



2016 Annual Report

Central Falls Police Department

Proudly Serving the City of Central Falls since 1895

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Each year the Central Falls Police Department compiles an annual report summarizing the work accomplished by our agency and its members. The men and women of this organization are our foundation – as they strive to provide exceptional police services each and every day. They are what make us one of the most respected and admired law enforcement agencies in the state.

Building upon our past successes within community policing, the Central Falls Police Department is committed to a philosophy that addresses crime and the fear of crime through a shared relationship between our citizens and the officers that pledge to serve and protect. This guiding principle is realized by means of proven problem-solving methods and partnerships to elevate the quality of life in our neighborhoods.



We invite our citizens to become involved with their police department in order to forge a stronger collaborative alliance that is built upon mutual trust and respect. No police department can solve crime or quality of life issues alone which is why effective community-police relationships, communication, and engagement are critical components to the realization of our goal – to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit.

Since our establishment in 1895 there have always been challenges, but as always, we pioneer forward – as it is our covenant to meet the needs of the community both proudly and effectively. In closing, I would like to thank Mayor James A. Diossa, the City Council, and the public at large for the continued support and cooperation provided to the police department, and the overall commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

Colonel James J. Mendonca
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

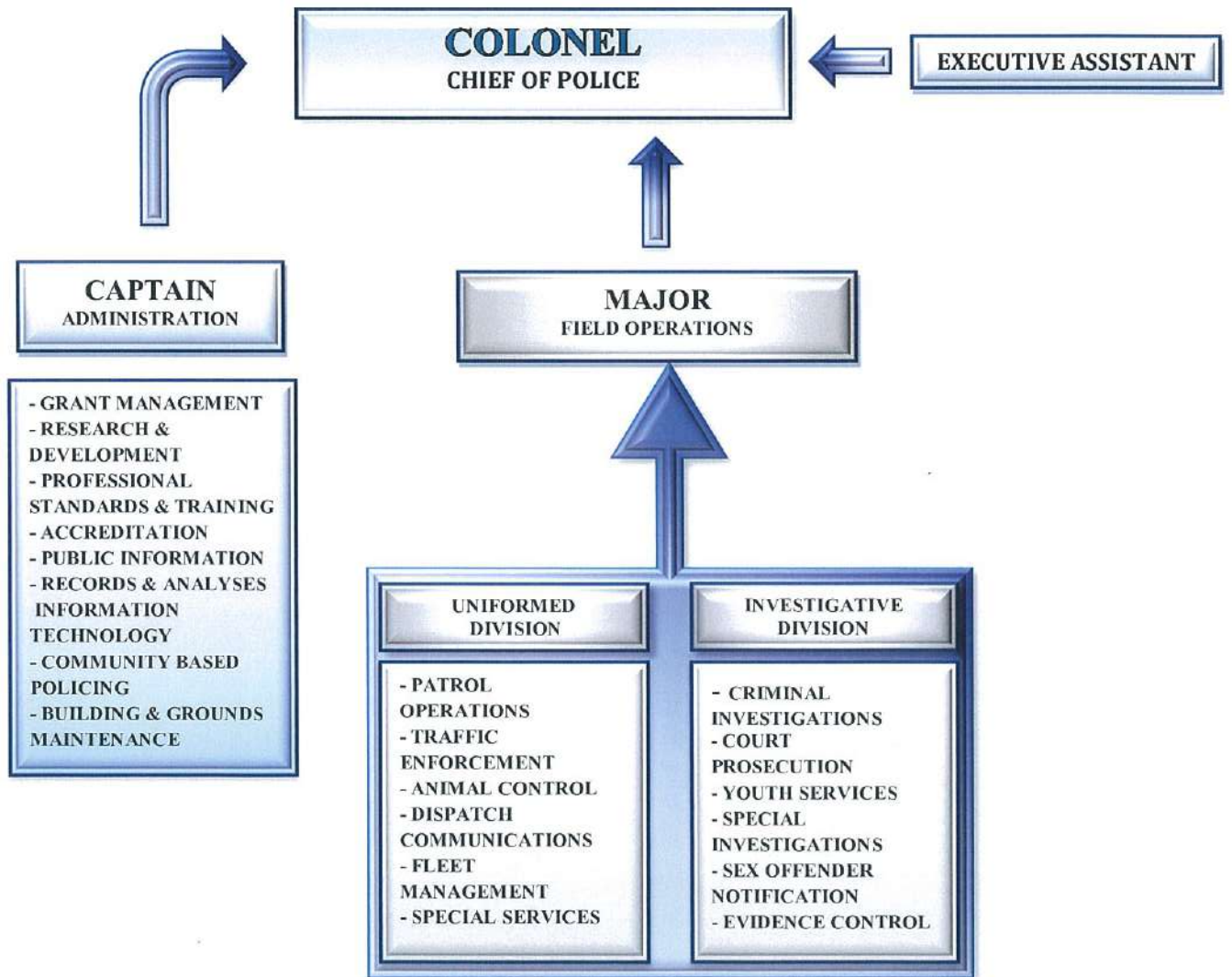
The fundamental mission of the Central Falls Police Department is to protect life and property; enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner; preserve the peace, order, and safety of the community we serve; safeguard the constitutional guarantees; and provide other police-related services as required by the community in a manner consistent with the values of a free society.

VISION STATEMENT

- P** Provide for the protection and rights of all individuals granted under the Constitution of the United States
- O** Our goal is to improve the accountability, integrity and professionalism within our organization
- L** Learn to better communicate with the community and promote the free exchange of information
- I** Involve the community in the decision making process for the deployment of police services
- C** Cooperation and teamwork will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills and styles to achieve our common goals
- E** Every member of this organization is committed to providing the public with a superior level of service, regardless of race, ethnic background, religion, creed or color



CENTRAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CURRENT RANK AND ASSIGNMENTS

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>	<u>DETECTIVES</u>	<u>SERGEANT</u>	<u>LIEUTENANT</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>COLONEL</u>
MENDONCA	12/07/90	12/16/08	07/06/00	11/28/07	11/25/08	09/23/11	01/10/13
BARZYKOWSKI	12/07/99	01/24/05	11/28/07	01/28/11	03/09/12	01/11/13	
HORTON	12/17/97	08/01/03	06/26/06	01/11/13	11/11/16		
SOLAN	05/11/95	07/13/01	12/19/06	11/25/08			
CARROLL	07/03/97	02/14/02	10/06/05	03/09/12			
BRADLEY	12/18/96	07/10/01	12/29/04	04/02/14			
REED	03/28/00	01/24/05	11/25/08	01/26/17			
MCGARRY	12/07/00	08/07/06	01/28/11				
RAVE	12/07/00	11/13/06	01/28/11				
TOUGAS	12/23/04		03/09/12				
LEVASSEUR	11/24/04	01/06/09	03/09/12				
ORSINI	12/15/05		01/11/13				
DELANDE	12/07/99						
ROBINSON-GRAVES	03/28/00	09/29/08					
ARAUJO	12/04/00	05/19/16					
RODRIGUEZ	03/22/01	06/14/10	01/26/17				
VIENS	03/22/01	08/07/06	01/26/17				
GARLAND	11/24/04	01/27/17					
RENCHAN	11/23/05	04/15/13					
OSPINA	06/23/06	01/27/17					
ROBERTS	06/23/06						
CAMERON	03/16/07						
McNULTY	03/16/07	02/01/17					
CRENSHAW	03/14/08						
DECRISTOFORO	03/14/08						
SAVOIE	06/26/09	01/27/17					
BOLVIN	12/02/09	01/27/17					
MATOOK	04/19/12						
DICARLO	12/19/12						
WEICHTMANN	12/19/12						
ORELLANA	12/19/12						
PARKER	12/19/12						
HEMOND	12/02/13						
WALKUP	06/09/14						
GRAVES	05/22/15						
BELL	05/22/15						
RODRIGUEZ	05/22/15						
RUANO	12/28/16						

CIVILIAN ROSTER

NAME	POSITION	APPOINTMENT DATE
Rt. Reverend Joseph S. Haggar	Police Chaplain	09/29/1990
Mary P. Foran-Chace	Administrative Asst.	06/15/1987
Christopher Cavallaro	IT Administrator	10/08/2008
Kimberly Irwin	Dispatcher	12/01/2003
Rhoda Benson	Dispatcher	08/27/2004
Kelly Baxter	Dispatcher	11/23/2011
Shawna Richards	Dispatcher	05/04/2012
Hennessy Ogni	Dispatcher	02/18/2016
Nathalie Stone	Dispatcher	10/25/2016
Charlene Gaffney	Animal Control	12/23/2011
Nathalie Benway	Municipal Court Secretary	07/13/2001

PERSONNEL CHANGES

POLICE

04/04/2016 Patrick Rogan resigned from his position of Patrol Officer
09/16/2016 Dorian Rave resigned from his position of Captain
12/28/2016 Stephanie Ruano hired for the position of Patrol Officer

CIVILIAN

02/18/2016 Hennessy Ogni was hired for the position of Dispatcher
03/03/2016 Anderson Castano was hired for the position of Dispatcher
04/14/2016 Anderson Castano resigned from the position of Dispatcher
06/23/2016 Alexander Jimenez was hired for the position of Dispatcher
07/09/2016 Alexander Jimenez resigned from the position of Dispatcher
07/15/2016 Stephanie Ruano resigned from the position of Dispatcher
08/13/2016 Ingrid Cisneros hired for the position of Dispatcher
09/01/2016 Amanda Costa Rodrigues hired for the position of Dispatcher
09/18/2016 Sean Barry resigned from the position of Dispatcher
10/13/2016 Ingrid Cisneros resigned from the position of Dispatcher
10/25/2016 Nathalie Stone hired for the position of Dispatcher
10/30/2016 Amanda Costa Rodrigues resigned from position of Dispatcher

PERSONNEL STATISTICS

	2014	2015	2016
Average Sick Days Per Officer	12	8	8.25
Average Vacation Days Per Officer	17	18	17.89
Average Personal Days Per Officer	1	1	1.00
Average Injured On Duty Days Per Officer	2	2	4.75

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY

	2014	2015	2016
Number of Officers Injured Resulting in Time Lost	7	5	11
Number of Officers Injured Without Time Lost	11	10	4
Total Reported On Duty Injury Incidents	18	15	15
Number of Days Lost to Injuries on Duty	52	80	180.5
Number of Days on Light Duty Status	48	24	13

(BASED ON 38 OFFICERS)

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division is responsible for the Office of Professional Standards and Training, Accreditation, the Community Policing Bureau and the School Resource Officer Program. Furthermore, the Administrative Division consists of a variety of officers within the agency which develop policy and perform the ancillary functions that support the field operations within the Central Falls Police Department.



Under the Command of Captain Craig P. Horton the Administrative Division has enjoyed several significant accomplishments during 2016. Most noteworthy however was the role the Division played in the agencies pursuit in attaining accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) – a decision on whether we receive this extraordinary distinction is expected in July. This coupled with our ongoing process to remain accredited after receiving our initial award from the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC), have marked crucial and defining steps towards our commitment to professionalize our agency. It is the decisive mission of the Administrative Division to combine all the resources available to achieve success. This success is measured by the quality of police services provided to our community, the proper training our officers receive and the standardization of police functions so that high quality policing is the standard.

To further our ability to achieve our goals, the Central Falls Police Department established the Community Policing Bureau. This organizational component was created in September 2015 and has encapsulated the concept of community policing. Expanding upon our longstanding commitment to being service oriented, we wished to create a department wide approach to police – community collaboration. We recognize that this partnership will never take a foothold unless trust between the public and our agency is present which is essentially why the creation of this bureau – and that of the individual units under its authority and oversight – was such a priority for our agency.



In most instances, we believe that our officers work in partnership with the community and that our contacts with citizens are positive. To ensure we function efficiently while maintaining the rights of the citizens we protect, our officers are trained to follow a series of policies and procedures, and work within the guidelines of local, state and federal laws. Because of the nature of law enforcement, we also understand that citizens – on occasion – may object to the actions of the police or may feel their conduct is inappropriate. Therefore, we have established procedures for citizens to report their concerns to the Office of Professional Standards and Training. An extremely important aspect of this office is the role of



internal affairs. Potential misbehavior by police officers is examined and scrutinized to determine failure in policy or training and to provide the public with a trustworthy and straightforward processes of detailing their concerns or grievances. For more information on the internal affairs process turn to page 32.

In addition to collaborating with federal, state and local law enforcement, the Central Falls Police Department is committed to partnering with businesses and cultural organizations, as well as neighborhood groups and citizen advocacy consortiums to help

make the city a safer place to live, work and visit – the Administrative Divisions function is instrumental to our agencies ability to provide an established and consistent approach to on-going quality of life problems and public safety concerns.

Moreover, the Administrative Division is ultimately responsible to make sure that newly hired police officers are trained accordingly. This important task is accomplished through the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP), which consists of several extremely motivated and dedicated police officers that take the responsibility of training and molding the next generation of Central Falls police officers very seriously. Highly trained professional officers – along with trust and cooperation – are crucial in order to achieve collaborative efficacy. As such, the quality police service philosophy starts the first day on the job. Turn to page 30 for more information on the FTEP.

UNIFORMED DIVISION

The Central Falls Police Departments Uniformed Division is comprised of highly trained, professional and courteous officers who are dedicated to serving the residents of the city of



Central Falls. There are three separate platoons within the division: day shift, night shift and morning shift. Each platoon or shift has a lieutenant as its commander, and two patrol sergeants, who oversee the day-to-day operations of the personnel assigned to their respective commands.

Members of the Uniformed Division work closely with community members as well as business owners to ensure they are providing the public with upstanding police services. The department continues to engage the community on a more personal level during the walking beat details on Broad Street and Dexter Street as well as our bicycle details in and around the community parks and recreational facilities. This gives our officers and the public alike an opportunity to interact during position encounters.

These details and other community based events support our Community Policing philosophy which continues to be a valuable tool used to provide officers with information that will be utilized to plan additional future programs. It is our continued hope to improve the quality of life for all residents and business owners of Central Falls.

The Uniformed Division welcomed one new addition in 2016 when Officer Stephanie Ruano graduated from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy on December 20, 2016 and was later sworn-in at City Hall by Mayor James A. Diossa and Colonel James J. Mendonca as Patrol Officer Grade II. As with all new hires, Officer Ruano was tasked to undergo our agency's rigorous and demanding Field Training Evaluation Program which she has successfully



completed. Officer Ruano is expected to join the permanent ranks of the Uniformed Division late February as a non-probationary patrol officer.

During 2016, the Division has continued to work with the Rhode Island State Police on our Neighborhood Response Team initiative, as we combine our efforts during the warm weather months to quicken our response time to calls for service and quality of life issues. We have also strengthened our partnership with the Office of Highway Safety as we work on the Blue Riptide Enforcement Program which sponsors traffic safety enforcement details for specific violations. Several Officers from within our agency have received "Traffic Safety Hero" awards from the Office of Highway Safety as well as from AAA for their outstanding efforts to make road travel safer in Central Falls.

The Uniform Division continues to work with the Central Falls School Department as well as our local Charter Schools to increase student safety during admission and dismissal. We have utilized information from our "Safe Routes to School" grant campaign to erect new signage, traffic safety monitoring equipment and have changed some traffic patterns to ensure students can safely travel to school and home. The Uniform Division will continue their enforcement efforts and safety initiatives to ensure safe routes to school for all our neighborhood students.

Moreover, there was an extraordinary act of heroism exhibited by three members of the Uniformed Division who are pictured receiving one of many awards for their bravery – if not the quick actions of Sgt. Levasseur, Ofc. Cameron and Ofc. Rodriguez, seven occupants



of a burning building would have undoubtedly perished – and for that our agency is deeply proud.

In closing, the Uniform Division continues to strive for success through increased community partnerships and proactive enforcement efforts. Our officers

remain available and ready to serve the residents of Central Falls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

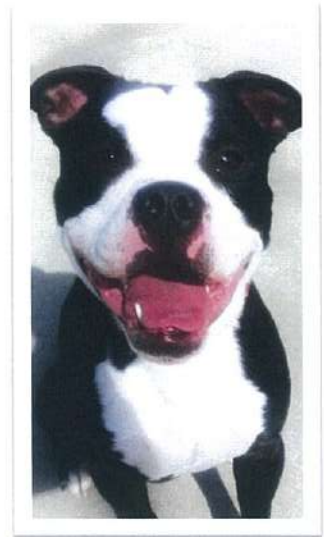
ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) is responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of Rhode Island and the ordinances of the City of Central Falls as they pertain to the licensing,



registration, vaccination and insuring of dogs, along with answering animal related complaints. In addition to investigating complaints of animal cruelty or neglect, the ACO develops programs to assist residents with proper care of their pets. As part of her duties, she also has the authority to enforce municipal parking violations.

ACO Charlene Gaffney has developed a strong working relationship with the surrounding communities and local organizations to ensure for the proper care for the animals in our city.



The ACO continues to work with non-profit organizations, such as the Central Falls Friends of Animals. This group assists our ACO in contending with stray cats with a "Trap-Neuter-Release"



program, which helps curb our municipality's feral cat population. In 2016, ACO Gaffney was recognized by the Rhode Island Foundation and awarded a \$17,500 grant to provide cat owners from our city with services such as spay/neutering vaccinations, as well as microchip implants.

Also, ACO Gaffney cut the ribbon for the new Sacred Heart Avenue dog park – the first dog park of its kind for the city – which has been an incredibly great success by providing dog owners with a place to spend quality time engaging in recreation with their four-legged friends.

ACO Gaffney's incredible love for animals – and the community – has been the driving force behind her ongoing efforts to ensure safer living conditions for residents and their pets. She will continue to host rabies vaccination clinics, animal licensing and adoption programs to assist Central Falls residents with obtaining and maintaining a safe and happy pet.

ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS FOR 2016

TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT	NUMBER HANDLED
Vehicle Violation Citations	47
Animal Control Citations	43
Quarantines	22
Animals Placed into Shelters	30
Medical Treatments	61
Cruelty/Neglect Charges	0
DOA	25
Pit Bull Removals	1
Other Animal Removals	59
Court Hearings	3
TOTAL CALLS	291

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TIME OF DAY	CALLS FOR SERVICE 2015	CALLS FOR SERVICE 2016	SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON
Midnight - 7:59 am	9,829	7,593	-23%
8:00 am - 3:59 pm	10,522	9,994	-5%
4:00 pm - 11:59 pm	13,769	12,215	-11%
TOTAL	34,120	29,802	-12%

TIME OF DAY	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	TOTALS
Midnight - 7:59 am	1,379	987	1,000	966	1,059	902	1,300	7,593
8:00 am - 3:59 pm	767	1,567	1,672	1,545	1,673	1,775	995	9,994
4:00 pm - 11:59 pm	1,351	1,691	1,687	1,726	1,625	2,006	2,129	12,215
TOTAL	3,497	4,245	4,359	4,237	4,357	4,683	4,424	29,802

There was a 12% decrease in calls for service in the year 2016

OFFICE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

During 2016, the Central Falls Police Department received a total amount of \$67,131.64 in grant funding from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation – Office of Highway Safety. The following is the breakdown of how funds were allocated:

- \$22,780.00 for driving while under the influence (DUI) enforcement whereby 380 motor vehicles were stopped, culminating in the issuance of 250 citations and the arrest of 64 individuals; 23 of which were for the charge of DUI
- \$21,612.00 for speed enforcement whereby 1,040 motor vehicles were stopped, resulting in 928 citations being issued and 52 individuals arrested
- \$16,536.00 for seat belt enforcement whereby 747 motor vehicles were stopped, effecting the issuance of 661 citations and 55 arrests being made
- \$4,999.64 for child passenger safety whereby 43 child and infant car seats were checked and 27 seats were newly installed. Funding was also allocated to training and the purchase of supplies for car seat installation events
- \$1,204.00 for Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor Training to subsidize a partnership between the RI Department of Health Forensic Breath Analysis Unit and the Central Falls Police Department in providing refresher training to agencies throughout the state.

Also in 2016, the Central Falls Police Department received the AAA Gold Award for traffic safety and the AAA Pedestrian Safety Excellence Award for 25 years of pedestrian free fatalities.



MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

ROADWAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Broad St.	14	13	12	16	9	8	14	8	15	13	5	9	136
Dexter St.	5	6	5	6	3	4	9	8	8	7	7	10	78
Lonsdale Ave.	1	5	3	3	2	3	4	3	4	6	6	5	45
Hunt St.	2	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	6	3	0	2	26
High St.	6	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	3	2	0	5	25
Pine St.	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	21
Cross St.	2	1	0	3	2	2	4	2	1	0	0	3	20
Illinois St.	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	3	2	2	0	18
Cowden St.	1	0	2	0	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	0	17
Fales St.	0	0	1	1	2	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	17

2015 Total Crashes
2016 Total Crashes



**THERE WAS A
4.19% INCREASE IN
REPORTED CRASHES IN
THE YEAR 2016**

Top Ten Crash Locations by Intersection in Central Falls



Top Intersections	Totals
Broad St. @ Central St.	16
Broad St. @ Fales St.	15
Broad St. @ Hunt St.	11
Broad St. @ Clay St.	9
High St. @ Clay St.	9
Dexter St. @ Lonsdale Ave.	9
Lonsdale Ave. @ Higginson Ave.	8
Roosevelt Ave. @ Cross St.	8
Broad St. @ Cross St.	8
Broad St. @ Lincoln Ave.	8
Broad St. @ Summit St.	8



Central Falls Police crash reports can be found online at <http://www.getcrashreports.com/>

PROSECUTION BUREAU

In 2016, the Prosecution Bureau of the Central Falls Police Department managed all criminal cases – including those in the Municipal Court; District Court; Family Court; and Superior Court – along with cases in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT). The bureau representative assigned predominantly to handle criminal prosecution is Detective Sandy Graves.

Detective Graves – for several years – has consistently and effectively dealt with all felony cases presented to the Attorney General’s Office which are heard in Superior Court. In addition, she handles all District Court matters. Family Court cases were administered by Detective Jeffrey Araujo, the Office of Youth Services. RITT had been prosecuted by Detective Viens – until his promotion to sergeant – where he now manages all cases in the Municipal Court. Detective Phil Garland has since assumed the duties of overseeing matters in RITT.

All criminal cases are resolved and disposed of by the Prosecution Bureau, except for those crimes that are considered felonies. The Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office prosecutes all felonies in the State of Rhode Island with the assistance of the Detective Bureau.

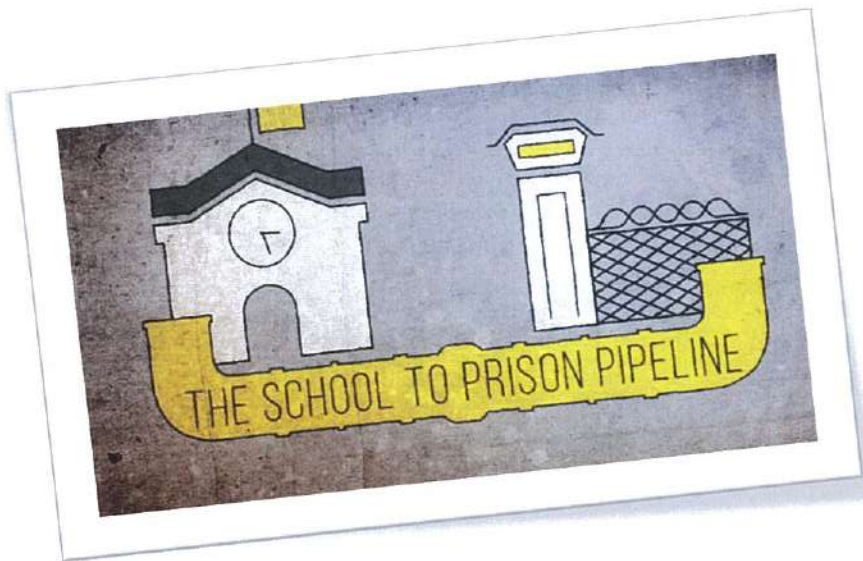
In 2016, The Central Falls Police Department made a total of 1,157 arrests. Of these arrests, 1,065 were adults, and 92 were juveniles.

ADULT DISPOSITIONS

	2015	2016
Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas	270	150
Misdemeanor Dismissals	158	91
Number of Persons Arrested on Felonies	193	180
Number of Persons Released/No Charges	28	13
Number of Persons Arrested On District Court Warrants	167	64
Number of Persons Arrested On Other Court Warrants	82	38

JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

In 2016, the Central Falls Police Department has continued to thrive and make a strong commitment in using the Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB) as a positive corrective action for Juvenile Offenders. Per the City Ordinance, the JHB is a panel of respected City residents selected by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, who adjudicate uncontested wayward charges against first time juvenile offenders from the City and adjacent communities. This process allows the police department to build a bridge between the



community with youth and their families as we offer a “second bite at the apple” – so to speak – to the juvenile offender. The first step in this process begins when the juvenile offender takes responsibility for their action to the charge, and then they and their guardian(s) can choose to be presented to the

board and adhere to its sanctions. This allows us to handle the case without bringing the charges to be heard in Family Court and thus the child becoming another statistic within the Juvenile Criminal Justice System. The adjudication of the case before the JHB also allows the panel members to become positive influences upon the youth by impressing upon them how important it is to adhere to the laws of our community throughout their lives. The most important part of the process is that the juvenile and their guardians can address the JHB and ask for help in any matters that impacting the child’s lives and any other underlying issues that might be making the child not adhere to the laws of our community. In 2016, the JHB Panel was in the rebuilding process and had to be reappointed due to changes to members’ statuses from the previous year. As a result, this impacted any and all cases to be heard during the course of the year due to necessary training and appointments required by the Mayor and City Council. However, after meeting with the Chief of the Family Court, and constituting required training from the Rhode Island Community for Justice Association and the police department’s Office of Youth Services; our JHB is now prepared to have a model program that will have a long lasting and positive impact upon the youth and families in our great City.

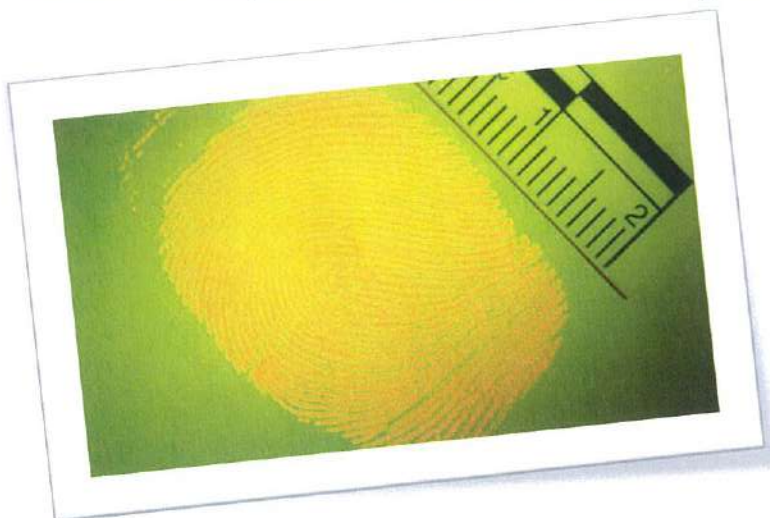
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Investigative Division is comprised of the Detective Bureau, Prosecution Bureau, Youth Services and Special Investigations Unit. The division is staffed by five detectives and three taskforce officers, or TFO's, and is commanded by a Detective Lieutenant. In 2016 the bureau was fortunate enough to have a Law Enforcement Advocate for domestic violence related crimes added to its resources. This advocate is always available to victims of the domestic violence related crimes within the city. The advocate has proven to be invaluable and now also is assigned to the Cumberland and Lincoln Police Departments to assist with cases within their jurisdictions. Members of the Investigative Division are responsible for follow-up inquiries on the majority of the criminal violations that occur within the City of Central Falls.

The Investigative Division continues to be responsible for identifying criminal offenders and proactively tracking on-going crime trends in an attempt to suppress crimes before they occur. The division works closely with State, Federal and other local agencies with their investigations, individual case preparation for prosecution, and various ongoing court matters.



Detectives investigate most cases that were initiated by members of the Patrol Bureau and members of the public. The cases are reviewed by the commander of the Detective Bureau and



assigned on a case-by-case basis to the investigators under his command. The Detective Commander will also assign cases to members of the bureau based upon their individual specialties that they have obtained through years of investigations and training. Within this office cases are prioritized for assignment by the nature of crime and its severity. Major crimes such as murder, robbery, rape, burglary and serious assaults take top priority within the division. Every police department must develop case assignment criteria based upon the category of an offense and volume of cases in their particular community. These benchmarks are established based upon the amount of staffing

and equipment accessible to work cases. Many departments are forced to minimize or completely eliminate follow-up investigations on property type crimes; however, in Central Falls we are fortunate to be able to assign all cases with leads to be pursued further.

Every victim feels that his or her case is of a serious and or personal nature. We, at the Central Falls Police Department agree with that premise; however, we must prioritize our case-load

depending upon a number of factors such as: type of crime, number of leads, solvability factor and whether it is a property crime or a crime of violence.



The Investigative Division is also charged with other duties such as parole board notifications;

sex offender registrations; property and evidence control; inspection of business licensing; victims' advocacy investigations and background checks for individuals who are seeking employment or coaching children in our community. In addition, members of the division conduct compliance checks of all businesses in the city in reference to tobacco sales and serving of alcohol beverages to under-aged persons. During 2016 four such tobacco investigations were conducted along with three alcohol related investigations.



During 2016 three members of the Special Investigative Unit (SIU), were duly assigned extra functions with four law enforcement taskforces. These assignments were able to add substantial investigative resources and man power to the Investigative Division. The members were assigned as Taskforce Officers (TFO) with the Rhode Island State Police - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Taskforce (HIDTA); the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) - Safe Streets Taskforce and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Taskforce. In late 2016, one of the Task Force Officers was re-assigned from the HIDTA Task Force to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to add even further federal resources that are now at our disposal. These three Taskforce positions have proven invaluable with regard to investigations of narcotics, weapons and organized crime.

During the past year, detectives within the division received specialized training in the ever increasing world of cybercrime. This training has allowed detectives to more efficiently investigate internet based crimes that can run the gambit from online bullying to large scale fraud cases.

In 2016, the commander of the Investigative Division reviewed a total of 1,943 cases. Of those cases, approximately 1,325 were assigned to detectives for further investigation. The remaining cases were investigated and closed out by the outstanding work of members of the Patrol Bureau, Central Falls Animal Control, or turned over to the Prosecution Bureau for immediate adjudication.

The following are noteworthy major crimes investigations conducted last year by the dedicated and conscientious members of the Investigative Division which had resulted in successful outcomes by virtue of justice being served:

- In July of 2016 members of both the Patrol Bureau and the Detective Bureau responded to Samoset Avenue for reports of an active shooter situation. Upon arrival, two victims were located with gunshot wounds to their lower legs. Members of the Detective Bureau were then able to obtain information from the victims and thus located the suspect in the City of Pawtucket. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with multiple felonies.
- In September of 2016 detectives responded to Bank America in our city for reports of a first degree bank robbery. During the subsequent investigation detectives worked with multiple law enforcement agencies – both state and federal – resulting in two suspects being arrested and charged with bank robbery and conspiracy.
- Also during 2016, the Detective Bureau worked with members of the Pawtucket Police Special Squad, and the Woonsocket Police Vice Unit, to conduct “sex crime” operations in high traffic areas in both Pawtucket and Central Falls. As a result of these operations, more than twenty (20) subjects were arrested for various sex related crimes. These operations are conducted in an effort to “clean up” the high traffic – high crime area neighborhoods.

PROPERTY CONTROL UNIT

The Property Section of the Central Falls Police Department is responsible for the storage of the following classifications of property:

- **Evidence** – Items which may be necessary for the successful prosecution of the perpetrator of a crime. The primary concern with evidence is the custodial chain of possession.
- **Lost & Found** – Items found by citizens or officers which are turned in for safekeeping until an owner is located or the property is disposed of in accordance with state law.

TYPE OF EVIDENCE	NUMBER INVENTORIED	
	2015	2016
DRUGS	460	193
WEAPONS	67	56
BICYCLES	22	13

INVENTORY PROPERTY TYPE AND MONETARY VALUE

Includes seized, recovered, safekeeping and evidentiary property, yet not narcotics forfeitures or counterfeit currency obtained

PROPERTY TYPE	2015	2016
CURRENCY	\$192,403.07	\$111,213.56
JEWELRY / PRECIOUS METALS	\$8,081.99	\$31,989.95
CLOTHING AND FURS	\$5,272.80	\$6,901.95
LOCALLY STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES	\$265,900.00	\$241,225.00
COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE	\$23,814.00	\$43,689.99
TELEVISIONS, RADIO, ETC.	\$24,070.74	\$20,930.00
FIREARMS	\$5,353.00	\$9,972.00
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	\$5,126.46	\$3041.24
CONSUMABLE GOODS	\$3,677.55	\$3,674.48
TOOLS	\$12,754.62	\$32,841.00
TOTAL CASH VALUE OF PROPERTY	\$546,454.23	\$505,478.17

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES REPORTED	CASH VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN
ROBBERY	35	\$38,832.00
BREAKING AND ENTERING COMPLTS.	110	\$102,731.00
LARCENY-THEFT (No Vehicles)	167	\$225,931.00
MOTOR VEHICLE*	52	\$241,210.00
TOTAL OFFENSES AND PROPERTY VALUE STOLEN	364	\$608,704.00

** Totals include:*

- **Stolen locally and recovered locally**
- **Stolen locally and recovered outside the department**
- **Stolen outside the department and recovered locally**

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

The Special Investigative Unit (SIU) is a component of the Investigative Division whose principal responsibilities are inquiries into offenses involving narcotics, firearms and organized crime. The unit is also responsible for overseeing any “john” or prostitution stings that take place in the City of Central Falls. The members of the SIU are responsible for crimes committed within the City of Central



Falls as well as being assigned to joint task forces by the Chief of Police. Those taskforces include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) – and until recently – the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force (HIDTA)

Throughout the year, the SIU executed sixteen (16) search warrants, effecting in the apprehension of fifty-eight (58) individuals and arising in the seizure of five firearms and one vehicle. The search warrants and arrests carried

out by the SIU led to the seizure of \$64,662.00 which resulted in state forfeiture opportunities.

In addition to the previously mentioned investigations, members of the SIU worked on a four month investigation with the State Police HIDTA task force; the conclusion of which, resulted in the seizure of twenty-four (24) kilos of cocaine and heroin, with an estimated street value of between \$1.5 and \$2 million dollars. The cumulative endeavor brought about a substantial impact on the narcotics distribution within the State of Rhode Island, as well as the City of Central Falls.



Although the SIU receives most of the recognition for these investigations, it is important to acknowledge that without the cooperation from the Patrol Bureau and the citizens of Central Falls, this type of impact would not be possible.

ACTIVITY	2015	2016
Search Warrants	16	16
Narcotics Arrest	42	58
Firearms Seized	6	5
Vehicles	4	1
TOTAL FORFIETURES	\$96,467.00	\$64,662.00

The above figures do not include statistics derived from our partnerships with the FBI Safe Streets Taskforce, ATF, DEA and RISP HIDTA Taskforces

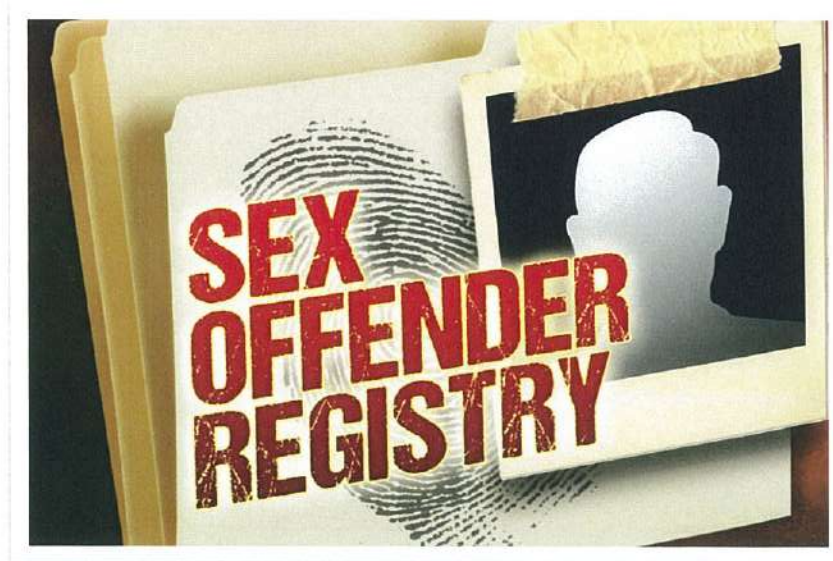
SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION UNIT

The Sex Offender Notification Unit (SONU) is responsible for the registration, tracking, notifications, address verification and records management of all the sex offenders in the City of Central Falls. Once a person is deemed to be a registered sex offender, they are obligated to respond to the local police department in order to officially register. During registration, the offender provides all pertinent information to the detective assigned to the unit whereby they will be fingerprinted and photographed. Once registration is complete, a folder is created and maintained by the unit for the entire time that the offender resides within the city.



The Central Falls Police Department is an original member of the Sex Offender Law Enforcement Management Network (SOLEMN). This Task Force was created by the United States Marshals Service and incorporates all local police agencies, along with the Rhode Island State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Computer Crimes Unit. SOLEMN conducts approximately two to three statewide operations per year; the operations depend on

which local agencies are most in need of assistance with regard to verification of their sex offenders. Additionally, our agency conducts four to five local operations annually to check on the addresses of the offenders within our jurisdiction.



The sex offender review board categorizes sex offenders into three

categories: Level-I are considered low risk sex offenders, Level-II is a moderate risk sex offender, and Level-III are considered high risk offenders. The chart on the following page shows how many leveled sex offenders are living in the City of Central Falls as of January 2016:

SEX OFFENDERS	2016
Juveniles	0
Level I	37
Level II	17
Level III	4
Total	58

Electronic notifications, via email are sent out to local schools, daycare facilities, after school programs, Community Centers and surrounding police departments, i.e.: Cumberland, Pawtucket and Lincoln, when a person is deemed to be a Level III offender. These notifications are required by law.

For more information regarding sex offenders in your area, please visit the following website: www.paroleboard.ri.gov/sexoffender/agree.php

COMMUNITY POLICING BUREAU

The newest element of our agency, the Community Policing Bureau, was formed in September of 2015. The ultimate goal of the recently established bureau is to expand the department's ability to apply high quality problem-solving techniques to chronic issues within the City of Central Falls. Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and non-traditional policing techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder and fear of crime.

The Central Falls Police Department took the traditional "community policing" philosophy and created a multi-faceted approach. The goal is not only to spend more time on addressing problem areas, but to completely solve the problem. This cannot be accomplished by merely reacting to crimes; however often times, police officers within any specific agency do not have either the needed time or flexibility to follow through on a problem from beginning to end.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Central Falls Police Department's newly formed Community Services Unit (CSU) is tasked with furthering the relationship between members of the community and



the police department. Along with providing a more transparent police department, the Community Service Unit allows for further community involvement and the ability to better address growing crime trends throughout the city.

Currently assigned to the CSU are Officer Nicholas DiCarlo, Officer Nicholas Parker and Officer Yomira

Rodriguez under the command of Captain Horton. Throughout 2016, the CSU has been involved in numerous citywide meetings, events, programs and presentations designed to further the relationships between the police department and the community.

In May of 2016, the CSU applied for, and was awarded, a \$3,000.00 HEZ grant provided by Progreso Latino. This grant funded much of the CSU's 1st Annual

Touch-a-Truck event and continued to support the CSU's community policing efforts throughout the year. The CSU also received a \$200.00 donation from the Central Falls FOP Lodge #2 in furtherance of its efforts.

In addition to the inaugural Touch-a-Truck event, the CSU was involved in many citywide events such as the Martin Luther King Day Celebration, National Night Out, Easter in the Park, Halloween in the Park, Pokémon, Pizza and Police, US Tennis Play Day, Coffee with a Cop, Handshake Initiative, Food for Thought, Founder's Day Celebration, Arbor Day Celebration, Family Leadership Walk, 90th Birthday Celebration at Wilfrid Manor, Job and Health Fair at Knights of Columbus, Vaseline Health Fair, Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Awareness at Navigant Credit Union, the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Holiday Express, Movies in the Park, the Midnight Basketball League and many others.

One main objective of the CSU is to improve relationships with the community. As such the CSU has involved itself in many different citywide initiatives and programs in order to further assist the community and influence and resolve any police related concerns. These programs include The Multidisciplinary Healthcare Team, Pawtucket/Central Falls Youth Coalition, Central Falls Community Collaborative, Working Cities Challenge and Project Sylvian Street.



The CSU has also teamed up with the Central Falls Housing Court, Nuisance Task Force and Public Works, in an effort to better identify nuisance and problem properties with the aim of improving the quality of life for our residents.

The CSU, in addition, reached out to numerous stakeholders in the city, having established better working relationships with people at local churches, businesses, schools, and

housing buildings. CSU has made several presentations and participated in numerous discussions at The Learning Community, Children's Friend and Services, the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy (RIMPA) Community Forum, Segue Institute, Central Falls High School, and the Year Up Program in Providence. The CSU continues to meet with residents and staff of the Central Falls Housing Authority to address any concerns they may have. CSU also meets consistently with Navigant Credit Union's Business Owners Association in an effort to field any concerns or issues of our local business owners.

The CSU has attended training at the Rhode Island Commission on Prejudice and Bias workshop "Cultivating Authentic Communication between Public Safety and Communities of Color" at Roger Williams University. CSU also attended the Health Equity Summit at RI Convention Center focused on Health Equity Zones and "Justice

for All". Members of the CSU have provided intelligence to other of our organizational entities such as the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) regarding narcotics and gang activity – and in addition – have assisted the Detective Bureau with numerous search warrants.

Moreover, the CSU designed, implemented and instructed the 1st Annual Citizens Police Academy. The eight week program was intended to give insight to private citizens about the day-to-day operations of



of the Central Falls Police Department. The program allowed citizens to meet with and interact on a personal level with numerous members of our agency – broadening the positive relationships between police and the community.

The CSU, in addition, was awarded the Mayor's Citation for their achievements towards improving the quality of life for city residents. The CSU was also recognized – and presented with a letter of appreciation – from Navigant Credit Union for its success in managing their very first Citizens Police Academy.

SCHOOL RESOURCE



The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program continued to flourish at both the Central Falls High School and Calcutt Middle School. The High School SRO was Officer Joseph Bolvin whose presence with the high-schoolers provided security, guidance and preemptive interventions to students. Officer Bolvin assisted in implementing several community policing programs designed to target juvenile delinquency and provided internship and mentoring to juveniles that showed an interest in a law enforcement profession. There were also times when he just provided a hug!

Officer Randy Roberts has currently replaced Joseph Bolvin – due to his recent assignment to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) – as a Drug

Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force Officer. Likewise, Officer Sarah McNulty was

assigned to Calcutt Middle School where she revealed to be extremely effective in providing the same care, leadership, and proactive mediations to students at the middle school which SRO Bolvin provided at the high school. Furthermore, the two SRO officers – working together – established programs during the summer months. They have, and will continue, to be assigned to the Community Services Unit working in concert to identify and resolve the quality of life problems plaguing specific areas within the City. Sarah McNulty has most recently been replaced by Officer William Orellana due to her current promotion to the Detective Bureau, assigned to the Office of Youth Services.

ELDERLY AFFAIRS

The Elderly Affairs Officer (EAO), Officer Eileen Crenshaw, serves as a liaison to the Division of Elderly Affairs on matters of elder abuse, neglect, and self-neglect. While every officer in the Central Falls Police Department is responsible for detecting and identifying elder abuse situations, the EAO serves as an intermediary between the Police Department, Division of Elderly Affairs and the Elder Abuse Unit at the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office. The EAO will also conduct lectures on abuse and trending crimes in order to educate the elderly population on how to avoid victimization.

The Central Falls Police department looks at the creation of this bureau – and the elements under its purview – as a critical step in the right direction. We acknowledge that quality policing cannot be attained without the support and

assistance of those we serve. Building a strong relationship between the police and the community is of great consequence to this agency and a responsibility expected from all our officers.

KEEPING AN EYE ON FRAUD!

"EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT SCAMS"

The Central Falls Housing Authority in collaboration with the Central Falls Police Department and the Attorney General Office is happy to present and educate seniors and all our community about the consequences of scams. We are highly recommending the attendance of family and friends.

Where: Community Room at Forand Manor
When: October 11th
Time: 6:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you!

Door prize raffle and refreshments will be served.

The Central Falls Police Department, along with the Central Falls Housing Authority, the RI Attorney General's Office and Tri Town Community Action Agency, conducted two informational seminars in

October of 2016. The seminars educated the elderly about recent scams and frauds being conducted daily. Both seminars proved to be a great success as they were well attended. All attendees were educated regarding how to recognize these scams, what steps to take action and tips to take if one becomes a victim. Informational pamphlets were also passed out to each attendee to provide resources and contacts regarding scams and frauds.

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

Quality police services cannot be achieved without well trained, quality police officers. That is why the Central Falls Police Department considers the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP) to be the most important stage in becoming an independent police officer. This can only be achieved by taking the time to find the best instructors from within the department to be Field Training Officers (FTO). The FTO's duty is critical in the development of our new officers. They are the coach, instructor, documenter, mentor, evaluator, and the key to the Program. The Field Training Officer essentially serves as the first line supervisor for the recruit police officer.

Our training officers are committed to the program and work very hard to make it successful. Each training officer has displayed the ability to perform their duties to the highest level of efficiency. They were selected to assist the agency with training the new recruit officers and to instill our high standards of policing to the recruit officers, who in turn will learn to provide the citizens of Central Falls the best law enforcement services available.

The Central Falls Police Department hired one new officer during 2016. After a tedious selection process – those recruited and selected – are required to pass a vigorous background investigation and then attended the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy where one must endure twenty-two (22) weeks of mentally and physically intense training. Upon graduating the police academy, the candidate's training has only begun. The newly graduated officer(s) are assigned to an FTO and are required to successfully complete an additional twelve (12) weeks of Field Training. Our FTOs are tasked with the very important responsibility of training new recruit officers and ensuring that they are ready to perform their duties in the utmost professional manner. Our typical recruit training program encompasses all of the following phases:

- General knowledge of the Police Departments Organizational Chart
- Review of Policies and Procedures
- Department Firearm Qualification
- Department Use of Force Training
- Issuance of all required police equipment
- Administrative assignment to each bureau
- Assignment to a Primary FTO for direct instruction on all police duties
- Assignment to a Secondary FTO for direct supervision on all police duties
- Assignment back to the Primary FTO for a complete evaluation on ability to complete all police duties
- Assignment to permanent shift for duty

On December 28, 2016, our department swore-in Officer Stephanie Ruano, who previously worked for us as a Public Safety Dispatcher. Officer Ruano successfully

completed all the required training and has proven to be an enormous asset to the agency and to our beloved community. She is halfway to completing her required year of probation. However, she, along with every officer continues to be periodically evaluated by his or her immediate supervisor. All-inclusive, the time required to become a “full” member of the Central Falls Police Department is approximately eighteen months.

The Field Training Program consists of an intensive experience which is structured to expand on the training that the recruits have received in the academy and to apply the training to the job tasks that they will encounter in the field. The FTEP is reviewed and updated each year to ensure our training reflects changes in our policies, procedures, calls for service and updated techniques, technology and national best practices. Our Training Supervisors and Training Officers work together to accomplish these tasks both effectively and efficiently.

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION UNIT



SUPERVISORS
Captain Craig P. Horton – FTEP Commander
Lieutenant Wayne Solan – FTEP Coordinator
Sergeant Felipe Orsini – FTEP Supervisor

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS
Officer Franco Delande
*Officer Bari Cameron
Officer Robert Matook
*Officer Scott Weichtmann
*Officer David Hemond

**Primary FTO*

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Administrative Division Commander, Captain Craig P. Horton, heads the Office of Professional Standards and reports directly to the Chief of Police. The duties of this office include recruiting, hiring, training, internal affairs investigations, policy management and public information. Ultimately, this office is responsible for maintaining adherence to guidelines and standards that must be met by all officers and civilian personnel. This office oversees the honor, reputation and integrity of the Central Falls Police Department and ensures that all its members abide by the mission, goals and values of the police department, as well as taking immediate action to correct members found to be non-compliant with the high standards.

Several areas of responsibility that fall under this office:

- Managing complaints against personnel and internal investigations
- Supervision and development of the field training program
- Development of the department training team
- Policy review and management
- Developing training protocols and establishing in-service training
- Weapons research, development and training
- Recruitment, testing, background investigations and training of new personnel
- Plan training for all department personnel and managing training budgets
- Media relations and public affairs

As we strive to build a more professional police force, it is imperative that the citizens that we serve have confidence in their police department; therefore, it is up to the agency and all its members to foster an attitude of professionalism at all times. The professional standards role sets out to establish the professional conduct and personal ethics expected out of each and every employee. It is the policy of the Central Falls Police Department to promptly investigate allegations of misconduct and/or wrongdoing by department members and to take appropriate action as to discipline, remedial training, policy change, or exoneration of the accused.

The Central Falls Police Department and its employees encourage citizens to bring forward any complaints as well as compliments regarding its members. However, we also recognize that malicious and false accusations are sometimes alleged. Consequently, we must do everything within our power to recognize and identify the accuracy of all claims filed, whereby, properly and thoroughly investigating the allegations so as to ensure the integrity and professionalism of the agency and its employees. This is accomplished through an internal system of investigation and review founded on objectivity, fairness, and justice. The Central Falls Police Department must balance this philosophy with the consideration of protecting its employees from false accusations. One distinct way is to bring criminal charges against individuals that file false complaints against our employees, which systematically safeguards due process for the officers and citizens alike.

The Central Falls Police Department investigated eleven (11) complaints against employees in the year 2016. It should be noted that some internal investigations involve the alleged violation of multiple departmental rules, regulations, policies, and/or procedures and may involve more than one employee; the findings for each violation of rule are included below. The total number of violations may exceed the actual number of complaints received due to some cases involving multiple charges. There should also be a clear understanding that citizen complaints are external. These complaints come from a source outside of the police department; whereas, internal complaints are generated from within the police department. A supervisor may write up a subordinate for conduct or actions deemed to be in violation of departmental rules, regulations, policies, and/or procedures. There were a total of three (3) external complaints, as well as eight (8) internal complaints that were filed against a subordinate by a supervisor.

One final concern when reviewing the internal affairs files is to determine whether or not any complaints made against employees have any allegations of bias in them. The Central Falls Police Department will not condone any type of actions taken by employees that are based solely on someone's race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. After a careful review of the eleven (11) internal affairs cases handled in the year 2016, there are no indications of any bias directed from an employee of the Central Falls Police Department as reported by a complainant.

*“The Integrity of men is measured by their conduct, not by their professions”
– Junius*

DEFINITION OF DISPOSITIONS

Unfounded: The investigation indicates that the act(s) did not occur, or that it failed to involve members of the department.

Exonerated: The act(s) alleged did occur, but the act(s) are justified, lawful, and proper.

Sustained: The investigation disclosed that there is sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegations made in the complaint.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to discover sufficient evidence too clearly prove or disprove the allegations made in the complaint.

Misconduct Not Based on Original Complaint:

The investigation revealed the act of misconduct that occurred was not contained or alleged in the original complaint.

Policy Failure: A flaw in the contents of a policy or something omitted from the Policy, caused the officer to act or react in such a way which was deemed to be the cause of the incident.

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT

Citizen (External) Complaint	3
Police (Internal) Complaint	8
TOTAL:	11

RACE OF COMPLAINANT

Caucasian	0
African-American	2
Hispanic	1
Other	0
Police Agency Complaint	8
TOTAL:	11

GENDER OF COMPLAINANT

Male	3
Female	0
Police Department Complaint	8
TOTAL:	11

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Unfounded	2
Exonerate	1
Sustained	7
Not sustained	1
Misconduct not based on original complaint	0
Policy failure	0
Pending	0
TOTAL:	11

AGE OF COMPLAINANT

Under 18	0
18-25	0
26-35	3
36-45	0
46 and over	0
Police Department Complaint	8
TOTAL:	11

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Counseling/Training	0
Oral Reprimand	1
Written Reprimand	1
Suspension	5
Termination	0
Demotion	0
Rank Probation	0
Pending	0
Resigned	0
TOTAL:	7

2016 SUMMARY OF USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

The Central Falls Police Department enforces social order through the legitimized use of force. Use of force describes the amount of effort required by a police officer to compel



compliance by an unwilling subject. The levels or options of force our agency employs include basic verbal and physical restraint, less-lethal force and lethal force. The level of force an officer uses will vary based on the situation. Because of this variation,

guidelines for the use of force are based on many factors. However, our officers are expected to use only the amount of force necessary to control an incident, affect an arrest, or protect themselves or others from harm or death. The table below shows the number of use of force incidents and options available to sworn members of the agency.



Use of Force Option	Proper Use	Discipline	Total
Discharge Firearm	0	0	0
Empty Hand Techniques	12	0	12
ASP Baton	0	0	0
Oleoresin Capsicum/Pepper Spray	0	0	0
Taser	6	0	6
Drawing and Pointing of Firearm	16	0	16
Multiple Options	12	0	12
Canine	1	0	1
Restraint Chair	3	0	3
TOTAL	50	0	50

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLIN

Father Joseph S. Haggar, better known as “Father Joe”, has been a fixture in the City of Central Falls since becoming Assistant Pastor of Saint Basil’s The Great Church in July of 1966. He was later appointed Pastor of Saint Basil’s in July of 1973; at that time he was the youngest priest in Rhode Island ever to assume that role.



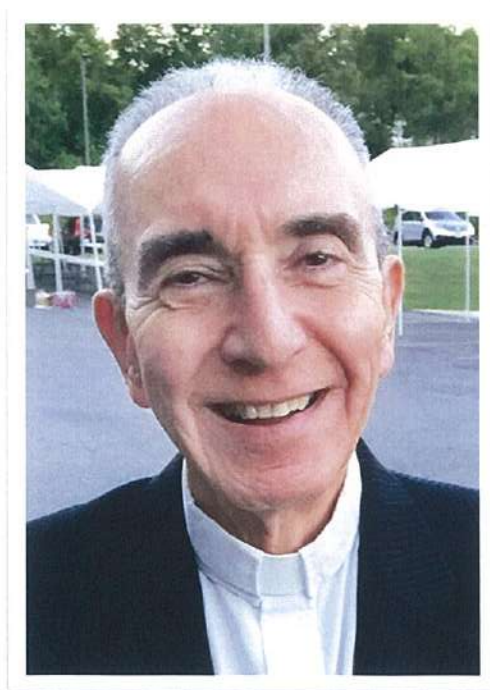
On September 29th 1990, Father Joe was appointed as Chaplain of the Central Falls Police Department by then police chief, Robert E. Sasso; holding the honorary rank of Lieutenant. One year later, in honor of his 25th Anniversary of Ordination, he was promoted to the honorary rank of Captain.

Police chaplains serve in a wide variety of ways. They may be called upon to assist in death notifications, assist and support victims in times of crisis, respond to suicide incidents, and serve as part of a crisis response team. They visit sick

or injured personnel, are a resource for counseling for members of the agency and their families, and serve as a liaison with other clergy in the community. They are called upon to deliver the invocation or benediction at public ceremonies as representatives of the police department. They also are on hand to serve inside the police department – Father Joe has done all of this and then some.

In addition to his position of Chaplain with the Central Falls Police Department, he also serves as Chaplain with the Central Falls Fire Department – appointed December of 1991 and with the Lincoln Police Department – appointed March of 2000.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II offered Father Joe the honorable position of Arch Bishop of the Diocese of Canada, which he respectfully declined. Also, Father Joe was appointed on March 16, 2005 as the Protosyncellus of the Diocese of Newton Massachusetts.



On March 9th 2012, Father Joe was promoted to the honorary rank of Major, by then acting chief, Colonel James J. Mendonca. Since his appointment as Chaplain, Father



Joe has shown tremendous support to the staff of the Central Falls Police Department. His kindness, cooperation, understanding and guidance have touched all those who have come in contact with him during his over fifty years of devoted service to his parishioners and the nearly twenty-seven years of unyielding support to the men and woman of this agency.

GRANT FUNDING

Since 1997, the Central Falls Police Department has applied for and received slightly under \$3.2 million dollars in grant money. Our agency has also received funding by participating in grants awarded to the State of Rhode Island and our neighboring communities, while working in a cooperative effort with these organizations.

As a result of these funding opportunities we have been able to purchase much needed equipment such as vehicles and up-upgrades to our technology infrastructure.



We have also utilized grants to implement Community Policing initiatives such as walking beats, bicycle patrols, a neighborhood response team and several other innovative and progressive law enforcement programs and enterprises.

All grant funds that our department has secured over the past sixteen (16) years have been funded through the federal and state government, with minimum matching fund requirements, yet in most cases, no city funding was required.

For 2016, our department secured and has utilized several grants through the Federal COPS Programs, JAG/Byrne Funds, and additional grants during this year, some examples are:

- **2016 BPV Vest Grant** – Five year replacement cycle for vests \$17,250.00
- **2013 COPS School Based Policing** – One (1) full-time officer will be 75% funded by the Federal Grant. The remaining 25% will be split between the City (12.5%) and the School Department (12.5%) - \$136,207.00
- **2014 State JAG Grant** – utilize this funding for the continuation of the Neighborhood Response Team program - \$25,000.00
- **2015 Federal JAG Grant** – up-grade the department's server - \$25,247.00
- **2016 Federal JAG Grant** – computer upgrades to allow patrol and investigative divisions internet access to mobile data terminals - \$28,961.00

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Central Falls Police Department have always begun with the hard-working and dedicated group of sworn and civilian personnel that comprise this fine organization.

In 2016, we were able to accomplish several goals and objectives from the previous calendar year, which include assigning one of our exceedingly hardworking and committed



officers to the DEA Task Force to go along with an officer already detailed to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force. Combining federal leverage and the analyst available to both of these taskforces – along with our officers’ investigative talents and detailed knowledge of Central Falls – leads to highly effective narcotics enforcement investigations. The result of these assignments have proven invaluable to targeting violent offenders, gangs and criminal enterprises which work to diminish organized crime and mitigate narcotics trafficking, and the related violence which commonly plagues urban communities such as Central Falls.

Today, our country is in the midst of an unprecedented national conversation regarding community-police relations. A major factor to consider with regards to this topic is advancing diversity in law enforcement – as a result – we undertook a spirited effort in implementing a new recruitment and selection process with the goal of transforming the Central Falls Police Department into an agency that is more reflective of the community in which we serve. We first began with a comprehensive marketing campaign which targeted minority candidates, giving weight to residency and bilingual speaking skills that fall into the majority-minority makeup of our community based on the most recent census.

In furtherance in our goal of becoming more professional and transparent – by meeting National best practices – we made the commitment to seek

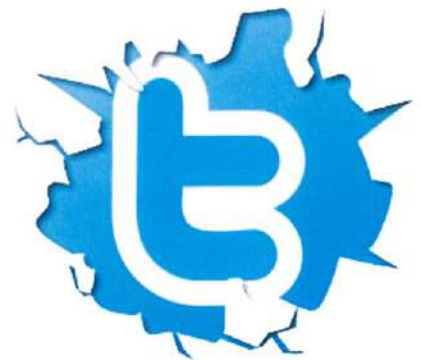
certification from the Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in addition to the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC) which



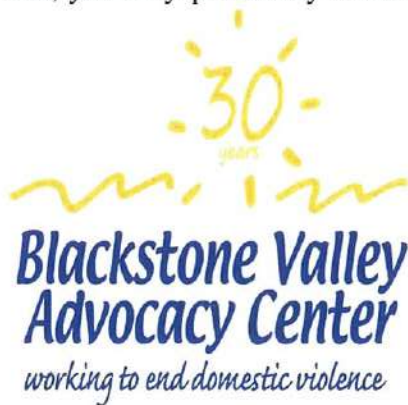
we were awarded September 14, 2015. Our agency underwent an onsite assessment which was submitted to the commission for review – the final decision on our agencies accreditation status is expected to be determined on July 27, 2017.

In addition to our applied practices to advance professionalism – equipment also beneficial to our success was acquired. For example we procured training equipment for active shooter scenario response training along with valuable building entry tools, and breaching equipment, to be utilized to enhance our preparedness for a potential active shooter situation – and more commonly – for dynamic search warrant entries. We also undertook a determined effort to further advance ourselves technologically by providing innovative tools that help our officers serve the community. With these advancements we also provided a way to protect our indispensable data with the installation of a new offsite backup server and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system that is Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) compliant.

In addition to our agency Facebook page we recently launched a Twitter account - the implementation of both these social media platforms are a means of engaging with our community in more positive interactive manner. We feel that sharing information is a key ingredient in building an effective rapport with those we are sworn to serve and protect. We endeavor to be accessible, transparent and responsive to whoever lives, works and visits our city.



We have begun our fourth year with a School Resource Officer at Central Falls High School and our third with Calcutt Middle School – both of which enhance security and enforce the law, yet they primarily serve as problem solvers, youth advocates, school and community liaisons, mentors, counselors, classroom instructors – and most importantly – as positive role models. We, in addition, have continued to collaborate with numerous dedicated nonprofit citizen groups within the Blackstone Valley such as the Central Falls Prevention Coalition, Project Renew, the Central Falls Community Collaborative and the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center – in which we have a shared interest in a Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Advocate – that works closely with our agency to provide immediate crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It is with hopes that these partnerships and collaborations will further enhance services presently available to families of Central Falls and to foster police-community relations within the city we are so devoted to served.



The Central Falls Police Department strives to enhance our abilities, as we are committed to serve the citizens of Central Falls in a fair and impartial manner. In doing so, our endeavor is to achieve several structured goals and objectives, most of which will be funded in whole or in part from grant opportunities and initiatives such as those listed on the following page:

- **With the successful campaign to acquire Hayron – an 18 month-old German Shepherd – reestablish the K9 Program**
- **Bolster patrol bureau staffing with the anticipated graduation of recruits from the Rhode Island Municipal police Academy**
- **Procure two new patrol bicycles to accommodate female and smaller statured officers**
- **Maintain our participation with Drug Enforcement Agency Taskforce to target mid-level and street level narcotics operations**
- **Creation of a vehicle storage facility for seized vehicles due to forfeiture and crime scene investigations**
- **Assign and train additional selected officers on patrol rifles**
- **Train all department supervisors on CodeRed Emergency Notification System and develop protocols on when its utilized**
- **Collaborate active shooter training with Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel**
- **Initiate procurement of new portable radios as part of incremental upgrade to dual band 800 MHz System**
- **Continue collaboration with Pawtucket Police Department in joint bicycle patrol**
- **Purchase and implement crime scene sketch software for Detective Bureau**
- **Train specific department members on advanced IMC/Tri-Tech system data queries**
- **Continue our partnership with FBI Safe Streets Taskforce which pursues violent gangs through sustained, proactive, coordinated investigations to obtain prosecutions under the U.S. Code, Titles 18 and 21, including violations such as racketeering, drug conspiracy and firearms violations**
- **Expand the number of officers trained in accident reconstruction from four to five**

- **Continue partnership with Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center in domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and awareness**
- **Maintain School Resource Officer (SRO) program within Central Falls High School and Calcutt Middle School**
- **Increase the number of Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) personnel within the agency from eight to ten**
- **Obtain national certification under the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)**
- **Continue to improve and expand upon community-police relations with walking beats and bicycle patrols**
- **Community Services Unit (CSU) to host several community events, to include: Touch-a-truck, National Night Out, Chill with a Cop, Citizen Police Academy, etc.**

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UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has been the starting place for law enforcement executives, students of criminal justice, researchers, members of the media, and the public at large seeking information on crime in the nation. The program was

conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet the need for reliable uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics.



Today, three annual publications, Crime in the United States, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, and Hate Crime Statistics are produced from data received from over 18,000 city, university/college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily participating in the program. The crime data is submitted either through a state UCR Program or directly to the FBI's UCR Program.

In addition to these reports, information is available on the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Program and the Hate Crime Statistics Program, as well as the traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). To obtain information regarding 2016 crime statistics for Central Falls, please visit www.risp.ri.gov/stats/