



2018 Annual Report

Central Falls Police Department



"A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency"

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It is my honor to present the Central Falls Police Department's 2018 Annual Report. This document highlights the dedicated work of the men and woman who proudly and consistently deliver the best police services possible to the citizens of our great City.

Six years ago – upon taking the oath as police chief – I committed myself and this organization to an ambitious course of action that would innovate, renew, and reimagine policing in Central Falls. I pledged that this organization would police with purpose, compassion and partnership.

We have over the course of my tenure as police chief successfully created an organizational structure that allows for more effective communication and collaboration, while improving the delivery of police services to our residents. As a result, we have become an agency rooted in our neighborhoods and lead the discussion surrounding innovative relationship-based policing strategies within the Ocean State.



We, through the establishment of our Community Policing Bureau, have created more opportunities for open dialog with our stakeholders, through forums, panels, and community meetings. Throughout our discussions and endeavors, we have maintained a singular focus on improving this organization, so that the members – who comprise it – can preserve an unparalleled standard of excellence in their daily pursuit of our mission as well as safeguard the lives, and property of the people we have pledged an oath to serve.

I am truly proud of the men and women of this organization, who work every day to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit. I would like to thank Mayor James A. 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

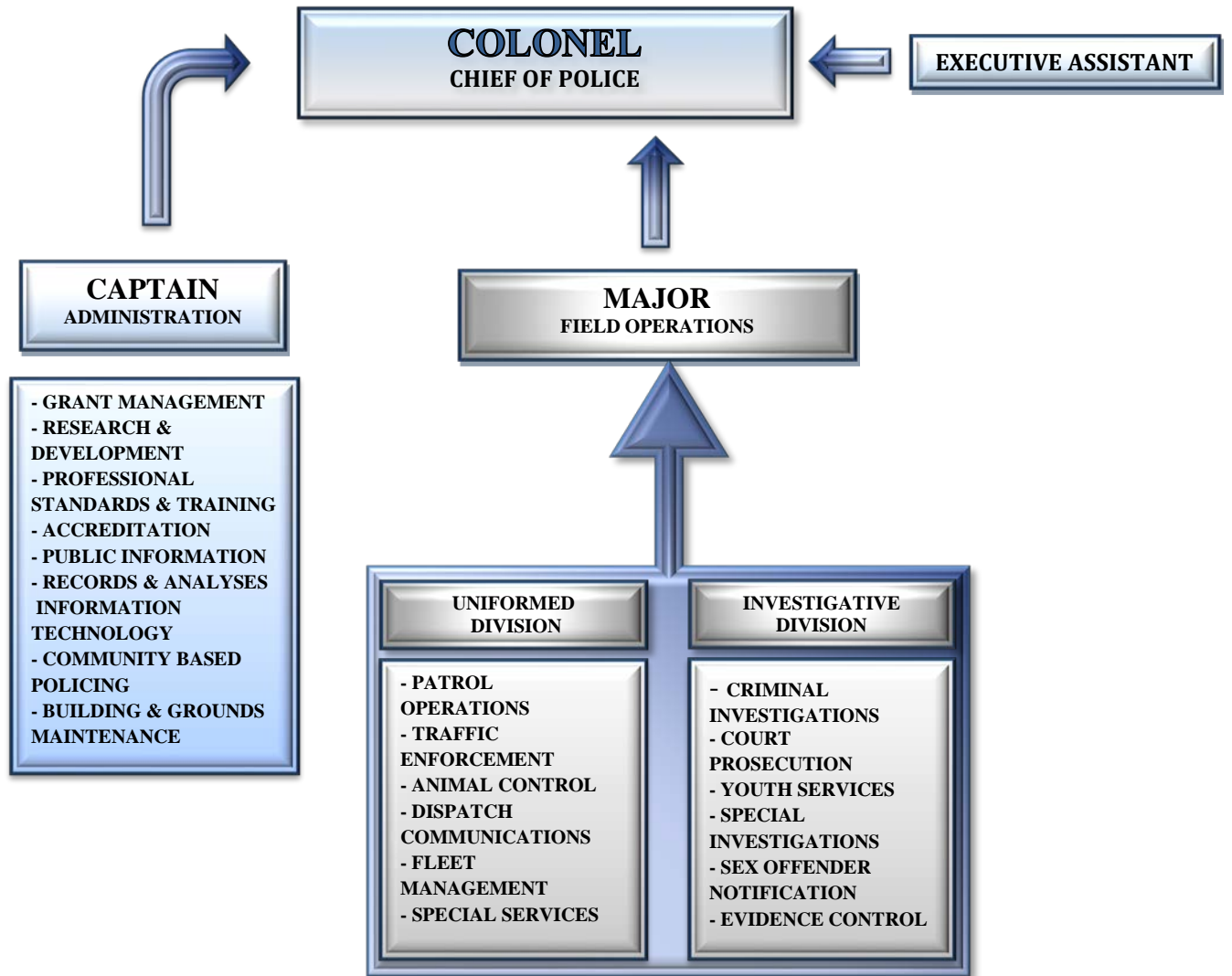
The fundamental mission of the Central Falls Police Department is to protect life and property; enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner; preserve the peace, order, and safety of the community we serve; safeguard the constitutional guarantees; and provide other police-related services as required 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 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>DETECTIVE</u>	<u>SERGEANT</u>	<u>LIEUTENANT</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>COLONEL</u>
James Mendonca	12/07/90	05/19/00	07/06/00	11/28/07	11/25/08	09/23/11	01/10/13
Daniel Barzykowski	12/07/99	01/24/05	11/28/07	01/28/11	03/09/12	01/11/13	
Craig Horton	12/17/97	08/01/03	06/26/06	01/11/13	11/10/16		
Wayne Solan	05/11/95	07/13/01	12/19/06	11/25/08			
John Carroll	07/03/97	02/14/02	10/06/05	03/09/12			
Christopher Reed	03/28/00	01/24/05	11/25/08	01/26/17			
Joseph Tougas	12/23/04		03/09/12	01/03/18			
Nichole Rave	12/07/00	11/13/06	01/28/11				
Felipe Orsini	12/15/05		01/11/13				
Frank Rodriguez	03/22/01	06/14/10	01/26/17				
Craig Viens	03/22/01	08/07/06	01/26/17				
Philip Garland	11/24/04	01/27/17	10/17/17				
Paul Savoie	06/26/09	01/27/17	01/03/18				
Joseph Bolvin	12/02/09	01/27/17	08/28/18				
Franco Delande	12/07/99						
Sandy Robinson-Graves	03/28/00	09/29/08					
Jeffrey Araujo	12/04/00	05/19/16					
Nathan McGarry	12/07/00						
Omar Ospina	06/23/06	01/27/17					
Randy Roberts	06/23/06						
Bari Cameron	03/16/07						
Sarah McNulty	03/16/07	02/01/17					
Eileen Crenshaw	03/14/08						
Joseph DeCristoforo	03/14/08						
Robert Matook	04/19/12						
Nicholas DiCarlo	12/19/12						
Scott Weichtmann	12/19/12	10/17/17					
William Orellana	12/19/12						
Nicholas Parker	12/19/12						
Yomaira Rodriguez	05/22/15						
Stephanie Ruano	12/28/16						
James McGrath	05/26/17						
Boris Colindres	05/26/17						
Edwin Wiedmann	09/29/17						
Sergio Rivera	12/21/18						
Vacant							
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NON-SWORN 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 Lafond	Dispatcher	08/27/2004
Shawna Richards	Dispatcher	05/04/2012
Bianca Borges	Dispatcher	02/27/2018
Brianna O. Sepulveda	Dispatcher	02/19/2019
Dina L. Lemus	Dispatcher	03/06/2019
Charlene Gaffney	Animal Control	12/23/2011
Nathalie Benway	Municipal Court Secretary	07/13/2001

PERSONNEL CHANGES

ENTERED INTO SERVICE

02/27/2018 Bianca Borges - Dispatcher
05/25/2018 Kevin Roca - Patrol Officer
09/04/2018 Marco Merida - Dispatcher
12/21/2018 Sergio Rivera - Patrol Officer
12/21/2018 David DeOliveira - Patrol Officer

SEPERATED FROM SERVICE

04/12/2018 Randy Bell - Patrol Officer
05/04/2018 Charles Walkup - Patrol Officer
07/21/2018 Zachary Reay - Dispatcher
09/19/2018 Kevin Roca - Patrol Officer
11/13/2018 Marco Merida - Dispatcher
01/03/2019 David Hemond - Patrol Officer
01/03/2019 Brian Graves - Patrol Officer
01/29/2019 David DeOliveira - Patrol Officer
03/12/2019 Kelly Baxter - Dispatcher

PERSONNEL STATISTICS

	2016	2017	2018
Average Sick Days Per Officer	5.25	7.59	8.70
Average FMLA Days Per Officer	3	2	29
Average Vacation Days Per Officer	17.89	18.32	18.81
Average Personal Days Per Officer	1	1	1
Average Injured On Duty Days Per Officer	2	1.50	9.63

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY

	2016	2017	2018
Number of Officers Injured Resulting in Time Lost	11	5	8
Number of Officers Injured Without Time Lost	4	7	8
Total Reported On Duty Injuries	15	12	16
Number of Days Lost to Injuries on Duty	180.5	19	366
Number of Days on Light Duty Status	13	0	51

(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 2018. Most noteworthy, however, was the role the Division played in the agency maintaining accreditation

through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). 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 process of detailing their concerns or grievances. For more information on the internal affairs process turn to page thirty-two.

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.

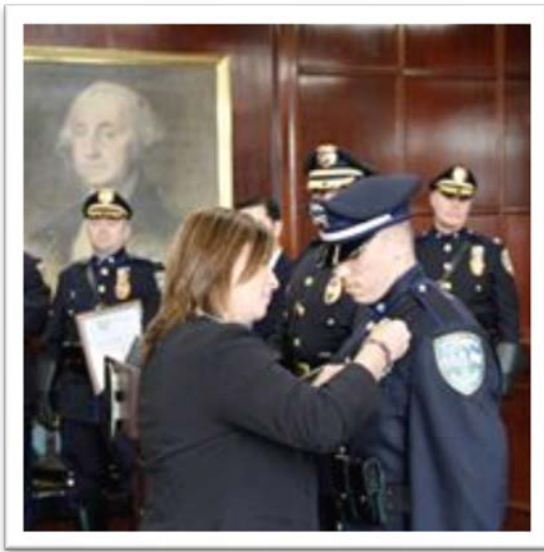


Moreover, the Administrative Division is ultimately responsible to make sure that newly hired police officers are trained accordingly. This important task is accomplished through the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP), which consists of several extremely motivated and dedicated police officers 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 thirty for more information on the FTEP.

UNIFORMED DIVISION

The Uniformed Division of the Central Falls Police Department is comprised of three separate platoons within the division: day shift, night shift and morning shift. Each platoon has a lieutenant as its shift commander and two patrol sergeants, who oversee the day-to-day operations of the sworn personnel assigned to their respective commands. The members of the division are highly trained, dedicated and courteous officers who are committed to providing professional service to the residents of the City of Central Falls.

The Uniformed Division has established ongoing relationships with community members, business owners, educators and community leaders to ensure we are providing the



community with the best police services available. The agency makes it a point to engage the community on a more personal level in order to get a better understanding of some of the challenges we face. Officers have the unique ability to engage the public during walking beat details, bicycle details, education workshops and police sponsored community events which allows them to share information and build repores with residents and business owners.

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 create programs to better serve our citizens. It is our continued hope to improve the quality of life for all residents and business owners of Central Falls.

The Uniformed Division welcomed a new patrol officer to the rank and file in 2018. Officer Sergio Rivera, who graduated from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy on December 21, 2018, was assigned to the agency's rigorous and demanding Field Training Evaluation Program. At the completion of his field training, Officer Rivera joined the permanent ranks of the Uniformed Division.

The Central Falls Police Department Honor Guard made several appearances throughout the year proudly representing our agency. The Honor Guard performed at observances, parades and opening ceremonies at several professional sporting events. These ceremonies included the city's Veteran's Memorial Ceremony, the department's Police Memorial

Ceremony, opening day for the Pawtucket Red Sox, a home opener for the Boston Red Sox against – their arch rivals – the New York Yankees, the New England Revolution Professional Soccer team and for the New England Patriots during a divisional game. We are proud of our Honor Guard members for positively representing our agency throughout the city, the state and New England.



In 2018, the Division continued 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. Officers from within our agency continued to be recognized throughout the state for their hard work and dedication in the area of traffic safety. Members of our Uniformed Division 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.

Members of the Uniformed Division participate in community based programs such as competing in the Boy Scouts Pack 2 Pinewood Derby every year as we look to regain our championship back from the fire department. This is another great opportunity we have to meet future leaders in our community and support their events.

In keeping with the holiday spirit the agency organized and participated in a new program called “Shop with a Cop”. This event allowed us to take youths from the community to a local Target store, shop for Christmas with them, and have lunch with them afterwards. This great program was



sponsored by a grant that gave each participant a \$100 shopping allowance and the chance to go shopping alongside their favorite police officer. Members of our agency, along with the police chief, seized the opportunity to volunteer their time and spread some holiday cheer with our residents. The Uniformed Division remains committed to the safety of our residents and will continue to strive for success through increased community partnerships and proactive enforcement efforts. Our officers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Since 2011, Charlene Gaffney has made a major impact in her position as Central Falls Animal Control Officer

The departments 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 community, both domestic and stray.

The ACO continues to work with several 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 2018, ACO Gaffney was once again recognized by the Rhode Island Foundation and awarded a \$25,000 grant. These grant funds will be utilized to assist pet owners from our city to provide spay/neuter procedures, vaccinations and microchip implants.

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.

For more information regarding Friends of Central Falls Animals, visit <http://centralfallsanimals.org/> or if you are interested in adopting a pet, visit <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/ri/pawtucket/pawtucket-animal-shelter-ri13/>.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE CALLS

TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT	2017	2018
Vehicle Citations	32	12
Animal Control Citations	28	30
Quarantines	17	29
Sheltered Animals	43	53
Medical Treatments	64	51
Cruelty/Neglect Charges	0	0
Animal DOA's	31	45
Vicious Dog Removal	0	0
Other Animal Removals	59	30
Court Hearings	0	2
TOTAL CALLS	274	252



AGENCY SERVICE CALLS

TIME OF DAY	SERVICE CALLS 2017	SERVICE CALLS 2018	SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON
11:59 – 7:59 am	7,878	9,597	21.8%
8:00 am – 3:59 pm	10,452	10,419	-0.3%
4:00 pm – 11:59 pm	10,524	10,714	1.8%
TOTAL	28,854	30,730	6.5%

TIME OF DAY	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	TOTALS
11:59 – 7:59 am	1,631	1,315	1,262	1,265	1,345	1,225	1,554	9,597
8:00 am – 3:59 pm	942	1,600	1,696	1,735	1,663	1,565	1,218	10,419
4:00 pm – 11:59 pm	1,228	1,634	1,506	1,502	1,637	1,618	1,589	10,714
TOTAL	3,801	4,549	4,464	4,502	4,645	4,408	4,361	30,730

There was a 6.5% increase in calls for service in the year 2018

OFFICE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

During 2018, the Central Falls Police Department received a total amount of \$95,536.00 in grant funding from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation – Office on Highway Safety. The following is the breakdown of how funds were allocated:

- \$23,647.00 for driving while under the influence (DUI) enforcement and training, whereby 368 motor vehicles were stopped, culminating in the 203 traffic violations being cited and the arrest of 46 individuals; 17 of which were for the charge of DUI
- \$36,479.00 for speed enforcement whereby 1,386 motor vehicles were stopped, resulting in 1,156 violations being cited and 58 individuals arrested. Additionally, due to this funding, the Central Falls Police Department was able to purchase two Stalker moving RADAR units.
- \$23,386.00 for occupant protection education and enforcement, whereby 792 motor vehicles were stopped, affecting the issuance of citations for 675 traffic violations, 29 car seat checks, 17 new car seat installations and 62 arrests being made.
- \$12,699.00 for pedestrian safety and distracted driving enforcement, whereby 335 motor vehicles were stopped, culminating in the citing of 294 violations, which included 76 citations for distracted driving, 98 citations for crosswalk/pedestrian violations, and additionally 16 motorists being arrested.

Also in 2018, the Central Falls Police Department received the AAA Gold Award for traffic safety.



MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

ROADWAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Broad St.	13	9	10	9	17	7	13	11	10	12	11	12	134
Dexter St.	8	5	8	8	2	6	8	10	14	7	12	13	101
Lonsdale Ave.	5	3	2	2	2	5	2	1	2	6	4	4	38
Hunt St.	5	6	2	1	1	2	1	5	2	4	3	3	35
Cross St.	0	6	4	2	1	2	4	1	2	2	2	0	26
Central St.	1	2	1	0	3	2	3	2	0	2	1	2	19
Roosevelt Ave.	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	2	2	0	0	18
Washington St.	1	0	3	2	0	1	3	1	1	5	0	1	18
Cowden St.	1	4	1	3	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	17
High St.	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	0	1	17



2017 TOTAL CRASHES - 723
2018 TOTAL CRASHES - 753

**THERE WAS A
 4.15% INCREASE IN
 REPORTED CRASHES
 IN THE YEAR 2018**

TOP TEN CRASH LOCATIONS BY INTERSECTION



Top Intersections	Totals
Dexter St. @ Rand St.	18
Broad St. @ Fales St.	14
Broad St. @ Hunt St.	11
Broad St. @ Central St.	11
Dexter St. @ Central St.	10
Dexter St. @ Cross St.	10
Dexter St. @ Darling St.	9
Cross St. @ Railroad St.	8
Cowden St. @ Washington St.	7
Broad St. @ Pacific St.	7
Dexter St. @ School St.	7
Higginson Ave. @ Lonsdale Ave.	7



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

PROSECUTION BUREAU

In 2018, 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 Araujo has dealt with all felony cases presented to the Attorney General’s Office which are heard in Superior Court. Detective Graves for several years has handled all District Court matters. Family Court cases were again administered by Detective Sarah McNulty, the Office of Youth Services. RITT is primarily prosecuted by Detective Omar Ospina and Sergeant Craig Viens continues to administer all cases in Municipal Court.

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 2018, The Central Falls Police Department made a total of 1,219 arrests. Of these arrests, 1,157 were adults, and 62 were juveniles.

ADULT DISPOSITIONS

	2017	2018
Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas	194	166
Misdemeanor Dismissals	141	119
Number of Persons Arrested on Felonies	166	136
Number of Persons Released/No Charges	7	11
Number of Persons Arrested On District Court Warrants and outside Agency Warrant	135	157
Number of Person arrested on Violations-No license or Suspended License	354	410

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT

The Property and Evidence Control Unit is comprised of two sworn detectives trained and assigned as evidence custodians. The evidence custodians are responsible for property storage and maintenance of a custody chain for collecting and releasing of evidence. All property that is seized by the Central Falls Police Department is processed and kept with chain of custody via the Evidence Custodians.

Control of property is critically important within investigative areas and in regards to the proper handling, security, and disposition of evidence. The Central Falls Police utilize bar code tracking of evidence via TriTech Software Systems using the IMC RMS module. This records system ensures efficient entry of property specifications and storage locations into Department records.

The evidence custodians periodically purge property and evidence that is no longer required by the courts for the prosecution of a crime. Furthermore, the evidence custodians make bonafide efforts to locate owners of property that is of a “lost and found” nature and that can legally be returned to the proper party.

During 2018, the Central Falls Police Department seized or confiscated the following items, which were each entered into our electronic property module and inventoried:

	2017	2018
Total Items	807	694
Firearms Seized	19	21
Firearms Returned	2	2
Currency Seized	\$22,645.25	\$24,408.56
Narcotics Items Seized	137	180
Evidence Returned	51	53
Evidence Destroyed	91	98

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 two taskforce officers, or TFO's, and is commanded by a Detective Lieutenant. In 2018, the bureau continued to have the added resource of a Law Enforcement Advocate for domestic violence related crimes. This advocate is always available to victims of domestic violence related crimes within the city, which has proven to be invaluable. 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 alcoholic beverages to under-aged persons. During 2018, four such tobacco compliance checks were conducted along with three alcohol compliance checks.

Also during 2018, two members of the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) were duly assigned extra functions with two law enforcement taskforces. These assignments were able to add substantial

investigative resources and manpower to the Investigative Division. The members were assigned as Taskforce Officers (TFO) to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – Safe Streets Taskforce; and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). These two Taskforce positions have proven invaluable with regard to investigations of narcotics, weapons and organized crime.



During the past year, detectives within the division continued to receive specialized training in the ever increasing world of computer crimes, advanced photography, homicide investigation, blood spatter, and interview and interrogation.

In 2018, the commander of the Investigative Division reviewed a total of 1,704 cases. Of those cases, approximately 1,046 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 May of 2018, members of the Patrol Bureau responded to Rite Aid Pharmacy for a reported robbery. Officers determined a male subject entered the store, and when at the register, he distracted the clerk and reached over the counter taking a large sum of money and fled the scene. The Detective Bureau began an investigation and obtained surveillance video of the subject and what appeared to be distinctive clothing. With little other evidence, members of the Detective Bureau decided to seek the public's help in identifying the subject. Shortly after releasing the photo to the media, detectives received information identifying the male and were able to get positive identification from the victims. An arrest warrant was obtained and the subject was subsequently arrested and charged with 2nd degree robbery.
- In June of 2018, members of the Detective Bureau had been contacted by Providence Detectives regarding a serious domestic assault that potentially spanned three communities. Members of the Detective Bureau responded to Rhode Island Hospital and spoke with the victim to get initial details. Based on a statement from the victim, who was unfamiliar with the area and only able to provide a few landmarks, detectives from all three communities working together were able to track down the locations of the crimes based on knowledge of the areas. Detectives were then able to find evidence at these locations corroborating the victim's statements. The suspect was charged with multiple felonies in all three jurisdictions and later admitted guilt in Superior Court.
- In August of 2018, members of the Detective Bureau followed up on a report patrol had taken regarding a subject with reported mental illness possessing firearms. Based on new legislation passed at the State House in 2018 regarding Extreme Risk Protection "Red Flag law". Detectives were able to work with mental health professionals and other police departments to gather background information to support an Extreme Risk Protection Order preventing the subject from possessing or purchasing firearms.
- During 2018, the Detective Bureau worked with members of the Pawtucket Police Special Squad, to conduct "sex crime" operations in high traffic areas in both Pawtucket and Central Falls. As a result of these operations, twenty nine (29) subjects were arrested for various sex related crimes in Central Falls. These operations are conducted in an effort to "clean up" the high traffic – high crime area neighborhoods.

JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

In 2018, the Central Falls Police Department continued its commitment to using the Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB) as a positive corrective action for Juvenile Offenders. The JHB is a panel of respected City residents selected by the Mayor and confirmed by the



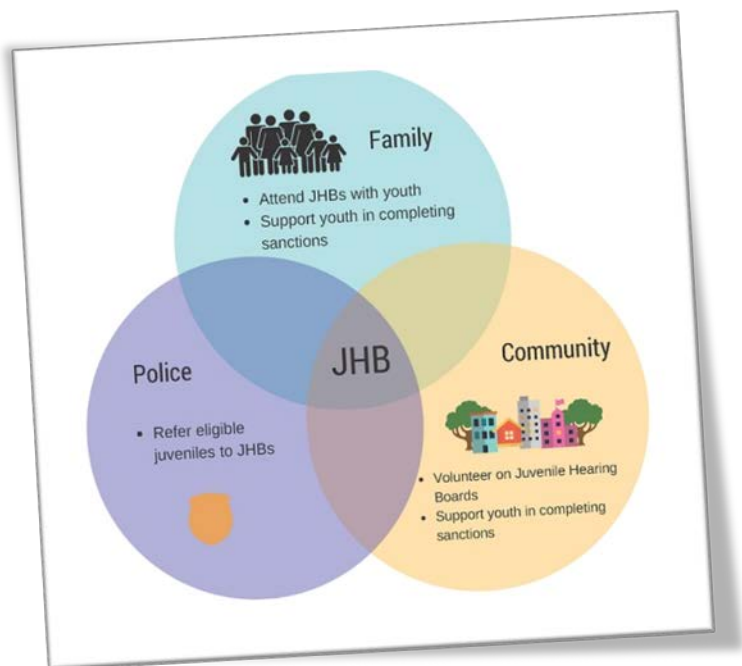
City Council, who adjudicate uncontested wayward charges against first time juvenile offenders from the City and adjacent communities.

The first step in this process begins when the juvenile offender accepts responsibility for their action, 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 key part of the process is that the juvenile and their guardians can address the JHB and ask for help in any matters that could be happening in the child’s lives and any other underlying issues that might be making the child not adhere to the laws of our community. This process allows the police department to build a strong bond between the community, youth, and their families as we offer a “second bite at the apple” – so to speak – to the juvenile offender.

The JHB Panel convened for twenty two cases in 2018 and offered corrective actions to the



youthful offenders. These corrective actions may have been in the form of community service, youth programs, essays and letters of apology. The Central Falls Police Department feels that the JHB will continue to be a model program that will have a long lasting positive affect upon the youth in our great city.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

The Special Investigative Unit (SIU) is a component of the Investigative Division whose principal responsibilities are investigating offenses involving narcotics, firearms, gangs and organized crime. The unit is also responsible for overseeing any “John” or prostitution stings that take place within the City of Central Falls. The members of the SIU are currently assigned to Joint Task Forces at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Those task forces include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force.



Throughout the year, the SIU executed twenty seven (27) search warrants in the City of Central Falls, apprehended fifteen (15) individuals, and seized four (4) firearms and one (1) vehicle.

These search warrants carried out by the SIU led to the seizure of approximately \$17,101.56 in cash and other items of value. The members of the SIU were also involved in large multi-jurisdictional investigations including Operation “Blood Clot”. This investigation led

to twenty six (26) arrests and seizure of multiple firearms and large amounts of narcotics intended to be distributed throughout the New England area.

Throughout the year, the SIU led to an overall seizure of approximately 281.45 grams of various narcotics including Heroin, Cocaine and Crack Cocaine removing them from the streets for sale to the public. Although the SIU receives most of the recognition for these investigations, it is important to acknowledge that without the cooperation of the Patrol Bureau, and the citizens of Central Falls, this impact would not have been made possible.



ACTIVITY	2017	2018
Search Warrants	25	27
Arrests	29	15
Firearms Seized	2	4
Vehicles	1	2
TOTAL FORFIETURES	\$23,031.00	\$17,104.56

The above figures do not include statistics derived from our partnerships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Taskforce or the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Taskforce

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, this agency conducts 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 December 31st 2018:

SEX OFFENDERS		2018
Juveniles		0
Level I		14
Level II		25
Level III		12
Total		51

Electronic notifications, via email are sent out to local schools, daycare facilities, afterschool 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

In its third full year since inception, the Central Falls Police Department's Community Services Unit continued to work toward improving relationships with member of the community and the police department. Along with providing a more transparent police department, the Community Service Unit (CSU) 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 Yomaira Rodriguez, under the command of Captain Craig Horton. Throughout 2018, the CSU was involved in numerous citywide meetings, events, programs and presentations designed to further the relationships between the police department and the community.

The CSU hosted and coordinated their 3rd Annual Touch a Truck event at Higginson Park in June 2018. The event was free for all who attended and gave children and members of the community the opportunity to meet and talk to members of the Central Falls Police Department, R.I. State Police, Central Falls Fire Department, U.S. National Guard, Department of Public Works, Pawtucket Water Supply Board and many more. By gathering several donations from local businesses and restaurants, the CSU was able to provide free food and drinks to all who attended. Along with the help of School Resource Officers Roberts and Ruano, the event was nothing short of spectacular.



Working hand in hand with members of Progresso Latino and the city's Park and Recreation addition to the Touch a Truck event, the CSU co-hosted their second largest event in August 2018 as they took over the primary planning duties for National Night Out. Working Department, National Night Out, was successfully held on August 7th in Jenks Park. Hundreds of city residents and children came together for a night of fun, food, and conversation in the annual campaign to promote police-community partnerships. The 3rd annual Coffee with a

Cop event was held in October of 2018 at the Chikondi Café. The CSU attended numerous city and statewide events such as: The Midnight Basketball League; Holiday Express; Easter in the Park; Halloween in the Park; Food for Thought; Celebrating Hope Day; Movie Night in the Park; Rally Against Gun Violence; Central Falls Field Day; Earth Day Clean Up of Jenks Park and Sylvian Street; Family Fishing Day; Family Night at McCoy Stadium; Shop with a Cop and several others events as they displayed their dedication with community involvement.

The CSU continued their efforts in reaching out to the local youth as they attended multiple Career Fairs and Recruitment Processes. Officers made presentations at places such as the Knights of Columbus, Rhode Island College, Calcutt Middle School, Central Falls High School, Blackstone Valley Prep, and The Learning Community. They travelled throughout the state visiting several Colleges and Universities in order to further spread information about our hiring process. Officers had an overwhelming amount of interest from college students who had interest on how to become a Law Enforcement Officer and what process a prospective officer needed to follow. CSU set up informational booths at: Salve Regina University, Bryant University, University of Rhode Island, Johnson & Wales University, Rhode Island College and Community College of Rhode Island.



Members of the CSU also attend biweekly community walks and meetings with the City's Nuisance Task Force. The primary objective of this task force is to address problem or nuisance properties throughout the City of Central Falls.

Members of the CSU came together with various members from all the city's departments to continue to identify nuisance and problem properties to improve the quality of life for city residents. In addition, Community Service Officers were invited and requested to attend other monthly meetings with organizations or groups such as the Central Falls Drug Task Force, Central Falls Prevention Coalition, Blackstone Valley Community Health Care and the Sylvian Street Initiative.

During the summer months of 2018, Community Service Officers made it a priority to utilize the patrol bicycles as frequently as possible, given the weather conditions. Officer's efforts to increase their visibility between bike patrol and walking beat during shift gave the residents a different outlook on the police department's versatility. Given the capabilities to switch their daily mobile transportation methods, officers frequently attended events during summer such as: Midnight Basketball League, Salsa Night, Zumba in the Park, Summer Food Service Program and other festivals.

The CSU designed, implemented and instructed the 3rd Annual Citizens Police Academy in 2018. The CSU strived to improve and provide more in-depth, hands-on training about the



day to day operations of police officers. The eight-week program allowed attendees to meet and interact on a personal level with sixteen members of the department. Attendees received basic training in different areas such as patrol operations, domestic violence, traffic stops, and use of force. Fourteen (14) attendees graduated as part of the 2018-Class 3 Citizens Police Academy.

Another integral part of the Bureau is our School Resource Officers (SROs) who are sworn law enforcement officers responsible for safety and crime prevention in schools. Beyond law enforcement, SROs also serve as educators, emergency managers, and informal counselors. While an SRO's primary responsibility is law enforcement, whenever possible, our SRO's strive to employ non-punitive techniques when interacting with students. Arrests are used only as a last resort under specified circumstances.

TO PROTECT & EDUCATE:

**The School Resource Officer and the
Prevention of Violence in Schools**



Our agencies SRO program continued to flourish at both the Central Falls High School and Calcutt Middle School. The High School SRO is Officer Randy Roberts whose presence with the high-schoolers provided security, guidance and preemptive interventions to students. Officer Roberts assisted in implementing several community policing programs designed to target juvenile delinquency and provided internship and mentoring to juveniles that showed an interest in the law enforcement profession.

He also taught all 9th grade Advisory classes about community policing helping students to trust the police.

Officer Stephanie Ruano 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 in which her colleague provided at the high school. Furthermore, the two SRO's – working together – participated in several programs during the summer months, including flag football and tennis, as well as attending the various summer programs at different parks throughout the City. Officers Roberts and Ruano performed walk-throughs and evaluations at several schools within the City concerning their respective safety plans and lock down procedures. Moreover, Officers Roberts and Ruano were instrumental in coordinating and participating in the Shop with a Cop Program at Target. 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.

The Elderly Affairs Officer (EAO), Sergeant Craig Viens – another key component of the Bureau – 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 has also conducted lectures on abuse and trending crimes in order to educate the elderly population on how to avoid victimization.

The Central Falls Police Department, along with the Central Falls Housing Authority, conducted two informational seminars in October of 2018. 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 and solid



advice on what actions 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.

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.

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

Quality police services cannot be achieved without well trained, quality police officers and this 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. However, 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 three new officers during 2018. 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 ten (10) 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 structure**
- **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 20, 2018, our department swore-in Officer Sergio Rivera. Officer Rivera successfully completed all the required training and has proven to be an enormous asset to the agency and to our beloved community. He is completing his required year

of probation. However, he – 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 appointment of Officer Rivera came on the heels of the departure of four veteran officers and the premature resignations of two additional officers sworn into the department, but who left prior to their completion of the FTEP.

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 Nicholas DiCarlo

**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 allegation 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 fifteen (15) complaints against employees in the year 2018. 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 six (6) 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 fifteen (15) internal affairs cases handled in the year 2018, 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	6
Police (Internal) Complaint	9
TOTAL:	15

Caucasian	3
African-American	2
Hispanic	1
Other	0
Police Agency Complaint	9
TOTAL:	15

GENDER OF COMPLAINANT

Male	3
Female	3
Police Department Complaint	9
TOTAL:	15

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Unfounded	0
Exonerate	3
Sustained	7
Not sustained	1
Misconduct not based on original complaint	0
Policy failure	0
Pending	4
TOTAL:	15

AGE OF COMPLAINANT

Unknown	0
Under 18	0
18-25	3
26-35	1
36-45	0
46 and over	2
Police Department Complaint	9
TOTAL:	15

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Counseling/Training	0
Oral Reprimand	0
Written Reprimand	3*
Suspension	3
Termination	0
Demotion	1
Rank Probation	0
Pending	4
Resigned	0
TOTAL:	11

** 4 officers also received remedial training*

RACE OF COMPLAINANT

2018 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.

***4 during execution of search warrants*

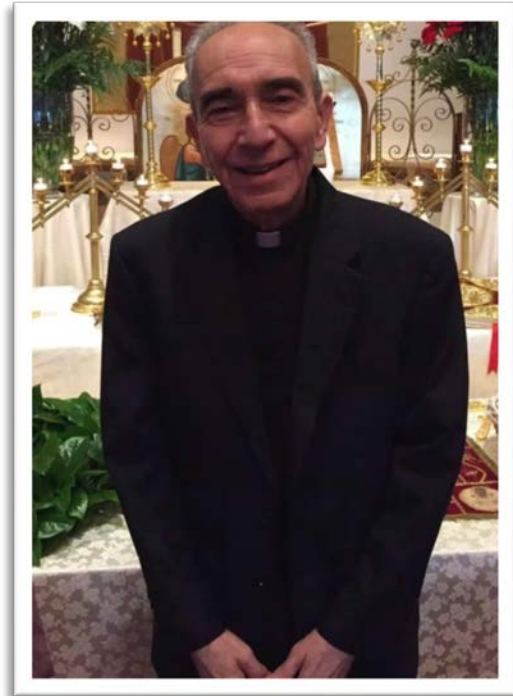
Use of Force Option	Proper Use	Discipline	Total
Discharge Firearm	0	0	0
Empty Hand Techniques	13	0	13
ASP Baton	0	0	0
Oleoresin Capsicum/Pepper Spray	2	0	2
Taser	4	0	4
Drawing and Pointing of Firearm	12**	0	12
Multiple Options	9	1	9
Canine	0	0	0
Restraint Chair	1	0	1
TOTAL	41	1	41

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 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.

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. Conversely, 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 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 approximately \$3.2 million dollars in funding by participating in federal grants, sub-grants awarded through the State of Rhode Island and our neighboring communities. Many of these grants have required minimum matching funds, yet in most cases, no city “match” funding was required.

As a result, we have been able to purchase much needed equipment and up-grades to our technology infrastructure. We have also utilized grants to implement Community Policing initiatives such as walking beats and bicycle patrols and several other innovative and progressive law enforcement programs and enterprises.

In 2018, our department secured and utilized several grants through the Department of Justice - JAG/Byrne Funding, as well as the Office of Justice Programs – BPV Vest Grants and the State of Rhode Island. Here are some examples for funding allocations:

- **2018 State Legislative Grants** – Community policing initiatives - \$8,000.00
- **2017 BPV Vest Grant** – Five year replacement cycle for vests \$4,923.17
- **2018 BPV Vest Grant** – Five year replacement cycle for vests \$2,712.50
- **2016 State Justice Assistance Grant Program** – utilize this funding for the continuation of the Neighborhood Response Team program - \$5,000.00
- **2016 Federal Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant** – computer upgrades to allow patrol and investigative divisions internet access to mobile data terminals - \$28,961.00
- **2017 Federal Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant** – security upgrades for all network devices and hardware and software to increase the viability of our remote access location - the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) - \$28,677.00
- **2018 Federal Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant** – software upgrades as well as a Server Virtualization System Project - \$29,286.00

Note: Both the 2017 and 2018 JAG/Byrne Grant awards are pending declaratory and injunctive relief by the U.S. District Court. Refer to <https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/centralfalls/pages/147/attachments/original/1533834155/1322029-0--31449.pdf?1533834155> for more information

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 2018, we were able to complete some important goals, yet most notably, was the upgrade in the department's radio communications system as we transitioned over to the



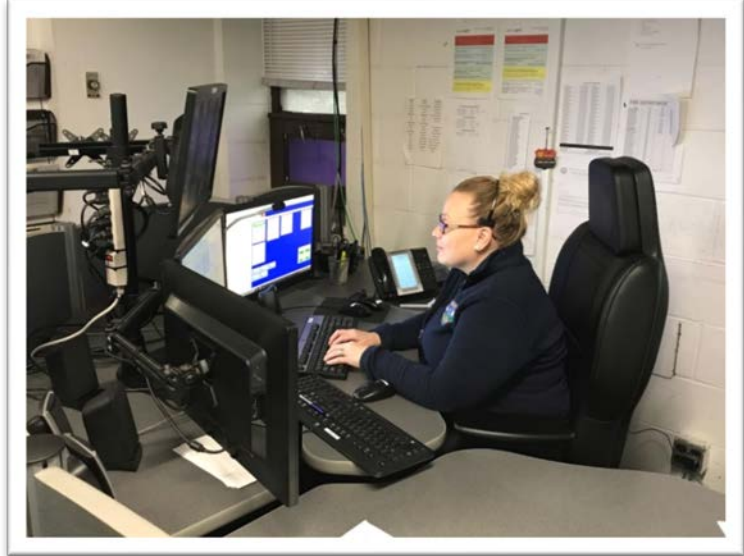
Rhode Island Statewide Communication Network (RISCON). The procurement of the new mobile, portable and dispatch console radios allow our officers better communication between each other but also allows interagency communication with our public safety agencies throughout the state. This new technology will ensure our officers have a better ability to communicate for the foreseeable future, which is an extremely important aspect of their day to day duties. Continuing on the

technology advancements, the department began utilizing CrewSense, a comprehensive scheduling program that makes scheduling, callback and payroll processing easier. This program tracks real time data and will help the agency and the municipality process payroll more effectively and efficiently. As part of our ongoing mission to maintain National Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and State Accreditation from the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC) our agency has advanced our utilization of the Guardian Tracking Records Management System to maintain paperless records and proofs. Approximately only 5-percent of municipal law enforcement agencies in the United States are nationally accredited and the Central Falls Police Department is now one of only eight municipal agencies Nationally Accredited in the Ocean State. The Guardian system, key to us following



best practices, is now utilized for tracking Use of Force incidents, annual and quarterly Employee Performance Evaluations and the Field Training Evaluation Program. This allows our agency to maintain valuable data on our computer server as opposed to the need for large amounts of paper documentation that require filing.

Our police headquarters received updated LED lighting throughout the building, complete with motion sensors and a timing system that will help the city save money on electrical expenses. This will be accomplished while providing more user-friendly and energy-saving lighting in all of the offices and reporting areas. We were also able to make some updates to our Dispatcher Communication Center by providing ergonomic chairs and desk functions that allow our dispatcher personnel to maintain good posture or the option to work standing which provides comfort while performing the important functions of keeping our residents and officers safe. We are very proud to say that our agency updated our department website with an entirely new state-of-the-art format that allows viewers



easier access to the information we post. We invite you to access and utilize our new website site at the link listed below this section on page forty-three.

In addition to our technology advancements as an agency we understand the importance of interoperability and networking with other municipal, state and federal law enforcement agencies. As such, we intend to continue working with our local surrounding departments that partner with us for information sharing, criminal investigations and quality of life enforcement efforts. We are looking forward to working with the Rhode Island State Police and surrounding agencies as we begin the HOPE Initiative, in which we will partner with clinicians and peer support coaches making home visits in an attempt to provide treatment to residents suffering from opioid addiction. Eight members of our agency attended specialized training in this recovery effort and look forward to providing this important service to those in need. The agency also intends to continue our partnerships with the FBI Safe Streets Taskforce and the Drug Enforcement Agency Taskforce in an effort to minimize narcotics distribution within the city of Central Falls.

The work and duties of police personnel can be demanding on our staff members; both physically and mentally. We wanted to take a proactive approach to help combat some of the fatigue associated with this profession. In order to accomplish our mission we began to concentrate on officer wellness by promoting physical conditioning incentives to all members of the agency. To assist with this program, we updated some of the workout and cardiovascular equipment in the department gym and started a friendly competition for weight loss and fat loss during the early spring months. The results were very impressive as many members took part in the program and benefitted greatly from the experience of working out and utilizing healthy eating habits. Some of our members achieved fantastic

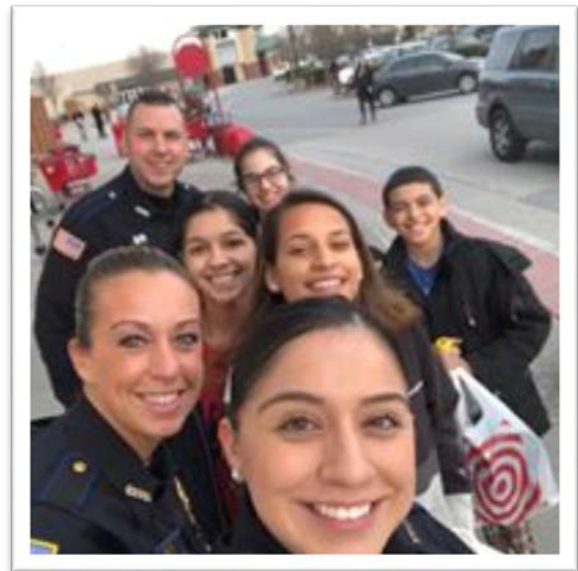
results and a whole new level of personal fitness. Our hope is to continue this program to help ensure our members maintain a high level of physical fitness while lowering their stress levels.

We were very proud to have been recognized by the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association, by receiving a Community Policing Award, for our efforts to engage in significant problem-solving activities, the creation of productive civic partnerships, and implementing community policing programs and initiatives that have built and enhanced trust with the population we serve.



The Central Falls Police Department, in addition, underwent a top-to-bottom organizational assessment by the Police Foundation which concluded that we were an “impressive organization” and that “the community echoes within the department”. Our hard work and dedication has led to enhanced trust and confidence by the citizens we have sworn an oath to serve and protect and has also led to a 16% reduction in violent crime in 2016 followed by a 23% reduction in violent crime in 2017 – the lowest recorded numbers in over fifteen years.

In conclusion, we have begun our fifth year with a School Resource Officer at Central Falls High School and our fourth 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 Weber/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 – which works closely with our agency to provide immediate crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It is with high 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 the following:

- **Improve / Upgrade Guardian Tracking as internal reporting paperless system (canine activity reports, vehicle inspections, building maintenance, etc.)**
- **Seek to reestablish Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) with the Rhode Island State Police**
- **Bolster patrol bureau staffing by conducting a recruitment hiring process and sponsor candidates to the upcoming Municipal Police Academy**
- **Maintain our participation with Drug Enforcement Agency Taskforce to target mid-level and street level narcotics operations**
- **Build partnership with Community Care Alliance to assist and provide services to residents that suffer from mental health and related issues**
- **Establish plans to upgrade female locker-room with additional lockers**
- **Repair/replace nonoperational plumbing to specific areas of the building**
- **Continue to collaborate active shooter training annually with school department personnel**
- **Upgrade the portable microphone on the agency 800 MHz radios**
- **Begin plans to repair sally-port floor structure supports which has shown signs of structural deficiencies**
- **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**
- **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**

- **Continue to improve and expand upon community-police relations with walking beats, bicycle patrols and community engagement programs**
- **Upgrade Dispatch Center flooring**
- **Community Services Unit (CSU) to host several community events, to include: Touch-a-truck, National Night Out, Chill with a Cop, Citizen Police Academy, Student Backpack Program, etc.**
- **Upgrade thermostats to enhance heating and air-conditioning performance and efficiency**
- **Begin a partnership with the Rhode Island Liaison Program to provide family services to any victims of crime within the city**
- **Purchase L-Tron OSCR 360 Software and Capture Kit; multipurpose crime scene camera system**
- **Continue in our efforts to reduce crime – and the fear of crime – in our community**

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UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

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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 2018 crime statistics for Central Falls, please visit <http://risp.ri.gov/ucr/index.php>