

CHARLESTOWN Police Department



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Colonel Michael J. Paliotta, Chief of Police

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VISION STATEMENT

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 human resources and our application of emerging technologies. We will embody the values of the Department and reflect these values in the performance of our duties. We will continue to build upon this vision through communication and accessibility.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Charlestown Police Department is to provide the community with the highest quality of 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. 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. We base all our relationships on the premise that the public and the police are one.

Honesty – Integrity – Trust – Respect – Loyalty – Service

Chief of Police Message



Charlestown residents and visitors,

On behalf of the fine men and women of the Charlestown Police Department, I am pleased to present to you the agency's 2022 Annual Report. The Annual Report represents some of the varied activities within our police department performed during the previous calendar year. I encourage you to review the information within this report in the hope that you will have a better understanding of how we at Charlestown Police Department are working together to accomplish our department's mission.

Annual reports allow administrators and staff the opportunity to review and critique agency and unit performance. The information in our report aids us in determining whether we are succeeding in meeting our annual goals and objectives. It helps us determine if we are holding true to the vision and mission statements we have enacted. The annual report is presented to the public and is an example of our agency's commitment to being transparent. It offers useful information to citizens, staff and public officials.

The 2022 Annual Report contains some basic statistical analysis of our law enforcement activities. We as a department, endeavor to continually move forward toward the highest standard of excellence. It is our agency's policy and strategy to apply the public's allocated resources in a highly responsible manner. Our organizational mission is the reduction of crime and the fear of crime while improving relationships and increasing community engagement and cooperation.

In recent years, police officer retention and recruitment has become a major problem in policing nationwide. Charlestown Police Department is no different, and we are continually working to attract new recruits and lateral transfers from an ever decreasing applicant pool. As a result, our department has had to adjust our recruitment plan and recently developed a recruitment committee of dedicated officers that employ the latest techniques and technology to attract new personnel.

In 2022 the department continued to meet our accreditation goals. We are very proud of our status as a RIPAC accredited police agency. The training and development of personnel remains one of our highest priorities. Training is integral to maintaining high morale and a high standard of excellence within a law enforcement agency.

In closing, we are looking forward to 2023 with a new vision and focus. So please take some time and review this annual report. Feel free to reach out to me at the department (chief@charlestownpolice.org) to discuss agency operations at any time.

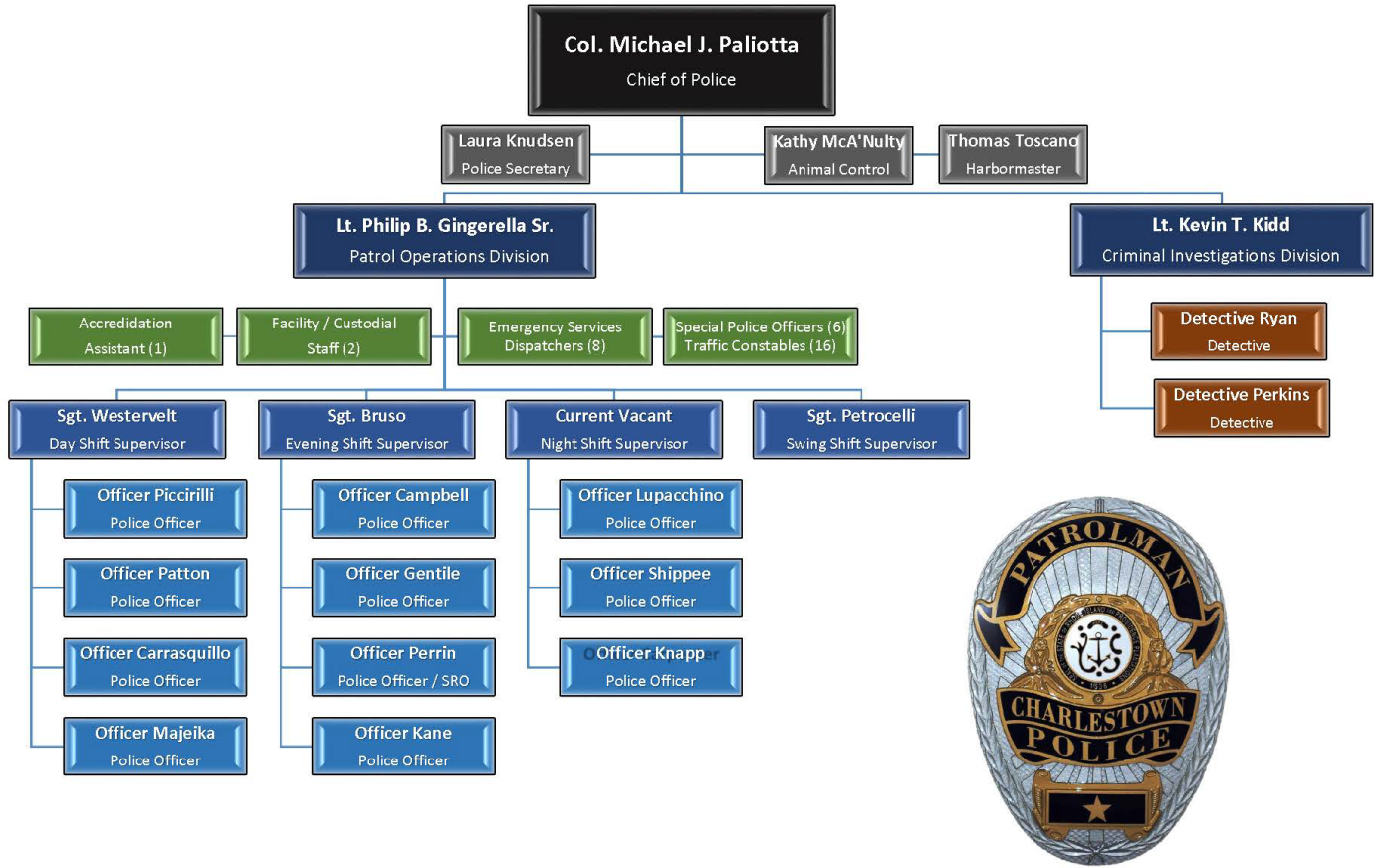
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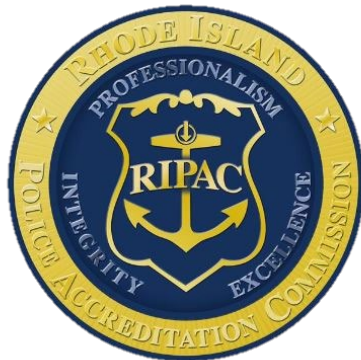


2022 Organizational Chart

CHARLESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Patrol Operations Division



The Patrol Operations Division is also known as the uniformed division of the department. It is comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, four (4) Sergeants (shift supervisors), and eleven (11) Police Officers. In addition, there are five (5) part-time Special Police Officers, seven (7) Emergency Dispatchers, fifteen (15) part-time Traffic Constables, one (1) part-time Accreditation Assistant as well as two (2) part-time maintenance personnel. The Lieutenant in charge is referred to as the division commander. During the academic year, the division also supplies a full time police officer to the Charlestown Middle and Charlestown Elementary Schools in the capacity of a School Resource Officer (SRO). This division also handles agency grants, departmental in-service training, fleet and facilities maintenance and the agency's RIPAC state accreditation program.

In 2022, the Charlestown Police Department logged 14,261 calls for service, which is a slight increase in activity from that experienced the previous year. Of these calls for service, the Patrol Operations Division handled the majority of the preliminary investigations. Unfortunately, the Charlestown Police Department investigated the first murder in town in decades. With the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police, the investigation resulted in the arrest of the individual responsible for this crime on a charge of first-degree murder.

Historically, the agency's highest demand for uniformed police services occurs in the summer months of May, June, July, August and September. Once again, this year saw elevated visitors and tourists to Charlestown and a high demand on agency resources during the summer months. The Town's two largest summer events, the Annual Charlestown Seafood Festival and Rhythm and Roots Festival again saw record crowds in 2022. The agency's staff met this demand well and served the Town in a professional, courteous and compassionate manner. Residents and visitors alike should feel proud and confident that their police department is prepared, equipped and trained to continue to provide the highest quality law enforcement services to the community of Charlestown.

Looking ahead to 2023, we anticipate hiring several new police officers as several current officers will be retiring. The hiring of police officers has become a nationwide challenge in the past few years due to COVID-19, anti-police rhetoric and a general lack of interest in the career. The Charlestown Police Department is in the process of adjusting our hiring and recruitment plans to compete in this new environment.

Lieutenant Philip B. Gingerella Sr.

Division Commander



Criminal Investigations Division



The Criminal Investigations Division of the department is specially designed to handle detailed follow-up investigations and major crimes. The division is specially equipped with personnel and resources to investigate vice, narcotics, and other major felony and misdemeanor incidents. The Lieutenant in charge of the division is responsible to oversee the department's prosecution function, working closely with the Town's solicitors and the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General. This division represents the police department in each of five (5) court systems including the Rhode Island Superior / District Courts and Juvenile Courts, the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal and the Charlestown Municipal Court. In addition, the Criminal Investigative Division handles the agency's sex offender registration program, crime scene processing, evidence and property management, criminal case discoveries, APRA and records requests, department records retention and employee background investigations

The Criminal Investigations Division of the Charlestown Police Department is staffed with three (3) full-time sworn police officers. The personnel include one (1) Lieutenant serving in the capacity of division commander, and two (2) Detectives serving as criminal investigators. In addition, the division has one (1) full-time civilian police secretary whose duties also include payroll, scheduling, purchasing, background checks, other administrative functions and open records request.

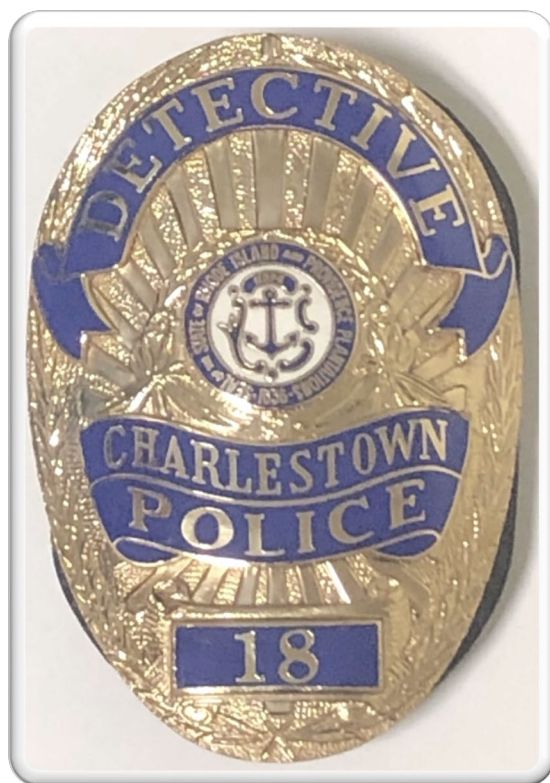
Members of the Criminal Investigations Division work administrative schedules designed to maximize their availability during peak hours of agency demand. All Detectives receive specialized training in the most modern criminal investigative techniques which includes BCI crime scene investigation and processing, evidence

collections and storage, interview and interrogation techniques, police photography, narcotics investigation, cyber-crime, financial crimes and other related fields.

Each year the Criminal Investigative Division investigates calls involving suspicious deaths, drug overdoses, fatal motor vehicle accidents, and other major felony crimes. These crimes typically include sexual assaults, burglaries, robberies, breaking and entering, felony assaults, complicated DUI investigations, wanted and fugitive persons and more. In 2022, the division continued to train its staff in the latest investigative techniques and technologies and worked closely with other federal, state and local law enforcement partners to keep Charlestown safe.

Lt. Kevin T. Kidd

Division Commander



Charlestown Harbormaster Program



Thomas Toscano - Harbormaster

The Charlestown Harbormaster is responsible for the Town's harbor management and marine patrol program. This marine unit is comprised of four (4) town officials that are overseen by the Chief of Police. It includes one (1) Harbormaster and three (3) Assistant Harbormasters, each responsible to patrol and enforce regulations on the Town's two large coastal salt ponds, breach-ways and assorted waterways. 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, maintaining the municipality's boating and docking assets along with implementation of the Town's Harbor Management Plan.

Charlestown Animal Control



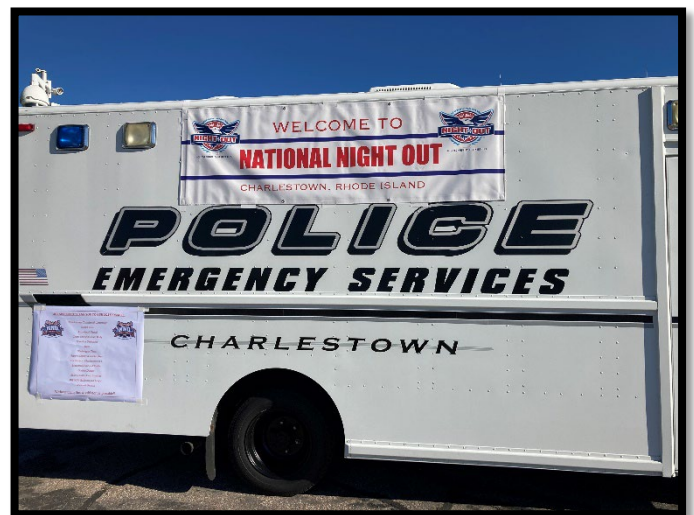
Kathy McA'Nulty – Animal Control Officer

The Charlestown Animal Control is a unit that works in conjunction with the Charlestown Police Department and is responsible for all domestic animal related issues in Charlestown. The unit is supervised by Animal Control Officer Kathy McA'Nulty. Ms. McA'Nulty oversees the animal shelter staff and the volunteers who care for the safety and welfare of the animals under Town control. The Charlestown Animal Control Officer is an integral part of the Charlestown Police Department team.

2022 saw the construction and completion of the new Charlestown Animal Shelter, located on Sand Hill Road. A new addition with officer space, new cage areas and much needed storage was completed along with a refurb of the existing areas.

National Night Out

The Charlestown Police Department, along with our partners, The Charlestown Fire Department and the Charlestown Ambulance-Rescue Service, hosted our 2nd National Night Out event on September 27th, 2022. The event was held in Ninigret Park and was again a huge success! The evening's weather was clear and approximately 500 residents attended the event.



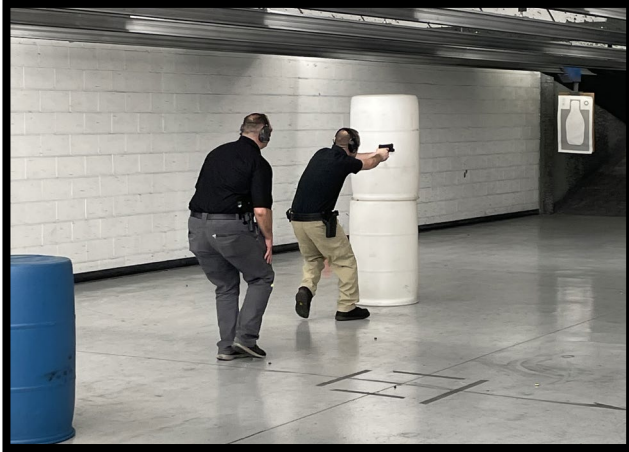
Community Engagement

The Charlestown Police Department participated, or assisted in dozens of community events and programs in 2022. Below are some of the events and programs.

- Elementary School Field Day.
- Senior Center Luncheons.
- Matthew's Wish Toy Drive.
- Drug Take Back Day.
- Seafood Festival Photo Booth.
- Memorial Day Parade.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat.
- Charlestown Holiday Ramble.
- Town Hall Christmas Event.
- Hero's Breakfast.
- New Year's Eve Bonfire.
- National Night Out.



2022 Department Training Review



2022 Department Training

TRAINING	CLASS	# OF	TOTAL	TRAINING	CLASS	# OF	TOTAL
COURSE	HOURS	STAFF	HOURS	COURSE	HOURS	STAFF	HOURS
Spring Firearms Qualification	4	25	100	Traffic Incident Management	2	25	50
Fall Firearms Qualification	4	25	100	CPR / AED / First-Aid / Narcan	4	30	120
Taser Recertification	4	18	72	Holding Cell / Prisoner Checks	1	25	25
FATS - Firearm Simulator	1	25	25	Accreditation Training	1	30	30
DUI Breathalyzer Recertification	4	20	80	Accreditation Manager Training	1	8	8
Mental Health Training	2	25	50	Intelligence Training	1	25	25
Use of Force	1	25	25	Mutual-aid Agreements	1	25	25
Workplace Harassment	1	45	45	Use of Force Instructor Recert.	8	1	8
NCIC / RILETS Recertification	1	27	27	Supervisor Training	2	1	2
Active Shooter - Police One	2	25	50	NRA Firearms Instructor	40	1	40
Opioid Exposure Training	1	25	25	Advanced Firearms School	8	1	8
Officer Survival - Police1	1	25	25	CPR Instructor Recertification	8	1	8
Legal Updates & Liability	2	25	50	L.E.F.T.A. Training	1	30	30
Police Pursuit Driving	1	25	25	Drone Operator School	4	1	4
Domestic Violence Training	1	25	25	Prosecution Training	4	2	8
Anti-Bias Policing	1	25	25	Digital Forensics School	28	1	28
Mass Casualty Training	1	25	25	Workzone Training	8	2	16
Roadblock / Spike Strips	1	25	25	Computer Forensics School	112	1	112
Incident Command Systems	1	30	30	TOTAL TRAINING HOURS			1,376

Internal Reviews

2022 Use of Force Report

Taser Deployment	O.C. Spray Deployment	Presentation of Firearm	Physical Force in Arrest
1	1	1	2

All agency use of force incidents were investigated and reviewed by the department's administration in 2022. 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.

2022 Police Pursuit Report

Number of Police Pursuits in 2022	1
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All police pursuits were reviewed by the department's administration in 2022. It was determined that the one (1) pursuit in 2022 did not violate department policy and procedure and was closed with no further action needed.

2022 Citizen Complaints Report

Number of Citizen Complaints in 2022	1
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One citizen complaint was investigated and reviewed by the department's administration in 2022. The one (1) complaint was determined to be unfounded and closed with no further action.

2022 Internal Complaints Report

Number of Internal Complaints in 2022	1
Number of Internal Complaints in 2022	1

All agency internal complaints were investigated and reviewed by the department's administration in 2022. One (1) complaint was closed with employee counseling.

Traffic Enforcement

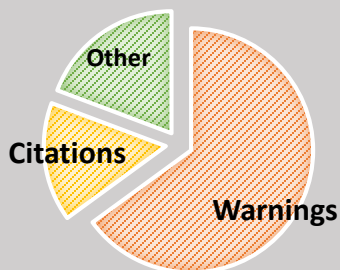
The Charlestown Police Department takes highway traffic safety very seriously. Traffic enforcement remained roughly the same as 2021.

VIOLATIONS	CITATIONS	WARNING	TOTAL
Excessive Speed	302	1,432	1734
Expired / Suspended Registration	50	108	158
Seatbelt Violations	5	11	16
Stop Sign Violations	22	93	115
Operating without Insurance	16	8	24
Other Traffic Violation	68	256	324
Other Traffic Contacts	0	566	566
TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS & CONTACTS	463	2,474	2,937
Red Light Camera Program			
	2,549	N/A	2,549

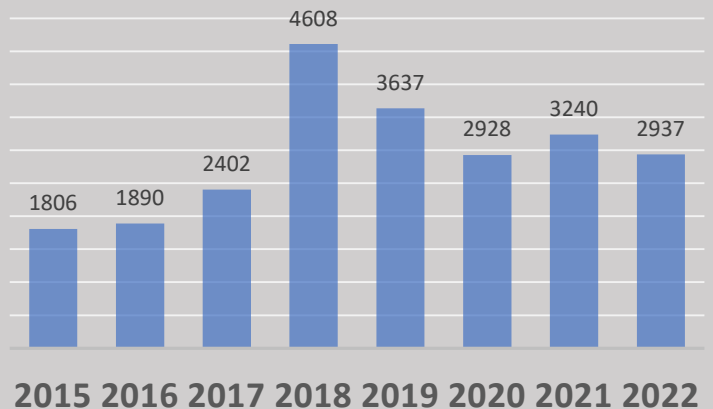
TRAFFIC STOPS

2,937 TOTAL STOPS & CONTACTS

■ Warnings
 ■ Citations
 ■ Other



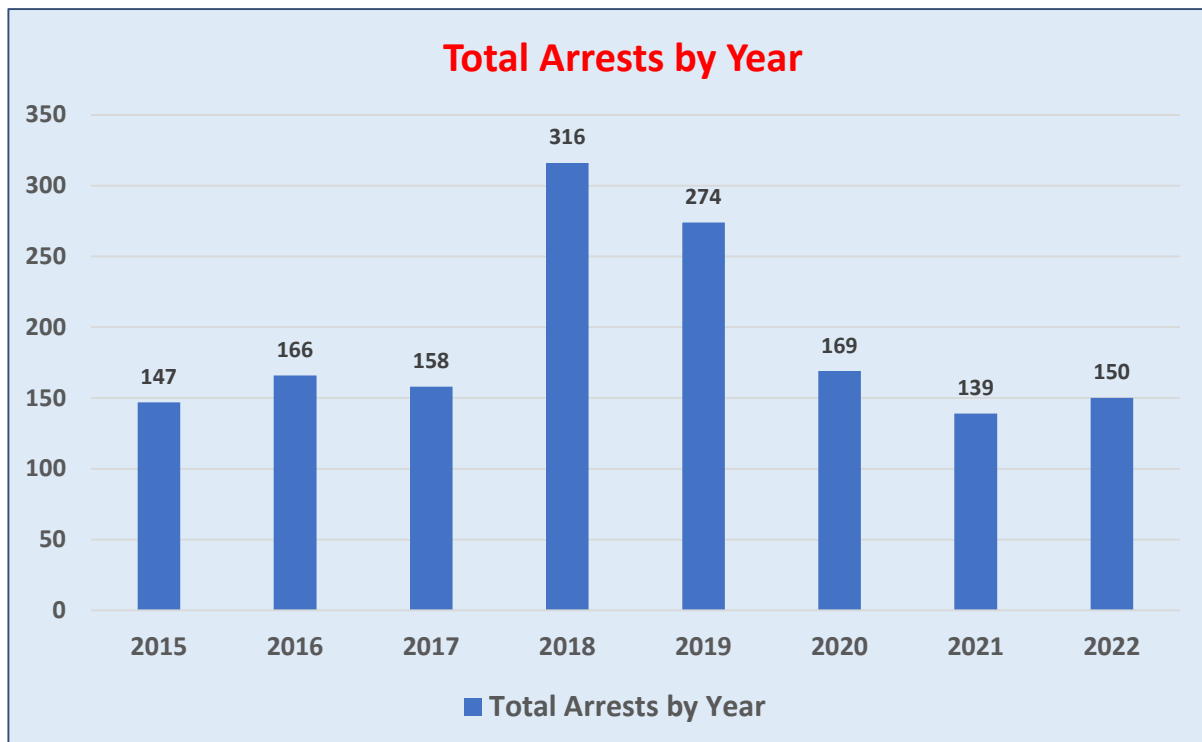
Total Traffic Stops & Contacts by Year



Criminal Violations

The Charlestown Police Department conducted a total of 150 arrests in 2022. This represents an increase from 2021. **NOTE:** 2022 was the last year that suspended license violations were considered an “arrest” offense. This will significantly lower the number of arrests for coming years for the Charlestown Police Department and departments state-wide.

CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Suspended License	57	1	58
Driving Under the Influence	22	0	22
Domestic Violence / Disorderly	25	0	25
Warrant Arrest	19	0	19
Narcotics Violation	5	0	5
Physical / Sexual Assault	6	2	8
All Others	11	2	13
TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	145	5	150

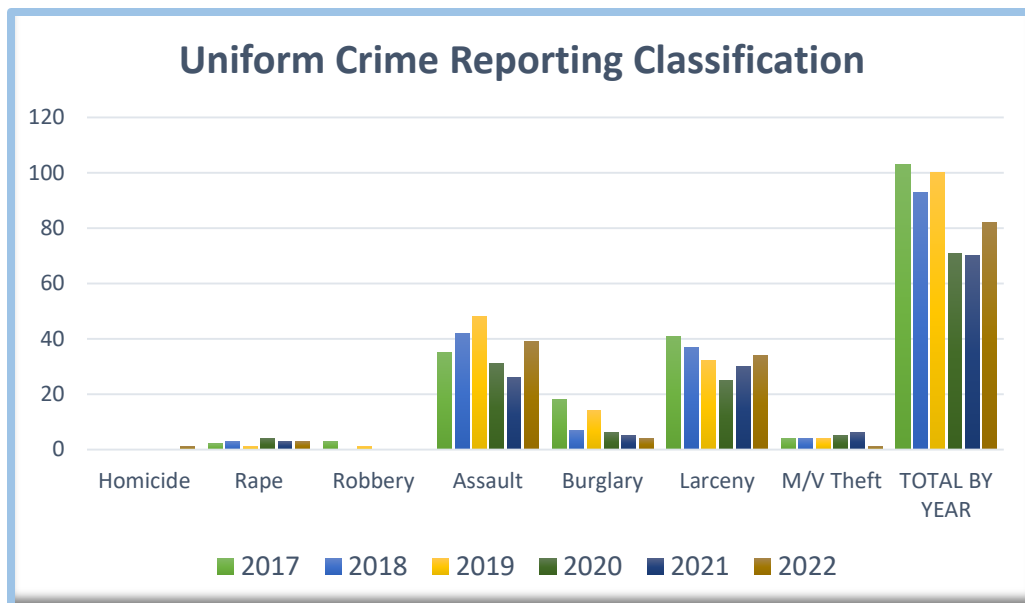


Uniform Crime Report Data

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is a monthly reporting mechanism by which each law enforcement agency in the county is required to communicate crime data to the FBI. This data is collected nationally on the seven reportable major crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. The Charlestown Police Department compiles this information monthly via our records management system, then exports it to the Rhode Island State Police who in turn forwards it to the FBI for analysis.

The department’s UCR data typically reflects a lower incidence of crime in specific categories than the agency’s monthly activity report. This difference is due to the fact that the agency’s monthly activity report reflects the “actual number of calls for service” generated in each of those categories as well as many others. Through the course of follow-up investigations, police clear many calls for services initially reported as crimes as “unfounded” or “non-reportable”, these incidents do not make it onto the final monthly UCR report. Below you will find our UCR data for the years 2016 – 2022. This data is helpful in tracking patterns and trends in major crime categories. In general, the overall reportable major crimes in town are low and some categories are trending downward.

Uniform Crime Reporting Classification							
CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	2	2	3	1	4	3	3
Robbery	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Assault	28	35	42	48	31	26	39
Burglary	31	18	7	14	6	5	4
Larceny	54	41	37	32	25	30	34
M/V Theft	3	4	4	4	5	6	1
TOTAL	119	103	93	100	71	70	82



Department Statistics



CHARLESTOWN POLICE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Submitted by: Chief Michael J. Pallotta



2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	1180	1001	1141	1131	1168	1332	1509	1401	1114	1167	1133	984	14261
MOTOR VEHICLE CALLS													
Traffic Enforcement/Contacts	232	204	210	246	193	214	266	277	232	352	302	209	2937
Traffic - Citations	22	54	27	45	28	20	32	55	33	59	66	22	463
Traffic - Warnings	175	150	143	153	115	137	177	150	167	210	189	142	1908
Traffic Accidents Total	9	15	10	5	11	18	27	22	16	10	24	13	180
Disabled Motorist Assists	8	12	3	9	13	10	21	23	9	9	15	14	146
Red Light Camera Citations	151	204	240	259	318	349	320	201	199	91	107	110	2549
ASSIST OTHER CALLS													
Assist Other Police Depts.	10	11	9	16	11	25	25	15	11	12	8	22	175
Assist Medical / Rescue Calls	86	63	82	79	119	96	136	152	127	111	118	119	1288
Assist Fire Department Calls	6	8	3	6	10	6	5	11	8	10	4	14	91
POLICE / CRIME CALLS													
Burglary Alarms	19	28	22	34	24	32	16	26	15	25	29	38	308
Disturbances / Disorderly	8	10	5	7	10	11	7	2	9	5	6	7	87
Larceny	0	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	1	1	2	3	32
Missing Persons	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	2	0	1	1	0	12
Breaking and Entering	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	10
Physical / Sexual Assaults	4	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	23
Driving Under the Influence	0	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	22
Larceny / Theft / Vandalism	3	7	3	5	6	8	6	8	2	4	2	4	58
Narcotics Violations	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	9
Domestic Incidents	3	3	2	4	4	4	6	3	1	1	3	5	39
Animal Complaints	5	7	8	8	12	10	21	14	9	10	6	7	117
Boating Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	9
Overdose Treatment	2	1	0	0	3	4	0	2	1	0	3	1	17
COMMUNITY ASSIST CALLS													
Building & House Checks	391	334	398	302	296	231	165	199	223	256	303	205	3303
School Safety Checks	47	39	38	30	41	25	10	3	54	41	37	38	403
Public VIN Checks	16	14	26	29	22	26	26	25	33	31	29	20	297
Car Seat Checks / Installations	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
Beach/Waterway/Area Checks	187	159	190	172	223	320	399	361	167	151	140	152	2621
ARRESTS													
Adult Arrests Total	10	16	8	8	14	15	14	9	14	12	16	9	145
Juvenile Arrest Total	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	2	6
Misdemeanor Arrests	11	17	8	9	14	15	13	9	14	11	16	7	144
												Total Arrests	150

* N/A - data not available yet.



~ 2022 Memorial Day Parade ~