

NORTH PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION STATEMENT

The members of the North Providence Police Department are dedicated and committed to providing the highest quality police services to our citizens. We are dedicated to the concept of personal excellence at the highest level, uncompromising integrity, continuous improvement in order to enhance public safety, protection of life and property, and the reduction of crime and the perceptions of crime. We will fulfill this mission by developing a partnership with the community in a manner that inspires confidence and trust. We acknowledge a community commitment to resolve issues and improve the quality of life for all residents. Members of the North Providence Police Department take pride in our professional accomplishments and abilities. We are individually accountable for the reflection of the following core values in both our professional and personal lives:

- Respect for human life;*
- Treating all people with the highest regard and respect;*
- Honesty and integrity through ethical behavior;*
- Professionalism and excellence demonstrated in all areas of duty;*
- Cooperation with all agencies of Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement and government;*
- Strengthen partnerships with the community.*

Every citizen contact is an opportunity to demonstrate the mission and the values of the North Providence Police Department

MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL



I am pleased to present the first annual, “North Providence Police Department Annual Report” for the calendar year 2017. Upon being sworn in as Chief of Police on August 22, 2017, I pledged to become part of the fabric of the Town by being accessible and visible within the community. As a strong proponent of community outreach, I have directed coordinated efforts to engage our youth, seniors, the business community, residents and faith based organizations to build trust, confidence and mutual respect. It is our hope, by publishing this report, we are demonstrating our willingness and commitment to foster transparency and accountability the public looks for from their police department.

Within the 2017 Annual Report, you will see evidence of an evolving North Providence Police Department. This report provides an overview of the department’s organizational structure, budgetary data, crime statistics, community outreach initiatives, recent accomplishments as well as projected goals.

The North Providence Police Department is currently comprised of 63 dedicated sworn men and women, and 18 non-sworn employees who provide a wide range of services to over 33,000 residents in the Town. In 2017, officers responded to 45,487 calls for service, effectuated 1,206 arrests, including 352 felony arrests, issued 6,898 motor vehicle violations and responded to 1,084 motor vehicle accidents. With over 45,000 documented calls for service, the Office of Professional Standards received only 12 complaints (less than .03%) from the public regarding allegations of police or civilian employee misconduct. This data supports the professional behavior exhibited daily by our members and is consistent with my philosophy of treating all people with courtesy, dignity and respect.

These are exciting times for our agency as we undergo a complete review of our policies and procedures with a goal of attaining Rhode Island State Accreditation by the Fall/Winter of 2018. In November of 2017, we broke ground for the Town’s Public Safety Complex, which is projected to be completed during the Spring/Summer of 2019. Dedicated to fulfilling our motto “Committed to Excellence,” a comprehensive audit review of the property and evidence room was conducted, which restored integrity, accountability and credibility to our property and evidence control measures. From the establishment of a Winter Operations Plan to effectively deploy resources, to implementing the Skylert/School Messenger for Level II and III Sex Offender notifications, the members of this agency are committed to providing you the highest level of law enforcement services.

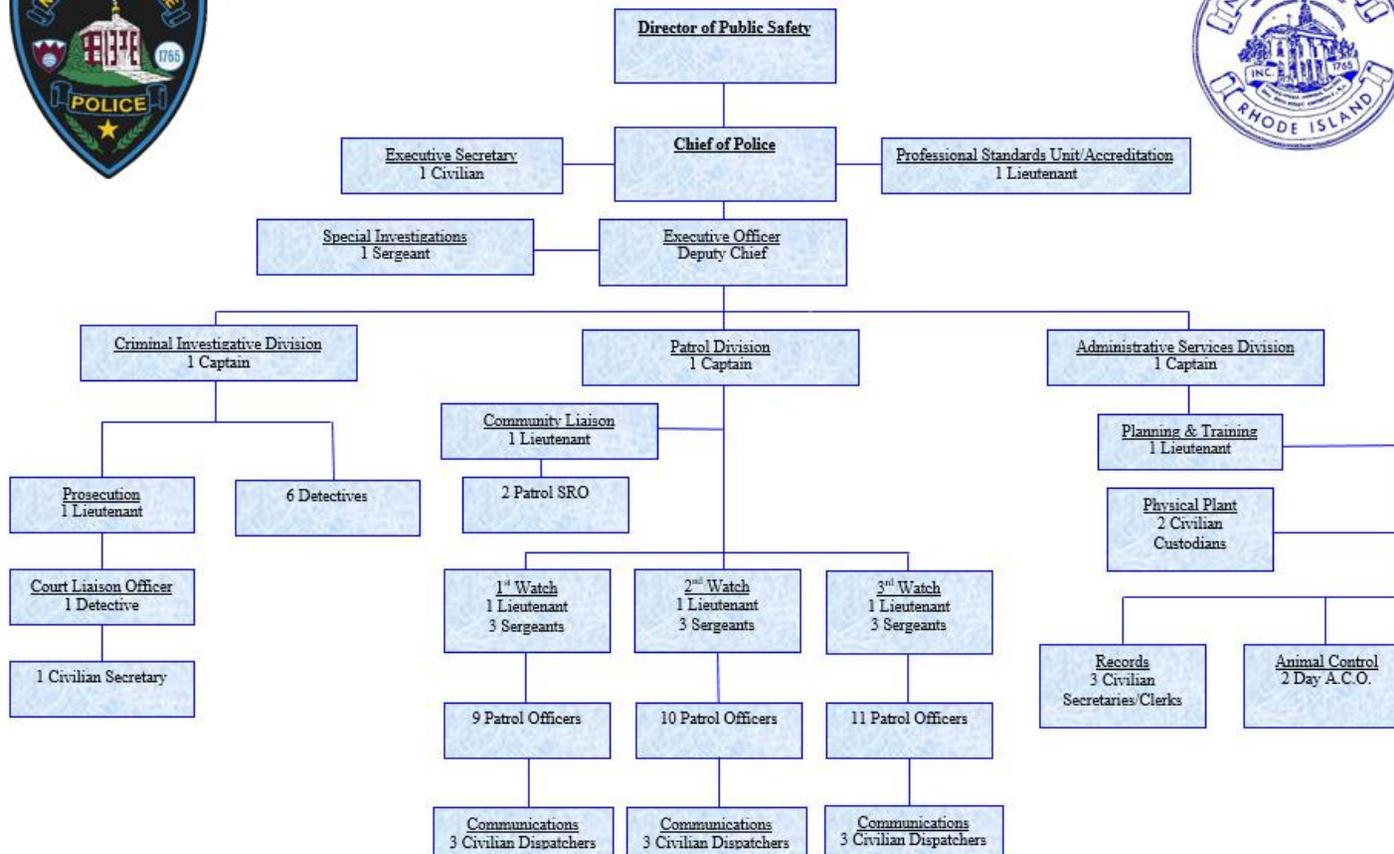
All this and much more was accomplished while operating prudently within our budget. The department’s total annual budget is approximately 6.4 million dollars. Fixed personnel costs of approximately 5.6 million dollars account for 88% of the total annual budget. The agency has exercised fiscal responsibility, limiting operating expenses to just over \$850,000.

Keeping our community safe remains a top priority for the North Providence Police Department. We will continue identifying avenues and opportunities to engage and interact with our residents. I invite you to become connected with the police department by following us on social media, approaching an officer in the community or attending one of our newly implemented quarterly “Community Roll Call” forums, and share your ideas. Collaboration is imperative to our continued success.

Respectfully,
Colonel David P. Tikoian
Chief of Police



NORTH PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 2018 Organizational Chart



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COMMAND STAFF



Colonel David P. Tikoian
Chief of Police



Deputy Chief Arthur J. Martins
Executive Officer



Captain Donald Trainor
Patrol Division Commander



Captain Michael Paiva
Criminal Investigative Division Commander



Captain John Brady
Administrative Services Division Commander

SECTION AND UNIT COMMANDERS



Lieutenant Dennis Stone
Prosecution



Lieutenant John Anzivino
Planning and Training



Lieutenant Michel'Angelo Scaramuzzo
Community Policing



Lieutenant Diana Perez
Office of Professional Standards

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The North Providence Police Department consists of 63 sworn members (budgeted for 66) and eighteen (18) non-sworn members. The promotional process for sworn personnel is determined by educational and time-in-grade requirements for each rank prior to being eligible to take a promotional test. Officers must pass both an oral interview and a comprehensive written examination to be added to a promotional list. The table below depicts the rank structure within the North Providence Police Department.

RANK STRUCTURE
Director of Public Safety (Mayor)
Chief of Police (Colonel)
Deputy Chief (Executive Officer)
Captain
Lieutenant
Sergeant
Patrol Officer/ Detective

APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF OF POLICE: Retired RI State Police Major David P. Tikoian to Chief of Police – August, 2017

DEPUTY CHIEF: Retired Pawtucket Police Major Arthur J. Martins to Deputy Chief – January, 2018

PROMOTIONS

CAPTAIN: Lieutenant Donald Trainor to the rank of Captain – December, 2017
Lieutenant John Brady to the rank of Captain – December, 2017

LIEUTENANT: Sergeant Michel' Angelo Scaramuzzo to the rank of Lieutenant – December, 2017
Sergeant Michael Tavarozzi to the rank of Lieutenant – December, 2017

SERGEANT: Detective Robert DiFilippo to the rank of Sergeant – December, 2017
Patrol Officer Ryan Emerson to the rank of Sergeant – December, 2017

ASSIGNMENTS

DETECTIVE: Patrol Officer Matthew Phelan to Detective – December, 2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the calendar year 2017, the North Providence Police achieved several accomplishments, including, but not limited to:

- The completion of a comprehensive audit of the evidence and property room, which resulted in 100% reconciliation, as well as the implementation of a CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) compliant policy that governs property and evidence control;
- Formation of a Peer Support Team for Department personnel, which provides a channel of help for those employees dealing with work related or personal issues;
- Establishment of a Winter Operations Plan for the Department, which provides an effective plan for supervisory personnel to deploy resources during adverse winter weather conditions;
- Development of a new, improved, and consistently updated, North Providence Police Department website – www.nppolice.com;
- Use of Skylert/School Messenger for Level II and III Sex Offender notifications;
- The hosting of the Department's Awards Ceremony at Camp Meehan, which recognized officer accomplishments in the line of duty;
- Implementation and test of the North Providence High School Active Shooter System, which uses noise detectors combined with video surveillance to locate the possible active shooter inside the school;
- Implementation of Active Shooter kits in patrol vehicles;
- Three day training and certification of twenty-four (24) Patrol Rifle Operators. Prior to this training, patrol officers were not qualified to carry patrol rifles during the course of their duties;
- Gunshot wound first aid training for all officers;
- Equipped all patrol officers with digital cameras for evidence documentation and preservation;
- Provided sign language training to officers;
- Held a Citizens Police Academy, which graduated twenty-two (22) students from the North Providence High School;
- Creation and compilation of the North Providence Police Department's 1st Annual Report.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The short term goals of the North Providence Police Department for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 include:

- Attaining accreditation through the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC) by Fall/Winter of 2018, ensuring the Department operates in accordance with Federal and State Laws and the standards set forth by RIPAC;
- Institute a forty (40) hour mandatory in-service training program to keep officers proficient in various aspects of the ever changing environment of law enforcement;
- In an effort to provide the best service possible to the citizens of the Town of North Providence, bring the Department to the full number of budgeted officers, which will in turn also reduce the current cost of overtime;
- Host quarterly “Community Roll Call” forums at various locations in the Town in order to inform the public of current police initiatives, operations and crime trends, as well as to obtain the cares, concerns and feedback from the community we serve;
- Awarding of a contract for the building construction phase of the new North Providence Public Safety Complex;
- Assignment of an officer to the Rhode Island State Police, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force, which will avail significant resources to North Providence in eradicating illicit drugs from our community;
- Initiate a Department wide transition to the Sig Sauer P320 (9mm) sidearm to improve officer proficiency and significantly reduce the cost expenditure of current ammunition;
- Conducting of an Active Shooter Capabilities Test with the North Providence Fire Department, in order to assess current responses;
- Partnered with the North Providence Substance Abuse Coalition and the Tri-Town Community Action Agency to install a MedReturn Drug Collection Unit at the North Providence Police Department for residents to safely dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is under the command of Captain Donald Trainor, a fifteen (15) year veteran of the North Providence Police Department, who serves as the Patrol Division Commander. This Division consists of uniformed members of the Department, which are divided up between three (3) primary Patrol Watches. Also under the command of the Patrol Division Commander is the Community Policing Unit, which includes the School Resource Officers (SROs), as well as the Communications Center, staffed by non-sworn Police Dispatchers. In addition to the three (3) Watches, individual officers may be assigned to work overlap shifts to provide continuing patrol coverage and additional manpower during peak periods. All Watches are supervised by the on-duty Watch Commander, who holds the rank of a Lieutenant, as well as the front line supervisors who hold the rank of Sergeant.

The Patrol Division is the largest and most visible entity of the police force. It is the backbone of the North Providence Police Department. The Patrol Division provides continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day service and is responsible for much of the day to day operations, including but not limited to:

- Assisting citizens with both criminal and civil issues;
- Crime prevention;
- The apprehension of offenders;
- Collection of evidence;
- Rendering emergency aid;
- Traffic and DUI enforcement
- Issuance of summonses;
- Curbing poor driving habits;
- Preliminary and follow-up investigations of criminal acts;
- Documentation of incidents, accidents and arrests;
- The presentation of court testimony.

In accordance with the Department's Mission Statement, the Patrol Division maintains a community commitment to resolve issues and improve the quality of life for all residents, as every citizen contact is an opportunity to demonstrate the mission and the values of the North Providence Police Department.

PATROL DIVISION 2017 NOTABLE CASES

On March 22, 2017, the North Providence Police responded to Lowe's at 1703 Mineral Spring Avenue for a 911 hang up call. Upon arrival they observed an unresponsive male lying face down in the parking lot. Officers began performing CPR, and the male opened his eyes and began to breathe. North Providence Rescue personnel responded to the scene and transported the victim to the hospital where he recovered. The male later explained he had experienced chest pain, passed out and fell to the ground prior to being helped by the officers.

On July 28, 2017, Patrol Officers on routine patrol in the area of Evans Field, located at 1521 Smith Street, conducted a motor vehicle stop for a traffic violation. During the course of the investigation officers subsequently arrested a subject for Possession of a Loaded Firearm While in a Vehicle and License or Permit to Carry a Pistol.

On September 12, 2017, officers responded to 300 Smithfield Road for a report of a male subject who had locked himself inside the bathroom and was unresponsive. Upon arrival officers attempted to knock loudly on the bathroom door; however, they did not receive a response. They then heard faint moaning coming from inside the bathroom. Officers forced entry into the bathroom and observed the male lying motionless on the floor with no pulse. Officers performed CPR, administered 2 doses of Narcan (a nasal spray carried by officers that helps to block the effects of opiates) on the subject and contacted Rescue. Prior to Rescue personnel responding, the officers were able to obtain a pulse. Rescue personnel arrived on scene and were able to further assist. Shortly after being treated, the subject regained full consciousness and became coherent.

On September 26, 2017, Patrol Officers responded to Puritan Street for a parking complaint. During the investigation, officers subsequently made contact with the vehicle owner and observed narcotics in plain view, which led to the arrest of multiple subjects for possession of an illicit drug, later identified as the deadly substance Fentanyl.

On November 24, 2017, officers observed a stolen motor vehicle traveling eastbound on Smith Street, entering the City of Providence. They stopped the vehicle and made contact with the operator. During a search of the vehicle, officers recovered a loaded firearm. The operator was charged with Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Loaded Weapons in Vehicle, Carrying a Pistol without a License, Reckless Driving/Drag Racing/Eluding the Police and Obstructing a Police Officer.



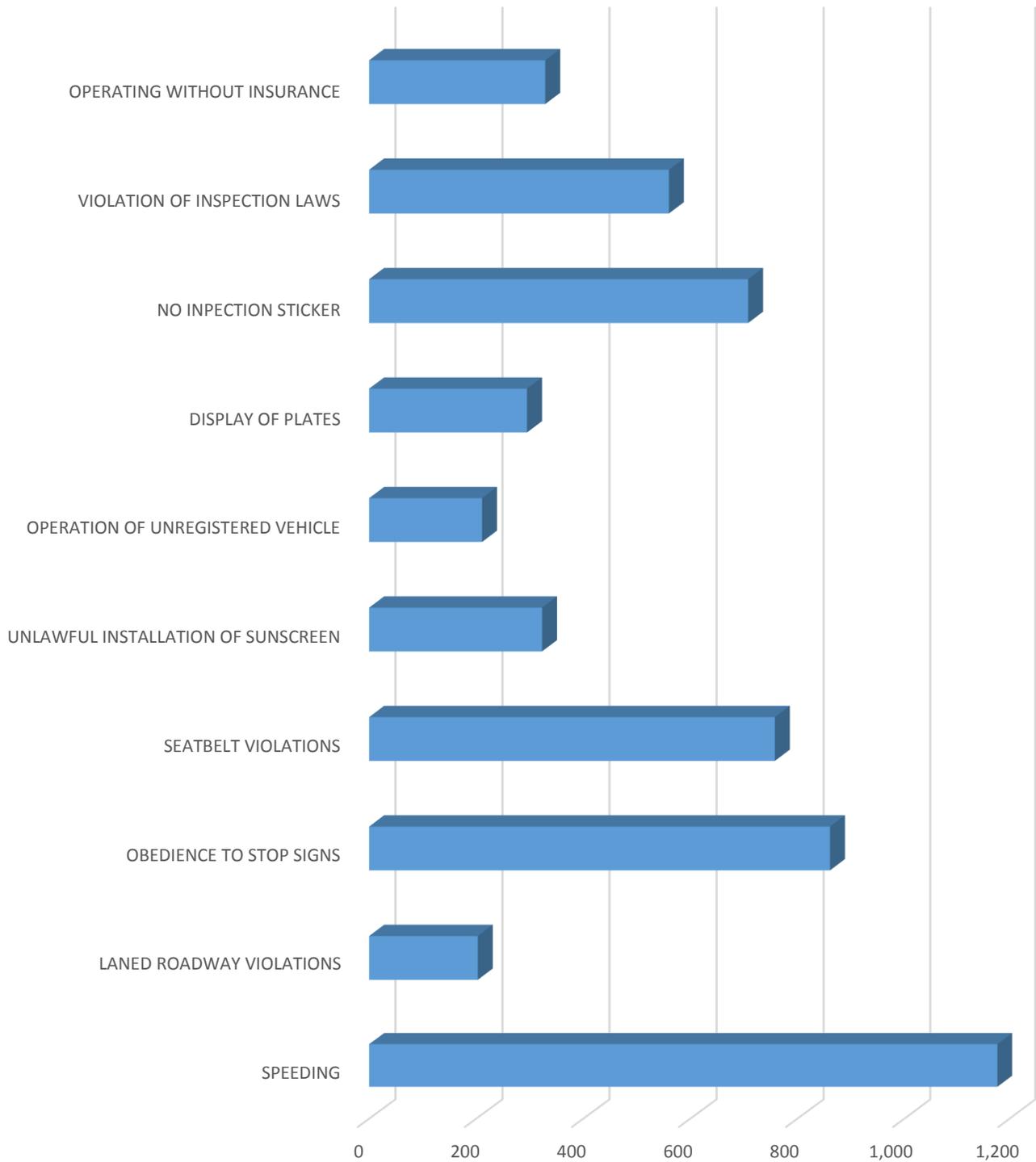
STATISTICS

The North Providence Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 45,487 calls for service during 2017. Many of the calls for service were documented in an Incident Report, Arrest Report (if an arrest was made) or if it involved an accident, an Accident Report.

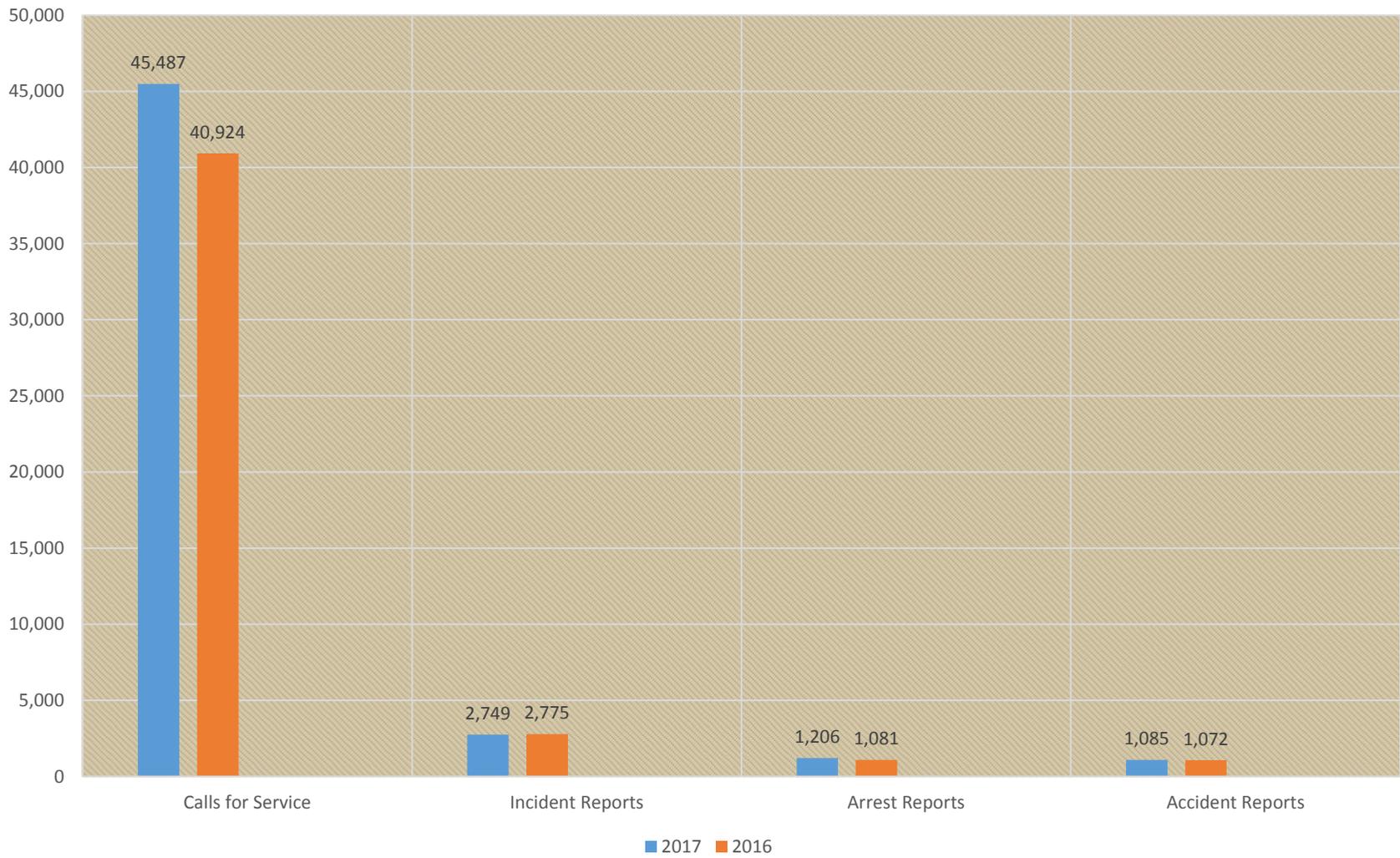
The following statistics pertain largely to functions of the Patrol Division:



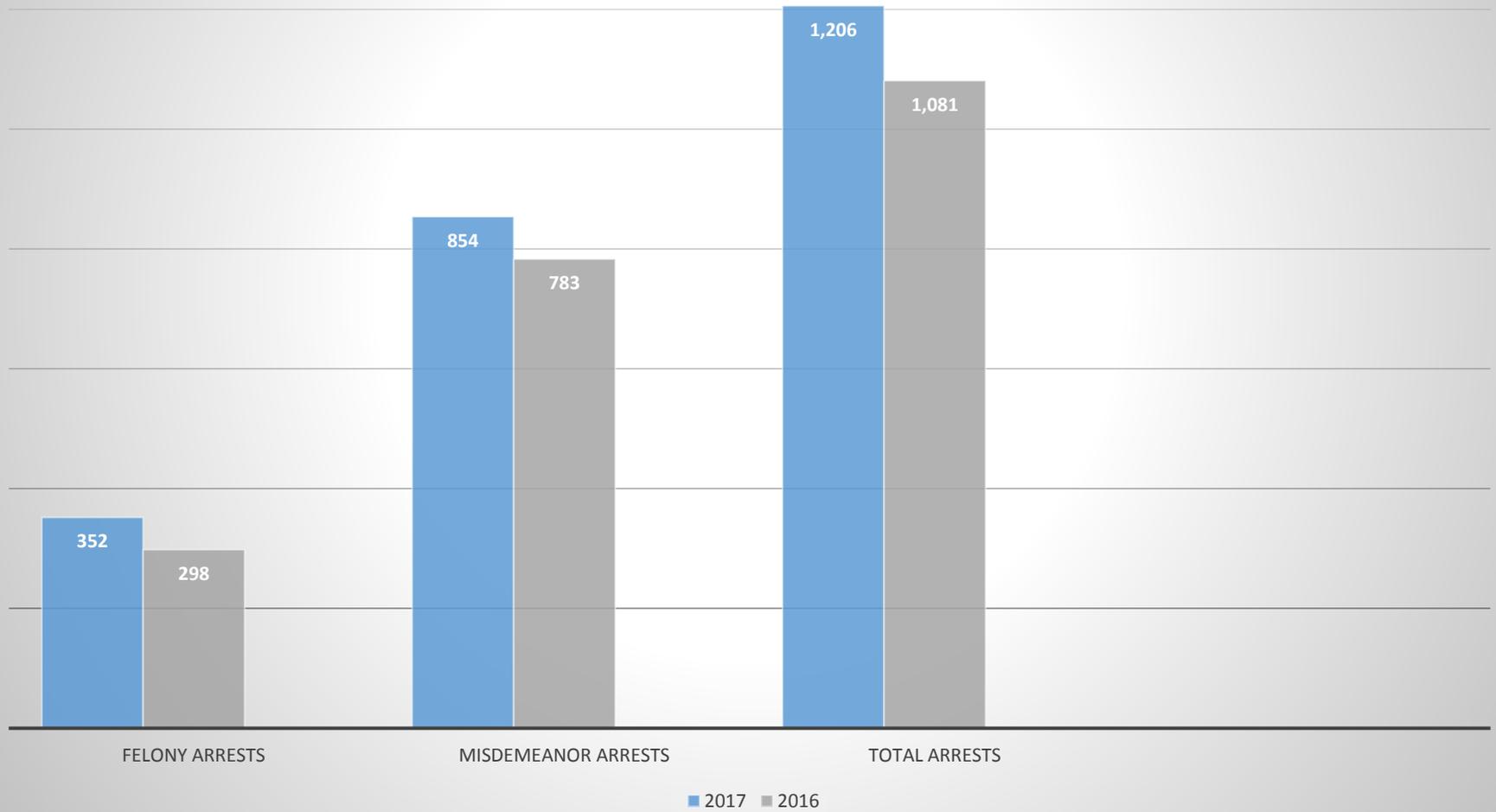
MOST COMMON TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR 2017 (TOTAL VIOLATIONS - 6,898)



Total Calls for Service and Reports Filed for 2017 and 2016



Department Arrests 2017 and 2016



2017**STREETS WITH HIGHEST NUMBER OF SUMMONSES AND
CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS**

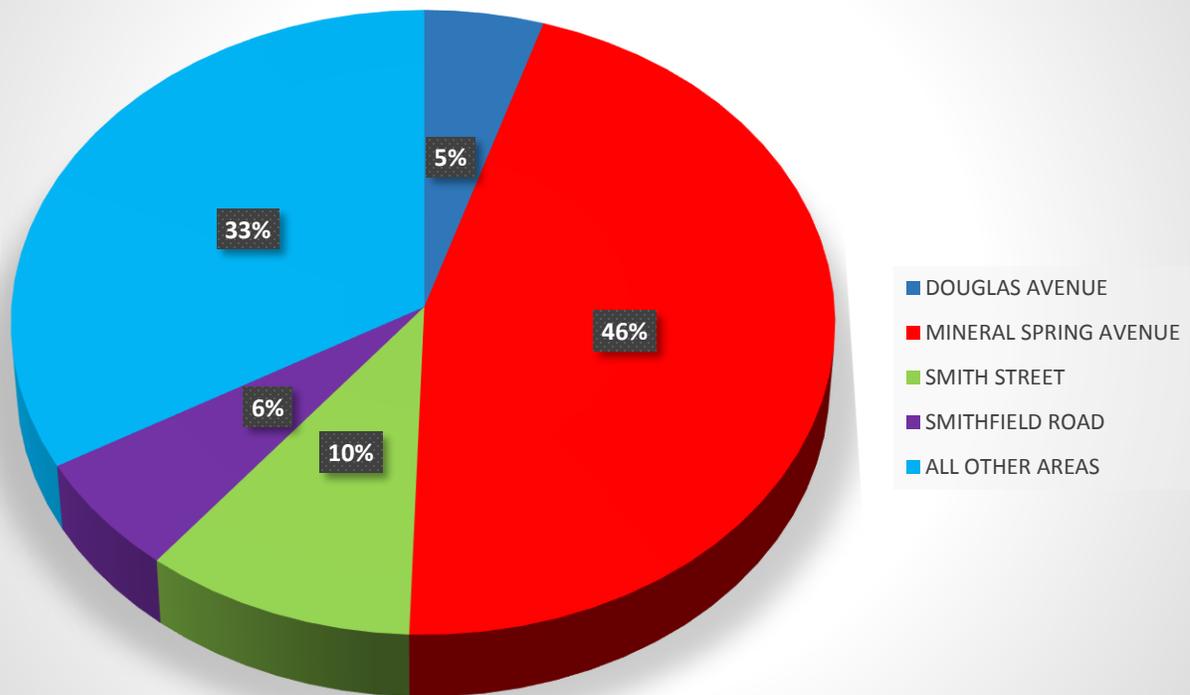
STREET NAME	SUMMONSES ISSUED	ACCIDENTS REPORTED
Charles Street	901	33
Cooper Street	77	1
Douglas Avenue	308	53
Fruit Hill Avenue	283	20
Lexington Avenue	98	7
Mineral Spring Avenue	1,383	496
Smith Street	386	110
Smithfield Road	179	66
Willow Street	160	1
Woonasquatucket Avenue	379	24

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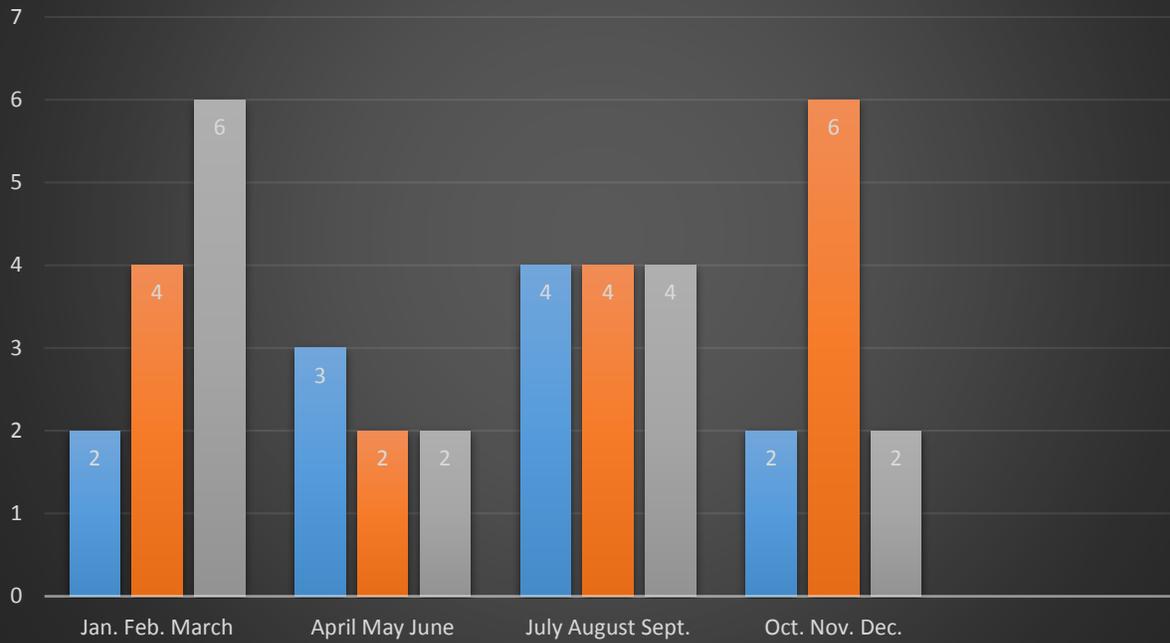
STREET NAME	SUMMONSES ISSUED	ACCIDENTS REPORTED
Charles Street	388	28
High Service Avenue	124	14
Douglas Avenue	187	51
Fruit Hill Avenue	246	25
Lexington Avenue	72	5
Mineral Spring Avenue	984	488
Smith Street	291	131
Smithfield Road	110	68
Willow Street	150	0
Woonasquatucket Avenue	174	31

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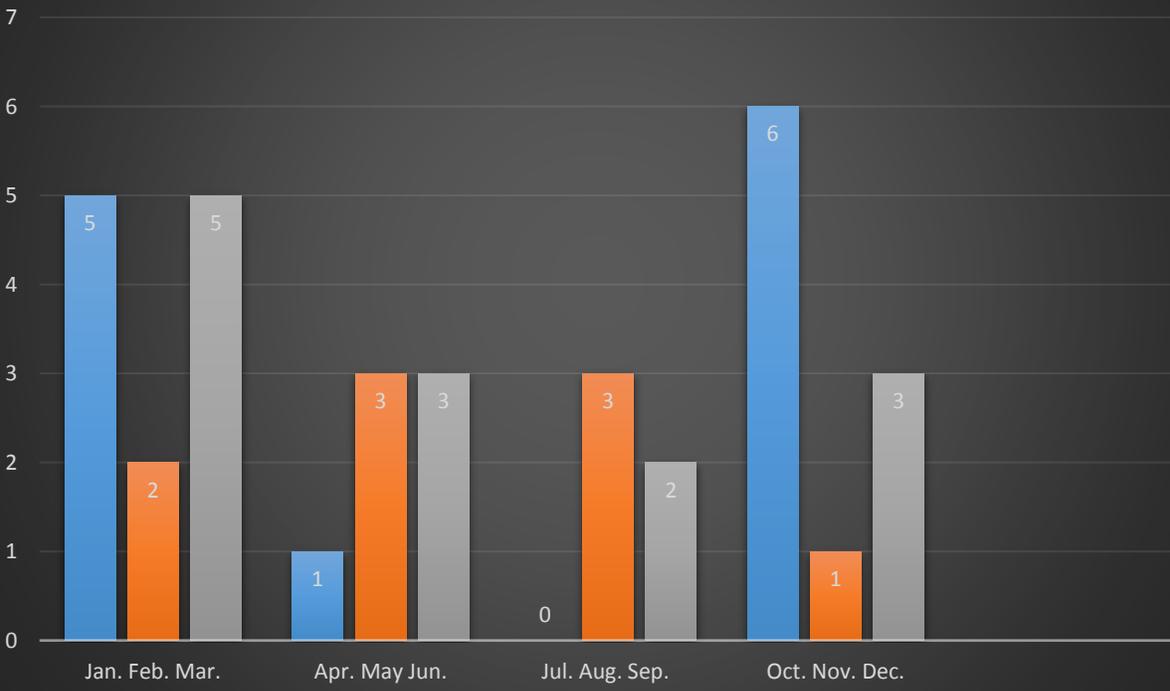
MOST COMMON COLLISION AREAS (TOTAL COLLISIONS - 1,084)



DUI Arrests 2017 41 Total Arrests



DUI Arrests 2016 34 Total Arrests



COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The Community Policing Unit is commanded by Lieutenant Michel' Angelo Scaramuzzo, a thirteen (13) year veteran of the North Providence Police Department. Lieutenant Scaramuzzo is responsible for coordinating nearly all community policing functions. Under his command are the two School Resource Officers (SROs), who are physically located within the North Providence High School and the Town's middle schools, but who are also responsible for the Town's elementary schools.

Through the Community Policing Unit, the North Providence Police Department participated in several community outreach programs in 2017. One of the biggest events of the year was the annual National Night Out event, during which the Police Department provided free food, games and rides to over 2,000 people. The Community Policing Unit also had a very successful Thanksgiving Food Drive, which included food donations from department members. The food donations were sent to Town schools, food pantries and local churches. The department also took part in the first annual Harvest Feast hosted by the PTA/PTO groups, which serviced over 500 school children.

The Community Policing Unit also participated in several health and wellness fairs, which provide safety information such as identity theft, most up to date internet scams, domestic violence, elderly abuse and child safety, as well as health information for the public hosted by the Tri-Town Community Action Agency and McDonald's. Our annual Hasbro Children's Hospital Toy Drive was also a great success. During this event, Department members had the opportunity to interact with children who were unable to spend the holidays at home or with family. Not only does the Community Policing Unit work closely with the community, it also has a positive working relationship with the North Providence School Department. The Community Policing Unit compiles and conducts all school district lock down drills and Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (ALICE) trainings. The North Providence Police Department takes great pride in community partnerships between our residents, children and businesses.



COMMUNITY POLICING EVENTS

The Community Policing Unit hosted or participated in over 40 events during 2017, including:

Aquidneck Island

Police Parade

AAA

Senior Summit

Boys and Girls Club

Health Safety Seminar

City of Providence

Columbus Day Parade

St. Patrick's Day Parade

FOPA

Meeting

Johnston Fire Department

Football Game at Johnston High School

Hasbro Hospital

Children's Toy Drive

Mary Mother of Mankind Church

Candlelight Vigil

McDonald's

Health Fair

North Providence Police Department

Anti-Bullying Seminar at Governor Notte Park and High School

Blue Mass

Citizens' Police Academy at High School

Drug Take Back

National Night Out at Governor Notte Park

Recruitment Drive at RIC & Providence Place Mall

Safety Meeting at Allendale Mill

Safety Meeting at Miriam Hospital

Safety Seminar at Governor Notte Park and High School

Youth Basketball Tournament at High School

North Providence School Department

Alice/Lockdown Training

Bus Safety Route Approval School District

Evacuation Plans for School District

Halloween Safety Program

Walking School Bus

PTO/PTA

Fall Festival

Special Olympics

Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament

Polar Plunge

Torch Run

St. Mary's Home for Children

Safety Coordination Plan

Thanksgiving Meal

Town of North Providence

Annual NP History Walk

Annual Tree Lighting at Town Hall

Art Festival

July 4th Fireworks at Governor Notte Park

Woony Bicycle Run

Tri-Town CAA

Health Fair

Nutrition Nook

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The North Providence Police Department currently employs two (2) officers who are assigned as School Resource Officers (SROs). SRO Kevin Guindon is a seven (7) year veteran of the Department who previously served for twenty (20) years with the Central Falls Police Department, retiring at the rank of Major. SRO Dante Rosciti is a four (4) year veteran of the Department who served twenty-one (21) years with the Pawtucket Police Department, retiring with the rank of Detective. SRO Guindon is assigned to the North Providence High School, and SRO Rosciti is assigned to the Town's middle schools. Both officers assist at the various Town elementary schools as needed. The mission of the SRO Program is the reduction and prevention of school related violence and crimes committed by juveniles and young adults. The program aims to create and maintain a safe, secure and orderly learning environment for students, teachers and staff. Moreover, SROs are responsible for establishing a trusted channel of communications with students, parents and teachers. SROs serve as positive role models and mentors to instill in students good moral standards, judgment and discretion, respect for other students and a sincere concern for the school community. SROs promote citizens' awareness of the law to enable students to become better informed and effective citizens, while imparting the students with knowledge of law enforcement efforts and obligations regarding enforcement, as well as consequences for violations of the law. SROs serve as confidential sources of counseling for students, parents and staff concerning the daily problems they face. They also provide information on community resources available to community. SRO programs have proven successful through positive interactions, fostered friendships and trusting relationships between the students and police that will last for the student's entire life.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORTS

TYPE OF REPORT	2017	2016
Arrests	22	6
Incidents	92	90
Accidents	11	7



BICYCLE PATROL UNIT

The North Providence Department has a Bicycle Patrol Unit, which is comprised of sworn officers who have been certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) to operate department bicycles in the performance of this special duty. This training is extensive and provides the officers with the skills needed for the safe and effective operation of the bicycles. To date, twenty-three (23) sworn officers have been certified to operate the Department bicycles. The Bicycle Patrol Unit serves both a community policing function and a patrol function. Officers riding bicycles are more approachable, which creates a more inviting method of contact with the community they serve. Bicycle patrols result in more than twice as many contacts with the public than officers riding in traditional police vehicles. Bicycle patrols may also go where patrol vehicles are unable to. This aspect is often utilized during Town festivals, when crowded areas offer little room for patrol vehicles. Using all of their senses, Bicycle Patrol Officers are more attuned to their surroundings, which makes it easier for them to detect and deter crime.



MOTORCYCLE UNIT

The North Providence Motorcycle Unit consists of three (3) motorcycles. Currently, there are four (4) officers who consistently work in the unit. When deployed, the Motorcycle Unit has been used during annual events in the Town, which include the Memorial Day Parade and the 4th of July celebration at Notte Park. The motorcycles are also used for special events outside of the Town, such as the Providence St. Patrick's Day and Columbus Day Parades, Aquidneck Island Police Parade and the Special Olympics events. The Motorcycle Unit will also escort motorcyclists to assist with their many charitable events, as well as leading numerous funeral events in and out of Town at the request of the Mayor or the Chief of Police. The motorcycles are sometimes utilized by one (1) of the four (4) officers to perform a patrol function, law enforcement grant or special road detail. The Motorcycle Unit is an asset to the Town of North Providence for the many events in which it is utilized, whether it be for official police duties, assisting other police agencies or participating in charitable events. Assigned officers take great pride in being part of this specialized unit, which provides positive public relations within the community for the North Providence Police Department.



HONOR GUARD

The North Providence Police Honor Guard is comprised of sworn members from within the North Providence Police Department. Honor Guard members represent the department by presenting the colors at various functions, to include line of duty death services, swearing in and promotional ceremonies, memorial services, parades or at any event the Chief of Police considers appropriate.



NORTH PROVIDENCE POLICE ACCIDENT REDUCTION ENFORCEMENT (NPARE)

The NPARE program is a directed motor vehicle enforcement and traffic program utilized by the North Providence Police Department. The mission of this program is to enhance the safety of the community by reducing the number of accidents through enforcement of traffic violations that contribute to accidents. Patrol officers concentrate on the violations that are most likely to cause accidents (e.g., speeding, stop signs and texting). The program puts additional officers on the street for the purpose of enforcing state and municipal motor vehicle codes as they relate to motor vehicle violations. Officers working the program are highly visible, which has proven to be a positive effect on deterring poor driving habits and crime. The NPARE program assists the Department in its endeavor to provide the highest quality services to the citizens of the Town.

NPARE STATISTICS – MUNICIPAL COURT TICKETS ISSUED

MONTH	2017	2016
January	240	286
February	301	157
March	321	153
April	266	146
May	185	142
June	183	131
July	175	24
August	87	20
September	92	79
October	173	117
November	127	81
December	75	18
TOTAL	2,225	1,354

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communications Center of the North Providence Police Department Communications falls under the command of the Patrol Captain. It is operated by nine (9) non-sworn Police Dispatchers, who are assigned to the same shifts and rotations as Patrol Officers. Police Dispatchers are professional and technical multi-taskers, who are able to balance simultaneous phone calls, radio transmissions from officers, computer activities and monitoring of the camera system. The Dispatcher's duties include receiving incoming calls, obtaining essential data, evaluating the situation and initiating an appropriate response. The response can be transferring the call to another office, initiating the dispatch of a police officer, computerized tracking system or taking other actions that will result in the satisfactory completion of the request for service. The Dispatcher must also respond to requests from the North Providence Police Department and other Town Departments, which may include the dispatching of additional units to a scene or offering any other support as requested, as well as routine requests for information and other services that do not require the dispatch of an officer. The Dispatcher has the authority to use available personnel, regardless of beat or assignment, to meet the primary objective of rapid delivery of meaningful service as recommended by departmental procedures.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Criminal Investigative Division is under the command of Captain Michael Paiva, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the North Providence Police Department. The Division is comprised of Criminal Investigators, a Juvenile Officer and an Evidence Technician (BCI Officer), and has additional responsibilities for investigative functions and activities as assigned by the Chief of Police. The Criminal Investigative Division consists of full-time, plainclothes investigators, who report directly to the Commander, who also functions as a working investigator/supervisor. Investigators, including the supervisor, are assigned to general case investigation, juvenile officer operations and evidence technicians, who also serve as working investigators.

The primary function of the Criminal Investigative Division is to conduct follow-up investigations of criminal offenses that occur within the jurisdiction of the North Providence Police Department and the eventual identification, apprehension and successful prosecution of criminal offenders. The Division is also responsible for the following activities and functions, which include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting thorough investigations of criminal acts as assigned;
- Preparing of cases for the prosecutor and court presentation;
- Conducting background investigations of potential owners of businesses seeking particular licensing;
- Coordinating the Department's juvenile related investigative efforts with the juvenile prosecutor and the juvenile court;
- Overseeing the coordination of all missing person cases to ensure proper follow-up by the Department.

The Criminal Investigative Division Commander reports directly to the Deputy Chief and has functional responsibility for:

- **Criminal Investigations:** The Criminal Investigative Division Commander is responsible for the criminal investigative effort of the department, maintaining of the case screening system for criminal offenses and monitoring of case reports to ensure that preliminary investigations are conducted and solvability factors are indicated on offense reports. The Commander screens and assigns cases to patrol officers or to investigative personnel for follow-up investigation, as appropriate, and assists patrol officers with case preparation and testimony preparation for court. He is also responsible for reviewing applications for search warrants and assisting in executing such warrants, and has primary responsibility for conducting follow-up investigations inside the jurisdiction of the Town of North Providence.
- **Evidence Technician and BCI Lab:** The Evidence Technician (BCI Officer) is responsible for the identification, collection and preservation of all evidence. He/she serves as a liaison between the North Providence Police Department and other crime laboratory units on the local, state, and federal level. The BCI Officer is also responsible for the maintenance of the Department's BCI Crime Lab facility.

(Criminal Investigative Division – Continued)

- **Evidence and Property Control:** The BCI Officer is also responsible for the security and control of all seized, found, recovered and evidentiary property in the agency's custody, as well as staff responsibility for evidence processing and direct control over the police property room and evidence control areas. He/she is responsible for all required inspections, inventories, reports and final disposition of property, except as otherwise provided for in the General Orders of the North Providence Police Department.
- **Juvenile Officer:** Responsible for the investigation of crimes committed by and against juveniles and cases of missing juveniles while maintaining compliance with State and judicial mandates. The Juvenile Officer ensures that the legal criteria for enforcement actions taken against juveniles meets the directives issued by the Rhode Island Family Court and pertinent Rhode Island General Laws (RIGLs). He/she also must ensure the department exercises the least coercive reasonable alternative in dealing with juveniles. The Juvenile Officer is also responsible for the coordination and development of juvenile programs designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. These programs are coordinated with the Community Policing Unit and School Resource Officers.
- **Missing Persons:** Investigators are responsible for the coordination and follow-up investigations of all adult and juvenile missing persons. In 2017, the Criminal Investigative Division investigated forty-three (43) missing persons' reports.
- **Sex Offender Registration and Compliance:** Investigators are also responsible for the documentation process of registering sex offenders and conducting verification checks for compliance.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 2017 NOTABLE CASES

On April 26, 2017, officers responded to Hurdis Street for the report of a Breaking and Entering. The victim arrived home and witnessed a male subject kick in his door. He also provided a description of the fleeing vehicle. Detectives were able to develop four people of interest who were eventually arrested after confessing to their participation in the B&E.

On June 27, 2017, officers responded to High Service Avenue for a report of an attempted Breaking and Entering. The homeowner reported that furniture was moved near a side window that had been slightly opened. Detectives responded to the scene and processed the area. Several handprints and fingerprints were obtained and submitted to the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory. A hit confirmation was obtained on the prints and an arrest warrant was issued for the suspect.

On July 23, 2017, officers responded to Eric Place for a report of a Breaking and Entering. The victim reported a firearm was stolen from his residence. Detectives responded to the scene and were able to obtain a partial palm print from the suspect. The print was sent to the Rhode State Crime Laboratory where a hit confirmation was later obtained and an arrest warrant was issued for the suspect.

On August 15, 2017, a female was reported missing by her boyfriend, who stated she was last seen on August 3, 2017. Due to medical concerns and other information that was later obtained, the North Providence Police Criminal Investigative Division began an extensive investigation into what initially was reported simply as a missing person. All parties involved were extensively investigated and all leads were followed. Because of information gained and persons involved, the North Providence Police Department solicited the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police Fusion Center and Major Crime Unit. With this joint cooperation, investigators were able to put together a timeline tracing back to when the female went missing. The investigation led to an apartment building in Providence where the remains of the missing female were located.

On December 4, 2017, officers responded to a business on Charles Street for a report of embezzlement. A suspect was identified and the case forwarded to the Criminal Investigative Division. Upon detectives investigating the case, the suspect was charged with embezzling over \$90,000.00.

On December 18, 2017, North Providence Police responded to Woonasquatucket Avenue for a report of a larceny, in which a safe that contained several firearms and other items was discovered to have been broken into. The victim, who had been out of the residence over that weekend due to ill health, reported through a family member that there was a female staying there at the time. An extensive investigation into what happened began immediately and did not stop until five arrests were made in conjunction with the larceny. The Rhode Island State Police Violent Fugitive Task Force was utilized to assist in locating the persons involved.

UCR/NIBRS STATISTICS

The following is statistical information, much of which is specific to the Criminal Investigative Division:

UCR OFFENSE CODES 2016 AND 2017

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL OFFENSES 2017	TOTAL OFFENSES 2016
HOMICIDE MURDER/NON-NEG. MANSLAUGHTER	0	1
HOMICIDE: NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0
HOMICIDE: JUSTIFIABLE	0	0
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	2	4
SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: RAPE	9	9
SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: SODOMY	1	0
SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: OBJECT	1	3
SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: FONDLING	4	6
ROBBERY	6	6
ASSAULT: AGGRAVATED	24	25
ASSAULT: SIMPLE	144	171
ASSAULT: INTIMIDATION	16	14
ARSON	1	3
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	70	82
LARCENY: POCKET-PICKING	1	1
LARCENY: PURSE-SNATCHING	0	0
LARCENY: SHOPLIFTING	64	59
LARCENY: FROM BUILDING	41	57
LARCENY: FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE	0	0
LARCENY: FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	49	68
LARCENY: AFFIXED MV PARTS/ACCESSORY	23	55
LARCENY: ALL OTHER	23	42
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	34	41

**UCR/NIBRS STATISTICS
UCR OFFENSE CODES 2016 AND 2017
(CONTINUED)**

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL OFFENSES 2017	TOTAL OFFENSES 2016
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	11	11
FRAUD: FALSE PRETENSES	38	50
FRAUD: CREDIT CARD/AUTO. TELLER MACHINE	11	20
FRAUD: IMPERSONATION	5	2
FRAUD: WELFARE	0	0
FRAUD: WIRE	2	3
HACKING/COMPUTER INVASION	1	N/A
EMBEZZLEMENT	8	3
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	18	6
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	151	191
DRUG/NARCOTIC: VIOLATION	82	78
DRUG/NARCOTIC: EQUIPMENT	0	0
SEX OFFENSE, NON-FORCE: INCEST	0	0
SEX OFFENSE, NON-FORCE: STATUTORY	0	1
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	1
GAMBLING: BETTING/WAGERING	0	0
GAMBLING: OPERATING/PROMOTION/ASSIST	0	0
GAMBLING: EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0
GAMBLING: SPORTS TAMPERING	0	0
PROSTITUTION: ENGAGING	1	0
PROSTITUTION: ASSIST/PROMOTING	0	0
BRIBERY	0	1
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	17	14
TOTAL	858	1,028

PROSECUTION SECTION

The Prosecution Section is under the command of Lieutenant Dennis Stone, an eighteen (18) year veteran of the North Providence Police Department, who serves as the Prosecution Section Commander. The Prosecution Section is comprised of a Detective working as a Court Liaison Officer and a non-sworn Legal Secretary. The Section is responsible for court related functions and activities, as well as the following:

- **Court Liaison Activities:** The responsibilities as the liaison to the court system, (Rhode Island Superior Court, District Court, Family Court and Municipal Court) include coordinating arraignments, pre-trial hearings, trials and other legal proceedings, including the scheduling of police officers, victims and witnesses for appearances in court.
- **Victim/Witness Assistance:** Prosecution Section members coordinate the Department's victim/witness assistance program, which includes the initial point of contact and follow-up activities, updating of policies governing the implementation and delivery of victim/witness services, delivering information to victims and witnesses about the status of cases and their roles and liaison with other victim/witness agencies.
- **Prisoner Transportation:** Prosecution officers are responsible for developing and monitoring policy and procedures related to prisoner transportation and ensuring compliance with this function.
- **Legal Process:** Section members are responsible for the delivery of legal process documents, ensuring proper and timely delivery of all legal documents, and that all legal requirements are met.
- **Domestic Violence Coordinator:** The coordinator is responsible for the administration and operation of all functions and activities related to the follow-up of victims of domestic violence, reviewing and maintaining files for domestic violence crime reports, serving as an advocate for victims of domestic violence and providing information and assistance to the public on domestic violence programs and other domestic violence related matters. These functions and activities are accomplished by utilizing patrol officers who may be assigned additional Domestic Violence Advocate duties.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Administrative Services Division is under the command of Captain John Brady, a thirteen (13) year veteran of the North Providence Police Department. The Division is comprised of sworn and non-sworn personnel. Included within the Administrative Services Division are the Records Division, Animal Control Unit, and the Physical Plant. As a whole the division is responsible for planning and research, agency property, building and holding facility maintenance, crime and operations analysis, fiscal management, fleet management, Municipal Court, grants, performance evaluations, promotional process, recruitment and selection, training and career development and records management.

PLANNING AND TRAINING SECTION

The Planning and Training Section is under the command of Lieutenant John Anzivino, a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the North Providence Police Department. He is the full time coordinator of department training and is a member of the Administrative Services Division. The Planning and Training Officer's responsibilities include:

- **Recruitment and Selection:** The Planning and Training Officer is responsible for all aspects of recruitment and selection, which includes conducting an application process from start to finish, supervision of recruit personnel and preparing recruits for police service through indoctrination into department policies, procedures and requirements of job performance.
- **Training:** All department training, both in-service and outside training, falls under the Planning and Training Officer. He/she provides in-service training programs, including but not limited to, domestic violence, firearms, self-defense tactics, CPR, Narcan, gunshot care, workplace harassment, biased policing, mental health, rules and regulations, policies and procedures, leadership, human relations, crisis intervention and the latest developments in all other aspects of law enforcement. He/she provides keeps officers apprised of the ever changing laws, Supreme Court decisions and other topics which affect police operation, thereby enabling them to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. This officer also utilizes external resources to develop specialized skills that will increase the overall effectiveness of the Department and keeps a written record of all training activities.

The Planning and Training Officer also assists the Administrative Services Division Commander in performing records activities, vehicle maintenance and acquisition, obtaining grants, the outfit and replacement of equipment for all Department personnel and building maintenance needs.

RECORDS SECTION

The Records Section is operated by non-sworn employees who fall under the supervision of the Administrative Services Division Commander. This Section is responsible for maintaining and disseminating department records, including Incident, Arrest and Accident Reports as well as collecting funds associated with their release. Members assist in managing personnel files, issuing orders to personnel, NIBRS and UCR reporting, grant management, employment fingerprint records, accreditation assistance, police details and elements of financing and budget.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The North Providence Municipal Court is responsible for processing all Municipal Court summonses, collecting fines, scheduling court dates and adjudicating contested summonses. The Municipal Court Clerk documents all matters pertaining to these responsibilities. In 2017, the North Providence Police Department issued a total of 3,612 Municipal Court summonses, and in 2016, a total of 2,085 Municipal Court summonses were issued.

RECRUITMENT

The North Providence Police Department began a Recruitment Drive in November, 2017, which began with a comprehensive and diverse outreach for potential candidates. Among other resources, job postings were listed in newspapers, social media sites and minority community notifications. Recruitment booths were set up in colleges, gyms and malls. A total of 74 application cards were received. The process has continued into 2018.



GRANTS

The North Providence Police Department received the following grants during 2017:

- **Bulletproof Vest Grant:** This grant is used to provide officers with new bulletproof vests every five (5) years. The grant provides 50% of the total cost of each vest, thereby reducing the cost to the Town and the taxpayers.
- **Byrne Grants:** The Department received two Byrne Grants in 2017. One was a direct pay grant from the Federal Government and the other was through the State of Rhode Island. These grants were used to defray the costs of the Bicycle Patrol and the annual National Night Out event.
- **Highway Safety Grants:** The Highway Safety Grant provides funding for Child Passenger Safety, Click it or Ticket (seat belt), DUI and Speeding enforcement.
- **Tobacco and Underage Drinking Grants:** Funding for these grants is provided by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. They are utilized for the enforcement of underage tobacco and drinking purchases.

ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

The Animal Control Unit is comprised of two (2) non-sworn employees who work as Animal Control Officers. The Animal Control Officers perform specialized work in the enforcement of municipal ordinances pertaining to the regulations and control of domestic animals, including investigating cases of animal bites, nuisance complaints and cases of abuse or neglect. Work is performed under the general administrative supervision of the Senior Animal Control Officer and the Administrative Services Division Commander. It is the duty and responsibility of an Animal Control Officer to investigate domestic animal complaints, including licensing and control of domestic animals and impoundment of loose animals as provided for in Town ordinances, as well as to determine if any state laws or local ordinances have been violated, thereby taking appropriate action such as catching, confining, quarantining or, if necessary, euthanizing of animals. Animal Control Officers also issue citations to animal owners and appear as witnesses in court should circumstances require such action. They also are responsible to rescue or aid in the rescue of trapped, wounded, sick or injured animals and assist local veterinarians with immunization programs.

Animal Control Officers go over and above in their efforts to adopt homeless animals. They also clean and maintain the Animal Control Shelter and adoption/impoundment/euthanization records on all animals brought in. In April of each year, the Animal Control Unit holds a rabies clinic, which provides low cost spaying and neutering of domestic animals. They also host an annual fundraiser every June and continuously accept donations to assist sheltered animals.

The Animal Control Unit responded to or initiated 453 calls for service during 2017. During 2017, (2) vicious dog hearings were adjudicated. See shelter activity table below for more information:

NORTH PROVIDENCE ANIMAL SHELTER ACTIVITY 2017

ANIMALS IN					ANIMALS OUT						TOTALS	
Abandoned	Born in Facility	Picked Up Stray	Owner Surrender	Other In	Return to Owner	Euthanized for Humane Reasons	Adopted	DOA	Died	Transfer	Total In	Total Out
3	13	80	8	30	62	3	53	13	1	2	134	134

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards is commanded by Lieutenant Diana Perez, a fourteen (14) year veteran of the Department, who reports directly to the Chief of Police, and is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegations made against sworn and non-sworn members of the North Providence Police Department. The Office of Professional Standards strives to ensure that the integrity of the Department remains intact. Each investigation is completed objectively, thoroughly and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will conclude with one of the four determined classifications: Sustained, Not Sustained, Exonerated or Unfounded.

The Lieutenant in charge of the Office of Professional Standards is also the Department's Accreditation Manager. The Accreditation Manager is responsible for performing administrative work, coordinating accreditation activities assigned by the Chief of Police and accomplishing assigned tasks consistent with agency goals and standards established by the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC). The Accreditation Manager is encouraged to make independent judgments and decisions based on analytical and innovative thinking.

In the calendar year 2017, officers completed 2749 incident reports, 1,206 arrest reports and 1,085 accident reports. With over 45,000 documented calls for service during the year, the Office of Professional Standards received only 12 complaints (less than .03%) from the public regarding allegations of police or civilian employee misconduct. Ten (10) of the cases involved sworn personnel and two (2) cases involved non-sworn personnel. Seven (7) of those cases were determined to be unfounded and five (5) were sustained and required corrective action or disciplinary sanctions.

NORTH PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS CALENDAR YEAR 2017					
Type of Complaint	Number of Complaints	Sustained	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Pending
Biased Policing (Sworn)	0	0	0	0	0
Excessive Force (Sworn)	1	0	0	1	0
Informal Complaints (Non-Sworn)	1	0	0	1	0
Informal Complaints (Sworn)	1	1	0	0	0
Job Performance (Non-Sworn)	1	0	0	1	0
Job Performance (Sworn)	1	0	0	1	0
Neglect of Duty (Sworn)	2	2	0	0	0
Unknown (Sworn)	1	0	0	1	0
Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)	4	2	0	2	0
TOTAL	12	5	0	7	0