



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Central Falls Police Department



"A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency"

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

June 1, 2021

It is my honor to present the Central Falls Police Department's 2020 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.

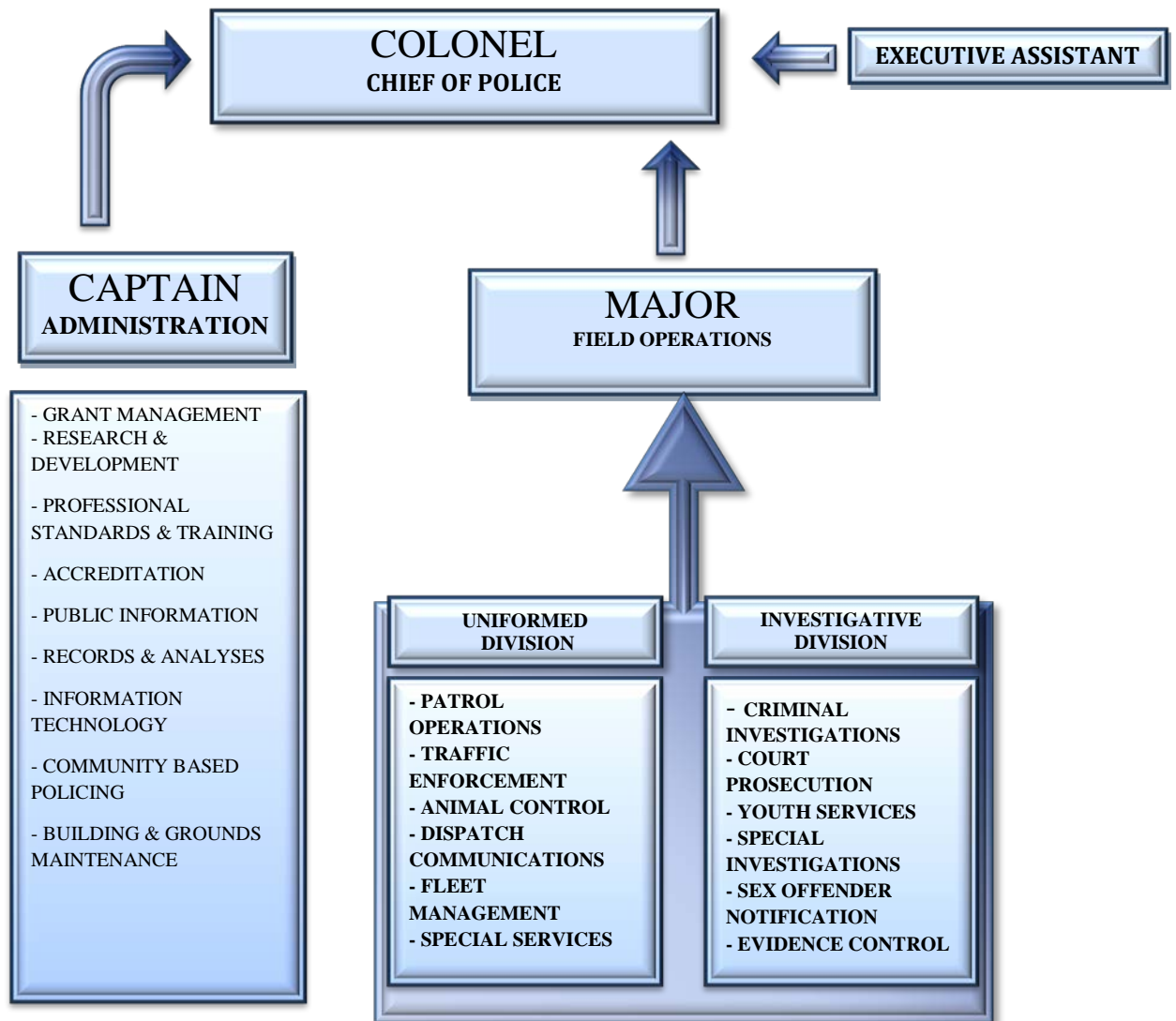
I am truly proud of the men and women of this organization, who work every day to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit. I would like to thank Mayor Maria Rivera, the City Council, and the community at large for their continuous support and cooperation they provide to 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	01/01/21						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		
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			
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			
Nichole Rave	12/07/00	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				
Paul Savoie	06/26/09	01/27/17					
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	06/28/21					
Bari Cameron	03/16/07						
Sarah McNulty	03/16/07	02/01/17					
Joseph DeCristoforo	03/14/08						
Robert Matook	04/19/12						
Nicholas DiCarlo	12/19/12		06/25/19				
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						
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						

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
Rhoda LaFond	Dispatcher	8/27/2004
Shawn Richards	Dispatcher	5/4/2012
Cameron Larivee	Dispatcher	10/22/2019
Celia Perez	Dispatcher	10/5/2020
Charlene Gaffney	Animal Control	12/23/2011
Nathalie Benway	Municipal Court Clerk	7/13/2001

PERSONNEL ENTERED INTO SERVICE

NAME	POSITION	APPOINTED
Victoria Platt	Patrol Officer	4/3/2020
Marco Merida	Dispatcher	4/16/2020
Celia Perez	Dispatcher	10/5/2020
Anthony J. Roberson	Chief of Police	1/4/2021

PERSONNEL SEPARATED FROM SERVICE

NAME	POSITION	SEPARATION
George Downing	Patrol Officer	4/7/2020
Marco Merida	Dispatcher	7/29/2020
Eileen Crenshaw	Patrol Officer	10/31/2020
Daniel J. Barzykowski	Chief of Police	1/2/2021

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY	2019	2020
Number of Officers Injured Resulting in Time Lost	8	7
Number of Officers Injured Without Time Lost	8	9
Total Reported On Duty Injuries	16	16
Number of Days Lost to Injuries on Duty	208.5	142
Number of Days on Light Duty Status	13	26.25

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 2020, there was no indication of any bias directed from an employee as reported by a complainant.

COMPLAINTS

Office of Professional Standards and Training	2019	2020
Complaints Against Employees	12	11
External Complaints	6	4
Internal Complaints	6	7
Unfounded	4	5
Exonerated	1	0
Sustained	3	4
Not Sustained	3	2
Misconduct not Based on Original Complaint	0	0
Policy Failure	0	0
Pending	1	0
Disciplinary Action Taken	6	4

USE OF FORCE

USE OF FORCE OPTION	USE OF FORCE	DISCIPLINE BASED ON FORCE REVIEW
Discharge firearm	0	0
Empty Hand Techniques	9	0
ASP Baton	0	0
Oleoresin Capsicum/Pepper Spray	1	0
Taser	2	0
Drawing and Pointing of Firearm	15	0
Multiple Options	7	0
Canine	1	0
Restraint Chair	1	0
TOTAL	36	0

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

- **Field Training and Evaluation Program [FTEP]** is responsible for the critical development newly hired officers. In 2020 our department hired one (1) 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, where they are pair with an FTO who will ensure they are ready to perform their duties.

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 POLICE BUREAU

- **Community Police Bureau [CPU]** consists of officers who are responsible for working toward and improving relationships with member of the community. They work with community partners and city departments for a more positive interaction with our citizens. During the year, this unit held and participated in several events such as the Citizens Police Academy, Ride-Along with a Cop, Annual Touch-a-Truck event, National Night Out, Coffee with A Cop. They attended numerous city and statewide events such as the Food for Thought Program, Earth Day Clean Up events, Salsa Night, Family Fishing Day, Halloween in the Park, Holiday Express and Christmas Shop with A Cop.
- **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 2020, along with the Central Falls Housing Authority, conducted seminars to help educate elderly about scams and frauds.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

- **Grant Funds** that were utilized and secured in 2020 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 – \$8,000; 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.

INVESTIGATION DIVISION

- **Detective Bureau** is responsible for investigating major crimes such as murder, robbery, rape and serious assaults. In 2020, the commander of the Investigative Division reviewed a total of 1,443 cases; and approximately 877 were assigned to detectives for further investigation. The remaining cases were investigated and closed out or turned over the Prosecution Bureau for adjudication.
- **Prosecution Bureau** manages all criminal cases that are heard in Municipal Court, District Court, Family Court, Traffic Tribunal and Superior Court. In 2020, the Central Falls Police Department made a total of 841 arrests; of these 800 were adults and 41 were juveniles.

ADULT DISPOSITIONS

ADULT DISPOSITIONS	2019	2020
Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas	109	28
Misdemeanor Dismissals	139	39
Number of Persons Arrested on Felonies	129	124
Number of Persons Released/No Charges	7	5
Number of Persons Arrested On District Court Warrants and outside Agency Warrant	96	70
Number of Person arrested on Violations-No license or Suspended License	321	219

- 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 2020, the JHB Panel convened for twelve (12) corrective actions. Some of the corrective actions offered were youth programs, essays and letters of apology.
- Special Investigative Unit [SIU]** this unit is comprised of officers who are assigned extra functions with local, state and federal taskforces. Two (2) officers were assigned to outside taskforces one (1) to Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] Safe Streets Taskforce; and one (1) to Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA]. The table below illustrates the breakdown of activities in 2019 and 2020:

SIU ACTIVITY

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

- Property and Evidence Control Unit** is comprised by two (2) detectives who are trained and assigned as evident custodians. Control of property is critically important within investigative areas for proper handling, tracking, security and disposition of evidence. During 2020, the Central Falls Police Department seized or confiscated the follow:

PROPERTY/EVIDENCE STATISTICS

PROPERTY	2019	2020
Total Items	577	767
Firearms Seized	11	16
Firearms Returned	1	2
Currency Seized	\$60,261.07	\$11,199.00
Narcotics Items Seized	122	146
Evidence Returned	41	41
Evidence Destroyed	98	81

- **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 shows how many leveled sex offenders are living in the City as of December 31, 2020:

SEX OFFENDER DATA

SEX OFFENDERS	2019	2020
Juveniles	0	0
Level I	11	12
Level II	26	24
Level III	11	6
Total	48	42

UNIFORMED 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.

AGENCY SERVICE CALLS DATA

ACGENCY SERVICE CALLS	2019	2020	COMPARISON
12:00 AM - 7:59 AM	9,923	13,185	33%
8:00 AM - 3:59 PM	10,032	9,754	-3%
4:00 PM - 11:59 PM	10,830	14,373	33%
TOTAL	30,785	37,312	21%

TIME OF DAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL
12:00 AM – 7:59 AM	1,902	1,731	1,830	1,809	1,952	1,937	2,024	13,185
8:00 AM – 3:59 PM	936	1,606	1,641	1,534	1,512	1,429	1,096	9,754
4:00 PM – 11:59 PM	1,771	1,915	2,120	2,194	2,279	2,081	2,013	14,373
TOTAL	4,609	5,252	5,591	5,537	5,743	5,447	5,133	37,312

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

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.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT	2019	2020
Calls for Service	462	370
Animal Control Citations	24	10
Quarantines	27	30
Sheltered Animals	54	29
Medical Treatments	49	34
Cruelty/Neglect Charges	0	0
Animal DOA's	30	38
Vicious Dog Removal	0	0
Other Animal Removals	45	17
Court Hearings	1	2
Total	230	160

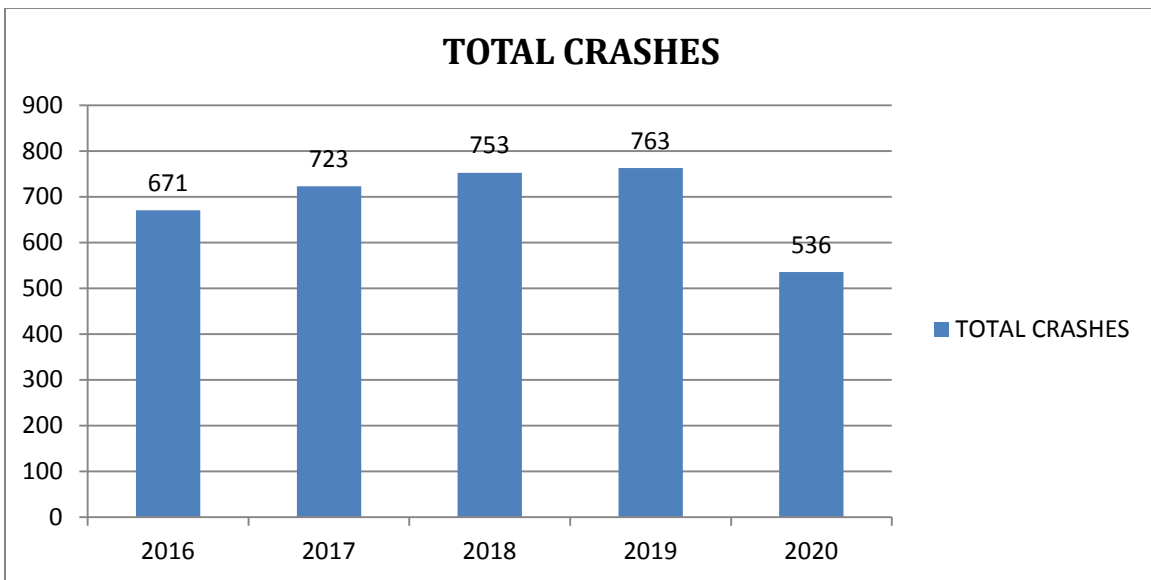
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

During Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) of 2020, the Central Falls Police Department received a total amount of \$153,547.00 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 FFY2020:

EMPHASIS AREA	AWARD
Impaired Driving	\$15,000
Seatbelt	\$18,000
Speed Enforcement	\$32,500
Child Passenger Safety	\$3,665
Distracted Driving	\$10,264
Pedestrian Safety	\$10,264
Standardized Field Sobriety Education	\$3,854
DUI Enforcement Vehicle	\$60,000
Total	\$153,547.00

TOTAL CRASHES BY YEAR OVER 5 YEAR PERIOD

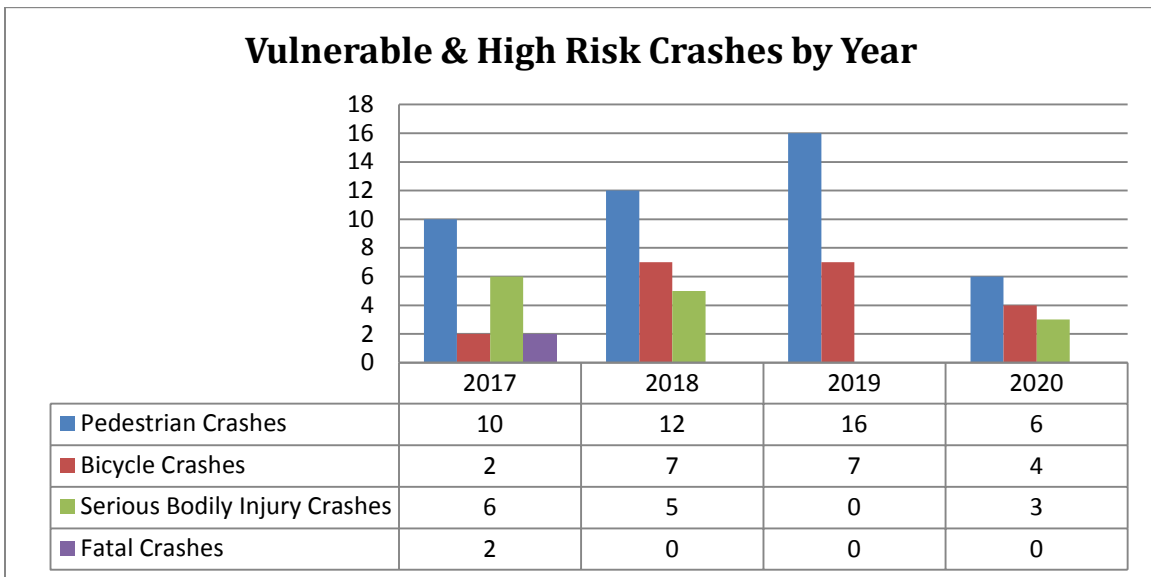
In 2020, there was a 29.75% reduction in crashes within the City of Central Falls. In 2020, there was also a 62.50% decrease in pedestrian related accidents, and a 33.33% reduction in bicycle involved accidents from the previous year.



TOP 10 ROADWAYS FOR CRASHES IN 2020

ROADWAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Broad St.	3	10	8	7	7	8	11	11	8	5	10	9	97
Dexter St.	3	6	6	4	6	5	8	5	4	5	6	5	63
Lonsdale Ave.	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	5	5	2	2	2	29
Cross St.	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	5	0	1	3	24
High St.	2	3	0	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	3	0	22
Hunt St.	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	3	2	4	5	2	22
Pine St.	4	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	3	3	1	2	19
Central St.	3	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	2	15
Rand St.	1	4	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	15
Illinois St.	3	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	13

VULNERABLE & HIGH RISK CRASHES OVER 4 YEAR PERIOD



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:

- Procure Police DTS licensing and software to automate overtime and police detail coordination. This system will efficiently organize, regulate, and communicate extra-duty details, overtime and secondary employment freeing up supervisors to perform other tasks.

- Continue with Benchmark as internal reporting paperless system (use of force, vehicle inspections, building maintenance, etc.).
- To offer department transparency to policy and procedures, establish an online portal through Power DMS.
- Seek to reestablish Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) with the Rhode Island State Police .
- Bolster patrol bureau staffing with the hiring of two (2) lateral officers and the anticipated graduation of two (2) recruits from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy in December of 2021.
- Upgrade patrol fleet vehicles at the needed rate of two (2) per year.
- Maintain our participation with Drug Enforcement Agency Taskforce to target mid-level and street level narcotics operations.
- Continue with the employee Assistance Program to provide officers with counseling, stress reduction efforts and any needed resources.
- Seek advice and recommendations from a “plumbing engineer” regarding the repair and replacement of nonoperational plumbing to specific areas of the building.
- Continue to collaborate active shooter training with Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel.
- 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.
- 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 with department’s Officer Wellness Program.
- 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.
- Implement Non-violence Training.
- Review of current IT policies and practices.
- Institute De-escalation training for all sworn police officers.
- Amped Software-Multimedia processing laptop for forensic processing and video enhancement.
- Work with the Central Falls Prevention Coalition’s “CF Youth Police Academy” in their pilot program. In this educational setting it will allow youth to learn about police policies

and procedures, openly ask questions, and discuss with police staff any concerns they may have with law enforcement. The CF Youth Police Academy is designed with the intent to establish a positive relationship between the Police Department and Central Falls youth.

- Police Department is in the process of partnering with Project GOAL. This organization has been working with Central Falls students at Calcutt Middle School and Central Falls High School since 2004 for mentoring, academic tutoring, and soccer.