police, West Warwick Police, and Central Falls Police.

State Police Detectives are assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Food and Drug Administration and the Providence Gang Task Force.

### Interesting Investigation

During the spring of 2009 Detectives received information from a Confidential Source regarding an individual who was distributing narcotics in the Providence, RI area. Source information also stated that this narcotics trafficker was possibly being supported by members of law enforcement.

Detectives cultivated this information for several months, during which time they identified the main target along with several of his co-conspirators involved within this Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO). It should be noted that Detectives spent countless hours on the surveillance of these subjects. The intelligence unit utilized a wide array of technical surveillance in furthering this investigation.

During the Fall of 2009 Detectives prepared and submitted an affidavit to Rhode Island Superior Court Presiding Justice requesting the use of wire interception in order to facilitate this investigation. This request was honored by the Court, and in November of 2009, the intelligence unit began a four month wire tap interception investigation into this DTO.

This investigation revealed that the main target was acting in concert with two (2) Providence Police officers, who were conspiring with this subject and assisting him with his drug activity. It was also determined that the main target had a number of mid-level narcotics traffickers who were also distributing narcotics for this organization.

During the months of November 2009 through March 2010 the intelligence unit intercepted several thousand telephone calls relating to this criminal activity. Detectives proceeded with great caution during this investigation in that normal methods of surveillance could not be undertaken due to the experienced law enforcement personnel being surveilled. This proved to be an extremely difficult task, however one that was accepted willingly by Detectives.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Detectives executed three (3) court-authorized search warrants, and arrested five (5) subjects involved in this narcotics trafficking organization. It should be noted that three of these subjects were sworn members of the Providence Police Department. Subsequent to these arrests, a Statewide Grand Jury was convened, and on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the grand jury signed a true bill, totaling an eighty-nine (89) count indictment, involving twenty-four (24) subjects.

## DETECTIVE COMMANDER

CAPTAIN JAMES O. DEMERS

Captain James O. Demers is the Detective Commander of the Rhode Island State Police. He has served the Division for the past twenty-four (24) years and has served in the Detective Bureau for eighteen (18) years.

The Detective Commander is directly responsible for all criminal investigations and administrative duties within the Detective Bureau. The Detective Commander is also a member of the Witness Protection Board and supervises the Witness Protection Coordinator. The Assistant Detective Commander, Lieutenant Raymond B. Studley assists with the day-to-day operations of the Detective Bureau.

In addition to the extensive caseloads investigated by members of the Detective Bureau, members are required to collaborate with local police departments and the Office of the Attorney General in all incidents involving the use of deadly force.

The Detective Bureau is presently comprised of fifty-eight (58) sworn detectives, five (5) civilian investigators, two (2) financial auditors, three (2) office managers, three (4) fusion center analysts, one (1) confidential transcriber, one (1) grant manager, one (1) cyber terrorism analyst, and one (1) computer forensic analyst. The following units make up the Detective Bureau: Major Crimes Unit and ACI Investigations; Financial Crimes/Public Corruption Unit; Violent Fugitive Task Force; Computer Crimes Unit; Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit; Narcotics/HIDTA Task Force; Criminal Identification Unit; Witness Protection Unit; Intelligence Unit; Evidence/Property Control; and the Lottery Investigation's Unit. There are twelve (12) local and federal officers assigned to task force operations responsible for investigating computer crimes, violations of controlled substances and the apprehension of fugitives.

During the past year the Detective Bureau investigated one thousand three hundred nineteen (1,319) cases. The Bureau made five hundred ninety one (591) criminal arrests. These totals show a decrease in arrests by one hundred forty-three (143) from the previous year. The decrease in arrests is a direct correlation to the number of long-term investigations that were conducted over the course of 2010. Our High Intensity Drug Task Force (HIDTA), conducted a six month (6) narcotics investigation which was culminated by obtaining a court authorized wire interception on the target's cellular telephone. Our Major Crimes unit was also involved in a seven (7) month investigation involving a large scale prostitution ring being operated in the Providence, Rhode Island area. This investigation concluded with the arrests of seven (7) subjects for prostitution related offenses. Our Intelligence unit was also involved a nine (9) month investigation into public corruption within a municipal police agency. This case resulted in a four (4) month wire interception investigation, culminating with the arrest of twelve (12) subjects for various narcotics related crimes. Four (4) of the subjects arrested were sworn members of the municipal police agency.

The Rhode Island Fusion Center answered two thousand four hundred twenty seven (2,427) informational requests from sworn members and outside agencies. These informational requests were increased by 1,424 from the previous year. It is expected that these investigations will continue to rise over the next calendar years as well. To combat this increase, the Fusion center has been assigned a third full time Detective as well as hiring two additional civilian analysts. The Criminal Identification Unit processed one hundred twelve (112) evidence requests from outside agencies and processed one thousand one hundred seventeen (1,117) civilian applications throughout the year.

The Detective Bureau also works very closely with local and federal law enforcement. The detective bureau currently has a member assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) organized crime unit, as well as the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). A detective is also currently assigned to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) narcotics task force. The detective bureau will continue to work in conjunction with the Offices of the Attorney General and United States Attorney, in a coordinated effort to investigate and prosecute a wide array of criminal matter throughout the calendar year of 2011.

# FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT

In 2010, the Financial Crimes Unit was led by Lieutenant John Lemont. The Unit is currently comprised of one (1) lieutenant, one (1) sergeant, two (2) corporals, two (2) detectives, two (2) civilian fraud managers and one (1) case coordinator.

The Financial Crimes Unit is staffed with a diverse group of personnel skilled in areas of criminal investigation involving fraud, also known as "white collar crime". The Unit is called upon to investigate a wide variety of financially motivated crimes that include public corruption, extortion, embezzlement, obtaining money by false pretenses, mortgage fraud, forgery, credit card fraud, bank fraud, identity theft and money laundering.

## Interesting Investigation

In 2010, the Rhode Island State Police Financial Crimes Unit completed a three and one-half year investigation, which after eighteen (18) months of Statewide Grand Jury testimony, culminated with four (4) individuals being indicted for obtaining over \$2,980,000.00 in a mortgage fraud scheme. The scheme operated under four business names managed by a fraudulent real estate broker. This target arranged for twenty-five investors to buy seventy-three properties at inflated appraised prices. The target had previously contracted purchase options with the sellers at a bargain price. The investors were advised that the properties they purchased would be for rental purposes and that the property management would be handled by the target. None of the investors were aware that the houses were originally listed at a lower price. The investors signed fictitious purchase and sales agreements in the presence of the target.

The target directed the investors to obtain mortgages through his mortgage broker. The mortgage broker misrepresented the investors' financial condition in order to secure multiple mortgage funds, which were obtained through different banks simultaneously to conceal the investors' outstanding liabilities. Interviews with the investors revealed common inaccuracies on the loan applications, which included; forged and photocopied signatures, undervaluation of their primary residences and overstated personal incomes. The applicants did not review the loan applications with the attorney at the real estate closing.

One attorney (chosen by the target) performed 95% of the closings. The investors did not contribute personal monies to the transaction and did not pay any fees. At the closing, the investors observed the attorney exchanging checks with the broker but none were aware that the target would receive a check for approximately \$40,000.00 due to the inflated sales price. None of the investors knew that it was the closing attorney's fiduciary responsibility to represent the best interest of the lending institution and the buyer/investor.

The mortgage fraud scheme perpetrated by the target (acting as a fraudulent real estate broker), the appraiser, the mortgage broker and the closing attorney resulted in the foreclosure of sixty-nine (69) of the seventy-three (73) properties. The properties were not rented as promised by the target; therefore, the mortgage payments were never made. The fraudulent scheme created over \$16,460,000.00 in bad loans, leaving each investor in financial ruin and causing a monetary loss to the lending institutions.

- The four indictments were as follows:
- The target (fraudulent real estate broker): thirty four (34) counts of obtaining money under false pretenses, three (3) counts of conspiracy, three (3) counts of failure to file income tax returns, and one (1) count of acting as a real estate broker without a license.
- The real estate appraiser: one (1) count of aiding and abetting the target, one (1) count of conspiracy.
- The mortgage broker: (5) counts of false financial statements to obtain a loan or credit, one (1) count aiding and abetting, one (1) count conspiracy.
- The closing attorney: one (1) count of aiding and abetting, one (1) count of conspiracy.

## FUSION CENTER LIEUTENANT MICHAEL J. WINQUIST

The Fusion Center is under the command of Lieutenant Michael J. Winquist, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The center is staffed by a detective sergeant, a detective trooper, four (4) criminal intelligence analysts and one (1) intelligence officer from the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, one (1) detective is assigned to assist the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Due to intelligence shortfalls identified by the 9/11 Commission, State Fusion Centers were created to improve the flow of intelligence information among the Federal, State and Local law enforcement communities. There are currently seventy-two (72) Fusion Centers operating nationwide.

In late 2005, the Rhode Island State Fusion Center was established to investigate potential terrorist activity, as well as to facilitate the dissemination of intelligence information to ensure local entities can take the necessary action to eliminate or minimize any threats facing the State of Rhode Island. A federally approved Privacy Policy was recently implemented to ensure civil liberty protection of our citizens while fulfilling the mission of the Fusion Center.

The mission of the Fusion Center has been expanded to include the sharing of intelligence relating to all criminal activity. This information is shared across a wide array of critical sectors, including law enforcement, fire services, environmental and public health agencies, emergency management and the general public. The Fusion Center works in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations Joint Terrorism Task Force. The Fusion Center conducts a community outreach program called "Operation Safe Rhode Island," which is designed to educate individuals involved in the above-mentioned sectors about potential terrorism indicators.

The Fusion Center was established and is sustained by Department of Homeland Security grant funds. The Rhode Island Fusion Center continues to work closely with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure the operation meets nationally recognized benchmarks and standards referred to as baseline capabilities.

A total of two thousand four hundred twenty seven (2,427) requests for information from law enforcement agencies were answered by the Fusion Center in 2010. These requests were received from Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies throughout Rhode Island, as well from other Fusion Centers and outside agencies.

In 2010, members of the Fusion Center investigated one hundred thirty nine (139) tips, or leads, that were received from the general public, the private sector and other law enforcement agencies. Many of these tips led to criminal investigations and arrests, after being investigated by Fusion Center personnel. Some of the activity was referred to other investigative units within the State Police or shared with appropriate law enforcement partners, to include other Fusion Centers and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Every lead that is received is fully investigated and shared in a timely manner to ensure the safety and protection of the citizens of our State.

During 2010 members of the Fusion Center hosted thirty-four (34) Information Sharing/Community Outreach sessions. Many of these presentations were conducted for the local law enforcement community, to include state and municipal police recruits, law enforcement officers attending in-service training, the Rhode Island Attorney Generals Office, the Department of Probation and Parole, and the United States Attorneys Office. Several Information Sharing/Community Outreach sessions were conducted for both the public and private sectors, to include the Rhode Island Department of Health, and local fraud and banking associations.

The Fusion Center continues to initiate and fund technological projects that improve information sharing among local law enforcement agencies and beyond. The Fusion Center continued to work closely with the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit to move towards the completion of a project that will allow for the instantaneous sharing of information contained in records management databases independently maintained by forty (40) of the forty-one (41) local law enforcement agencies. There are thirty-eight (38) police departments currently using the Cross Agency system and it is anticipated that the Providence and East Greenwich Police Departments will be included in the network early 2011. The Cross Agency network has proven instrumental in the successful conclusion of several criminal investigations. The Rhode Island Fusion Center also works closely with the Massachusetts Commonwealth Fusion Center and now shares criminal intelligence over a secure connection that was established in cooperation with the Massachusetts Criminal History Board, the Rhode Island State Police Management Information Systems Unit, the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit and the International Justice and Public Safety Network (NLETS). The Rhode Island and Commonwealth Fusion Centers have been consulting with the New England State Police Information Network concerning the possibility of connecting these criminal intelligence databases to their established RISS network which will allow access to law enforcement agencies nationwide.

## Interesting Investigation

On October 8, 2010, an advisory was sent out by the New York Police Department concerning a suspicious tractor-trailer whose driver reportedly diverted its route to Times Square, New York City, in exchange for \$10,000.00. The NYPD Intelligence Officer informed several fusion centers in surrounding areas. Subsequently, the Rhode Island Fusion Center, upon discovering the original owner of the truck was a California native, asked the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center to run a background check on the owner's information. Within two hours of the advisory, information from two fusion centers was used to coordinate efforts with the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC), which enabled Connecticut State Police to locate the tractor-trailer before it reached its reported target in New York City. The Connecticut State Police conducted a search of the vehicle, questioned its occupants and ultimately concluded that the vehicle was not a threat. The expeditious handling of the matter by the two fusion centers, supported by DHS Intelligence Officers, turned a heightened concern of suspicious activity to a resolution in a matter of three hours. This unremitting effort demonstrates the value of the national fusion center network.

# NARCOTICS UNIT

During the year of 2010, the Narcotics Unit/Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force was under the command of Lieutenant John P. Flaherty III, a twenty (20)-year veteran of the Division. The unit is currently comprised of one (1) Sergeant, and four (4) Detectives.

The Unit is assigned to a Statewide Task Force known as the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of State Police Detectives, Special Agent (part-time) from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Special Agent (part-time) from the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Special Agent (full-time) from the Drug Enforcement Administration, along with detectives from Providence, Pawtucket, and North Providence Police Departments. The Rhode Island National Guard-Counterdrug Support Program has two analysts assigned to the Task Force.

The Narcotics Unit/HIDTA Task Force is responsible for conducting investigations relating to violations of the federal and state Uniformed Controlled Substance Act. The Task Force mission is to identify, target for prosecution, and dismantle core and secondary organizations, which import and /or distribute cocaine, heroin, and/or other drugs in or through the Rhode Island geographical area. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy/bust operations, reverse sting operations, and parcel package interdiction. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently results in criminals being arrested and the seizure of their illegally obtained assets and United States currency. The HIDTA Task Force also assists members of the Uniform Division, local police departments and other state and federal agencies with narcotic related investigations. In addition, the Unit provides narcotic's training at In-Service and conducts public speaking engagements.

The majority of cases investigated by the Narcotics Unit/HIDTA Task Force are a result of initiating pro-active investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from cultivation of confidential informants. Furthermore, HIDTA members develop information provided to them by members of the Patrol Bureau as a result of motor vehicle stops and /or arrests.

The Unit is also self-sufficient as it relies on utilizing motor vehicles and cash seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for the continuation of investigations.

During the 2010 calendar year, the Narcotics Unit/HIDTA Task Force was involved in the investigation of ninety-eight (98) drug-related cases resulting in seventy-five (75) state and federal criminal arrests. As a result of the 2010 investigations and arrests, the below contraband and property was seized:

#### Contraband Seized

Approximately 47.02 ounces crack cocaine Approximately 10.55 kilograms of powder cocaine Approximately 322.10 pounds of marijuana Approximately 820 grams of heroin Approximately 1,557 pills of various types to include Ecstasy, Oxcodone, Suboxone, Zanax, and Vicodin
Firearms Five (5)

## Seized Property

\$49,275.00 in United States Currency Nine (9) vehicles

#### Interesting Investigation

The Narcotics/HIDTA Unit commenced an investigation during the month of June 2010 into a large-scale prescription medicine trafficking organization. During this six (6) month investigation the Task Force identified the members of the organization, and its customers, who were engaged in buying and selling various types of controlled substances.

The Task Force developed information that a suspect, age 77 of South Main Street, Coventry, was utilizing the Decatur Square Social Club located at 225 Carpenter Street Providence, RI, to operate a criminal enterprise, to include the sale of illegal narcotics.

On Monday, October 18, 2010, a Court Order was obtained authorizing the above named law enforcement agencies to intercept communications over a cellular telephone number utilized by the suspect to operate and conduct criminal operations, to include: Delivery of Schedule Controlled Substances, Conspiracy to Violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; Organized Criminal Gambling and Conspiracy to commit Organize Criminal Gambling.

Members of the Task Force maintained continued electronic audio intercept surveillance of the suspects telephone account for approximately one (1) month and as a result positively identified several individuals as co-conspirators and/or customers in his illegal narcotics distribution operation.

Throughout the course of this investigation, members of the intercept team have established, through numerous intercepted telephone conversations and physical surveillances, that the suspect was conducting an illegal drug trafficking operation.

This was established based on him and his co-conspirators meeting with known and unknown individuals for the purpose of purchasing their legally obtained prescription medication that would, in turn, be distributed / sold to known and unknown individuals for profit.

During this investigation the Task Force intercepted over five thousand (5,000) telephone calls, of which approximately one thousand (1000) were incriminating. On November 22, 2010, the above named members of law enforcement executed numerous arrest warrants and search warrants throughout the State resulting in the arrest of thirty two (32) subjects, several who are associates of Organized Crime in Rhode Island.

## MAJOR CRIMES UNIT LIEUTENANT DAVID S. PALMER

The Major Crimes Unit is tasked with investigations involving; homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, robberies, assaults involving serious injury, and investigations of police officer shootings or in-custody death of prisoners. The Unit is also responsible for investigations of criminal activity at the Adult Correctional Institution and the Rhode Island Training School -Youth Correctional Center.

The Major Crimes Unit is presently comprised of the following members: one (1) lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, one (1) corporal, and eight (8) detectives.

In calendar year 2010, members of the Major Crimes Unit made one hundred and seventy-five (175) total arrests and investigated two hundred and thirty-three (233) separate incidents. These cases were directed to the Major Crimes Unit through either an initial barracks investigation, Headquarters walk-in complaints, or filed at the Detective Office located at the Adult Correctional Institution.

Currently the Major Crimes Unit has two (2) detectives assigned to investigate all crimes that are reported at the Department of Corrections and the Rhode Island Training School. On average, these detectives investigate approximately two hundred (200) cases per year. Typical cases investigated by the State Police detectives include, but are not limited to: fugitives; felony assaults; possession of controlled substances; sudden deaths; and juvenile escapes. (Training School temporary community placement walk-aways)

#### Investigations Conducted by Detectives Assigned to the Adult Correctional Institutions

The following is a list of cases handled by the unit for the 2010 calendar year:

Assault of a Correctional Officer	2	Possession of a Weapon	1
Assault of a School Teacher	1	Police Information	5
Assault with a Bodily Fluid	3	Juvenile Escape	49
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	3	Possession of Cocaine with Intent	1
Background Investigation	1	Possession of Cocaine	4
Bench Warrant Arrest	1	Identity Theft	1
Civil Matter	1	Possession of Heroin with Intent	1
Conveyance of Contraband	3	Possession of Marijuana	7
Cyber Crime	1	Prisoner Escape	1
Disturbance	1	Search Warrant Assistance	5
Embezzlement	1	Sexual Assault/Alleged	4
Evidence Seized	1	Heroin	1
Fugitive from Justice	86	Staff Misconduct	1
Simple Assault	14	Harassment	1
Harassing Phone Calls	1	Threats against Public Official	3
Sudden Death	1	Vandalism	4
Suicide	3	Violation of Community Supervision	1
Suspicious Activity	2	Violation of Home Confinement	1
·		Violation of No Contact Order	8
		Total 223	

#### Interesting Investigation

In July of 2010, the Major Crimes Unit was forwarded an investigation into an interstate prostitution ring being operated out of a single-family home in the City of Providence. During the summer months, Major Crimes Detectives conducted surveillance and confirmed that the house operated as a house of prostitution between the hours of 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM, seven (7) days a week. The usual manner of operation consisted of two (2) prostitutes at the house for one (1) week; at the end of the week, they would be exchanged for two (2) new prostitutes. The house served approximately four hundred (400) male clients per week, and earned approximately eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) dollars per week.

On November 20, 2010, the State Police Tactical Team and members of the Detective Bureau, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Providence Police Department, executed a search warrant for the residence. The Tactical Team secured the residence and all of the occupants were placed under arrest and returned to Headquarters.

After seizing the house, members of the Detective Division and the Tactical Team conducted a prostitution sting operation at the house utilizing undercover officers as female prostitutes and male panderers/pimps. Suspect "Johns" responded to the house and were engaged by the undercover officers as they entered. Undercover officers continued the operation, making it appear as though the house was still in operation. As the suspect "Johns" solicited sex for money, they were placed under arrest by Detectives and members of the Tactical Team, who were hidden in adjacent rooms during the undercover activity.

The investigation resulted in the arrests of fifteen (15) individuals on prostitution, pandering, and solicitation of sex for money charges, the seizure of a motor vehicle, two (2) laptop computers, and approximately four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4,700.00) in U.S. currency.

## COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS M. TELLA

In 2010, Lieutenant Nicholas M. Tella continued to lead the Computer Crimes Unit / Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The ICAC Task Force is a Department of Justice grantfunded program administered by the Rhode Island State Police Detective Division and is comprised of the six (6) members of the Computer Crimes Unit along with detectives from the Providence Police Department, West Warwick Police Department, Coventry Police Department, Warwick Police Department, Johnston Police Department; and an agent from Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) and United States Postal Inspection Services (USPS). Most recently, the Pawtucket Police Department entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to assign one of their members to the task force in the near future. The objective of the ICAC Task Force is to form strong working relationships between local, state, and federal law enforcement in order to effectively and efficiently prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute online child exploitation and child pornography crimes.

In addition, the Computer Crimes Unit investigates criminal violations of law, which often involve the use of a computer in the commission of the crime. These crimes encompass all types of criminal activity ranging from traditional crimes to online fraud. The Computer Crimes Unit is frequently called upon to investigate computer related crimes that include unlawful computer access, auction fraud, identity theft, and network intrusions. Moreover, the Computer Crimes Unit provides forensic analysis of digital media and technical assistance to the division and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In 2010, the Computer Crimes Unit / ICAC Task Force investigated in excess of 450 complaints.

In October of 2010, the Computer Crimes Unit successfully transitioned from their prior location in Cranston, Rhode Island into the new Rhode Island State Police Headquarters. With the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Technical Support staff and the University of Rhode Island, the Computer Crimes Unit was able to establish a state of the art Remote Computer Forensics Network (RCFN). This network allows for the safe and secure storage of digital media for investigations. In addition, once source information is downloaded onto the Computer Crimes Unit's server, investigators can access this data from remote locations utilizing a Virtual Private Network (VPN) and continue with their forensic analysis.

In 2010, the Computer Crimes Unit, through the use of federal grants, continued to progress toward their long-term goal of developing a competent response team for Cyber attacks. This grant also provided education to state government, businesses, and the general public in order to raise their awareness in computer systems and data security.

In 2010, the Computer Crimes Unit continued an ongoing internship program with the University of Rhode Island Digital Forensic Center. The internship program enhances the creative and technical capacity of the Computer Crimes Unit, while offering valuable training and experience to qualified students.

#### Interesting Investigation

Ten teams totaling more than 100 state, federal and local law enforcement agents fanned out across Rhode Island on August 18, 2010 armed with search warrants targeting individuals identified in a lengthy multi-agency investigation into online child pornography and child exploitation.

Over a several month period, members of the Rhode Island State Police Computer Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (RI ICAC), in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office and the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, initiated an undercover online investigation dubbed "Operation Safe Child," which identified 20 Rhode Island residences actively involved in obtaining and sharing images of child pornography on the Internet. Investigators successfully obtained direct downloads of child pornography from the suspects' residences.

As a result of these downloads, search warrants were obtained for the residences. More than 100 federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel consisting of Rhode Island State Police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), United States Marshals Service (USMS), RI ICAC Task Force affiliates, Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS), and Probation and Parole executed 25 search warrants throughout the state. Upon execution of the search warrants, detectives discovered thousands of images of child pornography and videos. Child protective services personnel from the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) and the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), Day One also assisted. As a result of the search warrant executions, investigators arrested 18 (eighteen) adults for possession of child pornography and petitioned two juveniles to family court for possession of child pornography. In addition, investigators seized a total of one hundred and twenty-nine (129) pieces of digital media; to include computers, hard drives and other periphery devices were seized during the warrant executions.

## INTELLIGENCE UNIT LIEUTENANT MICHAEL J. WINQUIST

The Intelligence Unit is tasked with the investigation of traditional and non-traditional organized crime. The Intelligence Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Michael J. Winquist, a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Intelligence Unit is presently comprised of seven (7) detectives, two of whom hold the rank of Corporal.

The Intelligence Unit is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives set by the Division. In conjunction with these responsibilities, the Unit members are responsible for managing and maintaining confidential informants; maintaining criminal intelligence files; tracking and identifying members and associates of organized crime; maintaining and gathering information on various gangs; assisting with In-Service Training; providing informational seminars to other law enforcement agencies; assisting local, state and federal agencies with investigations; conducting electronic sweeps; researching modern technical equipment; and assisting Rhode Island State Police personnel, as deemed necessary by the Detective Commander. The Unit members are also responsible for sharing information with other state and local law enforcement agencies, to include: The New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN); State Police agencies in New England, as well as New York; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The Unit's primary goal is to identify and suppress the widespread illegal activities of organized criminal enterprises. Historically, the Intelligence Unit focused on monitoring activities of the traditional La Cosa Nostra. However, over the past decade the Unit's responsibilities have diversified to include investigations of terrorism, outlaw motorcycle gangs, drug cartels, and other newly emerging criminal groups.

The categorizations of investigations handled by the Intelligence Unit include, but are not limited to: Threats and extortion; gambling and lotteries; organized criminal gambling; racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO); and violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act that are linked to Organized Crime. Such violations are investigated through the use of surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy/bust operations, and reverse sting operations. The majority of investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants, frequently resulting in the arrests of eminent criminals and the seizure of illegally obtained assets.

Most cases investigated by the Intelligence Unit are the result of pro-active investigative techniques. Investigations typically progress through the use and cultivation of confidential informants.

The Unit is financially self-sufficient, facilitated by the utilization of motor vehicles and cash seized as a result of state and federal forfeitures. Funds are also allocated for the purchase of equipment and for providing financial support for the continuation of investigations.

During the past calendar year, members of the Intelligence Unit were involved in several long-term, complex investigations which led to the arrests of thirty-one (31) individuals for a variety of criminal offenses, to include illegal distribution of narcotics, parole violations, solicitation, controlled substance conspiracies, possession and sale of illegal fireworks, escape from a correctional facility, harboring of a criminal, and larceny and felony assaults. These arrests and prosecutions also resulted in the seizure of one (1) motor vehicle, four (4) firearms, eighteen thousand three hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$18,327.00) in United States currency, approximately five (5) pounds of cocaine, one-

half pound of marijuana and seven (7) grams of heroin, as well as steroids, various prescription narcotics and narcotics-related paraphernalia.

#### Interesting Investigation

During the week of October 24, 2010, a member of the Intelligence Unit received information from a confidential source regarding two individuals actively involved in the distribution of cocaine in the greater Providence area who were utilizing a vehicle containing a hidden compartment. It was learned that these individuals had recently acquired a large quantity of cocaine. Information developed during the course of the investigation revealed that the suspects were maintaining an apartment in the City of Providence for the purpose of storing and packaging large quantities of cocaine for sale.

On November 8, 2010, members of the Intelligence Unit placed the suspects under surveillance after information was received that the suspects would be meeting with various individuals for the purpose of conducting narcotics transactions. The suspects were followed to an address in the City of Providence. Both subjects entered a dwelling, where they remained for approximately forty-five minutes. After exiting the dwelling, the subjects returned to their vehicle and left the area. A motor vehicle stop was conducted by a uniformed Trooper from the Lincoln Barracks. A Smithfield Police Officer responded to the scene to assist in a cursory search of the exterior of the vehicle, at which time a K-9 provided a positive alert for probable presence of narcotics being contained inside the vehicle, with a heightened interest in the area of the dashboard and center console. The suspects, along with their vehicle, were transported to State Police Headquarters. A search of the vehicle was performed which resulted in the seizure of approximately 350 grams of cocaine that had been hidden inside a secreted compartment located behind the dashboard.

A search warrant was obtained from a District Court Judge for the dwelling from which the subjects had left prior to the motor vehicle stop. A search of the dwelling conducted by members of the Intelligence Unit resulted in the seizure of approximately 1500 grams of cocaine, a digital scale, and other packaging materials and instruments consistent with a large-scale narcotics distribution operation.

One of the suspects, identified through a fingerprint submission as an illegal alien from Costa Rica, had prior arrests and active warrants for narcotics distribution in the states of Rhode Island and New York. According to ICE records, this same individual had been deported from the United States on two prior occasions. It was learned that the second suspect, who was a native of the Dominican Republic, had also been ordered removed from the United States, but failed to depart as required.

Both subjects were charged with Possession of Cocaine in Excess of One Kilogram, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver and Controlled Substance Conspiracy. ICE detainers were issued for both individuals, who were held without bail. Their cases were later presented to a Federal Grand Jury by the United States Attorneys Office which led to indictments for Possession of Cocaine (over 500 grams) and Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine. One of the subjects was further indicted on a charge of Re-Entry into the United States by an Illegal Alien after Deportation.

## VIOLENT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

CORPORAL PATRICK T. REILLY

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is under the command of Corporal Patrick Reilly. This unit is currently comprised of one (1) Corporal, (1) Detective and three (3) members from the United States Marshal's Service.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is responsible for tracking and locating subjects that are wanted on violent felony charges. Members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force track and investigate long-term fugitive matters and also handle a large quantity of parole violators, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) escapees, and requests from the Attorney General's Office as well as from local police departments.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force currently has an off-site office in Pawtucket, RI and primarily uses the State Police Lincoln Barracks to process, hold, and interview suspects.

During the past calendar year, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force investigated three hundred and twenty seven (327)) cases. These investigations resulted in the arrest of one hundred and seventy one (171) people wanted by police departments and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests include: seventy-five (75) Superior Court warrants, thirty-one (31) Fugitive from Justice warrants and forty-three (43) Parole Violators.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force brought additional criminal charges on subjects on the following: five (5) escapees, three (3) firearm violations, two (2) narcotic violations and several lesser felony and misdemeanor charges.

## Interesting Investigation

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, a subject broke into his ex-girlfriend's residence in the Town of Barrington and brutally stabbed her repeatedly with a knife. This suspect then fled the area and was later identified. The investigation by the Barrington Police Department resulted in the issuance of arrest warrants for the charges of Attempted Murder, Home Invasion and Felony Domestic Assault. The suspect went into hiding and the Barrington Police Department appealed to the Rhode Island State Police Violent Fugitive Task Force for assistance. Members utilized various resources and cross-reference checks to locate a possible address for the suspect in the Town of Cumberland. Surveillance conducted by members revealed a possible suspect vehicle hidden in the rear of the dwelling. A check of the residence resulted in members locating the suspect hiding in a back bedroom.

## AUTO THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD UNIT

#### SERGEANT DAVID A. DOUCET

The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit is currently comprised of a Sergeant, two detectives, one civilian investigator and is presently under the command of Sergeant David A. Doucet a nineteen (19) year veteran.

The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud unit is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives determined by the Division. In conjunction with these responsibilities, this Unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes involving the theft and other unauthorized use of motor vehicles, as well as automobile related insurance fraud. In addition, the unit provides assistance to other units within the Detective Bureau, as well as providing support to the department's uniform members in areas such as vehicle identification, document authenticity, and investigations that remain at the barracks level.

The Unit also provides support and works as a liaison to investigators with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicle's Enforcement Division with identifying vehicles through the use of secondary points of identification, and with the inspection of vehicles through the state's "salvage inspection" program. The Unit also provides assistance to both the Insurance and Body Shop/Salvage Divisions within the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (DBR) in the oversight of Automobile Body Shops and Auto Salvage Wrecking Yards. A Unit Supervisor presently sits as member of the Rhode Island Dealers License and Hearing Board at the Division of Motor Vehicles, as well as the Auto Collision Repair Licensing Advisory Board within the Department of Business Regulation.

In addition, the Unit also serves as the Law Enforcement point of contact for the Fraud Unit within the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT), and is tasked with prosecuting all cases of suspected fraudulent unemployment insurance and temporary disability insurance claims forwarded by the DLT.

Members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit also work in close collaboration with agents from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, as well as other members of Law Enforcement on the local, state, and federal level, by offering support and assistance to those agencies with ongoing criminal investigations.

The Auto Theft unit has been aggressive in initiating proactive investigations into the operation of automotive "chop shops", as well as groups of individuals involved in large-scale theft and "retagging operations."

During the previous calendar year, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud unit conducted a total of one hundred twenty (120) separate investigations, which included insurance fraud, possession of stolen motor vehicles, recovered stolen motor vehicles, obtaining money under false pretenses and other violations of Rhode Island law. These investigations resulted in the arrest of thirty (36) subjects on a variety of charges. Stolen motor vehicle investigations throughout the year resulted in the recovery of eighty-four (84) stolen motor vehicles having a total value of three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000.00). In addition, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit received a total of fourteen (14) complaints filed by the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Fraud Unit, which resulted in the arrest of an additional eleven (11) individuals who illegally

collected a combined total of one hundred twenty eight thousand four hundred ninety three dollars (\$128,493.00) in unemployment benefits from the State of Rhode Island.

## Interesting Investigation

During the month of August 2010, members of the Auto Theft Unit tracked a "Lojack" signal to the area of Ford Street in the City of Providence. While searching for the stolen vehicle, members entered a rear yard on Ford Street and encountered two subjects that were exiting a stolen Dodge Caravan that was equipped with the Lojack stolen vehicle tracking device. One of these subjects was a known car thief that had previously been arrested by members of the Auto Theft Unit. This individual had utilized his talents to quickly "retag" the stolen Dodge Caravan, which had been reported stolen only a few hours earlier.

Subsequent to the arrest of these subjects, members developed information from these two individuals that led to the recovery of an additional ten (10) vehicles that had been stolen, "retagged" and subsequently sold to unsuspecting buyers.

Based on this investigation, both subjects were ultimately charged with numerous counts each of Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicles, Possession of Motor Vehicles with Altered Identification Numbers, and Conspiracy. Charges against these two individuals are currently pending in Superior Court.

## CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION UNIT

LIEUTENANT DENNIS E. PINCINCE

The Rhode Island State Police Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) is responsible for the processing of crime scenes, providing technical services with criminal investigations, and assisting agencies with forensic investigations. CIU forensic specialties include: crime scene processing and documentation, digital photography, evidence processing, latent print development and comparison, footwear impression development and comparison, blood spatter interpretation, shooting reconstruction and video analysis. The CIU is comprised of one (1) lieutenant, one (1) sergeant, four (4) detectives and one (1) civilian clerk.

Actions taken at the outset of an investigation at a crime scene can play a pivotal role in the resolution of a case. Careful, thorough investigation is the key to ensuring that physical evidence is not tainted, destroyed or overlooked.

The CIU is also responsible for the positive identification of all subjects taken into custody, as well as the maintenance of criminal records and the dissemination of arrest information to authorized parties. The CIU provides fingerprinting and background checks to all persons required by State Law to fulfill background check requirements.

#### Interesting Investigation

During the morning hours of Saturday, May 1, 2010 the Criminal Identification Unit was requested to respond to the City of Warwick to process two vehicles that had been broken into, one of the vehicles was a marked State Police Cruiser.

Both vehicles were photographed and processed for latent fingerprints. Several latent fingerprints were developed inside the cruiser; however, none were discovered in the other vehicle. While examining these two vehicles, it was discovered that several more vehicles in the neighborhood had been broken into during the night. Three more vehicles were then photographed and processed for latent fingerprints. Numerous latent print impressions were developed, photographed and lifted for comparison and entry into AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System).

The latent fingerprint impressions were submitted into AFIS and a suspect was generated. As a result of the investigation, numerous items suspected to have been taken from these vehicles were located in a wooded area near the suspect's residence. CIU again responded to the scene to photograph and seize the items and to begin the processing procedure for latent ridge impressions.

The recovered evidence was subjected to sequential fingerprint processing procedures and as a result, a latent fingerprint impression was developed on a pair of sunglasses that was taken from the state police cruiser. The developed latent fingerprint was then compared against the suspect and a positive identification was effected. The suspect, through the work of CIU and investigation detectives, was then able to be placed inside two separate vehicles in two separate locations on the same night. He was eventually arrested and charged with numerous counts of larceny from motor vehicles.

## PROPERTY CONTROL OFFICER

## LIEUTENANT MICHELLE K. KERSHAW

Lieutenant Michelle K. Kershaw is a twenty (20) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and is charged with the control of found, recovered and evidentiary property. Lieutenant Kershaw assumed the role of Division Property Officer on May 19, 2010. Control of property is critically important in investigative areas and in the proper handling, security and disposition of property.

During 2010, the following narcotics and narcotic samples were received from the Rhode Island Department of Health. These narcotics and samples were a result of seizures made by the Uniform and Detective Bureaus and include marijuana, cocaine, heroin and miscellaneous narcotics:

Packages from Toxicology 1020

The following is the total number of weapons received from the Uniform and Detective Bureau and the total number of weapons returned:

Weapons Seized58Weapons Returned222Vehicles pending forfeiture8

The following miscellaneous evidence was received from the Uniform and Detective Bureaus. This evidence includes items that were seized along with weapons, narcotics, and other investigations:

Miscellaneous 2133 Items

The following evidence was returned. This evidence would include miscellaneous evidence that involved narcotics, weapons and other investigations:

Evidence Returned 320 Items

The following is the amount of evidence that was destroyed:

Evidence Destroyed 1056 Items

182 Weapons

Narcotics (100 lbs. of marijuana, 3 kilograms of cocaine, 520 assorted narcotic cases, various gambling paraphernalia, and numerous cell phones).

## CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAJOR STEPHEN M. BANNON

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: MRS. KIMBERLEY ASSELIN

Major Stephen M. Bannon, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Division, is the Chief Administrative Officer as designated by Colonel Brendan P. Doherty. Major Bannon possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Rhode Island, a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University. Major Bannon is also a graduate of the Roger Williams University School of Law and is a member of the Rhode Island Bar. Major Bannon is also a graduate of the 224<sup>th</sup> Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, VA.

The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the personnel and fiscal management of the Division and is ultimately accountable for the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) and the state's connection to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). Responsibilities also include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Division's administrative units. Major Bannon also acts as the liaison with the Rhode Island Troopers' Association and civilian unions pertaining to issues and concerns of sworn and civilian personnel. As a result of a positive working relationship with the unions, there were no grievances filed by either of the unions over the past 3 years. Major Bannon is also currently serving as the Acting Director of Public Safety for the City of Central Falls which, since July of 2010, has been operating under State receivership.

The past year saw many continuing challenges that resulted from the Division working through the creation of the Department of Public Safety. This new agency encompasses the State Police, Fire Marshal's office, and Capitol Police; Municipal Police Training Academy, the former Justice Commission and the E-911 telephone system. Within the Department of Public Safety, a new Major's position was created to oversee and manage the other agencies within the Department of Public Safety. Furthermore, the Division's Finance Office was moved under the Department of Public Safety umbrella as the Central Management Office, though personnel there still report to the Chief Administrative Officer. Between legislative and budget office meetings on reducing budgets and personnel hiring issues, much work has been accomplished in getting the new Department of Public Safety underway.

The Division also was fortunate to face the challenge of moving into the new state-of-the-art Headquarters facility. Although the move involved the physical difficulties of relocating personnel, evidence, and files, it also involved the more difficult challenge of transferring sensitive data technology, radio, and telephone communications from the former ISSB to the new Headquarters. By all accounts, the switch was seamless and was only accomplished because of hours of planning and oversight by the dedicated members of the Technology and Communications Services Unit.

Major Bannon has continued to push several other technology related initiatives including the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications upgrade and disaster recovery projects, the missing children database modification to decrease paperwork for local police departments and the Rhode Island State Police while making access to this information more timely, the Sex Offender Registry automation project, new telephone and radio recording systems for the barracks and other technology–related projects.

Commencing August 1, 2010, the Division began what is expected to be a nearly year-long recruitment effort with the goal of selecting twenty-five (25) men and women for the 2011 Recruit Training Academy. Nearly 1,500 people applied for these coveted positions. The 2011 Recruit Training Academy is slated to start in July or August of 2011.

# TRAFFIC SERVICES/PLANNING AND RESEARCH UNIT

CORPORAL ANN C. ASSUMPICO

## RHODE ISLAND TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL CORPORAL MARK A. FARNUM

Corporal Ann C. Assumpico, is the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of the Division's Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit. Presently there is one (1) corporal in the unit. Corporal Assumpico has been a member of the Division for over eighteen (18) years and has served at each barracks.

In a constant effort to improve highway safety throughout the State, the Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit continues to work closely with the Department of Transportation's Office on Highway Safety. In 2010, the Unit was responsible for representing the Division on various national, state, local and private organizations and committees regarding highway safety issues. These include, the National "Operation C.A.R.E." coalition, State Traffic Commission, Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Committee, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Commission for the Care and Safety of the Elderly, and the Tow Advisory Board. Corporal Assumpico is also a member of the Commission on Prejudice and Bias.

Another essential aspect of the Division's highway safety enforcement is educational components involving child passenger safety programs. These programs are designed to educate citizens and visitors of our state regarding seat belt and child restraint safety and to increase safety belt usage in Rhode Island.

The Division currently has ten (10) members certified as child passenger safety technicians. Two of our sworn members are instructors in the forty-hour course required to become a technician. These child passenger safety technicians are experts regarding the proper installation of child safety seats. These members are available upon request and will inspect child restraint seat installations when requested by the motoring public. During 2010, Division technicians participated in child safety seat checkup events held throughout the State. This program has received tremendous support from the public and is an important aspect regarding the Divisions' goal towards improving child passenger safety in the State of Rhode Island.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit oversees a full-time sworn Division member who is assigned to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal as Court Prosecution Officer. The duties of the Division's Prosecution Office include the dissemination and collection of Tribunal summonses and handling all arraignments for motorists who appear before the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for Division issued summonses. The Prosecution Officer also schedules Division trials, if requested by the motorists, at the arraignment. The Prosecution Officer represents the Division at motion hearings, appeals, as well as answering any and all discovery and inspection requests filed by motorists or their attorneys for all Division related Traffic Tribunal matters. The Prosecution Officer acts as the liaison with the staff at the Traffic Tribunal and has varied clerical and administrative assignments as well.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit oversees the coordination of all overtime assignments, which include Speed Aggressive Driving, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols and Road Construction Detail assignments with Rhode Island Department of Transportation.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit also oversees the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit which is staffed by a full-time civilian Operations Manager. The UCR Unit is responsible for the statewide collection and operation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit will continue its efforts to implement progressive and innovative changes in the field of law enforcement. In addition, the Unit researches and develops new technical and administrative programs that will enhance the future organizational growth of the Division. Furthermore, the Unit is also charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing various events such as: the yearly Memorial Ceremony, Media Educational Summits, RISP Museum Events, Special Events and department Promotional Events.

The Unit is also responsible for the Rhode Island State Police internship program. In 2010, The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit placed forty (40) interns from colleges and universities throughout New England. Each intern was afforded the opportunity to serve with the Division, as well as enhance their academic pursuits.

Additional responsibilities of the Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit include but are not limited to: collecting and compiling statistical information regarding the Division and the circulation of all data and planning information in a timely manner.

The Unit is also accountable for the creation, compilation, and production of the Division's Annual Report, Progress Reports, Goals and Objectives, Office On Highway Safety Quarterly and Annual Reports, Crime Analysis Reports, Commuter Mileage Reports, Scheduling of the Rollover Simulator state wide, Monthly Citation Audits, Memo to Personnel, Special Orders, Press Releases, Monitor Daily Tow issues (background checks, updating tow applications, Tow Logs, suspensions and terminations), scheduling of Flu Clinics, Blood Drives, HS-1 Grant Applications/budgets to Office on Highway Safety, create community safety brochures, and complete surveys and research police issues.

## MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN UNIT

#### LIEUTENANT MICHAEL WINQUIST

Lieutenant Michael Winquist is the officer in charge of the Missing and Exploited Children Unit and has served with the Division for twenty (20) years. The Missing and Exploited Children Unit is a component of the Rhode Island Fusion Center. The primary duty of the Missing Children Unit is to maintain the Missing Children clearinghouse for the State of Rhode Island while collaborating with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children located in Alexandria, Virginia. Due to recent deployment of new technology developed by the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit and a private vendor, Fusion Center analysts and sworn personnel now have immediate access to all Missing Children records submitted by thirty-nine (39) law enforcement agencies statewide increasing the accuracy and timeliness of the information. The Unit also recently created a missing children liaison list comprised of designated personnel from all local police agencies responsible for investigating cases of missing and exploited children. This initiative enhances communication with reporting law enforcement agencies to ensure possible sightings of missing children received from the National Center for Missing Children and the public is quickly and effectively conveyed. When called upon, the Missing Children Unit also has the ability to generate bulletins concerning missing children that can be distributed locally, nationally and internationally through various networks including the National Fusion Center network, the National Missing and Exploited Center and Interpol.

With assistance of other civilian and sworn personnel, a number of child safety outreach efforts were conducted in 2010 to include participation in the National Missing Children Poster Contest and attendance at the Amber Alert Awareness Day Child Safety Fair hosted by the Massachusetts State Police. Various educational and informational materials relative to child safety issues are available for schools and other organizations in Rhode Island.

During the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, a total of 1,844 missing / runaway juvenile were reported by all law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Of those reported missing, 145 remain active while 1,699 were located or returned. The Unit distributes the names and other descriptive information about children reported missing in Rhode Island to the state registrar of vital statistics in the department of health, the commissioner of education, the school districts of the state, the United States Postal Service and all local law enforcement agencies.

# UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING UNIT

MRS. LINDA FRACCOLA OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mrs. Linda Fraccola is the Operations Manager for the Rhode Island State Police and has served with the State Police for twenty-four (24) years. She is responsible for the statewide operation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) and is the crime collection liaison between local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The UCR System is the State's crime system, which is mandated by Rhode Island General Laws to assemble uniform offense and arrest data from local and state law enforcement agencies, in a form prescribed by the Superintendent.

The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a detailed nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

With receipt of data covering thirty-nine (39) reporting jurisdictions within the State of Rhode Island, the problems of attaining uniformity are readily apparent. It is the standard operating procedure to examine incoming reports for mathematical accuracy and completeness and perhaps of even greater importance, for reasonableness as a possible indication of error. Regardless of the extent of the statistical verification process used by the UCR Unit, the accuracy of the data assembled under this system depends on the sincere effort exerted by each contributor to meet the necessary standards.

This Windows based management system has been programmed to the specifications of the UCR Unit and to detail offenses and arrest data, law enforcement employee counts and other special programs of particular interest. With the use of these computer-generated reports and statistical analysis, the UCR Unit produces an annual publication entitled, "Crime in Rhode Island." The UCR Unit then assembles, publishes and distributes the statistics to criminal justice agencies, the general assembly and public research groups.

"Crime in Rhode Island" can be obtained by downloading through the Rhode Island State Police Home Page at www.risp.ri.gov/ by navigating to the Crime Statistics Link.



The Training Academy is under the command of Lieutenant Wilfred K. Hill a eighteen (18) year veteran of the Division and assisted by Corporal Derek W. Borek, a sixteen (16) year veteran, and Detective Kevin Barry, a sixteen (16) year veteran of the Division who are responsible for all training activities.

The Training Academy is located at 64 Winsor Road in the Town of Foster and is responsible for conducting the Rhode Island State Police Recruit Instruction School, all in-service training for members of the Division, selected regional law enforcement conferences and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy also coordinates training with the other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Trainers.

The Training Academy handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division such as conducting career awareness programs at many area high schools and colleges in Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.

In February 2010, the Division continued its mandatory In-Service Training Program that is designed to provide sworn members with all In-Service Training Courses in three (3) phases facilitated throughout the calendar year.

Phase I consisted of twelve (12), five (5) hour sessions on Blood-borne Pathogen / Use of Force Continuum / Legal Issues and Updates / Fusion Center Resources. Phase II consisted of ten (10), nine (9) hour sessions on Firearms Training - Annual Qualifications / DWI Recertification / Accreditat5ion Issues and Updates. Phase III consisted of twelve (12), five (5) hour sessions on Firearms Training - Night Shooting Low Light / Cruiser Fire Suppression / Courtroom Testimony

The Division also commenced on August 1, 2010 a recruit selection process for the Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Academy in July, 2011

The Training Academy's goal is to ensure that the Rhode Island State Police remain at the forefront of law enforcement training in order to serve and protect the citizens of the state.

## CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE

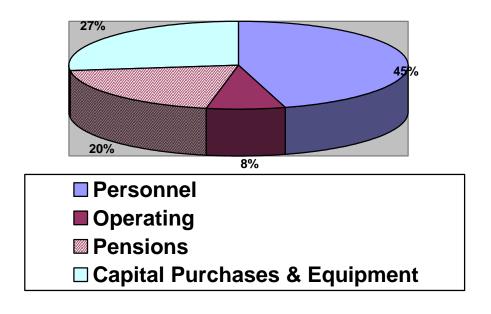
MRS. ELAINE RICHARDS
DIRECTOR

ASSISTANTS: MS. DAWN MURPHY
MRS. TANIA ANTONSON

Mrs. Elaine Richards is the Director of Central Management Office for the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety and has been employed in the Fiscal Office since 1983. In this position, she is responsible for overseeing the staff accounting and fiscal management of the Division. Through her office, the Division's budget is projected and monitored in conjunction with the State's Budget Office. Incorporated with these duties is the additional responsibility of reviewing and processing all purchases made by the Division along with the maintenance of the personnel employment records and payroll activities. Mrs. Richards is also responsible for developing, budgeting and implementing the capital improvement projects for the Division. As of July 1, 2008 her office is also responsible for the fiscal management of the agencies that fall under the Department of Public Safety.

Expenditures - All Funds

Fiscal Year 2010 \$80,211,583



# TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES UNIT

LIEUTENANT KAREN D. PINCH

Lieutenant Karen D. Pinch is the officer in charge of the Division's Technology and Communication Unit. Lieutenant Pinch has been a member of the Division for eighteen and one half (18 1/2) years and has served at each barracks, the Training Academy, and the Planning and Research Unit prior to her assignment to Technology and Communications.

Lieutenant Pinch serves on the following committees: Interoperable Communications Committee, the Commission on Prejudice and Bias, the Traffic Records Coordinating Council, and the E 9-1-1 Advisory Commission. Lieutenant Pinch also served on the Building Committee, which oversaw the construction of the new RI State Police Headquarters and E 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point.

Lieutenant Pinch is an instructor for the Child Passenger Safety Standardized Course developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In conjunction with these duties, she is the President of the Rhode Island SafeKids Coalition, which is the local certifying body for child passenger safety technicians.

Lieutenant Pinch oversees the RILETS/NCIC Control Section, the Technical Services Unit, Management Information Systems, and the Radio Services Bureau. Additionally, Lt. Pinch is responsible for technology in the new building, including the camera system and door access system.



#### MR. ROBERT P. GODIN: ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

Mr. Thomas Crotty is the Director of Radio Communications and has served with the Division for over fifteen (15) years. He is responsible for the performance of the Rhode Island State Police radio communication systems. The radio systems provide voice and data communications for the Division and are supported by thirteen (13) communication sites located throughout the state. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Department of Environmental Management, and the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center. In addition to the state agencies, the RISP radio infrastructure also supports the statewide 800 MHZ interoperable radio system (RISCON). This radio network is used by numerous cities and towns as their primary radio system, but also provides statewide interoperability for hundreds of first responders. The infrastructure also supports radio systems used by the FBI, US Coast Guard, FAA, NOAA and other governmental agencies.

As the microwave and 800 Mhz radio communications systems are the lifeline of the Rhode Island State Police, it is imperative that the systems are at an optimum level of performance at all times. The staff inspects and monitors all communication sites on a regular basis to insure that the systems are kept at the highest level of reliability. Radio Services is also responsible for the installation and repair of the fleet emergency systems that include emergency lights, radio equipment, mobile data and radar units.

Radio Services is currently involved in projects to upgrade the microwave system and a transition to 800 MHz radio communications.

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

MR. JAMES SHEA
DIRECTOR

ASSISTANTS: MS. CAROL LABOSSIERE

MR. RAFAEL TEJADA MR. GLENN LAWRENCE MR. RICHARD BLAINE

The Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit maintains the operation and enhancement of the Rhode Island State Police's Wide Area Network. This network encompasses the entire state, consisting of five barracks, the new RISP Headquarters building, the training academy, and various remote locations. The Unit manages many types of computing systems, all integrated to work towards the common goal of delivering information to the members of the division.

The MIS Unit had a very busy year implementing the new State Police local area network design that was installed into the new State Police Headquarter building. This system consisted of new cabling, core switching and routing systems that service the new building and other campus buildings. With this upgrade the MIS Unit is able to deliver a faster, higher bandwidth and more robust scalable solution to the RISP Campus.

New this year as well, is the addition of an additional computer technician Mr. Richard Blaine. Mr. Blaine comes with three years experience repairing and troubleshooting computer systems from within the State IT system. Mr. Blaine is a welcome addition and already has integrated well into the MIS Unit team.

The Management Information Systems Unit will continue its' efforts in keeping the Rhode Island State Police current with technology. This will enable the State Police to utilize technology in its mission to provide Law Enforcement to the people of Rhode Island in the "Service of the State".

# RILETS/NCIC CONTROL SECTION

## MISS JOAN COLLINS SUPERVISOR

Miss Joan Marie Collins is the supervisor of the RILETS/ Telecommunications Unit. She has served with the State Police for seventeen (18) years, starting as a Telecommunicator in November of 1992. Miss Collins is the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry Database Manager, manages the Rhode Island Most Wanted web site under the direction of the Officer in Charge of the State Police Violent Fugitive Task Force, is the AMBER Alert Web Portal Administrator, and performs the work of the RILETS / NCIC Quality Assurance Unit. The unit

The RILETS/ Telecommunications Unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, accessing several databases for information collected by criminal justice agencies that is needed for the performance of the law enforcement function, that includes wanted person information; missing person information; unidentified person information; stolen property information; criminal history information; information on identifiable individuals compiled in an effort to anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity, vehicle registrations, and driver's licenses, etc. The fundamental information and support provided by the Unit is essential for the safety of the Troopers and other police officers.

Assistance is provided to municipal police departments, state, and federal agencies, concerning policies and procedures for the NCIC, NLETS, and RILETS systems. The Unit also assists the agencies with any problems that they may encounter with the systems, including hardware or software concerns, and frame relay failures. In addition, the unit monitors and directs both incoming and outgoing interstate message traffic to ensure that they are properly formatted and directed to the correct destinations.

The Unit is responsible for maintaining affidavit and arrest Warrants for the State Police, conducting intensive backgrounds through database searches, processing the monthly NCIC validations, creating-editing-and activating AMBER Alerts via the AMBER Alert web portal, creating-editing-activating Missing Senior Citizen Alerts via the RI Broadcaster's Silver Alert web portal, obtaining out-of-state criminal history information for authorized state programs, and monitoring the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and R.I. Emergency Management Agency radios for emergency and testing situations.

During the past calendar year, the Unit performed a total of 83,746 requests for computer checks for Division members. These checks resulted in 367 confirmed NCIC hits and 2,355 confirmed hits from the Rhode Island state files.

#### **Unit Staff**

Mr. Paul Johnson Mr. Richard Peck Ms. Susan Walsh Ms. Colleen Noonan Ms. Joanne Greenleaf

## TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT

## MR. WILLIAM GUY DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A dedicated team of employees who support a variety of technical and telecommunications services providing vital data to the Law Enforcement community staff the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit.

At the heart of the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services is the RILETS network. RILETS, or the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, provides network services and data access to Law Enforcement statewide. The RILETS network connects seventy-two (72), state, local and federal Criminal Justice Agencies located in Rhode Island. License, registration, criminal history and wanted checks are among some of the data elements provided by the RILETS network to Law Enforcement. The RILETS network support and help desk services are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

RILETS also provides connectivity to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) national network located in West Virginia and the NLETS (The International Justice and Public Safety) national network located in Arizona. Part of the responsibility associated with supporting the NLETS and CJIS network's connections to Rhode Island is representing Rhode Island at regional and national forums regarding these networks.

An important component of the RILETS network supported by the Technical Services Unit is the management of several statewide data sharing interfaces.

Crash Report Interface – The crash report interface facilitates the transfer of crash report data from Law Enforcement Agencies to the Department of Transportation's Crash repository over the RILETS network.

J Link Interface – provides for the exchange of arrest and disposition data between the Courts and all Rhode Island Police agencies over the RILETS network.

Citation Interface – provides for the exchange of citation and citation disposition data between Law Enforcement and the Traffic Courts over the RILETS network.

Cross Agency Interface – deployed in 2009, this interface provides for the exchange of name data between Police Agencies over the RILETS network.

Department of Motor Vehicles Interface – Provides Rhode Island driver and vehicle data to Police Officers in Rhode Island and nationwide.

Criminal History Interface – Provides access to Rhode Island Criminal History data from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office to Law Enforcement within Rhode Island and nationwide.

In addition to the RILETS network, the Technical Services Unit is responsible for all Rhode Island State Police internal Telecommunications Services. All desktop and mobile phone services, including mobile data terminals (laptop computers installed in Police Vehicles), are managed and supported by the Technical Services Unit.

The Technical Services Unit also provides Project Management Services for many of the technology related projects initiated by the Rhode Island State Police.

## FLEET OFFICER/SUPPLY UNIT

LIEUTENANT ERNEST C. QUARRY, JR

Administrative Supply Officer
Mrs. Linda Slader

Lieutenant Quarry is a twenty (20) year veteran of the Division and oversees the Division's Fleet and Supply Unit. One of the functions of this Unit is the responsibility of monitoring and maintaining the Division's Performance Appraisal Management System. All Performance Appraisals are submitted to this office annually.

This office also processes all uniform requests and handles subsequent uniform and equipment distribution and tracking. The office ensures that the Division is properly equipped and complies with the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), standards pertaining to equipment, vehicles and record keeping.

Lt. Quarry also serves as the Division's Fleet Manager. The responsibilities include the ordering of new vehicles, monitoring the maintenance of the fleet, approving major repairs to fleet vehicles, registration renewals, auto body repairs, ordering tires, gas cards, completing monthly and yearly mileage reports, and the data entry of all maintenance performed on each fleet vehicle.

Prior to the appointment of the Division's Operations Maintenance Coordinator, the Fleet / Supply Officer would also oversee the Division's maintenance personnel.

## CHARITABLE GAMING UNIT

# MRS. PAULINE MALEC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Pauline Malec is the Administrative Assistant for the Charitable Gaming Unit. She has been employed in this position since August 2008. Lieutenant John Lemont is the Superintendent's Designee for the Charitable Gaming Unit.

Rhode Island General Law gives the Division of State Police both regulatory and enforcement authority over all charitable gaming activity conducted in Rhode Island. At the present time raffles and bingos are the only games allowed. The Charitable Gaming Unit serves citizens from all walks of life. For many, it is the only contact they ever have with the Rhode Island State Police. Most charitable and non-profit organizations in Rhode Island have had contact with this unit.

Ms. Malec is responsible for reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events. She provides assistance to applicants with this process. She answers questions and provides information to the general public, as well as other State agencies, local police departments and members of the legal community. All raffle applications require dual approval from the Chief of Police of the city/town in which the drawing is to be held and the State Police. The Charitable Gaming Unit works closely with all local police departments. All organizations must file a financial report with the State Police after the drawing is held. During 2010, one thousand two hundred ten (1,210) authorizations were granted to charitable and/or non-profit organizations to conduct raffles.

The amount of money wagered on bingo in Rhode Island has fallen dramatically since the opening of the Indian casinos in Connecticut in the early 1990s. This decrease in income reflects a trend that is going on nationwide. The number of organizations conducting weekly bingo in our State has dropped from sixty-five (65) in 1990, to fifteen (15) in 2010. The General Assembly attempted to remedy this situation in 1998 by increasing the amount of money that could be awarded as prizes at a bingo from \$4,250 to \$6,050 per night. In July 2005, the General Assembly again increased the amount of money to be awarded in prizes during bingo to \$7,500 per night; however, most charitable organizations do not take in the gross receipts needed to pay out \$7,500 in prizes per night. In 2010, eighty-two (82) senior citizen organizations were granted authorizations to conduct bingo on a regular basis and forty-one (41) organizations were granted approvals to conduct recreational or one-time bingo games. All together, one thousand three hundred forty-eight (1348) authorizations were granted to charitable and/or non-profit organizations to conduct bingo in 2010.

Charitable Gaming Unit information and applications are available to the public online on the State Police website (www.risp.ri.gov). Citizen response to this new avenue of information and service has been tremendously positive as many citizens now log onto the Charitable Gaming web page.

Revenue from charitable gaming activity is not taxed in Rhode Island as it is in most other states. A five-dollar application fee is levied on each application.

## **CANINE UNIT**

From January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2010 the Canine Unit was comprised of eight (8) sworn members and nine (9) canines.

The Canine Unit is under the supervision of the Operations Officer, Lt. Arnold Buxton and Canine Unit Coordinator Sergeant Matthew T. Zarrella.

This unit has the capability of offering a wide range of services. Those services include explosive detection, utility/patrol work, narcotic detection and cadaver detection. Additionally, the unit offers a full program in Search and Rescue including Disaster Search, Wilderness Search and trailing. One trooper is trained in Search Management and both Search & Rescue Dog handlers are members of the Rhode Island Urban Search & Rescue Team.

Members of the canine unit have been utilized by the Division on a regular basis and have responded to requests to assist the United States Military, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

In 2010 Canine Unit members participated successfully in the NESPAC re certification of all of their canines in their respective utility/patrol and scent disciplines.

In 2010, the division lost one of their explosive detection canines in an accidental death which resulted in the voluntary retirement of the handler as well. To date this retirement has left a vacancy which has yet to be filled. Additionally, one vacancy remains in the discipline of patrol/narcotic due to a retirement of another handler and canine.

#### Activity

In 2010, the RI State Police sent one patrol/narcotic canine handler to attend a six week NESPAC Canine Narcotic School being offered by the Massachusetts State Police. This Trooper worked under the guidance of other NESPAC Trainers and earned his Trainers status with NESPAC for the Rhode Island State Police.

In 2010, the Canine Unit conducted a total of 154 calls for service which resulted in the following:

five (5) felony suspects apprehended

one (1) patrol dog search for missing juvenile located

46 pounds of Marijuana seized

19.5 Kilograms of Cocaine seized

1.2 Kilograms of Heroin seized

\$222,000 in cash seized

298 tablets of Ecstasy seized

204 prescription pills seized

Four (4) SAR area searches for lost/missing persons all who were located with the help of the canines.

Three (3) cadaver searches located with the help of the canines.

Nine (9) Explosive searches, all search areas were successfully cleared by the dogs.

Additionally, members of the canine unit and their canines preformed a total of eight public speaking demonstrations for a variety of civic groups and organizations including two high school mentoring projects and numerous interviews.

In March of 2010 a local film producer who also teaches film at the University of Rhode Island received permission from the division to begin a documentary film project about the divisions SAR canine teams. This project will remain in production for at least one more year where, upon completion, it is anticipated the film will be aired on national television.

2010 was a productive year for the canine unit as troopers were able to remain on their full time patrol status, 4PM to 3AM for approximately half the year maintaining a high number of calls for service. By August 2010 all four canine unit troopers had been returned to their respective barracks and resumed barracks and patrol functions along with their canines. It is the goal of the canine unit to return to the full time patrol status in order to meet the demand for additional calls for service.

#### Interesting Investigation

On April 17, 2010 one of the Patrol/Narcotic canine team responded to assist Cranston PD with search of a male subject who fled into the woods after breaking and entering into a home and assaulting an elderly male occupant. The K-9 team responded to the residence in question and conducted a track from the place the suspect was last seen into the woods in the vicinity of Scituate Avenue. The canine team tracked through a highly contaminated condinimum complex and quickly cleared the rear of the neighboring yards. The canine team then entered the woods continuing down a steep embankment and through a swampy low lying area. As the canine team continued through the woods the canine alerted the handler of the presence of the suspect who was huddled in a fetal position behind a large rock. The suspect was shirtless and shoeless and refused to comply with trooper's commands to show his hands. At that point the trooper gave a verbal warning that the canine would be released to apprehend him if he did not comply. At that time the suspect immediately surrendered and was subsequently taken into custody.

### MARINE UNIT/DIVE TEAM

The Division Marine Unit is composed of eleven (11) troopers. Nine (9) of the troopers are certified boat operators who have successfully attended a forty-hour advance patrol boat operator's course instructed by members of the Massachusetts State Police and hosted by the United Stated Coast Guard. A 27-foot Safeboat (2705) is utilized for patrol and conducting missions on the Rhode Island waterways. This vessel is capable of operating year round and in harsh weather conditions.

Six (6) members of the Marine Unit make up the Dive Team who are certified through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI). The responsibilities of the dive team, includes, and is not limited to the search and recovery of drowning victims, victims of homicide, evidence recovery, and inspection of vital structures and vessels to combat the war against terrorism and narcotics trafficking.

During 2010, members of the Marine Unit were able to request, and were rewarded with a Department of Homeland Security-Port Security Grant totaling \$442,591. The funds will allow the Marine Unit to continue protecting Narragansett Bay and the Rhode Island Waterways by increasing their capabilities.

#### Interesting Investigation

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Narragansett Police Department requested the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Dive Team for a body search. The Narragansett Police Department, along with the Narragansett Fire Department and the United Stated Coast Guard were searching the area at the end of Hazard Avenue for a fisherman who was swept into the water on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

After determining that the best method to search the area was through the use of a sector scan sonar and remote operated vehicle (ROV), members of the marine unit responded to the scene and began a search. Due to the deteriorating ocean conditions and loss of daylight, it was determined to suspend the search for the evening and resume the following day.

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, after resuming the search, several promising images were obtained in the area where the victim was last seen. Divers were then deployed and a short time later, the victim was located in approximately 27 feet of water.

#### **Dive Team Members**

Troopers: Simon Liu, Richard Swanson, Michael McGlynn, David Bassignani, Robert Richardson,

David Gormly

**Boat Operators** 

Lieutenant: Douglas Newberg Corporal: Stephen Flood

Troopers: Christopher Schram, Terrence Pendergast, Simon Liu, Richard Swanson, Michael

McGlynn, John Gadrow, David Gormly

### HONOR GUARD UNIT

The Honor Guard Unit consists of forty-three (43) members who are trained in precision military drill and protocol. The unit is under the direction of Lieutenant Arnold S. Buxton, Operations Officer. During 2010, members of the Honor Guard represented the Division at seventeen (17) events such as parades, funerals, and opening ceremonies. The Honor Guard Unit has established itself as an award-winning unit and continues to maintain an excellent reputation throughout the New England region.

#### **Unit Members**

Captain: Darren Delaney

Lieutenants: Sullivan, Quarry

Sergeants: Rosa, Philbin

Corporals: Wall, Assumpico, Sikorskyj

Troopers: Barry, Dandeneau, McKinney, Weaver, Ruggiero, McGlynn, Demarco, Grassel,

K. Jones, Ludovici, LeValley, Gadrow, Grace, Hartwell, Watters, Filuminia, Lagor, M. McGehearty, Macera, S. McGehearty, Gazzola, Capone, Brezniak,

Tilson, W. Reilly, Navarro, Corson, D. O'Neil, Fevrier, Crowley, Elliot,

Bastajian, Houston, Donnelly-Taylor, R. Hernandez.

## MOTORCYCLE UNIT

The Rhode Island State Police Motorcycle Unit is currently commanded by Lieutenant Frank D. Sullivan III. The unit utilizes one (1) 1993 and two (2) 2007 Harley Davidson FLHTP Electra Glide Police Motorcycles for patrol in heavy traffic areas, beach traffic, for special functions and on occasion, routine patrol when staffing levels permit. The motorcycles were also used for the following details in 2010: The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Annual Aquidneck Island National Police Parade in Newport, Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run and various escorts for funerals and visiting dignitaries. The Motorcycle Unit may be used on any other occasion deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent. All Motorcycle Unit members have successfully completed a highly skilled two-week police motorcycle operator's course and three day re-certification.

#### Motorcycle Unit Members

Lieutenants: Francis D. Sullivan III, Michael J. Winquist

Sergeant: Michael Reynolds, Joseph Philbin

Corporal: Thomas Peck

Troopers: Marc J. Lidsky, Ernest McKinney, Simon Liu, John Charbonneau, Anthony

Commendatore, William Corson

## TACTICAL TEAM

The Rhode Island State Police Tactical Team has a long established tradition of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. The Tactical Team is under the command of Lieutenant James Manni. The Tactical Team was designed for situations in which a traditional police response would be inadequate or ineffective.

During 2010, the Tactical Team continued to train and prepare at a high level of expertise in many different areas, including hostage rescue, downed officer rescue, barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrants, large structure and building clearing, woodland/open area searches, K-9 tracks, dignitary protection and active shooter scenarios. In addition to this training, Tactical Team members assisted local police departments with firearms and active shooter training, assisted Division members with in-service training dealing with firearms proficiency and officer safety issues. Tactical Team members also volunteered their time with parade and public relations details. In addition, several Tactical Team members serve as instructors/cadre throughout the year at NESPAC approved Tactical schools.

Each Tactical Team member has completed training through NESPAC approved courses in Basic SWAT, Advanced SWAT, Basic Sniper and Mechanical Breaching. Team Leaders also continue to meet monthly with New England State Police SWAT teams to learn from neighboring incidences and exchange training ideas.

The Tactical Team continues to work closely with the Division Canine Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit and local police agencies. Additionally in 2010, the Tactical Team was called on to assist the United States Secret Service Counter-Assault Team (CAT) with the protection of the motorcade for President Barack Obama during a visit to Rhode Island.

During 2010, the Tactical Team completed 180 hours of training and was utilized for eleven (11) high-risk search warrants and two (2) other tactical situations assisting local police departments with situations beyond their capabilities.

#### **Tactical Team Members**

Team Commander: Lieutenant James Manni

NCO's: Sergeant Ken Bell, Corporals Derek Borek, Joseph Dubeau, Scott

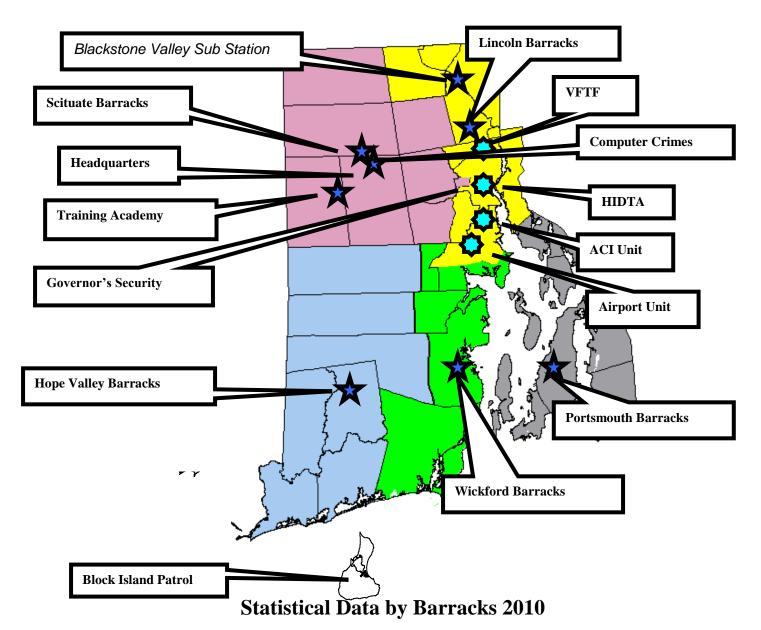
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Troopers: Gregory Cunningham, Mark Gilson, Thomas Jaques, Kenneth Moriarty,

Jeffrey L'Heureux, Edward Viera, Kenneth Jones, Eric Yelle, Matthew Salisbury, David Bassignani, Thomas Chabot, Daniel Fleming, Robert Richardson, Kevin Kojoian, Nicholas Rivello, Kristopher Lagor, Shawn

Slade

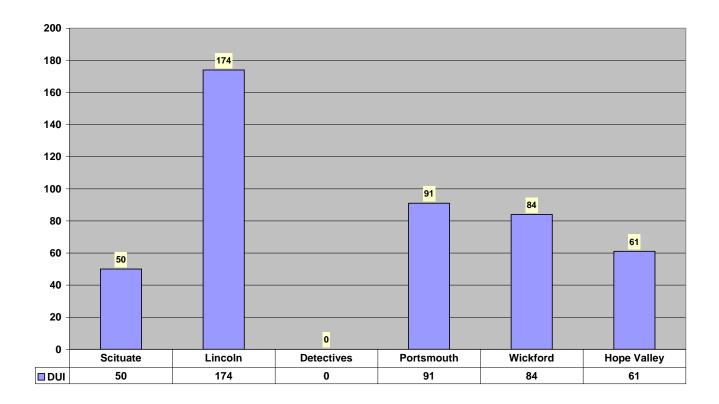
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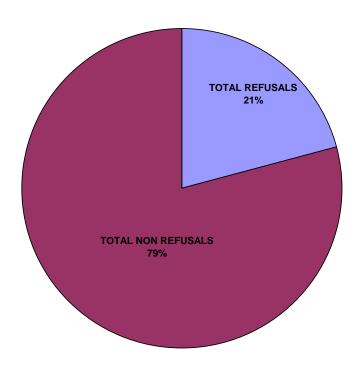
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Scituate	700	614	890	7641
Lincoln	3192	1081	2142	13,239
Portsmouth	100	130	317	5028
Wickford	640	741	592	6371
Hope Valley	471	622	685	7805
Total	5103	3188	4626	40,084

# **Driving While Intoxicated**

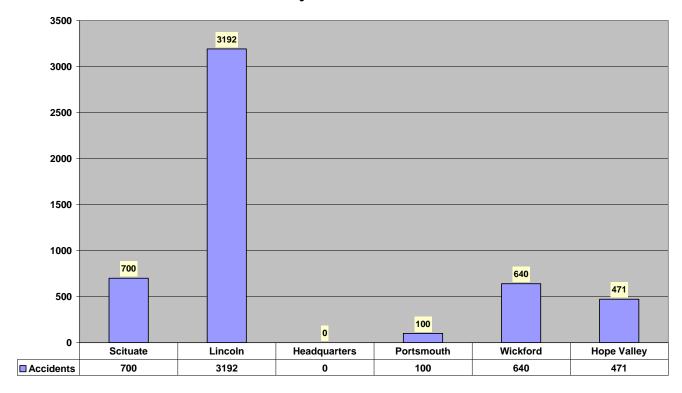
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Scituate	50
Lincoln	174
Detectives	0
Portsmouth	91
Wickford	84
Hope Valley	61
Total	460



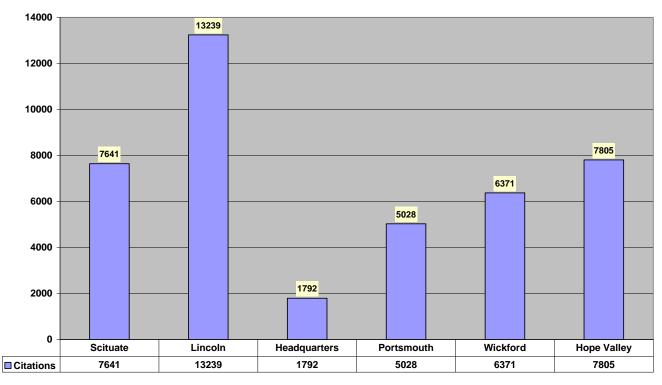
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TOTAL REFUSALS	96
TOTAL NON REFUSALS	364
TOTAL	460



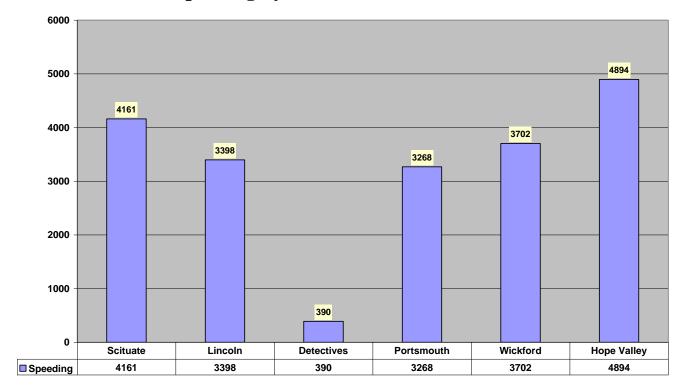
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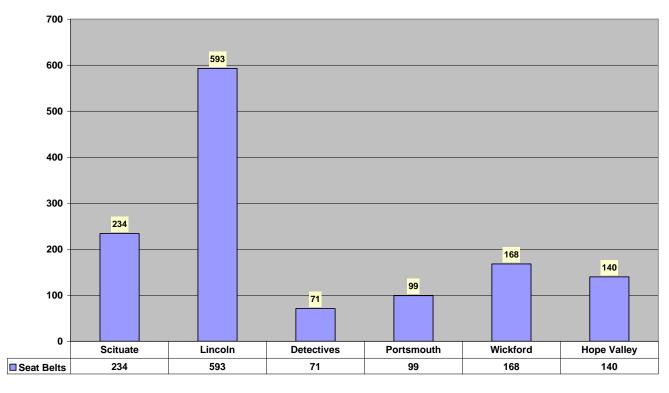
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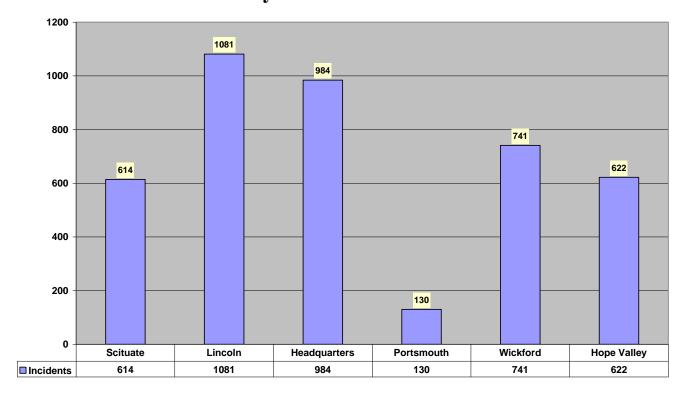
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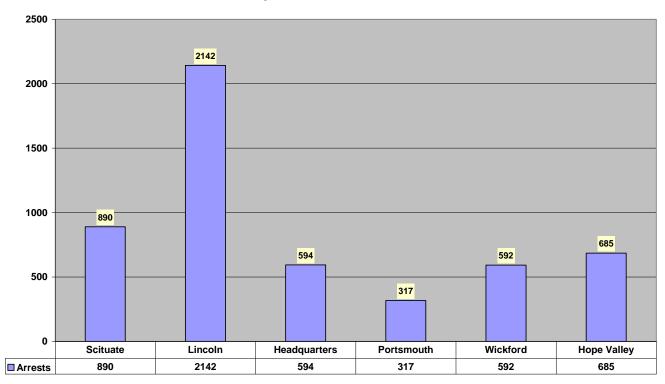
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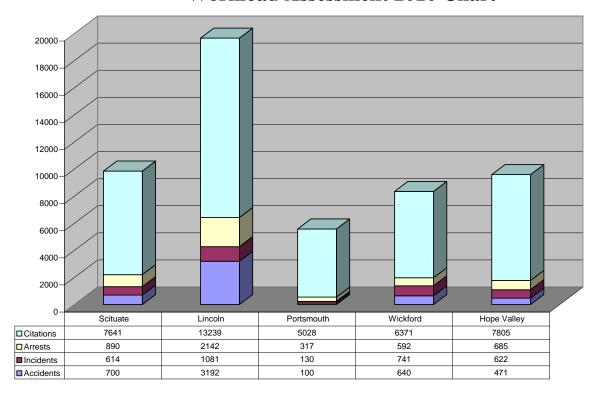
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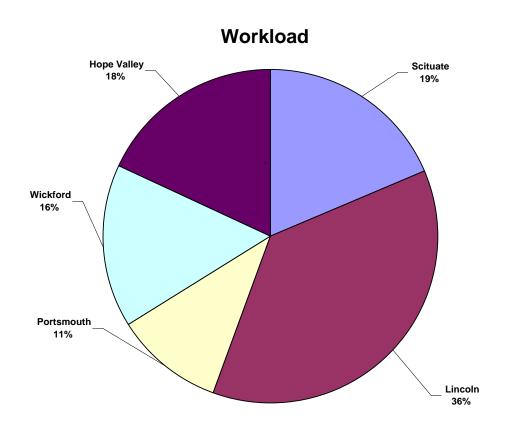


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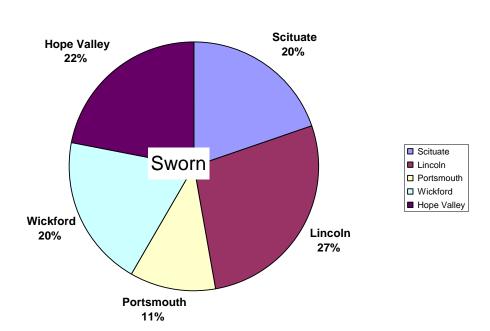
### **Workload Assessment 2010 Chart**





# Personnel Allocation 2010 (Sworn Uniform/Assigned to Barracks)

#### **Sworn Personnel**



## **Crimes 2010**

IBR Crime 2009	Detectives	Scituate	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT							
MANSLA	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FORCIBLE RAPE	2	2	3	0	1	4	12
FORCIBLE SODOMY	1	2	3	0	0	1	7
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
FORCIBLE FONDLING	4	6	1	0	0	2	13
ROBBERY	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5	1	6	0	4	5	21
SIMPLE ASSAULT	21	22	61	3	38	41	186
INTIMIDATION	8	7	17	2	4	7	45
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI	0	4	1	1	9	11	26
PURSE-SNATCHING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT FROM BUILDING	2	2	18	6	8	12	48
THEFT FROM COIN-OPERATED MACHINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	3	3	22	0	14	10	52
ALL OTHER LARCENY	24	14	18	4	11	24	95
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	67	6	26	0	5	7	111
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	15	22	36	4	9	4	90
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CO	91	77	87	3	24	7	289
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC							
TELLER	13	6	19	1	13	6	58
IMPERSONATION	2	10	1	0	0	0	13
EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
SHOPLIFTING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	1	1	4	0	1	5	12

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## **Crimes 2010**

IBR Crime 2004	Detectives	Scituate	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
WELFARE FRAUD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIRE FRAUD	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
EMBEZZLEMENT	23	6	6	0	1	1	37
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	8	6	19	0	1	4	38
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI	8	10	32	3	22	29	104
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	97	55	142	77	79	100	550
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL	100	0	0	1	0	0	101
OPERATING / PROMOTING / ASSIST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROSTITUTION	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTIT	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
BRIBERY	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	19	5	17	6	8	2	57
BAD CHECKS	11	109	46	6	23	16	211
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3	6	39	2	14	14	78
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	0	58	197	123	98	72	548
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	2	0	2	0	2	1	7
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	20	0	25	0	0	1	46
RUNAWAY	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	235	123	410	21	117	110	1016
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	76	571	1532	157	376	470	3182
INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUNKENNESS	0	1	3	0	3	6	13
Totals	875	1136	2795	420	888	976	7090

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Driving Under the Influence numbers listed in the above chart include all DUI offenses. Each driver may be charged with more than one DUI offense.

# 2010 Rhode Island State Police Directory

#### **Barracks**

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311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate Lt. Eric C. Lariviere, Patrol Commander	334-6726
54 Nooseneck Hill Road, Richmond Lt. Paul J. Olszewski, Patrol Commander	539-2411
1575 Old Louisquisett Pike, Lincoln Lt. Steven M. Lefebvre, Patrol Commander	444-1100
838 East Main Road, Portsmouth Lt. Francis D. Sullivan, Patrol Commander	849-4444
7875 Post Road, North Kingstown Lt. James M. Manni, Patrol Commander	294-3371
Headquarters	
311 Danielson Pike orth Scituate, Rhode Island 02857	
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