Rhode Island State Police
2012 Annual Report

Colonel Steven G. O’Donnell
Commissioner of Public Safety
About the cover: Narragansett/Blizzard
The Honorable Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903  

March 1, 2013

Dear Governor Chafee:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2012 Rhode Island State Police Annual Report, my second since being named Superintendent.

During the year, the State Police Criminal Identification Unit attained accreditation status from the International Organization for Standardization granted by the Forensic Quality Services Organization. This distinction makes the Rhode Island State Police the first police department in the state to have an accredited forensic unit.

The Division continued its efforts to vigorously pursue motorists who drive while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. The primary seatbelt law is also being strictly enforced, and the Division has made a commitment to make traffic safety a priority 365 days a year.

The State Police Community Outreach Program, “New Beginnings” continues to make a positive impact in our state’s diverse communities. The program includes outreach, education, leadership training, police recruiting, and connectivity into the communities. The Division also provided personnel to assist several cities and towns as well as other state agencies.

Forfeiture funds from the Google Settlement will provide much needed enhancements to the Division’s fleet and key criminal justice improvements, including equipment and facilities.

Members of the Division provided critical support during Hurricane Sandy, both in Rhode Island and New Jersey. Troopers were part of a “Strike Force” along with members of the Rhode Island National Guard, Rhode Island Department of Transportation and National Grid, and were able to quickly respond to affected areas.

On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, I thank you for your support over the past year as we strive to continue to provide the best law enforcement services for the citizens and visitors of our state.

Sincerely,

Steven G. O’Donnell  
Colonel  
Superintendent
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Rhode Island State Police is a full service, statewide law enforcement agency whose mission is to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism, integrity, and protect the inherent rights of the people to live their lives in freedom and safety. To this end, Division employees shall perform their respective patrol, investigative and support functions to the best of their ability, and cooperate with other State agencies, as well as with local and Federal authorities.

DIVISION CREED

“You are always to remember that you are

in the Rhode Island State Police and

In the Service of the State.

It is a call of honor. It requires unselfish

devotion to duty, the highest

type of honesty and downright courage.”
Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell is the twelfth Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, and was sworn in on May 9, 2011. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven and a Master of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. He is also a graduate of the 211th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

As Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, Colonel O'Donnell serves as the commanding officer of the Division and is accountable for staffing the Patrol, Detective, Administrative, and Public Safety Bureaus, to include the State and Municipal Police Training Academies. The mission of Patrol and Detective Bureaus is to promote highway safety, maintenance of order, prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of violators. The Superintendent is also responsible for ensuring the control of traffic, maintaining safety enforcement on the State's highways and the development and enforcement of all policies and regulations for the Division. The Superintendent must ensure structure, discipline, efficiency and morale within the Division, along with establishing goals, direction, and priorities.

The Superintendent also serves as Commissioner of the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety. The agencies that are under the Department are: E-911 Telephone System, State Fire Marshals’ Office, the Grants Administration Office, the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy, the Sheriffs’ Department, the Rhode Island Capitol Police, the Legal Office, and the Central Management Office.

Over the course of the past year, the Superintendent has served on the following: The Grants Administration Office Policy Board, and Criminal Justice Steering Committee; the Rhode Island Crime Lab Commission; the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Commission; the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee; the Senate Committee Studying the Wyatt Detention Facility, the International Association of Chiefs of Police/State and Provincial Division, New England State Police Administrators Conference; New England State Police Information Network Board of Directors; Rhode Island Police Chiefs’ Association, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board, the Commission to Study Sex Offender Legislation, the Electronic Recording Task Force, Rhode Island Human Trafficking Task Force, Task Force to Investigation and Develop Policies and Procedures for Electronically Recording Custodial Interrogations, the Police Officers’ Commission on Standards and Training, and Chairman of the Board of Rhode Island Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

During 2012, the Division provided personnel to assist other state and municipal agencies. In February, the Division provided support for the visit of Vice-President Joseph Biden. In September, Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Studley was named Special Assistant to the Governor and was assigned to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority as its Director. Members are also assigned to the Division of Sheriffs and the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy. A Lieutenant is assigned to T.F. Green Airport, and the Operations Officer is located at the Command Readiness Center of the Rhode Island National Guard. Troopers were also assigned to Block Island to augment the law enforcement presence during busy summer weekends. There are two Detectives assigned to the ACI, one Detective assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force, one Detective assigned to the Food and Drug Administration, one Detective assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration, and
seven members assigned to the Department Public Safety team, including a Sergeant assigned as the Director of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy.

In January, the Rhode Island and Massachusetts State Police, several of Rhode Island’s municipal police departments, and the Rhode Island Broadcasters’ Association sponsored a “National Amber Alert Awareness Day Event” at a Providence Bruins Game at the Dunkin Donuts Center, where troopers and police officers prepared complimentary digital child identification kits for parents.

In February, Trooper Jonathan Elliott was injured in a motor vehicle crash on Route 95 while responding to assist a fellow trooper. Mr. Dwayne Baker, a passing truck driver, positioned his vehicle to keep Trooper Elliott safe while he retrieved his service weapon for safekeeping. Mrs. Beverly Corrente, also a passing motorist, stayed with Trooper Elliott, keeping him awake and alert until rescue personnel arrived. If these two private citizens had not stopped to render aid, the outcome of this accident could have been different. Trooper Elliott continues to make a steady recovery.

The Division once again teamed up with officers from the Providence Police Department, and this year a new initiative began with the Central Falls Police Department. The “Neighborhood Response Team,” deployed special patrol during weekend nights in the Cities of Providence and Central Falls. The teams have been highly effective in reducing crime in these cities. The State Police also assisted the Providence Police Department by providing patrols in the city when one of their officers was killed in the line of duty.

During 2012, the following members retired: Lieutenant Colonel Raymond S. White, Major Stephen M. Bannon, Captain James O. Demers, Captain Darren H. Delaney, Lieutenant David S. Palmer, Lieutenant Michelle K. Kershaw, Lieutenant Francis D. Sullivan, III, Lieutenant Nicholas M. Tellia, Lieutenant Shari L. Russell, Lieutenant Kevin J. Hawkins, Lieutenant Kelsey A. Marshall, Sergeant John F. Killian, Sergeant Ken M. Bell, Corporal Claire L. Demarais, Trooper Genaro E. Ramirez, and Trooper David R. Gosling. We wish them all a happy, healthy retirement and thank them for their many years of dedicated service. We also welcomed the following new staff members: Ed Dursin, Maintenance; Melanie Catineault and Diane Boezi, Central Management Office; Brittnee Morgan, Computer Crimes Unit; Leilani Audette, Legal, and Allison O’Connor, Website Design/Special Projects.

The Division’s Detective Bureau continues its mission of providing excellent investigative services and responds to ever-increasing requests for its expertise. There were significant arrests of members of organized crime. State Police active and retired members, along with members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Attorney General’s Office, and the United States Attorney’s Office have disseminated La Cosa Nostra as we know it in Rhode Island. Members arrested subjects for illegally selling fraudulent and forged stamped cigarettes. Several high-profile investigations included 38 Studios, the International Institute of Sports, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, voter fraud, and a Central Falls public corruption case. The former Mayor of Central Falls and his partner were indicted, and just recently pled guilty, and the former Mayor is on his way to federal prison. The Auto Theft Unit relocated to the Division of Motor Vehicles, and Lieutenant David Doucet is also serving as the DMV’s Chief of Enforcement.

During peak holiday periods, the Uniformed Bureau participated in regional and national traffic enforcement campaigns, including Operation “C.A.R.E.,” “Child Passenger Safety Week,” “Click-It or Ticket,” “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose,” “Operation A.B.C.,” National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend, and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.” The Division continues aggressive patrols against impaired drivers, and the troopers’ enforcement activity on the road has been extremely productive. As a result, there has been a decrease in accidents.
In July three troopers as well as the Division of State Police received Highway Champion Awards from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for outstanding performance in highway safety enforcement. On September 12th, Trooper Michael Ferruccio received the 2011 Justice Award for law enforcement/uniform in a ceremony at the Attorney General’s Office. On October 28th, Captain Karen Pinch was honored for her volunteer work with MADD-Rhode Island at a charity event, “Providence Place Gives.” Captain Pinch was also recognized by AAA of Southeastern New England as a “Traffic Safety Hero of the Year” for her work on child passenger safety.

At a State House ceremony on October 14th, Sergeant David Medeiros, the Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of the Commercial Enforcement Unit, was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the Rhode Island Army National Guard. On December 14th, Trooper Brian J. McGuire was selected as the “2012 Rhode Island Army National Guard Soldier of the Year.”

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The Rhode Island State Police Fusion Center was very active, with over 2,500 calls for service in 2012. The Fusion Center is an information-sharing repository, which state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies utilize for criminal investigations. The Fusion Center also serves as a terrorist watch center.

In an effort to curb impaired driving, the State Police partnered with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and local police on drunk and impaired driving enforcement with a particular focus on holiday periods, including the Christmas and New Year’s weekends. Over the summer, the State Police worked with MADD on “MADD Goes Clubbing—Clubs Go MADD.” This was an opportunity to talk to club owners and their staff about the problems of underage drinking and over-serving. In November the Division participated in the MADD-RI Red Ribbon Holiday Awareness Event and “Strike Out Drunk Driving.” On December 3rd the Division participated in MADD’s 30th annual candlelight vigil. On December 27th, the State Police, Rhode Island Police Chiefs’ Association, and MADD-RI held a press conference to remind motorists to drive safely over the New Year’s Holiday weekend with the “365 Days of Safety” initiative.

Colonel O’Donnell and Trooper Steven Haynes appeared in a public service announcement about drunk driving with Providence College Basketball Coach Ed Cooley and University of Rhode Island Basketball Coach Dan Hurley.

The Community Outreach Program, “New Beginnings,” was very active during 2012. In February, the Division hosted a group of 14 Latino youth, who are interested in careers in law enforcement. Leadership Training Programs were held with students at Central High School and Central Falls High School. In February a community forum was conducted with the Hispanic Ministerial Alliance at the Perry Middle School in Providence. Also in February, Colonel O’Donnell spoke with a fraternity at Rhode Island College about impaired driving and underage drinking. In April, Colonel O’Donnell and Major Tikoian spoke to a group of senior citizens at the Southeast Asian Development Center about safety for seniors. In April, Central High School students visited the Museum as part of the Division’s Leadership series. In July, troopers and the SafeKids Coalition provided child safety seat check-ups at Iglesia de La Comunidad in Providence. The Division also established a relationship with representatives of the Guatemalan Consul General and her staff on community issues, organizing a health fair, and DWI educational programs. Troopers also spoke with several Scout troops about leadership and participated in law enforcement week at Children’s Friend. In calendar year 2012, there were a total of 53 Rhode Island State Police Community Outreach Programs.
On April 10th, the State Police hosted a media summit for members of the State Police, Department of Public Safety, and the media. Speakers included State Police Command Staff and the CEOs and News Directors of Channels 6, 10, 12, and the Providence Journal.

In April the Division hosted a meeting with all stakeholders to prepare for the 4th of July holiday on Block Island. This was a request from the Town Manager and Chief of Police as a result of numerous instances of underage drinking and overindulging in alcohol during the previous year, which created a very dangerous situation. The group continued to meet and utilized social media to spread the word that this behavior would not be tolerated this summer. As a result, the holiday was uneventful and visitors to the island were able to enjoy the holiday. The Town Manager wrote in a letter to Colonel O'Donnell, “This is the first display of unified support from your office, (which) certainly set the tone and served to warn all that this island is still a part of the State of Rhode Island and a place to be enjoyed and not abused.”

In June, a commendation ceremony was held at Headquarters to recognize eight troopers and two canines for arrests of narcotics traffickers, saving the life of a victim in a car that had crashed and was engulfed in flames, finding a suicidal woman in a densely wooded area, and for the investigation that led to the Google Settlement.

During the summer months, troopers provided assistance at several large-scale events including: Tall Ships, America’s Cup, Rhode Island National Guard Air Show, Jazz Festival, and Folk Festival.

During Police Memorial Week in May, the State Police held its annual Memorial Ceremony. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a barbeque provided through the generosity of Museum supporters Walter and Wanda McLaughlin. This was the largest turnout of retired members at a Memorial Ceremony. The retirees also held a meeting in the Colonel Stone Conference Room after lunch. Both currently serving and retired troopers, dignitaries, family, and friends attended the ceremony and barbeque, and had an opportunity to visit with old friends and colleagues. The event was sponsored by the Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation.

On May 21st, Colonel O'Donnell spoke at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the re-dedication of the East Matunuck State Beach Pavilion. The new building was re-dedicated in memory of Trooper Daniel O'Brien, who was killed while trying to rescue residents during Hurricane Carol in 1954. Several members of the O'Brien family also attended the re-dedication.

On April 5th at the Pawtucket Red Sox opening game, the Division provided an Honor Guard, and Trooper Amanda Brezniak sang the National Anthem. On June 24th, Rhode Island Day at Fenway Park, the Honor Guard presented the colors for the opening of the game, and Trooper Brezniak sang “God Bless America” during the 7th inning stretch.

A promotion ceremony was held on April 11th at Providence College. Thirty-seven members of the Division were recognized along with nineteen individuals who received awards.

Members of the State Police participated in several parades throughout the year including: The Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Bristol 4th of July Parade. At this year’s Aquidneck Island National Police Parade, the Division won the award for “largest contingent” with 63 troopers participating. A majority of the members were on a leave day and volunteered to march in the parade.

During the spring and summer, the State Police reviewed and updated its hurricane plans and attended multi-agency table-top exercises, including “Operation Quagmire” and “Operation Vigilant Guard,” to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. Hurricane Sandy passed through the state in
late October. Members of the State Police played an integral part in the planning and were deployed prior to, during, and after the storm in a variety of capacities. The Division coordinated efforts with the Rhode Island National Guard, whose members were embedded with the State Police for the duration of the storm. Members continued to assist cities and towns and provided traffic control at busy intersections where there was no power for traffic lights. During the storm the new State Police Headquarters was able to continually operate the complex, its Emergency Operations Center, and E-911 with the help of the generators installed in the new building. Nineteen troopers were subsequently deployed to Brick Township, New Jersey for seven days to patrol during the overnight shift. The troopers made two significant arrests and were very well received by the residents and area police officers. Sergeant John Grassel was deployed to New Jersey in support of Hurricane Sandy as a Marine Corps Reserve Lieutenant Colonel.

Based on the after-action reports from previous hurricanes and in preparation for future storms and/or natural disasters or catastrophic events, the Rhode Island State Police has coordinated a best-practice of deploying personnel from the Rhode Island National Guard, National Grid, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and State Troopers as “strike teams.” The teams are housed in four different locations throughout the state to deploy together. At times, National Grid personnel were located in State Police facilities to deploy together. During Hurricane Sandy and for future storms, this will be the normal procedure. During the storms the Superintendent coordinated State Police response with these four agencies as well as Governor’s staff, typically out of the Emergency Management Agency in Cranston.

In April, the Division hosted two, four-hour seminars on undercover operations and use of informants. From July 29th through August 2nd, the Division sponsored an undercover operations training at Salve Regina University. Troopers and officers from seven municipal law enforcement agencies participated in the training, which was instructed by the State Police and FBI. Salve Regina University provided classrooms and dormitory space at no charge.

The Rhode Island State Police Training Academy Class of 2011 completed its FTO Program by the first of March, and in August, the Division began accepting applications for the next Training Academy. A total of 1,666 applications were received for the class, which is scheduled to begin in July 2013.

Members of the Division also participated in several charitable events during the year to benefit Special Olympics, “Books or Bust,” a blood drive for the Rhode Island Blood Center, State Employees Charitable Appeal, the Troopers Association 5K Foot Pursuit, and the “State Police Climbers” raised $2,515 for the American Lung Association.

In August, the State Police partnered with the Rhode Island Police Chiefs’ Association, the DPS agencies, and the Governor’s Office, for the fourth “Kids, Cops, and Classrooms,” an initiative that provides backpacks and school supplies for children and teens. In December, the fifth “Kids, Cops, & Christmas” event was held. Both events benefit children, who are clients of Crossroads Rhode Island, Children’s Friend, the Hispanic Ministerial Alliance, the Socio-Economic Development Center for Southeast Asians, Big Brothers of Rhode Island, and Project “Night Vision.” This year, following the two events, troopers and police officers delivered the school supplies and Christmas gifts in person so they would have an opportunity to interact directly with the children and their families. This was also the first year that several corporate sponsors supported these projects, including: Ocean State Job Lot, Benny’s, CVS Caremark, Walgreen’s, W.B. Mason, and Target. We welcome them and thank them for their outstanding support of our state’s youth. This year an unprecedented number of backpacks, school supplies, and gifts were donated based on a coordinated effort with the private sector for both programs. This initiative is very helpful in connecting troopers with our community partners.
Troopers continued to be actively involved in Special Olympics. On April 19th, the State Police hosted the fifth annual fundraiser at Metacomet Country Club. Proceeds from this event help pay the expenses of Special Olympians during the summer games. From June 1st-3rd, troopers ran in the Torch Run and presented medals to the Special Olympians during the weekend’s Summer Games at the University of Rhode Island.

In the fall, the first-ever “Rhode Island State Police Citizens’ Trooper Academy” was held. This six-week program was developed for government and civic leaders and members of the media to give them a hands-on, real-time experience of what troopers face on a day-to-day basis. The 30 attendees participated in FATS Training, car stops, response to DWI crashes and death notification, legal issues, officer safety, and biased-based policing. The program was very well received by the attendees. The attendees included several Chief Judges of the Federal and State Courts; members of the media; community leaders, including our minority community partners; prosecutors; and public defenders. This training was to create a provide attendees with a better understanding of what troopers and law enforcement officers face on a day-to-day basis conducting motor vehicle stops. We conducted scenario-based motor vehicle stops to give all of the “citizen troopers” a greater understanding of the thought processes of law enforcement when approaching a vehicle. This training was overwhelmingly received, and we will host another program in 2013.

On December 15th, the Rhode Island Troopers Association and the Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation sponsored the first, all-inclusive Rhode Island State Police Christmas Party. Active and retired sworn and civilian members and members of the Associates of the Rhode Island Troopers Association attended the celebration at Twin River Entertainment Center.

During the year, we lost long-time members of the Division including Retired Captain Edward Pare, Retired Lieutenant Raymond Driscoll, Retired Lieutenant William Morin, Retired Sergeant Theodore Davis, Retired Detective Harv Simmons, Retired Trooper Daniel Boyle, Dr. Warren Francis, Civilian Member Martin Spirito, and Canine Kato. Dr. Francis served as the Division’s Surgeon for many years.

In December, Lieutenant Richard C. Ryan, Jr. passed away after a courageous five-year battle with cancer. When members of the Command Staff visited him in the hospital, Lieutenant Ryan expressed that he felt “privileged to be a part of the State Police.” Likewise, the Division feels privileged to have had him among our ranks. On behalf of the entire Rhode Island State Police family, we express our deepest sympathy to the Ryan family.

The upcoming year will present new challenges for the Rhode Island State Police. In 2012 many statutorily mandated retirements took effect. These men and women had hundreds of years of law enforcement experience. The Division also has had many exciting opportunities ahead. There will be a new Gaming Enforcement Unit as a result of table games coming to Twin River, and the Training Academy will begin with a new class of student-troopers in July.

We will be dealing with important legislative issues including school safety and guns, and the primary seatbelt legislation. Some of our legislative initiatives passed, and some failed in 2012. Possession of less than one ounce of marijuana has been decriminalized over our objections. We were successful in having legislation pass that makes possession of a bulletproof vest a felony. We continue to work with the Governor’s staff to amend and/or strengthen laws that effect public safety, including drunk driving and motor vehicle stops.

Google Settlement funds will provide much-needed cruisers and other law enforcement enhancements. The men and women of the Rhode Island State Police will continue to provide the quality law enforcement services that our citizens have come to expect from their Rhode Island State Police.
The Professional Standards Unit is under the command of Captain John D. Lemont, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Division. Captain Lemont holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Business Management from the University of Rhode Island, an Associate’s Degree, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Studies from Roger Williams University, as well as, a Jurist Doctorate from the Roger Williams University School of Law. Captain Lemont was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1999. The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the investigation of complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Division of State Police. The Unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Each investigation is conducted in detail and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will end with one of three classifications; founded, unfounded, or unsubstantiated. Founded complaints result in disciplinary action in compliance with General Order -3C, titled, “Internal Investigation Procedure / Policy.”

In 2012, the Rhode Island State Police interacted with the public on over 60,000 thousand occasions through traffic collision investigations, incidents, arrests, and citations, yet the Professional Standards Unit only received forty-six (46) complaints against personnel from both external and internal sources. Twenty-four (24) cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated. Twenty (20) cases were determined to be founded, requiring corrective action or disciplinary sanctions. Two (2) cases remain pending. Seven (7) cases were submitted to the Professional Standards Unit for informational purposes only.

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The Inspectional Services Major, David P. Tikoian is a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Division and is responsible for evaluating the operation of the Division, as well as periodic inspections of facilities, vehicles, equipment, records, personnel and investigative procedures. The Inspectional Services Unit is charged with reviewing current Division-wide operations, practices, policies and procedures against mandatory and non-mandatory CALEA, (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) standards. This review ensures that any identified deficiencies are addressed accordingly to satisfy the standard, and to make certain the Division will continue to operate efficiently in order to maintain its prestigious accredited status.

In November of 2011, the Division was formally re-accredited by CALEA. The Division not only earned “Meritorious” recognition for its 6th successful re-accreditation, but also earned the prestigious distinction of “Accreditation with Excellence Award” formally referred to as a Flagship Agency for the third consecutive re-accreditation cycle. This accomplishment instills a sense of pride for Division Members and the Rhode Island citizens we serve.

Since 2000, the Inspectional Services Unit has continued to maintain a Quality Assurance Program. Surveys are mailed to persons who have dealt with the Division in reference to complaint investigation (both uniform and detective), accident investigation, as well as, the enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws. As has been the case with every annual survey, the Division continues to maintain a 90% level of satisfaction for its services to Rhode Island residents. This is a level of professionalism all Rhode Islanders can be proud of.

Major Tikoian also serves as the Division's Legislative and Community Outreach Liaison where he works with such organizations as Project Night Vision/ Tri-Town Community Action Agency, Rhode Island Hispanic Ministers Alliance, Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Socio-Economic Development Center for Southeast Asians and many others to foster relationships and ties to the communities we serve.
Trooper Laurie Ludovici, a sixteen (16) year veteran of the Division, assumed the position of Accreditation Manager in March 2012. This position serves to streamline the voluminous amount of documentation necessary to sustain accreditation requirements.

In November of 1992, the Rhode Island State Police made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation status under the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA). The Commission’s mission is to establish a set of professional standards which strengthen crime prevention programs, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory practices, improve services, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and boost citizen and staff confidence in the law enforcement profession.

Since the Division initially attained accredited status in November of 1994, it has continually updated policies and procedures to conform to evolving law enforcement issues and accreditation standards. Furthermore, the Division has gathered numerous forms of documentation that demonstrate compliance with Division policies, procedures and accreditation standards. The Division complies with those applicable four hundred and eighty (480) standards established by the Commission.

As a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the Accreditation Unit and Division’s sworn and civilian members, the Rhode Island State Police successfully passed its fifth on-site visit for re-accreditation, and was accredited for the sixth time by CALEA in November 2011 receiving the “Accreditation with Excellence” award, formerly known as “Flagship Agency” recognition. This is the Division’s third consecutive recognition award.

The Division’s seventh CALEA on-site assessment is planned for August 2014. The majority of the work to be conducted this year will involve managing and enhancing standard compliance, and generating and revising Division policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the highest level of best practices.

The Division maintains an active presence in the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Coalition, where Trooper Ludovici is currently serving as the Vice Chairperson. The Coalition was established to support both accredited agencies and agencies interested in the accreditation process within Rhode Island.

Additionally, the Division is committed to supporting the newly created Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission. Colonel O’Donnell is a member of the Commission and Major Hill is an appointed member of the Standards Review and Interpretation Committee.
Deputy Superintendent/
Chief of Field Operations
LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND STUDLEY

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Studley, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, is the Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Field Operations, and second in command of the Rhode Island State Police. Lieutenant Colonel Studley is a 2011 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, V.A. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Consumer Affairs from the University of Rhode Island.

As Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Studley is directly responsible for the Patrol and Detective Bureaus, as well as, the Governor’s Security Detail. Additionally, he has supervisory responsibility for the specialized units within these branches, to include: the Commercial Enforcement Unit, RI Airport Corporation Police Liaison Officer, the Division’s TF Green Airport Office, Marine Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Canine Team, Tactical Team, Honor Guard Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Motorcycle Team. The Deputy Superintendent is closely and continuously involved in the day-to-day operations of the Division of State Police.

In the past, Lieutenant Colonel Studley has served as the District “B” Commander of the Uniform Bureau. He also served as the Assistant Detective Commander, responsible for the day-to-day operations within the Detective Bureau. His previous Detective assignments include the Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF), Major Crimes Unit, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force (HIDTA), as well as the Rhode Island Fusion Center and the State Police Intelligence Unit. He also has served as the Division’s Evidence Control Officer. In 2009, he was appointed Interim Police Chief of the City of East Providence.

The Superintendent has designated the Deputy Superintendent as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the State Police and, as such, he is responsible for disseminating information to the public through the print and electronic media. Among the responsibilities of the PIO is the coordination of public speaking appearances and demonstrations by Division members throughout the State and Northeast. He periodically meets with representatives of the various media outlets to ensure that the Division maintains an open line of communication with them.

The Deputy Superintendent is the conduit for requests from local, state, and federal agencies seeking the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police. He regularly represents the Division at the State House and with the State’s Legislature on numerous Rhode Island State Police initiatives. The Deputy Superintendent reports directly to the Superintendent, and along with the Superintendent, works to ensure the efficient operation and establish goals, direction, and priorities for the Division of State Police.
In addition, the Deputy Superintendent is the Coordinator for the Rhode Island AMBER and Silver Alert Plans and is responsible for establishing the protocol for investigating child abduction investigations. The Rhode Island AMBER and Silver Alert Plans provide a rapid response to the most serious child abduction and missing elderly person cases respectively. When alerts are activated, the Rhode Island State Police can immediately gain the assistance of local broadcasters to send an emergency alert to the public in the hope for a quick and safe recovery of the abducted child or location of the missing elderly person.

On August 29, 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Studley was detailed to the RI Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) as a special assistant to the Governor. His duties and responsibilities are to oversee the day-to-day operations of RIPTA. He was detailed out until the Governor feels his mission has been completed.

The Superintendent assumed his day to day responsibilities within the Division of State Police. More responsibility was placed on members of the Command Staff during this time-frame.
District Commanders
CAPTAIN ERNEST C. QUARRY, JR.
CAPTAIN FRANK B. CASTELLONE

The District Commander’s office is staffed with two (2) Division members holding the rank of Captain: Captain Ernest C. Quarry, Jr. and Captain Frank B. Castellone. Captain Quarry, a twenty-three (23) year veteran, is the District “A” Commander. Captain Quarry holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University. Captain Quarry was previously assigned as the Patrol Commander of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Staff Instructor at the State Police Training Academy for the 1997, 2000, 2005 academies, and as Commandant of the 2009 State Police Recruit Training Academy.

Captain Frank B. Castellone, a twenty–three (23) year veteran, is the District “B” Commander. Captain Castellone holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Rhode Island College. Captain Castellone has previously served as the Division Liaison to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation at Theodore Francis Green International Airport in Warwick, the Assistant Patrol Commander of the Lincoln Woods and Portsmouth Barracks, and as the Prosecution Officer at the Lincoln Woods Barracks. He has also served at all the Barracks locations.

Captain Quarry is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Scituate Barracks, Commercial Enforcement Unit, Night Executive Officers and the Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Captain Castellone is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Hope Valley Barracks, Wickford Barracks, Portsmouth Barracks, T.F. Green Airport Office, Operations Officer, and all of the Division’s specialized units which include the Tactical Team, Canine Unit, Marine/Dive Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, and Honor Guard.

The District Commanders have the overall responsibility of assuring all barracks are operating in a uniform manner to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Division. As secondary responders, the District Commanders respond to all major incidents being investigated by uniformed patrols. Also included in their responsibilities is the allocation of personnel around the State. Due to the dynamics and the varied daily responsibilities of the organization, assigning troopers around the State is a very time consuming responsibility.

The District Commanders work with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate the Division’s efforts in the war against terrorism. All special security details and assignments fall under the responsibility of the District Commanders.
The Scituate Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Paul J. Olszewski, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Scituate Barracks personnel structure consists of one (1) Lieutenant, three (3) Sergeants, three (3) Corporal’s and twenty-one (21) Troopers. The Lieutenant and Sergeants have a Substation at the State Police Blackstone Valley Welcome Center on Route 295 North in the Town of Lincoln. The prosecution office is located at State Police Headquarters serving Troopers assigned to the Scituate Barracks.

The Scituate Barracks encompasses over three hundred and seven (307) square miles. The Blackstone Valley Substation gives troopers easy access to State highways and secondary roads in the area. The Scituate Troopers also have patrol responsibilities from the Connecticut State line, in the northwest portion of the State, to the Route 6, Providence metro area. Members of the barracks are also responsible for providing police services to over ten (10) cities and towns.

Patrol activities range from traffic patrol and enforcement, crash investigations, and various criminal investigations, to include everything from armed robbery to embezzlement. Troopers made over sixteen-hundred (1600) arrests in 2012 with sixty-seven (67) resulting in the apprehension of drunk drivers. Additionally, troopers investigated five hundred and ninety (590) incidents and complaints. Through concentrated traffic enforcement efforts, Troopers issued approximately thirteen-thousand (13,000) traffic citations; nearly three-thousand (3,000) of which were seat belt violations. This is a drastic increase from 2011.

In addition to patrol duties, members of the Scituate Barracks are assigned to various specialty units that support the Division of State Police. These responsibilities include assignment to the Governors Security Detail, SWAT Team, and Hostage-Crisis Negotiation Team; Honor Guard Details, Firearms Instruction, and the Canine Team. Members of the Scituate Barracks are also responsible for dispatch and front office duties at the Rhode Island State Police Headquarters Complex.
Interesting Investigation

In September of 2012, the Howard County Sheriff’s Department in Maryland contacted Rhode Island State Police Headquarters requesting assistance in conducting a federal warrant check for a subject wanted for the crime of 2nd Degree Rape. An active cell phone location was obtained for a residence on Douglas Avenue, in the City of Providence. Additional checks with the Rhode Island State Fusion Center identified two additional addresses for the suspect on Lexington Ave and Sisson Street, Providence. It was also noted that the suspect’s occupation involved traveling across the Country as a tractor trailer driver. Further inquiries with the Howard County Sheriff’s Department indicated that the suspect was affiliated with a known street gang from Houston, Texas, and was under investigation for his involvement in a human trafficking ring.

Troopers from the Scituate Barracks responded to the Douglas Avenue address, in which a search of the residence was negative. An updated cell phone location was obtained, in the vicinity of Sisson Street, Providence. Troopers canvassed the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. During this search, a tractor trailer was observed parked in front of a residence on Orteleva Drive, Providence. Contact was made with the homeowner, who confirmed that the wanted suspect was presently in a basement bedroom. Troopers located the suspect and placed him under arrest without incident.

The quick response and actions of the Troopers involved prevented a dangerous felon from escaping the area and eluding arrest. The suspect was subsequently arraigned as a Fugitive from Justice and extradited to the State of Maryland.

Barracks Personnel

Sergeants: John A. Beauregard, Roger J. Reardon, John F. Keenan

Corporals: Simon C. Liu, John W. Gibbs, Ernest P. McKenney

The Lincoln Woods Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Eric C. LaRiviere, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Lincoln Woods Barracks is located at 1575 Old Louisquisset Pike in the Town of Lincoln. One (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, thirty-two (32) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance employee staff the barracks. Several members of the Lincoln Woods Barracks are also involved with the Division’s Specialty Units, that include: Tactical Team Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Technical Accident Reconstruction Unit, Marine Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Search and Rescue (SAR), Canine (K-9) Unit, and the Commercial Enforcement Unit. There are also members who remain actively involved in the military, who are occasionally activated.

The Lincoln Woods Barracks utilizes thirty-eight (38) marked cruisers, and two (2) low-profile vehicles, to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 206 square miles. The area of responsibility is fifty percent urban, twenty-five percent metropolitan, and twenty-five percent rural, and includes Rhode Island’s three (3) major highways.

The Lincoln Woods Barracks, situated in and around the Providence/Metropolitan area, is responsible for a variety of calls for service. Interstates 95, 195, and Route 10 encompass the majority of these calls. The barracks is also responsible for providing police service to all state facilities to include: the State Capitol, the Department of Administration, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Traffic Tribunal, the Institute of Mental Health, the General Hospital, the Adult Correctional and Juvenile Facilities in Cranston, and all Providence County Court facilities. Additionally, the Lincoln Barracks assists the twelve (12) local police agencies on various investigations in their area.

In the past year, Troopers at the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated one thousand two hundred and forty (1,240) incidents and made two thousand four hundred and sixty nine (2,469) arrests. Of these arrests, one hundred and sixty-two (162) were for Driving under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor and/or Drug violations. With the responsibility of responding to calls for service in the Providence/Metropolitan area, traffic problems create a significant strain on resources. As such, the Lincoln Woods Barracks investigated three thousand and sixteen (3,016) motor vehicle accidents last year. Furthermore, the Lincoln Woods Barracks’ commitment to traffic safety is evident in the sixteen thousand and six (16,006) traffic citations issued for motor vehicle code violations.
Interesting Investigation

In December of 2012, while on a traffic post on Route I-195 in the City of Providence, a Trooper stopped a red Toyota bearing a Maine registration for leaving the lane of travel, following too close, and two seatbelt violations. After stopping the vehicle, the two occupants were positively identified. Based on occupants’ nervous behavior, omissions about their criminal histories, and discrepancies in their travel plans, the Trooper believed that the subjects were involved in criminal activity. A second trooper was called to assist.

Based on numerous indicators, a search of the vehicle was conducted. A search of the inner compartment proved negative. While continuing the search to the trunk, the Trooper observed the plastic screw used to secure the felt trunk liner to the frame of the vehicle lying out of place. He also noted that there was nothing else visible in the trunk. Further investigation revealed an empty hole in the passenger side wall liner of the trunk where the plastic screw most likely came from. The Trooper also observed the wall liner was creased in places and appeared to have been recently removed. While removing the right wall liner, the trooper immediately observed a brown cardboard box wrapped in duct tape concealed behind the wall liner. There also appeared to be a plastic shopping bag protruding from the corners of the box and inside the bag were bundles of blue wax paper bags. Based on the Trooper’s training and experience, he immediately identified the blue wax paper bags as packaging used by individuals involved in the sale and distribution of the illegal narcotic heroin. The search resumed and subsequently revealed a second cardboard box wrapped in duct tape concealed behind the driver side wall liner of the trunk. A total of two thousand (2,000) packets of heroin were seized.

The two suspects were placed into State Police custody. While performing a search of the suspects, an additional twenty bags of suspected heroin were located in one of the suspect’s socks. Both parties were charged with Possession of Heroin-One Ounce to One Kilo gram, Possession of Heroin with Intent to Deliver, and Controlled Substance Conspiracy. The driver was also charged with numerous motor vehicle violations.

The Trooper that affected this arrest and many Troopers like him, receive extensive training in Domestic Highway Enforcement. Our highways have become the bloodline for illicit drug trafficking. With increased awareness and enforcement, our Troopers remain vigilant in reducing the amount of illegal drugs brought into our State.

Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: Eric C. LaRiviere
Sergeants: Michael J. Rosa, Michael Reynolds Jr.
Corporals: John M. Allen, Alfred Ruggiero Jr., Timothy J. Dandeneau

Civilian: Mr. Francis I. Dolan
The Hope Valley Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Douglas C. Newberg, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Hope Valley Barracks is located at 54 Nooseneck Hill Road in the Town of Richmond. The barracks is staffed by one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, twenty-six (26) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance employee. In 2012, sworn personnel from the Hope Valley Barracks served in the following specialized units: Tactical Team, Marine Unit, Honor Guard, Collision Reconstruction Unit, and the Canine (K-9) Unit.

The Hope Valley Barracks utilizes thirty (30) marked uniform patrol vehicles, one (1) low profile vehicle, and one (1) 4X4 vehicle to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 250 square miles. Troopers from the barracks handle a wide variety of investigations and calls for service. Troopers are responsible for patrolling major roadways, such as: Route 95, Route 3, Route 102, Route 165, Route 138 and Route 1, along with all secondary highways and rural side roads.

The Town of Exeter, which was once patrolled exclusively by members of the Exeter Barracks, is now divided and patrolled among the Hope Valley and Wickford Barracks.

Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks are committed to traffic safety and conducting thorough criminal investigations. The patrol Troopers investigated three hundred and ninety three (393) motor vehicle accidents, which is a decrease from accidents that occurred in 2011. Troopers issued thirteen thousand two hundred and sixty-seven (13,267) citations during 2012. Troopers also arrested one thousand one hundred and thirty-three (1,133) individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including one hundred and thirty-seven (137) arrests for Driving under the Influence. The patrols also investigated seven hundred and seventy-nine (779) incidents; an increase from 2011.
Interesting Investigation

In September of 2012, members of the Hope Valley Barracks conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 95 north in the Town of Richmond. Troopers observed that the operator and passenger had made furtive movements just prior to the stop, and appeared nervous upon initial contact. During the stop, Troopers detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from the interior compartment of the vehicle and observed the operator had bloodshot, watery eyes. A criminal background check of the operator revealed prior weapons and narcotic charges.

Troopers removed the operator for the purpose of conducting a field sobriety test and conducted a pat-down for officer safety. At this time, a knife was seized from the operator’s front right pocket and a loaded Smith and Wesson .40 caliber handgun was seized from the small area of his back. The operator was immediately placed into custody.

Troopers then removed the passenger from the front passenger seat. A search of the passenger and vehicle revealed heroin, methadone, and two additional .40 caliber loaded magazines.

Troopers charged the operator with License/Permit Required for Carrying a Pistol, Weapons other than Firearms Prohibited, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Driving in Possession of a Controlled Substance. The passenger was charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant: Douglas C. Newberg

Sergeants: Robert J. Carnevale, Stephen B. Flood

Corporals: Erik W. Jones, Richard D. Swanson Jr., John P. Charbonneau


Maintenance: Mr. Scott Gordon
In 2012, the Wickford Barracks fell under the command of Lieutenant Joseph F. Philbin, Jr., a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. In early 2012, the Portsmouth Barracks was taken out of service and Troopers stationed at this barracks were assigned to the Wickford Barracks. Although the Portsmouth Barracks is no longer operational, a presence is maintained in this area. Troopers are dispatched from the Wickford Barracks for calls of service in the Portsmouth area.

The Wickford Barracks is located at 7875 Post Road in the Town of North Kingstown. The Wickford Barracks compliment is comprised of: one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, three (3) Corporals, twenty-six (26) Troopers, and one (1) civilian maintenance employee. Vehicles assigned to the Barracks include thirty-one (31) marked cruisers, two (2) unmarked cruisers, and one (1) unmarked 4 x 4 Sport Utility Vehicle.

The Wickford/Portsmouth patrols provide police services on a daily basis for commuter traffic to and from the interstate highway system, and for the metropolitan areas of Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Newport and suburban South County. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, there were additional demands for service due to beach traffic. The additional demands for police presence not only resulted in the need for stronger motor vehicle enforcement, but also caused a substantial increase in criminal complaints and arrests. The Barracks only encountered one winter storm during 2012, but was tested during Hurricane Sandy. The Wickford Barracks also provided support for the Block Island Detail that ran from May until September, 2012.

In 2012, sworn personnel from the Wickford Barracks served in the following specialized units: the Governor’s Security Detail, Tactical Team, Canine Unit, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Accident Reconstruction Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) Unit, Honor Guard Unit, and Crisis Negotiation Unit. Additionally, Troopers were assigned to numerous special details. Some of the assigned details included; the Quonset Air Show traffic enforcement and security, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) ship security, Tall Ships traffic enforcement and security, Blessing of the Fleet road race traffic enforcement, Governor’s Bay Day, military and dignitary escorts to and from Quonset Point and the Newport Naval War College, Eastern State Exposition Big “E”, and numerous public speaking assignments.
During 2012, members of the Wickford/Portsmouth Barracks arrested one thousand two hundred and forty-three (1243) individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including one hundred and sixteen (116) arrests for Driving under the Influence. Troopers issued twelve thousand seven hundred and thirty-two (12,732) citations, handled seven hundred and eighty-nine (789) incidents, and responded to six hundred and fifty-eight (658) accidents, three (3) of which were fatalities.

**Interesting Investigation**

On Friday, August 10, 2012, the Hope Valley Barracks sent a broadcast to patrols to be on the lookout for a suspect who was wanted by the Coventry Police Department under the 24 hour domestic rule. The male suspect had been seen leaving the area of an Anderson Avenue address in Coventry, in a white 1997 Infiniti I30. Troopers from the Wickford Barracks recognized the name of the suspect through previous investigations. A check for the suspect at several local addresses proved fruitless.

On Sunday, August 12, 2012, Troopers at the Wickford Barracks learned that Coventry Police had issued a warrant for the suspect for Domestic Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Vandalism, and Violation of No Contact Order. The suspect was currently considered to be armed and dangerous.

During the course of the day, Wickford Barracks patrols conducted surveillance at several addresses that the suspect had used in the past. A thorough investigation revealed one last possible address for the suspect. Troopers immediately responded to this West Warwick address. Upon arrival, Troopers approached the garage and immediately located the above suspect vehicle. The Barracks Patrol Commander was advised, and Troopers set up surveillance points around the residence utilizing marked and un-marked state police vehicles. Troopers also spoke with neighbors, especially one, who was able to verify that a subject, fitting the description of the suspect, was inside the house. A short time later, Troopers were contacted by this neighbor who advised that a vehicle had just stopped at the residence and four male subjects responded inside. When the vehicle left, Troopers conducted a motor vehicle stop and questioned the occupants.

The occupants advised that they were robbed at gunpoint at the residence and identified the assailant as the same male subject wanted by Coventry Police. Troopers were further advised that the suspect firmly stated that he would not surrender to police without a fight and that he would kill any law enforcement officers that tried to arrest him. This information was relayed to the Wickford Barracks Patrol Commander and a perimeter was set up around the house. The Rhode Island State Police Tactical Unit and the West Warwick Police responded to assist and the Night Executive Officer took command of the scene. After several hours of negotiations with the suspect and several subjects inside the residence, the suspect exited the residence and surrendered without incident. The suspect and several accomplices were placed under arrest and transported to the Wickford Barracks.
Wickford Barracks Personnel

Lieutenant:  Joseph F. Philbin Jr.

Sergeants:  Thomas Peck Jr., James M. Pardington

Corporals:  Brian M. Montminy, John C. Shelhart, Paul J. Conlon


Maintenance:  Mr. Thomas McCarthy Sr.
Sergeant David Medeiros is the commander of the Commercial Enforcement Unit and has served in this unit since 1994.

The Commercial Enforcement Unit (CEU) is comprised of one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal and six (6) Troopers. In addition to the full-time compliment, there are ten (10) Troopers who assist the CEU on a part-time basis for a variety of commercial motor vehicle related details. Within the last few years, a number of local agencies have trained their patrol officers as roadside inspectors as well. Currently there are ten (10) local police officers who perform roadside inspections within their respective jurisdictions. All roadside inspectors must be certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Once certified, each roadside inspector has the authority to conduct Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections and ensure compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR).

In order to be certified as a Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector, the Trooper / Officer must complete the North American Standardized Inspection Course held at a Regional Training Academy. The Regional Training Academy for New England is currently located at the Massachusetts State Police Training Academy in New Braintree, Massachusetts. In addition to the basic two-week course, all full time CEU members must maintain certification in Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) Vehicle Inspection, HAZMAT Bulk Package Inspection, Passenger Carrier/Motor Coach Inspection, and Advanced Roadside Inspection Techniques. Each of the above certifications requires additional classroom and field training with a certified inspector.

During the course of a roadside inspection, Troopers have additional responsibilities that include; Department of Environmental Management and Department of Transportation (DEM/DOT) Heavy Duty Diesel Emissions Enforcement, Rhode Island Department of Transportation Size and Weight Enforcement, Rhode Island Public Utilities Operating Authority Enforcement, and Rhode Island Department of Revenue Fuel Tax Enforcement. CEU members are also called upon to assist with major commercial vehicle accident investigations that occur throughout the state.

In addition to roadside inspection, the CEU also participates in the New Entrant Safety Audit Program and the Compliance Review Program. New Entrant Safety Audits provide newer commercial carriers with a preliminary review of carrier operations. Each new carrier is subjected to a review within the first eighteen (18) months of operation as an interstate carrier. The Compliance Review Program is an internal audit/investigation of a commercial carrier’s transportation practices. The Compliance Review may be generated by a company’s poor safety rating or a complaint filed with the FMCSA. At times, a Compliance Review will result in federal civil charges filed against the carrier and/or one of its drivers. At this time, there is one (1) full-time and two (2) part-time members assigned to the FMCSA to conduct safety audits, and one (1) member assigned to conduct compliance reviews.

In 2012, the Commercial Enforcement Unit performed two thousand seven hundred and one (2,701) roadside inspections, including ninety-nine (99) HAZMAT carriers. As a result of these roadside inspections, five hundred and fifty-nine (559) vehicles and one hundred and thirty (130) drivers were placed out of service due to unsafe operating conditions. Troopers also conducted six hundred (600) traffic enforcement related stops yielding two thousand two hundred and forty-six (2,246) violations.
Throughout the year, CEU members are called upon to speak at various safety meetings and provide valuable information to the commercial trucking industry. CEU members sit on a variety of committees that influence the commercial motor vehicle industry on both a local and national level.

Rhode Island has maintained a low commercial motor vehicle crash and fatality rating for several years and the Commercial Enforcement Unit will continue in its efforts toward further reductions.

**Commercial Enforcement Unit Personnel**

Sergeant: David J. Medeiros  
Corporal: Sean P. O'Hern  
Troopers: John E. Furtado, Ronald J. Longolucco, Mark J. Perotti, John J. Gadrow, Gina-Marie Lindell, Sean F. Pasley  
Rhode Island State Police Special Operations are currently under the direct supervision and coordination of the Division’s Operations Officer, Lieutenant Robert S. Wall, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Operations Officer is responsible for certifying the operational readiness and preparedness of the Division’s Special Services, which includes the following units: Canine Unit, Marine Unit, Dive Team Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Honor Guard Unit, Tactical Team, RIWMD Tactical Team and Crisis Negotiation Unit. The Operations Officer is also responsible for statewide activations of AMBER Alert, Silver Alert, and Task Force II, which is responsible for coordinating and deploying search teams and resources for missing persons. The Operations Officer also serves on several committees, such as the Rhode Island Incident Management Task Force, Medical Emergency Distribution System Working Group, Hurricane Evacuation Working Group, Providence Emergency Advisory Council, Weapons of Mass Destruction Working Group, Sector Southeastern New England Port Safety and Security Forum, Emergency Management Advisory Council, and Rhode Island Task Force 2. In addition, the Operations Officer serves as a liaison to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and maintains an office at the RIEMA Headquarters in Cranston.

In 2012, the Operations Office coordinated the Division’s response to such events as: the Tall Ships, America’s Cup, Jamestown Bridge Road Race, International Iron Man 70.3 race, Rhode Island National Guard International Air Show, Vigilant Guard Exercise, several full scale and table top exercises dealing with homeland security and emergency preparedness operations, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, The Big “E” Eastern States Exposition, several parades and ceremonies involving the Division Honor Guard Unit, and numerous dignitary protection details.
The Night Executive Officers are tasked with commanding all sworn and civilian personnel working during the night. There are four (4) Lieutenants assigned to this position, with two working each night. During a night shift, one (1) Lieutenant supervises operations within the Southern Barracks patrol area, while the other controls operations within the Northern Barracks patrol area. During 2012, Lieutenant Mark A. Farnum, a twenty-three (23) year veteran, Lieutenant William C. Jamieson, a twenty-one (21) year veteran, Lieutenant Daniel C. Cusumano, a twenty-one (21) year veteran, and Lieutenant Kevin M. Barry, a nineteen (19) year veteran shared this assignment.

The Night Executive Officers report directly to the District Commanders. Their responsibilities include the inspection and management of Troopers, while simultaneously coordinating all field activities by directing investigations and responding to all significant incidents. Additionally, these responsibilities include assisting local police departments when the need arises.
The Governor’s Executive Security Unit is under the command of Sergeant Paul S. Sikorskyj, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Sergeant reports directly to the Deputy Superintendent / Chief of Field Operations. The Governor’s Executive Security Unit is comprised of one (1) Sergeant and one (1) Trooper, who facilitate the day-to-day operations of the Governor’s Security Detail. Division members assigned to this unit have successfully completed specialized training in the area of Executive/Dignitary protection.

The Executive Security Unit is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the Governor and first family at all times. Protective responsibilities include: personal, grounds and facility security, postal, e-mail and telephone screening as well as threat evaluation. These duties remain the same whether the Chief Executive’s official business is within Rhode Island, or requires out of state travel. The Executive Security Unit incorporates various resources to ensure the safety and security of the Governor. These resources consist of communication and a positive working relationship with multiple law enforcement agencies, to include; local and State Police, Capitol Police, United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States State Department, Transportation Security Administration, and the United States Postal Inspectors.

The Governor’s Executive Security personnel spend a majority of their time conducting advanced work and formulating logistical arrangements for the numerous public appearances the Chief Executive Officer must attend while in office.

Staff:
Sergeant Paul S. Sikorskyj
Trooper Steven J. Haynes
Captain Michael J. Winquist is the Detective Commander of the Rhode Island State Police. He is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Division, and has been assigned to the Detective Bureau for the past seventeen (17) years. The Assistant Detective Commander, Lieutenant Brian K. Casilli, assists with the day-to-day operations of the Detective Bureau.

The Detective Commander is directly responsible for all criminal investigations and administrative duties within the Detective Bureau. The Detective Commander is also a member of the Witness Protection Board and supervises the Witness Protection Coordinator.

The Detective Bureau is comprised of fifty-nine (59) trained detectives and investigators who investigate crimes that require specialized investigative techniques. These techniques include forensic examinations and the cultivation of informants. They require exhaustive dedication, and ultimately, accurate court testimony in order to pursue a case through to its final resolution. The Detective Bureau is supported by fifteen (15) civilian staff members who are instrumental in supporting the mission of the Detective Bureau.

The specialized units within the Detective Bureau focus on crimes related to terrorism, homicides, the illegal distribution of narcotics, computer crimes, stolen motor vehicles, insurance fraud, white collar crimes, public corruption, traditional and non-traditional organized crimes, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and violent fugitives. In addition to the extensive caseload investigated by members of the Detective Bureau, members collaborate with local police departments and the Office of the Attorney General in all incidents involving the use of deadly force.

The Detective Bureau is comprised of the following Units: Major Crimes, Intelligence and Organized Crime/Fusion Center, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) Investigations, Financial Crimes/Public Corruption, Violent Fugitive Task Force, Computer Crimes, Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud, Narcotics/HIDTA Task Force, Criminal Identification Unit, Witness Protection, Evidence/Property Control, and Lottery Investigations.

Designees of the Detective Bureau work in unison with federal agents and local police officers to assist in specialty units comprised of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Joint Terrorism Taskforce (JTTF), the United States Marshal Service (USMS), the Rhode Island National Guard (RING), Providence Police, Pawtucket Police, North Kingstown Police, Jamestown Police, Smithfield Police, Coventry Police, Johnston Police, and the North Providence Police Department. Several detectives also represent the State Police in various capacities within the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs.

Members of the Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) assist the Detective Bureau and local law enforcement agencies with the identification, collection, and preservation of evidence. The CIU collects and analyzes crime scene evidence that can be instrumental in identifying suspects, weapons used to perpetrate a crime, and the modus operandi of a crime.
Members of the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) assist the Detective Bureau and local law enforcement agencies with their expertise in the identification and collection of “digital” evidence. The CCU also provides extensive computer training to other members of law enforcement and outside agencies.

Members of the Fusion Center assist the various detective units, as well as, federal and local law enforcement agencies, by collecting and disseminating information with a nexus to terrorism and major crimes.

During the past year, the Detective Bureau investigated one thousand three hundred and twenty-five (1,325) cases resulting in five hundred and eighty-one (581) criminal arrests.

Detective Bureau Personnel

Detective Commander: Captain Michael J. Winquist
Assistant Detective Commander: Lieutenant Brian K. Casilli
Sergeants: John H. Grassel, Joseph M. Dubeau, Diane M. Dougherty, Dennis B. Fleming, Todd D. Neill
**Top 25 Charges Filed By Detectives In 2012**

1. **FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE**-Total for this Charge: 97
2. **DELIVERY/POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER & MANUFACTURE-SCHEDULE I AND II**-Total for this Charge: 70
3. **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**-Total for this Charge: 56
4. **SUPERIOR COURT BENCH WARRANT**-Total for this Charge: 56
5. **OBT/ MONEY-FALSE PRETENSE/PERSONATION/0 $500**-Total for this Charge: 47
6. **POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHED I,II,III,IV AND V-EXCEPT MARIJUANA**-Total for this Charge: 41
7. **ARREST OF ESCAPEES AND PAROLE VILATORS W/O WARRANT**-Total for this Charge: 40
8. **BENCH WARRANT ISSUED FROM 6TH DISTRICT COURT**-Total for this Charge: 39
9. **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**-Total for this Charge: 36
10. **FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE**-Total for this Charge: 27
11. **WARRANT OF ARREST ON AFFIDAVIT**-Total for this Charge: 25
12. **ASSAULT ON CORR OFFICER/TRAINING SCHOOL EMPLOYEE**-Total for this Charge: 23
13. **BENCH WARRANT ISSUED FROM 3RD DISTRICT COURT**-Total for this Charge: 19
14. **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONSPIRACY**-Total for this Charge: 17
15. **FELONY ASSAULT/DANGEROUS WEAPON OR SUBSTANCE**-Total for this Charge: 17
16. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION-VIOLATION OF NO CONTACT ORDER 3RD OFFENSE**-Total for this Charge: 16
17. **POSSESSION OF STOLEN VEHICLE/PARTS- FELONY**-Total for this Charge: 16
18. **CONSPIRACY**-Total for this Charge: 15
19. **JUVENILE ESCAPEES / ESCAPE TRAINING SCH (16 YOA AND OVER)**-Total for this Charge: 14
20. **LARCENY/O $500**-Total for this Charge: 14
21. **FEDERAL WARRANT**-Total for this Charge: 13
22. **FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING IN GENERAL**-Total for this Charge: 13
23. **RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS-FELONY**-Total for this Charge: 12
24. **RESISTING LEGAL OR ILLEGAL ARREST**-Total for this Charge: 12
25. **SIMPLE ASSAULT OR BATTERY**-Total for this Charge: 12
In 2012, the Financial Crimes Unit was led by Lieutenant Todd Catlow. The Unit is currently comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Corporal, three (3) Detectives, two (2) civilian Certified Fraud Examiners, and one (1) criminal case coordinator.

The Financial Crimes Unit is staffed with a diverse group of personnel skilled in areas of criminal investigation involving fraud, also known as “white collar crime”. Unit personnel hold advanced degrees in law, accounting and taxation and have earned financial designations including Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner. The Unit is called upon to investigate a wide variety of financially motivated crimes that include public corruption, extortion, embezzlement, obtaining money by false pretenses, mortgage fraud, forgery, credit card fraud, bank fraud, identity theft, and money laundering.

Interesting Investigation

In November 2012, the Financial Crimes Unit, in conjunction with the United States Attorney’s Office and the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, successfully concluded a three (3) year investigation into public corruption in the City of Central Falls, Rhode Island involving Central Falls Mayor Charles Moreau and his lifelong friend, Michael Bouthillette.

In December 2009, the Financial Crimes Unit commenced an investigation into the aggressive board-up of vacant and foreclosed properties that were occurring in Central Falls at the authority of city officials. Various media reports claimed that all of the board-ups were rendered by two (2) companies owned by Michael Bouthillette. Michael Bouthillette is the owner of Intercity Maintenance Incorporated and Certified Disaster Restoration Corporation. Numerous city officials and witnesses within the community were interviewed, which led to the joint investigation. Members of the Financial Crimes Unit began to review hundreds of documents and quickly became aware that Intercity Maintenance Incorporated and Certified Disaster Restoration Corporation had billed the City of Central Falls approximately two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) for the board-up of nearly two hundred (200) properties.

The lengthy investigation that followed revealed that Mayor Moreau directed Central Falls Code Enforcement Department officials to board-up all vacant properties in the city. The mortgage foreclosure crisis caused an increased number of vacant properties, and as a result, the city public works department could not handle the volume. Subsequently, Mayor Moreau ordered that Intercity Maintenance Incorporated would be the only company the city would use to board-up the properties. Mayor Moreau was able to sidestep State Law requiring such work go out to bid by declaring that these properties presented a public emergency. As the city’s Public Safety Director, Mayor Moreau was exercising emergency procurement powers on each individual property and therefore did not have to put the board-up work out to bid.

Moreau used his power as Mayor to assist Bouthillette in maximizing Bouthillette’s profits by focusing much of his daily duties toward directing city officials to identify as many vacant properties as possible. At times, Mayor Moreau drove through the city streets for the sole purpose of assisting in the identification of vacant properties. Shortly after commencing this aggressive board-up process, Mayor
Moreau decreased the amount of time that homeowners were allowed to board their properties after receiving an “Order to Board” notice. Previously, homeowners were given seven (7) days to respond to an “Order to Board” notice. After Mayor Moreau made this change, homeowners were only provided with twenty-four (24) hours to respond to the notice. This reduction in response time resulted in an unrealistic time frame for homeowners and provided Bouthillette with the opportunity to board more properties and maximize profits. Bouthillette was able to further maximize his profits by fraudulently invoicing for services that he did not provide and by inflating his cost for materials by two hundred (200)–three hundred (300) %.

Mayor Moreau allowed Bouthillette free reign to continue with his fraudulent billing practices. On numerous occasions, Moreau openly dismissed city officials who brought their concerns directly to him regarding Bouthillette’s billing. Mayor Moreau also took a very active role in ensuring that Bouthillette was paid as quickly as possible and at times chastised employees if he felt Bouthillette had not been paid as quickly as he thought he should have been.

The investigation further determined that as a reward for Mayor Moreau’s loyalty to Bouthillette, Bouthillette gave, and Moreau accepted, gratuities that included the installation of a new furnace valued at over six thousand dollars ($6,000.00) and over twenty-thousand dollars ($20,000.00) worth of home improvement and remediation work at Moreau’s private residence.

As the investigation moved toward a conclusion, Mayor Moreau and Bouthillette approached the United States Attorney’s Office and the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General to discuss a plea bargain. Moreau and Bouthillette agreed to plea to Federal Program Fraud to avoid the possibility of indictment for additional charges that could result in a more lengthy prison sentence if found guilty.

On November 19, 2012 Mayor Moreau and Bouthillette formalized their guilty pleas in Federal District Court and are scheduled to be sentenced by the court on February 12, 2013.
The Fusion Center is under the command of Lieutenant Patrick Reilly, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The center is staffed by two (2) Detective Troopers, four (4) criminal intelligence analysts, and one (1) intelligence officer from the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, one (1) Detective is assigned to assist the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Due to intelligence shortfalls identified by the 9/11 Commission, State Fusion Centers were created to improve the flow of intelligence information among the federal, state and local law enforcement communities. There are currently seventy-seven (77) Fusion Centers operating nationwide.

In late 2005, the Rhode Island State Fusion Center was established to investigate potential terrorist activity, as well as to facilitate the dissemination of intelligence information to ensure local entities can take the necessary actions to eliminate or minimize any threats facing the State of Rhode Island. A federally approved Privacy Policy was recently implemented to ensure civil liberty protection of our citizens while fulfilling the mission of the Fusion Center.

The mission of the Fusion Center has been expanded to include the sharing of intelligence relating to all criminal activity. This information is shared across a wide array of critical sectors including law enforcement, fire services, environmental and public health agencies, emergency management, and the general public. The Fusion Center works in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations Joint Terrorism Task Force. The Fusion Center conducts a community outreach program called “Operation Safe Rhode Island,” which is designed to educate individuals involved in the above-mentioned sectors about potential terrorism indicators.

The Fusion Center was established and is sustained by Department of Homeland Security grant funds. The Rhode Island Fusion Center continues to work closely with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure the operation meets nationally recognized benchmarks and standards referred to as baseline capabilities.

A total of two thousand, three hundred and eighty-nine (2,389) requests for information from law enforcement agencies were answered by the Fusion Center in 2012. These requests were received from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Rhode Island, as well as from other Fusion Centers and outside agencies.

A total of twenty-eight (28) Bulletins were generated by the Fusion Center in 2012. Bulletins are generated through a variety of intelligence sources and are reintroduced to our local Fusion Center contacts. Bulletins are classified as top secret, secret, classified, law enforcement only, for official use only and unclassified, and are disseminated to those specific groups as needed.

In 2012, members of the Fusion Center investigated one hundred and eight (108) tips, or leads, that were received from the general public, the private sector, and other law enforcement agencies. After being investigated by Fusion Center personnel, many of these tips led to criminal investigations and arrests. Some of the activity was referred to other investigative units within the State Police or shared with appropriate law enforcement partners, to include other Fusion Centers and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Every lead that is received is fully investigated and shared in a timely manner to ensure the safety and protection of the citizens of our State.
During 2012, members of the Fusion Center hosted forty (40) Information Sharing / Community Outreach sessions. Many of these presentations were conducted for the local law enforcement community, to include state and municipal police recruits, law enforcement officers attending in-service training, the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office, the Department of Probation and Parole, and the United States Attorney’s Office. Several Information Sharing / Community Outreach sessions were conducted for both the public and private sectors to include the Rhode Island Department of Health as well as local fraud and banking associations.

The Fusion Center continued to initiate and fund technological projects that improve information sharing among local law enforcement agencies and beyond. The Fusion Center continued to work closely with the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit to move towards the completion of a project that will allow for the instantaneous sharing of information contained in records management databases independently maintained by forty-two (42) state and local law enforcement agencies. There are thirty-nine (39) police departments currently using the Cross Agency system and it is anticipated that the Providence, Rhode Island, Police Department will be included in the network in the near future. In 2011, the East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Police Department was added to the Cross Agency network, along with the University of Rhode Island Campus Police, the Rhode Island State Fire Marshal’s Office, and the T.F. Green Airport Police. The Cross Agency network has proven instrumental in the successful conclusion of several criminal investigations. The Rhode Island Fusion Center also works closely with the Massachusetts Commonwealth Fusion Center and now shares criminal intelligence over a secure connection that was established in cooperation with the Massachusetts Criminal History Board, the Rhode Island State Police Management Information Systems Unit, the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit, the International Justice and Public Safety Network, and National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). The Rhode Island and Massachusetts Commonwealth Fusion Centers have been consulting with the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) concerning the possibility of connecting these criminal intelligence databases to their established Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) network which will allow access to law enforcement agencies nationwide. The Fusion Center has also acquired a new database called “Government Info Group” which provides profiles on businesses and critical infrastructure throughout the country.

During the year 2012, the Fusion Center processed two hundred and eleven (211) submissions to the Rhode Island Most Wanted website. From those submissions, the Fusion Center received one hundred and sixty-four (164) tips that were forwarded to the investigating officers at their respective departments. As a result of the postings by the Fusion Center to the Most Wanted website, a total of one hundred and forty-three (143) captures and/or identifications were reported. In 2011, the Fusion Center assumed responsibility and management of the Rhode Island Most Wanted Website. This website is funded by the Rhode Island Bankers Association and in the past only included crimes committed within financial institutions. The scope of the website has expanded to include various other crimes which have resulted in numerous tips and clearances.

In 2012, the Fusion Center completed the process of implementing the “CodeRED” emergency alert notification system to the Division of State Police and the Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs. This system will allow Rhode Island State Police as well as the Division of Sheriffs to immediately contact all of its members via phone and email within minutes. In the future this system can be adapted for use in notifying our state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies.
In 2012, the Fusion Center began the process of implementing RI-Safe. RI-Safe is a deconfliction central database which collects and geo-locates specialized law enforcement operations on an event-by-event basis. Examples include executions of search / arrest warrants, raids, and undercover drug operations. When event data is entered into the geo-spatial repository, Fusion Center personnel, who must monitor the software, can detect when opposing law enforcement operations may occur at the same time and place, creating a conflict that may result in officer injury or compromising an investigation. Analysts then work to deconflict the event by advising lead investigators for both events to ensure officer safety. This system requires analysts to monitor for conflicts, but also to make event entries for Rhode Island State Police personnel and United States Marshals Service personnel. During the year 2012, members of the Fusion Center along with staff members from NESPIN trained approximately one hundred and fifty (150) police officers in the use of RI-Safe. Every law enforcement agency in the State of Rhode Island has police officers that have received the RI-Safe training.

The Fusion Center is the state clearing house for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The Fusion Center established points of contact within each police department in Rhode Island and can communicate with these points of contact immediately by phone or email. During the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, a total of two thousand, four hundred and fifty-six (2,456) missing / runaway juveniles were reported by law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Of those reported missing, sixty-three (63) remain active, while two thousand, three hundred and ninety-three (2,393) were located or returned.
During the year of 2012, the Narcotics Unit / Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force was under the command of Lieutenant Kevin M. O’Brien, a twenty (21) year veteran of the Division. The Unit is currently comprised of one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal, and four (4) Detectives.

The Unit is assigned to a statewide task force known as the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force. The Rhode Island State Police manages the Task Force, which is comprised of Rhode Island State Police Detectives, Special Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Bureau of Homeland Security / Immigration and Customs Enforcement (HIS / ICE), along with full-time Detectives from the Providence, Rhode Island; Pawtucket, Rhode Island; and Johnston, Rhode Island Police Departments, as well as part-time Detectives from the Smithfield, Rhode Island; North Kingstown, Rhode Island; and North Providence, Rhode Island Police Departments. The Rhode Island National Guard-Counterdrug Support Program also has two (2) analysts assigned to the Task Force.

The Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force is responsible for conducting investigations relating to violations of the federal and state Uniformed Controlled Substance Act. The Task Force mission is to identify, target for prosecution, and dismantle core and secondary Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) that import and / or distribute cocaine, heroin, and / or other illegal narcotics in or through the Rhode Island geographical area. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy / bust operations, reverse sting operations, and parcel package / freight interdiction. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently results in criminals being arrested and the seizure of their illegally obtained assets including United States currency. The HIDTA Task Force also assists members of the Uniform Division, local police departments and other state and federal agencies with narcotics related investigations. In addition, the Task Force provides narcotics training at Division In-Service, K-9 investigatory assistance and conducts public speaking engagements.

The majority of cases investigated by the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force are a result of initiating proactive investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from cultivation of confidential informants. Furthermore, HIDTA members develop information provided to them by members of the Patrol Bureau as a result of motor vehicle stops and / or arrests.

The HIDTA Task Force is federally funded and also relies on cash / asset seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for investigations.
In 2012, the Narcotics Unit / HIDTA Task Force was involved in the investigation of one hundred and eighteen (118) drug-related cases resulting in ninety-two (92) state and federal criminal arrests. As a result of the 2012 investigations and arrests, the below contraband and property was seized:

**Contraband Seized**

Cocaine:  21.18 kilograms  
Crack Cocaine:  500 grams  
Heroin:  3.82 kilograms  
Marijuana:  1,030.70 kilograms  
Hallucinogenics:  28.35 grams (psilocybin)  
Diversionary Drugs:  1,870 tablets (Oxycotin, Oxycodone, Suboxone, Zanax, Vicodin, etc.)  
Steroids:  21 vials  
Firearms:  27 (including one (1) fully automatic AK-47 assault rifle and four (4) semi-automatic assault rifles)

**Seized Property**

United States Currency:  $624,829.00  
Nine (9) vehicles

The Narcotics Unit also has one (1) member assigned to the Providence Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force. In 2012, the member was case agent for an investigation that resulted in the seizure of over six hundred (600) grams of heroin. Subsequent information, developed in the course of the investigation, resulted in the seizure of one (1) additional kilogram of heroin and the arrest of the suspect.

Lieutenant O’Brien, with the assistance of Uniform Division Lieutenant Joseph Philbin, also administers the Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) Program. This program is a nationwide, federally funded criminal interdiction initiative and is comprised of twenty-five (25) Uniform Division Troopers who have been specially trained in highway criminal interdiction techniques.

During the 2012 calendar year the DHE Program was responsible for eighty-eight (88) arrests and seized the following contraband:

**Contraband Seized**

Cocaine:  2.58 kilograms  
Crack Cocaine:  42 grams  
Heroin:  242 grams  
Marijuana:  148.35 kilograms  
Diversionary Drugs:  1,597 tablets (Oxycotin, Oxycodone, Suboxone, Zanax, Vicodin, etc.)  
Firearms:  2

**Seized Currency**

United States Currency:  $259,607.00
Interesting Investigation

Beginning in January 2012, the Rhode Island State Police HIDTA Task Force, the Massachusetts State Police / Bristol County District Attorney’s Office, the Taunton, Massachusetts Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) began collaborating on an investigation into a heavily armed, large scale heroin trafficking organization operating in several cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts, Central Falls, Rhode Island, and Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Investigators had learned that the target of that investigation, who had recently been released from prison, was back on the street selling large quantities of heroin and that his organization had been responsible for numerous shooting incidents in the City of Taunton, Massachusetts. It became clear that this “Armed Heroin Trafficking Organization” had easy access to firearms and had shown a propensity towards violence in settling street level feuds with other heroin dealers in the area.

A Rhode Island State Police Detective assigned to the HIDTA Task Force, received information from two (2) separate confidential sources that confirmed the organization’s expansion into the Cities of Central Falls and Pawtucket. Through this Detective’s effort, an undercover officer was introduced into the organization and was able to provide essential intelligence on the organization. As the investigation developed and members of law enforcement learned of the size, scope and web of the organization, it was determined that the most effective means of dismantling it was to conduct a joint investigation utilizing the authority of a Title III wiretap investigation.

On Friday, May 11, 2012 in Fall River Superior Court, Fall River, Massachusetts, a court order was issued authorizing the participating departments to intercept communications over two (2) cellular phone numbers being utilized by the two (2) main targets of the “Armed Heroin Trafficking Organization” to conduct criminal narcotics / weapons operations in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Members of the joint investigative team, including Uniform Division interpreters and Troopers from the Rhode Island and Massachusetts State Police, maintained continued electronic audio intercept surveillance of the aforementioned telephone accounts from Friday, May 11, 2012 through Thursday May 31, 2012. Over the course of this investigation, the team positively identified several individuals as co-conspirators, suppliers and / or customers in the organizations illegal heroin distribution operation. The investigation quickly expanded to include five (5) different phone lines being used by different co-conspirators.

Throughout the course of this investigation, members of the intercept team confirmed through numerous intercepted telephone conversations and surveillances that the above defendants and others were conducting an illegal heroin trafficking operation. Members conducted physical surveillance on the main targets and their co-conspirators meeting with known and unknown individuals for the purpose of purchasing and / or selling heroin. Additionally, members monitored conversations between the co-conspirators on several occasions when they had made references to carrying and displaying firearms while conducting their illegal business.

Based on the information gleaned from the intercept, nine (9) simultaneous search warrants and thirteen (13) arrest warrants were executed on the morning of May 31, 2012 by the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force, the Massachusetts State Police / Bristol County District Attorney’s Office, the Taunton, Massachusetts Police Department, as well as the Central Falls, Rhode Island and Pawtucket, Rhode Island Police Departments. Results of the warrants included twenty-five (25) arrests, the seizures of one (1) fully automatic AK-47 machine gun, one (1) AK-47 semi-automatic assault rifle, seven (7) miscellaneous rifles and pistols, and three (3) separate seizures of heroin including; eighty (80) grams of heroin seized in the house with the machine guns, one (1) kilogram of heroin, and twelve (12) grams of heroin respectively. Five (5) motor vehicles were also seized for forfeiture.
The Major Crimes Unit is tasked with investigations involving homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, robberies, assaults involving serious injury, and investigations of police officer shootings or in-custody death of prisoners. This Unit is also responsible for investigations of criminal activity at the Adult Correctional Institution and the Rhode Island Training School - Youth Correctional Center.

The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) is presently comprised of the following members: one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Corporal, and seven (7) Detectives.

In calendar year 2012, members of the Major Crimes Unit made one hundred and seventy-eight (178) total arrests and investigated or assisted in the investigation of four hundred and thirty-four (434) separate incidents and / or complaints. These cases were directed to the Major Crimes Unit through either an initial barracks investigation, Headquarters walk-in complaints, complaints filed at the Detective Office located at the Adult Correctional Institution, or when called to assist with local law enforcement investigations. The following is a list comprised of the total number of criminal cases in which the Major Crimes Unit has participated:

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The role of a Detective assigned to the Major Crimes Unit varies. In addition to conducting follow-up investigations on all capital and serious offenses initially filed at the Barracks, responsibilities of the Major Crimes Unit also include the investigation of: all police involved shootings that occur within Rhode Island and felonies that occur at the Wyatt Federal Detention Facility in Central Falls, Rhode Island, where federal authorities have no jurisdiction. The Major Crimes Unit is also tasked with conducting the majority of all background investigations for all prospective employees being considered for hire within the Department of Public Safety. In addition to the aforementioned criminal complaints, the Major Crimes Unit vetted fifty-three (53) complaints that were considered law enforcement information “only,” twenty-three (23) complaints where Detectives assisted other agencies, thirty (30) pre-employment background investigations, and five (5) non-criminal death investigations.

In addition to Detectives assigned to Headquarters, the Major Crimes Unit has two (2) Detectives assigned to the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) who thoroughly investigate all complaints made by both prison employees and incarcerated inmates. These detectives also collect criminal information from prisoner investigators employed at the Department of Corrections, which is then shared with other law enforcement agencies in an effort to bolster officer safety. Additionally, the Detectives assigned to the ACI handle the prosecution of all inmates who are considered fugitives from other states.

**Interesting Investigation**

In early 2012, members of the Rhode Island State Police Major Crimes Unit were called to assist members of the Lincoln Barracks with what was initially reported to be a sexual assault of a female. A young woman reported that on the evening prior she had been assaulted by three (3) males at two (2) separate locations within the City of Providence, Rhode Island. Detectives took extensive statements and through the execution of several search warrants gathered evidence from widespread locations. In addition to developing probable cause that led to charging the three (3) suspects with Kidnapping, Conspiracy, and First Degree Sexual Assault, Detectives also were able to uncover that the same three (3) suspects were involved in a sophisticated identity theft enterprise whereby the suspects were able to unlawfully file federal tax returns in a multitude of victims’ names with intention on fraudulently obtaining refunds. The investigation revealed that the suspects were attempting to develop a legitimate front which could serve a mechanism to avoid detection by law enforcement.
In 2012, Lieutenant Todd Catlow led the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) / Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The ICAC Task Force is a Department of Justice grant-funded program administered by the Rhode Island State Police Detective Division, and over the last year has been comprised of the six (6) members of the Computer Crimes Unit along with Detectives from the Providence Police Department, Coventry Police Department, Warwick Police Department, Johnston Police Department, Pawtucket Police Department, two (2) Agents from Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) and one (1) Postal Inspector from the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS). During 2012, additional affiliates were welcomed from the Jamestown Police Department, Richmond Police Department, Woonsocket Police Department, and Middletown Police Department. The objective of the ICAC Task Force is to form strong working relationships between local, state, and federal law enforcement in order to effectively and efficiently prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute online child exploitation and child pornography crimes.

The Computer Crimes Unit investigates criminal violations of law, which often involve the use of a computer in the commission of the crime. These crimes encompass all types of criminal activity ranging from traditional crimes to online fraud. The Computer Crimes Unit is frequently called upon to investigate computer related crimes that include unlawful computer access, auction fraud, identity theft, and network intrusions. Moreover, the Computer Crimes Unit provides forensic analysis of digital media and technical assistance to the Division and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In 2012, the Computer Crimes Unit / ICAC Task Force investigated approximately five hundred and forty (540) complaints.

During 2012, the Computer Crimes Unit made a significant effort to interface with the public, providing education to students, teachers, and parents on internet safety. The goals of these presentations have included not just information on the Computer Crimes Unit / Internet Crimes against Children Task Force itself, but also the hope of preventing future victimization. Over the last year, more than ten (10) presentations have been made to local schools and community groups, directly impacting more than one thousand (1,000) individuals. Additionally, two (2) Detectives from the Unit met with the Rhode Island Family Court judges to help increase their understanding of the criminal aspects of the rapidly evolving social media atmosphere.

The field of cyber security has been a continued focus of the Computer Crimes Unit in 2012. With support from federal funding, the Unit remains diligent in its efforts to train the Rhode Island Cyber Disruption Team (RICDT) to be able to respond to a myriad of possible scenarios that are faced in an increasingly technologically-dependent society. Currently, the RICDT consists of over thirty representatives from various public and private sector agencies who recognize the need for a unified effort against cyber threats to our infrastructure. The RICDT continues to grow in size and expertise, furthering the mission to be able to provide coordinated analysis, support, and response both during and prior to potential cyber incidents. In addition to continuous training, the RICDT also provides public education and outreach to businesses and organizations to help increase awareness of potential vulnerabilities and recommend ways to safeguard against these threats.
The Computer Crimes Unit recognizes that the field of computer crimes and cyber security is a rapidly paced field that continues to evolve at an unparalleled speed. To that end, the Computer Crimes Unit seeks to support the continued education of future professionals through ongoing internship programs with the University of Rhode Island’s Digital Forensic and Cyber Security Center and Roger Williams University’s Center for Forensics, Applied Networking, and Security. The internship program enhances the creative and technical capacity of the Computer Crimes Unit, while offering valuable training and experience to qualified students.

Interesting Investigation

Late in the summer of 2012, the Computer Crimes Unit / ICAC Task Force assumed an investigation initiated by a special agent of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), who since late spring had been engaged in an undercover online investigation with a suspect using a peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing program. During the course of the undercover P2P investigation, the NCIS Special Agent was able to determine that the suspect was involved in the transfer of multiple files that were suspected to be child pornography. The CCU / ICAC Task Force confirmed the graphic nature of several videos depicting child pornography downloaded from the suspect’s computer. Following a successful surveillance operation, six (6) members of the CCU / ICAC Task Force from four (4) different law enforcement agencies executed a search warrant, resulting in the arrest of the suspect and the seizure of multiple electronic devices / media that contained child pornography.

A complete forensic examination by a CCU / ICAC Forensic Analyst of the multiple electronic devices seized identified several hundred images and videos depicting child pornography. Also discovered were images and videos depicting the suspect engaged in illicit sexual activity with a young boy who appeared to be approximately (ten) 10-years-old. Forensic examination of these images and videos identified the Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates embedded in the files. Investigators were able to identify the location where the sexual assault took place, which was pinpointed to a small town in the Dominican Republic. With this new information, CCU / ICAC Task Force members worked with an Assistant United States Attorney to obtain a federal arrest warrant for the suspect for:

1. Production of child pornography outside the United States,
2. Receipt or distribution of child pornography,
3. Possession of child pornography, and
4. Engaging in illicit sexual conduct in foreign places.

Ten (10) investigators assigned to CCU / ICAC Task Force and the joint Homeland Security Investigations team arrested the suspect on the above federal charges. Upon interview, the suspect confessed to the sexual assault of the young boy. Subsequent inquiries were made by the Homeland Security Investigations’ attaché in the Dominican Republic to identify and provide services to the victim.

This case provides an excellent example of not only the investigatory and forensic skills of the CCU / ICAC Task Force team, but also the success of the Task Force’s model of inter-agency cooperation. From the initial investigation through the execution of search and arrest warrants, the CCU / ICAC Task Force was able to work seamlessly to identify a child victim and charge a suspect for an egregious crime that occurred outside of the United States.
The Intelligence Unit is tasked with the investigation of traditional and non-traditional organized crime. The Intelligence Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Patrick Reilly, a twenty (21) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Intelligence Unit is presently comprised of (4) detectives, one of whom holds the rank of Sergeant.

The Intelligence Unit is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives set by the Division. In conjunction with these responsibilities, unit members are responsible for managing and maintaining confidential informants, maintaining criminal intelligence files, tracking and identifying members and associates of organized crime, maintaining and gathering information on various gangs, assisting with in-service training, providing informational seminars to other law enforcement agencies, assisting local, state and federal agencies with investigations, conducting electronic sweeps, researching modern technical equipment, and assisting Rhode Island State Police personnel, as deemed necessary by the Detective Commander. Unit members are also responsible for sharing information with other state and local law enforcement agencies, to include: The New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The primary goal of the Intelligence Unit is to identify and suppress the widespread illegal activities of organized criminal enterprises. Historically, the Intelligence Unit focused on monitoring activities of the traditional La Cosa Nostra. However, over the past decade, responsibilities have diversified to include investigations of terrorism, outlaw motorcycle gangs, drug cartels, and other newly emerging criminal groups.

The categorizations of investigations handled by the Intelligence Unit include, but are not limited to: threats and extortion; gambling and lotteries; organized criminal gambling; racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO); and violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act that are linked to Organized Crime. Such violations are investigated through the use of surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled buys, buy/bust operations, and reverse sting operations. The majority of investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants, frequently resulting in the arrests of eminent criminals and the seizure of illegally obtained assets.

Most cases investigated by the Intelligence Unit are the result of proactive investigative techniques. Investigations typically progress through the use and cultivation of confidential informants.

The Intelligence Unit is financially self-sufficient, facilitated by the utilization of motor vehicles and cash seized as a result of state and federal forfeitures. Funds are also allocated for the purchase of equipment, and to financially support the continuation of investigations.

In 2012, members of the Intelligence Unit were involved in several long-term, complex investigations which led to the arrests of forty-three (43) individuals for a variety of criminal offenses, to include: racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO), extortion, organized criminal gambling (bookmaking), usury, possession of firearms, cultivation of marijuana, illegal distribution of narcotics, piracy/counterfeiting DVD recordings, and trafficking of un-taxed cigarettes. These arrests and prosecutions also resulted in the seizure of four (4) motor vehicles, two (2) firearms, one hundred and fifteen thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five dollars ($115,935.00) in United States currency and over fifty thousand (50,000) pirated DVD video recordings.
Interesting Investigation

During 2012, members of the Intelligence Unit assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Providence Police Department, and the United States Attorney’s Office with a multijurisdictional, long term investigation involving high level members and associations to the New England La Cosa Nostra (NELCN). The NELCN has been an economic and public safety threat to Rhode Island for decades and a primary focus of the Intelligence Unit. The cooperative efforts have dismantled the longstanding and current leadership of the NELCN. The investigation resulted in the arrest and convictions of one former boss, one boss, one capo régime, three soldiers, and seven associates for racketeering conspiracy, and extortion conspiracy relating to protection payments from adult entertainment businesses and individuals in Rhode Island for the past two decades. This investigation resulted in the first RICO enterprise prosecution of NELCN leadership and members in Rhode Island, despite over 45 years of rule. All members charged have pleaded guilty and have been sentenced to federal prison for their involvement in the alleged racketeering and extortion conspiracy.

The investigation included the use of confidential informants, cooperating witnesses, numerous hours of physical surveillance, the execution of several court authorized search warrants, the use of electronic surveillance and evidence from numerous previous wire tap investigations over a period of twenty years. This is an excellent example of a strategic investigation to take down the command structure and associates of a criminal enterprise operating within the State of Rhode Island. The Intelligence Unit will continue to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies in battling organized crime.
The Violent Fugitive Task Force (VFTF) is under the command of Sergeant Todd Neill. This Unit is currently comprised of one (1) Sergeant, three (3) Detectives, one (1) Providence Police Patrolman, and three (3) full-time and two (2) part-time members from the United States Marshals Service.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is responsible for tracking and locating subjects that are wanted on violent felony charges. Members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force track and investigate long-term fugitive matters and also handle a large quantity of parole violators, federal probation violators, Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) escapees, and requests from the Attorney General’s Office as well as requests from local and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force moved during the fall of 2012 from Pawtucket, Rhode Island to an off-site location in Warwick, Rhode Island. The Task Force primarily uses the State Police Lincoln Barracks to process, hold, and interview suspects.

On June 19 and June 21, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force conducted six (6), three (3) hour training sessions for approximately fifty (50) members of the Rhode Island State Police Uniform Division. The training instructed Uniform members in the many investigative techniques used by the Task Force in the apprehension of wanted criminals. Uniform members who completed the training were issued a certificate and were given the opportunity to work in an overtime capacity with the Violent Fugitive Task Force.

During the past calendar year, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested one hundred and twenty-eight (128) people wanted by law enforcement agencies and courts within the State of Rhode Island and across the nation. These arrests include: eight (8) individuals wanted for murder, nine (9) individuals wanted for armed robbery, and eight (8) individuals wanted for assault with a dangerous weapon to include firearms.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force brought additional criminal charges on subjects on the following: four (4) escapees, two (2) firearm violations, seven (7) narcotic violations and several lesser felony and misdemeanor charges.

Interesting Investigation

On July 23, 2012, Detectives from the Pawtucket, Rhode Island Police Department contacted the Violent Fugitive Task Force for assistance in locating and apprehending a suspect, who was wanted for a shooting homicide. On July 6, 2012, the Pawtucket Police Department responded to a Pawtucket address for a report of a shooting and a man down. The victim was lying lifeless with gunshot wounds to his upper torso. The victim was transported to Rhode Island Hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. Witnesses provided Pawtucket Police with a suspect for the homicide. An affidavit and arrest warrant was obtained for this suspect, who had a previous history of violent crimes and could not be located. After the shooting death, the suspect continued to make threats to witnesses of the homicide.
From July through November, members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force, along with Detectives from the Pawtucket Police Department conducted numerous interviews, house checks, and surveillances in the Pawtucket and Providence areas. Two (2) of the suspect’s family members were arrested for outstanding warrants during the investigation. Detectives obtained cellular phone records from the suspect. These cell phone records were analyzed and provided other cell phone numbers possibly used by the suspect. Cell phone records eventually revealed an address for the suspect in Norfolk, Virginia. Members of the Unit passed this information to the United States Marshals Service in Norfolk, Virginia. Deputies from Virginia immediately set up surveillance on this residence and observed a vehicle with a Rhode Island registration outside of the residence that had a connection to the suspect. On November 28, 2012 at approximately 1:30 pm, deputies from Norfolk, Virginia observed the suspect leaving this residence and walking to a convenience store. The suspect was positively identified and apprehended ending a five (5) month investigation by the Unit.

The suspect is currently being held without bail at the Adult Correctional Institution in Rhode Island and is awaiting trial on the charge of First Degree Murder.
In 2012, the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit was led by Lieutenant David A. Doucet, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Division. Additional members include Detective Corporal Christopher J. Dicomitis, Detective Thomas Jaques and Investigator Michael Douglas. During 2012, Lieutenant Doucet also served as the Chief of the Enforcement Section within the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles, which includes the Rhode Island Automobile Dealer’s License and Regulation Office.

The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes involving the theft and other unauthorized use of motor vehicles, as well as automobile related insurance fraud. In addition, the Unit provides assistance to other Units within the Detective Bureau, as well as providing support to the Division’s Uniform members in areas such as vehicle identification, document authenticity, and investigations that remain at the barracks level.

The Unit also provides support and works as a liaison to investigators with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicle’s Enforcement Division by identifying vehicles through the use of secondary points of identification, the inspection of vehicles through the state’s “salvage inspection” program, and various other types of investigations. The Unit also provides assistance to both the Insurance and Body Shop / Salvage Divisions within the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (DBR) in the oversight of automobile body shops and auto salvage wrecking yards. A Unit Supervisor presently sits on the Rhode Island Dealers License and Hearing Board as well as on the Safety and Emissions Hearing Board. Both boards fall under the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles as well as the Auto Collision Repair Licensing Advisory Board within the Department of Business Regulation.

Members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit work in close collaboration with agents from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, as well as other members of law enforcement on the local, state, and federal levels, by offering support and assistance to those agencies with ongoing criminal investigations. Moreover, the Unit also serves as the law enforcement point of contact for the Fraud Unit within the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT), and is tasked with prosecuting all cases of suspected fraudulent unemployment insurance and temporary disability insurance claims forwarded by the DLT.

During 2012, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit conducted a total of seventy-eight (78) separate investigations, which included insurance fraud, possession of stolen motor vehicles, recovered stolen motor vehicles, obtaining money under false pretenses, and other violations of Rhode Island State Law. These investigations resulted in the arrest of thirty-nine (39) individuals on a variety of charges. Stolen motor vehicle investigations throughout the year resulted in the recovery of seventy (70) stolen motor vehicles, having a total value of three hundred fifty-four thousand dollars ($354,000.00). In addition, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit received a total of twenty-four (24) complaints filed by the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Fraud Unit, which resulted in the arrests of twenty-four (24) individuals who illegally collected a combined total of two hundred twenty-five thousand, two hundred and thirty-six dollars ($225,236.00) in unemployment benefits from the State of Rhode Island.
Interesting Investigation

During April 2012, members of the Auto Theft Unit along with other members of the Rhode Island State Police Detective Bureau commenced an investigation into forcible entries that were occurring at numerous commercial businesses throughout the State of Rhode Island. The businesses appeared to have been targeted and the suspect’s method of operation was professionally executed: prior to the suspect entering the businesses, the alarm systems were purposely deactivated. Once inside, the suspect was able to breach safes, cash registers and Automated Teller Machines located therein.

Members subsequently conducted an in-depth investigation, which ultimately led to a suspect being identified. The suspect had an extensive criminal history dating back to 1984, for various offenses including Breaking and Entering, Attempted Breaking and Entering, Forgery and Counterfeiting, Receiving Stolen Goods, Possession of Burglary Tools, and being a Fugitive from Justice. The suspect was released earlier in 2012 from the Adult Correctional Institution in Rhode Island after serving time for dozens of prior commercial break-ins. His previous conviction in 2001 resulted in his being incarcerated for more than ten (10) years.

The current investigation shadowed the previous 2001 investigation in its method of operation. Unit members obtained and reviewed video footage from several of the targeted businesses. Although the culprit was covered in dark clothing, members were able to detect a small tattoo. In conducting further investigative analyses, members were able to determine that the suspect had a similar tattoo in a similar location. Members subsequently obtained search warrants, which later allowed them to monitor his location during the times that the break-ins were occurring.

Throughout the four (4) month investigation, members deployed various surveillance techniques and spent numerous hours, both on and off duty and at various times of the day, monitoring the suspect’s movements.

During the early hours of July 18, 2012, members narrowly missed the suspect as he attempted to break into Dunkin’ Donuts in the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island. He was unsuccessful in the attempt; however members were able to further solidify the case against him. As a result, members obtained an arrest warrant and a search warrant for the suspect, as well as a search warrant for his vehicle and his aforementioned residence.

During the execution of the search warrants, members seized various burglary tools including a mask, gloves, breaching tools, wire cutters, and other physical evidence that helped link him to the criminal acts being investigated. Additionally, members located and seized United States currency that had been secreted in a hidden compartment in a bedside table.

Based on this investigation, members were able to charge the suspect with a multitude of commercial break-ins throughout the State of Rhode Island and incarcerate him for the crimes.
The Rhode Island State Police Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) is responsible for the processing of crime scenes, providing technical services with criminal investigations, and assisting agencies with forensic investigations. CIU forensic specialties include: crime scene processing and documentation, digital photography, evidence processing, latent print development and comparison, footwear impression development and comparison, blood spatter interpretation, shooting reconstruction, and video analysis. The CIU is comprised of: one (1) Lieutenant, one (1) Sergeant, three (3) Detectives and one (1) civilian clerk.

Actions taken at the outset of an investigation at a crime scene can play a pivotal role in the resolution of a case. A careful, thorough investigation is the key to ensuring that physical evidence is not tainted, destroyed, nor overlooked.

The CIU is also responsible for the positive identification of all subjects taken into custody, as well as the maintenance of criminal records and the dissemination of arrest information to authorized parties. The CIU provides fingerprinting and background checks to all persons required by State Law to fulfill background check requirements.

**Interesting Investigation**

On September 11, 2012 at approximately 11:30 pm, the Criminal Identification Unit was requested to respond to a residence in the Town of Foster, Rhode Island, to process and document the scene of a shooting incident which had just occurred there.

Foster Police requested that the Criminal Identification Unit take control of all aspects of the crime scene shooting incident which encompassed eight (8) distinct and separate locations including: two (2) residences, a bedroom, a bathroom, a hallway, an outside walkway area, a motor vehicle, and a motel room.

The incident began when an unannounced suspect came to the Foster residence and proceeded to shoot the victim several times in an upstairs bedroom. The victim, in an attempt to get away from the gunman, also received several more gunshot wounds in an adjacent bathroom and hallway. Incredibly, the victim was able to exit the residence where he received several more gunshot wounds on the walkway leading from the house.

After sustaining eight (8) gunshot wounds, the victim was able to find safety inside a neighboring residence where he stayed until medical personnel could arrive and transport him to the hospital. CIU members were tasked with the unenviable assignment of processing eight (8) distinct and separate crime scene locations in an effort to link the suspect responsible for this shooting incident.

Aside from the normal routine of crime scene documentation, evidence collection and analysis, photography and video, CIU members were also tasked with blood swabs, gunshot residue collection, buccal swab collection kit, shell casing and projectile fragment analysis, blood spatter analysis, and a shooting reconstruction analysis. After all was said and done, the victim miraculously survived this harrowing shooting incident.
Lieutenant Arnold Buxton is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and is charged with the control of found, recovered, and evidentiary property. Lieutenant Buxton assumed the role of Division Property Officer on April 16, 2012. Lieutenant Buxton is assisted by Sergeant Diane Dougherty who is a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Division. Sergeant Dougherty assumed the role of Assistant Property Officer on December 16, 2012. Control of property is critically important in investigative areas and in the proper handling, security, and disposition of evidence.

During 2012, the following narcotics and narcotic samples were received from the Rhode Island Department of Health. These narcotics and samples were a result of seizures made by the Uniform and Detective Bureaus and include marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and miscellaneous narcotics:

Packages from Toxicology: 403 items

The following is the total number of weapons received from the Uniform and Detective Bureau and the total number of weapons returned:

Weapons Seized: 37 weapons
Weapons Returned: 71 weapons

The following miscellaneous evidence was received from the Uniform and Detective Bureaus. This evidence includes items that were seized not including weapons or narcotics.

Miscellaneous: 639 items

The following evidence was returned. This evidence includes miscellaneous evidence that involved narcotics, weapons, and other investigations:

Evidence Returned: 52 vehicles
  156 items
  4 vehicles are currently pending forfeiture proceedings

The following is the amount of evidence that was destroyed:

Evidence Destroyed: 225 other items
  1,752 pieces of narcotics evidence
In 2012, the Division’s Chief Administrative Officer was Major James G. Pereira, who has since retired.

The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the personnel and fiscal management of the Division, as well as supervision of the day-to-day operations of the Division’s administrative units. The Chief Administrative Officer also acts as a liaison with the Rhode Island Troopers’ Association and civilian unions pertaining to the concerns of sworn and civilian personnel.

In July of 2011, the Department of Public Safety grew to incorporate the Division of Sheriffs. With the addition of one hundred and eighty (180) new employees, the Central Management Office has acquired many additional responsibilities that were formerly handled by the Department of Administration. As a result, the Department of Public Safety was authorized to hire a Fiscal Clerk, an Administrative Assistant, and a Paralegal, all who began their careers with the Rhode Island State Police in 2012.

The Management Information Systems Unit (MIS), the Technical Services Unit, and the Radio Bureau, each fall under the command of the Chief Administrative Officer. The Management Information Systems Unit keeps all of the computer systems for the Rhode Island State Police up and running for our members who work day and night. The Technical Services Unit has been very busy taking on new initiatives so all of the Rhode Island law enforcement community can benefit from the technology that is currently available. Through the Technical Services Unit, the Division hosts the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) and the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS). To supplement the Technology and Communications Unit, the Radio Bureau keeps all of the barracks, vehicles, and infrastructure up and running so that communication is always available.

Additionally, the Chief Administrative Officer oversees the Division’s Fleet. 2012 was a challenge for this unit as the fleet is aging and in need of replacement. We look forward to replacing many of our vehicles in 2013 with money received through forfeiture.

Finally, the Planning and Research Unit is also under the command of the Chief Administrative Officer. This unit is tasked with varied projects to assist the Command Staff with legislation, budget proposals, and traffic enforcement resources. They are also tasked with planning all large events hosted by the Rhode Island State Police. Additionally, they administer all overtime details, produce the Division Annual Report, and other publications.
Sergeant Ann C. Assumpico is the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of the Division’s Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit. Presently there is one (1) Corporal in the unit. Sergeant Assumpico has been a member of the Division for (21) years and has served at each barracks.

In a constant effort to improve highway safety throughout the State, the Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit continues to work closely with the Department of Transportation’s Office on Highway Safety. In 2012, the Unit was responsible for representing the Division within various national, State, local and private organizations and committees regarding highway safety issues. These include, the National “Operation C.A.R.E.” coalition, State Traffic Commission, Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Committee and Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD). The Unit promotes programs and technologies to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on the roadways.

Another essential aspect of the Division’s highway safety enforcement is educational components involving child passenger safety programs. These programs are designed to educate citizens and visitors of the State regarding seat belt and child restraint safety, and to increase safety belt usage in Rhode Island.

The Division currently has ten (10) members certified as child passenger safety technicians. Two (2) of our sworn members are instructors in the forty-hour course required to become a technician. These child passenger safety technicians are experts regarding the proper installation of child safety seats. These members are available upon request and will inspect child restraint seat installations when requested by the motoring public. During 2012, Division technicians participated in child safety seat checkup events held throughout the State. This program has received tremendous support from the public and is an important aspect in the Divisions’ goal towards improving child passenger safety in the State of Rhode Island.

Sergeant Assumpico is a member of the Governor’s Commission on Prejudice and Bias and studies all forms of prejudice, bias and hatred in the State. The commission is authorized and empowered to hold public and private hearings.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit oversees a full-time sworn Division member who is assigned to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal as Court Prosecution Officer. The duties of the Division’s Prosecution Office include the dissemination and collection of Tribunal summonses and handling of all arraignments for motorists who appear before the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for Division issued summonses. The Prosecution Officer also schedules Division trials, if requested by the motorists, at the arraignment. The Prosecution Officer represents the Division at motion hearings, appeals, as well as answering any and all discovery and inspection requests filed by motorists or their attorneys for all Division related Traffic Tribunal matters. The Prosecution Officer acts as the liaison with the staff at the Traffic Tribunal and has varied clerical and administrative assignments as well.
The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit oversees the coordination of all overtime assignments, which include Speed Aggressive Driving, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols and Road Construction Detail assignments with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit is responsible for the Rhode Island State Police Internship Program. This program provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn through first-hand participation in law enforcement or related careers in criminal justice while providing an extra set of hands to help Division members to be more productive, prevent them from becoming overburdened by side projects, as well as, free up Division members to accomplish higher-level, strategic thinking or expertise. The unit mentored and placed over 80 students as part of the Program.

During the last year, the Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit took the initiative to streamline the manual collection of records relating to speed deterrence, rollover simulator, alcohol deterrence, highway safety activities and internship personnel. Using software tools readily available, the unit developed five (5) custom database applications to meet the needs of the Division. The applications are an effective way to optimize daily activity while offering a structured methodology to track, report, and share information.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit also oversees the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) which is staffed by a full-time civilian Operations Manager. The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies.

The Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit will continue its efforts to implement progressive and innovative changes in the field of law enforcement. In addition, the unit researches and develops new technical and administrative programs that will enhance the future organizational growth of the Division. Furthermore, the unit is also charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing various events such as: the yearly Memorial Ceremony, media educational summits, Rhode Island State Police Museum events, special events, and department promotional events.

Additional responsibilities of the Traffic Services/Planning and Research Unit include, but are not limited to: collecting and compiling statistical information regarding the Division, the circulation of all data and planning information in a timely manner.

The Unit is also accountable for the creation, compilation, and production of the:

- Crime in Rhode Island, Uniform Crime Reports
- Division’s Annual Report
- Progress Reports, Goals and Objectives
- Office on Highway Safety Quarterly and Annual Reports
- Crime Analysis Reports
- Commuter Mileage Reports
- Scheduling of the Rollover Simulator
- State Wide Monthly Citation Audits
- Memo to Personnel
- Special Orders
- Press Releases
- Scheduling of Flu Clinics, Blood Drives,
- HS-1 Grant Applications/Budgets to Office on Highway Safety
- Create Community Safety Brochures, and
- Complete Surveys and Research Police Issues
Mrs. Linda Fraccola is the Operations Manager for the Rhode Island State Police and has served with the State Police for twenty-six (26) years. She is responsible for the statewide operation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) and is the crime collection liaison between local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The UCR System is the State’s crime system, which is mandated by the Rhode Island General Law to assemble uniform offense and arrest data from local and state law enforcement agencies, in a form prescribed by the Superintendent.

The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a detailed nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the Country.

With receipt of data covering thirty-nine (39) reporting jurisdictions within the State of Rhode Island, the difficulty of attaining uniformity is readily apparent. It is the standard operating procedure to examine incoming reports for mathematical accuracy and completeness, and perhaps, of even greater importance, for reasonableness as a possible indication of error. Regardless of the extent of the statistical verification process used by the UCR Unit, the accuracy of the data assembled under this system depends on the sincere effort exerted by each contributor to meet the necessary standards.

This Windows based management system has been programmed to the specifications of the UCR Unit and to detail offenses and arrest data, law enforcement employee counts, and other special programs of particular interest. With the use of these computer-generated reports and statistical analysis, the UCR Unit produces an annual publication entitled, “Crime in Rhode Island.” The UCR Unit then assembles, publishes, and distributes the statistics to criminal justice agencies, the general assembly, and public research groups.

“Crime in Rhode Island” can be downloaded from the Rhode Island State Police home page at www.risp.ri.gov, by navigating to the Crime Statistics Link.
The Training Academy is under the command of Sergeant Derek W. Borek, nineteen (19) year veteran of the Division. Sergeant Borek is assisted by Trooper Mark W. Gilson, a sixteen (16) year veteran, and Trooper Meredith L. Zenowich, an eight (8) year veteran, who are responsible for all training activities.

The Training Academy is located at 64 Winsor Road in the Town of Foster. The Training Academy is responsible for conducting the Rhode Island State Police Recruit Instruction School, all in-service training for members of the Division, select regional law enforcement conferences, and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy also coordinates training with the other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Trainers.

The Training Academy handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division. These functions include conducting career awareness programs at many area high schools and colleges in Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.

In 2012, the Training Academy held the first Citizen’s Police Academy. The academy consisted of (5) sessions with one session per week. The goal of hosting this academy was to demonstrate some of the training that Troopers are provided, and to educate on the roles and responsibilities of a Trooper.

In May 2012, the Division continued its mandatory In-Service training program. The In-Service training program is designed to provide sworn members with all mandatory In-Service training courses in two (2) phases facilitated throughout the calendar year. Phase I consisted of ten (10), thirteen (13) hour sessions on Firearms Training / Annual Qualifications, DWI Recertification, Report Writing, Legal Updates, Work Zone Safety and Use of Force. Phase II consisted of ten (10), four (4) hour sessions on Firearms Training – Night Shooting Low Light and FATS training. Included in Phase II was on-line training in Cultural Diversity, Blood Borne Pathogens and the All Hazards Plan.

The Division also commenced a recruitment process on August 1, 2012 for the 2013 Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Academy. The written exam was held on November 3-4, 2012 at the Community College of Rhode Island. The second phase, the physical agility test, began on December 27, 2012 and continued into the New Year.

The Training Academy’s goal is to ensure that the Rhode Island State Police remain at the forefront of law enforcement training in order to serve and protect the citizens of the State.
Ms. Colleen Halloran-Villandry is the Director of the Central Management Office for the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety. In this position, she is responsible for overseeing the staff accounting and fiscal management of the Division. Through her office, the Division's budget is projected and monitored in conjunction with the State's Budget Office. Incorporated with these duties is the additional responsibility of reviewing and processing all purchases made by the Division along with the maintenance of personnel employment records and payroll activities. Ms. Halloran-Villandry is also responsible for developing, budgeting and implementing the capital improvement projects for the Division. As of July 1, 2008, her office is responsible for the fiscal management of the agencies that fall under the Department of Public Safety.

Expenditures – All Funds

Fiscal Year 2012
$68,561,616
Corporal Gerald McKinney is the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Division’s Technology and Communication Unit. Corporal McKinney has been a member of the Division for eighteen and one half (18 1/2) years and has served at each barracks, the Financial Crimes Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Adult Correctional Institute, and the Computer Crimes Unit prior to his assignment to Technology and Communications.

Corporal McKinney serves on the following committees: Interoperable Communications Committee, the Commission on Prejudice and Bias, the Traffic Records Coordinating Council, and the E 9-1-1 Advisory Commission.

Corporal McKinney oversees the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Control Section, the Technical Services Unit, Management Information Systems, the Radio Services Bureau, and the Administrative Officer assigned to the Dispatch Area. Additionally, Corporal McKinney is responsible for the technology in the Headquarters building, including the camera system and door access system.
Mr. Thomas Crotty is the Director of Radio Communications and has served with the Division for over seventeen (17) years. He is responsible for the performance of the Rhode Island State Police radio communication systems. The radio systems provide voice and data communications for the Division and are supported by thirteen (13) communication sites located throughout the state. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Department of Environmental Management, and the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center. In addition to the state agencies, the Rhode Island State Police (RISP) radio infrastructure also supports the statewide eight hundred megahertz (800 MHz) interoperable radio system of the Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network (RISCON). This radio network is used by numerous cities and towns as their primary radio system, but also provides statewide interoperability for thousands of first responders. The infrastructure also supports radio systems used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other governmental agencies.

As the microwave and eight hundred megahertz (800 MHz) radio communications systems are the lifeline of the Rhode Island State Police, it is imperative that the systems are at an optimum level of performance at all times. The staff inspects and monitors all communication sites on a regular basis to ensure that the systems are kept at the highest level of reliability. Radio Services is also responsible for the installation and repair of the fleet emergency systems that include emergency lights, radio equipment, mobile data and radar units.

In 2012, Radio Services was involved in projects to upgrade the microwave network.
The Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit maintains the operation and enhancement of the Rhode Island State Police’s Wide Area Network. This network encompasses the entire state, consisting of five (5) barracks, the Rhode Island State Police (RISP) Headquarters building, the RISP Training Academy, and various remote locations. The Unit manages many types of computing systems, all integrated to work towards the common goal of delivering information to Division members.

In the ongoing effort to modernize Division technical systems, several major upgrades took place in 2012. First, the Division transitioned from the old Novell networking systems to a standard Microsoft Windows domain system. Second, after months of research and planning, the Records Management section of the MIS Unit successfully upgraded the Records Management database to the latest version, which will allow for increased stability and greater ability to report requested statistics. This project was run in conjunction with upgrading Division desktop computers from Windows XP to Windows 7.

The Management Information Systems Unit will continue its efforts in keeping the Rhode Island State Police current with technology and trends. This will enable the State Police to utilize technology in its mission to provide Law Enforcement to the people of Rhode Island in the “Service of the State”.
Miss Joan Marie Collins is the supervisor of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) / Telecommunications Unit. She has served with the State Police for twenty (20) years, starting as a Telecommunicator in November of 1992. Miss Collins is the Rhode Island Sex Offender Registry Database Manager, is the America’s Missing: Broadcasting Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Web Portal Administrator, Missing Senior Citizen Web Portal Administrator, and performs the work of the RILETS / National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Quality Assurance Unit.

During the year, training was provided to all Rhode Island police departments on AMBER Alerts, Missing Senior Citizen Alerts, Rhode Island Sex Offender Database, and NCIC Validation and Compliance.

Several times a year, the Rhode Island State Police works in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police to promote AMBER Alert awareness by providing Child Identification kits to parents to be used in the event their child is reported missing or abducted.

The RILETS / Telecommunications Unit operates twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days a year. The Unit provides access to several databases containing information collected by criminal justice agencies that is needed in law enforcement functions including: wanted person information; missing person information; unidentified person information; stolen property information; criminal history information; information on identifiable individuals compiled in an effort to anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity; vehicle registrations, driver’s licenses and more. The fundamental information and support provided by the Unit is essential for the safety of the Troopers and other police officers.

Assistance is provided to municipal police departments, state, and federal agencies, concerning policies and procedures for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), and Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) systems. The Unit also assists the agencies with any problems that they may encounter with the systems, including hardware or software concerns and frame relay failures. In addition, the Unit monitors and directs both incoming and outgoing interstate message traffic to ensure that they are properly formatted and directed to the correct destinations.

The Unit is responsible for maintaining affidavit and arrest warrants for the State Police, conducting intensive backgrounds through database searches, processing the monthly NCIC validations, creating, editing, and activating AMBER Alerts via the AMBER Alert web portal, creating, editing, activating Missing Senior Citizen Alerts via the Rhode Island Broadcaster’s Silver Alert web portal, obtaining out-of-state criminal history information for authorized state programs, and monitoring the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency radios for emergency and testing situations.
During the past calendar year, the Unit performed a total of eighty-five thousand, six hundred and twenty-nine (85,629) requests for computer checks for Division members. These checks resulted in five hundred and twenty-four (524) confirmed NCIC hits and three thousand, three hundred and seventy-six (3,376) confirmed hits from the Rhode Island state files.

**Unit Staff**

- Mr. Paul D. Johnson
- Mr. Richard E. Peck
- Ms. Susan E. Walsh
- Ms. Joanne Greenleaf
- Ms. Colleen E. Noonan
The Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit is comprised of a dedicated team of employees who support a variety of technical and telecommunications services providing vital data to the law enforcement community throughout the state.

At the heart of the Rhode Island State Police Technical Services Unit is the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS), which provides network services and data access to law enforcement officers statewide. The RILETS network connects to seventy-two (72) criminal justice agencies within the state, providing a vital link to local, state, regional and national criminal justice data resources. Drivers’ license information, motor vehicle registration information, criminal history and wanted persons checks are among some of the data elements provided by the RILETS network to the law enforcement community. The RILETS network support and help desk services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

RILETS provides connectivity to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) national network located in West Virginia and the NLETS (The International Justice and Public Safety) national network located in Arizona.

An important component of the RILETS network is the management of several statewide data sharing interfaces:

Crash Report Interface – The Crash Report Interface facilitates the transfer of crash report data from law enforcement agencies throughout the state to the Department of Transportation’s Crash Repository over the RILETS network.

J Link Interface – The J Link Interface provides for the exchange of arrest and disposition data between the courts and all Rhode Island police agencies over the RILETS network.

Citation Interface – The Citation Interface provides for the exchange of citations and citation disposition data between law enforcement agencies and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal over the RILETS network.

Cross Agency Interface – The Cross Agency Interface provides for the exchange of name and vehicle data between police agencies over the RILETS network.

Department of Motor Vehicles Interface – The Department of Motor Vehicles Interface provides Rhode Island driver and vehicle data to police officers in Rhode Island and nationwide.

Criminal History Interface – The Criminal History Interface provides access to Rhode Island criminal history data, from the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office, to law enforcement agencies within Rhode Island and nationwide.
In addition to the RILETS network, the Technical Services Unit is responsible for all Rhode Island State Police internal telecommunications services. Telephone services and data circuits are managed and supported by the Technical Services Unit.

The Technical Services Unit also provides project management services for many of the technology related projects initiated by the Rhode Island State Police.

Corporal Gerald McKinney is the Officer-in-Charge of Technology and Communications for the Rhode Island State Police. Corporal McKinney oversees the operation of the Technical Services Unit in addition to the Radio Services Unit and the Management Information Systems Unit.
Lieutenant Gill is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Division and oversees the Division’s Fleet and Supply Unit. One of the functions of this Unit is the responsibility of monitoring and maintaining the Division’s Performance Appraisal Management System. All Performance Appraisals are submitted to this office annually.

This office also processes all uniform requests and handles subsequent uniform and equipment distribution and tracking. Moreover, the office ensures that the Division is properly equipped and complies with the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), standards pertaining to equipment, vehicles, and record keeping.

Lieutenant Gill also serves as the Division’s Fleet Manager. His responsibilities include the ordering of new vehicles, monitoring the maintenance of the fleet, approving major repairs to fleet vehicles, registration renewals, auto body repairs, ordering tires, gas cards, completing monthly and yearly mileage reports, and the data entry of all maintenance performed on each fleet vehicle.
Charitable Gaming Unit
MRS. PAULINE M. MALEC
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Pauline Malec is the Administrative Assistant for the Charitable Gaming Unit. She has been employed in this position since August, 2008. Lieutenant Benjamin Barney is the Superintendent's current designee in charge of the Charitable Gaming Unit.

Rhode Island General Law gives the Division of State Police both regulatory and enforcement authority over all charitable gaming activity conducted in Rhode Island. At present, raffles and bingos are the only games allowed. The Charitable Gaming Unit serves citizens from all walks of life. For many, it is the only contact they have with the Rhode Island State Police. Most charitable and non-profit organizations in Rhode Island have had contact with this Unit.

Ms. Malec is responsible for reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events. She provides assistance to applicants with the process. She answers questions and provides information to the general public, as well as other State agencies, local police departments and members of the legal community. All raffle applications require dual approval from the Chief of Police in the city/town where the drawing is to be held and the State Police. The Charitable Gaming Unit works closely with all local police departments. All organizations authorized to conduct a raffle must file a financial report with the State Police after the event is held. During 2012, there were one thousand, three hundred and fifty-one (1,351) authorizations granted to charitable and/or non-profit organizations to conduct raffles.

The amount of money wagered on bingo in Rhode Island has fallen dramatically since the opening of legal gaming casinos. This decrease in income reflects a trend that is going on nationwide. The number of organizations conducting weekly bingo in our State has dropped significantly, from sixty-five (65) in 1990 to seventeen (17) in 2012. The General Assembly attempted to remedy this situation by increasing the amount of money that could be awarded as prizes; in 1998 it was increased from four thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars ($4,250) to six thousand and fifty dollars ($6,050) per night, and in July, 2005 the General Assembly increased the amount of money to be awarded in prizes during bingo to seven thousand, five hundred dollars ($7,500) per night. Consequently, most charitable organizations do not take in the gross receipts needed to pay out seven thousand, five hundred dollars ($7,500) in prizes per night. In 2012, eighty-eight (88) senior citizen organizations were granted authorizations to conduct bingo on a regular basis and forty-one (41) organizations were granted approvals to conduct recreational or one-time special bingo games. All together, one hundred and forty-six (146) authorizations were granted to charitable and/or non-profit organizations to conduct bingo in 2012.

Charitable Gaming Unit information, applications and forms are available to the public online on the State Police website (www.risp.ri.gov/charitablegaming). Citizen response to this new avenue of information and service has been tremendously positive, as many citizens now log onto the Charitable gaming web page.

Revenue from charitable gaming activity is not taxed in Rhode Island, as it is in most other states. A five-dollar application fee is levied on each application.
In 2012, the Canine Unit was comprised of fifteen (15) sworn members and fourteen (14) canines. The Canine Unit is under the supervision of the Operations Officer, Lt. Robert Wall, and Canine Unit Coordinator, Sergeant Matthew T. Zarrella.

The Canine Unit has the capability of offering a wide range of services. Those services include explosive detection, utility/patrol work, narcotics detection, and human remains detection. Additionally, the unit offers a full program in search and rescue, to include disaster search, wilderness search and trailing. Two (2) Troopers are trained in search management and one (1) Trooper is the Canine Search team manager for the Rhode Island Urban Search & Rescue Team. This Trooper is also a disaster search canine handler with his search dog.

Members of the Canine Unit have been utilized by the Division on a regular basis and have responded to requests for assistance for the United States Military, Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies.

In 2012, Canine Unit members participated successfully in the New England State Police Administrator Conference (NESPAC) recertification of each canine in their respective utility/patrol and scent disciplines.

In August 2012, the Division completed a canine handler selection process, selecting a total of three (3) new canine handlers. Two (2) Troopers were selected to handle explosive dogs, and one (1) Trooper was selected to handle a patrol/explosive dog. Additionally, the Canine Unit added two (2) replacement canines to the roster to replace two (2) older canines that were retired for various health reasons. One (1) Belgian Malinois and one (1) Rottweiler were assigned to two (2) veteran canine handlers to be trained in patrol/narcotic work.

**Activity**

In October of 2012, the Division sent four (4) New England State Police Administrator Conference (NESPAC) Trainers to the International Police Work Dog Association “National Workshop” held at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Butlerville, Indiana. While at the Nationals, one (1) Trooper worked closer to his patrol/narcotics trainer status and one (1) Trooper worked closer to his master trainer status in Search and Rescue, under the International Police Work Dog Association rules.

In 2012, the Canine Unit conducted a total of 191 searches which resulted in the following:

- 321.5 pounds marijuana seized
- 29 kilograms of cocaine seized
- 7.5 kilograms of heroin seized
- 5 grams oxycodone seized
- $248,642.00 United States currency seized
- 3 felony apprehensions to include one (1) K-9 bite
- 903 oxycodone pills seized
- 56 morphine pills seized
5 grams morphine powder seized
50 fraudulent credit card cards seized
13 tracks
1 hand gun seized
21 public speaking demonstrations
4 persons found who were lost/missing on land
1 person found deceased in Providence, result of a homicide
1 body located in the water, a result of drowning
1 human remains search that resulted in locating numerous human bones
2 fire scene searches for human remains which resulted in locating various human teeth/bones

In 2011, a local film producer, who also teaches film at the University of Rhode Island, received permission to begin a documentary film project about the Division's search and rescue canine teams. This project has continued through 2012 and will not be completed until 2013. It is anticipated that the film will be aired on national television.

2012 was a rebuilding year for the Canine Unit. Throughout the year, a total of eleven (11) canine teams attended schools in various scent and patrol disciplines. The Canine Unit also returned to the 4PM to 4AM patrol schedule, making the canine teams more accessible to Division members and other local police agencies.

Sadly, in 2012, canine Eisen, who was owned and handled by Trooper Filuminia, succumbed to old age. Corporal Erik Jones retired canine Moe from patrol, due to old age, but is still working with him in narcotics, until his replacement canine is trained and certified. Trooper Longolucco retired canine Dutch from explosives detection due to old age. After twelve years of faithful service, Trooper Longolucco also retired from the Canine Unit to assume new duties within the Commercial Enforcement Unit.

**Interesting Investigations**

On July 31, 2012 at 10:15 AM, a K-9 handler responded with his K-9 to a residence in Burrillville, to assist the Burrillville Police with a search for a missing adult female.

Upon meeting with Burrillville detectives, the handler was advised that the missing female suffered from bi-polar disorder and recently had her medication intake changed by her doctor. Detectives stated that a missing person report had been filed with their agency at approximately 7:30 PM the previous evening, and that all the medication belonging to her was missing from the house. Detectives stated that despite all attempts to locate her, the investigation proved negative. Her car remained parked in her driveway and she had been missing for over fifteen (15) hours. There was a growing concern for her well being as she may have accidentally overdosed on her medication.

The State Police K-9 handler quickly formulated a search plan. With the assistance of another Trooper and a Burrillville Police Detective, the handler and K-9 conducted a search of the rear property. After approximately twenty (20) minutes of searching through thick woods, the K-9 began to work air scent. Her pace quickened and she ran ahead of the search team.
The handler caught up to the canine and observed her standing over a female party lying, unconscious and covered with insects, in a fire pit approximately twelve hundred (1,200) feet behind the residence. Sergeant Zarrella secured canine Eva and checked the female party for vital signs. Despite finding the female alive, she remained unresponsive. Trooper Shaw called for a rescue. The victim was later transported to Landmark Hospital where she recovered.

Canine Unit Personnel

Lt. Robert S. Wall          Unit Supervisor
Sergeant Matthew T. Zarrella Canine Coordinator / IPWDA Master Trainer/
NESPAC Trainer (SAR/Cadaver search) K-9 Eva – German Shepherd Dog / Cadaver Search,
Disaster Search, Search and Rescue
Corporal Roger J. Reardon   IPWDA/ Master Trainer Patrol/Narcotics
                             NESPAC Trainer
Trooper Erik W. Jones       NESPAC Trainer (Patrol/Narcotics)
                             K-9 Chuck - Belgian Malinois / Patrol/Narcotics
Trooper Scott R. Carlsten   K-9 Bear - German Shepherd Dog / Cadaver Search,
                             Disaster Search, Search and Rescue
                             NESPAC / IPWDA Trainer Search and Rescue and Human
                             Remains detection
Trooper Kevin M. Grace      K-9 Ziko - German shepherd / Patrol/Narcotics
Trooper Peter A. Filuminia  K-9 Nico - Rotweiler / Patrol / Narcotics
Detective Erik P. Yanyar    K-9 Boris - German shepherd / Patrol / Narcotics
Trooper Luke R. Brisson    K-9 Gump German shepherd / Patrol / Explosives
Trooper Sean P. McGehearty K-9 Bane Belgian Malinois / Patrol / Narcotics
Trooper Daniel W. Gazzola   K-9 Rex Belgian Malinois / Patrol / Explosives
Trooper Charlie A. Bergeron K-9 Zeus – Labrador retriever / Keeshond mix
                             Cadaver / SAR
Trooper Dan S. O’Neil      K-9 Ruby – Border collie Malinois mix / Cadaver
                             SAR
Trooper Lisa Silveira      K-9 Annie-Yellow Labrador retriever /
                             Explosives
Trooper Damion Maddox      K-9 Buster-Black Labrador retriever / explosives
The Division Marine Unit is composed of eleven (11) Troopers. Seven (7) of the Troopers are certified boat operators who have successfully attended a forty (40) hour advance patrol boat operator’s course instructed by members of the Massachusetts State Police and the United States Coast Guard. A twenty-seven (27) foot safe boat (2705) is utilized for patrol and conducting missions on Rhode Island’s waterways. This vessel is capable of operating year round and in harsh weather conditions.

The Division Dive Team is composed of ten (10) Troopers who are certified through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI), Scuba Diving International (SDI) or Emergency Response Diving International (ERDI). Dive Team responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the search and recovery of drowning victims, homicide victims, evidence recovery, and inspection of vital structures and vessels to combat the war against terrorism and narcotics trafficking.

During 2012, a rigorous selection process was conducted which resulted in the addition of four (4) new members to the Marine Unit.

2012 Notable Achievements

In May of 2012, the Marine Unit was able to host a week long in-service training, focusing on familiarization of sonar and remote operated vehicle (ROV) equipment-operation/maintenance, low/no visibility diving, deep diving and standard/swift water search techniques.

In September 2012, the Rhode Island State Police Marine Unit enrolled their first class of prospective team members to the first two (2) weeks of the five (5) week New England State Police Administrators Compact (NESPAC) dive school. This compact is made up of all New England State Police Departments, to include New York State Police. It allows for sharing of mutual services (manpower or physical assets) through standardized training.

Marine Unit Members

Troopers: David T. Bassignani, Mark J. Perotti, John J. Gadrow (*), Robert J. Richardson, David M. Gormly, Sean M. Crowley (**), Roupen Bastajian (**), Ryan N. Mahoney (**), Andrew L. Carter (**)

(*) Boat Operator Only
(**) Diver Only
The Honor Guard Unit consists of forty-two (42) members who are trained in precision military drill and protocol. The unit falls under the command of Lieutenant Robert S. Wall, Operations Officer. During 2012, members of the Honor Guard represented the Division at twenty-one (21) events, such as parades, funerals, and ceremonies. The Honor Guard Unit continues to maintain an excellent reputation throughout the New England region.

**Unit Members**

_Captain:_ Ernest C. Quarry, Jr.

_Lieutenants:_ Robert S. Wall, Joseph F. Philbin, Kevin M. Barry

_Sergeants:_ Michael J. Rosa, Ann C. Assumpico, Paul S. Sikorskyj, John H. Grassel

_Corporals:_ Gerald M. McKinney, Timothy J. Dandeneau, Alfred Ruggiero Jr.

The Rhode Island State Police Motorcycle Unit is currently under the command of Lieutenant Joseph F. Philbin. The Unit utilizes one (1) 1993 and two (2) 2008 Harley Davidson FLHTP Electra Glide Police Motorcycles for patrol in heavy traffic areas, for special functions, and, on occasion, for routine patrol when staffing levels permit. The motorcycles were also used for the following details in 2012: The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Annual Aquidneck Island National Police Parade, Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run, escort for the visit of First Lady Michelle Obama, escort for the visit by Vice President Joseph Biden, and various escorts for funerals and visiting dignitaries. The Motorcycle Unit may be used on any other occasion deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent. All Motorcycle Unit members have successfully completed a highly skilled two-week police motorcycle operator’s course and a three day recertification.

Motorcycle Unit Members

Lieutenants: Joseph F. Philbin

Sergeants: Michael Reynolds Jr., Thomas Peck Jr.

Corporals: Simon C. Liu, Ernest P. McKenney

The Rhode Island State Police Tactical Team has a long established tradition of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. The Tactical Team is under the command of Sergeant Derek Borek. The Tactical Team was designed for situations in which a traditional police response would be insufficient.

In 2012, the Tactical Team continued to train and prepare at a high level of expertise in many areas, to include; hostage rescue, downed officer rescue, barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrants, large structure and building clearing, woodland/open area searches, K-9 tracks, dignitary protection, and active shooter scenarios. In addition to this training, Tactical Team members assisted local police departments with firearms and active shooter training, assisted Division members with in-service training dealing with firearms proficiency and officer safety issues. Tactical Team members also volunteered their time with parade and public relations details. In addition, several Tactical Team members serve as instructors/cadre throughout the year at NESPAC approved Tactical schools.

Each Tactical Team member has completed training through NESPAC approved courses in Basic SWAT, Advanced SWAT, Basic Sniper, and Mechanical Breaching. Team Leaders also continue to meet monthly with New England State Police SWAT teams to exchange training ideas.

The Tactical Team continues to work closely with the Division Canine Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, and local police agencies. Additionally, State Police Tactical Team Snipers continually train and assist with local police agencies.

In 2012, the Tactical Team completed one hundred and eighty (180) hours of training and was utilized for nine (9) high-risk search warrants. The Tactical Team also assisted local police agencies with two (2) other tactical situations that were beyond their capabilities.

**Tactical Team Members**

**Team Commander:** Sergeant Derek W. Borek

**Sergeants:** Joseph Dubeau, Scott Raynes

**Troopers:** Gregory W. Cunningham, Mark W. Gilson, Thomas E. Jaques, Kenneth M. Moriarty, Jeffrey P. L’Heureux, Edward L. Viera Jr., Kenneth D. Jones, Eric M. Yelle, David T. Bassignani, Thomas G. Chabot Jr., Daniel S. Fleming, Robert J. Richardson, Kevin K. Kojoian, Nicholas P. Rivello, Kristopher Lagor, Shawn P. Slade, Ernest E. Adams, Robert P. Laurelli, Adam B. Kennett, Michael Reynolds III.
### Driving While Intoxicated

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Personnel Allocation 2012 (Sworn Uniform/Assigned to Barracks)

Sworn Personnel

- Hope Valley: 25%
- Suttivate: 21%
- Lincoln: 28%
- Portsmouth: 0%
- Walsford: 25%

Legend:
- Sworn
- Suttivate
- Lincoln
- Portsmouth
- Walsford
- Hope Valley
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