

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2013



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Message from the Colonel



Colonel Stephen M. McCartney

I would like to welcome you to our Annual Report and encourage you to take some time to review the vast amount of information contained within the Warwick Police Department's Annual Report. The Annual Report provides an overview of the Warwick Police Department and details various yearly statistical information that you may find useful. This includes data relating to calls for service, response times and crime reports, as well as victim and offender information.

The men and women of the Warwick Police Department have continued to work in conjunction with our elected officials and citizenry to provide service to the City of Warwick that can be described as nothing less than exemplary. Community participation and involvement has continued to be a cornerstone of our effectiveness in deterring criminal activity within the city and ensuring that Warwick remains one of the safest cities in the Nation to raise a family.

The Warwick Police Department's Annual Report is now made available to the public online at our website, www.warwickpd.org.

Command Staff



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Stephen M. McCartney**
Chief Of Police



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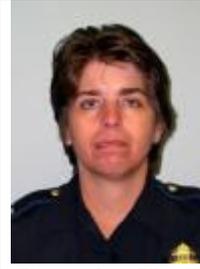
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Division

Uniform Patrol Division

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Patrol Division

Organization

The 1st Platoon, Patrol Division consists of 24 officers and 5 Sergeants distributed amongst 3 Districts. A Captain serves as the Officer-in-Charge of the shift, assisted by 2 Lieutenants serving as the executive officers and direct supervisors of the platoon Sergeants. Officers assigned to the Patrol Division work a rotating schedule consisting of four days on and two days off.

Mission

Creating a partnership with the community to provide quality policing for the protection of life and property, the investigation and prevention of crime, and the maintenance of public safety.

Values

- Continuous recognition of the value and worth of each individual employee in the accomplishment of the department mission.
- Working with and for the community in solving public safety problems.
- Dedication and diligence in the delivery of effective and efficient police services.
- Constant striving towards excellence and efficiency.

Function

The Patrol Division conducts preliminary criminal investigations, investigates motor vehicle accidents, enforces laws and city ordinances, provides continuous patrols, performs a variety of community services, and acts as a first response to all incidents and emergencies. Sergeants serve as first-line supervisor tasked with counseling; evaluation, training, and guidance of patrol officers.

Patrol Officers perform a wide variety of duties to include patrol operations, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, community policing activities, and community caretaking functions. Officers patrol assigned areas of responsibility where they routinely interact with the public in response to call for service and self-initiated activities.

First Platoon

Members of the 1st Platoon handled 26,800 calls for service during 2013 and made 673 arrests, and took 7,240 offense reports. Officers initiated and/or responded to these calls during the day shift hours of 7:00 am-4:00 pm, when the City experiences a significant transient population increase due to commerce, retail, and airport commuters. Over the past year, members of the 1st Platoon aggressively pursued persons wanted for outstanding warrants as well as focusing efforts on proactive measures to deter and apprehend violators committing vehicle larcenies and daytime house breaks. Members of the 1st Platoon significantly increased documented field interviews that aided in the investigation and successful closure of several cases. Moreover, The members of the 1st Platoon responded most proficiently to several significant events and incidents, ranging from snow storms to armed barricaded subjects.

Members of the 1st Platoon continued to devote significant response time dealing with special populations, to include persons experiencing behavioral health issues, prescription drug overdoses, bath salt episodes, and alcohol and/or drug detoxification. In doing so, members of the platoon continued to exploit resources, connect to services, and effectively communicate with community stakeholders and partners in this regard.

Over the past year, members of the platoon found themselves responding to an increased trend of cyber related offenses that included identity theft, cyber bullying, fraud, etc.... These type of crimes demanded increased training to maintain the knowledge, skills, and ability to understand and investigate these technology based offenses.

Second Platoon

In 2013, officers assigned to the 2nd platoon responded to over 34,100 calls for service, made 1,552 arrests, issued 4,818 violations and responded to 1,442 vehicle crashes. The officers are heavily involved in the community and work with the community police officers on quality of life issues that affect neighborhoods throughout the city. The new integration of two K-9 officers who augment the patrol officers has proved instrumental in assisting with missing person complaints, drug searches, and car stops. Utilizing crime analysis data a special enforcement car was dedicated every night to target areas of increased crime, warrant attempts, traffic crashes and special events. This afforded the platoon flexibility with deploying additional resources to combat areas where crime and traffic crashes peak. As the statistics illustrate, this proactive strategy in addition to the beat officers' partnership with the community proved extremely effective for the second platoon in 2013.

Third Platoon

In 2013, members assigned to the 3rd platoon responded to approximately 17,000 calls for service. Third platoon officers made 604 arrests, issued over 3,000 violations, and handled almost 1000 incidents. In addition, members of the 3rd platoon handled almost 400 traffic accidents. The largest call volume was handled between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. The Third Platoon currently utilizes the SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment) model for dealing with responses to crime and calls for service. Officers identify problems that occur on a regular basis during this shift. The Officers then determine the cause of the problems with assistance from crime analysis.

Officers carry out planned activities and continually assess their results, making adjustments to their approach when necessary. As an example, during the fall of 2013 city business commercial vehicles were being targeted for thefts of catalytic converters. Officers used information obtained from crime analysis meetings to change patrol patters and set up a plan of attack to eradicate this crime trend. Officers also continue to make traffic enforcement a top priority, with a focus on DUI investigations. This platoon reported more than 130 DUI arrests for the year of 2013.

Warwick Police Department Mental Health Crisis Response Team (MHCRT)

Members of the Warwick Police Department must be prepared to deal with situations involving a person experiencing mental health issues/crisis and know how to respond to these situations in an appropriate manner. Helping people with mental illnesses and their families obtain services from public agencies, community mental health organizations, hospitals, and related support services have emerged as an essential role for police.

It is estimated that 7-10% of all police calls involve a person in a mental health crisis. There is no denying the high volume of such calls in the City of Warwick and the significant number of reoccurring encounters with people experiencing mental health issues.

Back in 2007 the Warwick Police Department recognized the necessity for a mental illness response policy and training for its officers. The department embarked on a longstanding relationship with our community mental health stakeholders and partners aimed at improving our collective response to people experiencing mental health crisis. This collaborative effort began with the development and presentation of a comprehensive 40 hour Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for police officers, described as follows:

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is an innovative first-responder model of police-based crisis intervention with community, health care, and advocacy partnerships. The CIT Model was first developed in Memphis and has spread throughout the country. It is known as the "Memphis Model." CIT provides law enforcement-based crisis intervention training for assisting those individuals with a mental illness, and improves the safety of patrol officers,

consumers, family members, and citizens within the community. CIT is a program that provides the foundation necessary to promote community and statewide solutions to assist individuals with a mental illness. The CIT Model reduces both stigma and the need for further involvement with the criminal justice system. CIT provides a forum for effective problem solving regarding the interaction between the criminal justice and mental health care system and creates the context for sustainable change. Basic Goals: Improve Officer and Consumer Safety and Redirect Individuals with Mental Illness from the Judicial System to the Health Care System

Source: Crisis Intervention Team Core Elements, the University of Memphis School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice CIT Center¹ September, 2007.

A subset of volunteer WPD officers completed this first of its kind training in Rhode Island. Since the introductory session, several other officers have been trained in subsequent Mental Health Crisis Response Team (MHCRT) programs, administered by the Rhode Island Council for Community Mental Health Organizations and certified by the **Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. Officers assigned to the MHCRT have completed and continuously pursue training session associated with mental health. The knowledge, skills, and abilities these officers have gained from this specialized response training is routinely applied when interacting with the public, be it someone's neighbors, friends, family members, and co-workers dealing with a mental health issue/crisis.**

In addition to establishing the MHCRT, a department Mental Health Officer (MHO) position was created. The MHO acts as a liaison with our community mental health stakeholders and partners, coordinates the MHCRT efforts to include: training, meetings, case activity, and inter-agency related activities.

Community Services Division

Lieutenant Michael L. Gilbert

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The mission of the Warwick Police Department Community Services Division is to address quality of life issues by a continued partnership with the community which focuses on several areas of concern to include; neighborhood crime, traffic-related services, and homeland security.

Personnel:

The Community Services Division commanded by Lieutenant Michael L. Gilbert and is divided into three separate and distinct sections. The Traffic unit is supervised by Sergeant Read who oversees 6 officers and 1 civilian employee. The Community Police unit is supervised by Sergeant John Kelly and includes 10 officers and 1 civilian employee. The Homeland Security coordinator is Inspector Chris Mathiesen.



Traffic Unit

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Traffic unit's duties and responsibilities are many and diverse. Based on the district to which the officer is assigned they are responsible for investigating hit and run accidents, completing traffic surveys, and monitoring problem areas in an attempt to identify the root cause of the problem and develop a solution. Traffic complaints and speeding issues are received on a daily basis from the public as well from the council people. These complaints are logged on a complaint board and solved through a coordinated effort of the Traffic, Uniform, and Community Police Unit. Traffic officers are also responsible for responding to routine accidents, accidents involving city vehicles, and injury accidents. Fatal accidents are the sole responsibility of the Traffic Unit. One of the Traffic Unit's most important responsibilities is the thorough investigation of all serious injury and fatal accidents.

Education and Training:

Special investigators, trained in accident reconstruction, are assigned to our unit. The training for their certification is intense and consists of (3) two week seminars that they attend sometimes over the course of up to 2 years. Once the first school is attended, the investigator typically gathers experience by working side by side with a certified re-constructionist investigating serious accidents before he/she attends the next school. At present, we have seven (7) certified investigators. These investigators are Sergeant Earl Read,

Sergeant John Kelly, Officers Yervant Parnagian , Jason Farias, Matthew Barlow, Robert Hart, Greg Johnson, and John Larivee. Training of the traffic officers is a continual and on-going process. Officers obtain their training and certifications through the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), a program of the University of Florida, Jacksonville. In the spring of 2013, the four (4) newest Traffic officers assigned to the Division attended IPTM’s Accident reconstruction series of three courses and are now fully certified Accident Reconstructionists’. This is a milestone for the department to have all of its Traffic officers certified to conduct these complex investigations.

Enforcement and Education Programs:

In 2013 there were a total of 6 fatal accidents, which is an increase from the 3 reported fatal accidents 2012. While one fatal accident is “one too many”, the citizens of Warwick can be assured that the Traffic Division is doing its job to make vehicular and pedestrian travel safer on the roadways. The Warwick Police Department waged an aggressive traffic program that led to a reduction of overall traffic accidents investigated during 2013. The programs included, but not limited to:

- Increased motivation on the part of the city’s police officers to enforce the traffic laws and educate the public through the use of the “Traffic Radar Sled”, Variable message board, verbal warnings, and written citations.
- Federal funded programs such as “Operation Blue Riptide”, “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and the “Click it or Ticket” campaign are programs to put more police officers on the streets to target drunk drivers, promote the use of seatbelts, and deter speeding violations.

The overall amount of accidents decreased in 2013, and traffic enforcement continues to be a priority. A total of 12,864 civil violations were written by the Warwick Police Department. Of these, the Traffic Division wrote 1,655 during 2013. The following is a break down comparison for accidents in 2013 & 2012.

	Injury accidents	OUI involved accidents	Pedestrian accidents	Bicyclists accidents	TOTAL
2013	964	86	32	15	4,313
2012	870	99	43	24	4,374

Awards and Recognition:

This aggressive effort led to the Warwick Police Department receiving national recognition for pedestrian safety. The department was presented with the prestigious AAA Silver Award, at a Community Traffic Safety Awards program, for having outstanding education, enforcement and engineering programs in addition to strong pedestrian safety records. Sergeant Earl Read was selected and recognized as AAA’s Local Traffic Safety Hero for his efforts supervising the Department’s Traffic Division as well as his efforts at the RI Municipal Police Academy.

Schools:

The Traffic Unit is directly responsible for the supervision of the Warwick Schools' Crossing Guards. The crossing guard's main duties are the safe crossing of children to and from school. The location of the crossings is determined by the Traffic Services Unit who conducts an annual survey in the spring and fall. For the 2013 school year, there were 22 full-time crossing guards and 6 spare crossing guards. Traffic officers conducted a survey of all 23 crossings that the full-time crossing guards were assigned. Sensitive to the fact that the makeup of neighborhoods change from year to year, the Traffic Unit periodically surveys the crossings in the event that more children are being crossed.

V.I.P. (Very Important Person) Escorts:

The Warwick Police Traffic Unit has planned, coordinated and executed several high profile V.I.P. escorts. The responsibility for the Traffic Unit is to arrange and assist with primary and secondary motorcade routes within the city. The Traffic Supervisor meets with pre-arrival/advanced team representatives of the outside agency, usually the Secret Service, for the purpose of conducting a route reconnaissance. The most notable escort conducted during 2013 was for the Vice President Joseph Biden.

Community Service Officers:

The Community Service Officer (CSO) program is a citizen volunteer organization which assists the police in times of major natural disasters, major public events, missing and lost person incidents, and who provide other non-police service to the city consistent with their mission.

In 2013, the 23 current Community Service Officers volunteered a total of approximately **1,184 hours** for a variety of different events including but not limited to: Gaspee Days events, Fourth of July Fireworks, and weekly church crossings.

Miscellaneous Traffic Responsibilities:

Other duties include such things as transporting blood to the State Toxicology Laboratory for analysis, attending road repair pre-construction meetings, monitoring detail officers on road jobs, planning and supervising road races, handling funeral processions for dignitaries, parades, infant car seat installations and festivals/firework displays.

The Traffic Unit has numerous pieces of equipment assigned just for their specific use. The unit started updating its fleet in 2007 from four 1993 Harley Davidson Motorcycles to a complement currently of: one 2011, one 2010, one 2008, one 2007, and one 1993 motorcycle. These motorcycles are an essential tool and are utilized for parades, funerals, and other civic functions and are an extremely positive public relation tool for the Police department.

In 2013, the Traffic unit continued with the strategic use of the Variable Message Board which allows a variety of messages and vehicle speed data to be analyzed for future enforcement efforts. This message board was provided at no cost to the city by the Department of Highway Safety and the RI Chiefs of Police Association. This equipment is in addition to our traffic sled, which has been part of the division for many years is still extremely popular and is requested on a continual basis by different neighborhood groups. Another piece of equipment is the "Traffic Counter" which adds flexibility to enforcement and times that it is needed. How this tool works is by placing two rubber tubes across a two-lane road. A small computer box is secured to a pole or guardrail. Over a period of time usually several days, the road counter gathers data about

speed, times, number and sizes of the vehicles traveling the roadway. This tool provides the essentials to provide timely and effective traffic enforcement to an area.

Special events are also part of the Traffic Unit responsibilities. During the 2013 calendar year, traffic officers were responsible for coordinating several City events such as the 3rd of July fireworks display, the Gaspee Days Festival/Parade and fireworks extravaganza, National Night Out, the Memorial Day Parade and 30 funeral escorts.

Community Police Unit



Duties and Responsibilities:

The Community Police Unit is comprised of several different area's which are all focused on the continued partnership with the community. Ten officers and 1 civilian administer several programs that include Community Policing, School Resource Officers, Sex Offender notification, Police Athletic League, Elderly Affairs and the Warwick Police Explorer program. Additionally, the Community Police Unit coordinates college internships as well as High School Senior Experience projects such as Bishop Hendricken HS.

During the calendar year of 2013, the Community Police Unit conducted **over 300 community events**, small and large. These included meetings with our community groups; senior safety talks; crime prevention training; driver's education; probation officer visits to offenders; karate tournaments; RAD kid's events; a summer Youth Leadership Camp; bike safety events; National Night Out, and much more. The Community Police Unit works with approximately **14** active neighborhood groups which range from Neighborhood Associations to Neighborhood Crime Watch Groups. During 2013, two new Crime watch groups were added and were located in Buttonwoods and the Lincoln Park Crime Watch. Community Police officers are instrumental in assisting these groups get started and form these valuable neighborhood groups. In addition to the new Crime Watch groups, the Community Police unit also restarted the Citizens Police Academy Alumni association which meets monthly.

Community Police Officers:

The Community Police Unit's primary focus is on neighborhood crime and quality of life issues. Three community police officers cover the three (3) districts within the city to attend to the needs of the various neighborhoods. These officers work out of police substations on a part time basis which are located throughout the city. The substations are used by the Community Police officers to hold neighborhood meetings, meet with residents, and complete reports and administrative work. These offices are located in Conimicut Village, the Oakland Beach Boys and Girls Club, and the Old Pontiac Village Train Station.

These officers work very closely with various neighborhood organizations throughout the city, regularly attending their meetings and addressing concerns ranging from crime issues to abandoned vehicles and unkempt properties. During 2013, Community Police officers responded to approximately **80** neighborhood complaints in addition to their normal duties. These complaints covered all aspects of issues ranging from mediating property line disputes, to noise, minimum housing complaints, animal issues, traffic complaints, and vandalism or dumping. In addition, Community Police officers made approximately **130** arrests, completed approximately **250** offense reports, and issued approximately **500** motor vehicle violations during 2013.

Community Police officers had a very busy calendar year with several notable accomplishments/problems solved:

- Vandalism issue including the scenic overlook in Conimicut village. Community Police officers along with patrol increased directed patrols in the area and eventually identified/trespassed several youths suspected of vandalizing the overlook. Community Police Off Nelson Carreiro spearheaded a community partnership with the Conimicut Village Assoc and several local businesses to organize and complete a graffiti clean-up throughout the Village.
- Fairfax Dr. had an on-going issue with a resident who was conducting a scrap vehicle business using his residence to store these vehicles which were an eye sore for several neighbors. Community Police officers worked with various City agencies including the City Council to address this issue and re-write an outdated City Ordinance to close several loop-holes and clean up this growing problem.
- Community Police Sgt John Kelly successfully re-vitalized the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. This effort was as a result of the growing popularity of this Citizens Police Academy and the attendees who wished to remain an active member of the City and their community.

School Resource Officers:

In addition to its Community Police officers, the platoon is responsible for staffing the three public high schools. Each high school has a School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned Monday thru Friday during school hours. For the first time in its history, the Warwick Police Department added a new School Resource Officer during 2013 assigned to cover the Cities three (3) junior high schools. Officer Nelson Carreiro was selected for this position.

With a major focus nationwide on violence within the schools, the SRO's have received extensive training in this area. They are more than ready to handle any crisis within the schools. The SRO's not only enforce discipline and the law within the schools but are also responsible for teaching and facilitating programs within the schools. The SRO's primarily work with the principals or the vice principals.

Veterans High School – SRO Leo Tetreault			
Type Event	2013	2012	2011
Documented incidents	16	21	38
Juvenile Arrests	8	12	17

Pilgrim High School – SRO Dennis Amerantes			
Type Event	2013	2012	2011
Documented incidents	18	23	45
Juvenile Arrests	3	8	9

Tollgate High School – SRO William Castaldi			
Type Event	2013	2012	2011
Documented incidents	21	32	56
Juvenile Arrests	7	11	10

Junior High Schools– SRO Nelson Carreiro			
Type Event	2013		
Documented incidents	9		
Juvenile Arrests	2		

The SRO's chaperone school functions; make drug testing kits available to parents; patrol both inside and outside of the school; monitor an e-mail tip line for anonymous tips; investigate graffiti and other damage to city property; conduct K-9 drug searches at the request of school administrators. SRO's have received training which was provided on "bullying" and ways to identify and respond to it. The training also identified strategies for parents and teachers when using Face book and other social media networks. The SRO's have been working with the Rhode Island National Guard at Adventure Camp. This camp is done during summer break and each session lasts 2 weeks. All Warwick youth are welcome to attend on a first come first served basis. The Community Services Division is also working with City Human Services to develop additional summer activities to offer at the Buttonwoods Community Center and other locations, especially for disadvantaged youth. The School Resource Officers will be available during these months to manage these programs.

Police Athletic League:

The Warwick Police Athletic League (PAL) currently serves over 1000 youths through a variety of sports and martial arts programs. Statistics consistently show that students engaged in sports programs are far less likely to get into trouble or abuse drugs/alcohol than those not actively participating in some after school activity. Officer John Palliotte and one civilian run this program from a satellite office located on Bend Street in the City. Boys and girls participate in programs in eight different sports: baseball, football, cheerleading, wrestling, bowling, hockey, karate, and lacrosse.

RAD Kids:

RAD Kids is a national program taught to elementary students in two age groups (5-7 and 8-12). The course teaches kids about stranger awareness and instills in them the confidence to deal with a variety of situations. This program is continually growing and Warwick has 6 instructors available to meet the demand. With the reduction of available funding the program held 2 classes for the 2013 calendar year with approximately 30 students taking part. The program is run through the local Boys and Girls Clubs. Contact the Boys and Girls or visit our community police website for additional information.

Elderly Affairs:

One officer is responsible for Elderly Affairs issues. He works closely with the Elderly Affairs Liaison from the city to ensure that our community's elderly are not victims of fraud or abuse. Home visits and community lectures are conducted regularly. In 2013, approximately **55 cases of suspected elder abuse** were handled by this officer. This is a reduction from last year as uniform patrol officers have received additional training and more involved in elderly affairs matters, subsequently reducing the amount of follow-up required by Community Services personnel.

For information on elder abuse, contact (401)468-4325, Officer Stephen Lombardi.

Sex Offender Registration / Notification:

Sex Offender registration and community notification is the responsibility of one police officer and one civilian employee. In 2013, the average number of registered sex offenders who reside in the City of Warwick was **90-100 offenders**.

In an effort to conduct address verifications and combat non compliance with sex offender registration laws, the Warwick Police Department continues it's collaboration with the United States Marshal's office. Warwick Police is a member of the Sex Offender Law Enforcement Multi-disciplinary Network (SOLEMN), which is a working group designed to engage law enforcement, prosecutors, Probation and Parole Officers and Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) personnel in discussions about sex offender management styles, enforcement and compliance.

Federal grant money continues to be used to support operations that assist in performing sex offender investigations including address verification operations.

To see an up to date list of registered sex offenders visit <http://www.paroleboard.ri.gov>. Concerned parents should periodically check the website for additions/deletions as not everyone will be notified of a new sex offender by mail.

Police Explorer Program Post #327:

The Warwick Police Department Explorer Program introduces young men and woman between the ages of 14-20 years of age who are interested in law enforcement. During the school year they meet weekly and receive classroom training, ride-a-longs, and other types of hands on events. The explorer program also fosters a sense of responsibility and civic pride through which the explorers will go out into the city and state

and perform many services for the community. The Warwick Police Department and the Warwick police Explorer program are dedicated to creating future law enforcement officers as well as mature and well informed citizens. Officer Al Melucci is the Director for the Explorer Program in addition to his day to day Community Police duties.

In 2013, the Warwick Police Explorer program had **32 cadets** who were involved in a variety of events to include the Gaspee Day festival, National Night Out, E-Waste Festival and a variety of Safety Day events. This number of cadets is up significantly from 2012 where there were only **14** cadets. Five of these cadets attended a one-week mini police academy sponsored by the Connecticut State Police Explorer program. These explorers experienced a full week of training and personal development that incorporated leadership, team building, drill & ceremony and discipline.

For more information about the Warwick Police Explorers program visit their website at <http://wpdexplorers.org>

K-9 program:

During the calendar year of 2012, the Community Services Division added two new officers with their police K-9 partners. These officers and their K-9's received extensive training during the summer in drug detection and patrol operations. In addition to their K-9 responsibilities, these officers assist with various community police events such as attending neighborhood meetings, National Night Out, conducting demonstrations as well as school visits.

The following is a summary of the K-9 officer's activities during 2013:

- K-9 tracks 28
- Building searches conducted: 33
- Cash seizures: \$121,818
- Narcotics investigations/assists: 159
- Marijuana seized: 996 grams
- Cocaine seized: 56 grams
- Heroin seized: 2 grams
- Methamphetamine seized: 36 grams

Officer Paul Wells with his K-9 partner Fox and Officer Aaron Steere with his K-9 partner Viking have continued to be a very successful addition to the Warwick Police Department and the Community Services Division.

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT



SWAT-BOMB-USRT-FIREARM SUMMARY 2013

Homeland Security Services Unit/Special Operations
Prepared by Inspector Chris Mathiesen



**WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT
HOMELAND SECURITY
SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM SUMMARY 2013**

The Warwick Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is responsible for the resolution of situations requiring other than normal police actions, tactics, or equipment. The demonstrated goal of the unit is to resolve situations while limiting hazards to citizens and police personnel. The team's activities include, but are not limited to, the following missions: Drug raids, high risk warrant service, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, armed stakeout, dignitary protection, tactical operations, and any other specialized operation the team may be called upon to handle. SWAT Team personnel provide specialized training to Warwick Police Department personnel and other outside agencies throughout the year. Many team members are certified instructors and provide training in such areas as firearms, counter sniper tactics, riot control, active shooter training, mobile tactics, building searches, and traffic stops.

The Warwick Police SWAT Team has a long-standing tradition of excellence, and has been a model for many local, state and international tactical teams.



WPD SWAT Team 2013

Members of the Warwick PD SWAT Team

**Insp. Chris Mathiesen, SWAT Cmdr.
Lt. Mark Ullucci, Asst. Team Leader
Sgt. Tim Marshall, Squad Leader
Det. Mark Blair
Off. Matt Barlow
Off. Ray Cox
Off. Aaron Steere**

**Lt. Brad Connor, Team Leader
Sgt. Brian Mulcahey, Squad Leader
Det. Dave Verity, Sniper Team Leader
Off. Dale Drowne
Off. Jason Farias
Off. Hovsep Sarkasian
Off. Dan Maggiacomo**

Det. Brenton Groeneveld
Det. John McHale
Off. Robert King
Off. Geoffrey Waldman

Off. Joel Thomas
Det. Jed Pineau
Off. John Curley
Off. Dan Damaio

The SWAT Team conducted eight (8) tactical operations in 2013.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
02/13/13	High Risk Arrest	Metro Center Blvd.
03/20/13	Security Detail	Trudeau Center
03/31/13	Barricaded Ops	Glenbrook Road
06/08/13	Security Detail	Gaspee Parade
06/09/13	Barricaded Ops	Duxbury Court
07/08/13	High Risk Warrant	Cottage Street
07/19/13	Barricaded Ops	Motel 6
10/10/13	Assist on Drug Raid	Dorrance Street

SYNOPSIS OF 2013 TACTICAL OPERATIONS

On 02/13/13 at 1500 hours, the Warwick Police SWAT Team was requested to provide a Security Team/Quick Response Force for an arrest attempt that was being conducted at the Extended Stay America, located at 268 Metro Center Blvd. The Nassau County Police Department was on scene with Warwick Police Detectives and members of the Special Operations Group attempting to locate and apprehend a murder suspect out of NY State. The suspect was later taken into custody by Warwick Police and Nassau County Detectives without incident.

As a result of an Active Shooter Threat Assessment being conducted by the Warwick Police Department, information was developed of a potential incident that may take place during a meeting with a known individual who had an extensive criminal background, including serving time for murder. This individual had made verbal threats to the staff of the Trudeau Center, indicating that he may become violent. On March 20, 2013, members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team positioned themselves in close proximity to the meeting room where this individual was located. These Officers were to make an apprehension of this individual if he became aggressive. Fortunately, the meeting was held without incident.

On 03/31/13, Patrol Officers responded to a house on Glenbrook Road with regard to a suicidal male in the residence, who had told his wife that he was going to shoot himself. The wife had left the home and the male suspect was barricaded inside. She advised Officers that the male had multiple firearms and suffered from mental illness. SWAT Officers established outer and inner perimeters. Negotiators

arrived and were briefed on a tactical plan. Shortly thereafter, members of the SWAT Team entered the home and apprehended the male subject without injuries.

On 06/08/13, the Warwick Police SWAT Team provided a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) for the Gaspee Day Parade. Tactical plans consisted of a Command Post being established in close proximity to the Parade route, and a QRF available to respond to any and all high threat incidents. Members of the Cranston SRT Team provided a backup Team for the Warwick Police QRF, should it become necessary. Cranston Police did provide a Captain as a liaison to the WPD Command Post structure.

On 06/09/13, Patrol Officers were dispatched to a home on Duxbury Court pertaining to a male subject who was barricaded in a residence. Members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team, along with members of the Crisis Negotiation Team, provided assistance to the Patrol Force in convincing the suspect to exit the home.

On 07/08/13, Uniform Patrol OIC requested that the SWAT Team be utilized for a high risk arrest warrant attempt. The wanted suspect had assaulted his wife with a knife and was wanted by the North Branford, CT Police Department. A stakeout was conducted by members of the Team. However, the suspect was not located and was apprehended at a later date.

On 07/19/13, the Warwick Police SWAT Team responded to Motel 6 located at 20 Jefferson Blvd., on the report of 3 individuals who were sought in connection of an assault with a firearm that had occurred earlier in the day. It was determined that the 3 suspects were located in a room at the Motel. An inner perimeter was established by Patrol and SWAT Team members, and a Command Structure was set up. An attempt to contact the individuals failed. The SWAT Team utilized a fiber optic camera and was successful in locating the suspects in the room. After a tactical plan was developed, a command decision was made to breach the room door and apprehend the armed suspects. A tactical entry was conducted and all 3 suspects were apprehended without injuries. One firearm was recovered.

On 10/10/13, a member of the Warwick Police SWAT Team was asked to assist members of the Special Operations Group with the execution of a Narcotics Search Warrant on Dorrance Street. This Officer provided manual breaching to the front door and assisted Detectives in the apprehension of a male suspect.



Warwick PD SWAT Team in action.

SWAT TRAINING

In order to maintain a high degree of proficiency and excellence, Team members are required to continually train in the tactical field. During 2013, the SWAT Team held twenty-four (24) training sessions. Each training session was eight (8) hours for a total of 192 hours. The SWAT Team conducts sixteen (16) hours a month of training, as established by the National Tactical Officers Association. The SWAT Team continues to conduct training more frequently than any other unit within the WPD.

Training sessions in 2013 consisted of the following:

Arrest and Control Drills	CQB Movement
Breaching Techniques	Hotel Operations
Off Site CQB	WMD/Terrorism Brief
SCBA/WMD CERT	EOD Joint Training
Tubular Assault	Dept. Quall/Zero MP5 & M4
Woodland Operations	Maritime Operations
Diversionary Device CERT	High Angle Operations
Vehicle Ops Live Fire	Physical Training/Control
Weapons Drills	CNT Joint Training
VIP Protection	Mock Vehicle/Residential Ops
Less Lethal RECERT	Annual PT Test
Night Vision Ops	Bomb and Booby Trap Awareness

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is an element the SWAT Team and is led by a Lieutenant. The CNT is required by General Order to train with members of the SWAT Team at least twice a year. During 2013, members of CNT participated in several hands-on exercises with the SWAT Team.

Members of the Crisis Negotiation Team

Lt. Rick Rathbun, Team Leader

Off. John Larivee

Off. Gilda Fortier

Off. Matthew Moretti

Off. Leo Tetreault

Off. William DiGiulio

SNIPER TEAM

The Warwick Police SWAT Sniper Team consists of five (5) members who are highly trained in the area of long distance shooting. They are led by a Team Leader and all members are cross-trained with the Reactionary Team. The Sniper Team conducted twelve (12) training sessions, separate from the Reactionary Team, during 2013.

Members of the Sniper Team

Det. Dave Verity, Team Leader

Off. Ray Cox

Off. Matt Barlow

Off. Brenton Groeneveld

Off. Joel Thomas

WMD TACTICAL TEAM HIGHLIGHTS 2013



Five (5) SWAT operators are assigned to the WMD Tactical Team, which falls under the supervision of RISP. A WPD Lieutenant serves as the Team Leader for the Warwick Team.

Fully operational, this Unit is tasked to respond to any high risk event where the possibility of WMDs is present. These Officers are capable of operating in an environment which contains the presence of biological, chemical and radiological hazards. The WMD Tactical Team personnel utilize specialized equipment to accomplish their mission.

In addition to the sixteen (16) hours of training with the Warwick Police Department SWAT Team, the WMD Tactical Team members trained an additional eight (8) hours per month in 2013. The WMD Team Operators also took part in a large major drill at the Providence Convention Center which involved a chemical counter measure scenario.

Members of the Warwick Police Department WMD Tactical Team

Lt. Brad Connor, Team Leader

Sgt. Brian Mulcahey

Off. Dale Drowne

Off. Aaron Steere

Off. Joel Thomas



UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM (USRT)

The Underwater Search and Recovery Team (USRT) is made up of sworn officers of the Warwick Police Department specially trained and uniquely equipped to handle underwater assignments such as:

1. Perform disaster related rescue assistance when requested.
2. Perform underwater search and recovery missions involving victims, evidence, and other property.
3. Investigation of underwater crime scenes and all associated scenes in the immediate area.
4. Drowning and diving accident investigations.
5. Cooperating in any mutual aid plan approved by the Chief of Police.
6. Planned community events or safety standby operations at sanctioned water events.
7. Perform hull search of vessels for counter-drug and counter-terrorism operations.
8. Homeland Security Patrols within Warwick's 38 miles of coastline.

Watercraft: 25 foot Boston Whaler, 12 foot Center console boat, 2 Inflatable Zodiacs

Training: USRT trains eight (8) hours per month.

In 2013 the USRT performed firework security for the 4th of July fireworks in Oakland Beach. In July the USRT recovered the body of a drowned victim off of Conimicut Point.

USRT Members

Lt. Andrew Tainsh, Team Leader

Det. Shaun Turcotte, Team Training Officer

Off. Jason Farias

Off. Robert Hart

Off. Joel Thomas

Off. Brian Chianese

Off. Randy Francis



NEW SWAT DEVELOPMENTS IN 2013

Three (3) Officers joined the SWAT Team in 2013 after an extensive application process.

Three (3) members of the SWAT Team resigned.

Four (4) Officers attended a five (5) day RITOA Basic SWAT Course.

As a result of coming in tenth place at the Connecticut SWAT Challenge, the WPD SWAT Team was awarded an EOTEC Sighting System and a Colt M4 Carbine.

WPD purchased a full set of new uniforms for the Team.

A series of new MITCH Helmets was purchased to upgrade the existing helmets.

Two (2) additional M4 Carbines were purchased to increase the weapons inventory.

In 2013 a request was made to replace the twenty (20) year old SWAT Van. This request was approved and the Van will be delivered in 2014.

CERTIFICATION

Each SWAT Officer is required to certify each year in order to remain on the Team. The Certification Program consists of twenty (20) job tasks, a firearm course and a written test. Each officer was also evaluated by a Team Leader. All SWAT Officers successfully completed the Certification process in 2013.

SWAT CONCLUSION

The Warwick Police SWAT Team will continue to provide protection to the citizens of Warwick and to its police officers. SWAT Officers are proud of their Team and will strive to maintain the professional standard that is expected of them.



BOMB TECHNICIANS SUMMARY 2013

The primary responsibility of Warwick Police Department Bomb Technicians is to provide safe resolution to situations involving suspicious items or known improvised explosive devices (IED's). The evaluation of suspicious packages or bomb threats and the render safe of improvised explosive devices are conducted with the goal of limiting hazards and minimizing exposure to citizens and emergency response personnel.

Post September 11, 2001 responsibilities have increased, thrusting the Bomb Squad into the first line of defense in the war on terrorism. Homeland security has become a driving force behind the training and operation of the Bomb Squad. A new era in hazardous materials operations includes the use of chemical, biological, and radiological detection devices by Bomb Technicians. Training for an explosives related hazardous materials incident has involved an integrated approach with the Warwick Fire Department's Haz-Mat Unit. Ongoing preparations for an immediate response to terrorist's acts involving weapons of mass destruction, large vehicle bombs, and suicide bombers remain a priority.

Presently the Warwick Police Department employs two (2) certified bomb technicians:

Sgt. Alan Valliere

Officer Dale Drowne

BOMB THREATS AND EXPLOSIVE RELATED INCIDENTS IN 2013

During 2013, WPD officers and bomb disposal technicians responded to a total of seventeen (17) threats and disposal related incidents.

INCIDENTS

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| 1. | 01/07/13 | RSP Acid Bomb |
| 2. | 01/27/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad RSP/Westerly PD |
| 3. | 03/09/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad RSP/Device on Bus |
| 4. | 04/14/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad RSP/EPPD |
| 5. | 04/17/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad RSP/RIDEM/Cranston |
| 6. | 04/18/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad/Cranston |
| 7. | 04/19/13 | Assist – Marathon Bombing - U MASS |
| 8. | 04/20/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad/Cumberland |
| 9. | 04/27/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad/Woonsocket |
| 10. | 05/01/13 | RSP/Suspicious Device/Vermont Ave. |
| 11. | 05/03/13 | Assist RI Bomb Squad/Smithfield |
| 12. | 05/06/13 | RSP/2 Pipe Bombs/Rivervue Ave. |
| 13. | 07/14/13 | RSP/Acid Bomb Inv./Winter Ave. |
| 14. | 07/23/13 | RSP/Military Ordnance/Barber Ave. |
| 15. | 08/02/13 | RSP/Suspicious Device/Walmart |
| 16. | 09/13/13 | Assist/Search Warrant/Coventry PD |
| 17. | 10/08/13 | RSP/Suspicious Letter/ WPD HQ |

BOMB TECHNICIANS HIGHLIGHTS

On April 19, 2013 WPD Bomb Technicians responded to the University of Massachusetts to conduct searches and RSPs in the wake of the Boston Marathon Bombing Operation. This resulted in both WPD Bomb Technicians receiving a prestigious award from the RI State Fire Marshal's Office.

WPD Bomb Techs continued to provide assistance to the RI State Bomb Squad in 2013.

WPD Bomb Technicians continued to conduct training with the Rhode Island State Bomb Squad. Warwick PD Bomb Techs train with the Rhode Island Bomb Squad sixteen (16) hours a month.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians provided booby trap and bomb awareness to RIMPA Academy Class.

In 2013, WPD Bomb Technicians disposed of a large amount of small arms ammunition which had been surrendered to the Department.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians continued to provide bomb awareness lectures to various civil and law enforcement agencies.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians assigned to the RI State Bomb Squad have available to them, including State of the Art Render Safe equipment.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians, along with members of the RI State Bomb Squad responded to numerous incidents throughout the State of Rhode Island in 2013.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians and members of the RI Fire Marshal Bomb Squad provided training with the Warwick PD SWAT Team.



WPD Bomb Technicians Sgt. Valliere and Off. Drowne receiving award at Warwick City Hall for their participation in the Boston Marathon bombing investigation.

BOMB TECHNICIANS CONCLUSION

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians will continue to respond to any location and provide render safe assistance to insure the safety of all citizens of the City of Warwick.

FIREARM TRAINING - QUALIFICATIONS

As required by RI State Law 11-47-15.1, all officers must qualify with their duty handgun once a year.

During the year 2013, all members of the Warwick Police Department qualified with their duty weapon with the exception of those members who are sick, on Military leave, or relieved of duty.

The total expenditure of .40 caliber training ammunition for qualification is approximately 30,000 RDS. Furthermore, an additional 7,500 RDS were expended for recruit training.

Two (2) In-Service Tactical Firearm Training Sessions were conducted for all members of the WPD in 2013. The training consisted of decision making, moving target, change of magazine drill, and firing the Remington Model 870 shotgun. Additionally, three (3) sessions consisted of night firing with handguns.

Department Remington Model 870 shotguns are installed in thirty-five (35) police cruisers.

Seven (7) Mossberg shotguns are provided in seven (7) supervisor's cars for less lethal use.

Eleven (11) M-4 Carbines are presently utilized by selected Patrol Officers who attended a certified RITOA Patrol Carbine Course. Each Officer is required to have the weapon available during his/her tour of duty.

USE OF OUTDOOR FIREARM FACILITY

The following agencies utilized the Warwick PD Outdoor Firearm Facility during 2013:

AGENCY	AMOUNT OF TIME USED
Warwick PD SWAT	192 hours
WRAC	176 hours
US Marshal Service	112 hours
ACI Tactical Team	112 hours
RIMPA	72 hours
East Providence PD	8 hours
RIAC Police	8 hours
Warwick PD Explorers	8 hours
WMD Tactical Team	<u>8 hours</u>
TOTAL	696 hours

ADDITIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY & SPEC OPS DATA

In 2013, a total of ten (10) firearm traces were conducted through the ATF Tracing Center.

A total of two (2) weapons were test fired for the Prosecution Division.

Presently, there are eighty-three (83) weapons being held for safekeeping.

Thirty-four (34) weapons were released to their rightful owners during 2013.

Warwick PD maintains one hundred and seventy-two (172) duty handguns, thirty-five (35) Remington Model 870 shotguns, eleven (11) MP5 SMGs, seven (7) Bushmaster Carbines, one (1) 40 MM gas gun, three (3) M14 rifles, twenty (20) M16 rifles, seven (7) Mossberg Less-Lethal shotguns, and seven (7) Smith & Wesson M-4 carbines.

The TRUST provided a simulator for decision making shooting. Numerous officers utilized the FATS System during 2013 to hone their shooting skills.

One (1) Active Shooter Training Session was conducted for the entire Police Department.

Three (3) MANPAD Drills were held to determine Warwick PD's capability to respond to a terrorist incident at T. F. Green Airport.

Active Shooter security assessments were conducted for numerous school and private businesses, including the Trudeau Center and the Warwick YMCA.

A lecture was conducted to the WPD Citizens Police Academy pertaining to terrorism on May 1, 2013.

On November 13, 2013, all Warwick City Department Heads attended a High Threat Awareness Lecture at Warwick PD Headquarters.

On December 4, 2013, two (2) members of the Watertown, MA PD conducted a briefing pertaining to the Boston Marathon Bombing/Shooting confrontation to members of the Warwick Police Department. An extensive amount of lessons were learned from this lecture. The Warwick PD is forever grateful to these brave Officers in sharing their experiences

A Maritime Security briefing was conducted at the Quonset Port involving numerous State and Federal agencies.

CONCLUSION

Warwick Police Homeland Security Services/Special Operations Unit will continue to insure that firearm training is available to all members of the Warwick Police Department, and to maintain the Department's firearm inventory.

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT



Detective Division

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The Detective Division of the Warwick Police Department consists of a Captain, the division commander, a Lieutenant, 6 Sergeants, 24 Detectives and 1 civilian criminalist. The division is divided into 5 groups: District Detectives, Night Detectives, Special Operations, Digital Forensics, and BCI (Bureau of Criminal Identification). Since 2009, the division continues to operate with fewer detectives due to staffing reductions and budget constraints. Although, this year, in response to an increase in computer related evidence processing, a new Sergeant's position was added to account for much needed supervision in our BCI/Computer Forensics area.

District Detectives

For the purposes of case assignment and area responsibility, the City of Warwick is divided into three geographical districts. District 1 comprises the northern area, District 2 comprises the eastern part and District 3 comprises the southern end. District Detectives conduct criminal investigations ranging from Homicide to Larceny. Virtually any crime which requires investigation that occurs in these areas of responsibility gets assigned to those District Detectives. These District Detectives conduct investigations on the vast majority of criminal cases that are prosecuted through the Kent County District Court.

In the calendar year 2013, District detectives along with their counterparts on Nights were assigned 1185 cases for investigation. 378 of those cases are still open and being investigated. 88 cases have been closed by arrest which yielded a 7.4% closure by arrest rate for the Division. The remainders of those cases were closed either by exceptional means or for reasons having to do with no solvability factors. They collectively worked on 57 different type's sexual assaults, 26 of which were forcible rape cases and the remainders were varying types of child molestations, sexual assaults, or underage sexual encounters. The number of complaints of forcible rape did increase this year 63% from last year's totals from 16 to 26. There was a significant decrease, however, in the number of robberies for the year 2013 ending with 17 compared with 30 robbery cases for 2012, a 43% decrease.

In addition, the division worked on 295 Burglary cases in 2013, down 13% from 338 in 2012 and 610 reported Larceny cases, up 5% from 2012. There were four(4) homicides in 2013. Two of those were murder/suicides in which the suspect killed themselves at the scene after committing the murder. One murder remains an open and active investigation at this time. Notable activity includes:

- The surveillance and subsequent arrest with Nassau County Police Department Detectives of William Flowers DOB 10/27/81 for being a fugitive from justice for the charge of 2nd degree murder in the state of New York.

- The investigation and arrest of Christopher Stewart, 58, for a series of larcenies involving plumbing fixtures in public restrooms. Over thirty businesses were targeted for their expensive toilet fixtures which were sold for scrap.
- The investigation into the deaths of William and Colleen Liebrich at 161 Armstrong Ave. Subsequent results indicated a murder/suicide committed by William Liebrich and his subsequent suicide after the fact.
- The investigation into a double murder/suicide at 75 Kenway Ave. in which the ex-boyfriend of Carla Bowen, John Oliveira, shot and killed Bowen and Christopher Butler before turning the gun on himself.
- The investigation and subsequent arrest of Kenneth Hassell, 48, of Johnston for an Armed Robbery of a Convenience store. The Valero gas station at 1625 Post Rd. was robbed at gunpoint and a city resident provided videotape coverage of the getaway which was instrumental in identifying the person involved (Hassell).
- The investigation and subsequent arrest of Louis Marchetti, of Cranston, in which Detectives from the Warwick Police assisted Cranston Police in a six-month long surveillance operation which was formed to combat an increase in high-end burglaries in both Cranston and Warwick.
- The arrest of the “Vodka Bandit”, Tawan Burgess 32, of Warwick after he was identified as being responsible for numerous liquor store thefts involving “Ciroc” vodka.
- The division worked on, and in some cases continues to work on 6 human trafficking for sex cases. Members of the division with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police, the Rhode Island Attorney General, and the Kent Center have worked to bring these cases to prosecution and to preserve the rights and dignity of the victims.
- The investigation into the murder of John Fay, who was found in City Park on May 18. Mr. Fay was an avid runner and was in the park for his daily routine when he was attacked. Collectively, all of the components of the division have contributed to the investigation of this case, accounting for approximately 10,000 work hours of investigation. This investigation remains of the highest priority for the entire division.

Night Detectives

The Detectives working Night Detectives work the hours from 3:30 pm to 11:30 pm commonly referred to as second shift. They have city-wide jurisdiction during their hours of operation and are commanded by a supervising Sergeant. The majority of their case assignments are from calls for service and walk-in complainants. They handle a myriad of complaints ranging from murder, burglary, home invasions and sexual assaults. Child molestation and sexual assaults make up their main caseload. However, they do handle robberies and serious assaults, as well as, other offenses. They are also tasked with being the main liaisons for any interdepartmental and inter-jurisdictional investigations and assistance.

Some of the notable cases that were investigated by this unit include the following:

- The investigation into a robbery at the Wave Credit Union in which a subject gave information on the crime and indentified the suspect as Dennis Wilson, 42, who is currently incarcerated in Brewster, NY under federal charges for bank robbery.

- The arrest of Brian Audette for the Woonsocket Police Department for his part in a murder that happened in Woonsocket. Detectives assisted Woonsocket with the arrest and custody was turned over to Woonsocket PD on the arrest warrant.
- The arrests of two members of the (OCG) Original Crips gang, YaPao Vang and Sai Vang, both of Providence for their part in a sexual assault/gang rape of an 18 year female at the Motel 6 on Jefferson Blvd.
- The investigation and arrests for a Home Invasion robbery at 20 King Street. Suspects eventually indentified as Dwayne Fulmer, of Exeter; Robert Braga and John Lawrence of Warwick.
- The investigation and assistance to Cranston PD into a robbery that occurred at 767 Warwick Ave. Cranston PD received the information and complaint and along with Warwick Detectives identified two individuals involved: Cameron Bodden and Nathaniel Isom. Subjects were arrested and charged with robbery.
- Assisted Providence PD with three strong arm robberies by helping to identify subjects involved off video surveillance from Wal-Mart. Assistance provided resulted in the arrest of three subjects wanted for armed robberies in Providence.
- The investigation into the forced entry into a house at 53 Byron Boulevard for money involved in a previous drug transaction. The suspect was later identified as Marissa Ciccone, a Johnston Police Officer. She was eventually arrested and charged with crimes relating to this incident.
- Rendered assistance to USDHS-ICE agents in the search warrant and arrest of Sean Keener, 27, of Warwick for Possession of Child Pornography.
- The investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Katherine Frink, 39, and her son, 5, who were found deceased in a car at the Fairfax Apartments. Subsequent investigation showed that both individuals died from heat exposure while in the car for a prolonged period without assistance.
- The arrest of Jacorey Bryant, 22, a rising rap music artist from Atlanta, GA for the felony assault and battery of two women and man outside a gas station on Jefferson Boulevard. Bryant was additionally charged with possession of methamphetamine as a result of this investigation.

Special Operations Group

This particular group of detectives is responsible for special investigations which require a more discreet law enforcement presence. They are responsible for vice activity and Narcotics investigations, as well as, any investigation that cannot be accomplished through the normal detective assignment protocol. One member of this unit is permanently assigned as a DEA Task Force Officer (TFO). Members of this unit and our TFO's were responsible for seizing assets such as money, automobiles, personal property and, in some cases, real estate.

The SOG unit maintains and analyzes, for the purpose of targeted enforcement action, statistics of overdoses of illicit drugs, particularly heroin and cocaine. The SOG Unit has estimated for 2013 that there were 50 documented overdoses of those drugs resulting in 10 fatalities. Of these events, approximately 90% involve the use of heroin, with cocaine use accounting for the balance.

Based on their function, the SOG unit also initiated clandestine investigations involving narcotics and prostitution, but not limited thereto. The unit provided 8 assists to local communities by providing either manpower or resource equipment to that agency's investigation. The unit made approximately 25 arrests during the calendar year including;

- Assisted in the arrest of Paul Larson 52, who was wanted in connection with housebreaks and boat larcenies in the Warwick and East Greenwich
- The arrest of Crystal Vanasse for Cocaine delivery from 162 Park View Drive.
- The investigation and subsequent federal arrests conducted with USDHS-ATF agents involving narcotics delivery and weapons charges. This included surveillance, undercover agents and specialized law enforcement tools to effectuate a multi-jurisdiction, long term, successful investigation.
- The investigation and arrest of Thomas Heeney and Jeanne Heeney of 48 White Rock Rd. for the delivery and distribution of prescription narcotics.
- The SOG unit continues to provide assistance and cooperation to their local, state and federal partners dedicated to the mission of narcotics eradication, by participating in several statewide and federal task force investigations.

Computer Forensics Unit

This unit is comprised of one (1) Sergeant and four (4) full-time detectives whose responsibilities include video examination; conducting forensic computer exams; cell phone information retrieval; and other technology based investigations. The Sergeant assigned to this unit has additional supervisory responsibilities to the BCI unit as part of his assigned duties. One detective is permanently assigned to the RI Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), which is currently being directed by the R.I. State Police. Last year, because of the proliferation of technology in mainstream society, virtually every criminal investigation included some type of technology based investigative component. From Robberies to Sexual Assaults, the use of computers and cell phones provide critical information in real time crime investigations. In the past year included in this report, almost 90% of the criminal investigations included some type of technology based forensic analysis.

The unit was responsible for conducting forensic investigations into 101 cell phones; 48 Computers/laptops; and over 127 video imaging devices which resulted in a number of arrests. Members of the unit participated in numerous Sex Offender/probation sweeps assisting the US Marshalls Service and RI State Police ICAC. In addition, the CFU provided technical support and assistance in excess of 20 instances to outside agencies.

Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI)

The identification unit comprises three distinct job classifications. Identification, which involves the accurate identification of criminal offenders by fingerprinting and DNA matching utilizing federal, state and local databases. Crime Scene Technicians: whose responsibility it is to gather and preserve crime scene evidence for collection and examination. Property Custody: this stores property and maintains a custody chain for collection and release of property involved in criminal investigations. This unit plays an integral part of every investigation because the necessity to identify, collect and preserve evidence plays a crucial role in the prosecution of criminals. In the past year, this unit has been responsible for linking some of the most heinous crimes to the offenders listed previously. Without this unit, most offenders would not be prosecuted. With the four murders that occurred this past year, the role that the BCI unit plays in an investigation has been amplified and the reliance that is placed on them during investigations have been realized in very real way.

This unit was responsible for 4,681 pieces of evidence being logged and stored; 304 chemical and narcotic substances process for toxicology; and 54 firearms. In addition, the unit processed 722 photographs and digital copies for prosecutions, 648 items for fingerprints; as well as, assisting the USDHS-ICE; DEA and U.S. Secret Service (USSS) with evidence processing and fingerprint identification. Through the BCI's Digital Imaging Management System (DIMS), the department took 29, 267 photographs of both arrestees and crime scenes. They also responded to 125 death investigations to include 4 motor vehicle accident reconstructions; 1 Homicide /Suicide; 1 Double Homicide/Suicide; 1 Homicide; and 2 Fire investigations.

In accordance with the crime statistics listed in this annual report, the detective division has made a clear difference in the reduction of certain crimes, including Robbery, Larceny and Burglary. Members of the division have made serious impact on the occurrences of Robbery by having a high closure rate by arrest for these crimes. This is mainly due to the hard work and dedication of the division, as well as, the diligence and vigilance of the uniform division in their daily activities.

Cold Case Investigations

There are 15 unsolved murders currently on record with Warwick Police Department. They go back as far as the 1960's and continue to the most recent in 2013. These cases have been worked on extensively at the time of occurrence and are opened again when new information is received. Our cold case investigator, Sgt. Frederick Pierce, has been actively investigating two homicides during the last three years. Although he has supervisory duties as the Second Shift Detectives supervisor-in-charge, he has devoted approximately 800 hours to the investigation of cold case homicides in the last year. We continue to actively investigate these cases, and are constantly soliciting new information through our TIPS line and by media interest. The City Park Murder in 2013 continues to be actively investigated as well. Sgt. Pierce has conducted over 80 hours of interviews and meetings with involved persons and litigators in the investigation of these cases. With continued effort and resolve, we are committed to the successful resolution of these cases in the future.

Respectfully,

Robert S. Nelson

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CAPTAIN

Detective Division Commander

Administrative Services Division

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The Administrative Services Division is staffed by a captain and three sergeants. This staff is responsible for the management and supervision of the thirty-seven (37) non-sworn employees assigned to the division. Their specific complement and assignments are as follows:

Administrative Services Captain: One full time position currently staffed. This position oversees the Administrative Services Division. The Captain of the Administrative Services Division coordinates and supervises all activities of the Communications Center Personnel, Records Clerks, Transcriptionists, Radio Repair Technician, Automotive services, and building maintenance. The Captain also assists with financial planning to include but not limited to; budget preparation, bid process, equipment purchasing, and service/repair contracts. Coordinates and supervises all activities of the grant manager. Ensures the security and operation of records management systems and software is maintained.

Administrative Services Sergeant: Two full time positions currently staff this position. The Administrative Services Sergeants assist the ASD OIC in coordinating and supervising all activities of the Communications Center Personnel, Records Clerks, Transcriptionists, and Radio Repair Technician. Assist with financial planning to include but not limited to; budget preparation, bid process, service or repair contracts. Ensures the security and operation of records management systems and software is maintained.

Grant Manager Sergeant: One full time position currently staffs this position. The Grant Manager is responsible for overseeing all Federal, State and local grants within the organization and ensuring that those officers who are assigned to manage each specific grant complete timely reports. Develop spending plans regarding awarded grants in accordance with the grant requirements. Actively seek and acquire additional grant funding in order to maximize the acquisition of technical and tactical equipment to assist the department in completing its mission. Complete monthly/yearly Financial Status Reports, Progress Reports, Program Reports and Grant Closeout reports.

Dispatchers: The Dispatch center is budgeted for sixteen (16) dispatcher positions. Currently, there are fourteen (14) full time positions, with one dispatcher in training and one slated to begin training in early 2014. Five dispatchers are assigned to the first shift, six dispatchers are assigned to the second, and five dispatchers are assigned to the third shift.

Transcriptionist: There are three full time positions and one part-time position. Department transcriptionists transcribe report narratives, input accident “face” sheets, and electronically scan report documents into the IMC system.

During 2013, transcriptionists input approximately 4,340 accident “face” sheets, they transcribed approximately 14,051 report narratives, and they scanned the bulk of the accompanying documents and images for the reports generated (i.e. witness statements).

Records Clerk: Two full time records clerks currently staff this position. Records clerks handle report requests (to include those from the media, citizens, and police officers). They file all hard copy police reports, scan accompanying documents and images for the reports generated into the

Tri-Tech computer system. They are also responsible for keeping accurate records of all monies generated through report requests. During 2013, the department records clerks filed approximately 14,051 hard copy reports, fielded approximately 6,876 report requests (i.e. citizens, media, insurance agencies, internal distribution, etc.), and scanned accompanying documents and images for the reports generated into Tri-Tech as needed.

Switch Board Operators: Three full time operators currently staff the operator position. The operator and call –taker positions processed almost 72,087 calls for service during 2013.

Report Review Specialist: One full time clerk currently staffs this position. This position requires the specialist to review and prepare reports for the Prosecution Division. The clerk also reviews accident reports, DUI/Refusal reports, and reviews and prepares motor vehicle violations/summons for the DMV.

NCIC/Audit Specialist: One full time clerk currently staffs this position. This position requires frequent interaction with The Rhode Island State Police and FBI. This specialist reviews Warwick Police case paperwork for required NCIC validations and UCR reporting. This clerk also orders and keeps track of department office supplies.

Radio Technician: The radio technician maintains and services all department communication and radio systems and equipment. This includes department vehicles, portable radios, communication infrastructure. The radio technician will also coordinate with service contractors for off-site equipment repair. The radio technician is responsible for routine quality assurance and monitoring of vital communications equipment; repair, service and maintenance.

Fleet Management: In 2013 ASD was tasked with overseeing the department’s fleet of marked and unmarked vehicles. Under this plan there is one Fleet manager who oversees a staff of four garage mechanics. They are responsible for the maintenance and repair on all police units. The garage also does routine repairs on the Fire departments light use vehicles. The Fleet manager works closely with the Captain of ASD in preparing all bids and specifications on the new police cruisers. The fleet manager is also responsible for ordering and stocking all necessary parts for the police garage. The Fleet manager reports directly to the Captain of ASD.

The activities of the **Administrative Services Division** center on the following activities and equipment:

Computer Network and Operating Software – The maintenance and operation of this department’s computer network and all operating software (Information Management Corporation, Acorn, Dictaphone, Motorola, etc.) falls under the ASD (Administrative Services Division).

Communications Equipment Inventory and Maintenance – Close coordination between the division and Motorola, the equipment manufacturer, and New England Communications, the maintenance contract holder, is required to ensure that all communications equipment operate properly. This includes all communications center equipment, repeater and radio tower sites, portable radios (standard and 800 MHz) and mobile car radios (standard and 800 MHz). It also includes all mobile data terminals, modems, and other relevant MDT equipment. All new equipment purchased will meet the Federal Government’s narrow banding requirements.

Keeper of Department Records – This category involves many separate responsibilities such as: Making sure that all records retention requirements are being adhered to, all public information requests are being properly addressed, and document destruction is in accordance with Rhode Island State Law. This involves direct contact with many separate government and private entities, as well as W.P.D. employees.

Terminal Agency Coordinator – The officer in charge of the Administrative Services Division is designated the terminal agency coordinator for the department. That officer is responsible for ensuring that all **Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS)** and National crime Information Center (NCIC) information requests made by the department are in accordance with federal regulations. Also, the TAC is responsible to ensure the reporting requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident Based Reporting System (N.I.B.R.S.) are met. This also involves coordinating with the Rhode Island State police to make sure that we successfully complete an annual audit by the F.B.I...

Maintaining Department Forms and Printed Items – The Administrative Services Division is responsible for the development, supply, and acquisition of the various forms used in the course of business at the Warwick Police Department. Most forms are developed and maintained by the department. Additional forms associated with State and Federal requirements are procured and stocked as needed. Warwick Police Records personnel monitor the supply of these forms and acquire additional amounts as necessary.

Mobile Command Center – In addition to being a mobile command center, this asset is designed to facilitate the continuation of radio and telephone communications in the event that the communications center becomes unavailable or inoperable. The maintenance and upkeep of the mobile command center is the responsibility of the A.S.D. The division holds quarterly, unannounced drills to test both the equipment capabilities of the mobile command center as well as the performance capabilities of our dispatch personnel.

Electronic Accident Submission – This division is responsible for maintaining the equipment which allows electronic submission of all state accident reports to Rhode Island Department of Transportation as required by state law. The A.S.D. works with M.I.S. to keep this system operating properly.

FCC Licensing and Antenna Tower Registration – The A.S.D. is responsible for complying with Federal Communications Commission requirements relating to radio communications. This includes maintaining our current radio frequency licenses and antenna tower registrations. Additionally, the A.S.D. is subject to various audits that are periodically initiated by the FCC.

Training – The Warwick Police Department's software, computer equipment, office equipment, & mobile data terminals are dynamic in nature. As such, they require continuing training to be used at their fullest potential. The A.S.D. coordinates with the technology vendors & volunteer department trainers to facilitate this training.

Ordering and Maintaining Office Supplies – ASD is responsible for the procuring, storage, and distribution of general office supplies (paper, ink cartridges, toner, paper clips, etc.).

Maintaining Department Equipment – ASD is also responsible for maintaining equipment that is necessary to the function of this police department. This includes but is not limited to, the Acorn System (telephone and radio recording), telephone system, A.F.I.S. system, micro-film reader, copy machines, emergency generator, Dictaphone system, Digital camera system, and Mobile Data Terminals.

ASD PROJECTS 2013

Completed Projects:

- a. Takeover of building maintenance from Building Dept.
- b. Purchase of Maintenance Equipment
- c. Internal/External Camera System replacements and updates
- d. Records Storage in Former Fire Station
- e. ASD taking over Department Web Site
- f. ASD creating Twitter Account
- g. Expanded parking, paving, in front lot
- h. Signage for parking lots
- i. VIN Shack Remodeled, heat/AC and structural improvements
- j. Aldrich Antenna Site Upgraded with new antenna system
- k. CCRI Antenna Site Upgraded and Moved
- l. Hiring of 4 Replacement Dispatchers
- m. Hiring of 4 Replacement Transcriptionists
- n. Hiring of Replacement Radio Tech
- o. ASD Sergeants taking over management of comp/vacation slips
- p. ASD Sergeant managing dispatch overtime
- q. CONEX Boxes for Storage Reconfigured
- r. Updating Community Room with new AV Equipment
- s. New Tower Project with VERIZON
- t. Upgraded in house network to use Power Over Ethernet (POE) gigabit switches
- u. Parking Lot Lighting, front and back

Projects in Progress:

- a. Purchase of Police Vehicles
- b. Updated HVAC system in HQ
- c. Vehicle Maintenance via IMC
- d. New Dispatcher Test at City Hall
- e. Hiring of 1 additional Dispatcher
- f. BCI Area Fencing

Future Projects:

- a. Portable Radios upgraded to XTS 2500
- b. Replace Comparators at HQ
- c. Microwaves for CCRI and Warwick Neck Water Tower

- d. Grounding equipment at Rt2 (East Greenwich) repeater site
- e. Lobby Security Project for Records, Traffic, Switchboard, Licensing, Prosecution
- f. Paving of front and rear lots with parking stops

Respectfully Submitted,

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ASD OIC

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Professional Standards Division

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Professional Standards Division (PSD) is responsible for maintaining a high level of professional conduct within the police department. The division performs the functions of: Investigating complaints of officer misconduct, maintaining the department's CALEA accreditation, training personnel, and recruiting and selecting new officers. Additionally, the office of the mayor has assigned to the police department the function of "City Integrity Officer." This duty is delegated to the captain of the Professional Standards Division. That duty consists of receiving, routing, and ensuring the resolution of allegations of corruption and criminal activity in the course of their employment by city employees. The officer in charge of the Professional Standards Division reports directly to the Chief of Police.

The division is comprised of a captain acting as the division officer-in-charge (OIC), one (1) lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, and one (1) patrol officer.

The captain coordinates all the efforts in all functional areas. Additionally he is responsible for the conduct and resolution of all internal misconduct investigations. The captain typically assigns internal investigations to the appropriate authority for action, whether it is to the employee's platoon/unit for minor violations, or to a PSD investigator for more serious offenses. For 2013, the captain has carried a case load and participated in all major internal investigations.

The lieutenant of the Professional Standards Division assists and supports the captain in the above indicated activities. Additionally, he took primary responsibility for personnel matters, and is the primary internal investigator for serious investigations.

The Professional Standards Division Sergeant/ Training Sergeant position would typically be responsible for the coordination of the department's in-service and external training efforts. Additionally, that sergeant would assist with the division's recruitment efforts, and less critical internal investigations. In 2013, the sergeant who filled that position was transferred out and no suitable replacement has been located. A new sergeant will be appointed in the beginning of February 2014.

The second sergeant is the accreditation manager. That sergeant is responsible solely for the management of the department's CALEA and RIPAC Accreditation efforts.

The officer assigned to the unit is tasked with assisting the training sergeant in their duties, and for the management and execution of background investigations of new officers, coordinating gun checks, and administering the department's door access system

Investigating Complaints of Officer Misconduct

This function is vital for maintaining the professional standards of the department. The division does this through the recording and investigating of complaints against officers. Also, tracking employee conduct, determining policy implications and identifying training trends are key to this function.

In 2013, the Warwick Police Department recorded 3,160 arrests while handling 72,088 calls for service. The results of the previous year were 3,325 and 75,146 respectively. There were twenty four (24) formal

complaints of police misconduct reported to the agency by external sources. This compared with the twelve (12) such complaints for 2012, reflects a 100% increase.

The increase in complaints can be explained by a change in how the Professional Standards Division classifies its misconduct cases. Previously, there were two separate classifications for internal cases: IAs was a designation for cases that involved formal complaints mandating formal investigations. ICs designated informal or informational cases resulting in a less formal resolution or simple documentation.

At the beginning of 2013, the PSD elected to eliminate the IC case classification, thus treating all cases as formal. This was done for a number of reasons to include allowing for the IMC records management system to manage cases. It was one of the established goals for the unit to transition to this computerized system to store and manage internal misconduct cases. That system has no capacity to differentiate between IAs and ICs.

When the number of IA and IC cases involving external reported officer misconduct for 2012 is compared to the IA cases for external reported officer misconduct for 2013, the numbers are essentially the same.

2012 Citizens' & Internal Complaint Summary

TOTAL NUMBER OF CITIZEN INITIATED COMPLAINTS:

24

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

31

TYPE OF ALLEGATION:

01 Criminal Act	0	07 Improper Demeanor	7
02 Excessive Force	2	08 Integrity/Behavior	4
03 Civil Rights Violation	2	09 Poor Performance	6
04 False Arrest	0	10 Other	0
05 Mistreatment	0	11 Racial Profiling	0
06 Harassment	3		

COMPLAINT
DISPOSITION:

Sustained	8
Not Sustained	4
Unfounded	2
Exonerated	10
Policy Flaw	0
Other	0

2013 Annual Use of Force Analysis

Overall Activity

In 2013 there were a total of 72,088 calls for service logged by the Warwick Police Department compared to 75,146 in 2012, a decrease of 4.07 %.

There were 3,160 arrest reports in 2013, compared with 3,325 in 2012, a decrease of 4.96%.

Use of Force Totals

There were fifty-five incidents of use of force in 2013 involving ninety-nine officers and one civilian. Of those, forty-three resulted in at least one arrest.

1.36 % of all arrests involved the use of force, and 78.18 % of use of force incidents resulted in an arrest.

Sixty-three different officers and one civilian accounted for all use of force incidents.

Two incidents were SWAT operations, and one was an SOG operation.

Incident Type

Crime in Progress	19	Domestic Disturbance	11
Warrant	8	Non-Domestic Disturbance	4
Traffic Incident	10	Suicide	4
Suspicious Situation	5	Escape	3

Note: many incidents cited more than one factor.

Force Employed

Physical Force	24	Taser Deployed	3
OC Spray	4	Firearm Drawn	29
Baton	1	Firearm Discharged	0
Taser Drawn	7		

In 2013, the Warwick Police Department initiated its Taser program.

Taser deployment consisted of two incidents of probe discharge and one incident of drive use.

Suspect injuries and complaints of pain were consistent with 2012, while officer injuries were down significantly from ten in 2012.

The one incident of serious injury to an officer was the result of a dog bite at a domestic disturbance.

There were no reports of serious injury to suspects.

Firearms / Deadly Force

There were no incidents of firearm discharge or deadly force used against humans in 2013.

This is the first year that the drawing and pointing of a firearm at a suspect has been captured on the use of force reports.

Sworn officers used deadly force to euthanize sick or injured animals thirty-five times in 2013, down slightly from thirty-seven in 2012.

In all instances of the use of deadly force to euthanize sick or injured animals, proper supervisor approval was sought and obtained.

Accreditation

The Warwick Police Department is a nationally accredited Law Enforcement agency. Achieving and maintaining accreditation requires adherence to applicable standards as set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The standards address nine major law enforcement areas:

1. role, responsibilities, and relationships
2. organization, management, and administration
3. personnel structure
4. personnel process
5. operations
6. operation support
7. traffic operations
8. detainee and court-related activities
9. auxiliary and technical services

CALEA accreditation is handled by a sergeant assigned to the PSD. CALEA accreditation assessment is scheduled on a three year rotation. The next regularly scheduled process for accreditation will take place in August of 2015. In addition, this unit also conducts reviews and makes recommendations for changes to department policies.

Additionally, The Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC) began accrediting Rhode Island law enforcement agencies in 2013 on a set of 12 standards. In October of 2013, the Warwick Police Department was assessed by RIPAC and found to be in compliance with these standards. Consequently, The Warwick Police Department is accredited by both of these commissions (CALEA/RIPAC).

Training

The training function of the department is coordinated by each member of the division through constant identification of training needs, selection of appropriate schooling, and facilitating and coordinating in-

service trainings. The main portion of scheduling and assignment is the responsibility of the training sergeant who handles the logistical aspects of training assignments. This sergeant also facilitates recruit background investigations, firearms checks, and the Warwick Housing Authority background checks.

In addition to the collective effort of members of the division, there is a Training Committee which reports to the captain on matters of training needs assessment and identification of goals and objectives. This committee is comprised of supervisors and officers from varying assignments throughout the department.

The implementation of in-service trainings, firearms qualifications, non-lethal weapons trainings, and all other statutory required trainings are handled by the division as well. In 2013, there were more than one hundred (100) training sessions attended by Warwick Police personnel involving areas such as interviewing and interrogation, incident command, various investigative procedures, managing emotionally disturbed people, traffic control and etcetera. Many of these trainings were specialized to particular officers in their area of expertise or job designation.

Recruitment and Selection

The overall goal of the recruitment and selection process is to identify applicants who are highly qualified for the position of police officer. This will be accomplished by attempting to achieve maximum public awareness of the recruitment drive and outreach to all segments of the population. Recruitment efforts include highlighting the benefits and advantages of the job while conveying to candidates a realistic picture of officers' duties.

Candidates who successfully complete the recruitment process are placed on a two year eligibility list and will be presented with conditional offers of employment as vacancies occur. The selection process includes a physical fitness test, written exam, medical exam, oral interviews, psychological evaluation, and a complete background investigation. Wide ranges of recruitment methods are employed in an effort to select from a diverse pool of candidates with the intention of mirroring the gender and racial makeup of the community served by the Warwick Police Department.

A list of eligible candidates was generated during the 2012 recruitment drive. This list stayed active through 2013. Members of the PSD coordinated 34 background investigations of candidates resulting in 8 offices hired, and 3 more prepared to enter the academy in the beginning of 2014.

For 2014, the members of the Professional Standards Division will continue to diligently execute their duties. We will continue to strive to help the department maintain a professional reputation, and achieve the goals that are set by the Office of the Chief of Police.

Prosecution Division
Annual Report 2013
Captain Christine Kelley

Mission Statement

The mission of the Prosecution Division is to pursue the vigorous and fair prosecution of criminal cases, with a commitment to serve as an advocate for the rights of all victims, and to promote the safety and well being of the public.



The Prosecution Division is primarily responsible for the successful prosecution of all criminal charges and traffic violations brought by the Warwick Police Department. The Division is comprised of 4 sworn members and 5 civilian staff members. Sworn members include a Captain and 3 officers. Sworn police officers in Rhode Island initiate court complaints and conduct initial arraignments in District Court (*criminal*) Family Court, and at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (*civil violations*). Daily efficient operation of the Prosecution Unit requires a well organized, coordinated effort between the Police Department and the Rhode Island Judiciary. The unit is therefore organized according to function, with its member's assigned very specific duties.

Prosecution Captain Officer-In-Charge

The Prosecution Captain (OIC) supervises all functions within the Prosecution Division. He/She reviews, evaluates and initiates prosecutorial action on criminal cases originating from both the Patrol and Detective Divisions. The Prosecution Captain oversees the prosecution of violations of the RI Traffic Code within the Warwick Municipal Court and Rhode Island traffic Tribunal, serves as the primary arraignment officer in the District Court, and handles extradition proceedings within the District Court.

Responsibilities include maintaining diplomatic relations with attorneys and liaison with various state, local, and federal agencies. The Prosecution Captain is responsible for general office management, and evaluates both sworn and non-sworn personnel assigned to the division.

Paralegal: The Prosecution OIC and City Solicitors are assisted by the department paralegal; whose duties include pre-trial and trial case preparation and assistance in District Court proceedings. The paralegal may request copies of evidence, as needed, assist victims in case proceedings, follow-up on case motions, and research applicable case law and procedure as it relates to district court proceedings. The paralegal maintains case files, coordinates scheduling for misdemeanor cases, notifies victims of case dispositions, as well as additional office duties.

District Court Clerk: This position is a support element for the Prosecution OIC. The clerk's assigned duties which include scheduling, filing, and coordinating the efforts of the police department and the District Court. This includes arraignment case preparation, generating subpoenas, preparing officer court notifications, making contact with various criminal justice support agencies, preparing discovery requests, witness notification, and providing documentation for potential District and Superior Court violators.

Prosecution Officer

Prosecution Officers are assigned to either one of two positions within the division. One as an agency representative for prosecution of motor vehicle code violations in the RI Traffic Tribunal or as the Felony Screening Officer. Prosecution officers may be called upon to serve in District or Family Court in the absence of the primary arraignment officers.

Felony Screening Officer: A sworn police officer who prepares and reviews all adult felony cases after an arrest to ensure proper charging and successful prosecution. The screening officer presents felony cases to the Attorney General's Office on a weekly basis, compiles cases for submission to a Grand Jury for indictment, conducts follow up assistance to the Attorney General's office on cases requiring further investigation or documentation, and maintains files on active felony cases within the prosecution division. This officer acts as agency liaison with the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General on felony matters.

Superior Court Clerk: This position is a support element for the Felony Screening Officer. The clerk's assigned duties include scheduling, filing and coordinating the efforts of the police department and the Superior Court. The position involves, but is not limited to, generating subpoenas, witness location and assistance, coordination with various criminal justice agencies regarding active cases, case preparation of District or Superior Court violators file and warrant maintenance. The Superior Court clerk is tasked with entering case dispositions, and victim notification of disposed District Court cases at arraignment.

RITT Prosecution Officer: A sworn police officer who serves as prosecution officer in matters involving violations of the state motor vehicle code at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. These include DUI refusal arraignments, which in many cases require coordination with the District Court Officer on criminal DUI matters. The RITT officer acts as agency liaison with the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General on matters involving motor vehicle cases. This officer compiles information and documentation for discovery purposes on RITT cases and serves as primary technician for preservation, copying and distribution of agency CCTV surveillance recordings utilized for presentation in the prosecution of DUI related cases.

RITT Court Clerk: This position is a support element for the RITT Prosecution Officer. The clerk's duties include case preparation for all traffic matters arraigned in the District Court and Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. The position involves, but is not limited to, maintaining and monitoring court calendars and scheduling of police officers, ensure proper documentation is included in cases, obtaining driving abstracts from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, operates NCIC terminal for inquiries, prepares discovery requests, and providing documentation for potential District or Superior Court violators.

Juvenile Officer

The Juvenile Officer primarily handles the adjudication of all juvenile offender arrests, to include; the Juvenile Hearing Board, social diversionary agencies, and Family Court. The Juvenile Officer also acts as agency liaison with representatives of the Warwick School Department, Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, and Governor's Justice Commission. The Juvenile Officer is the primary police prosecutor on all juvenile matters. This officer prepares cases with all involved agencies, monitors juveniles placed on restrictive measures, subpoenas witnesses for Family Court appearances, and tracks missing juvenile cases.

Division Report:

There are currently 9 persons assigned to the Prosecution Division. This includes four (4) sworn officers, four (4) civilian employees, and the Domestic Violence Advocate, who is employed by Day One, however coordinates with both the Warwick and West Warwick Police Department Prosecution Divisions.

Overall, case activity for the unit decreased in 2013. Overall arrest totals for calendar year (CY) 2013 were 3153, a decrease of 5%. New case activity also decreased by 5%. Case activity remained constant in two of the four court jurisdictions and decreased in two. Juvenile cases (205) accounted for the most percentage decrease at 33%. This follows a steady decline over the last 7 years. The juvenile population in the city has been steadily decreasing for the last 20 years. Decriminalization of marijuana has also accounted for this decrease.

First time local juvenile offenders (62) increased by 172%. These cases are generally referred to the Juvenile Hearing Board for adjudication. Juvenile arrests at the Warwick Public Schools also decreased 23% for the current school year. There were 14 disobedient complaints taken and serviced in CY 2013, a decrease of 22 cases from the previous year. Most disobedient complaints are referred to Comprehensive Community Action, a needs assessment organization. The more extensive cases are referred to the Family Court for

formal intervention. The Juvenile Division utilizes several resources for case disposition. Those include the Juvenile Hearing Board, diversionary organizations, and Family Court Intake.

Traffic Tribunal cases have remained fairly constant for the last several years. There were 3098 arraignments at the RITT in CY 2013 compared to 3172 in CY2012, representing a 2% decrease from the previous year. Simple possession of marijuana was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal and 136 defendants were charged civilly.

District Court arraignments (2596) remained constant, while pre-trials (2529) increased 6.6% this year and 10% from 2011. New case activity (2040) declined slightly from the previous year. There have been 1018 defendants sentenced on new cases this year. Multi case and repeat offenders have seen a substantial increase over the last several years.

Misdemeanor cases continued past initial arraignment in the District Court to pre-trial status 37% of the times, as a high percentage of misdemeanor cases are disposed of at arraignment. Fifty-six percent of District Court cases culminated in sanctioned disposition. There were 812 misdemeanor cases dismissed in CY 2013. Reasons for case dismissal include license renewals, community service completion, restitution, counseling, and in lieu of plea in another court jurisdiction.

There were 349 felony cases screened for presentation to the Attorney General's Office in 2013. This represents a 9% decrease this year, and a 20% decrease from 2011. Of those, 93% were accepted by the Attorney General's Office for prosecution. Sixty-six defendants have been sentenced as of this time.

There were several notable convictions in 2013. Kenneth Hassell was sentenced to 40 years with 15 years to serve for an armed robbery at the Valero Gas on Post Road on 4/16/13. Hassell was additionally convicted of four armed robberies in the City of Cranston committed at around the same time.

David Simas was sentenced to 25 years with 10 years to serve for domestic sexual assault which occurred in December 2012.

Anthony Diaz was sentenced up to 10 years on numerous charges to include domestic assault, assault, driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident involving injury, eluding police, and driving to endanger, resulting in personal injury. On 6/15/13, Diaz crashed his car into a stone wall at Post Road and Airport Road while fleeing police from a hit and run accident at Warwick Avenue and Airport Road. Diaz had his infant child and girlfriend in the vehicle at the time.

Operational and functional improvements are ongoing to increase efficiency and delivery of services. Downsizing and re-organization of the office area has allowed for better utilization of space, while maintaining compliance with state law. The division has improved upon e-mail based delivery system of documents, further saving time and resources. Training is ongoing to comply with court rules, state mandates, technological advancements, case quality, and legal updates.

The division receives numerous information requests from various sources. These include case inquiries by victims, witnesses, and involved parties, departmental requests, court correspondence, and attorney requests. The Domestic Violence Advocate assists in directing victims of domestic violence to available resources, referrals, information on the prosecutorial process, notification of case or defendant status, and restraining order assistance. The Division remains committed to victim assistance and advocates for a safe community for residents and visitors alike.

2013
Warwick Police Department
Animal Control Division
Annual Report



Sgt Charles Boisseau
1/9/14

Personnel

SGT Charles Boisseau (ACO supervisor)

ACO Jamie Channell

ACO Amy Cassisi

Animal Control Call Overview for 2013

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Calls Taken	2991	2980	3161
Total Reports taken	202	238	124
Vicious Dog Hearings	10	11	15
Cruelty cases prosecuted	7	0	1
Violations issued	57	31	62

Monthly calls for service 2013

<u>Month</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Vicious Calls</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	142	1	143
February	188	0	188
March	230	5	235
April	215	1	216
May	260	0	260
June	273	2	275
July	357	2	359
August	372	1	373
September	355	3	358
October	338	3	341
November	223	2	225
December	188	0	188

Total Calls	3141	20	3161

2013 Animal Control Equipment Inventory

Two- 2006 Ford Ranger Pickups with caps (high mileage)

Unit 46 >165,000 miles

Unit 49 >145,000 miles

2-Folding pet ramps

2-Infra red thermometers w/ laser point sighting

2- Pair of Cat & Wildlife gloves

3- Catch all Poles

2- Pair of Cat tongs

2- Soft animal stretchers

2- Small animal crates

2- Large animal crates

2- Havahart animal traps

2013 Training

January 08, 2012 Open Government Summit 101

Conducted by Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick F. Kilmartin ensuring government is conducted in an open manner and subject to public oversight; Vicious Dog Hearings.

February 18, 2013 RI Animal Control Training Assoc.

Representatives of the RISPCA Enforcement Division discussed recently passed legislation applicable to Animal Control Officers, including: RIGL 4-13-42, *Care of Dogs*; and RIGL 4-13-43 *Prohibition of Breed Specific Regulation*.

In 2013, the call volume handled by the Animal Control Division increased by 181 calls; an approximately 6% rise in calls for service over those in 2012. Yet, there was a marked decrease in the number of offense reports taken; a difference of 114 reports, or (-48%). Issued violations increased by 31 tickets written and doubled the previous year's total; a 100% gain. The Animal Control Division also coordinated 15 vicious dog hearings in conjunction with the RISPCA Enforcement Division; a 36% rise over the previous year.

The Animal Control Division acquired two(2) new Infra Red thermometers w/ laser point sighting which contributed to an increased number in violations issued, specifically, for animals left in hot cars during the Summer months. Additional efforts were made to educate, and to raise public awareness of the above problem through community outreach programs and through the media. Tony Gugliotta of Channel 10 news interviewed ACO York at WPD HQ as he addressed the hazards of leaving a pet in a hot car.

Additionally, the department prosecuted one(1) animal cruelty case initiated in September 2012 which involved a pregnant cat being beaten and left for dead in a trash bin (12-2374-AR). The offender received a two year sentence; 3 months to serve and 1 yr 9 mos ss/prob; 10hrs Community Service; and MHC. And seized 20 reptiles from an apartment in the Four Seasons Apartment complex, including a 4 foot long alligator located in a bathtub (13-4963-OF). The owner was not charged by WPD and the case was turned over to RISPCA.

Successes in 2013

- purchased new equipment
 - infra red thermometers
 - folding pet ramps
 - cat & wildlife gloves
- established email accounts for ACOs accessible to public
 - fielding e-complaints
- community relations
 - National Night Out
 - Safety day at RI Mall
 - media release regarding pets in hot vehicles—interviewed by Channel 10 News

Goals for 2014

- Hire replacement ACO for Jeff York (Ret)
- Seek approval for new ACO vehicle

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sgt Charles Boisseau, S43