

CHARLESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report 2018



Colonel Michael J. Paliotta

~ Chief of Police ~

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VISION

The Charlestown Police Department will exist to preserve liberty, enhance the safety of the community and defend human dignity. We will be an organization in which each employee embraces integrity as the cornerstone upon which the public trust is built.

We will foster an environment of honesty, trust and mutual respect in which the department and the community work together as catalysts for positive change.

We strive to be recognized for our strong service orientation, progressive development of all our human resources and our application of emerging technologies.

MISSION

The Mission of the Charlestown Police Department is to provide the community with the highest quality law enforcement services. We endeavor to improve the public's awareness of our community safety through eradication of criminal activity and conditions that have a detrimental impact on public safety.

We strive to enhance our tradition of excellent service to all. We continue to seek support and cooperation from the community we serve and from those of us who serve the community.

Our organizational culture is responsive to new ideas and is one in which all employees are given the opportunity to develop to their highest potential and see themselves as agents of change. We base all our relationships on the premise that the public and police are one.

CORE VALUES

Honesty
Integrity
Trust
Respect
Loyalty
Service Orientation

On behalf of the men and women of the Charlestown Police Department, I am pleased to present the agency's 2018 Annual Report. This report helps to summarize some of the work accomplished by our organization and its members. The annual report helps to quantify our law enforcement efforts over the last year. The report helps us summarize for the citizens of Charlestown many of the accomplishments the agency has made with the public funds and public trust delegated to it.



Additionally, this report helps to identify to the public, our agency's inner workings, presents some statistical analysis of police and emergency services activities, describes some of our initiatives and interactions within the community, and identifies progress we've made in our overall mission.

Most importantly, the annual report serves to remind both department members and citizens alike that, each year we strive to be greater than what we are. Also through building upon our sense of team, developing esprit de corps, demanding high professional standards of ourselves and our coworkers, and adopting industry best practices, we can build public trust while reducing crime and enhancing safety. Through the implementation of modern police techniques and philosophies, developing relevant and practical procedures and hiring highly qualified people, the agency can succeed at moving closer to its overall vision.

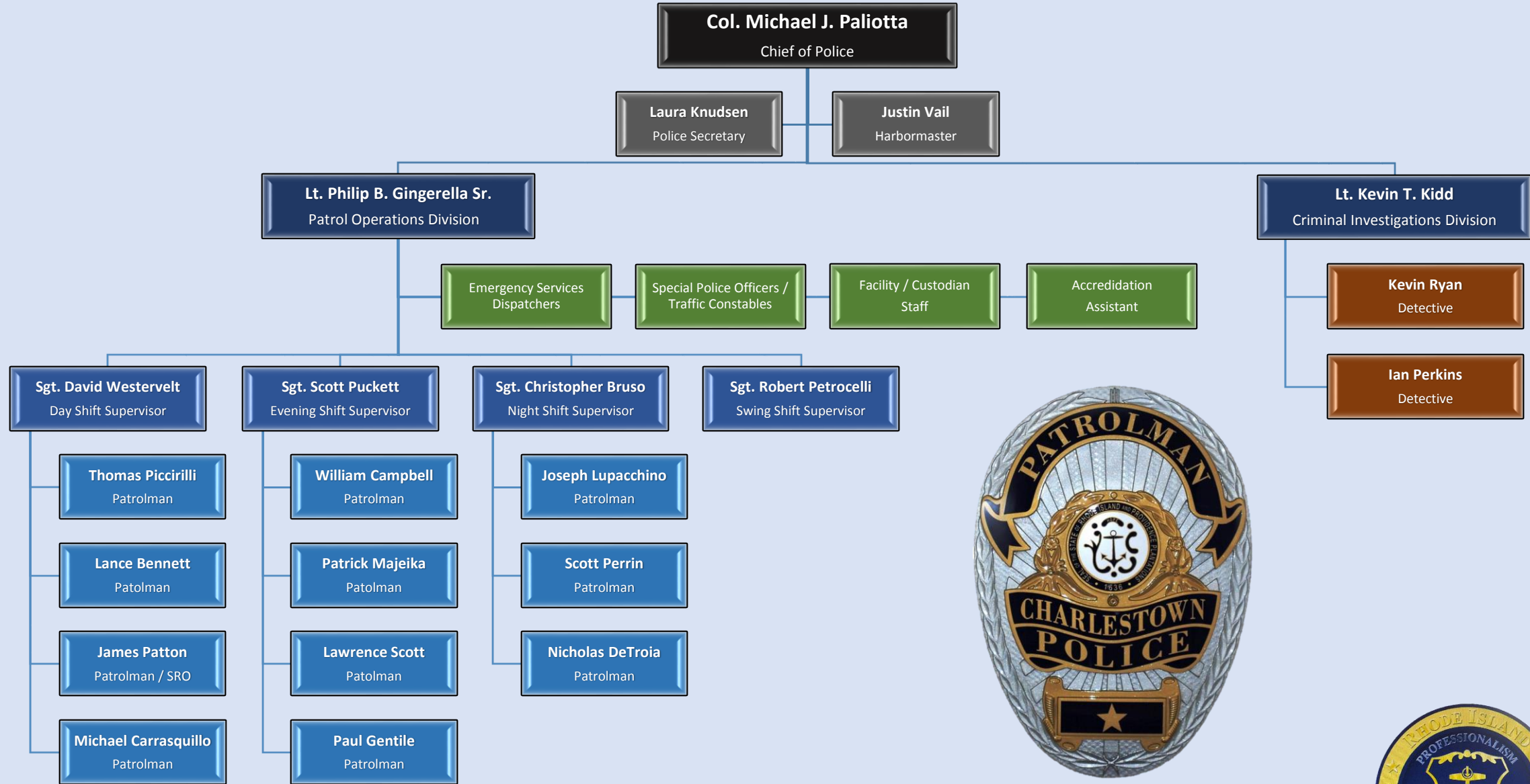
This annual report helps to gauge our progress as a law enforcement agency, always moving forward toward attaining our organizational goals and objectives. We are proud of our strong community based policing model and our problem solving focus. Our policies and strategies apply public resources with an aim to reduce crime and the fear of crime, improve relationships, increase community engagement and build cooperation. I would like to thank the public officials of the Town of Charlestown along with the members of the community at large for their continued support and cooperation in helping us provide the best possible law enforcement services to the citizens and visitors of Charlestown.

Please review this report in detail and be proud in the knowledge that your police department is actively working to make Charlestown a better place and a safer community.

Col. Michael J. Paliotta

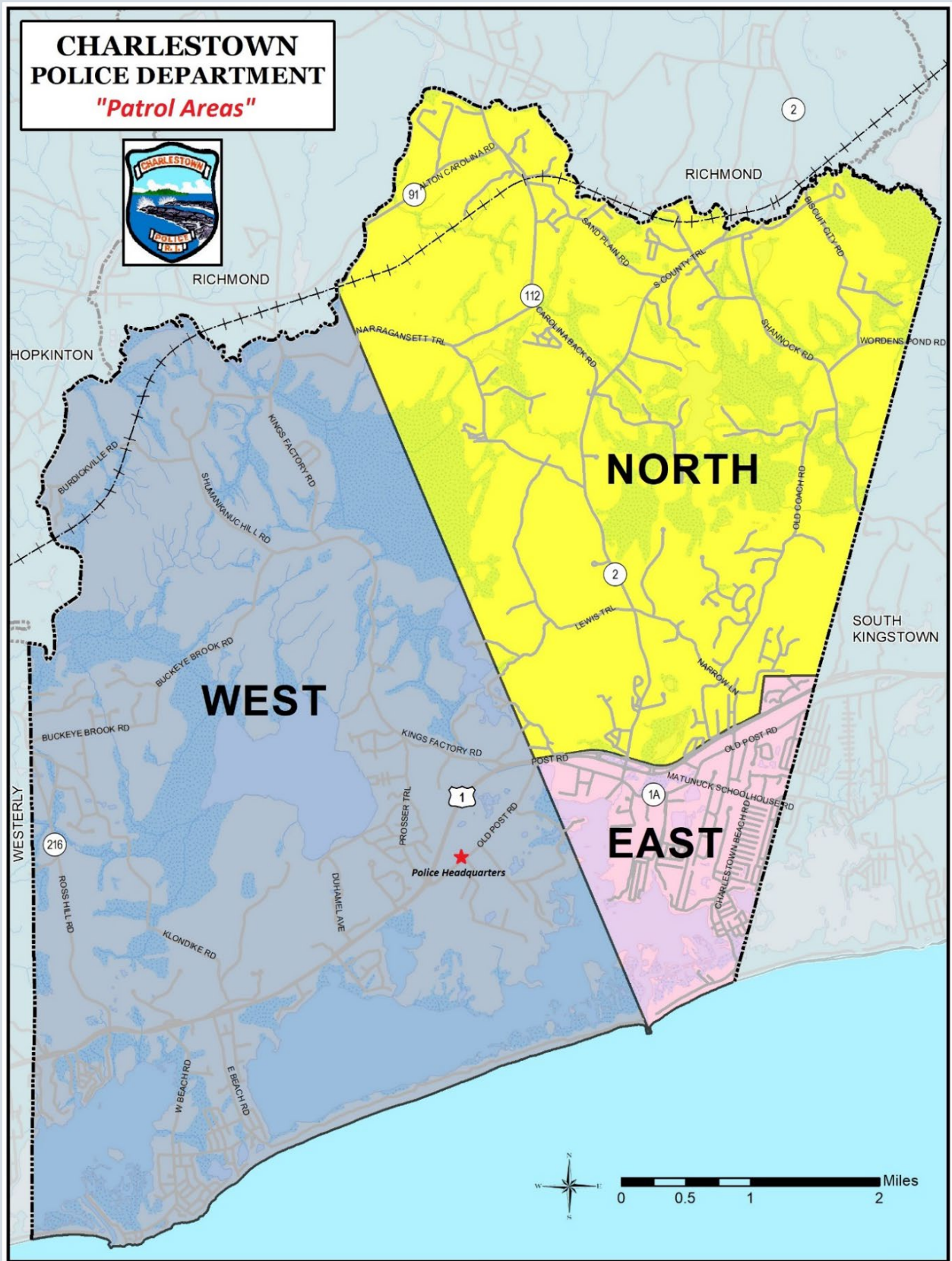
Chief of Police

CHARLESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Charlestown Police Patrol Areas



59.3 Total Square Miles (Land & Water)

Patrol Operations Division



Lieutenant Philip B. Gingerella Sr.

Division Commander

The agency's Patrol Operations Division is comprised of a combination of both sworn and civilian personnel. The agency's full-time sworn officers include one (1) Lieutenant, four (4) Sergeants and eleven (11) Patrol Officers. The full-time civilian staff include four (4) emergency services Dispatchers. The division's part-time sworn staff include six (6) Special Police Officers that are used to compliment the agency's full-time officers. The Division also includes part-time civilian staff comprised of sixteen (16) Traffic Constables, an Accreditation Administrative Assistant and two (2) building maintenance staff. The Patrol Operations Division Lieutenant oversees all department uniformed operations, police-fire-EMS dispatching services, building and grounds maintenance, grants, special reports, department training, fleet maintenance and RIPAC accreditation.

During 2018, the emergency services dispatch center logged approximately **17,585 calls for service**. These calls for service included 316 arrests, 208 motor vehicle accidents and 612 offense reports. A large turnover of employees from retirements and resignations resulted in the promotion of two (2) Lieutenants, two (2) Sergeants, and the hiring of four (4) new Patrol Officers and one (1) Dispatcher in 2018.

Historically, the majority of the department's calls for service and law enforcement activities occur in the summer months, and this year was no different. A higher than normal call volume in 2018 challenged all division staff, but resulted in a safe and healthy community for all.

Improvements to the division in 2018 included one (1) new patrol car, new radar units, a new Polaris ATV and a 3rd mobile traffic message board. One (1) Officer graduated the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy in 2018, and another new recruit prepared to attend the January 2019 Police Academy. Residents and visitors alike should feel proud and confident that their police department is prepared and equipped to continue to provide the highest quality law enforcement services to the community of Charlestown.

Criminal Investigations Division



Lieutenant Kevin T. Kidd

Division Commander

The Lieutenant in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division oversees the agency's investigative, prosecution and records functions. The Criminal Investigations Division of the Charlestown Police Department is staffed by three (3) full-time sworn police officers. The division is comprised of one (1) Lieutenant serving in the capacity of division commander, and two (2) Detectives as criminal investigators. In addition, the division utilizes one (1) full-time civilian police secretary that among other duties handles agency records and archives. All members of the Criminal Investigations Division work administrative schedules designed to maximize the availability of investigative staff during peak hours of agency operation. Detectives receive specialized training in the most modern criminal investigative techniques to include BCI training, evidence collections and processing, interview and interrogation skills, police photography, narcotics investigation and other related fields.

The Criminal Investigation Division's primary role is to handle serious or complex police cases requiring follow-up procedures beyond the normal capability of the Patrol Operations Division. The division investigates all major crimes assigned to it including vice, narcotics and juvenile offenses. In addition to its investigative function, the Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for all adult and juvenile prosecution in each of the regional court systems, the evidence and property handling and storage functions of the agency, the management of the department (IT) technology, control of police records and archives, sex offender registration and background investigations. The staff of the agency's Criminal Investigations Division is comprised of some of our best and brightest and we are proud of their professionalism and investigative abilities.

2018 Community Outreach

Members of the Charlestown Police Department participated or assisted in the following community based activities during 2018.



Cops and Boppers Fishing Derby



Halloween Trunk or Treat

Columbia Heights Block Party

Matthew's Wish Christmas Toy Drive

National Drug Take Back Day

Charlestown School Reading Week

AAA Traffic Hero Luncheon

Charlestown Memorial Day Parade

Special Olympics Torch Run



Boy & Girl Scouts Headquarters Tours

Charlestown Senior Center Luncheons

Charlestown Town Hall Christmas Tree Lighting

Child Seat Installation Clinics

Seafood Festival Photo Booth

Elementary School Running Club



2018 Promotions and Hires

PROMOTIONS

Chief Michael Paliotta

Lieutenant Philip Gingerella

Lieutenant Kevin Kidd

Sergeant Scott Puckett

Sergeant Robert Petrocelli

Detective Ian Perkins



NEW EMPLOYEES

Patrolman Joseph Lupacchino

Patrolman Scott Perrin

Patrolman Nicholas DeTroia

Special Police Officer Thomas Toscano

Special Police Officer Charles Boranian

Dispatcher Kevin Worsham

Part-Time Dispatcher Shannon Kane

Per-deim Dispatcher Jason Shippee

Traffic Constable Daniel Abarr

Custodian August Cody

Awards and Commendations

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

Sgt Scott Puckett

Sgt Christopher Bruso

PtIm William Campbell

PtIm Patrick Majeika

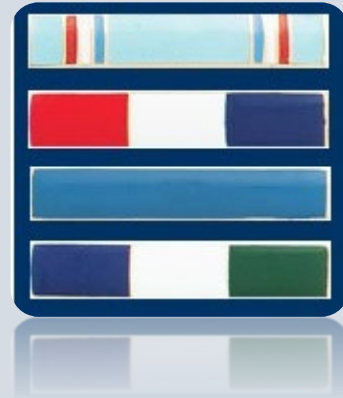
PtIm Scott Perrin

PtIm Nicholas DeTroia



AAA TRAFFIC HERO AWARD

PtIm Michael Carrasquillo



UNIT PERFORMANCE AWARD

Sgt David Westervelt

Sgt Christopher Bruso

Sgt Scott Puckett

Detective Ian Perkins

PtIm William Campbell

PtIm Lawrence Scott

PtIm Patrick Majeika

PtIm Paul Gentile

Dispatcher Tammy Belden

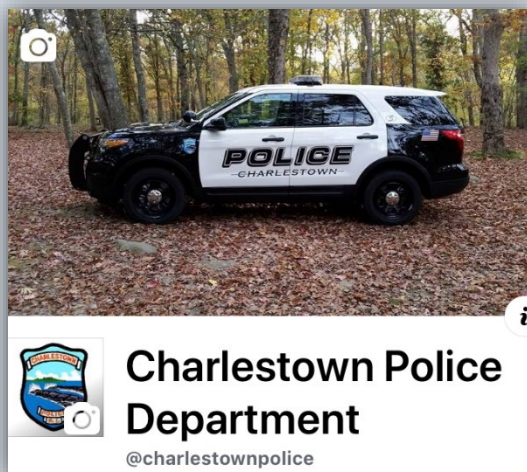
Social Media

Charlestown Police Department continues to have a large following on our social media sites. Our Facebook page has 3,800 followers and we actively promote our department on a regular basis. Our social media presence is a proactive platform to promote our community initiatives, public awareness, job announcements, dangerous weather conditions and the positive side of our interaction with the community we serve. If you haven't visited our social media sites, please do so today.

Department Website



Department Facebook



facebook.com/charlestownpolice

Department Twitter



Twitter.com/charlestownPD

Proactive Initiatives

Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

Charlestown Police Department has 6 AED's deployed throughout our fleet. This year, Charlestown Police Officers used them 8 times on cardiac arrest victims. Despite statistics that do not favor victims of cardiac arrest, Charlestown Police Officers saved 4 lives with their AED's in 2018. AED's used immediately provide a much higher chance of survival than just CPR alone. Every member of the Charlestown Police Department is trained on a regular basis in CPR, AED and first aid.



Naloxone (Narcan)

Charlestown, Rhode Island is not immune to the opioid overdose crisis plaguing every community in America. Charlestown Police Officers responded to 26 overdose calls in 2018 and used the opioid reverse drug Narcan 14 times. This medicine reverses the effects of opioids on a person suffering an overdose. Every member of the Charlestown Police Department is trained in the use of Naloxone (Narcan).



Charlestown Marine Patrol



Justin Vail - Harbormaster

The Charlestown Harbormaster is responsible for the town's harbor management and marine patrol program. This marine unit is comprised of three (3) town officials that are overseen by the Chief of Police. It includes one (1) Harbormaster and two (2) Assistant Harbormasters, each responsible to patrol and enforce regulations on the Town's two large coastal salt ponds, breach-ways and assorted waterways. They are charged with providing boating safety education, conducting marine patrols, working closely with state and federal agencies on harbor and boating issues, and implementation of the Town's Harbor Management Plan. Harbormasters work closely with sworn police personnel to provide a variety of services to the residents and visitors of Charlestown. Other duties include the issuing and maintaining of mooring permits and fees, and maintaining the municipality's boating and docking assets.

Our Harbormasters are veteran mariners, each with many hours of underway boating experience, each has a background in emergency services and has undergone extensive training in advanced boat handling, marine patrol techniques and enforcement and first aid. The primary goal of the unit is to ensure that the highest regard is given to the safety of all boaters on the town's waterways. Harbormasters help to ensure that our marine resources are used wisely. Charlestown has a thriving recreational and commercial boating population. The growing popularity of aquaculture in our local salt ponds is becoming a new responsibility for the Harbormasters. While on the water, they provide boater assistance in times of need, conduct vessel safety inspections to assure the proper safety equipment as required by law, and field complaints of boating safety and environmental concerns. Through experience and professionalism, these enforcement personnel are prepared to and shall assist all boaters in any way they can.



Department Training

Charlestown Police Officers and Employees completed a very comprehensive training program in 2018. Charlestown Police Officers and Employees are up to date on the industry best practice and important issues in law enforcement. Below is a report of the departments total 2018 training.

| <u>TRAINING</u> | <u># OF OFFICERS</u> | <u>CLASS HOURS</u> | <u>TOTAL HOURS</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Spring Firearms Qualification | 25 | 2 | 50 |
| Firearms Simulator Training | 25 | 2 | 50 |
| Taser Recertification | 20 | 4 | 80 |
| DUI / Breathalyzer Recertification | 18 | 2 | 36 |
| Active Shooter Training - Chariho | 25 | 6 | 150 |
| CPR, AED, First Aid, Narcan Training | 30 | 4 | 120 |
| Legal / Law Updates | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Bias-based Policing Refresher | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Mental Health Refresher | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Use of Force Refresher | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Workplace Harassment Refresher | 35 | 1 | 35 |
| NCIC / RILETS Recertification | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Fall Firearms Qualification | 25 | 2 | 50 |
| Haz-Mat Refresher | 35 | 1 | 35 |
| Police Ethics Refresher | 35 | 1 | 35 |
| Domestic Violence Refresher | 25 | 4 | 100 |
| Incident Command Systems Refresher | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| Mutual Aid Agreements Refresher | 25 | 1 | 25 |
| AMTRAK Response Plan Update | 35 | 1 | 35 |
| Intelligence Gathering Training | 25 | 2 | 50 |
| Opioid / Fentanyl Training | 35 | 1 | 35 |
| Supervisor Leadership School | 2 | 80 | 160 |
| ATV Operations School | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| Field Training Officers School | 2 | 40 | 80 |
| EMT Refresher Certification | 2 | 40 | 80 |
| Officer Down / Tourniquet School | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| Incident Command Systems School | 2 | 16 | 32 |
| Firearms Instructor School | 3 | 24 | 72 |
| Firearms Armorer School | 2 | 16 | 32 |
| Use of Force Summit | 2 | 40 | 80 |
| Police Accreditation Summit | 1 | 8 | 8 |
| Suspicious Death Investigations | 2 | 8 | 16 |
| Police Interrogation Training | 2 | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced DWI / DUI School | 2 | 8 | 16 |
| DWI / DUI Interlock Training | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| TOTAL TRAINING HOURS | | | 1656 |

Internal Review and Reports

| 2018 Use of Force Report | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Taser Deployment | Presentation of Firearm | Physical Force in Arrest |
| 1 | 3 | 2 |

All agency use of force incidents were investigated and reviewed by the department's administration in 2018. All police use of force incidents were found to be consistent with department policy and procedure, and all were closed with no further action needed.

| 2018 Police Pursuit Report | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Number of Police Pursuits in 2018 | 2 |

All police pursuits were reviewed by the department's administration in 2018. It was determined that none of the pursuits violated department policy and procedure and all were closed with no further action needed.

| 2018 Citizen Complaints Report | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Number of Citizen Complaints in 2018 | 5 |

All citizen complaints were investigated by the department's administration in 2018. Only one (1) complaint resulted in minor disciplinary action. All others were determined to be; not sustained, exonerated, unfounded or policy failures, with no further action needed.

| 2018 Internal Complaints Report | |
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| Number of Internal Complaints in 2018 | 2 |

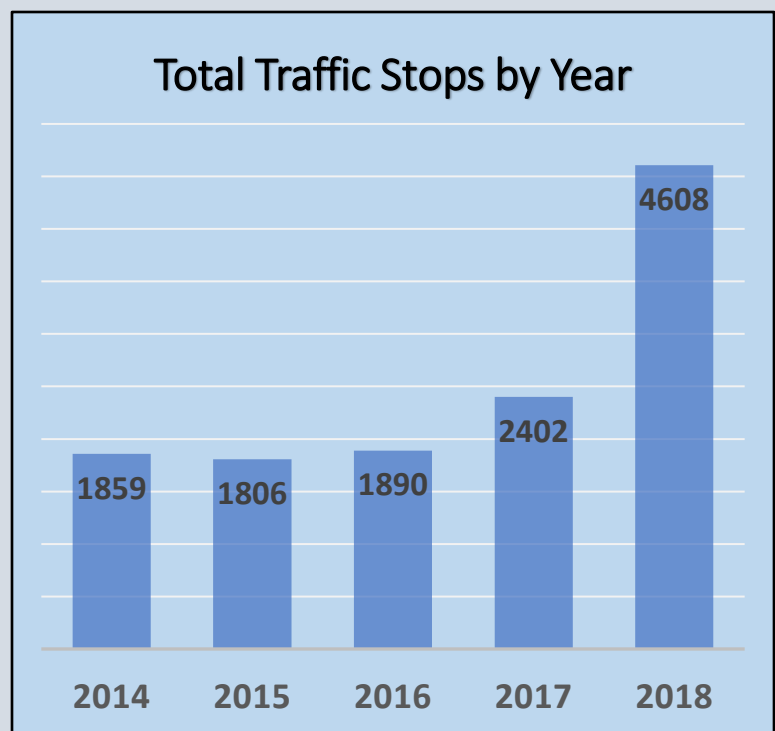
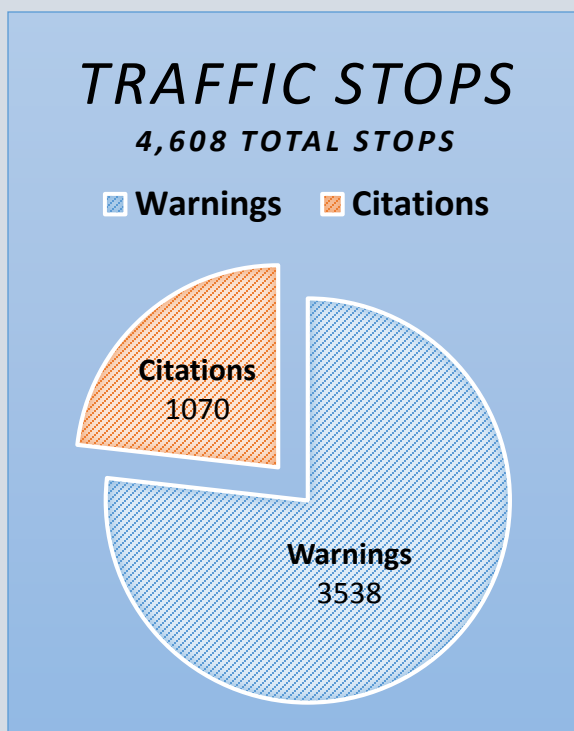
All internal complaints were investigated by the department's administration in 2018. Two (2) internal matters resulted in minor disciplinary action, with no further action needed.

Traffic Enforcement

The Charlestown Police Department takes highway traffic safety very seriously. Excessive speed and obedience to traffic control devices were the top violations issued in 2018. Charlestown Police Officers stopped 4,608 vehicles for various traffic offense during the year. Portable traffic control trailers and electronic speed signs were also used to monitor and educate motorists at various locations.

| VIOLATIONS | CITATIONS | WARNING | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Excessive Speed | 461 | 2095 | 2556 |
| Expired / Suspended Registration | 290 | 218 | 508 |
| Seatbelt Violations | 5 | 14 | 19 |
| Stop Sign Violations | 70 | 278 | 348 |
| Operating without Insurance | 143 | 52 | 195 |
| Other Traffic Violation | 101 | 881 | 982 |
| TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS | 1070 | 3538 | 4608 |

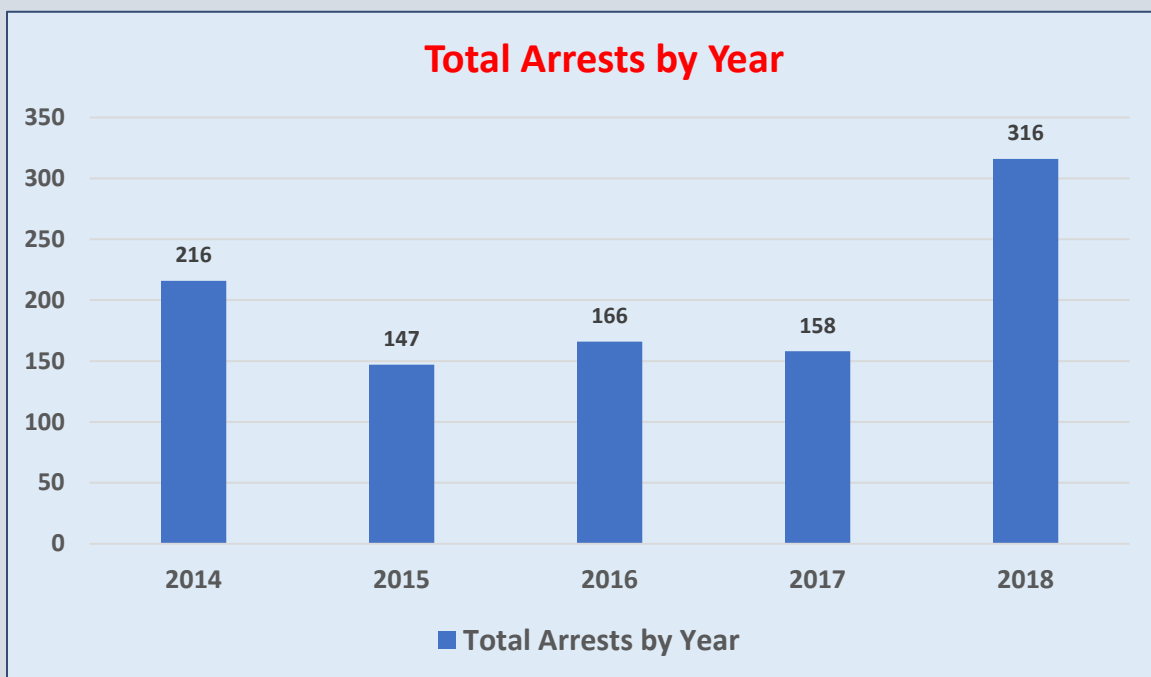
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| Red Light Camera Program | 1795 | N/A | 1795 |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-------------|



Criminal / Civil Arrests

The Charlestown Police Department conducted a total of 316 arrests in 2018. This represents a significant increase over 2015, 2016 and 2017 in which an average of 157 arrested were made annually. The increase is attributed to the agency's aggressive stance on highway traffic safety and a proactive policing initiative. For example, our proactive efforts in 2018 resulted in a 100% increase in DUI arrests over 2017.

| CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS | ADULT | JUVENILE | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Suspended License | 160 | 2 | 162 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 44 | 1 | 45 |
| Domestic Violence / Disorderly | 33 | 1 | 34 |
| Warrant Arrest | 26 | 1 | 27 |
| Narcotics Violation | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Physical / Sexual Assault | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| All Others | 25 | 2 | 27 |
| TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS | 308 | 8 | 316 |





CHARLESTOWN POLICE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT



Submitted by: Chief Michael J. Paliotta

| 2018 | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | YEAR |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE | 1009 | 1110 | 1358 | 1406 | 1395 | 1479 | 1754 | 1768 | 1618 | 1529 | 1444 | 1715 | 17585 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE CALLS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Traffic Stops - Total | 156 | 250 | 301 | 329 | 467 | 506 | 406 | 453 | 433 | 488 | 360 | 459 | 4608 |
| Traffic Stops - Citations | 31 | 57 | 67 | 58 | 133 | 132 | 122 | 123 | 118 | 90 | 66 | 73 | 1070 |
| Traffic Stops - Warnings | 125 | 193 | 234 | 271 | 334 | 374 | 284 | 330 | 315 | 398 | 294 | 386 | 3538 |
| Traffic Accidents Total | 27 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 21 | 15 | 16 | 19 | 27 | 15 | 13 | 21 | 208 |
| Disabled Motorist Assists | 23 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 16 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 225 |
| Red Light Camera Citations | 59 | 59 | 85 | 63 | 167 | 196 | 258 | 315 | 173 | 176 | 144 | 100 | 1795 |
| ASSIST OTHER CALLS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assist Other Police Depts. | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 14 | 27 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 157 |
| Assist Medical / Rescue Calls | 75 | 61 | 59 | 56 | 68 | 101 | 90 | 109 | 77 | 79 | 59 | 45 | 879 |
| Assist Fire Department Calls | 17 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 122 |
| POLICE / CRIME CALLS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burglary Alarms | 45 | 22 | 40 | 25 | 34 | 28 | 27 | 34 | 39 | 35 | 26 | 33 | 388 |
| Disturbances / Disorderly | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 56 |
| Larceny | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 43 |
| Missing Persons | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Breaking and Entering | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| Physical / Sexual Assaults | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 45 |
| Larceny / Theft / Vandalism | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 56 |
| Narcotics Violations | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Domestic Incidents | 9 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 64 |
| Animal Complaints | 4 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 16 | 161 |
| Boating Violations | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Overdose Treatment | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 26 |
| COMMUNITY ASSIST CALLS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building / Security checks | 425 | 378 | 368 | 375 | 334 | 299 | 218 | 282 | 324 | 342 | 412 | 505 | 4262 |
| School Safety Checks | 31 | 35 | 48 | 46 | 34 | 21 | 21 | 13 | 21 | 25 | 22 | 22 | 339 |
| Public VIN Checks | 29 | 28 | 16 | 34 | 23 | 34 | 12 | 34 | 30 | 28 | 19 | 21 | 308 |
| Car Seat Checks / Installations | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 30 |
| Beach/Waterway/Area Checks | 47 | 55 | 82 | 131 | 227 | 244 | 232 | 305 | 279 | 197 | 231 | 227 | 2257 |
| ARRESTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Arrests Total | 19 | 11 | 24 | 28 | 17 | 37 | 32 | 43 | 25 | 19 | 20 | 33 | 308 |
| Juvenile Arrest Total | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Felony Arrests | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Misdemeanor Arrests | 18 | 13 | 22 | 27 | 18 | 35 | 29 | 42 | 25 | 19 | 20 | 33 | 301 |



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