

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2017

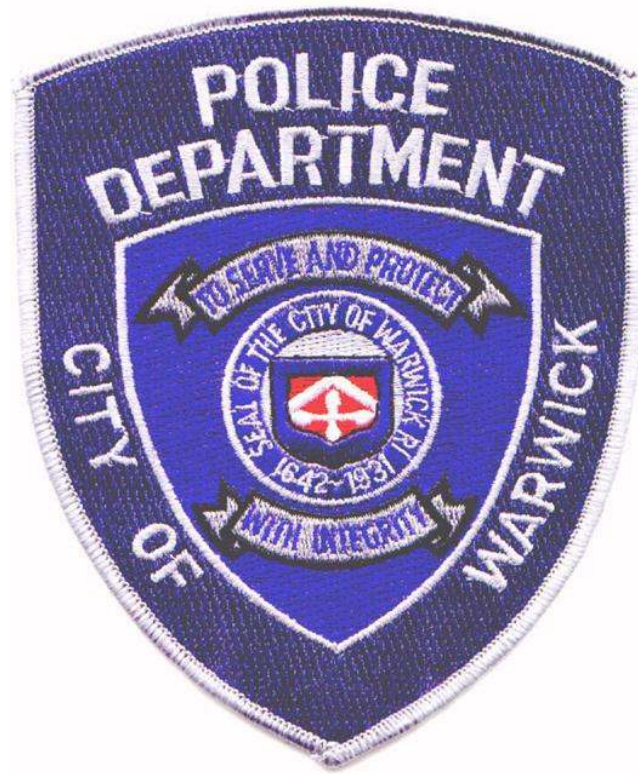


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Message from the Colonel













Colonel Stephen M. McCartney



I would like to welcome you to our Annual Report and encourage you to take some time to review the vast amount of information contained within the Warwick Police Department's Annual Report. The Annual Report provides an overview of the Warwick Police Department and details various yearly statistical information that you may find useful. This includes data relating to calls for service, response times and crime reports, as well as victim and offender information.

The men and women of the Warwick Police Department have continued to work in conjunction with our elected officials and citizenry to provide service to the City of Warwick that can be described as nothing less than exemplary. Community participation and involvement has continued to be a cornerstone of our effectiveness in deterring criminal activity within the city and ensuring that Warwick remains one of the safest cities in the Nation to raise a family.

The Warwick Police Department's Annual Report is now made available to the public online at our website, www.warwickpd.org.

Command Staff

	 <p>Colonel Stephen M. McCartney Chief Of Police</p>	
 <p>Commander Michael Babula Deputy Police Chief</p>	 <p>Major Brad Connor Operations Bureau</p>	 <p>Major Rick Rathbun Administrative Bureau</p>
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Standards Division		
 <p>Captain Michael Gilbert OIC - Third Platoon</p>	 <p>Captain Joseph Hopkins OIC - Community Services Division</p>	

Uniform Patrol Division

Patrol Division 1st Platoon Annual Report 2017

Organization

This First Platoon is made up of 22 officers and 6 sergeants which are the field supervisors, who work across the 3 Districts of the City. In addition to normal patrol duties, our officers are also trained in various specialty areas. Many are members of other units that respond to specific types of incidents such as SWAT operations, bomb and explosive disposal, hostage and crisis negation, and mental health crisis situations. There are also 2 lieutenants, and 1 captain who handle the administrative duties of running the platoon. All of the officers work a 4 day on/ 2 day off schedule, with the exception of the captain, who works Monday through Friday.

Mission

Creating a partnership with the community to provide quality policing for the protection of life and property, the investigation and prevention of crime, and the maintenance of public safety.

Function

The main function of the Patrol Division is to be the preliminary responding unit to any call or incident that requires police services in the City of Warwick. Examples of many of the frequent types of calls that we respond to are criminal investigations, motor vehicle crashes, medical emergencies, traffic enforcement, and any call that may be civil in nature but an officer may be needed to assist in

some way. The officers also assist the school resource officers (SRO's) in dealing with any issues that arise at the public schools.

The First Platoon continues to remain dedicated to recognizing and working with the members of vulnerable population that live/stay in the City of Warwick. This would include members of the community who are elderly, suffer from mental health issues, or substance abuse and addiction problems. Our officers work closely with the Community Services Division, and the Mental Health Crisis Response Team on a daily basis to achieve the best resolution when assisting these persons in need.

The officers are assigned to beats which are evenly distributed amongst the city to best handle call volume within a geographical boundary. Some areas have more commercial property while others are mainly residential. Typically, the types of calls vary depending on the area of the city. An officer working near the retail heavy area of Route 2 may respond to more traffic problems, shoplifting, larceny, and fraud calls while an officer assigned to a neighborhood may deal with more in-house disturbances, juvenile problems, and quality of life issues. Officers work the same beat/ area for up to a year before new beat rotations are picked.

The 6 sergeants are each assigned a squad of officers to directly supervise. Sergeants are responsible for coordinating the scene of an incident that becomes more than just a "routine call". Additionally, the sergeant performs other duties such as offering the officers guidance, evaluating their performance, employee counseling, and providing necessary training that may be applicable to patrol work. In 2017, between the hours of 7:00am to 4:00pm, the men and women of the day shift Patrol Division responded to 34,688 calls for service. Within these calls, the First Platoon handled 639 arrests, 1,934 accidents, and 2,652 offense reports.

Patrol Division

2nd Platoon

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The Second Platoon of the Patrol Division is staffed by one (1) Captain, one (1) full time Lieutenant, one (1) half time Lieutenant, five (5) Sergeants, and twenty-

four (24) Patrol Officers. In addition, community police officers, one traffic officer and two (2) K-9 officers assist with calls for service when they are able. During 2017, second platoon responded to the following:

Calls for Service: 28,465
Officer Initiated: 10,526
Directed Patrols: 3,188
CP Activity: 373
Offense Reports: 1,611
Arrests: 957
Citations: 3,634
Accidents: 1,003
FIRs: 52

Second Platoon has continued the very active Special Enforcement Detail (SED) car during 2017, in addition to being the busiest platoon from a calls for service perspective. A variety of sources, including information obtained during Crime Analysis Cell meetings, as well as citizen complaints, are used to assign officers to specific areas of the city to address specific problems. This initiative allows us to proactively investigate the issues most prevalent & most concerning to the citizens of Warwick. Second platoon is also comprised of fourteen (14) Field Training Officers (FTOs), who are tasked with training transfers and recent RIMPA graduates. This requires dedication and a high level of commitment to the agency. Although there are many examples of excellent police work, the following are highlighted:

-Officer Larson responded to a residence regarding a potential suicidal female. He found her unresponsive in a locked, and enclosed garage. Officer Larson made a forced entry, removed the victim and facilitated her immediate transport to the hospital. She later regained consciousness. Officer Larson was awarded a Lifesaving Award for his actions.

-Officer Pacheco received a Lifesaving Award for his actions during a motor vehicle accident-car into a tree. Officer Pacheco arrived on scene to find that the operator had blue skin color, was not breathing, and had track marks on his inner elbow. Knowing these to be signs of an opioid overdose, he removed him from the vehicle and immediately began CPR. Officer Elderkin, (who also received a Lifesaving Award) arrived soon after, and administered Narcan. The operator later regained consciousness.

The Second Platoon is committed to continuing to provide police services in a timely and professional manner.

Patrol Division

3rd Platoon

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Third Platoon is responsible for proactive, uniformed patrolling of the city during the overnight hours; preliminary investigations of criminal complaints received; investigations of non-criminal calls for service such as a missing person or neighborhood quality of life complaints; and response to emergency situations such as disturbances, crimes in progress and motor vehicle accidents.

The Platoon is currently staffed by 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 19 Officers and 4 dispatchers.

The Platoon covers two overnight shifts of equal compliment from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM and 12:00 AM to 8:00 AM.

During 2017, Third Platoon made 476 arrests, conducted 2,404 motor vehicle stops, issued 586 motor vehicle citations, responded to 19,072 calls for service and investigated 512 accidents. 61 of the arrests for the Third Platoon included a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) charge.

The prevalent crime trends that occur during this shift continue to be domestic disturbances, larcenies from parked vehicles, theft of tires and rims from vehicles, burglaries of businesses and late night disturbances at hotels, liquor establishments and residences. Burglary alarms, motor vehicle accidents, DUI's directed patrols, and self-initiated police contacts make up the bulk of the officers work along with the above crime trends.

Mental Health Crisis Response Team (MHCRT) Annual Report 2017

Members of the Warwick Police Department must be prepared to deal with situations involving a person experiencing mental health issues/crisis and know how to respond to these situations in an appropriate manner. Helping people with mental illnesses and their families obtain services from public agencies, community mental health organizations, hospitals, and related support services have emerged as an essential role for police.

Annually, the percentage of all police calls involving a person in a mental health crisis continues to increase. There is no denying the high volume of such calls in the City of Warwick and the significant number of encounters with people experiencing mental health issues. In 2017 Computer Aided Dispatch showed Officers responded to 375 calls for service for “Psychological Problems in Progress,” 75 calls for service for “Psychological Problems,” and 279 calls for service for “suicide” or “suicide in progress.” In October 2017 the MHCRT began a new out-reach program titled the Community Wellness program. The programs goal is to connect members of the community that are struggling with mental illness and substance abuse with behavioral health services. Once a week the department’s mental health clinician along with 2 members of the MHCRT conduct checks on members of the community that have been, or might be in crisis and need assistance. From October 2017 to December 2017 team members responded to 48 community wellness calls. In 2017, 508 calls were cleared with a call action of “Mental Health Services Rendered.” By clearing a call with this call action, Officers and Dispatchers were able to more accurately report mental health related calls, which decreased the under reporting of these types of calls. Still many calls are not documented correctly and the actual number of calls involving the mentally ill is much higher than the documented amount.

In 2007 the Warwick Police Department recognized the necessity for a mental illness response policy and training for its officers. The department embarked on a longstanding relationship with our community mental health stakeholders and partners aimed at improving our collective response to people experiencing mental health crisis. This collaborative effort began with the development and presentation of a comprehensive 40 hour Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for police officers, described as follows:

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is an innovative first-responder model of police based crisis intervention with community, health care, and advocacy partnerships. The CIT Model was first developed in Memphis and has spread throughout the country. It is known as the “Memphis Model.” CIT provides law enforcement-based crisis intervention training for assisting those individuals with a mental illness, and improves the safety of patrol officers, consumers, family members, and citizens within the community. CIT is a program that provides the foundation necessary to promote community and statewide solutions to assist individuals with a mental illness. The CIT Model reduces both stigma and the need for further involvement with the criminal justice system. CIT provides a forum for effective problem solving regarding the interaction between the criminal justice and mental health care system and creates the context for sustainable change. Basic Goals: Improve Officer and Consumer Safety and Redirect Individuals with Mental Illness from the Judicial System to the Health Care System.

Source: Crisis Intervention Team Core Elements, the University of Memphis School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice CIT Center 1 September, 2007.

A subset of volunteer WPD officers completed this first of its kind training in Rhode Island. Since the introductory session, several other officers have been trained in subsequent Mental Health Crisis Response Team (MHCRT) programs, administered by the Rhode Island Council for Community Mental Health Organizations and certified by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. In the fall of 2017 six new volunteer officers, completed the three day MHCRT training. The team has increased to 26 members. The members attend quarterly mental health trainings to increase their knowledge in the field. The knowledge, skills, and abilities these officers have gained from this specialized response training is routinely applied when interacting with the public, be it someone’s neighbors, friends, family members, and co-workers dealing with a mental health issue/crisis.

The MHCRT strives to work closely with local agencies, such as The Kent Center, where administrative meetings are held regularly, including attending the monthly MHCRT meeting held at the Warwick Police Department. Another strong working

relationship is with the Kent Hospital ED staff where there has been facilitation of appropriate care when dealing with persons with mental illness under arrest and the Providence Center staff who provides the ED Psychiatric care. The MHCRT has been able to integrate with several other community agencies such as The Vet Center, West Bay Community Action, NAMI, BHDDH, The RIDOC, Buttonwoods Community Center, Thundermist, The Providence Center, and The Kent County District Court, to include the Veteran's Court. Members of the MHCRT actively participate in the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety Municipal Police Training Academy for three days where recruits are trained in the techniques of how to respond to persons with mental illness and provided feedback.

Since the partnership was created in November 2014 with the Warwick Police Department and The Providence Center the calls for service where mental illness was a factor at known repeat addresses and persons has been reduced significantly. The Community Diversion Clinician has provided on scene applications for immediate emergency certification; direct face to face and phone follow ups on reports, and ensuring citizens received available resources and treatment. The clinician actively participates with the Kent County Court House in monthly meetings and offender Re-Entry forums. She has participated in each of the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety Municipal Police Training Academy since the fall of 2014, by providing clinical feedback to the recruits in response to mental health calls and continues to educate officers in signs and symptoms of mental illness.

Community Services Division

**Captain Joe Hopkins
Officer in Charge**

2017 Annual Report

The mission of the Warwick Police Department Community Services Division (CSD) is to address quality of life issues by a continued partnership with the community which focus on several areas of concern to include: problem oriented policing, stakeholder engagement, traffic-related services, quality of life issues and those with mental and/or substance abuse disorders. The efforts of the Community Services Division are archived in a new CSD Daily.

Personnel:

The Traffic unit is supervised by Sergeant John Kelly who oversees 7 officers and 1 civilian employee.

Traffic Unit



Traffic Duties and Responsibilities:

The Traffic unit's duties and responsibilities are many and diverse. Based on the district to which the officer is assigned they are responsible for investigating hit and run accidents, completing traffic surveys, and monitoring problem areas in an

attempt to identify the root cause of the problem and develop a solution. Traffic complaints and speeding issues are received on a daily basis from the public. These complaints are logged on a complaint board and solved through a coordinated effort of the Traffic, Uniform, and Community Police Units. Traffic officers are also responsible for responding to routine accidents, accidents involving city vehicles and investigating injury accidents. Fatal accidents are the sole responsibility of the Traffic Unit.

Education and Training:

Special investigators, trained in accident reconstruction, are assigned to the Traffic unit. We have seven certified investigators: Sergeant John Kelly, Officers Matthew Barlow, Greg Johnson, Brian Chianese John Curley, Hovsep Sarkisian and Jason Brodeur. Training of the traffic officers is a continual and on-going process. Officers obtain their training and certifications through the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), a program of the University of Florida, Jacksonville.

Enforcement and Education Programs:

The Warwick Police Department waged an aggressive traffic program that unfortunately saw a slight increase in traffic accidents investigated during 2017. The programs included, but not limited to:

- Increased motivation on the part of the city's police officers to enforce the traffic laws and educate the public through the use of the "Traffic Radar Sled", Variable message board, verbal warnings, and written citations
- Federal funded programs such as "Operation Blue Riptide", "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and the "Click it or Ticket" campaigns are programs which put more police officers on the streets to target drunk drivers, promote the use of seatbelts, and deter speeding and various traffic violations such as distracted driving
- 2017 saw several DUI "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaigns
- Warwick "WalkWise" crosswalk education campaign
- Use of the City's NITE program which stands for Neighborhood Intensive Traffic Enforcement as a tool to evaluate problems both real and perceived. Each ward throughout the City receives \$5,000 in funding in an effort to specifically target traffic related complaints and/or concerns in addition to normal patrol efforts

Crashes/ Accidents

The overall amount of accidents decreased in 2016, traffic enforcement continues to be a priority. A total of **4,102** crash reports were written by the Warwick Police Department during 2017; of these crash reports the Traffic Division investigated **830**. The Traffic Unit was tasked with investigating **100** of the **412** Hit & Run Crashes in 2017. The following is a break down comparison for accidents in 2016 and 2017.

	Injury accidents	OUI involved accidents	Pedestrian accidents	Bicyclists accidents	TOTAL
2016	702	86	59	38	4,650
2017	1024	135	36	19	4,102

Fatal Crash Reconstruction

The Accident Reconstruction Team was called out to investigate 14 serious accidents in 2017; 11 were fatal accidents; 3 resulted in criminal charges. A synopsis of the recons is listed below:

1/3/2017, 1781 Warwick Ave, car/pedestrian, nonfatal, pedestrian at fault (17-31-ac, 17-55-of).

2/4/2017, 536 Potowomut Rd, car/tree, fatal (17-405-ac).

2/11/2017, 353 Main Ave, car/truck, fatal, medical condition (17-478-ac, 17-599-of).

2/26/2017, 982 Warwick Ave, car/car, fatal, operator charged with DUI (17-675-ac, 17-849-of, 17-413-ar).

2/26/2017, 1995 Warwick Ave, car/car, fatal, both operators DUI, surviving operator charged with DUI (17-676-ac, 17-414-ar).

5/2/2017, Warwick Ave at Church Ave, car/motorcycle/car, nonfatal (17-1351-ac, 17-1959-of).

5/23/2017, Main Ave at Greenfield Ave, car/pedestrian, fatal, operator arrested for DUI and heroin (17-1608-ac, 17-2351-of, 17-949-ar).

6/10/2017, 1900 West Shore Rd, car/motorcycle, nonfatal, operator arrested for DUI (17-1815-ac, 17-2669-of, 17-1071-ar).

7/12/2017, 255 Post Rd, car/car, fatal due to medical conditions, operator cited (17-2177-ac).

8/23/2017, 1138 Post Rd, car/pedestrian, fatal, pedestrian at fault (17-2638-ac).

9/22/2017, 2670 West Shore Rd, car/pedestrian, fatal, pedestrian at fault (17-2935-ac, 17-4562-of).

9/23/2017, 718 Post Rd, car/pedestrian, nonfatal, operator cited (17-2946-ac, 17-4695-of).

10/7/2017, 61 Airport Rd, car/motorcycle/car, fatal, no charges (173092-ac, 17-4895-of).

Roadways of Interest

Of the 4,102 crashes reported the following roadways had the greatest amount of crashes:

Bald Hill Road, 529

Centerville Road, 220

Post Road, 632

Quaker Lane, 155

Warwick Ave, 337

West Shore Road, 312

Citations/ Violations:

A total of **13,247** civil violations were written by the Warwick Police Department during 2017. The Traffic Division wrote **2,157** of these violations.

Walk Wise Warwick: The traffic unit received a DOT grant for pedestrian Safety. Officers monitored crosswalks throughout the city concentration on high traffic area and school zones. On 9/28/2017 the campaign issued **9** citations and **15** warnings at a cross walk on Main Ave.

Click-it-or-Ticket: This semi-annual campaign was once again successful. **372** violations and warnings were issued during the campaign.

Commercial Enforcement:

Traffic Officer Matthew Barlow is trained and certified in addition to his normal traffic duties. Each officer is required to conduct a minimum of 32 Level I inspections annually in order to maintain their certifications. During 2017, the Commercial Enforcement unit completed 54 Level I commercial inspections which resulted in 43 violations and warnings for various infractions.

Traffic Awards and Recognition:

Officer Aaron Kay was awarded the RIDOT Highway Champion and the MAAD DUI Hero of the Year in 2017.

Warwick Schools:

The Traffic Unit is directly responsible for the supervision of the Warwick Schools' Crossing Guards. The crossing guard's main duties are the safe crossing of children to and from school. The location of the crossings is determined by the Traffic Services Unit who conducts an annual survey in the spring and fall. For the 2017 school year, there are 14 full-time crossing guards and approximately 7 spare crossing guards. This number is a reduction from 2016 due to school closures.

V.I.P. (Very Important Person) Escorts:

The responsibility for the Traffic Unit is to arrange and assist with primary and secondary motorcade routes within the city. The Traffic Supervisor and/or CSD OIC meets with pre-arrival/advanced team representatives of the outside agency for the purpose of conducting a route reconnaissance and planning. During 2017, the Warwick Police Department conducted 1 high profile escort and security detail (Vice President Mike Pence), and also the War Veteran's Honor Flights and the annual Special Olympics Torch Run.

Funeral Escorts:

The Traffic Division assisted with 54 funeral escorts during 2017.

Community Service Officers:

The Community Service Officer (CSO) program is a citizen volunteer organization which assists the police in times of major natural disasters, major public events, missing and lost person incidents, and who provide other non-police service to the city consistent with their mission. In 2017, the 22 current Community Service Officers volunteered for a variety of different events including but not limited to: Gaspee Days events, Fourth of July Fireworks, National Nite Out and weekly church crossings.

Miscellaneous Traffic Responsibilities:

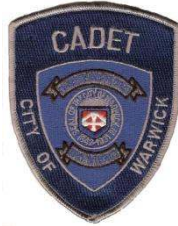
Other duties include such things as transporting blood to the State Toxicology Laboratory for analysis, attending road repair pre-construction meetings, monitoring detail officers on road jobs, planning and supervising road races, handling funeral processions for dignitaries, parades, infant car seat installations and festivals/firework displays.

The Traffic Unit has numerous pieces of equipment assigned just for their specific use. The unit starting updating its fleet in 2007 from four 1993 Harley Davidson Motorcycles to a complement currently of: two 2015, one 2011, one 2010, one 2008, and one 1993 motorcycle. These motorcycles are an essential tool and are utilized for parades, funerals, and other civic functions and are an extremely positive public relation tool for the police department.

In 2017, the Traffic unit continued with the strategic use of the Variable Message Board which allows a variety of messages and vehicle speed data to be analyzed for future enforcement efforts. The traffic unit purchased a new “sled” with insurance funds gained from an insurance settlement after one sled was struck by a vehicle while deployed on Oakland Beach Ave. The two sleds are strategically placed in locations of complaints for a set period, the data is analyzed and an enforcement response is instituted.

Special events are also part of the Traffic Unit responsibilities. During the 2017 calendar year traffic officers were responsible for coordinating several large scale City events such as the 4th of July fireworks display, the Gaspee Days Festival/Parade and fireworks extravaganza, and the Memorial Day Parade.

Community Police Unit



Duties and Responsibilities:

The Community Police Unit is comprised of several different area's which are all focused on the continued partnership with the community. Two Sergeants, eleven officers and 1 civilian administer several programs that include Community Policing, School Resource Officers, Sex Offender notification, Police Athletic League, Elderly Affairs, the Warwick Police Explorer program, and the K9 Unit. Additionally, the Community Police Unit coordinates college internships as well as High School Senior Experience projects and conducts active threat training for local schools and businesses. The Community Police unit established the first quarterly external stakeholder meeting as laid out in the department's strategic plan. It was held in January 2018 and the target audience were the hotels and the topics were signs of human trafficking and opioid safety.

The Community Police Unit conducted meetings with our community groups, senior safety talks, crime prevention training, driver's education, probation officer visits to offenders, RAD kid's events, a summer Youth Leadership Camp, bike safety events, National Night Out, the Warwick Police Explorer program, the Citizens Police Academy and much more. The Community Police Unit works with approximately ten active neighborhood groups.

Community Police Officers:

The Community Police Unit's primary focus is on neighborhood crime and quality of life issues. Three community police officers cover the three (3) districts within the city to attend to the needs of the various neighborhoods. These officers work out of police substations on a part time basis which are located throughout the city. The substations are used by the Community Police officers to hold neighborhood

meetings, meet with residents, and complete reports and administrative work. These offices are located in Conimicut Village, the Oakland Beach Boys and Girls Club, and the Old Pontiac Village Train Station. These officers work very closely with various neighborhood organizations addressing concerns ranging from quality of life issues to crime issues. During 2017, Community Police officers logged **43** community police activity calls. These complaints covered all aspects of issues ranging from mediating property line disputes, to noise, minimum housing complaints, animal issues, traffic complaints, and vandalism or dumping. In addition, Community Police officers made **9** arrests, completed approximately **48** offense reports, and issued approximately **186** motor vehicle violations.

Community Police officers had a very busy calendar year with several notable accomplishments/problems solved:

School Resource Officers:

As part of our community policing effort the platoon is responsible for staffing the four public schools: Toll Gate High School, Pilgrim High School, Veterans Memorial Junior High School and Winman Junior High School. Each high school has a School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned Monday thru Friday during school hours.

All the SRO’s qualified with and were issued patrol rifles in 2017 to address the focus nationwide on violence within the schools. They are more than ready to handle any crisis within the schools. The SRO’s not only enforce discipline and the law within the schools but are also responsible for teaching and facilitating programs within the schools. The SRO’s primarily work with the principals or the vice principals.

Two new SRO’s came on board due to a retirement and reassignment and both attended the School Resource Officer course.

Winman Junior High – SRO Jill Marshall			
Type Event	2017	2016	2015
Documented incidents	18	17	16
School Arrests	1	5	3

Pilgrim High School – SRO Nelson Carreiro			
Type Event	2017	2016	2015

Documented incidents	20	25	11
School Arrests	6	8	0

Toll Gate High School – SRO William Castaldi			
Type Event	2017	2016	2015
Documented incidents	12	29	38
School Arrests	42	2	6

Veterans Junior High– SRO Al Melucci			
Type Event	2017	2016	2015
Documented incidents	20	47	51
School Arrests	1	4	7

The SRO’s chaperone school functions, make drug testing kits available to parents, patrol both inside and outside of the school, monitor an e-mail tip line for anonymous tips, investigate graffiti and other damage to city property and conduct K-9 drug searches at the request of school administrators. The SRO’s ran the Warwick Youth Leadership Camp and assisted the Rhode Island National Guard at Adventure Camp in the summer.

Police Athletic League:

The Warwick Police Athletic League (PAL) currently serves over 1000 youths through a variety of sports and martial arts programs. Statistics consistently show that students engaged in sports programs are far less likely to get into trouble or abuse drugs/alcohol than those not actively participating in some after school activity. Officer John Palliotte and one civilian run this program from a satellite office located on Bend Street in the City. Boys and girls participate in programs in eight different sports: baseball, football, cheerleading, wrestling, bowling, hockey, karate, and lacrosse.

RAD Kids:

RAD Kids is a national program taught to elementary students in two age groups (5-7 and 8-12). The course teaches kids about stranger awareness and instills in them the confidence to deal with a variety of situations. This program is continually growing and Warwick currently has 4 instructors available to meet the demand. The program held 2 classes for the 2017 calendar year with approximately 30 students taking part.

Elderly Affairs:

One Community Police officer is responsible for Elderly Affairs issues. He works closely with the Elderly Affairs Liaison from the city and the RI Department of Elderly Affairs to ensure that our community's elderly are not victims of fraud or abuse. Home visits and community lectures are conducted. Five cases of suspected Elderly abuse/neglect/fraud were investigated by this officer.

Sex Offender Registration / Notification:

Sex Offender registration and community notification is the responsibility of one police officer and one civilian employee. There were **104** registered sex offenders who reside in the City of Warwick at the end of 2017.

In an effort to conduct address verifications and combat noncompliance with sex offender registration laws, the Warwick Police Department continues its collaboration with the United States Marshal's office. Warwick Police is a member of the Sex Offender Law Enforcement Multi-disciplinary Network (SOLEMN), which is a working group designed to engage law enforcement, prosecutors, Probation and Parole Officers and Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) personnel in discussions about sex offender management styles, enforcement and compliance.

Federal grant money from SOLEMN and Joint Law Enforcement Operations continue to be used to support operations that assist in performing sex offender investigations including address verification operations.

Police Explorer Program Post #327:

The Warwick Police Department Explorer Program introduces young men and woman between the ages of 14-20 years of age who are interested in law enforcement. During the school year they meet weekly and receive classroom training, ride-a-longs, and other types of hands on events. The explorer program also fosters a sense of responsibility and civic pride through which the explorers will go out into the city and state and perform many services for the community. The Warwick Police Department and the Warwick police Explorer program are dedicated to creating future law enforcement officers as well as mature and well informed citizens. Officer Geoff Waldman is the Director for the Explorer Program in addition to his day to day Community Police duties.

In 2017, the Warwick Police Explorer program had **30 cadets** who were involved in a variety of events to include the Gaspee Day festival, National Night Out and a variety of Safety Day events. These explorers experienced a full week of training and personal development that incorporated leadership, team building, drill & ceremony and discipline.

Officer Waldman runs the program through the year rather than only during the school calendar year. In 2017 the Explorer program focused its activities toward community service oriented projects while meeting for a minimum of 150 hours of training per year including a week long summer program.

K-9 program:

These officers and their K-9's received extensive training during the summer in drug detection and patrol operations. In addition to their K-9 responsibilities these officers assist with various community police events such as attending neighborhood meetings, National Night Out, conducting demonstrations as well as school visits.

The following is a summary of the K-9 officer's activities during 2017:

- K-9 tracks 32
- Searches conducted: 21
- Cash seizures: \$1,247,484
- Narcotics investigations/assists: 180
- Marijuana seized: 57,588.96 grams
- Cocaine seized: 20,328.39 grams
- Heroin/fentanyl seized: 30,699 grams
- Weapons seized: 1 Shotgun

Officer Paul Wells with his K-9 partner Fox and Officer Aaron Steere with his K-9 partner Viking have continued to be a very successful addition to the Warwick Police Department and the Community Services Division. They are both members of the DEA task force and work throughout the tristate area. Officer Aaron Steere was the recipient of the RI Attorney General's Justice Award for Drug Enforcement.

Mental Health Crisis Response Team (MHCRT)

In 2014 the department established the MHCRT with the intent to have specially trained officers assist while on duty with persons in a mental health crisis or persons with continuous police contact with mental illnesses. A qualified mental health clinician was assigned from The Providence Center to work solely with the Warwick Police. This mental health liaison would work in conjunction with MHCRT members and partner up on patrol with them 8 hours per week.

In 2017 the department took a more robust approach moving the mental health effort from the Uniform Division to the Community Services Division as part of our overall community policing effort. The mental health policies were rewritten into one policy using the Police Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) model encompassing those with mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders, homelessness and elderly persons with diminished capacity. We increased the size of the team to 24 officers and one supervising sergeant. All new members were certified in Crisis Responder Training, a program that we have continued to use. Quarterly training was authorized for the team in conjunction with their monthly MHCRT meeting.

In January 2018 the MHL and the sergeant coordinated and organized the first quarterly external stakeholder meeting as directed by the department's strategic plan. This succeeded our attendance at the Governor's CODE summit on opioid addiction in December where collaboration with our local service providers began. Numerous agencies attended our meeting to include West Bay, the Kent Center, the Providence Center, KCMH ED, RI Student Assistance Services, the Vet Center, South Pointe Church, Anchor Recovery, Bridgemark Addiction, probation, WFD and members of the Mayor's substance abuse task force. The discussion was on introductions, services available, closing the gap between first responders and services and establishing a regional coalition. The next meeting is scheduled to discuss strategy.

The new policy established a Community Wellness Program. The purpose of the program is to move from the standard reactive response by officers with standard mental health police skills to a proactive and planned response. This proactive response consists of planned, coordinated and regular follow up contacts by CRT members and the MHL on a weekly basis. This also allows the MHL to have longer and more meaningful evaluations of persons. This extended contact allows the MHL to bill for her services providing a revenue stream to The Providence Center.

HOMELAND SECURITY SWAT-BOMB-USRT- FIREARM SUMMARY 2017



SWAT TEAM



SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM SUMMARY 2017

The Warwick Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is responsible for the resolution of situations requiring other than normal police actions, tactics or equipment. The demonstrated goal of the unit is to resolve situations while limiting hazards to citizens and police personnel. The team's activities include, but are not limited to, the following missions: Drug raids, high risk warrant service, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, armed stakeout, dignitary protection, tactical operations, and any other specialized operation the team may be called upon to handle. SWAT Team personnel provide training to Warwick Police Department personnel and other outside agencies throughout the year. Many team members are certified instructors and provide training in such areas as firearms, counter sniper tactics, riot control, active shooter training, mobile tactics, building searches and traffic stops.

The Warwick Police SWAT Team has a long-standing tradition of excellence, and has been a model for many local, state and international tactical teams.

Members of the Warwick PD SWAT Team 2017:

Lt. Timothy Marshall, Team Commander
Lt. Joel Thomas, Sniper Team Leader
Sgt. Jedidiah Pineau, Team Leader
Sgt. Daniel DiMaio, Squad Leader
Sgt. Nick Reay, Squad Leader

Off. Dale Drowne, Operations
 Off. Robert King
 Off. Matthew Barlow
 Off. Raymond Cox
 Det. John McHale
 Off. Daniel Maggiacomo
 Off. Geoffrey Waldman
 Off. John Curley
 Off. Jacob Elderkin
 Off. Quentin Tavares
 Off. Kevin McGuire
 Off. Aaron Steere, K-9
 Off. Matthew Higgins, Medic
 Off. Sokphannareth Chea*
 Off. Ryan Lancaster*
 Off. Walter Larson*
 Off. Steven Moretti*
 Off. David Boardman*
 Off. Jonathan Reiff*

*Indicates officer in the probationary tactical training program.

The SWAT Team conducted eight (5) tactical operations in 2017:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
04/22/2017	Criminal Barricade	150 Gordon Ave
06/10/2017	Gaspee Day Parade	Pawtuxet Village
07/14/2017	VPOTUS Visit	TF Green Airport
08/08/2017	High Risk Warrant/Drug Raid	30 Ormsby Ave
08/28/2017	Criminal Barricade w/hostage	116 Highland Ave

SYNOPSIS OF 2017 TACTICAL OPERATIONS:

On 04/22/17, members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) conducted a successful operation regarding a barricaded male on Gordon Ave. The male was suspected of shooting at family members as they fled the residence during a domestic disturbance. The CNT negotiated the suspect's surrender. A search of the residence revealed several firearms.

On 06/10/17, members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team provided a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) for the Gaspee Day Parade. The mission of the Team was to provide swift deployment to any life threatening situation(s) that may arise. The Team, which was stationed at a nearby staging area, provided tactical personnel, bomb technicians and SWAT Medics to counteract any action that would threaten civilians on the parade route.

On 07/14/17, members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team provided a Quick Reaction Force (QRF); two counter sniper teams; roving uniform officers; bomb technicians; and medics in support of a planned visit by VPOTUS at TF Green Airport.

On 08/08/17, members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team, along with Detectives of the WPD Special Operations Group (SOG), were tasked with a high risk warrant service take for narcotics on Ormsby Avenue.

On 08/28/17, members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) conducted a successful operation regarding a barricaded male on Highland Road. The male believed to have been holding his juvenile daughter hostage was arrested without incident for domestic charges.

SWAT TRAINING:

In order to maintain a high degree of proficiency and excellence, Team members are required to maintain a high level of proficiency in tactical operations. During 2017, the SWAT Team held twenty-seven (27) training sessions. Each training session was eight (8) hours for a total of 216 hours. The SWAT Team conducts a minimum of sixteen (16) hours a month of training, as established by the National Tactical Officers Association. The SWAT Team continues to conduct training more frequently than any other unit within the WPD.

Training sessions in 2017 consisted of the following:

- Arrest and Control Drills
- CQB Movement
- Manual Breaching Techniques

Hotel Operations
Off Site CQB
WMD/Terrorism Brief
SCBA/WMD CERT
EOD Joint Training
Tubular Assault
Dept. Quall/Zero with all weapon systems
Scenario Based Training/Low Light CQB Woodland Operations
Terrorism Awareness Training
Sniper Procedure Training
Diversionary Device CERT
Explosive Breaching Techniques
Vehicle Operations
Live Fire Drills
Weapon Drills
CNT Joint Training
VIP Protection
Mock Vehicle/Residential Operations
Less lethal RECERT
Annual PT Test
Night Vision Operations
Bomb and Booby Trap Awareness

SNIPER TEAM

The Warwick Police SWAT Sniper Team consists of seven (7) members who are highly trained in the area of long distance marksman/observer skills. They are led by a Team Leader and all members are cross-trained with the Reactionary Team. In 2017, the Sniper Team conducted thirteen (13) eight (8) hour training sessions in addition to a (5) day (40+ hours) Basic-Intermediate Sniper School in Jericho Vermont for a total of eighteen (18) eight (8) hour training sessions for a total of 144 hour.

Members of the Sniper Team:

Lt. Joel Thomas, Team Leader
Off. Dale Drowne
Off. Raymond Cox
Off. Jacob Elderkin
Off. Ryan Lancaster*

Off. Jonathan Reiff*

*Indicates officer in the probationary tactical training program.

Sniper training sessions in 2017 consisted of the following:

Vehicle Hide Construction
Multiple Target Drills
Loophole Formula
Moving Targets
Command Fire
Vehicle and Urban Hides
Camouflage Techniques
Intermediate Barriers
Intelligence Gathering
Ranging

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM (CNT)

The Warwick Police CNT consists of nine (9) members who are highly trained in the area of Crisis Negotiation and Active Listening Skills (ALS). They are led by a Team Leader and two (2) squad leaders each of whom have three (3) team members under their control. In 2017, the CNT conducted twelve (12) eight (8) hour training sessions in addition to a three (3) day Crisis Negotiators Conference held by the FBI for a total of for a total of 120 training hours.

Members of the Crisis Negotiation Team:

Lt. Michael Lima, Team Leader
Det. Gilda Fortier, Squad Leader
Off. Matthew Moretti, Squad Leader
Off. Leo Tetreault
Off. Nelson Carreiro
Off. Patrick Smith
Off. Russell Brown
Off. Melissa Pinheiro *
Off. Christian Vargas *

*Indicates officer is on a probationary status.

Crisis Negotiation sessions in 2017 consisted of the following:

Active Listening Skills (ALS)
High Risk Indicators in Negotiations
Negotiation Intelligence
Negotiation through Text
Use of Third Party Intermediaries (TPI's)
Use of Interpreters
Throw phone and negotiator console training
Legal Issues
Situation Boards
CNT Negotiation Operations Center (NOC) set up
Scenario training
SWAT joint training
Joint training with neighboring CNT teams

See “SWAT SYNOPSIS OF 2017 TACTICAL OPERATIONS” for the CNT’s role during operations.

NEW SWAT DEVELOPMENTS IN 2017

The Warwick Police Department SWAT Sniper Team ran a Sniper Course, September 11-15, at Camp Ethan Allen, Jericho, VT. The school received RI POST certification on 08/18/2016. Students were able to shoot from 100 to 1000 yards while developing precision marksmanship and competency with their weapon system. The course offered expert instruction on observation/detection skills, vehicle hides, urban, and woodland hides.

Twelve (13) members of the Warwick Police SWAT Team traveled to West Hartford, CT to compete in the 2017 CT SWAT Challenge (21-24 August). The Warwick Police SWAT team has finished in the top 10 each of the last nine years at the annual Connecticut SWAT Challenge. In 2017, the Warwick SWAT Team officers beat out a US Army Ranger Team, the Indiana State Police, and a Department of Energy Tactical Team, to claim third place. In addition to the third-

place win, the team also took home the Atlantic Signal Clock Is Ticking, and First Spear Out of State Team award.

CERTIFICATION

Each SWAT Officer is required to certify each year in order to remain on the Team. The Certification Program consists of twenty (20) job tasks, a firearm course and a written test. Each officer was also evaluated by a Team Leader. All SWAT Officers successfully completed the Certification process in 2017.

SWAT CONCLUSION

The Warwick Police SWAT Team will continue to provide protection to the citizens of Warwick and to its police officers. SWAT Officers are proud of their Team and will strive to maintain the professional standard that is expected of them.



BOMB TECHNICIANS SUMMARY 2017

The primary responsibility of Warwick Police Department Bomb Technicians is to provide safe resolution to situations involving suspicious items or known improvised explosive devices (IED's). The evaluation of suspicious packages or bomb threats and the render safe of improvised explosive devices are conducted with the goal of limiting hazards and minimizing exposure to citizens and emergency response personnel.

Post September 11, 2001 responsibilities have increased, thrusting the Bomb Squad into the first line of defense in the war on terrorism. Homeland security has become a driving force behind the training and operation of the Bomb Squad. A new era in hazardous materials operations includes the use of chemical, biological, and radiological detection devices by Bomb Technicians. Training for an explosives related hazardous materials incident has involved an integrated approach with the Warwick Fire Department's Haz-Mat Unit. Ongoing preparations for an immediate response to terrorist's acts involving weapons of mass destruction, large vehicle bombs, and suicide bombers remain a priority.

Presently the Warwick Police Department employs two (2) certified bomb technicians.

BOMB THREATS AND EXPLOSIVE RELATED INCIDENTS IN 2017

During 2017, WPD officers and bomb disposal technicians responded to a total of nine (7) bomb threat incidents.

BOMB TECHNICIANS HIGHLIGHTS

WPD Bomb Techs continued to provide assistance to the RI State Bomb Squad in 2017. WPD Bomb Techs responded to (5) IED related incidents throughout the state and assisted with several disposal operations.

WPD Bomb Technicians continued to conduct training with the Rhode Island State Bomb Squad. Warwick PD Bomb Techs train with the Rhode Island Bomb Squad sixteen (16) hours a month.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians provided booby trap, IED and explosives awareness to each RIMPA Academy Class and assist the RIMPA with explosives related in-service classes.

In 2017, WPD Bomb Technicians disposed of a large amount of small arms ammunition and fireworks which had been surrendered to or seized by the Department.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians continued to provide explosives awareness lectures to various civil and law enforcement and first responder agencies.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians assigned to the RI State Bomb Squad have available to them, State of the Art Render Safe equipment.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians and members of the RI Fire Marshal Bomb Squad provided training with the Warwick PD and other Police SWAT Teams around the state.

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians provided Explosive Breaching Techniques to various members of RI Certified Tactical Teams and provide training with those teams.

BOMB TECHNICIANS CONCLUSION

Warwick PD Bomb Technicians will continue to respond to any location and provide render safe assistance to insure the safety of all citizens of the City of Warwick.



Underwater Search and Recovery Team (USRT)

Underwater Search and Recovery Team (USRT) is made up of sworn officers of the Warwick Police Department specially trained and uniquely equipped to handle underwater assignments and marine law enforcement such as:

1. Perform disaster related rescue assistance when requested.
2. Perform underwater search and recovery missions involving victims, evidence, and other property.
3. Investigation of underwater crime scenes and all associated scenes in the immediate area.
4. Drowning and diving accident investigations.
5. Cooperating in any mutual aid plan approved by the Chief of Police.
6. Planned community events or safety standby operations at sanctioned water events.
7. Perform hull search of vessels for counter-drug and counter-terrorism operations.
8. Homeland Security Patrols within Warwick's 39 miles of coastline.
9. Boating Under the Influence detection and enforcement
10. Boating Safety enforcement

Watercraft: 25 foot Boston Whaler, 12 foot Center console boat, 2 Inflatable Zodiacs

Training: USRT trains between eight and twelve hours per month year round in various marine environments.

- **Six (6) team members successfully completed a national public safety boat operator's course in December.**
- **Two (2) new members were brought into the unit and have completed training up to Rescue Diver certification**
- **Two (2) senior members are currently enrolled in their Dive master training and will be fully certified by the summer of 2018.**
- **Coordinated training with the US Coast Guard for the upcoming 2018 boating season.**

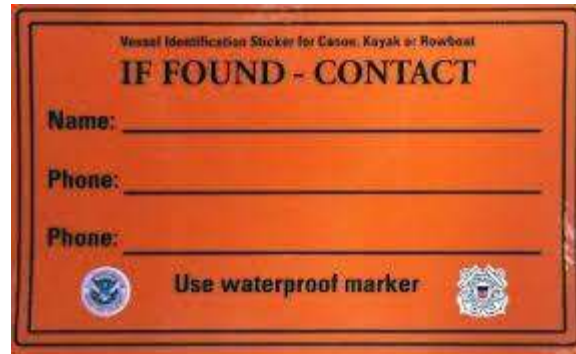
Missions:

In 2017 the USRT performed:

- **Marine security for the:**
 - **Gaspee Day Events in May and June**
 - **The Blessing of the Fleet in June**
 - **4th of July fireworks in Oakland Beach**
 - **National Night Out in August**
- **Evidence Recovery in the City of Central Falls - Blackstone River at the request of a Massachusetts Criminal task force searching for evidence related to crimes in their state.**
- **Assisted with vessels in distress off of Conimicut Point on two occasions**

Public Out Reach

The WPD USRT has continued to assist the US Coast Guard with Operation Paddle Smart. This program is designed to educate operators of small boats and kayaks on safety issues and the proper way to label their vessels to prevent unnecessary search and rescue missions. USRT team members regularly hand out Paddle Smart brochures and labels at local boat ramps and marinas.



FIREARM TRAINING - QUALIFICATIONS

As required by RI State Law 11-47-15.1, all officers must qualify with their duty handgun once a year.

During the year 2017, all members of the Warwick Police Department qualified with their duty weapon with the exception of those members who are sick, on Military leave, or relieved of duty.

The total expenditure of 9mm caliber training ammunition for qualification was approximately 20,000 RDS. Furthermore, an additional 25,200 RDS were expended for recruit training.

Two (2) In-Service Tactical Firearm Training Sessions were conducted for all members of the WPD in 2017. The training consisted of decision making, moving target, and change of magazine drill.

Department Remington Model 870 shotguns are installed in thirty-five (35) police cruisers.

A total of five-hundred (500) rounds of 00-BUCK was utilized for qualification.

Thirty (30) M-4 Carbines are presently utilized by selected Patrol Officers who attended a certified Patrol Carbine Course. Each Officer is required to have the weapon available during his/her tour of duty.

Sixteen (16) Patrol Officers became certified after attending a Patrol Carbine Course.

USE OF OUTDOOR FIREARM FACILITY

The following agencies utilized the Warwick PD Outdoor Firearm Facility during 2017:

AGENCY	TIME USED	AGENCY	TIME USED
Warwick PD Training	- 224 hours	Homeland Security	- 72 hours
Warwick PD SWAT	- 192 hours	Navy Newport	- 64 hours
WRAC	- 176 hours	RIAC Police	- 24 hours
ACI Tactical Team	- 96 hours	RIMPA	- 16 hours
US Marshal Service	- 72 hours	RING	- 8
		WPD CP Academy	- 8 hours
		TOTAL	380 hours

ADDITIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY & SPEC OPS DATA

In 2017, a total of five (5) firearm traces were conducted through the ATF Tracing Center.

A total of forty-two (42) abandoned and forfeited weapons were destroyed according to ATF Regulations and RI General Law 11-47-22. All weapons were torch-cut thru receiver as required by Federal Firearms laws.

A total of five (5) weapons were test fired for the Prosecution Division.

Seventy-four (74) weapons were held for safekeeping in 2017.

Sixty (60) weapons were released to their rightful owners in 2017.

In August of 2017 a three (3) day Patrol Rifle School was conducted to certify additional members of the WPD School Resource Officers (SRO).

In December of 2017 a three (3) day Patrol Carbine Course was conducted to nine (9) members of the Patrol Division.

Presently, Warwick PD maintains one hundred and eighty (180) duty GLOCK handguns, Forty-two (42) Remington Model 870 shotguns, eleven (11) MP5 SMGs, seven (7) Bushmaster Carbines, two (2) 40 MM gas gun, three (3) M14 rifles, twenty (20) M16 rifles, seven (7) Remington Less-Lethal shotguns, seven (7) Smith & Wesson M-4 carbines, and seven rifle suppressors.

The TRUST provided a simulator for decision making shooting. Numerous officers utilized the FATS System during 2017 to hone their shooting skills.

Three (3) MANPAD Drills were held to determine Warwick PD's capability to respond to a terrorist incident at T. F. Green Airport.

Due to an increase in ammunition cost and recruit training, an extensive amount of ammunition was expended in 2017.

In 2017, sixty-four (64) soft body armor vests were purchased to replace vests that had expired.

CONCLUSION

Warwick Police Homeland Security Services/Special Operations Unit (attached to PSD) will continue to insure that firearm training is available to all members of the Warwick Police Department, and to maintain the Department's firearm inventory.

Detective Division

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The Detective Division of the Warwick Police Department has a complement of one (1) Captain, one (1) Lieutenant, six (6) Sergeants, twenty-five (25) Detectives and one (1) civilian criminalist. The division is divided into five (5) groups:

1. District Detectives
 - a. District One
 - b. District Two
 - c. District Three
2. Night Detectives
3. Special Operations Group
4. Computer Forensics
5. Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI).

Authorized staffing levels have remained consistent from the previous years. Additionally, the division remained active with four (4) separate federally sponsored task force assignments:

1. Drug Enforcement Administration
2. Joint Terrorism Task Force (sponsored by the FBI)
3. Child Exploitation Task Force (sponsored by the FBI)
4. Human Trafficking Task Force (sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security)

DISTRICT DETECTIVES AND NIGHT DETECTIVES

For the purposes of case assignment and area responsibility, the City of Warwick is divided into three (3) geographical districts.

- District One (1) comprises the northernmost area of the city.
- District Two (2) comprises the eastern and coastal areas.
- District Three (3) comprises the southernmost part of the city and includes the detached Potowomut area.

Our district detectives conduct criminal investigations ranging from minor offenses to serious crimes. Each district is commanded by a District Sergeant. Crime reports that are initiated by the patrol division which require additional or specialized resources are often assigned to a district detective. Consequently, our detectives conduct investigations on a high percentage of the criminal cases prosecuted through the Kent County Court.

The Night Detectives work from 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and have city-wide jurisdiction. They are commanded by a supervising sergeant. The majority of their case assignments stem from calls for service and walk-in complaints. Night detectives handle a multitude of cases that include, but are not limited to, murder, burglary, home invasions, and sexual assaults. Child molestation and sexual assault cases comprise a significant portion of their workload, but they investigate a broad range of offenses. Night detectives are also tasked with being the main liaisons with interdepartmental and inter-jurisdictional investigations.

In the calendar year 2017, the detective division was assigned approximately eight-hundred (800) cases for investigation. Of those cases, eighty-five (85) arrest warrants were drawn and sixty-six (66) arrests were made. Most of the remaining cases were closed by other means. Examples of resolved cases that do not result in criminal charging include death of the offender, lack of victim or witness cooperation, withdrawn complaints, low or no potential for solvability, crime unfounded, and the like.

In 2017, the district and night detectives collectively worked on forty-three (43) sexual assaults of varying degrees, representing a reporting increase of four (4) from 2016. They also investigated twelve (12) robberies, which was an increase of six (6) from the previous year. Additionally, the district and night detectives

investigated one hundred sixty eight (168) burglary and/or breaking and entering complaints, which was an increase of twenty-two (22) from calendar year 2016. A sampling of some of the cases solved by the Warwick Police Department's district and night detectives include:

- **Troy L. Gunderway** and **Richard A. Baribault**, both of Warwick were convicted of **Murder** for the 2015 killing of Fernando Silva.

- **Jacob Gallant**, of Westport, MA was arrested and later entered a guilty plea for **Assault w/ Intent to Commit a Felony**. The charged stemmed from his unprovoked knife attack of an eighteen year-old (18) female employee of Rite Aid pharmacy.

- **Ryan Beeley** and **Mariah Ramos**, both of Warwick were indicted for **2nd Degree Murder** in the death of their infant daughter.

- **Joseph M. Amatal** of Cranston was charged with the **2nd Degree Robbery** of Citizens Bank at 10 West Shore Rd.

- **Scott G. Cleverly** of Cranston was charged with **Unlawful Appropriation** of over one hundred fifty (150) tools and other items from Home Depot, which were valued at nearly \$100,000.00.

- **Dat Doeur** of East Providence was charged with the **2nd Degree Robbery** of TD Bank at 2625 West Shore Road.

- **Joseph R. Taylor** was charged with two (2) counts of **Breaking and Entering of a Building** and two (2) counts of **Felony Larceny**.

- **John Chiellini** of West Warwick was charged with the **1st Degree Robbery** of Shell Gasoline at 1190 Quaker Lane.

- **Douglas Fagundes** of Cumberland was charged with **Breaking and Entering of a Dwelling** and **Larceny of a Firearm**.

- **Paul Botelho** of Warwick was charged with **Domestic Breaking and Entering of a Dwelling**.

Seamus Simcock of Pawtucket was charged with **Domestic Breaking and Entering of a Dwelling, Domestic Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Assault with a Deadly Weapon.**

SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

This detective unit is responsible for special investigations that require clandestine law enforcement actions. They are primarily responsible for vice activity and narcotics investigations, and are called upon to conduct investigations that cannot be accomplished through standard detective assignment protocols. One member of this unit is permanently assigned as a DEA Task Force Officer. During 2017, members of this unit and our TFO were responsible for seizing considerable crime involved assets such as money, automobiles, and personal property.

Based on their function, the SOG unit initiates only undercover investigations.

During the past year, the unit made sixteen (16) narcotics related arrests within the City of Warwick. These included, but were not limited to, arrests for the following criminal offenses:

- Possession and Delivery of Cocaine
- Possession and Delivery of Heroin
- Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine
- Possession and Delivery of Fentanyl
- Possession and Delivery of Steroids
- Firearms Violations

The Warwick Police Department also assisted other federal and state law enforcement agencies with the following investigations:

- ATF and DEA with methamphetamine and firearms investigations.
- FBI with exploitation of minors and human trafficking investigations.
- Cranston Police Department with a heroin and fentanyl distribution case.
- East Greenwich Police Department with a cocaine distribution case.

Persons arrested within the City of Warwick for notable drug related offenses included:

- **Derrick LeBlanc** of Warwick for **Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Deliver Fentanyl, and Possession with Intent to Deliver Steroids.**

- **Ezequiel Rosario** of Providence for **Three (3) Counts of Delivery of Fentanyl, Three (3) Counts of Delivery of Heroin, and Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin.**

- **Kyle Pomeranz** of West Warwick for **Three (3) Counts of Delivery of Cocaine.**

- **Robert Lewis** of Providence for **Three (3) Counts of Delivery of Heroin.**

- **Christopher Bergeron** of Pawtucket for **Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine.**

COMPUTER FORENSICS UNIT

The Computer Forensics Unit is comprised of one (1) Sergeant and four (4) detectives. Their responsibilities include video examination, forensic analysis of computer media, forensic analysis of cell phones, and other technology based investigations. The sergeant of this unit also supervises the BCI Division of Detectives.

One of the four (4) detectives is assigned full time to the Rhode Island Internet Crimes against Children Task Force (ICAC), which falls under the auspices of Rhode Island State Police. Currently, nearly all criminal investigations include some technological investigative component. These include crimes that run the gamut of Rhode Island's criminal code – violent offenses, financial offenses, fraudulent acts, and the like. The examination of computers and cell phones often provides investigators with critical information. In 2017, the unit conducted forensic analysis of nearly three hundred (300) cell phones and a combined forensic analysis of nearly two hundred (200) computers and video imaging devices. These investigations included the Warwick Police assisting other local and federal agencies.

During 2017, the Computer Forensics Unit upgraded computer hardware and the unit's detectives received advanced training in the Cellebrite system, which forensically analyzes electronic devices. Members were certified as system

operators and physical analysts on this complex system, and the Computer Forensics Unit's computer workstation was significantly updated with new hardware.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION (BCI)

This unit has three distinct job classifications:

1. Identification – detectives that identify criminal offenders through fingerprint analysis and DNA matching.
2. Crime Scene Technicians – detectives that gather, preserve, and examine crime scene evidence.
3. Property Custodian – detectives that are responsible for storing property and maintaining the custody chain with respect to collecting and releasing of evidence.

BCI is an integral part to every investigation since the identification, preservation, and collection of evidence is a crucial part of the prosecuting cases.

This unit was responsible for the following during 2017:

1. Logging and storing over three thousand (3000) pieces of evidence.
2. Processing and submitting seventy-six (76) chemical and/or narcotic substances for toxicology testing.
3. Processing and storing one hundred twenty (120) firearms that were seized for various reasons.
4. Processing over two hundred (200) items for fingerprints.
5. Through the BCI's Digital Imaging Management System (DIMS), department members took 19,171 photographs of crime scenes and related evidence. These were the results of nearly 1800 separate investigations, and are maintained by the BCI unit.

For the coming year, the detective division will continue to diligently investigate the cases it is assigned, and will seek continue its proactive crime prevention strategies. Some techniques utilized will be increased field surveillance and use of available and emerging technology.

Administrative Services Division

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The Administrative Services Division is staffed by a captain, a lieutenant and two sergeants. This staff is responsible for the management and supervision of the thirty-seven (37) non-sworn employees assigned to the division. Their specific complement and assignments are as follows:

Administrative Services Captain: One full time position currently staffed. This position oversees the Administrative Services Division. The Captain of the Administrative Services Division coordinates and supervises all activities of the Communications Center Personnel, Records Clerks, Transcriptionists, Radio Repair Technician, Automotive services, and building maintenance. The Captain also assist with financial planning to include but not limited to; budget preparation, bid process, equipment purchasing, and service/repair contracts. Coordinates and supervises all activities of the grant manager. Ensures the security and operation of records management systems and software is maintained.

Grant Manager Lieutenant: One full time position currently staffs this position. The Grant Manager is responsible for overseeing all Federal, State and local grants within the organization and ensuring that those officers who are assigned to manage each specific grant complete timely reports. Develop spending plans regarding awarded grants in accordance with the grant requirements. Actively seek and acquire additional grant funding in order to maximize the acquisition of technical and tactical equipment to assist the department in completing its mission. Complete monthly/yearly Financial Status Reports, Progress Reports, Program Reports and Grant Closeout reports.

Administrative Services Sergeant: Two full time positions currently staff this position. The Administrative Services Sergeants assist the ASD OIC in

coordinating and supervising all activities of the Communications Center Personnel, Records Clerks, Transcriptionists, and Radio Repair Technician. Assist with financial planning to include but not limited to; budget preparation, bid process, service or repair contracts. Ensures the security and operation of records management systems and software is maintained.

Dispatchers: The Dispatch center is budgeted for sixteen (16) dispatcher positions. Five dispatchers are assigned to the first shift, six dispatchers are assigned to the second, and five dispatchers are assigned to the third shift.

Transcriptionist: There are three full time positions and one part-time position. Department transcriptionists transcribe report narratives, input accident “face” sheets, and electronically scan report documents into the IMC system. During 2017, transcriptionists input approximately 4,032 accident “face” sheets, they transcribed approximately 12,972 report narratives, and they scanned the bulk of the accompanying documents and images for the reports generated (i.e. witness statements).

Records Clerk: Two full time records clerks currently staff this position. Records clerks handle report requests (to include those from the media, citizens, and police officers). They file all hard copy police reports, scan accompanying documents and images for the reports generated into the Tri-Tech computer system. They are also responsible for keeping accurate records of all monies generated through report requests. During 2017, the department records clerks filed approximately 9,112 hard copy reports, reviewed 4,032 accident reports, fielded approximately 2,156 report requests (i.e. citizens, media, insurance agencies, internal distribution, etc.), and scanned accompanying documents and images for the reports generated into Tri-Tech as needed.

Records clerks also processed 7,531 “Gun checks” in 2017.

Switch Board Operators: Three full time operators currently staff the operator position. The operator and call taker positions processed almost 76,689 calls for service during 2017.

Report Review Specialist: One full time clerk currently staffs this position. This position requires the specialist to review and prepare reports for the Prosecution Division. The clerk also reviews Arrest and Offense reports, DUI/Refusal reports, and reviews and prepares motor vehicle violations/summons for the DMV.

NCIC/Audit Specialist: One full time clerk currently staffs this position. This position requires frequent interaction with the Rhode Island State Police and FBI. This specialist reviews Warwick Police case paperwork for required NCIC validations and UCR reporting. This clerk also orders and keeps track of department office supplies.

Radio Technician: The radio technician maintains and services all department communication radio systems and equipment. This includes department vehicles, portable radios and communication infrastructure. The radio technician will also coordinate with service contractors for off-site equipment repair. The radio technician is responsible for routine quality assurance and monitoring of vital communications equipment; repair, service and maintenance.

The radio technician also assists with and services computer installation, repair and programming.

Fleet Management: ASD is tasked with overseeing the department's fleet of marked and unmarked vehicles. Under this plan there is one Fleet manager who oversees a staff of four garage Mechanics and one Automotive Maintenance and Utility Person. They are responsible for the maintenance and repair on all police units. The garage also does routine repairs on the Fire department and City light use vehicles. **(153 total vehicles)** The fleet manager is responsible for ordering and stocking all necessary parts for the police garage. The Fleet Manager and garage personnel have also taken on the responsibility of snow removal for the police department. The Fleet manager reports directly to the Captain of ASD.

Maintenance: Is staffed by one Maintenance Supervisor, one full time and one part-time maintenance person. They are responsible for cleaning, moving office equipment, minor building repairs and sidewalk snow removal.

The activities of the **Administrative Services Division** center on the following activities and equipment:

Computer Network and Operating Software – The maintenance and operation of this department's computer network and all operating software (Information Management Corporation, Acorn, Dictaphone, Open Fox, Motorola, etc.) falls under the ASD (Administrative Services Division).

Communications Equipment Inventory and Maintenance – Close coordination between the division and Motorola, the equipment manufacturer, and New England

Communications, the maintenance contract holder, is required to ensure that all communications equipment operate properly. This includes all communications center equipment, repeater and radio tower sites, portable radios (standard and 800 MHz) and mobile car radios (standard and 800 MHz). It also includes all mobile data terminals, modems, and other relevant MDT equipment.

Keeper of Department Records – This category involves many separate responsibilities such as: Making sure that all records retention requirements are being adhered to, all public information requests are being properly addressed and adhere to APRA requirements, and document destruction is in accordance with Rhode Island State Law. This involves direct contact with many separate government and private entities, as well as W.P.D. employees.

Terminal Agency Coordinator – The officer in charge of the Administrative Services Division is designated the terminal agency coordinator for the department. That officer is responsible for ensuring that all Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) information requests made by the department are in accordance with federal regulations. Also, the TAC is responsible to ensure the reporting requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Incident Based Reporting System (N.I.B.R.S.) are met. This also involves coordinating with the Rhode Island State Police to make sure that we successfully complete an annual audit by the F.B.I.

Maintaining Department Forms and Printed Items – The Administrative Services Division is responsible for the development, supply, and acquisition of the various forms used in the course of business at the Warwick Police Department. Most forms are developed and maintained by the department. Additional forms associated with State and Federal requirements are procured and stocked as needed. Warwick Police Records personnel monitor the supply of these forms and acquire additional amounts as necessary.

Mobile Command Center – In addition to being a mobile command center, this asset is designed to facilitate the continuation of radio and telephone communications in the event that the communications center becomes unavailable or inoperable. The maintenance and upkeep of the mobile command center is the responsibility of the A.S.D. The division holds quarterly, unannounced drills to test both the equipment capabilities of the mobile command center as well as the performance capabilities of our dispatch personnel.

Electronic Accident Submission – This division is responsible for maintaining the equipment which allows electronic submission of all state accident reports to Rhode Island Department of Transportation as required by state law. The A.S.D. works with M.I.S. to keep this system operating properly.

FCC Licensing and Antenna Tower Registration – The A.S.D. is responsible for complying with Federal Communications Commission requirements relating to radio communications. This includes maintaining our current radio frequency licenses and antenna tower registrations. Additionally, the A.S.D. is subject to various audits that are periodically initiated by the FCC.

Training – The Warwick Police Department’s software, computer equipment, office equipment, & mobile data terminals are dynamic in nature. As such, they require continuing training to be used at their fullest potential. The A.S.D. coordinates with the technology vendors & volunteer department trainers to facilitate this training.

Ordering and Maintaining Office Supplies – ASD is responsible for the procuring, storage, and distribution of general office supplies (paper, ink cartridges, toner, paper clips, etc.).

Maintaining Department Equipment – ASD is also responsible for maintaining equipment that is necessary to the function of this police department. This includes but is not limited to, the Acorn System (telephone and radio recording), telephone system, A.F.I.S. system, micro-film reader, copy machines, emergency generator, Dictaphone system, Digital camera system, and Mobile Data Terminals.

Professional Standards Division 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



The Professional Standards Division (PSD) is responsible for maintaining a high level of professional conduct within the police department. The division performs the functions of: Investigating complaints of officer misconduct, maintaining the department's CALEA and RIPAC accreditation, training personnel, and recruiting and selecting new officers. Additionally, the office of the Mayor has assigned to the police department the function of "City Integrity Officer." This duty is delegated to the Captain of the Professional Standards Division. That duty consists of receiving, routing, and ensuring the resolution of allegations of corruption and criminal activity in the course of their employment by city employees. The officer in charge of the Professional Standards Division reports directly to the Chief of Police.

The division is comprised of a captain acting as the division officer-in-charge (OIC), one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, two (2) Patrol Officers and (1) Inspector.

The Captain coordinates all the efforts in all functional areas. Additionally he is responsible for the conduct and resolution of all internal misconduct investigations. The captain typically assigns internal investigations to the appropriate authority for action, whether it is to the employee's platoon/unit for minor violations, or to a PSD investigator for more serious offenses.

The Lieutenant of the Professional Standards Division assists and supports the Captain in the above indicated activities. Additionally, he took primary responsibility for personnel matters, and is a primary internal investigator for serious investigations.

The Professional Standards Division Sergeant/ Training Sergeant position is responsible for the coordination of the department's in-service and external training efforts. Additionally, the Sergeant assists with the division's recruitment efforts, and less critical internal investigations. Coordinating recruit background investigations for the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy in 2017, was a major portion of the Sergeant's duties.

The officer assigned as the accreditation manager was assigned in October 2015, assuming the responsibilities that were previously held by a sergeant. That officer is responsible solely for the management of the department's CALEA and RIPAC Accreditation efforts.

The second Officer assigned to the unit is tasked with assisting the training Sergeant in his duties, and for the management and execution of background investigations of new officers, coordinating gun checks, and administering the department's door access system.

Investigating Complaints of Officer Misconduct

This function is vital for maintaining the professional standards of the department. The division does this through the recording and investigating of complaints against officers. Also, tracking employee conduct, determining policy implications and identifying training trends are paramount to this function.

There were a total of 39 "IA" cases opened in 2017 which varied from documenting sensitive events, formal external complaints and internal complaints. This is up from 26 types of these cases in 2016.

2017 Citizens' & Internal Complaint Summary

Total Number of Citizen Complaints: 19

Total Number of Internal Complaints: 20

Investigation Types

Demeanor:	7	Conduct Unbecoming:	1
Crime Involved:	0	Poor Performance:	0
Civil Rights:	2	Policy Violation:	8
Excessive Force:	1	Rule & Reg:	2
Integrity / Ethics:	4	Other:	14

Dispositions:

Sustained:	13
Not Sustained:	3
Exonerated:	8
Unfounded:	4
Open Investigation:	3
Closed – Info Only:	6
Other:	2

2017 Annual Use of Force Analysis



Overall Activity

- There were a total of 76,727 calls for service logged by the Warwick Police Department in 2017, compared 79,280 in 2016, a decrease of 3%.
- There were 2,474 arrests in 2017, compared with 2,919 in 2016, a decrease of 15%.

Use of Force Totals

- There were **37** incidents of use of force in 2017 involving **52** officers, compared to **79** incidents involving **55** officers in 2016.
- Of those **37** incidents, **20** resulted in at least one arrest.
- 1% of all arrests involved the use of force.
- **46 %** of use of force incidents resulted in an arrest.
- 1 % of all calls for service involved the use of force.
- **34** different officers accounted for all use of force incidents.
- **20 %** of the total number of sworn officers accounted for of all incidents.

Incident Type

Crime in Progress

5

Domestic Disturbance

6

Warrant	1	Non-Domestic Disturbance	12
Traffic Incident	6	Suicide	2
Suspicious Situation	1	Escape	0
Other	4		

- Many incidents cited more than one factor.
- ‘Other’ includes 1 accidental Taser discharges at headquarters and one firearm AD.

Suspect Condition

Emotionally Unstable	8	Goal Directed	1
Under drug or Alcohol Influence	20	None/Calm	6
Other	2		

- Many incidents cited more than one factor.
- ‘N/A’ includes 1 accidental Taser discharges and one Animal Control Incident

Force Employed

Physical Force	13	Taser Deployed	5
OC Spray	5	Firearm Drawn	10
Baton	0	Firearm Discharged	1*
Taser Drawn	10	K9 Bite	0

- Many incidents cited more than one factor. The Taser Deployed here category notes actual uses in the line of duty and not accidental.
- *The 1 Firearm Discharged was an accidental discharge at the range.

Force Justification

Protect Self/other	26	Prevent Escape	3
Crime in Progress	1	Resisting Arrest	7

Other/Control Subject	12	Effect Arrest	8
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- Many incidents cited more than one factor.
- ‘Other’ includes the accidental discharges.

Injuries / Complaints of Pain

Suspect Minor	12	Officer Minor	0
Suspect Complaints of Pain	2	Officer Serious	0
Suspect Serious	0	None	21

Force by Race and Gender

White	33	Male	33
Black	1	Female	1
Hispanic	1	Other/Unk	2

Firearms / Deadly Force Involving Humans

- There were no incidents of a firearm discharge or deadly force used against a human in 2017.
- Sworn officers used deadly force to euthanize sick or injured animals 22 times in 2017, as opposed to 20 times in 2016.
 - In all instances of the use of deadly force to euthanize sick or injured animals, proper supervisor approval was sought and obtained.

Accreditation

The Warwick Police Department is a nationally accredited Law Enforcement agency. The Warwick Police Department was first accredited in November of 1997. Warwick was the 1st city agency within the State of Rhode Island to become accredited. Over the past 20 years, the Warwick Police Department has maintained its national accreditation. The Warwick Police Department completed its most recent CALEA assessment in 2015. Achieving and maintaining accreditation requires adherence to 460 standards as set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The standards address nine major law enforcement areas:

1. role, responsibilities, and relationships
2. organization, management, and administration
3. personnel structure
4. personnel process
5. operations
6. operation support
7. traffic operations
8. detainee and court-related activities
9. auxiliary and technical services

CALEA accreditation is handled by an officer assigned to the Professional Standards Division. Annually, a representative from CALEA electronically reviews approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Warwick Police Department's files. Beginning in December of 2017, a representative from CALEA assessed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Warwick Police Department files, finding the department to be in 100% compliance. Every four years, representatives from CALEA visit each agency to conduct an "on-site" assessment. The next "on-site" assessment for the Warwick Police Department is scheduled for August 2019.

Additionally, The Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC) began accrediting Rhode Island law enforcement agencies in 2013 on a set of 12

additional standards for CALEA accredited agencies. The Warwick Police Department was first RIPAC accredited in 2013. In September of 2016, the Warwick Police Department received its second RIPAC accreditation award. RIPAC accreditation assessments are now every four years and will re-assess the Warwick Police Department in 2020. Consequently, The Warwick Police Department is accredited by both of these commissions (CALEA/RIPAC).

The Warwick Police Department Accreditation Manager is also responsible for review and updates to the department policies and procedures. The department currently utilizes a computer program called PowerDMS, which is used for maintaining policies, training, and accreditation files.

Training



The training function of the department is coordinated by each member of the division through constant identification of training needs, selection of appropriate schooling, facilitating and coordination of in-service trainings. The main portion of scheduling and assignment is the responsibility of the training sergeant who handles the logistical aspects of training assignments. This sergeant in addition to the training officer facilitates recruit background investigations, firearms checks, and the Warwick Housing Authority background checks.

The annual training forecast from division heads and command staff members totaled one hundred and six (106) different training initiatives which totaled an

estimated \$63,777.00. This annual forecasting of training requirements allowed for accurate budget forecasting in addition to identifying relevant training requirements.

In accordance with Policy (G.O# 230.01) the training committee met in the Spring and Fall of 2017. The committee comprises members of the police department who are subject matter experts in their respective areas and are tasked with executing the annual training plan. This includes the development of and implementation of lesson plans.

The implementation of in-service trainings, firearms qualifications, non-lethal weapons trainings, and all other statutory required trainings are handled by the division as well.

Additional trainings were specialized to particular officers in their area of expertise or job.

1079 individual training records were created which included over 5289 training hours.

Category Breakdown:

- Drug or Alcohol Recognition	452 Hours
- Crime Scene Investigation	88 Hours
- Community Policing	128 Hours
- Communications	6 Hours
- Emergency Management	23 Hours
- Incident Command	38 Hours
- Leadership Development	818 Hours
- Physical fitness	162 Hours
- Canine Operations	88 Hours
- Mental Health	143 Hours
- Dive/SWAT/CNT	208 Hours
- Weapons Training (Lethal/Less Lethal)	256 Hours
- Professional Development	48 Hours
- Tactical Training	672 Hours

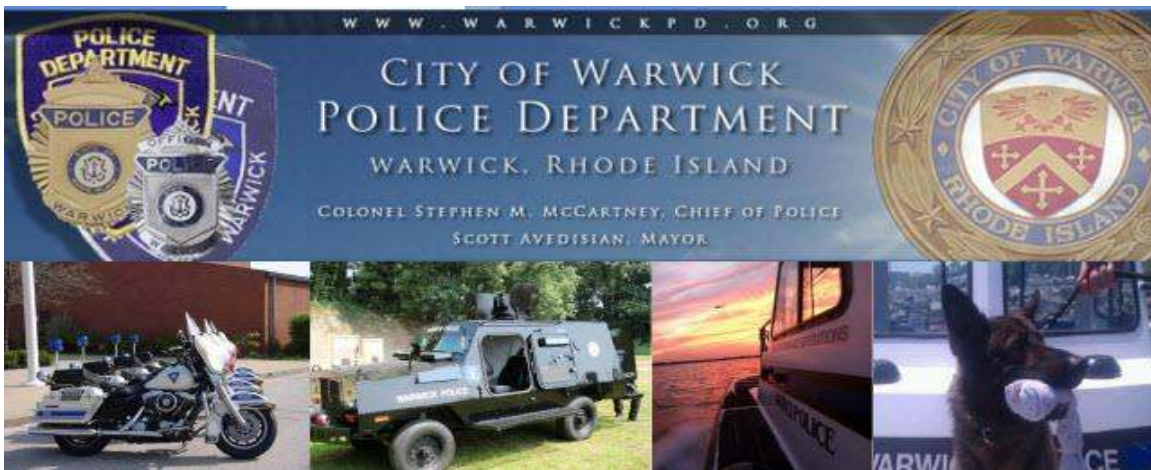
The Training Division conducted several In-service training topics which are listed below. It does not include the department annual firearms qualification for all sworn officers and the training / recertification of officers on Conducted Electrical

Weapon(s) (tasers). The department currently has a total of 14 tasers and certified 75 officers.

In Service Trainings

- Interdiction and Drug Investigation
- FATS
- Range Officer
- Glock Transition
- Breathalyzer/SFST
- Taser Recertification and Certification
- Patrol Rifle
- Night Shoot
- Tactical In Service Training (4 hour block which covered Expandable Baton, OC Spray, Less Lethal Shotgun, Handcuffing, Weapon Manipulation Drills, Scenario Based Training and UOF Legal Updates)

Recruitment and Selection



The overall goal of the recruitment and selection process is to identify applicants who are highly qualified for the position of police officer. This will be accomplished by attempting to achieve maximum public awareness of the recruitment drive and outreach to all segments of the population. Recruitment efforts include highlighting the benefits and advantages of the job while conveying to candidates a realistic picture of officers' duties.

Candidates who successfully complete the recruitment process are placed on a two year eligibility list and will be presented with conditional offers of employment as vacancies occur. The selection process includes a physical fitness test, written exam, medical exam, oral interviews, psychological evaluation, and a complete background investigation. Wide ranges of recruitment methods are employed in an effort to select from a diverse pool of candidates with the intention of mirroring the gender and racial makeup of the community served by the Warwick Police Department. Updated recruitment media was produced to assist with recruitment efforts to include the increased use of technology like social media.

The 2017 Warwick Police Recruitment drive had a total of 253 initial applicants which resulted in a hiring list of 56 eligible candidates. This list will stay active through October 2019. Members of the PSD coordinated and conducted background investigations on 41 applicants on the hiring lists from both 2016-2017's hiring list as well as the newly established 2017-2019 list. These background investigations resulted in the successful hiring of 16 new officers. Five of those officers are currently in the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy and are expected to graduate in May of 2018. Four of the candidates from the 2017-2019 hiring list are lateral transfers from other agencies and are expected to start in April of 2018.

For 2018, the members of the Professional Standards Division will continue to conduct background investigations on potential hires off of the established list. It is projected the Professional Standards Division will conduct a minimum of 24 background investigations in 2018. The Division will continue to strive to help the department maintain a professional reputation, and achieve the goals that are set by the Office of the Chief of Police.

Prosecution Division Annual Report 2017

Mission Statement

The mission of the Prosecution Division is to pursue the vigorous and fair prosecution of criminal cases, with a commitment to serve as an advocate for the rights of all victims, and to promote the safety and well-being of the public.



The Prosecution Division is primarily responsible for the successful prosecution of all criminal charges and traffic violations brought by the Warwick Police Department. The Division is comprised of 4 sworn members and 5 civilian staff members. Sworn members include a Lieutenant and 3 officers. Sworn police officers in Rhode Island initiate court complaints and conduct initial arraignments in District Court (*criminal*) Family Court, and at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal

(*civil violations*). Daily efficient operation of the Prosecution Unit requires a well organized, coordinated effort between the Police Department and the Rhode Island Judiciary. The unit is therefore organized according to function, with its member's assigned very specific duties.

Prosecution Lieutenant Officer-In-Charge

The Prosecution Lieutenant (OIC) supervises all functions within the Prosecution Division. He/She reviews, evaluates and initiates prosecutorial action on criminal cases originating from both the Patrol and Detective Divisions. The Prosecution Lieutenant oversees the prosecution of violations of the RI Traffic Code within the Warwick Municipal Court and Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, serves as the primary arraignment officer in the District Court, and handles extradition proceedings within the District Ct.

Responsibilities include maintaining diplomatic relations with attorneys and liaison with various state, local, and federal agencies. The Prosecution Lieutenant is responsible for general office management, and evaluates both sworn and non-sworn personnel assigned to the division.

Paralegal: The Prosecution OIC and City Solicitors are assisted by the department paralegal; whose duties include pre-trial and trial case preparation and assistance in District Court proceedings. The paralegal may request copies of evidence, as needed, assist victims in case proceedings, follow-up on case motions, and research applicable case law and procedure as it relates to district court proceedings. The paralegal maintains case files, coordinates scheduling for misdemeanor cases, notifies victims of case dispositions, as well as additional office duties.

District Court Clerk: This position is a support element for the Prosecution OIC. The clerk's assigned duties which include scheduling, filing, and coordinating the efforts of the police department and the District Court. This includes arraignment case preparation, generating subpoenas, preparing officer court notifications, making contact with various criminal justice support agencies, preparing discovery requests, witness notification, and providing documentation for potential District and Superior Court violators.

Prosecution Officer: Prosecution Officers are assigned to either one of two positions within the division. One as an agency representative for prosecution of motor vehicle code violations in the RI Traffic Tribunal or as the Felony Screening Officer. Prosecution officers may be called upon to serve in District or Family Court in the absence of the primary arraignment officers.

Felony Screening Officer: A sworn police officer who prepares and reviews all adult felony cases after an arrest to ensure proper charging and successful prosecution. The screening officer presents felony cases to the Attorney General's Office on a weekly basis, compiles cases for submission to a Grand Jury for indictment, conducts follow up assistance to the Attorney General's office on cases requiring further investigation or documentation, and maintains files on active felony cases within the prosecution division. This officer acts as agency liaison with the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General on felony matters.

Superior Court Clerk: This position is a support element for the Felony Screening Officer. The clerk's assigned duties include scheduling, filing and coordinating the efforts of the police department and the Superior Court. The position involves, but is not limited to, generating subpoenas, witness location and assistance, coordination with various criminal justice agencies regarding active cases, case preparation of District or Superior Court violators file and warrant maintenance. The Superior Court clerk is tasked with entering case dispositions, and victim notification of disposed District Court cases at arraignment.

RITT Prosecution Officer: A sworn police officer who serves as prosecution officer in matters involving violations of the state motor vehicle code at the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. These include DUI refusal arraignments, which in many cases require coordination with the District Court Officer on criminal DUI matters. The RITT officer acts as agency liaison with the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General on matters involving motor vehicle cases. This officer compiles information and documentation for discovery purposes on RITT cases and serves as primary technician for preservation, copying and distribution of agency CCTV surveillance recordings utilized for presentation in the prosecution of DUI related cases.

RITT Court Clerk: This position is a support element for the RITT Prosecution Officer. The clerk's duties include case preparation for all traffic matters arraigned in the District Court and Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. The position involves, but is not limited to, maintaining and monitoring court calendars and scheduling of

police officers , ensure proper documentation is included in cases, obtaining driving abstracts from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, operates NCIC terminal for inquiries, prepares discovery requests, and providing documentation for potential District or Superior Court violators.

Juvenile Officer: The Juvenile Officer primarily handles the adjudication of all juvenile offender arrests, to include; the Juvenile Hearing Board, social diversionary agencies, and Family Court. The Juvenile Officer also acts as agency liaison with representatives of the Warwick School Department, Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, and Governor’s Justice Commission. The Juvenile Officer is the primary police prosecutor on all juvenile matters. This officer prepares cases with all involved agencies, monitors juveniles placed on restrictive measures, subpoenas witnesses for Family Court appearances, and tracks missing juvenile cases.

Division Report: There are currently 8 persons assigned to the Prosecution Division. This includes four (4) sworn officers, three (3) civilian employees, and the Domestic Violence Advocate, who is employed by Day One, however coordinates with both the Warwick and West Warwick Police Department Prosecution Divisions. Due to retirements the Prosecution Division is operating one civilian short and have done so for several months.

Overall, case activity for the unit decreased in 2017. Overall arrest totals for calendar year 2017 were 2817, a decrease of 97 cases, however we did see 187 citations issued for simple possession of marijuana. Case activity saw a slight decrease or remained constant in all of the four court jurisdictions except in the area of traffic citations. There were 110 total juvenile arrests for 2017. These arrests were handled by the following manner:

Juvenile Hearing Board: 17

Petitioned to Family Court: 12

Diversion Programs: 42

The Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB) is for first time, city resident juvenile offenders. The 17 cases for 2017 represented a decrease of 55% from 2016. These are generally non-violent offenders who are referred to the JHB for adjudication. The

effectiveness of the Juvenile Hearing Board continues to be positive, as recidivism rates of these offenders are historically low.

There were 17 total arrests at the Warwick Public Schools for the calendar year. Diversion programs in 2017 included all of the disobedient complaints which were filed. Most disobedient complaints are referred to Comprehensive Community Action, a needs assessment organization. The more extensive cases are referred to the Family Court for formal intervention.

In addition to prosecutorial duties, the Youth Services Unit (YSU) monitors curfew and home confinement with the support of Family Court and Probation personnel. Tobacco enforcement cases are also processed by the YSU. There were 22 juveniles cited for tobacco and/or marijuana possession in 2017, an increase of 22% from 17 in 2016. All of the tobacco cases were referred to the cigarette cessation program through the Department of Human Services.

Traffic Tribunal cases saw a significant dip from 2016. There were 2242 ticket arraignments at the RITT in 2017 compared to 2932 in 2016, representing a significant decrease from the previous year. Refusal defendants were charged 261 times in 2017 just slightly less than 2016 with DUI refusal, a civil infraction. Simple possession of marijuana was charged 142 times in 2017 a slight increase over 2016.

There were 2542 District Court arraignments in 2017, while total pre-trials (892) increased. There have been 1152 defendants sentenced on new cases this year. Multi case and repeat offenders have seen a substantial increase over the last several years.

Misdemeanor cases continued past initial arraignment in the District Court to pre-trial status 57% of the times, with a small percentage pleading nolo or guilty. There were 287 misdemeanor cases dismissed in CY 2017. Reasons for case dismissal include: license renewals, victims who do not wish to proceed with prosecution, community service completion, dismissed by the judge, restitution, counseling, or in lieu of plea in another court jurisdiction.

There were a total of 299 felony cases screened for presentation to the Attorney General's Office in 2017. Of those cases screened 95% of cases were accepted and subsequently prosecuted.

The breakdown were as follows: 198 cases signed and passed screening for prosecution, 57 were waived cases where a defendant waived their right to a trial

and were sentenced, 8 cases were presented to the Grand Jury for charging, 29 cases were charged as secret information, 3 cases lacked sufficient evidence for charging, and 4 cases were remanded to the District Ct.

Operational and functional improvements are ongoing to increase efficiency and delivery of services. Downsizing and re-organization of the office area has allowed for better utilization of space, while maintaining compliance with state law. The division has improved upon e-mail based delivery system of documents, further saving time and resources. Training is ongoing to comply with court rules, state mandates, technological advancements, case quality, and legal updates.

The division receives numerous information requests from various sources. These include case inquiries by victims, witnesses, and involved parties, departmental requests, court correspondence, and attorney requests. The Domestic Violence Advocate assists in directing victims of domestic violence to available resources, referrals, information on the prosecutorial process, notification of case or defendant status, and restraining order assistance. The Division remains committed to victim assistance and advocates for a safe community for residents and visitors alike.

Areas that need improvement include delivery of subpoenas and properly charging subjects based on the new suspended license guidelines.

Animal Control Division 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Personnel

SGT Margaret McKay (ACO supervisor)
ACO Amy Violet
ACO Eric Brewster
ACO Heather Razza

Animal Control Call Overview for 2017

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Calls Taken	2794	2894	2982
Total Reports taken	221	219	292
Vicious Dog Hearings	12	12	4

Cruelty cases prosecuted	3	2	2
Violations issued	89	92	107

Monthly calls for service 2017

Month	Calls	Vicious Calls	Total
January	123	3	126
February	127	5	132
March	145	6	151
April	231	4	235
May	242	5	247
June	308	7	315
July	300	6	306
August	355	9	364
September	351	6	357
October	304	3	307
November	251	5	256
December	182	4	186

Total Calls	2919	63	2982
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2017 Animal Control Equipment Inventory

2- 2014 Ford F150s with animal cage

- **Unit 46 >77,000 miles**
- **Unit 49: 38,444 miles**

2- Catch all Poles

2- Pair of Cat tongs

2- Soft animal stretchers

2- Small animal crates

- 2- Large animal crates
- 2- Havahart animal traps
- 2- Infra red thermometers w/laser point sighting
- 2- Pair of Cat & Wildlife gloves
- 1-Chip reader
- 4-Tool clamps
- 3- Individual PPE's
- 3-Cadaver bags
- 3-Balistic vests
- 2-Window punch
- 1-Rabies pole
- 2-1st aid kits (animal)

2017 Training

- May 2017 Fighting animal cruelty
- May 2017 RI Animal Control Training Assoc.
Animal Control Workshop 2015. 6hr
- June 2017 RI Animal Control Training Assoc.
Ofc Safety and Shelter Management. 1hr
- August 2017 Safety in animal cases 3.5 hrs.
- September 2017 Officer Safety in aggressive animal cases 4hrs.
- September 2017 K-9 body language 4 hrs.
- November 2017 Animal Control Professional Development
RISPCA. 4hrs. Topics covered: Legislation.

Activity Summary

The call volume handled by the Animal control division increased by 88 calls, an approximately 3.0% increase over 2016. The increase was proportionate over the

course of the year. There was a 25% increase in the number of offense reports taken, and the total number of violations issued increased by .07%. Additionally, the animal control division investigated 4 vicious dog attacks and coordinated their hearings in conjunction with the RISPCA, a 75% reduction over the previous year. This dramatic decrease is due to the newly enacted City Ordinance (Aggressive animals) 4-50.

The department prosecuted two animal cruelty cases, in which the defendants were charged with unnecessary cruelty to animals, RIGL 4-1-3; mistreatment to animals, RIGL 4-1-2. The Patrol Division in conjunction with Animal Control found them to be living in deplorable conditions and lacking water.

Successes in 2017

- Hired and trained (@) new Animal Control Officers
- Purchased new equipment
 - Rabies pole - 1(one)
 - PPE (enhanced)
 - 1 ID chip reader
 - Equip. clamps for veh.
 - Ballistic vest for each ACO
 - Window punch for each ACO veh.
- Increased training for Animal Control Officers
- Upgraded information to City Animal Control website
- Prepared and Introduced (7) new Ordinances' to the City Council which were approved including 4-50 (Aggressive Animal Ordinance). This legislation has made The City of Warwick the model for Municipal Animal Control Laws throughout the State of Rhode Island.

Goals for 2018

- Procure A/C units for the ACO vehicles
- Establish web based reporting for non-emergency issues
- Acquire annual uniforms for ACO's

- Continue to enhance and develop the relationship between the Animal Control Division and the citizens of Warwick
- Develop a “lead ACO” position.
- Continue to increase professional development for ACO’s through training