

2014 Annual Report Central Falls Police Department

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Submitted herewith is the Annual Report of the Central Falls Police Department for the year 2014.

Each year a manuscript is compiled which summarizes the accomplishments by this agency and its members. Amongst other things, it affords the public an overview of our inner workings, statistical analysis, community interactions and history. Moreover, it pays homage to the hard-working sworn and civilian members of the Central Falls Police Department.

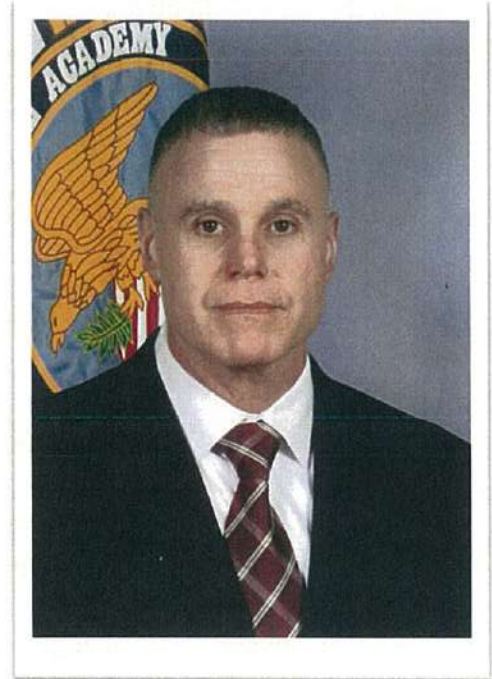
This agency is committed in its pursuit of excellence; we strive to work closely with citizens and community partners alike as part of that pursuit to form sustaining foundations for safe and secure communities – foundations formed to endure socio-economic instability and variations in crime rates.

While municipal bankruptcy once devastated the ranks of the police department, I am convinced that events which followed made clear that with faith and persistence to seek – and determination to secure and maintain – our goal which is to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit, can be firmly established and withstood.

I would like to thank Mayor James Diossa, the City Council and the community at large for the continuous 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

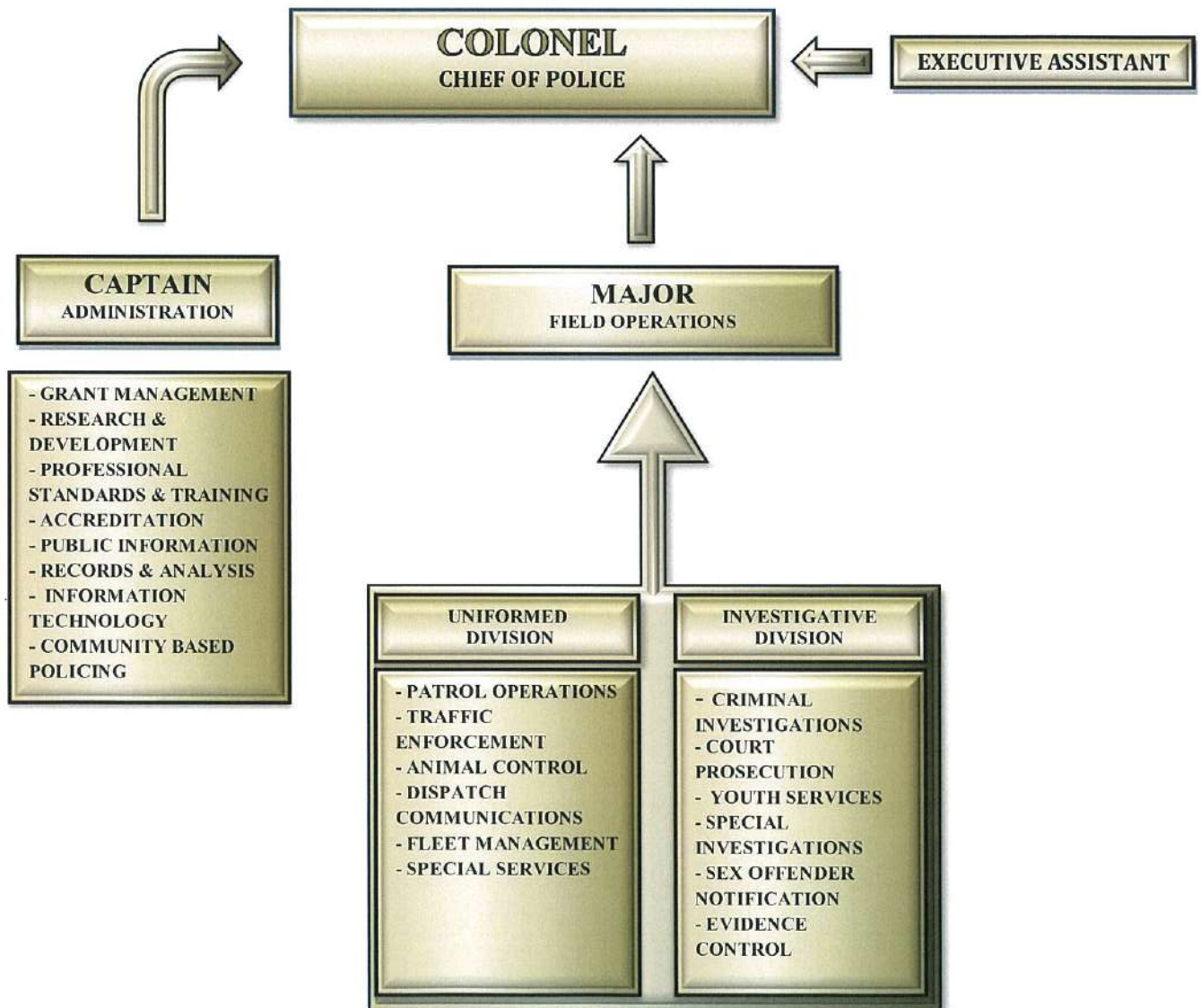
The fundamental mission of the Central Falls Police Department is to protect life and property; enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner; preserve the peace, order, and safety of the community we serve; safeguard the constitutional guarantees; and provide other police-related services as required 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 a superior level of service, regardless of race, ethnic background, religion, creed or color



CENTRAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PROMOTIONS 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	
RAVE, D	07/06/00	01/24/05	11/28/07	01/28/11	05/07/14		
SOLAN	05/11/95	07/13/01	12/19/06	11/25/08			
CARROLL	07/03/97	02/14/03	10/06/05	03/09/12			
HORTON	12/17/97	08/01/03	06/26/06	01/11/13			
BRADLEY	12/18/96	07/10/01	12/29/04	04/02/14			
REED	03/28/00	01/24/05	11/25/08				
MCGARRY	07/12/00	08/07/06	01/28/11				
RAVE, N.	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	03/28/00	09/29/08					
ARAUJO	12/07/00						
RODRIGUEZ	03/22/01	06/14/10					
VIENS	03/22/01	08/07/06					
GARLAND	11/24/04						
RENCHAN	11/23/05	04/15/13					
OSPINA	06/23/06						
ROBERTS	06/23/06						
CAMERON	03/16/07						
McNULTY	03/16/07						
ROGAN	11/30/07	09/17/12					
CRENSHAW	03/14/08						
DECRISTOFORO	03/14/08						
SAVOIE	06/26/09						
BOLVIN	12/02/09						
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						

CURRENT RANK HELD

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
Kamalich Rivera-Vega	Dispatcher	01/02/2003
Kimberly Irwin	Dispatcher	12/01/2003
Rhoda Benson	Dispatcher	08/27/2004
Kelly Baxter	Dispatcher	11/23/2011
Shawna Richards	Dispatcher	05/04/2012
Sean Barry	Dispatcher	04/15/2014
Allan Pena	Dispatcher	11/11/2014
Laura Figueroa	Dispatcher	11/23/2014
Charlene Gaffney	Animal Control	12/23/2011
Nathalie Benway	Municipal Court Secretary	07/13/2001

PERSONNEL CHANGES

POLICE

02/21/2014 Jeffrey Dumont was terminated from position of Patrol Officer
06/09/2014 Charles Walkup was hired for the position of Patrol Officer
11/07/2014 Lawrence Ouellette resigned from position of Patrol Officer

CIVILIAN

04/15/2014 Sean Barry was hired for the position of Dispatcher
11/11/2014 Allan Pena was hired for the position of Dispatcher
11/23/2014 Laura Figueroa was hired for the position of Dispatcher
12/12/2014 Laura Figueroa resigned from the position of Dispatcher

PERSONNEL STATISTICS

	2012	2013	2014
Average Sick Days Per Officer	8.54	10.001	12.388
Average Vacation Days Per Officer	17.617	17.925	17.04
Average Personal Days Per Officer	1.64	1.022	1.0
Average Injured On Duty Days Per Officer	2.66	4.180	2.184

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY

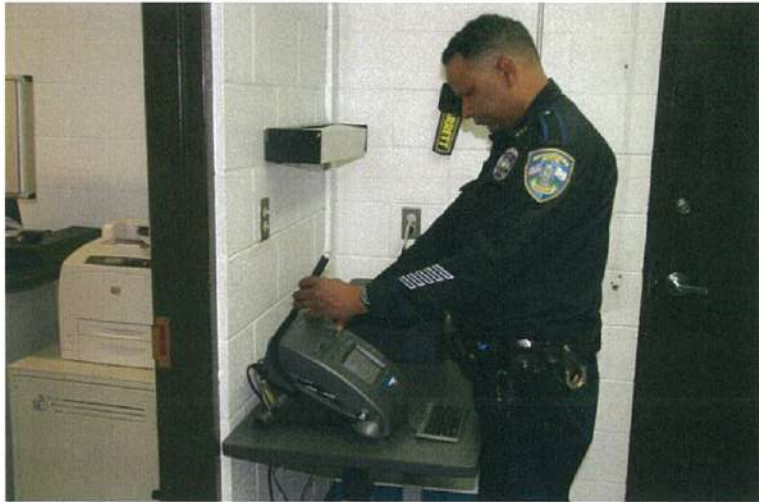
	2012	2013	2014
Number of Officers Injured Resulting in Time Lost	7	6	7
Number of Officers Injured Without Time Lost	7	15	11
Total Reported On Duty Injury Incidents	14	21	18
Number of Days Lost to Injuries on Duty	94.625	142.125	52.125
Number of Days on Light Duty Status	7.625	22	48

(BASED ON 36 OFFICERS)

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division of the Central Falls Police Department is continuously evolving in order to be able to provide a better service to department personnel and to the citizens of the City. On May 7, 2014 Colonel Mendonca and Mayor James A. Diossa swore in Dorian R. Rave to the rank of captain.

Captain Rave, the newly appointed Administrative Division Commander, is now entrusted to oversee the Office of Professional Standards and Training, and in his new position, is tasked with continuously challenging the staff with new training and raising the bar on department standards



as we continue to work tirelessly towards the goal of state accreditation. The department has since updated, reviewed and implemented policies and procedures that set a higher standard of professionalism for all our sworn police officers.

This agency is committed to partnering with businesses and cultural organizations as well as citizen, advocacy and neighborhood groups to help make the City a safer place. Collectively, the Administrative Division is resolved to enhance the capabilities of the department to conduct enhanced training for all sworn and civilian members. As we continue through the process of attaining state accreditation we realized that an appropriate training environment is paramount. The department continues to secure grants in an aid to improve the infrastructure of our facility so that members of this agency can perform their duties in a safe and suitable environment.

The mission of the Administrative Division is to continue to provide a superior service to the residents of the city. This exemplary service can only be possible by providing all police department personnel with the proper training and the appropriate tools to perform their duties. The Administrative Division oversees Professional Standards and Training which includes the investigation of all internal citizen complaints. In addition, the division is responsible for the proper training of all police recruits through the departments Field Training and Evaluation Program.

The division works consistently with information technology and records management system personnel to ensure the proper and efficient use of its computer systems function without any compromise to the department's network.

UNIFORMED DIVISION

The Central Falls Police Departments Uniformed Division is comprised of highly motivated and highly trained officers who are dedicated to the public service of the residents of our community.

While maintaining our fundamental goals of providing quick response and efficient police services to the residents of Central Falls, the Uniformed Division began a new campaign to engage the community on a different level. In addition to bicycle patrols, officers began “walking the beat” on Dexter Street and Broad Street which gave them an opportunity to speak with business owners and residents on a regular basis. Officers were able to obtain



firsthand information about issues and concerns that positively and negatively impacted the community. These concerns were then addressed by the officers as they transitioned from the walking patrol to unmarked police units and concentrated on addressing these quality of life and safety issues.

This Community Policing endeavor was very successful in providing vital information that our agency has used as we continue this effort of community envelopment and as we create new and improved programs with this same philosophy.

With the re-establishment of the Motorcycle Unit, our officers received advanced training in emergency and safety operations of the police motorcycles. Each member of the unit attended and completed a challenging forty-hour training course offered by New England PVLC in North Hampton, New Hampshire. The training has been well received by the officers in the unit. This will provide them with the tools they need to successfully and safely use the motorcycles for patrol, enforcement efforts, escorts, parades and all other police functions.

The Central Falls Police Department K-9 Handler, Officer Joseph DeCristoforo and K-9, Axel, attended an eight week advanced training in narcotics detection. At the completion of the

training, Axel received his certification as a drug detection dog. Axel's newly acquired training will be a huge asset as he will be utilized to assist the Uniformed Division as well as the Detective Bureau and Special Investigation Unit with our ongoing efforts to reduce the illegal distribution of narcotics in the city.

Our School Resource Officer, Joseph Bolvin has played a vital role in the safety and development of many students at Central Falls High School. Not only has Officer Bolvin embraced his duties as a mentor and role model for the students that attend the high school, but he has taken on many other responsibilities. Officer Bolvin hosts an internship program in which he engages students that are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement and provides them with insight and basic training on many of the functions and tasks that our officers face

on a daily basis. Officer Bolvin has also worked diligently with the school administration to recreate a school safety plan that when completed will be adopted by all of the schools in the district. Officer Bolvin participates in after school programs, career development events and safety meetings.

The Uniform Division has continued its successful partnership with the Rhode Island State Police on the Neighborhood Response Team initiative. This program in which police officers partner up with troopers to enforce state laws and city ordinances in some of the problematic areas in the city, has been well received by both agencies as well as the residents of the City of Central Falls. We were able to obtain grant money to assist with the funding of this initiative, which is one more way we can increase the quality of the services we provide to our residents at no additional costs to the tax payers.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Since Charlene Gaffney was appointed to her position as Central Falls Animal Control Officer, she has made a major impact in the city. She has developed working relationships with our surrounding communities and local organizations to ensure for the proper care and enforcement for the animals in our city.

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 pertaining to the licensing, registration, vaccination and insuring of dogs and 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. She also has the authority to enforce municipal parking violations and has been very effective in doing so.



In 2013, ACO Gaffney obtained grant funding from the Pet Smart Coalition in the amount of \$68,500.00 to assist responsible pet owners with vaccinations as well as spay and neutering procedures. Over the past two years, approximately 876 cats have been serviced through this funding which is due to expire April, 2015.

Charlene initiated the Central Falls Friends of Animals, which is a non-profit group. This group assists in dealing with stray cats with a "Trap-Neuter-Release" program, which helps curb the city's cat population. To date, approximately 165 cats have been trapped, neutered and released. With the lack of space in shelters for kittens and non-feral cats, this organization sets up adoptions and finds them good homes; approximately 52 cats have been adopted out.

In 2014, the police department up-graded the animal control vehicle with one of the police department's SUV's. It was outfitted to accommodate the needs of the Animal Control Division. Charlene's 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 vaccinations, animal licensing and adoption programs to assist Central Falls residents with obtaining and maintaining a safe and happy pet.

ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS FOR 2014

TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT	NUMBER HANDLED
Vehicle Violation Citations	81
Animal Control Citations	84
Quarantines	15
Animals Placed into Shelters	53
Medical Treatments	84
Cruelty/Neglect Charges	0
DOA	40
Pit Bull Removals	4
Other Animal Removals	70
Court Hearings	2
TOTAL CALLS	433

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TIME OF DAY	CALLS FOR SERVICE 2013	CALLS FOR SERVICE 2014	COMPARISON 2013/2014
Midnight - 7:59 am	6,732	6,293	-6.5%
8:00 am - 3:59 pm	8,866	8,984	1.33%
4:00 pm - 11:59 pm	7,524	9,264	23.125%
TOTAL	23,122	24,541	6.137%

TIME OF DAY	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	TOTALS
Midnight - 7:59 am	1,261	752	787	830	702	822	1,139	6,293
8:00 am - 3:59 pm	752	1,431	1,531	1,417	1,418	1,434	1,001	8,984
4:00 pm - 11:59 pm	1,013	1,182	1,269	1,135	1,180	1,616	1,869	9,264
TOTAL	3,026	3,365	3,587	3,382	3,300	3,872	4,009	24,541

There was a 6.137% increase in calls for service in the year 2014

OFFICE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

During 2014, the Central Falls Police Department received a total amount of \$69,472 in grant funding from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation – Office of Highway Safety. The following is the breakdown of how funds were allocated:

- \$8,000.00 for a new CMI Intoxilyzer 9000 blood alcohol content (BAC) testing device and supplies
- \$4,068.00 for a new LTI 20/20 LIDAR laser speed enforcement unit and software
- \$17,016.00 for driving while under the influence (DUI) enforcement whereby 141 motor vehicles were stopped, culminating in the issuance of 81 citations and the arrest of 30 individuals; 6 of which for the charge of DUI
- \$14,440.00 for speed enforcement whereby 774 motor vehicles were stopped, resulting in 683 citations being issued and 16 individuals arrested
- \$15,272.00 for seat belt enforcement whereby 665 motor vehicles were stopped, effecting the issuance of 626 citations and 33 arrest being made
- \$5,676.00 for child passenger safety whereby 34 child and infant car seats were checked and another 29 new seats installed; 10 of which were provided by our agency. In addition, 28 citations were issued to violators
- \$5,000.00 for distracted driving enforcement whereby 184 motor vehicle stops were conducted resulting in 18 arrest and 149 citations being issued; 3 of which for texting and driving violations

Also in 2014, the Central Falls Police Department received the AAA Gold Award for traffic safety and the AAA Pedestrian Safety Excellence Award for 23 years of pedestrian free fatalities.



MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

ROADWAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Broad St.	11	14	8	12	12	6	7	10	8	13	14	12	127
Dexter St.	6	8	3	6	6	6	1	4	11	9	5	3	68
Lonsdale Ave.	4	3	9	8	6	4	0	3	5	3	2	5	52
Hunt St.	4	7	2	2	3	2	3	0	2	6	2	1	34
High St.	2	2	6	2	0	0	3	0	2	3	4	4	28
Cross St.	2	3	2	1	2	4	4	3	0	2	1	0	24
Washington St.	3	1	2	0	2	0	4	2	1	0	1	0	16
Rand St.	1	1	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	3	0	1	14
Central St.	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	13
Illinois St.	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	12

2013 Total Crashes – 528
2014 Total Crashes – 636

**THERE WAS A
 20.45% INCREASE IN
 REPORTED CRASHES IN
 THE YEAR 2014**

Top Ten Crash Locations by Intersection in Central Falls

Top Intersections	Totals
Broad St. @ Hunt St.	8
Broad St. @ Cowden St.	5
Broad St. @ Fales St.	5
Dexter St. @ Hedley Ave.	5
Dexter St. @ Rand St.	5
Lonsdale Ave. @ Parker St.	5
Dexter St. @ Hunt St.	5
Roosevelt Ave. @ Cross St.	5
Broad St. @ Lincoln Ave.	4
Dexter St. @ Summer St.	4

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

PROSECUTION BUREAU

In 2014, the Prosecution Bureau of the Central Falls Police Department managed all criminal cases. This included cases in the Municipal Court, District Court, Family Court, and Superior Court and in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT). The officer assigned predominantly to handle criminal prosecution is Detective Sandy Robinson.

Detective Robinson dealt last year with all felony cases presented to the Attorney General's Office that are presided over in Superior Court and also managed all District Court cases. Family Court matters are administered by Detective Patrick Rogan, Office of Youth Services. RITT remained a constant, being prosecuted by Detective Craig Viens, and Lieutenant Craig Horton currently administers all cases in the Municipal Court.

All criminal cases are resolved and disposed of by the Prosecution Bureau, with the assistance of the City Solicitors Office, 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 2014, The Central Falls Police Department made a total of 1,297 arrests. Of these arrests, 1,195 were adults, and 103 were juveniles.

ADULT DISPOSITIONS

	2013	2014
Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas	326	338
Misdemeanor Dismissals	161	113
Number of Persons Arrested on Felonies	229	201
Number of Persons Released/No Charges	29	33
Number of Persons Arrested On District Court Warrants	143	163
Number of Persons Arrested On Other Court Warrants	109	91

JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

In 2014, the Central Falls Police Department reconvened the Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB) and developed a schedule to meet on the first Wednesday of even numbered months in the evening. The JHB is a panel of respected city residents who adjudicate uncontested misdemeanor charges against first time offender juveniles from the city and adjacent communities. Before the case is presented to the JHB, the juvenile must admit to the charge



and they and their parent(s) must choose to be presented to the board and adhere to its sanctions. The adjudication of a case before the JHB is in lieu of a case being forwarded to Family Court for formal criminal charges. At the initial appearance, the case is presented to the board, the juvenile is questioned regarding the charges and other matters in their life, and the parent(s) are offered an opportunity to address the board and request help with

any specific concerns regarding the juvenile. The board then decides upon appropriate sanctions which can involve further school involvement such as extracurricular activities, volunteerism, rules to follow at home or even restitution as well as other assignments. The juvenile and parent(s) agree to the sanctions, and the juvenile is presented before the board at the next meeting to show their compliance with the sanctions. Failure to comply may result in a continuation to one further follow up meeting, or the forwarding of the case to Family Court. The JHB gives parents a chance to have their voice heard and directly influence the consequences caused by their child's actions and thus help create a judicial result which is specifically catered to their child's needs. It also creates a much more personal and therefore effective experience for the juvenile and generally requires less time and inconvenience for both the parent and juvenile.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Investigative Division is comprised of the Detective Bureau, Prosecution Bureau, Youth Services and Special Investigations. The division is staffed by five detectives and three taskforce officers, or TFO's, and is commanded by a Detective Lieutenant. The 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 also holds the responsibility of identifying criminal offenders and proactively tracking on-going crime trends in an attempt to suppress crimes before they occur.



Moreover, the division assists State, Federal and other local agencies with their investigations, and the preparation of cases for prosecution.

Typically, detectives investigate most cases that were initiated by members of the Patrol Bureau; as such, cases are delegated by the Detective Commander of the Investigative Division and assigned on a case-by-case basis. Within the division, 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; 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.

As in previous years, one of the divisions "special investigators" remains assigned as a Taskforce Officer (TFO) with the Rhode Island State Police – High Intensity Drug Trafficking

Area Taskforce (HIDTA); however, new to 2014, were the assignment of two additional TFO assignments: One with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – Safe Streets Taskforce and the other with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Taskforce. These three Taskforce positions have proven invaluable with regard to investigations of narcotics, weapons and organized crime.

In Addition, the Investigative Division coordinates regularly with Probation and Parole's Community Re-Entry Program and with the Pawtucket/Central Falls Citizens Development Corporation in order to identify issues within the community concerning newly released offenders and offering services to our most at risk citizens.

The hard working and devoted detectives who comprise this outstanding agency component managed to accomplish more with less and still provide an extraordinary service to the community. Moreover, during the course of the year, detectives within the division received specialized training in the fields of homicide investigation, human trafficking, identity fraud, computer crimes, narcotic investigation



and skill development training in the field of forensic crime scene investigations; such as, blood spatter, advanced photography and latent fingerprint courses.

In 2014, the commander of the Investigative Division reviewed 2,066 cases. Of those cases, approximately 1,300 were assigned to detectives for further investigation. The remaining 766 cases were investigated and closed out by the outstanding work of members of the Patrol Bureau and 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 May of 2014 (Mother's Day), members of the Investigative Division responded to a scene of a gruesome homicide. As a result of their exhaustive and comprehensive investigation the division was able to identify, obtain a confession from, and subsequently charged the accused with one count of murder. The suspect is currently awaiting trial.
- In August of 2014, members of the division responded to a First Degree Arson scene where a building's exterior door was set on fire. The building contained an apartment with numerous party goers; thankfully, all occupants were able to exit the building unharmed. The ensuing investigation developed a suspect who later confessed to the crime. The defendant was then charged with one count of First Degree Arson and is presently awaiting trial.

- In October of 2014, members of the Investigative Division responded to the scene of a homicide. During the ensuing investigation information was developed and a suspect was placed under arrest for one count of murder. The suspect was interrogated by members of the division and a confession was obtained whereby the suspect is currently awaiting trial.
- In December of 2014 (Christmas Day), members of the division responded to a horrific homicide scene. Detectives developed crucial information, and with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Forensics Unit, a suspect was identified and placed under arrest for one count of murder and is currently awaiting trial.

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	NUMBER INVENTORIED
	2013	2014
DRUGS	356	239
WEAPONS	17	23
BICYCLES	1	16
GENERAL ITEMS	2,210	2,400

INVENTORY PROPERTY TYPE AND MONETARY VALUE

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

PROPERTY TYPE	2013	2014
CURRENCY	\$41,144.00	\$43,735.00
JEWELRY / PRECIOUS METALS	\$5,234.00	\$6,765.00
CLOTHING AND FURS	\$3,899.00	\$177.00
LOCALLY STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES	\$167,602.00	\$190,500.00
COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE	\$57,402.00	\$2,015.00
TELEVISIONS, RADIO, ETC.	\$45,097.00	\$438.00
FIREARMS	\$5,601.00	\$4,370.00
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	\$32.55	\$56.00
CONSUMABLE GOODS	\$111.00	\$760.00
TOOLS	\$3,351.00	\$144.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$23,267.75	\$21,572.00
TOTAL CASH VALUE OF PROPERTY	\$325,741.30	\$270,232.00

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES REPORTED	CASH VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN
ROBBERY	44	\$33,080.00
BREAKING AND ENTERING COMPLTS.	192	\$384,888.00
LARCENY-THEFT (No Vehicles)	177	\$110,414.00
MOTOR VEHICLE*	53	\$225,701.00
TOTAL OFFENSES AND PROPERTY VALUE STOLEN	466	\$754,083.00

*** 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; the principal responsibility of which are the 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. Although the SIU is a three-person unit responsible for crimes committed within the City of Central Falls, the police chief has also assigned each member to joint task forces with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 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 twenty-three search warrants, effecting in the apprehension of sixty-two individuals; arising in the seizure of five firearms and five vehicles. These search warrants and arrests carried out by the SIU led to the seizure of \$25,131.00 which resulted in state and federal forfeiture opportunities.

investigation resulted in the execution of three search warrants, the seizure of a vehicle and approximately \$21,000.00 in cash, and the arrest of two dangerous individuals. This operation was able to make a substantial impact on the narcotics distribution within the City of Central Falls.

In addition to initiating their own investigations, members of the SIU worked in conjunction with ATF on an eight month investigation. The



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	2013	2014
Search Warrants	17	23
Narcotics Arrest	52	62
Firearms Seized	5	5
Vehicles	6	5
TOTAL FORFIETURES	\$126,181.00	\$111,618.00

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

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION UNIT

The Sex Offender Notification Unit 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 Sex Offender Notification Unit is an original member of the SOLEMN (Sex Offender Law Enforcement Management Network). This Task Force was created by the United States Marshals Service and incorporates all local police agencies, along with the Rhode Island State Police ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) 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, this 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 below shows how many leveled sex offenders are living in the City of Central Falls as of January 2014:

SEX OFFENDERS	2014
Juveniles	0
Level I	39
Level II	13
Level III	5
Total	57

Notification letters 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. An electronic notification is also sent via email. These notifications are required by law and cost approximately \$125.00 to \$150.00 per notification.

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

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

The Central Falls Police Department strives to deliver the best training to our recruits throughout the Field Training and Evaluation Program. This is accomplished by selecting the best instructors from within the department to be Field Training Officers. 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 new recruit officers to maintain our standard of producing officers who provide the citizens of Central Falls the best law enforcement services available.

The Central Falls Police Department did not have any recruit candidates attend the Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy during the 2014 year. Although no recruits were sent to the Police Academy for recruit training, there were several officers that attended the Field Training and Evaluation Program and were certified as Field Training Officers (FTO's). Our Field Training Officers, possess the very important responsibility of training new recruit officers and to ensure 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 June 9th, 2014 our agency hired Officer Charles Walkup as a lateral transfer from the East Providence Police Department. He was employed by the East Providence Police Department from May 2011 to June 2014. Officer Walkup was previously employed by the Central Falls Police Department with an original hire date of December 2nd, 2008.

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 Field Training and Evaluation Program is reviewed and updated each year to ensure our training reflects changes in our policies, procedures, calls for service and updated techniques, and

technology. Our Training Supervisors and Training Officers work together to accomplish these tasks both effectively and efficiently.

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION UNIT



The following will be the training staff entering into 2015

SUPERVISORS
Major Daniel Barzykowski, FTEP Commander
Lieutenant Steven Bradley, FTEP Coordinator
Sergeant Felipe Orsini, FTEP Supervisor

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS
Officer Franco Delande
Officer Jeffrey Araujo
Officer Paul Savoie
Officer Bari Cameron
Officer Sarah McNulty
Officer Robert Matook

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Administrative Bureau Commander, Captain Dorian R. Rave, heads the Office of Professional Standards and reports directly to the Chief of Police. The duties of this office include Accreditation and Policy Management; Training; Internal Affairs; Recruitment and Hiring; and Public Information. The mission of this integral agency branch is to uphold the honor, reputation and integrity of the Central Falls Police Department and to ensure that all its members abide by the mission, goals and values of police department as well as to take immediate action to correct members found to be non-compliant with the high standards set.

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
- Planning training for all department personnel and managing training budgets
- Media relations and public affairs

It is crucial for the citizens of a community to have confidence in its police department; therefore, it is up to the agency and 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 fourteen (14) complaints against employees in the year 2014. 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 will 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 five (5) external complaints, as well as nine (9) 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 fourteen (14) internal affairs cases handled in the year 2014, there are no indications of any bias directed from an employee of the Central Falls Police Department as reported by a complainant.

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 acts 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 deemed to be the cause of the incident.

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT

Citizen (External) Complaint	5
Police (Internal) Complaint	9
TOTAL:	14

RACE OF COMPLAINANT

Caucasian	3
African-American	2
Hispanic	0
Other	0
Police Agency Complaint	9
TOTAL:	14

GENDER OF COMPLAINANT

Male	2
Female	3
Police Department Complaint	9
TOTAL:	14

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Unfounded	4
Exonerate	2
Sustained	6
Not sustained	2
Misconduct not based on original complaint	0
Policy failure	0
Pending	0
TOTAL:	14

AGE OF COMPLAINANT

Under 18	0
18-25	0
26-35	3
36-45	1
46 and over	1
Police Department Complaint	9
TOTAL:	14

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Counseling/Training	0
Oral Reprimand	0
Written Reprimand	3
Suspension	2
Termination	1
Demotion	1
Rank Probation	0
Pending	0
Resigned	0
TOTAL:	7

2014 SUMMARY OF USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

Use of Force Option	Proper Use	Discipline	Total
DISCHARGE OF FIREARM	0	0	0
USE OF FORCE / HANDS	15	0	15
USE OF FORCE / BATON	0	0	0
USE OF FORCE / CAPSTUN	3	0	3
USE OF FORCE / TASER	3	0	3
USE OF FORCE / FIREARM	11	0	11
USE OF FORCE / MULTIPLE OPTIONS	14	0	14
USE OF FORCE / K-9	1	0	1
RESTRAINT CHAIR	1	0	1
TOTAL	48	0	48

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, effect an arrest, or protect themselves or others from harm or death.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLIN

Father Joseph S. Haggar has been a fixture in the City of Central Falls since becoming Assistant Pastor of Saint Basil's Church in July of 1966. He was appointed Pastor of Saint Basil's Church in July of 1973; at that time he was the youngest priest in Rhode Island ever to assume that role.



On September 29, 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.

Father Joe also holds the position of Chaplain of the Central Falls Fire Department, appointed in December of 1991, and Chaplain of the Lincoln Police Department, appointed in 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 had to decline. Also, Father Joe was appointed on March 16, 2005 as the Protosyncellus of the Diocese of Newton Massachusetts.

On March 9 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.

GRANT FUNDING

Since 1997, our department has applied for and received over \$3 million dollars in grant money, as well as thousands of dollars more by participating in grants that have been awarded to our neighboring communities and working in a cooperative effort with them, as well as the State of Rhode Island.

We have been able to purchase much needed equipment, as well as up-grade our computers and vehicles with this grant funding. We have been able to utilize grant funds to institute walking beats, bike patrols, a neighborhood response team and a several other innovative and progressive law enforcement initiatives.

All grant funds that our department has secured over the past thirteen (13) years have been funded through the federal and state government, with minimum matching fund requirements. In most cases, no in-kind funds were required.

For fiscal year 2013 through 2014, our department secured and has utilized several grants through the Federal COPS Programs and JAG/Byrne Funds, as well as additional federal grants totaling \$647,682.50:

- **2009 COPS Hiring Recovery Program** – Two (2) full-time officers 100% funded for three years - \$426,664.00
- **2012 Federal JAG Grant** – up-grade the department’s alarm system for the Evidence Rooms, CSI Room and Armory; software for the radio system and new computers - \$22,311.00
- **2012 BPV Vest Grant** – Five year replacement cycle for vests \$4,417.50
- **2013 COPS School Based Policing** – One (1) full-time officer will be 60% funded by the Federal Grant. The remaining 40% will be split between the City (20%) and the School Department (20%).
- **2013 Federal JAG Grant** – up-grade the department’s security door system Phase I - \$22,104.00
- **2013 State JAG Grant** – utilize this funding for the Neighborhood Response Team, pairing our officers with Rhode Island State Troopers and enhance patrols within the city during peak hours - \$20,885.00
- **2014 Federal JAG Grant** – up-grade the department’s video security system - \$26,301.00

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 2014, we were able to accomplish several goals and objectives from the previous calendar year which included the assignment of two exceedingly hardworking and committed officers to two very separate and distinct federal taskforce missions: one being the FBI Safe Streets Task Force and the other officer detailed to ATF. These latest initiatives have proven invaluable in targeting violent offenders, gangs and criminal enterprises which works to diminish organized crime and mitigate narcotics trafficking, and the related violence which commonly plagues urban communities such as Central Falls.



K9 Axel, a Belgian Malinois, was officially sworn in as a member of the Central Falls Police Department the year prior, having been used exclusively as a patrol dog. However, he has recently been certified, along with his handler Officer Joseph DeCristoforo, in narcotics detection during an extensive program administered by the Rhode Island State Police at no cost to the city.



We undertook a spirited effort to renovate and modernize police headquarters with enhancements to our communications center, aesthetic and structural upgrades to the building itself and we replaced our aging and inefficient central air-conditioning system with a more energy efficient one. We implemented a new electronic policy management system to aid in our goal of accreditation and added a new and contemporary breathalyzer unit to the prisoner processing room, which was refurbished the year prior, and procured a new multimedia interview and interrogation recording system. Finally, we upgraded our fleet with the procurement of three Ford police interceptor SUV's which are better suited for the

harsh winter weather conditions our region has been subjected to, especially in recent years.



Due to the varying levels of security necessary within police headquarters, the physical access control system within the building has been automated with the installation of an electronic security system. This system has allowed our agency to precisely define access privileges for each user and also instantly update them within the system, which

is much more secure and convenient than granting or revoking key privileges.

Understanding the essential nature of complete and accurate public safety

information, we searched for a more efficient, secure data collection process; in doing so, we were able to procure a new state of the art evidence barcode management module which now maintains a complete and accurate chain of custody for evidence. The software records changes in the location, status, and custodian of evidence items, providing our



agency with a detailed history from the time we receive an item until its release or disposal. This system can also track temporary location changes, such as lab analyses and court appearances, for each evidence record.

The majority of the aforementioned endeavors were accomplished through grant funding or surplus earmarked for capital improvement expenditures. Additionally, we underwent a complete overhaul of our policies, procedures and rules and regulations to bring our department in compliance with the newly implemented state accreditation program.

In addition to the grant opportunities mentioned, two of our officers received A.L.I.C.E instructor certification. The purpose of A.L.I.C.E (Alert, Lockdown, Inform,

Counter, and Evacuate) training is to prepare individuals to handle the threat of an Active Shooter. ALICE teaches individuals to participate in their own survival, while leading others to safety. Though no one can guarantee success in this type of situation, this new set of skills will greatly increase the odds of survival should anyone face this form of disaster.

We are very proud to announce that we have reestablished a Juvenile Hearing Board here in city. The purpose of the Central Falls Juvenile Hearing Board is to hear all cases referred by the Office of Youth Services of the Police Department, with respect to persons under the age of 18 who are charged with violating the criminal laws of the State or our municipality. The Juvenile Hearing Board hears all cases recommended to it by the Office of Youth Services and recommends sanctions (other than incarceration) including, but not limited to, fines (up to \$100.00) and community service, and shall direct restitution for any injuries and/or damages where appropriate, resulting from the commission of an offense.



In conclusion, we continued to collaborate with several committed citizen and nonprofit groups within the Blackstone Valley such as the Central Falls Community Collaborative, Project RENEW, Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center and the Central Falls Prevention Coalition to name a few. We have maintained our innovative partnership with the Rhode Island State Police coined the “Neighborhood Response Team”, which is an enterprising model that pairs officers and troopers in state police cruisers to focus on trouble areas in organized – intelligence based– directed patrols. This shared commitment is intended to reduce criminal activity and to enrich the quality of life of the citizens of Central Falls. We were fortunately once again able to secure grant funding to continue this worthwhile and effective program into next year.



Although we have emerged from bankruptcy over two years ago, financial uncertainty remains. However, the Central Falls Police Department will strive to enhance our abilities, as we are committed to serve the citizens of Central Falls in the best manner possible. 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 these:

- **RIPAC Accreditation**
- **Establishment of School Emergency Response Plan**

- **Continued cooperative effort with the School Department to enhance and improve building security and preparedness for a potential active shooter scenario and our tactical response**
- **Maintain our participation with High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) Taskforce to target mid-level and street level narcotics operations**
- **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**
- **Commence our third year with the School Resource Officer (SRO) program**
- **Full utilization of electronic employee tracking , early intervention and appraisal system to better serve our employees**
- **Continued collaboration with the Rhode Island State Police with the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT)**
- **Installation of New Offsite Backup Server and NCIC System**
- **Anticipated Upgrade to Dual band 800 MHz System**
- **Procure new COGENT / Livescan Fingerprint System**
- **Establishment of Community Policing Bureau and Crime Suppression Unit**
- **Installation of Video Security System**
- **Implement New Recruitment and Selection Practice**
- **Designation of Mobile Crime Scene Vehicle**

For more information regarding the Central Falls Police Department, please visit us at www.centralfallspolice.com

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 2014 crime statistics for Central Falls, please visit www.risp.ri.gov/stats/