



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Central Falls Police Department



“A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency”

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

February 1, 2022

It is my honor to present the Central Falls Police Department's 2021 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 and visitors of our great City.

Through the continued effort of our Community Policing relations which facilitate opportunities for more open dialog with our stakeholders, it is our endeavor to continue and to interact with our citizens by ways of forums, panels and community meetings. Through these conversations and interactions, we have and will maintain a singular focus on improving this organization, so that its members 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.

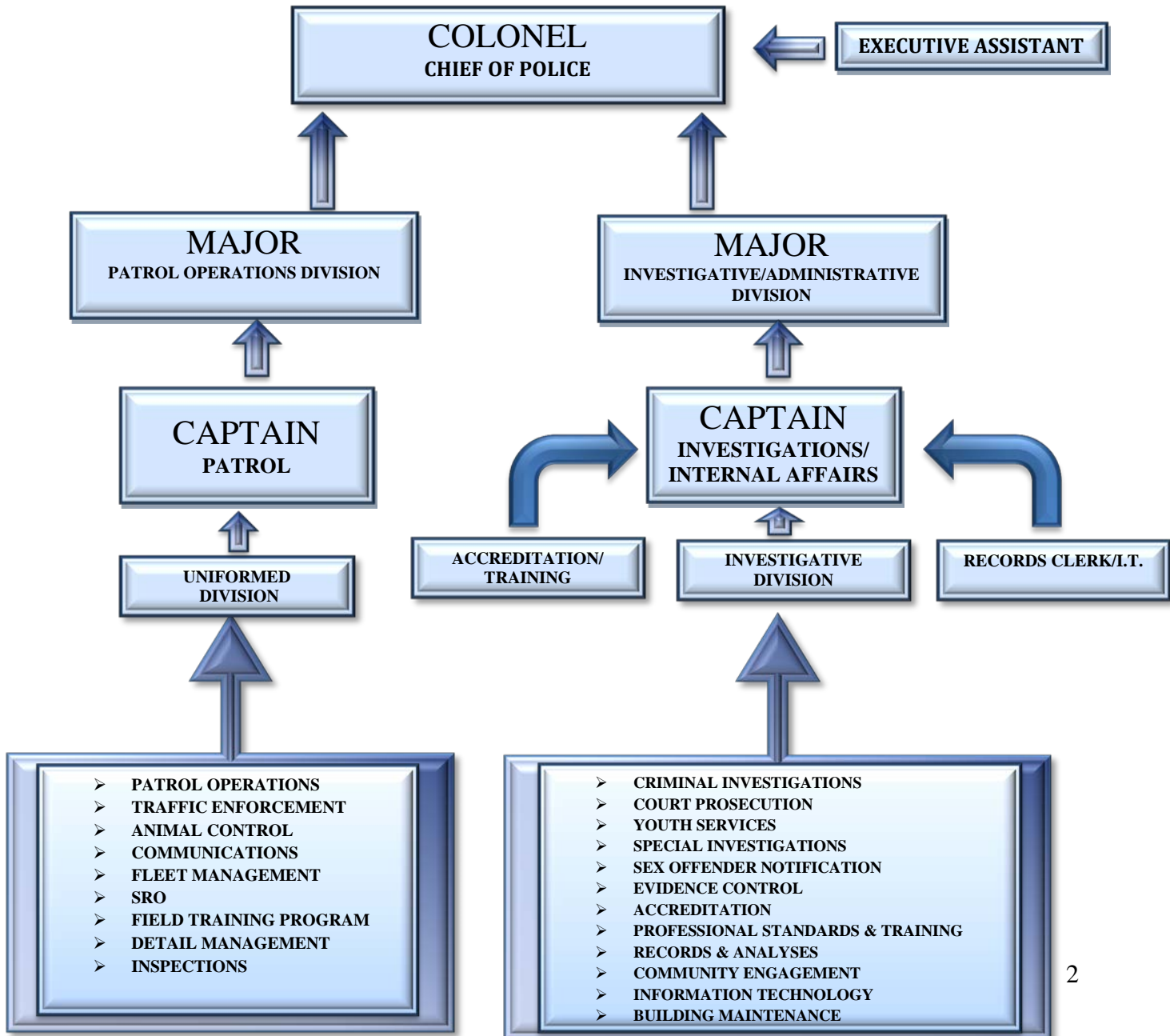
I am truly proud of the men and women of this organization, who work every day to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit. I would like to thank Mayor Maria Rivera, the City Council, and the community at large for their continuous support and cooperation they provide to the police department, and the overall commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

Colonel Anthony J. Roberson
Chief of Police



CENTRAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS & CHANGES

<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>
Anthony Roberson	01/04/21						01/04/21
Craig Horton	12/17/97	08/01/03	06/26/06	01/11/13	11/10/16	06/25/19	
Christopher Reed	03/28/00	01/24/05	11/25/08	01/26/17	06/25/19	07/22/21	
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	07/22/21		
Joseph Tougas	12/23/04		03/09/12	01/03/18			
Frank Rodriguez	03/22/01	06/14/10	01/26/17	06/25/19			
Craig Viens	03/22/01	08/07/06	01/26/17	06/25/19	07/22/21		
Nichole Anderson	12/04/00	11/13/06	01/28/11				
Felipe Orsini	12/15/05		01/11/13				
Philip Garland	11/24/04	01/27/17	10/17/17	07/22/21			
Paul Savoie	06/26/09	10/19/21					
Franco Delande	12/07/99						
Jeffrey Araujo	12/04/00	05/19/16	07/22/21				
Nathan McGarry	12/04/00						
Omar Ospina	06/23/06	01/27/17					
Randy Roberts	06/23/06	06/28/21					
Bari Cameron	03/16/07						
Sarah McNulty	03/16/07	02/01/17	07/22/21				
Joseph DeCristoforo	03/14/08						
Robert Matook	04/19/12	10/19/21					
Nicholas DiCarlo	12/19/12		06/25/19				
Scott Weichtmann	12/19/12	10/17/17	04/05/21				
William Orellana	12/19/12		11/23/21				
Nicholas Parker	12/19/12						
Yomaira Rodriguez	05/22/15	07/22/21					
Stephanie Ruano	12/28/16	10/19/21					
James McGrath	05/26/17						
Boris Colindres	05/26/17						
Sergio Rivera	12/21/18						
Ryan Medeiros	05/06/19						
Kerry M. Craig	11/01/19						
James K. McGuire	12/20/19						
Matthew C. Jenkins	12/20/19						
Jonathan V. Karraz	12/20/19						
Edwin A. Colindres	12/20/19						
Victoria Platt	04/03/20						
Michael Akinrola	07/15/21						
Elian Nunez	12/20/21						

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

NAME	POSITION	APPOINTED
Rt. Reverend Joseph S. Haggar	Police Chaplain	9/29/1990
Mary P. Foran-Chace	Administrative Assistant	6/15/1987
Christopher Cavallaro	IT Administrator	10/8/2008
Kimberly Irwin	Dispatcher	12/1/2003
Shawn Richards	Dispatcher	5/4/2012
Cameron Larivee	Dispatcher	10/22/2019
Celia Perez	Dispatcher	10/5/2020
Joana Perez	Dispatcher	06/08/2021
Charlene Gaffney	Animal Control	12/23/2011
Nathalie Benway	Municipal Court Clerk	7/13/2001

PERSONNEL ENTERED INTO SERVICE

NAME	POSITION	APPOINTED
Anthony Roberson	Colonel	01/04/2021
Joana Perez	Dispatcher	06/08/2021
Michael Akinrola	Patrol Officer	07/15/2021
Elian Nunez	Patrol Officer	12/20/2021

PERSONNEL SEPARATED FROM SERVICE

NAME	POSITION	SEPARATION
Taylor N. Vaphiades	Dispatcher	07/29/2021
Joseph Bolvin	Sergeant	09/09/2021
Sandy Robinson-Graves	Detective	12/03/2021

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY	2020	2021
Number of Officers Injured Resulting in Time Lost	7	19
Number of Officers Injured Without Time Lost	9	16
Total Reported On Duty Injuries	16	35
Number of Days Lost to Injuries on Duty	142	268
Number of Days on Light Duty Status	26.25	57

BUREAUS AND DIVISIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

- ***The Office of Professional Standards and Training*** is responsible for recruiting, hiring, training, internal affairs investigations, policy management and public information. Below is a chart to breakdown complaints filed against employees that involved alleged violation of multiple departmental rules, regulations, policies and/or procedures. In 2021, there was no indication of any bias directed from an employee as reported by a complainant.

COMPLAINTS

Office of Professional Standards and Training	2020	2021
Complaints Against Employees	11	3
External Complaints	4	0
Internal Complaints	7	3
Unfounded	5	0
Exonerated	0	0
Sustained	4	1
Not Sustained	2	1
Misconduct not Based on Original Complaint	0	0
Policy Failure	0	0
Pending	0	1
Disciplinary Action Taken	4	1

USE OF FORCE

USE OF FORCE OPTION	USE OF FORCE	DISCIPLINE BASED ON FORCE REVIEW
Discharge firearm	0	0
Empty Hand Techniques	13	0
ASP Baton	0	0
Oleoresin Capsicum/Pepper Spray	0	0
TASER Used	0	0
TASER Displayed and Pointed	2	0
Drawing and Pointing of Firearm	11	0
Multiple Options	7	0
Canine	0	0
Restraint Chair	2	0
TOTAL	35	0

ACCREDITATION

- The Office of Accreditation Management*** is responsible for maintaining compliance with the best practices of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC). In 2015, the Central Falls Police received its first accreditation award from RIPAC. Following the receipt of this award, the Central Falls Police Department made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation under CALEA. The agency received its first CALEA award on July 29, 2017. To maintain accreditation with CALEA, the agency has to demonstrate compliance with best practices on an annual basis through web-based assessments and will be eligible for reaccreditation in July of 2021.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

- Agency personnel work toward and improve relationships with members of the community. Personnel agency-wide work daily with community partners and city departments for a more positive interaction with our citizens and community. During the year, the agency-wide focus on Community Oriented Policing has hosted and/or participated in several community based events such as the Youth Police Academy, Ride-Along with a Cop program, the Touch-a-Truck event, National Night Out, Coffee with A Cop, Shop with a Cop, and Leading Ladies Program. The agency has also maintained community oriented partnerships with several

entities to include Family Services of Rhode Island, Communities for People, the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, the Central Falls School Department, the Central Falls Housing Authority, the Nonviolence Institute, the Saint Elizabeth Community, the Autism Project, and the Public Safety Special Needs Coalition.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

- **Grant Funds** that were utilized and secured in 2021 by our department consisted of several grants through the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and the State of Rhode Island. These grants included 2020 State Legislative Grants for community police initiatives – \$3,000; also, Bulletproof Vest Grants for 2020/\$2,078.00; 2019/\$4,923.17; as well as JAG Grants 2020/\$19,889.00; 2019/\$25,655.00; 2018/\$29,286.00; and finally 2019 COPS School Violence Prevention Award \$337,004.00.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

- The **Detective Bureau** is responsible for investigating major felony crimes such as murder, robbery, rape, serious assaults, and all misdemeanors of a various nature under the Rhode Island General Laws. In 2021, the Detective Commander of the Investigative Division reviewed a total of **1,460 Incidents, 659 Arrests, and assigned 1,190 Cases** to Detectives for further investigation. The remaining cases were investigated and closed out by the Uniform Division and/or turned over to the Prosecution Bureau for adjudication.
- The **Prosecution Bureau** manages all criminal cases that are heard in Municipal Court, District Court, Family Court, Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, Grand Jury and Superior Court. In 2021, the Central Falls Police Department made a total of **659 Arrests**, of these Arrests, **621 were Adults and 38 were Juveniles**

ADULT DISPOSITIONS

ADULT DISPOSITIONS	2019	2020	2021
Total Number of Arrested Persons <i>(Consists of Number of Juvenile Arrests)</i>	887 (28)	812 (31)	659 (38)
Felony Arrests	129	124	110
Misdemeanor Arrests	N/A	N/A	270
Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas	109	28	69
Misdemeanor Dismissed Cases	139	39	79
Released with No Charges	7	5	5
Arrested On District / Superior Court Warrants and Outside Agency Warrants <i>(Court Warrants/ Outside Agency Warrants)</i>	96 (N/A)	70 (N/A)	65 (45/20)
Arrested on Violations - No License or Suspended License	321	219	223

- **Juvenile Hearing Board [JHB]** is utilized for a positive corrective action for juvenile offenders. Juvenile offenders who accept responsibility for their action can choose to be presented to the Juvenile Hearing Board versus their case being heard in the Family Court system. In 2021, the JHB Panel convened for **26 with corrective actions**. Some of the corrective actions offered were youth programs, essays, letters of apology, community service hour, research papers based on their offense(s), and family services was also provided. Juveniles who had committed driving offenses were granted Driver's Education School at no cost to them - based on a State grant. As of December 31, 2021, there are **9 JHB cases currently opened** and in the process of completion.

- **Property and Evidence Control Unit** is comprised by two (2) detectives, who are trained and assigned as evidence custodians. Control of property is critically important within investigative areas for custodial matters, proper handling, tracking, security and disposition of evidence. During 2021, the Central Falls Police Department seized or confiscated the following:

PROPERTY/EVIDENCE STATISTICS

PROPERTY	2019	2020	2021
Total Items	577	767	471
Firearms Seized	11	16	19
Firearms Returned	1	2	1
Currency Seized	\$60,261.07	\$11,199.00	\$37,323.94
Narcotics Items Seized	122	146	99
Evidence Returned	41	41	34
Evidence Destroyed	98	81	28

- **Sex Offender Notification Unit [SONU]** is responsible for the registration, tracking and notifications of all Sex Offenders who reside in the City of Central Falls. The following chart below shows how many leveled (Level I, II, or III) Sex Offenders are living in the City of Central Falls (as of December 31, 2021):

SEX OFFENDER DATA

SEX OFFENDERS	2019	2020	2021
Juveniles	0	0	0
Level I	11	12	10
Level II	26	24	19
Level III	11	6	5
TOTAL	48	42	34

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigations 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 assigned to Joint Task Forces at the discretion of the Chief of Police. These task forces include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force. In 2021, one (1) Officer was assigned to an outside Task Force: The Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] Safe Streets Task Force; There is currently one (1) vacant spot on the Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] Task Force.



SIU was also involved in a large multi-jurisdictional investigations including *Operation “Rhode Runner”*. This investigation led to multiple arrests and seizure

of 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 3,498.26 grams of various narcotics including Heroin, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine and approximately 82 various pills 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. The table below illustrates the breakdown of activities in 2021:



SIU ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY	2019	2020	2021
Search Warrants	42	22	10
Arrests	16	10	7
Firearms Seized	7	1	1
Vehicles	6	0	1
Various Narcotics	916.99 g	4,886.37 g	3,498.26 g
Total Forfeitures	\$55,304.18	\$14,124.00	\$18,278.00

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

PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The uniformed division is comprised of three (3) platoons within the division; they include day shift, night shift and morning shift. Each platoon is comprised of a lieutenant (shift commander), two (2) patrol sergeants and patrol officers. These officers are responsible for the day-to-day duties to answer all call for service from our citizens; as well as be proactive in their duties. They also adhere to the community policing philosophy and participate in walking and bicycle patrols. Officer who are members of our Honor Guard, represent our department at many events throughout the state, such as our Veteran's and Police Memorial Ceremony.

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

- ***Field Training and Evaluation Program [FTEP]*** is responsible for the critical development newly hired officers. In 2021, our department hired two (2) new officers. They pass a vigorous background investigation and attended the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy for twenty-two (22) weeks. The newly hired officers are then required to successfully complete an additional ten (10) weeks of Field Training, or an accelerated lateral transfer process, where they are paired with an FTO who will ensure they are ready to perform their duties.

COMMUNITY POLICE BUREAU

- ***School Resource Officers [SRO]*** are responsible for the safety and crime prevention in schools. Two (2) officers are assigned to the Middle School and High School and provide security, guidance, mentoring and preemptive interventions for students. These officers also participate in several school programs throughout the year, and also continue under the Community Police Bureau in the summer months to work with our city youth.
- ***Elderly Affairs Officer [EAO]*** serves as a liaison to the Division of Elderly Affairs in matters of elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect. In 2021, along with the Central Falls Housing Authority, conducted seminars to help educate elderly about scams and frauds.

AGENCY CALL DATA

AGENCY SERVICE CALLS	2020	2021	COMPARISON
12:00 AM - 7:59 AM	13,185	12,270	-6.9%
8:00 AM - 3:59 PM	9,754	10,514	7.8%
4:00 PM - 11:59 PM	14,373	12,341	-14.1%
TOTAL	37,312	35,125	<b style="color: red;">-5.9%

TIME OF DAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL
12:00 AM – 7:59 AM	1,682	1,486	1,801	1,851	1,764	1,914	1,772	12,270
8:00 AM – 3:59 PM	893	1,668	1,840	1,782	1,712	1,570	1,049	10,514
4:00 PM – 11:59 PM	1,494	1,630	1,735	2,032	1,806	1,858	1,786	12,341
TOTAL	4,069	4,784	5,376	5,665	5,282	5,342	4,607	35,125

ANIMAL CONTROL

This division is responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of Rhode Island and the ordinances of the City of Central Falls and consists of one (1) employee. The Animal Control Officer works with several organizations, such as Central Falls Friends of Animals, in controlling the city's stray cat population; and seeks out grant funding to help city residence to provide them with vaccinations, spay and neutering.

TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT	2020	2021
Calls for Service	370	388
Animal Control Citations	10	17
Quarantines	30	19
Sheltered Animals	29	35
Medical Treatments	34	11
Animal DOA's	38	29
Other Animal Removals	17	20
Court Hearings	2	0

OFFICE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

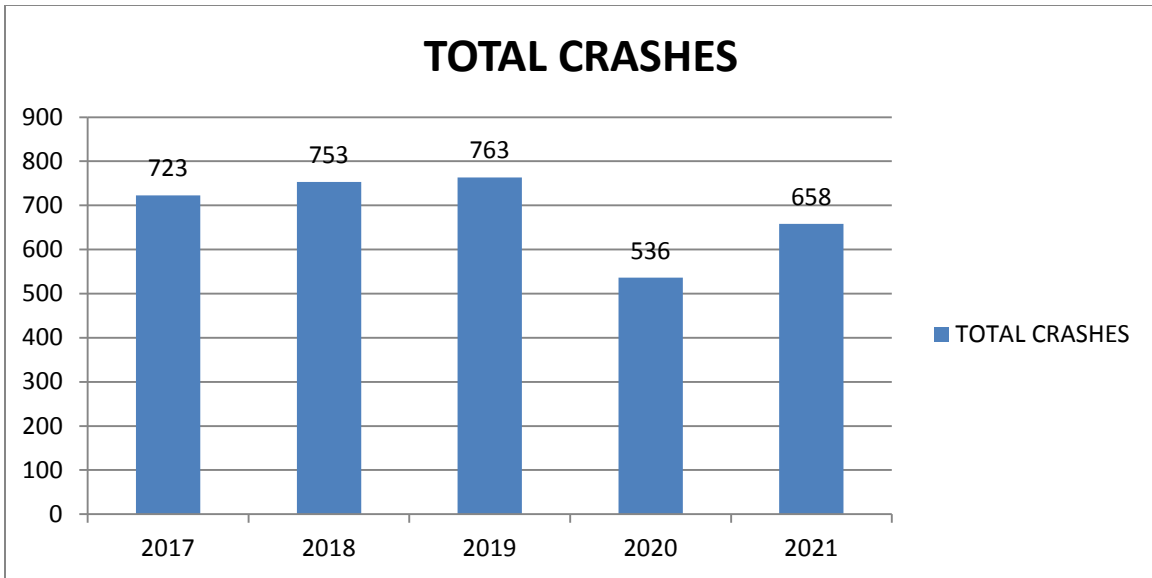
During Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) of 2021, the Central Falls Police Department received a total amount of \$104,670.50 in grant funding from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation – Office on Highway Safety for Impaired Driving Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, Occupant Protection Education and Enforcement, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement, Distracted Driving Enforcement and the purchase of a DUI Enforcement SUV. These funds also allowed the agency to buy child passenger safety seats to provide to needy families.

The following is the breakdown of awarded grant funds for traffic safety for FFY2021:

EMPHASIS AREA	AWARD
Impaired Driving	\$14,976.00
Seatbelt	\$19,200.00
Speed Enforcement	\$32,640.00
Child Passenger Safety	\$3,072.00
Distracted Driving	\$10,752.00
Pedestrian Safety	\$10,752.00
Standardized Field Sobriety Education	\$2,688.00
Indirect Allowance	\$9,515.50
Training & Equipment	\$1,075.00
Total	\$104,670.50

TOTAL CRASHES BY YEAR OVER 5 YEAR PERIOD

In 2021, there was a 22.76.75% increase in crashes within the City of Central Falls, however the total crashes in 2021 was a 13.76% reduction from pre-pandemic numbers. In 2021, there was also a 16.67% decrease in pedestrian related accidents, and a 75% reduction in bicycle involved accidents from the previous year.

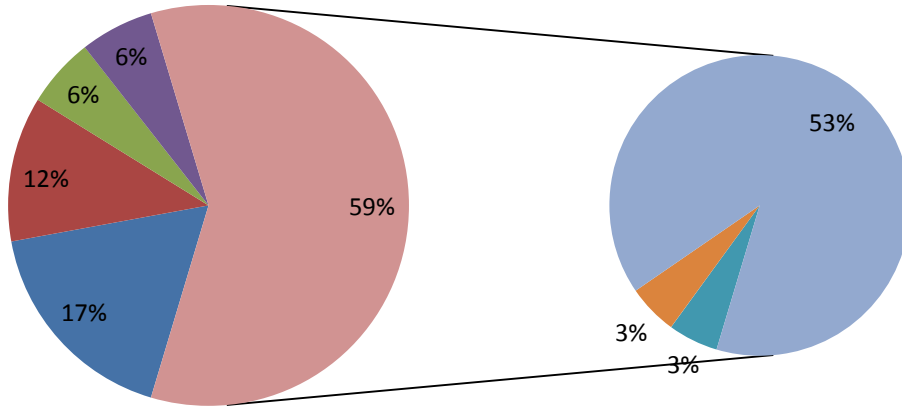


TOP 10 ROADWAYS FOR CRASHES IN 2021

ROADWAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Broad St.	9	1	8	6	11	18	17	7	7	7	13	11	115
Dexter St.	4	5	8	8	6	8	5	9	7	4	4	9	77
Hunt St.	3	3	4	2	1	5	5	5	2	4	2	3	39
Lonsdale Ave.	0	4	4	1	5	5	6	2	3	2	3	2	37
Cowden St.	0	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	4	1	2	2	21
Illinois St.	0	0	3	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	3	21
Central St.	3	0	0	1	3	4	1	2	0	3	2	1	20
Cross St.	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	4	20
High St.	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	5	17
Pine St.	2	3	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	17

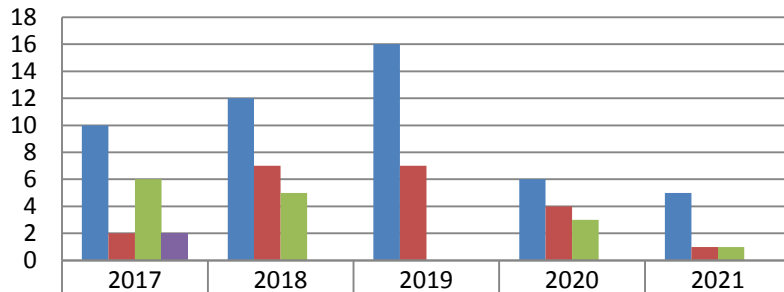
Crashes by Street

■ Broad St
 ■ Dexter St
 ■ Losndale Ave
 ■ Hunt St
 ■ Cross St
 ■ Illinois St
 ■ Other Streets

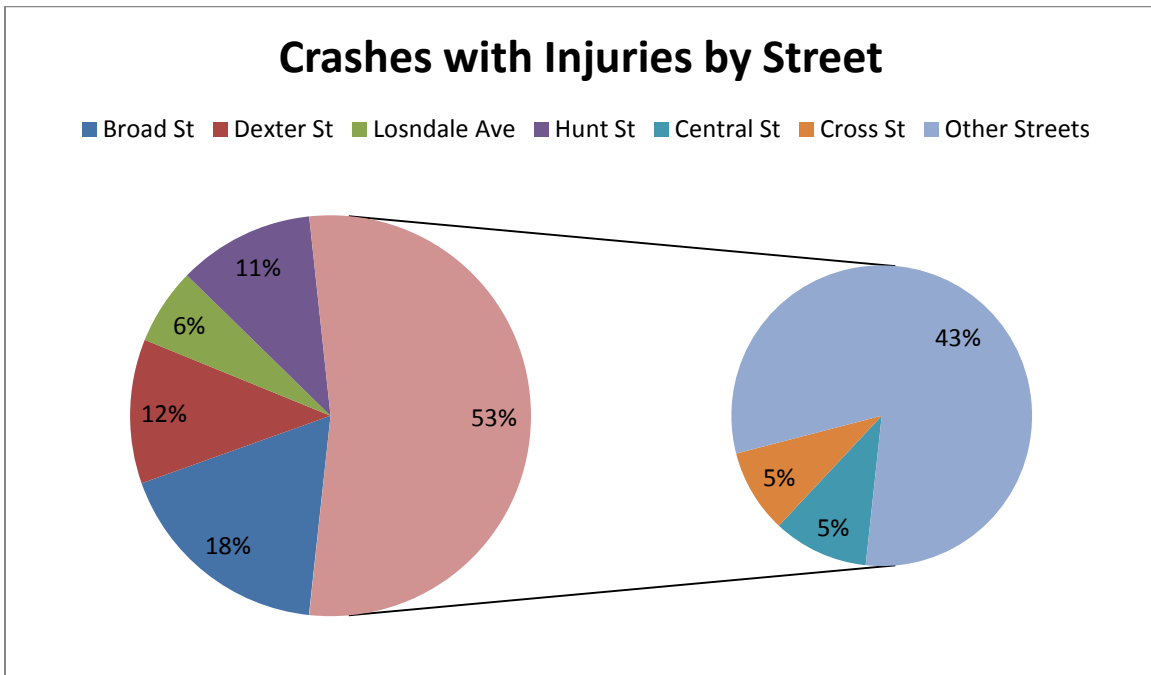


VULNERABLE & HIGH RISK CRASHES OVER 5 YEAR PERIOD

Vulnerable & High Risk Crashes by Year



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
■ Pedestrian Crashes	10	12	16	6	5
■ Bicycle Crashes	2	7	7	4	1
■ Serious Bodily Injury Crashes	6	5	0	3	1
■ Fatal Crashes	2	0	0	0	0



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. The Central Falls Police Department will strive to enhance our abilities, as we are committed to serving 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:

- Continue to utilize Police DTS software that automates overtime and police detail coordination. This system efficiently organizes, regulates, and communicates all overtime and road detail scheduling that frees up supervisors to perform other tasks.
- Continue utilizing LEFTA Systems an internal reporting paperless system (to track use of force, vehicle inspections, building maintenance, etc.).
- Continue to offer department transparency to policy and procedures with an online portal through PowerDMS.
- Seek to reestablish Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) with the Rhode Island State Police .
- Continue to bolster patrol bureau staffing with the hiring of lateral police officers and the anticipated graduation of recruits from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy.
- Upgrade patrol fleet vehicles at the needed rate of two (2) per year.
- Continue with the employee Assistance Program to provide officers with counseling, stress reduction efforts and any needed resources.
- Continue with the department's Officer Wellness Program.

- Seek advice and recommendations from a “plumbing engineer” regarding the repair and replacement of nonoperational plumbing to specific areas of the police station.
- Continue to collaborate active shooter training with Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- Procure funding to obtain a radio system to upgrade.
- Seek advice and recommendations from a “structural engineer” to access plans to repair sally-port floor structure supports which have 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.
- Maintain our participation with the Drug Enforcement Agency Taskforce to target mid-level and street-level narcotics operations.
- 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, engagement programs and updated departmental approach.
- Once Covid19 restrictions have been lifted continue with the Community Services Unit (CSU) to host several community events, to include: Touch-a-truck, National Night Out, Chill with a Cop, Citizen Police Academy, etc.
- Continue partnership with the Rhode Island Liaison Program to provide family services to any victims of crime within the city; began Go-Team Program with Rhode Island Family Services in which has a full time victims advocate working with our agency.
- Continue in our efforts to reduce crime – fear of crime – in our community.
- Continue with the Nonviolence Training programs and work with the Nonviolence Institute.
- Continue with De-escalation training program for all sworn police officers.
- Upgrade our current IT policies and practices, as well as seek to update our IT operating systems in an effort to streamline our IT needs.
- Purchase Adobe Pro for all Administrative staff.
- Upgrade our dispatch telephone and radio recording system.
- Upgrade our department’s TASER units.
- Seek funding and proposals for a new public safety building.
- Institute body worn camera program.
- Continue our partnership with Family Care Community Partnerships (FCCPs). This agency, is part of DCYF’s network of prevention-focused providers, brings community-based services to children and families in order to build stronger, brighter futures.
- Institute an elderly abuse training program in our department to further assistance for those in our community that may be experiencing abuse and neglect.
- Work with Nonviolence Institute and the “Street Worker Outreach” Program.