



**West Warwick Police Department
2015 Annual Report**



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Chief's Message

On behalf of the Men and Women of the West Warwick Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report. The purpose of this report is manifold.

In retrospect, the Annual Report serves to quantify our efforts over the last year, to present to the public what its Police Department has done with the public funds and the public trust. Introspectively, it helps the Department understand where we have been and where we are, what our expectations were, and whether we met the goals we set for ourselves. The Annual Report also serves as a base to examine what could have been. In examining what worked and what did not, we can better plan for a more effective and efficient Department.

But, most importantly, the Annual Report serves as a reminder that each year we aspire to be greater than what we are. By documenting milestones within the Department, we can look back and see how our actions and decisions along the way set the stage for a better future.

This past year has brought challenges to the Department. The Department continues to operate within the framework of the Town's five-year financial recovery plan. An opioid epidemic has required law enforcement to develop innovative approaches to address the unprecedented levels of accidental overdoses and deaths. A national mood of antipathy cast a shadow over the police profession as a whole. But as these challenges were presented to the officers, they continued in their duties, served their community, and upheld high standards of ethics and principle.

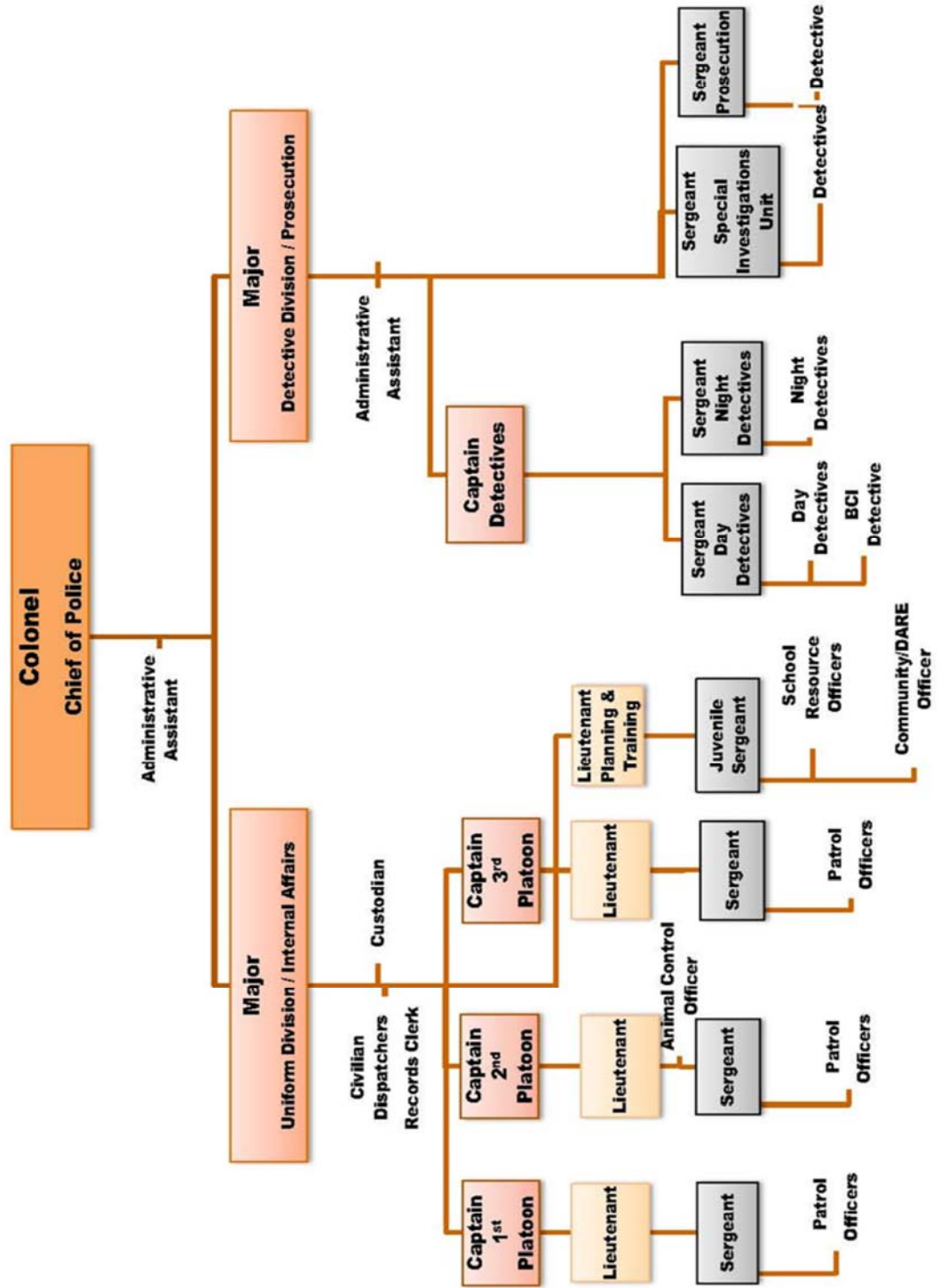
I am honored to be Chief of a Department with men and women who have proven themselves so dedicated, loyal, and tireless in their efforts to improve their community. I hope that as you read this report, you appreciate why I feel this way and have a similar sense of pride in your Police Department.



Colonel Richard G. Silva
Chief of Police



West Warwick Police Department Organizational Chart



Achievements

Grants

During 2015, the West Warwick Police Department received \$12,785 in direct funding through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program of the Department of Justice. This annual formula grant is designated for fleet improvement, in accordance with the five year plan.

Additionally, the Department continued to receive grants for its task force officers, to include HIDTA, DEA, SOLEMN and FDA. The Department received programmatic funding through the state Department of Transportation, Department of Health, and Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals.

Finally, the Department continued to draw on the COPS Grant, a \$125,000, three year grant given by the Department of Justice to assist with staffing needs within the Department.

Set Annual and Multi-year Goals and Objectives

The Department kept pace with the five year plan, a state/town cooperative agreement to set the Town on the path to greater solvency. To that end, several areas of infrastructure were addressed in 2015. Needed repairs to the station's electrical system, radio updates, computer software replacement efforts, and vehicle fleet cyclical replacement were addressed.

In the area of personnel, several officers were sent to professional development trainings including first line supervisor, middle manager, and administration school at Roger Williams University. Line officers attended Field Training Officer school to become versed in developing skills in new officers fresh from the academy. These schools groom future leaders of the Department to take charge when the time comes.

Recruitment

The Department conducted its annual recruitment drive from February to May of 2015, casting a wide net to attract qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds. Officers were assigned to college job fairs, contacted minority churches and community groups, dropped

flyers at places where young persons may gather, and posted notices on a sundry of websites and social media outlets. On March 17, Patrolwoman Sandra Marinucci and Lt. John Malloy appeared on “The Rhode Show,” a Providence Television Station-based talk show, to get the word out about the Department’s recruitment.

After a series of tests and interviews, the Department sent two recruits to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy in 2015, both of whom graduated in December.

Patrol Division

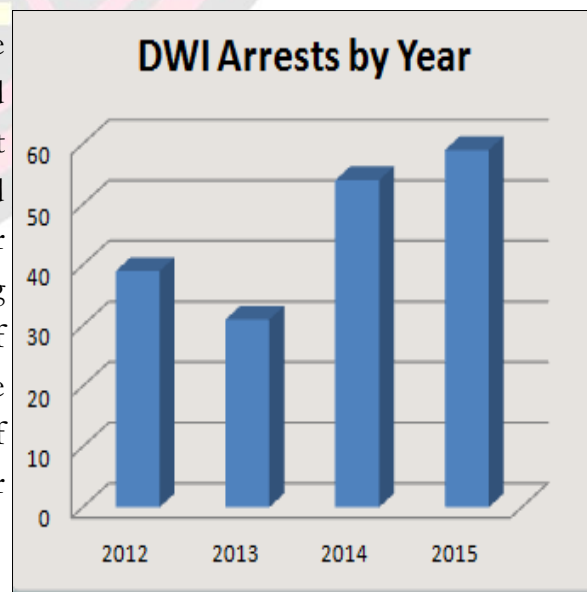


The patrol division is responsible for responding to most calls and emergencies which the police department receives, and the nature of these calls varies widely. The calls range from animal control problems, citizen disputes, business and residential alarms, traffic crashes and missing person complaints to domestic violence, robbery and burglary calls.

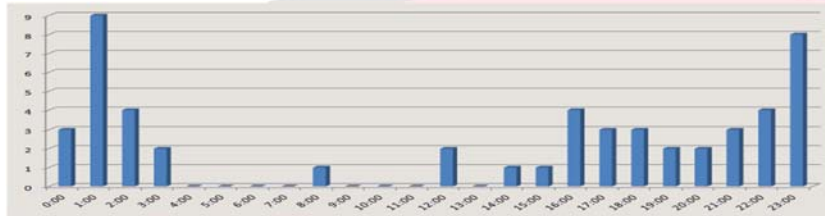
Patrol officers are assigned to different districts throughout the Town from which they patrol and respond to calls on a 24 hour basis. Patrol officers investigate traffic crashes, conduct preliminary criminal investigations, and provide various services to the community.

Driving While Impaired

The West Warwick Police Department has made the safety of vehicle operators, passengers and pedestrians a priority in our community. As part of our effort we have sought to identify and arrest impaired drivers. As part of their regular patrol function, officers target unsafe driving and enforce the traffic laws of the State of Rhode Island. In cooperation with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation’s Office of Highway Safety, the State Police, and other municipal police departments under Operation

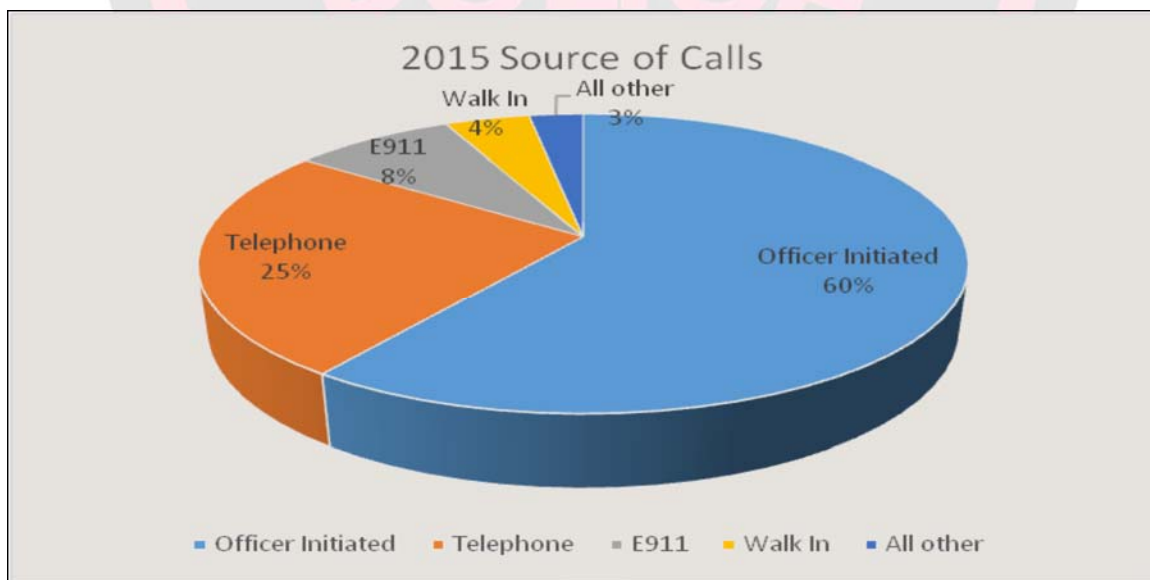


Blue RIPTIDE, we have worked to target those drivers who chose to operate a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs through the use of special directed enforcement details. The Department made 59 Drunk Driving arrests during 2015. Drunk Driving arrests by time of day is found in the chart below.



Calls for Service

In 2015, members of the West Warwick Police Department responded to or initiated 34,682 calls for service. This is an increase from 33,063 calls in 2014, and a decrease from 37,469 in 2013.



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Officer Initiated	17,371	20,317	29,651	24,719	20,119	20,784
Telephone Calls	10,833	10,024	9,170	8,307	8,242	8,651
E911 Calls	2,632	3,016	2,681	2,579	2,536	2,831
Walk-in Complaint	1,567	1,462	1,338	1,158	1,364	1,477
All Other	1,003	1,004	819	706	802	939
Total Calls	33,406	35,823	43,659	37,469	33,063	34,682

Crime Statistics

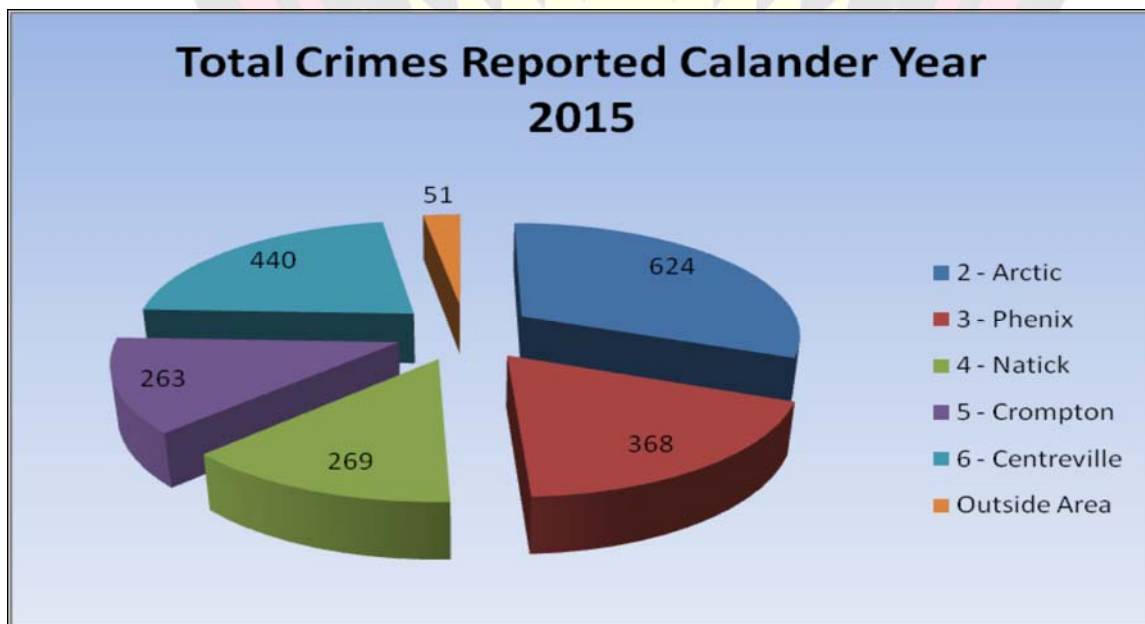
Arrests

In 2015, the West Warwick Police Department effectuated 1,283 arrests for various felony and misdemeanor offenses, compared to 1,370 arrests in 2014.

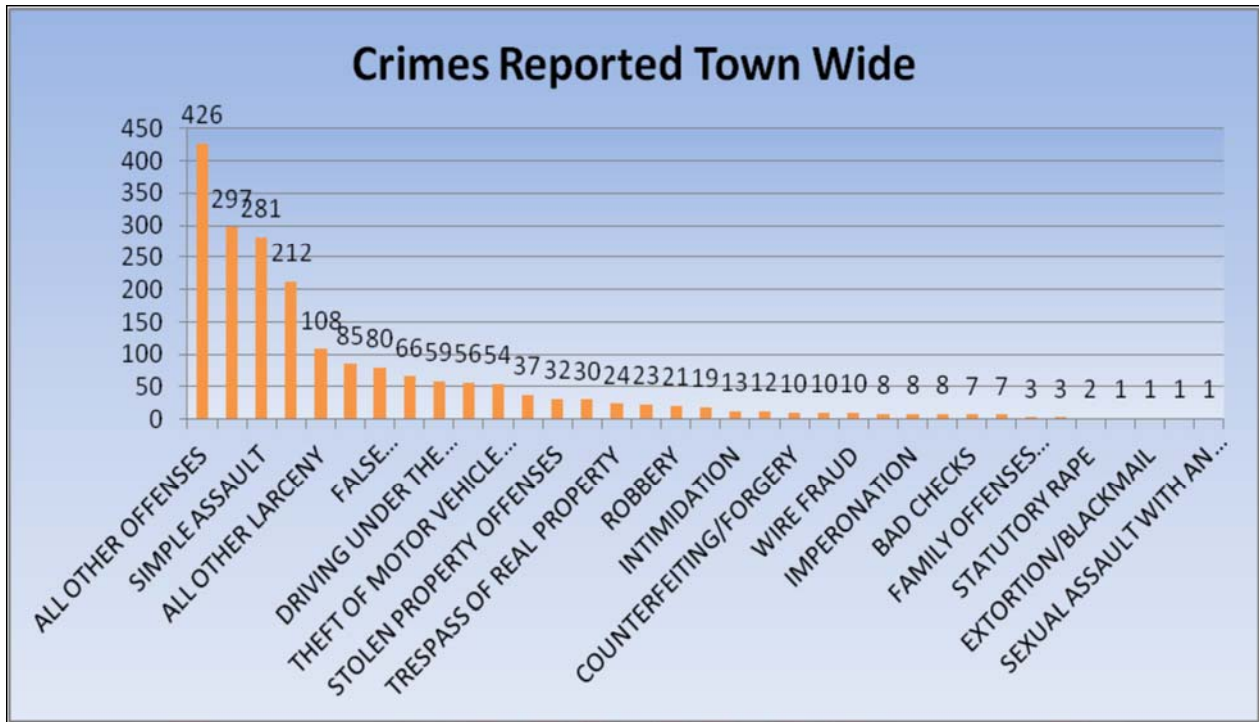
- 2015 – 1,283 arrests
- 2014 – 1,370 arrests
- 2013 – 1,459 arrests
- 2012 – 1,555 arrests
- 2011 – 2,025 arrests
- 2010 – 1,939 arrests

Reported Crimes

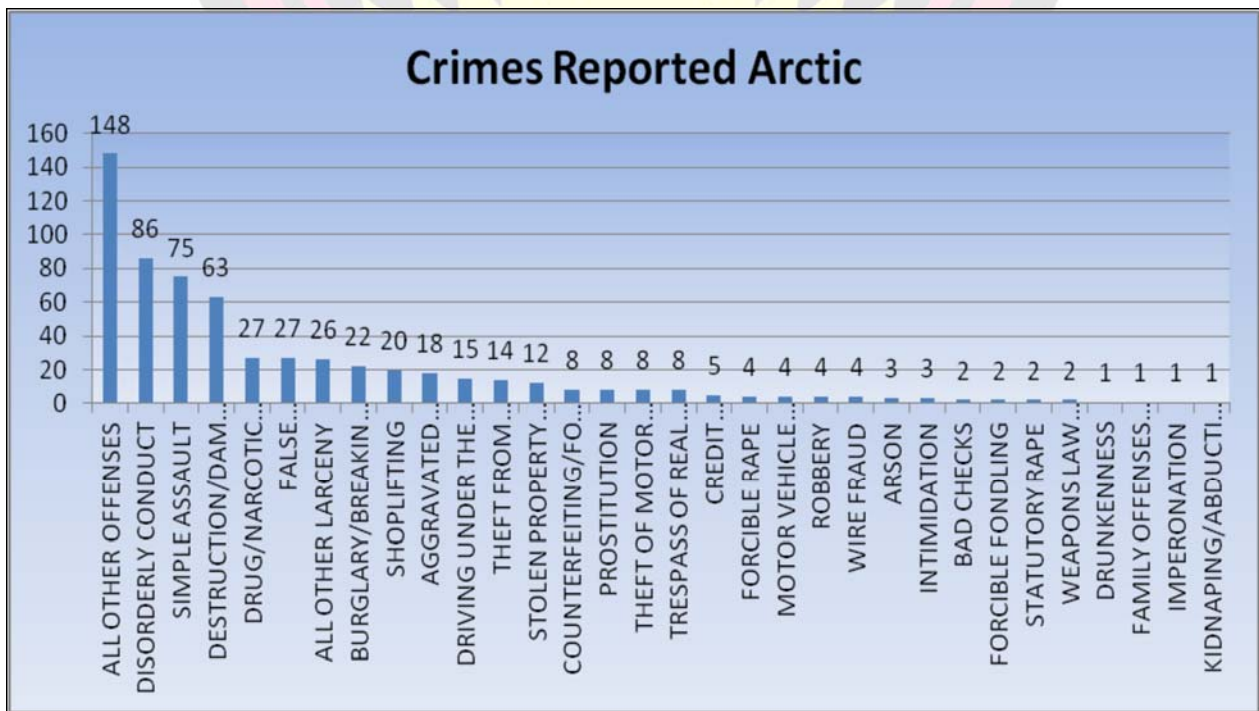
Reports of Crimes are broken down by the beat areas assigned to officers. For example, Centreville is the area between Cowesett Ave. (Rt. 3) and Legris Ave. (Rt. 117). “Out of area” crimes are those that have a nexus to the town, and therefore, are under the jurisdiction of the West Warwick Police Department, but are reported out of the Town. The most often occurrence of this is an event that is first reported at an out-of-town hospital.

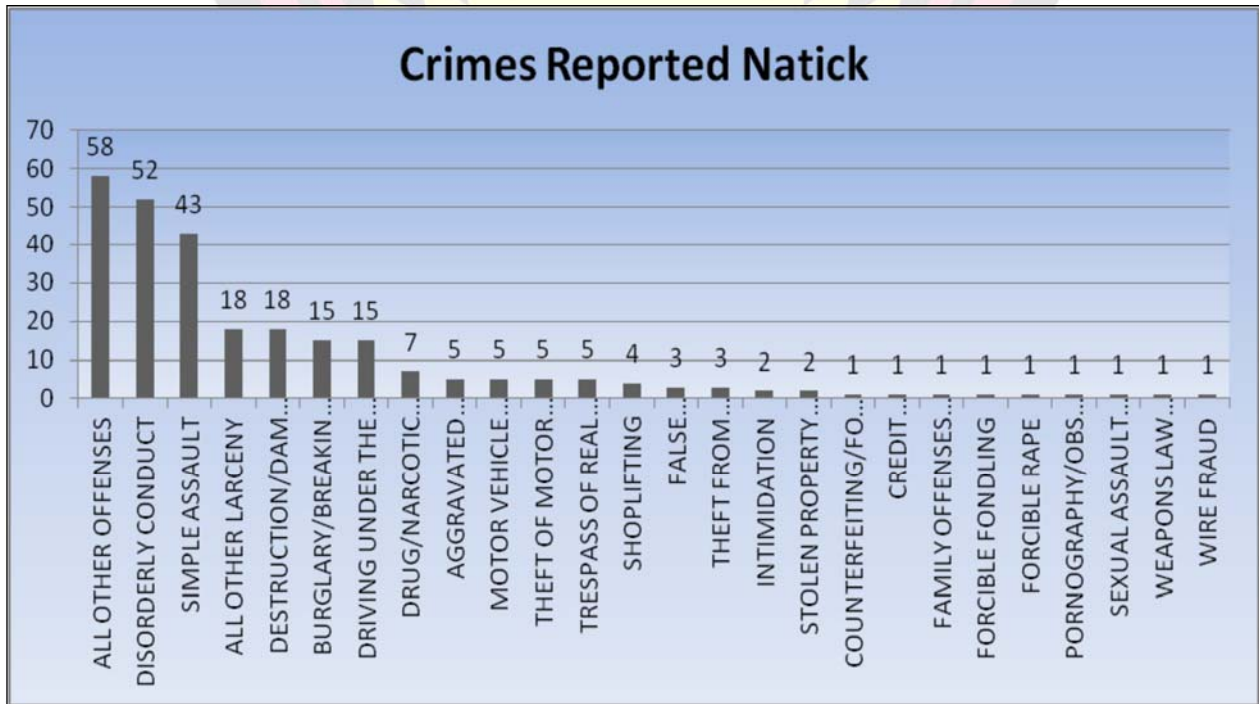
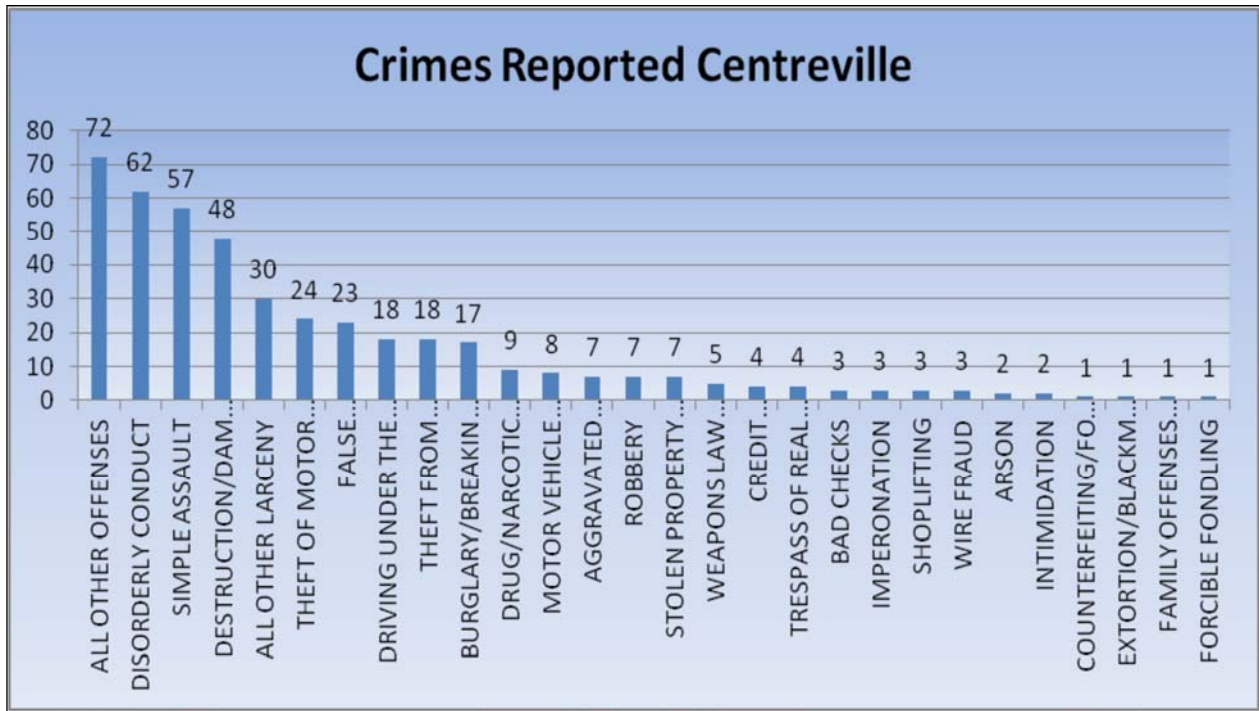


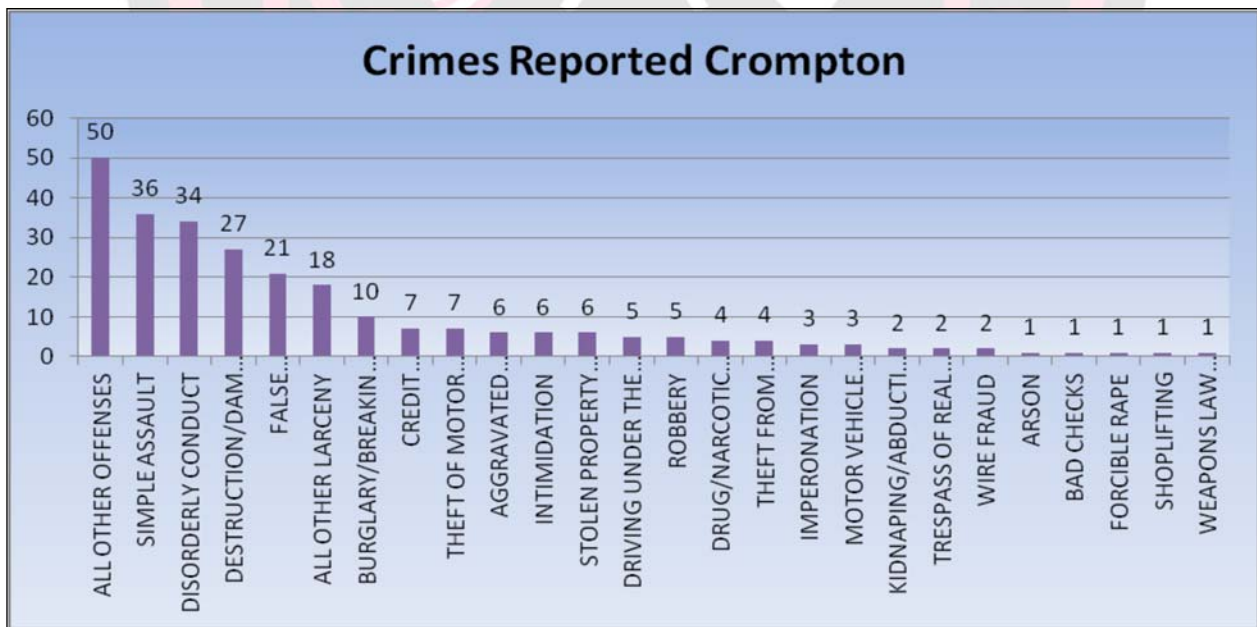
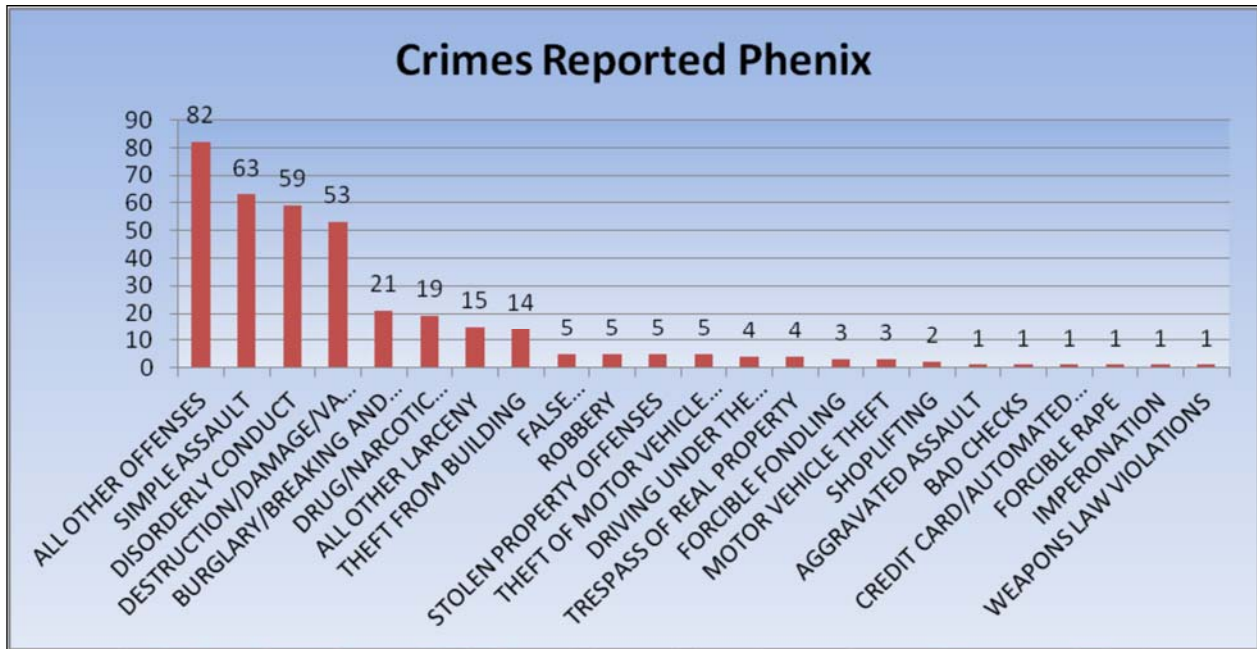
The types of crimes are as follows:



Crimes by District







Uniform Crime Report

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is the nationwide tool for measuring the crime in given locations. The following tables represent crimes as reported in West Warwick to the report. The only table not represented is the “Hate Crimes” table, as there was but one reported hate crime: the Anti-Muslim vandalism of the Islamic School.

It should be noted that the Uniformed Crime Report does not include all offenses charged by the West Warwick Police Department, such as town ordinance offenses, arrests on court warrants, and suspended license offenses.

UCR Offense Codes (FBI) - WEST WARWICK

Code	Description	2015 Total Offenses	2014 Total Offenses	2013 Total Offenses	2012 Total Offenses	2011 Total Offenses	2010 Total Offenses	2009 Total Offenses	2008 Total Offenses	2007 Total Offenses
09A	HOMICIDE: MURDER/NONNEG. MANSLAUGHTER	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
09B	HOMICIDE: NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
09C	HOMICIDE: JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100	KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
11A	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: RAPE	11	8	19	12	14	17	17	14	11
11B	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: SODOMY	2	2	2	5	1	2	3	3	1
11C	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: OBJECT	2	1	2	2	2	1	4	6	5
11D	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: FONDLING	14	16	9	13	14	12	16	10	9
120	ROBBERY	12	11	12	6	12	13	19	12	6
13A	ASSAULT: AGGRAVATED	39	39	19	48	47	37	29	29	38
13B	ASSAULT: SIMPLE	275	250	273	307	368	355	355	343	325
13C	ASSAULT: INTIMIDATION	13	11	15	14	19	28	27	24	19
200	ARSON	8	8	13	8	5	14	5	8	3
210	EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0
220	BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	103	97	130	159	189	156	134	123	100
23A	LARCENY: POCKET-PICKING	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
23B	LARCENY: PURSE-SNATCHING	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23C	LARCENY: SHOPLIFTING	25	15	18	22	23	18	22	34	30
23D	LARCENY: FROM BLDG	57	53	95	83	103	100	111	123	134
23E	LARCENY: FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23F	LARCENY: FROM MV	1	1	1	1	2	5	103	101	106
23G	LARCENY: AFFIXED MV PARTS/ACCESSORIES	74	48	87	112	95	134	10	15	6
23H	LARCENY: ALL OTHER	118	152	133	173	202	186	185	242	156
240	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	32	30	25	40	36	40	37	50	40
250	COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	9	6	10	17	10	19	12	12	15
26A	FRAUD: FALSE PRETENSES	83	51	65	56	65	51	53	51	51
26B	FRAUD: CREDIT CARD/AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE	23	17	23	24	23	29	31	36	36
26C	FRAUD: IMPERSONATION	9	12	2	5	5	2	1	2	3
26D	FRAUD: WELFARE	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	1
26E	FRAUD: WIRE	10	6	10	3	2	3	10	5	3
270	EMBEZZLEMENT	1	4	4	2	3	2	9	4	10
280	STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	22	17	25	28	25	36	23	26	22
290	DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	202	208	211	313	322	354	323	332	379
35A	DRUG/NARCOTIC: VIOLATION	57	90	95	82	113	110	132	133	89
35B	DRUG/NARCOTIC: EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36A	SEX OFFENSE, NON FORCE: INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36B	SEX OFFENSE, NON FORCE: STATUTORY	0	3	4	3	1	3	1	1	3
370	PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL	2	1	2	1	6	0	3	2	1
39A	GAMBLING: BETTING/WAGERING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39B	GAMBLING: OPERATE/PROMOT/ASSIST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39C	GAMBLING: EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39D	GAMBLING: SPORTS TAMPERING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40A	PROSTITUTION: ENGAGING	2	2	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
40B	PROSTITUTION: ASSIST/PROMOTING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
510	BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
520	WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	9	8	16	12	20	14	12	20	20
Total		1223	1170	1329	1554	1734	1744	1689	1769	1624

Arrestee UCR Offense Race Breakdown - WEST WARWICK

Code	Description	Total	White	Black	Am. Indian/Alaskan	Asian	Unknown
09A	HOMICIDE: MURDER/NONNEG. MANSLAUGHTER	1	1	0	0	0	0
09B	HOMICIDE: NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0
09C	HOMICIDE: JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
100	KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1	1	0	0	0	0
11A	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
11B	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: SODOMY	0	0	0	0	0	0
11C	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: OBJECT	1	1	0	0	0	0
11D	SEX OFFENSE, FORCE: FONDLING	0	0	0	0	0	0
120	ROBBERY	1	1	0	0	0	0
13A	ASSAULT: AGGRAVATED	21	17	4	0	0	0
13B	ASSAULT: SIMPLE	141	123	18	0	0	0
13C	ASSAULT: INTIMIDATION	1	1	0	0	0	0
200	ARSON	5	5	0	0	0	0
210	EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	0	0	0	0	0	0
220	BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI	10	9	1	0	0	0
23A	LARCENY: POCKET-PICKING	0	0	0	0	0	0
23B	LARCENY: PURSE-SNATCHING	0	0	0	0	0	0
23C	LARCENY: SHOPLIFTING	13	12	1	0	0	0
23D	LARCENY: FROM BLDG	1	1	0	0	0	0
23E	LARCENY: FROM COIN OP. MACHINE	0	0	0	0	0	0
23F	LARCENY: FROM MV	0	0	0	0	0	0
23G	LARCENY: AFFIXED MV PARTS/ACCESS.	0	0	0	0	0	0
23H	LARCENY: ALL OTHER	7	6	1	0	0	0
240	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	1	0	0	0
250	COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
26A	FRAUD: FALSE PRETENSES	4	4	0	0	0	0
26B	FRAUD: CREDIT CARD/AUTO. TELLER MACHINE	1	1	0	0	0	0
26C	FRAUD: IMPERSONATION	0	0	0	0	0	0
26D	FRAUD: WELFARE	0	0	0	0	0	0
26E	FRAUD: WIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0
270	EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
280	STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	3	2	1	0	0	0
290	DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI	31	27	3	0	1	0
35A	DRUG/NARCOTIC: VIOLATION	39	34	5	0	0	0
35B	DRUG/NARCOTIC: EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
36A	SEX OFFENSE, NON FORCE: INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
36B	SEX OFFENSE, NON FORCE: STATUTORY	0	0	0	0	0	0
370	PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
39A	GAMBLING: BETTING/WAGERING	0	0	0	0	0	0
39B	GAMBLING: OPERATE/PROMOT/ASSIST	0	0	0	0	0	0
39C	GAMBLING: EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
39D	GAMBLING: SPORTS TAMPERING	0	0	0	0	0	0
40A	PROSTITUTION: ENGAGING	1	1	0	0	0	0
40B	PROSTITUTION: ASSIST/PROMOTING	0	0	0	0	0	0
40C	PURCHASING PROSTITUTION	0	0	0	0	0	0
510	BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Code	Description	Total	White	Black	Am. Indian/Alaskan	Asian	Unknown
520	WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	7	7	0	0	0	0
90A	BAD CHECKS	1	1	0	0	0	0
90B	CURFEW / LOITERING / VAGRANCY	0	0	0	0	0	0
90C	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	128	118	10	0	0	0
90D	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	48	44	2	0	2	0
90E	DRUNKENNESS	3	3	0	0	0	0
90F	FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
90G	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
90H	PEEPING TOM	0	0	0	0	0	0
90I	RUNAWAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
90J	TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	12	11	1	0	0	0
90Z	ALL OTHER OFFENSES	314	274	37	1	1	1
Total		795	704	85	1	4	1

Arrestee Sex Codes - WEST WARWICK

Code	Description	Occurrences
F	Female	192
M	Male	603
U	Unknown	0
Total		795

Arrestee Race Codes - WEST WARWICK

Code	Description	Occurrences
A	Asian	4
B	Black	85
I	American Indian/Alaskan Native	1
P	Native Hawaiian Or Other Pacific Islander	0
U	Unknown	1
W	White	704
Total		795

Arrestee Armed With - WEST WARWICK

Code	Description	Occurrences
01	Unarmed	779
11	Firearm (Unspecified)	2
11A	Firearm (Unspecified Automatic)	0
12	Handgun	0
12A	Handgun (Automatic)	0
13	Rifle	0
13A	Rifle (Automatic)	0
14	Shotgun	0
14A	Shotgun (Automatic)	0
15	Other Firearm	3
15A	Other Firearm (Automatic)	0
16	Lethal Cutting Instrument	11
17	Club/Blackjack/Brass Knuckles	0
Total		795

Arrestee Age Breakdown - WEST WARWICK

Code	Description	Occurrences
<10	Under 10	0
10-12	Between 10 and 12 years of age	8
13-14	Between 13 and 14 years of age	21
15	Age 15	8
16	Age 16	18
17	Age 17	22
18	Age 18	31
19	Age 19	22
20	Age 20	20
21	Age 21	23
22	Age 22	40
23	Age 23	31
24	Age 24	30
25-29	Between 25 and 29 years of age	132
30-34	Between 30 and 34 years of age	82
35-39	Between 35 and 39 years of age	82
40-44	Between 40 and 44 years of age	65
45-49	Between 45 and 49 years of age	64
50-54	Between 50 and 54 years of age	47
55-59	Between 55 and 59 years of age	26
60-64	Between 60 and 64 years of age	17
>65	Greater than 65 years of age	5
NA	unknown age	1
Total		795

UCR Comparison—Area and Similarly-Sized Police Departments

2015	Coventry	Cranston	Cumberland	East Greenwich	East Providence	Johnston	North Kingstown	North Providence	Warwick	West Warwick
Crimes Against Persons:										
Homicide: Murder / Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1
Homicide: Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide: Justifiable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping / Abduction	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	4
Sex Offense, Force: Rape	11	18	4	3	12	3	7	9	12	11
Sex Offense, Force: Sodomy	0	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	5	2
Sex Offense, Force: Object	1	2	2	0	3	0	2	1	4	2
Sex Offense, Force: Fondling	7	21	7	3	8	4	3	2	10	14
Robbery	5	24	3	1	4	9	1	3	11	12
Assault: Aggravated	16	64	10	5	34	29	10	36	32	39
Assault: Simple	148	421	115	47	240	107	135	195	338	275
Assault: Intimidation	23	21	17	5	41	8	9	19	38	13
Sub-Total	211	581	162	64	346	160	168	269	453	373
Unit Crimes per Capita	0.006	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.006	0.006	0.008	0.005	0.013
Crimes per Sworn Officer	3.7	4.2	3.5	2.1	3.6	2.3	3.7	4.3	2.9	7.3
Crimes Against Property:										
Arson	3	5	1	1	9	3	5	3	26	8
Extortion / Blackmail	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	84	241	58	23	89	85	49	93	175	103
Larceny: Pocket-Picking	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny: Purse-Snatching	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Larceny: Shoplifting	128	263	39	6	71	28	51	70	488	25
Larceny: From Building	9	231	11	28	81	29	33	61	230	57
Larceny: From Coin Operated Machine	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Larceny: From Motor Vehicle	80	272	82	26	148	62	40	49	258	1
Larceny: Affixed Motor Vehicle Parts/Acc	66	87	19	7	0	49	14	51	123	74
Larceny: All Other	161	239	124	42	179	115	72	30	236	118
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	120	22	5	44	33	6	33	68	32
Counterfeiting / Forgery	34	34	6	9	48	9	7	7	27	9
Fraud: False Pretenses	74	138	40	61	91	44	39	26	120	83
Fraud: Credit Card / Automated Teller Ma	47	79	31	7	51	17	12	17	93	23
Fraud: Impersonation	5	9	8	2	4	1	4	6	69	9
Fraud: Welfare	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud: Wire	2	20	0	1	0	1	7	0	34	10
Embezzlement	4	26	1	2	10	7	8	8	29	1
Stolen Property Offenses	16	67	9	0	28	12	7	6	35	22
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism	181	392	178	87	343	113	155	169	375	202
Sub-Total	912	2,227	629	307	1,197	609	509	629	2,389	780
Unit Crimes per Capita	0.027	0.028	0.019	0.023	0.025	0.021	0.019	0.020	0.029	0.027
Crimes per Sworn Officer	16.0	16.1	13.7	9.9	12.3	8.8	11.3	10.1	15.1	15.3

2015

	Coventry	Cranston	Cumberland	East Greenwich	East Providence	Johnston	North Kingstown	North Providence	Warwick	West Warwick
Crimes Against Society:										
Drug / Narcotic: Violation	60	145	37	16	158	21	60	85	316	57
Drug / Narcotic: Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense, Non Force: Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense, Non Force: Statutory	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Pornography / Obsecene Material	2	5	0	0	3	0	4	0	6	2
Gambling: Betting / Wagging	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling: Operate / Promote / Assist	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Gambling: Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling: Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution: Engaging	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2
Prostitution: Assisting / Promoting	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	15	48	2	3	9	20	6	16	27	9
Sub-Total	83	204	39	19	172	42	70	103	359	70
Unit Crimes per Capita	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.002
Crimes per Sworn Officer	1.5	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.8	0.6	1.6	1.7	2.3	1.4
Total Law Enforcement Employees	73	166	57	38	115	84	57	83	207	66
Total Sworn Police Officers	57	138	46	31	97	69	45	62	158	51
2010 Census Population	34,014	80,387	33,506	13,146	47,037	28,769	26,486	32,078	82,672	29,191
Total Crimes Reported	1,206	3,012	830	390	1,715	811	747	1,001	3,201	1,223
Total Crimes per Capita	0.035456	0.037469	0.024772	0.029667	0.036461	0.02819	0.028204	0.031205	0.038719	0.041896
Crimes per Sworn Officer	21.2	21.8	18.0	12.6	17.7	11.8	16.6	16.1	20.3	24.0
Data Source:										
http://www.risp.ri.gov/stats										

Traffic Services

The West Warwick Traffic Safety Committee meets either on a monthly or as needed basis. The committee consists of a designee from the Police Department, Fire Department, School Department, Department of Public Works, Town Planner and the Town Manager. The committee handles complaints and suggestions concerning traffic control devices, parking regulations and deficiencies on the town roadways. The commission also makes referrals to the State Traffic Commission relating to State roadways within the Town of West Warwick.

In the continuing effort to reduce the amount of crashes in the Town of West Warwick, the patrol division, supplemented by the Accident Reduction Program, has targeted the most dangerous types of driving habits. Further, a goal of the Department, is reducing crash-related injuries through enforcement of seat belt laws. It is well accepted that the chance of being injured in a crash is greatly reduced if the occupant is wearing a safety belt, and the policy of the West Warwick Police Department is to increase the use of these life-saving devices.

The police department continues to work with the Municipal Court to promote the safe, orderly and expeditious flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and deliver traffic related services designed to reduce the number of traffic related collisions. The department also enjoys a close working relationship with the Rhode Island Department Office of Highway Safety, participating in regional and national campaigns designed to target speeding, drunk-driving, safety belt usage and texting while driving.

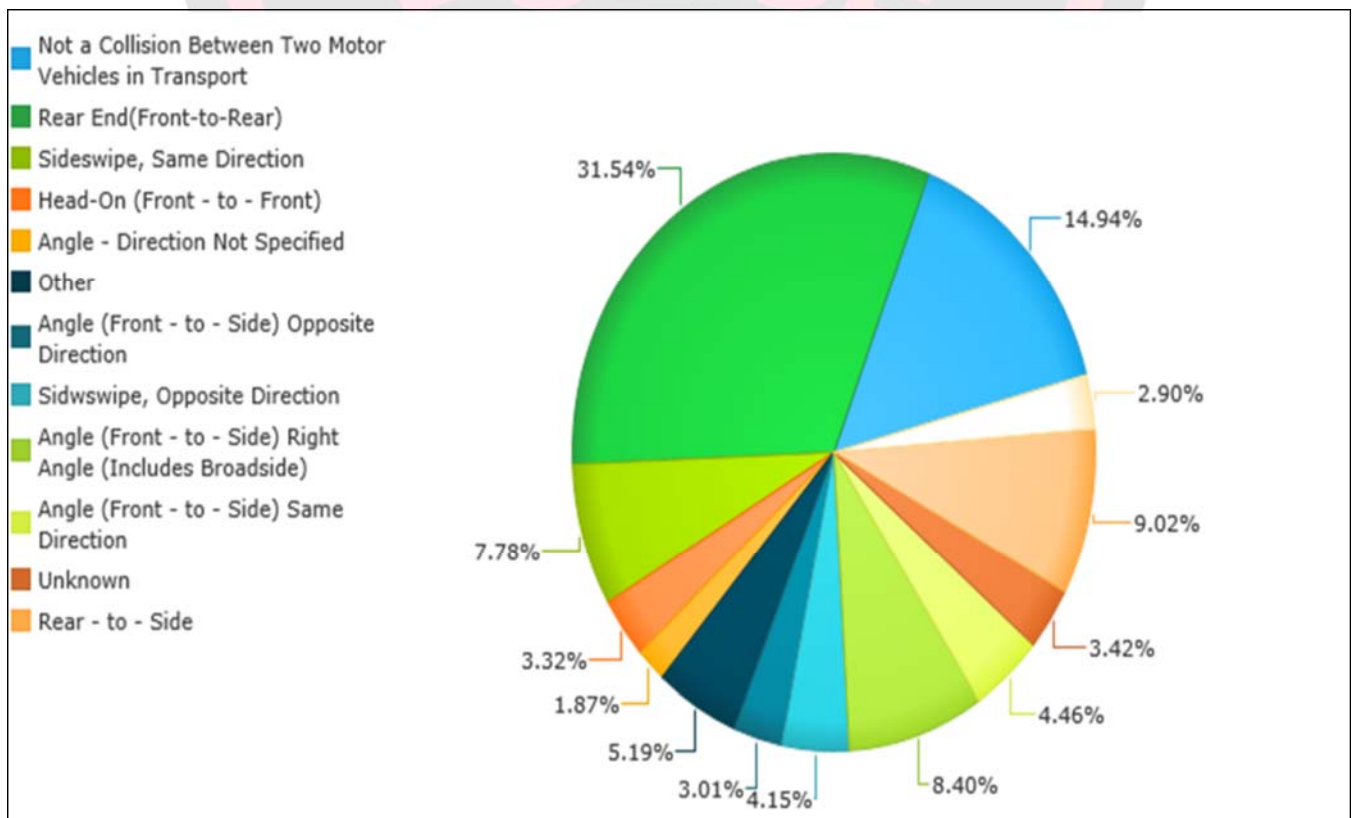
During 2015 officers issued 3,586 traffic citations. A breakdown of the 2015 state-funded enforcement programs is found below.

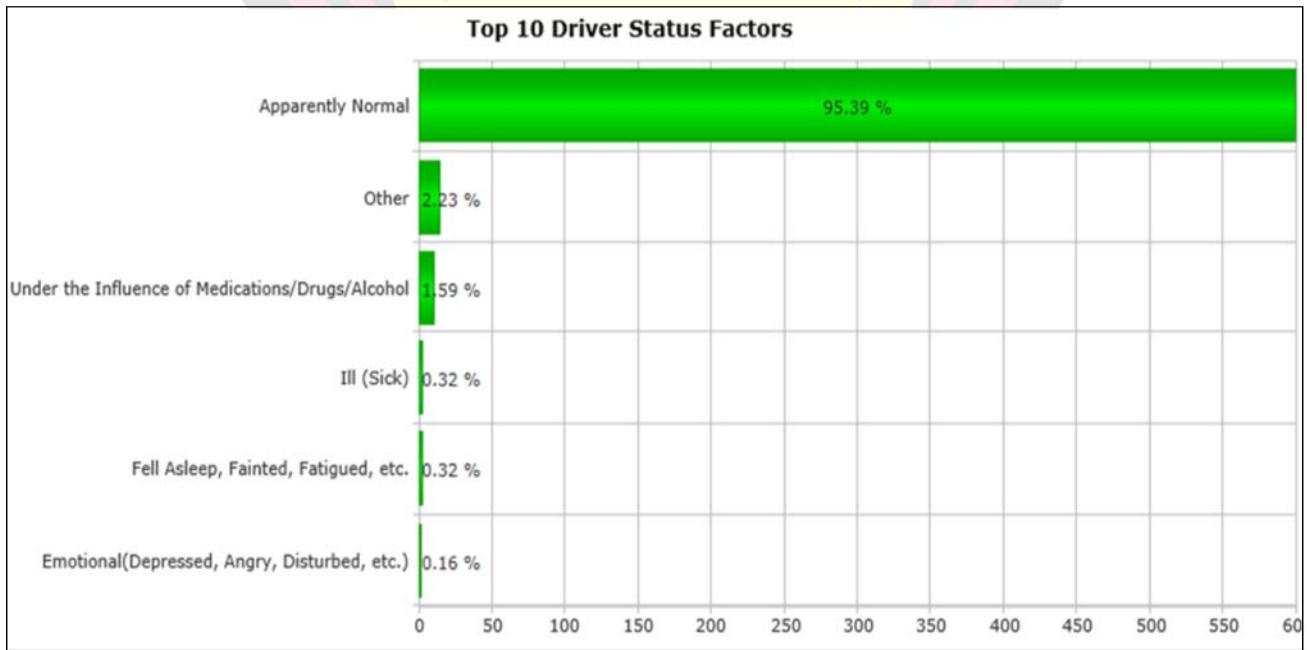
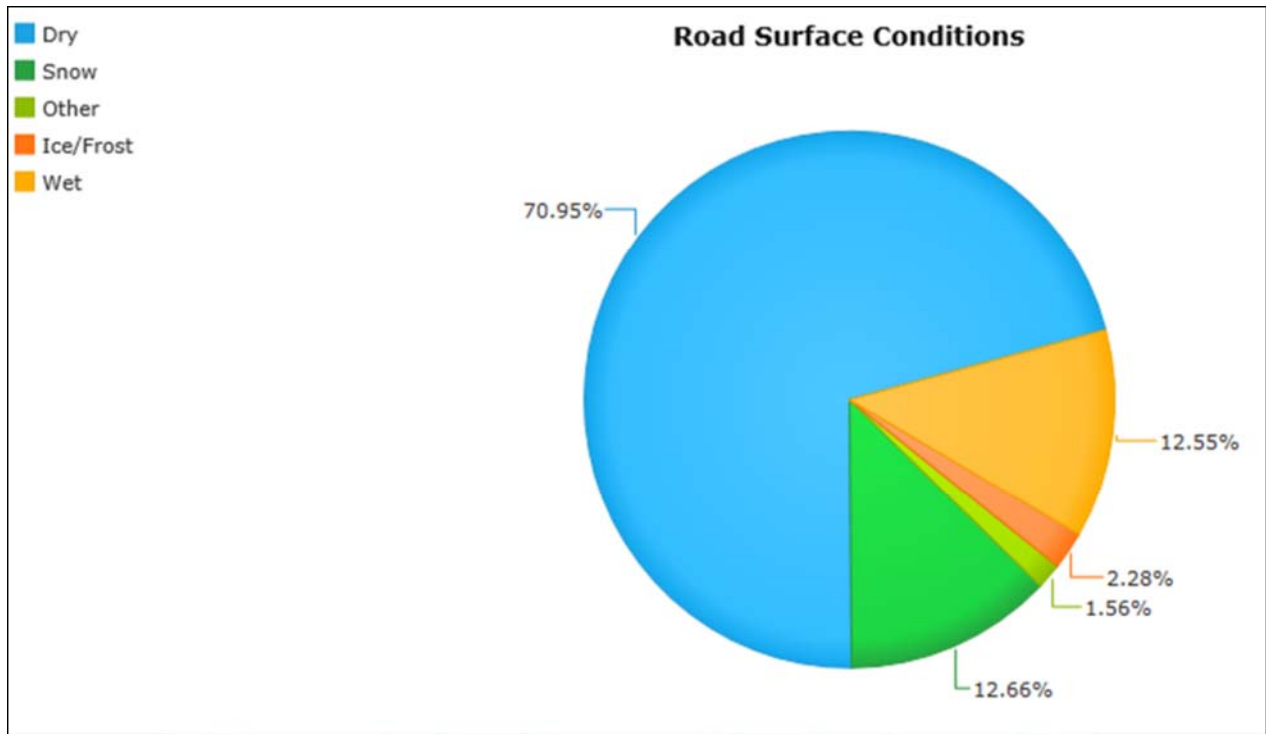
Highway Safety Grants FFY 15-16		
	Project	Amount
	Impaired Driving Law Enforcement Patrols (Alcohol)	\$6,000
	Seat Belt Law Enforcement Patrols (CIOT)	\$3,000
	Child Passenger Safety (CPS)	\$2,000
	Speed Enforcement Patrols (PT)	\$6,000
	Child Passenger Safety Seats (CPS)	\$625
	CPS Training/Supplies	\$80
	TOTALS	\$17,705

While the majority of traffic services falls on the Patrol Division, certain areas are the bailiwick of specially trained officers, such as traffic crash investigators and commercial enforcement officers, who attend a two week training course provided by the US Department of Transportation to focus on tractor trailers, tow trucks, and other DOT licensed vehicles.

Four charts are found below: the first outlines the type of collisions that occurred; the second gives road conditions at the time of crashes; the third states the condition of drivers in crashes; and the fourth is an overview of all crashes with various statistical data.

Examining the data reveals that the plurality of accidents are rear-end, and the majority occur on dry pavement. This leads a reasonable observer to question whether distracted driving is responsible for the lion's share of these crashes. With that in mind, the Department had a one week distracted driving campaign, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Office of Highway Safety.





Total Number of Crashes Reported between 01/01/2015 and 12/31/2015 for West Warwick: 963

Injury Severity



Year

Month

Alcohol Related Crashes*

36

Fatal: 0 Injury: 13 Property: 23

% Alcohol Related Crashes*

3.74 %

Fatal: 0.00 % Injury: 36.11 % Property: 63.89 %

* BAC >= .08, Test refused, or Operator under Influence

* Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

Weather Condition



* Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

Clear	765 (79.44 %)
Cloudy	40 (4.15 %)
Fog, Smog, Smoke	4 (0.42 %)
Rain	68 (7.06 %)
Sleet, Hail	5 (0.52 %)
Snow	77 (8.00 %)
Blowing Snow	4 (0.42 %)

Day/Night:

732 (76.01%)

220 (22.85%)

Not Indexed: 11 (1.14%)

Commercial Crashes

3

Fatal: 0
Injury: 3
Property: 0

% Commercial Crashes

0.31 %

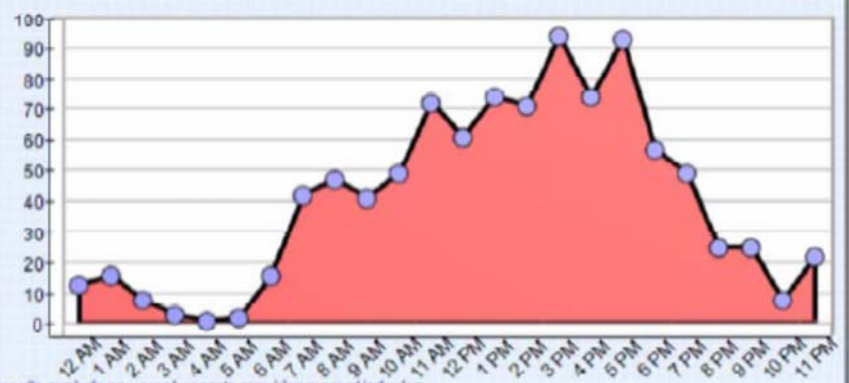
Fatal: 0.00 %
Injury: 100.00 %
Property: 0.00 %

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Day of Week



Time of Day



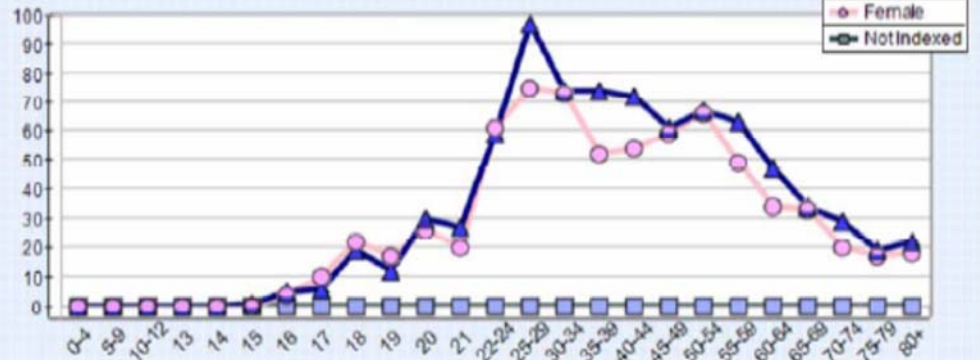
* Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

Crashes Involving



* Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

Crashes by Age and Sex of Operator



Traffic Crash Reconstruction

The Police Department has three (3) certified crash reconstruction investigators, who are responsible for the investigation of motor vehicle crashes involving serious injury or death. These investigators are called to the scene of major traffic crashes and attempt, through scientific methods, to reconstruct what occurred prior to and during the time of the collision to determine the cause. During 2015, the team conducted five (5) crash reconstruction investigations of serious collisions which occurred at various locations in town.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Commercial motor vehicles are ubiquitous, traveling not only of the interstate highways, but also logging many miles on local roads. The Police Department has two officers certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSR) to conduct inspections of these type of vehicles. To be certified these officers were required to successfully complete the North American Standardized Inspection Course.

While the town has limited coverage of major highways, it does have many miles of local roads. Passage of commercial vehicles on local roadways present challenges due to their size and weight and the composition of the streets and intersections. These vehicles create many more safety concerns as compared to passenger vehicles. Therefore, having officers trained and knowledgeable about commercial vehicle regulation and safety is very beneficial to the department.

In addition, these officers are responsible for annual inspections of the tow companies on the department's tow list and who provide services to the department.

On June 2-4 2015 members of the Rhode Island State Police Commercial Enforcement Unit, members of the West Warwick Police Department, members of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), along with police officers from the Towns of Johnston, North Kingstown, Smithfield, and the City of Warwick participated in the 72 hour international Road Check of commercial motor vehicles which is conducted not only in the United States, but also in Canada and Mexico.

The inspections in Rhode Island produced the following results:

- 454 Commercial Motor Vehicles were inspected (up from 386 in 2014)
- 73 Vehicles were placed out of service for major safety defects (up from 68 in 2014)
- 16 drivers were placed out of service (18 in 2014)
- 802 vehicles violations were found
- 109 driver violations were found
- 5 drivers were arrested

Community Policing Programs

The West Warwick Police Department has several community policing programs, including DARE, School Resource, an Explorer Program, and a Youth Drop-in Center.

DARE

The West Warwick Police Department proudly partners with schools to offer the ten-week DARE curriculum. During the school year, Patrolwoman Sandra Marinucci, the Department's DARE Instructor, works with school officials, teachers, parents and students to enhance the learning experience, promote responsible behavior and help solve problems. This connection helps students see police officers not only as enforcers, but also as helpers who want them to make good life choices. This partnership promotes familiarity and trust and opens communication lines that are vital to solving community issues and promoting a great town in which to live, learn and work.

This past year DARE was taught to 361 5th grade children at Deering Middle School, the Islamic School of RI, and St. Joseph's School. While officers are in the classroom, students discuss the dangers of alcohol and tobacco, as well as good decision making, choosing good friends, being a good citizen, avoiding and getting out of risky situations, peer pressure, personal pressure and signs of stress. Each student learns how to use the DARE Decision Making Model to evaluate difficult situations and five different resistance strategies so they know how to say "no." The students write a one-page DARE essay to demonstrate what they learned and make a commitment to stay drug free. After the program, a graduation ceremony is held where each students receives a certificate, demonstrating they will make safe and responsible choices.

School Resource

Patrolman Nicholas Muschiano serves as the School Resource Officer in the middle and high schools.

The SRO operates under the “TRIAD” model, in which the police partner with school staff and parents to curb issues before they become a major problem. In addition to being a law enforcement presence in the schools, the officers act as mentors to the children, and often mediate disputes. During the school year the SROs are invited into classrooms to present on a variety of issues, including drug and alcohol awareness, Internet safety, bullying and constitutional law.

When you pull back the layers of what the SRO does, the most crucial and effective element is building relationships with the students and getting to know them on a personal level. It is the SRO’s goal to be a resource for those students and build relationships that will carry on throughout their time as a community member.

Officer Muschiano, along with Colonel Silva, and Majors Knott and Magiera, participated in career day at West Warwick High School on December 4, 2015. Career day is a forum where individual from diverse career oriented backgrounds present information to groups of students and then have a question and answer period. The officers were able to speak about their careers in law enforcement, give advice about pursuing such a career, and answer any questions the students had about policing.

Youth Drop-In Center

The West Warwick Police Department maintains a Youth Drop-In Center at 40 Factory St. The Center serves as an after school gathering center for area students, and is open afternoons Monday through Thursday, subject to staffing. The Center is a non-supervised environment for children to gather, and is limited to youth ages 12 and above without accompanying adult supervision.

Besides being a gathering center after school, the Center is open at all hours by appointment for any non-profit organization or community group. The Center is currently used after hours by the Police Explorers, three girl scout troops, the French Club, Enrich

Rhode Island, a home-school group, the West Warwick Prevention Coalition, high school hockey and football teams for pre-game dinners, and a plethora of groups who use the building at several points during the year.



The Center also houses the police gym and training classroom, as well as offices for the four (4) officers assigned to the building. The Center is staffed by the Juvenile Sergeant and Planning and Training Lieutenant, as well as the School Resource Officer and Dare/Community Police Officer, subject to their assignments in the schools.

Senior Advocacy

Each police department in the state is required to have a senior advocate; West Warwick has the distinction of having the longest-serving senior advocate in Rhode Island: Patrolwoman Sandra Marinucci.

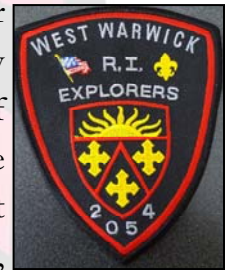
The role of the senior advocate is to place a set of eyes in the field to ensure that our seniors are getting the services they need, and follows-up cases where elder abuse or neglect is indicated. While crimes against seniors are still within the purview of the Patrol and Detective Divisions, the senior advocate may connect the victims to social services, and points care takers in the right direction when they have questions about helping their elder family members. The senior advocate works closely with the Senior Center, the RI Department of Elderly Affairs, and, in the event of guardianship issues, with the West Warwick Probate Court.

In 2015, Patrolman John Randall attended trainings to join Patrolwoman Marinucci as a senior advocate.

The Advocate completes yearly safety meetings at all seven high rise residential buildings in the Town, and is a member of the Alzheimer’s Association, The RI Elder Mental Health and Addiction Coalition and the West Warwick Senior Center.

Police Explorers

The West Warwick Police Explorer Post is a career exploration program for youth ages 14-21 who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. While the Explorer Program is part of the Boy Scouts of America, it is open to both genders. The Post meets weekly during the school year, and bi-weekly during the summer months, covering subject areas such as burglary investigations, traffic stops, first aid, use of force, crime prevention and many more.



The tasks the Explorers learn are put to the test at “Stations Day,” a competition between Explorers from several others posts in the state. This competition, held at New England Tech’s School of Criminal Justice, exposes Explorers to differing perspectives from other departments.



Explorers are also given the opportunity to attend the Rhode Island Explorer Academy, a seven day, six night training camp held at RI National Guard Camp Varnum. Explorers attending the academy are immersed in a boot camp like atmosphere, beginning each day with Physical Training, followed by classroom and hands-on training by experts in their respective fields.

The West Warwick Police Department is proud to offer the Explorer Program at no cost to its participants, as the Department gives all proceeds from vending machine sales to the Post. This allows us to pay for uniforms, membership fees to the Boy Scouts of America, and pay for fees for attendance at Stations Day and the Academy.

While Explorers need no monetary contribution, they give back in a multitude of ways. From participating in the annual Earth Day Bike Path Clean Up to assisting with traffic during parades, the Explorers have become a reliable community service organization.

Car Seat Clinic

During 2015, the West Warwick Police Department increased the number of certified car seat installation specialists from one to four. Officers previously certified left the patrol division and were not immediately replaced, however, this was remedied in 2015 when three officers attended installation training through Safe Kids Rhode Island.

With these four officers, members of the community can avail themselves of car seat installations during the day almost every day of the week. While an appointment was necessary in the past, a parent, grandparent, family, or friend who will be transporting a youth in a car seat can call dispatch and ask if a trained officer is available.



Additionally, the Department holds and participated in events both in and outside of West Warwick. Working on collaboration with area police departments, West Warwick officers attended several safety programs which included car seat installation. In West Warwick, officers conducted car seat installation checkpoints during the Thundermist “baby shower,” a gathering for expectant mothers, and near the Main St. Dunkin Donuts during the Portuguese Festival of the Holy Ghost.

Community Events

Officers continued to actively participate in Special Olympic Rhode Island events to help generate support for a great cause. Special Olympics Rhode Island (SORI) is part of the world's largest program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Members of the department have joined with others from the law enforcement community in raising support and awareness through the Torch Run events for years.

In March, officers braved the cold waters and took the 8th Annual Torch Run Plunge at Salty Brine Beach in Narragansett; bringing awareness to and raising funds for SORI. Officers also presented awards at SORI regional games, and ten members laced up their bowling shoes and participated in the SORI Torch Run Bowl A Thon in November at Lang’s Bowlarama in Cranston.

Coffee with the Cops

In an attempt to reach out and strengthen our bonds with the community, the Department hosted a “Coffee with the COPS” event at Millonzi’s Restaurant on Monday, December 14, 2015. Colonel Silva, members of the command staff and various officers attended the coffee hour. It was an opportunity for community members to meet and talk with members of our staff and try to break down barriers between our officers and those we serve. It was a productive event and the Department hopes to have similar events in the future at various locations in town.

Naloxone/Opioid Epidemic

The Police Department has taken a proactive approach to confront the deadly opioid epidemic and reduce the devastating impact it has had on the community. We recognize that a one-dimensional approach, that is the criminal justice model, will not solve the drug addiction and overdose death problem, and while the Police Department truly believes in investigating and prosecuting individuals involved in illegal drug trafficking and disrupting the flow of illicit drugs; arresting drug dependent individuals and imposing of punitive sanctions alone is ineffective in reducing chemical dependence. We must employ more innovative strategies and approaches incorporating prevention, rescue and recovery.

In 2015, the West Warwick Police Department conducted 68 drug overdose investigations and the Town’s Fire Department administered 61 doses of naloxone to patients suffering from the symptoms of acute opioid drug overdose. The Police Department is committed to pursuing and implementing innovative strategies to address the opioid epidemic.

As part of this effort to prevent injuries and save lives, the Police Department obtained grant funding for a 24-hour drug collection box, acquired naloxone auto-injector kits for all of its officers, and provided the necessary training on identifying the signs and symptoms of an opioid drug overdose and how to properly administer the naloxone. The initial training in November (2015) consisted of a 1-hour block of instruction by members from the PONI program through Miriam Hospital.

Drug Take Back

The Drug Enforcement Administration scheduled a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on September 16, 2015 which gave the public an opportunity to drop off accumulated unwanted, unused prescription or over the counter drugs for safe disposal. The West Warwick Police Department participates in this program and had set up drop offs at two locations in Town.

LOJACK® – SAFETY NET

SafetyNet is a search and rescue system that uses proven Lojack radio frequency technology to assist law enforcement in locating people with medical conditions which makes them prone to wander and get lost. The West Warwick Police Department has joined the thousands of police and public safety agencies nationwide and in Canada who currently participate in the Lojack Safety Net program. When a caregiver enrolls an at-risk loved one in the program, a waterproof tracking bracelet similar to a wristwatch is given to the client. This device emits a specific radio frequency, which can be tracked by trained officers using a radio receiver and a directional indicator. The West Warwick Police Department currently has eight Lojack/SafetyNet trained officers.

The West Warwick Police Department currently has five clients enrolled in the Lojack/SafetyNet program. The clients range from children with autism to senior citizens with Alzheimer's disease. The cost to the caregiver is an initial enrollment fee of 99.00 and a monthly fee of 30.00. The West Warwick Police Department and/or Lojack/SafetyNet and Project Lifesaver can help find financing options to caregivers with a documented need. It is the policy of the West Warwick Police Department to not deny any interested caregiver/client enrollment in the program because of inability to pay.



Alcohol/Cigarette Surveys

The West Warwick Police Department conducts two types of surveys for under-aged alcohol and tobacco use: the Synar and FDA programs.

Synar Enforcement: The Department surveys retailers under the so-called “Synar Amendment.” In July 1992, Congress enacted the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act, which includes an amendment aimed at decreasing youth access to tobacco. This amendment, named for its sponsor, Congressman Mike Synar of Oklahoma, requires states to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18. The program has been expanded to include under-aged alcohol sales.

In keeping with the requirements of the Synar Amendment, the General Assembly funds statewide enforcement through the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, which, in turn, coordinates efforts with the local police departments. In 2015, the West Warwick Police Department utilized sixteen and seventeen year-olds to make tobacco purchases, and a 19 year old to make alcohol purchases.

The Town of West Warwick does not presently have a local ordinance regulating tobacco sales. As such, retailers who made sales to under-aged persons were referred to the state regulatory body. Alcohol establishments making sales were brought before the Town Council acting as a licensing board for appropriate remedial action.

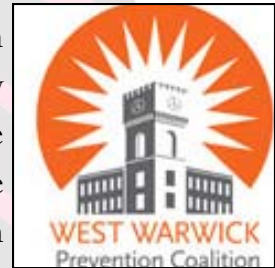
Food and Drug Administration Enforcement: The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act became law on June 22, 2009, granting FDA authority to regulate the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of tobacco products to protect the public health generally and to reduce tobacco use by minors. Currently the law applies to cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and cigarette tobacco.

To enforce this act locally, two West Warwick Police Officers have been commissioned as officers in the Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of tobacco enforcement. Like Synar Enforcement, the officer used trained, under-aged persons to attempt to purchase tobacco products at local retailers.

Unlike the Synar program, those retailers selling tobacco to under-aged persons face a myriad of penalties, from a warning letter for first offenses, to fines in the tens of thousands of dollars and stop-sales orders for habitual offenders. Happily, no West Warwick retailer has been determined to be a habitual offender.

WW Prevention Coalition

The West Warwick Police Department has long served as a participant in the West Warwick Prevention Coalition, with member of its Community Policing Unit being *ex officio* members of its board. During 2015, the Coalition continued with its prevention activities, including the “Above the Influence” Campaign, and funding various youth groups focused on drug prevention and good decision making.



On March 18, 2015, officers accompanied students to participate in “Kick Butts Day,” including the “Zombie Walk,” a rally at the State House in which high school students brought attention to the dangers of tobacco use, and met with members of the General Assembly to discuss legislation to curb youth use of tobacco.

The Coalition sponsored the first annual Youth Leadership Summit on April 28, 2015. The Summit, held at the West Warwick Police Youth Drop-In Center, was a day-long seminar for high school students who wished to become leaders in the charge against drug use.

Health Equity Zone

The West Warwick Health Equity Zone (WW HEZ) was established in 2015 with grant funding provided through the Rhode Island Department of Health and is managed by Thundermist Health Center. The overall mission of the WW HEZ is to “utilize collective impact and leverage community resources to address health and wellness disparities in West Warwick by focusing on the social determinants of health.”

It is a partnership involving members of the Police Department, Westbay Community Action, YMCA, West Warwick Public Schools, Farm Fresh, West Warwick Prevention Coalition, The Providence Center/Anchor Recovery, Town of West Warwick, West Warwick Senior Center/Department of Human Services, West Warwick Public Library, Rhody Food on the Move, and SouthPointe Christian Church.

Police Department personnel are assigned to the Overdose Prevention, Recovery and Wellness Workgroup (OPRW) as well as the WW HEZ Steering Committee, working together to develop solutions which will increase the health and wellness of the community. One of the main objectives of OPRW is to work as a community to reduce overdose deaths by 25% with an overall goal of reducing the negative impact of substance abuse on individuals, families, and the community.

Police Memorial

A group of retired and current officers formed a committee, led by Retired Detective Kevin O’Connell, for the purpose of establishing a police memorial; honoring members of the police department who have previously passed away. Partnering with the West Warwick School Department, a beautiful memorial park design was created by Jessica White, a high school student in Mrs. Susan Sward’s fine arts class. The memorial committee commissioned a bronze statue, named “The Protector,” which depicts a West Warwick Police Officer holding the hand of a young female. The Protector will rest upon a granite base and will be the focal point of the memorial. Custom engraved pavers will line the walkway leading up to the statue, and three flag poles will stand tall in the background behind it along with granite benches encircling the area.

This project was made possible through the generous donations of so many people, organizations and businesses in the community and around the state. RT Nunes & Sons has volunteered to construct the memorial, which should be completed in August or September, 2016.



The memorial will stand as a place where the West Warwick Police Family, law enforcement colleagues, friends and community members can gather and remember those who honorably served this police department and community, but are no longer with us.

Detective Division

The Detective Division is the investigative unit of the police department. Detectives are responsible for investigating all types of criminal activity that involve alleged violations of

federal laws, state statutes, and municipal ordinances. Violations of drug laws and vice-type activities are further investigated by the department's Special Investigations Unit.

The Detective Division is commanded by a Captain and supervised by two Sergeants. It is currently staffed by eight detectives. One of those detectives is assigned as the department's Bureau of Criminal Identification officer and is primarily responsible for crime scene processing and evidence control and works Monday – Friday. The remaining detectives work a rotating schedule of four shifts on and two shifts off, covering both day and evening shifts.

Notable Investigations by the Detective Division:

- ◇ Arrest of David A. Roscoe for the 1990 murder of Germaine Mouchon.
- ◇ Arrest of Frank A. Rogowski for first degree robbery of Coventry Credit Union.
- ◇ Arrest of Elizabeth Watson for driving under the influence resulting in bodily injury and driving to endanger resulting in personal injury (2 counts).
- ◇ Arrest of Daniel Racine for driving to endanger-death resulting and street/drag racing.
- ◇ Arrest Dat Doeur for breaking and entering of a dwelling house and larceny of \$20,000 worth of jewelry and precious metals.
- ◇ Arrest of Jason A. Dorchester for driving to endanger resulting in personal injury, duty to stop in accident resulting in personal injury, and driving to endanger resulting in personal injury (3 counts).
- ◇ Arrests of Michael Gilligan and Robert Haney for desecration of graves. The value of the damage and theft exceeded \$25,000.
- ◇ Arrests of John Wright and Joshua Chivers for second degree arson of a residence on East Greenwich Avenue.
- ◇ Numerous precious metals/pawn shop investigations uncovering in excess of \$20,000 in stolen precious metals throughout the state of Rhode Island. Several arrests have been made by various law enforcement agencies based on tips generated by the West Warwick Police Department's Detective Division.

Special Investigations

The Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) of the West Warwick Police Department has the primary responsibility for the investigation of vice and narcotic laws and the investigation of organized criminal activity, which could include gambling, prostitution, and liquor law violations. SIU also assists the Detective Division with high profile crimes as needed.

Typically, the unit spends a considerable amount of time on the investigations of illegal narcotic activities, however, the unit also investigates other vice and organized crime related operations.

The unit works collectively with outside agencies, including Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies. Members of SIU report directly to the Detective/Prosecution Major. SIU members work closely with the Rhode Island State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force.

During the fiscal year of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 members of SIU assisted on approximately one hundred (100) occasions, with the execution of arrest warrants, search warrants, undercover narcotic transactions, and overall investigations, throughout Rhode Island. SIU, through the arrest of individuals within the Town of West Warwick have seized significant amounts of illegal contraband.

Members of the Special Investigations Unit were involved in the following notable cases during 2015:

- Three individuals were charged in connection with operating a massage parlor without a license as a result of an investigation conducted by WWPD and the Warwick Police Department which culminated in the execution of a search warrant at Enso Spa & Body Works, located at 1227 Main St, on July 9, 2015. The allegations were that Enso Spa & Body Works, which had been offering massage type services without a license, was actually a front for what was in essence a brothel, and that over a period of time employees of the business had offered sex to undercover detectives for money.

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- On July 16, 2015, Department members and federal law enforcement agents executed a Rhode Island state court authorized search warrant inside a building on Providence Street, which houses residential and commercial units. In an apartment, law enforcement allegedly discovered a full-scale butane hash oil manufacturing laboratory. Investigators also seized over 6,000 grams of butane hash oil and nearly \$14,000 in cash.
 - A member of SIU participated in an investigation by the Rhode Island DEA Drug Task Force where it was alleged that packages containing one or more kilograms of heroin were repeatedly shipped into Rhode Island via common carrier parcel delivery services. After receipt of the heroin, members of a drug trafficking conspiracy processed the high-purity heroin in a house in West Warwick for further distribution, by breaking apart the kilograms, mixing in adulterants and then repackaging the heroin for redistribution. Four individuals were arrested as part of this conspiracy.

Prosecution Division

The Prosecution Division is primarily responsible for the successful prosecution of all criminal charges as well as traffic violations written by the West Warwick Police Department. The division consists of the Detective/ Prosecution Major, a Detective Sergeant, a Prosecution Detective and a Prosecution Clerk who are responsible for preparing cases for the adult criminal court and Traffic Tribunal systems. The Prosecution Division also provides assistance to the Town Solicitor's Office and the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General in the prosecution of adult cases.



Probation Collaboration

The Prosecution Sergeant is the liaison with Probation and Parole which is a community-based component of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC). This assignment consists of working with probation officers and conducting home visits along with scheduled monthly meetings of probationers living in the community. This was a very effective tool in deterring people on probation from re-offending and helping to promote safety in the community and rehabilitation of the offender.

The Prosecution Sergeant also provides reports and information and other assistance to probation officers for their investigations

Offender Re-Entry

The Kent County Reentry Council is a collaborative which was formed to help people adjust and overcome the challenges of transitioning back into the community after being incarcerated. Police Department members attend the monthly reentry forums held at Thundermist in West Warwick for all offenders from West Warwick and Coventry placed on probation or who have moved into town while on probation. At the forums, probationers are told about their responsibilities, conditions of release and are provided with information on availability of community based services and assistance. The goals of the reentry council are to reduce recidivism, create a safer community and provide resource information and contact with services and support in the community.

Sex Offenders

The Prosecution Detective Sergeant has overall responsibility for sex offender registration. During FY 2015 the average number of registered sex offenders living within West Warwick was **100 offenders**. The prosecution sergeant with the help of the detective division registers sex offenders and updates their information in the West Warwick Police and State Sex Offender databases. Most sex offenders are required to register when moving into town, and must update their registration on a quarterly or yearly basis.

The West Warwick Police Department is a member of the Sex Offender Law Enforcement Multi-disciplinary Network (SOLEMN) which is a working group made up of law

enforcement officers, the United States Marshals Service, prosecutors, probation and parole officers and the Department of Children, Youth and Families, whose purpose is to ensure that sex offenders are in compliance with the terms and conditions of their release.

Juvenile Prosecution

The Juvenile Prosecution Division is responsible for the preparation of cases for criminal prosecution in the Family Court System. This includes reviewing the arrest reports submitted from the Patrol Division and preparing the Family Court petitions for prosecution. This division ensures that arrest packets are complete and accurate prior to forwarding to the Family Court. The division also handles the issuance of juvenile subpoenas as well as maintains the juvenile criminal arrest packets/dispositions.

In addition, the Juvenile Sergeant is responsible for compiling, maintaining and submitting the Juvenile Detention Data to the State of Rhode Island. The sergeant is also designated as the Missing Person Coordinator.

It is staffed by a Detective Sergeant and overseen by the Planning and Training Lieutenant. For 2015, the Juvenile Prosecution Division prepared and presented 176 misdemeanor cases and 29 felony cases for prosecution.

Juvenile Hearing Board

The Juvenile Hearing Board is a diversionary program for youths who commit offenses that in the reasonable opinion of the police would be better served outside the traditional Family Court System.

Cases are reviewed by the Juvenile Sergeant in order to ensure that the Juvenile Hearing Board is the appropriate venue. Once the case is reviewed by the Juvenile Sergeant and deemed to be adjudicated at the Juvenile Hearing Board, an interview is scheduled with the offender and the parents. If the offender and the parents agree with the facts of the case, the case is heard before the Juvenile Hearing Board. In the event that the facts are contested, the matter is referred to the Family Court.

The board consists of (6) six members and (1) one alternate appointed by the Town Council for a (4) four year term. The Juvenile Sergeant is also a member of the board as the police department designee.

They are empowered to administer sanctions including, but not limited to: community service, essays and other measures deemed appropriate. In the year of 2015, from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 the JHB has handled 26 cases.

Training Report

The West Warwick Police Department had various types of training, from mandated firearms training to professional development, as well as position specific specialized training.

In-Service Training

In the spring of 2015, members of the West Warwick Police Department attended a one day in-service training held at the West Warwick Youth Drop-In Center. The training agenda was set after reviewing areas in which training was needed, areas of new concern, and available resources. The training included CPR and First Aid recertification for all officers. Officers from the Warwick Police Department K-9 unit gave a session on the expectations of K-9 officers when responding to calls for assistance, such as scene preservation to best use a dog to track a fleeing suspect. Officers were also given refresher training on emergency vehicle operation; legal updates from the Department of the Attorney General; biohazard training; drug recognition with focus of butane honey oil; and Taser recertification.

In 2015, the Department added a video based training through PowerDMS, a document management system acquired to facilitate accreditation through the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission. The software allows for videos to be uploaded and viewed by officers while they work their shifts. The training videos are produced in-house by the Planning and Training Division, and, while addressing issues of that may be statewide or national in nature, are given from a local perspective, melding the nature of the issue with the policies of the Department.

Firearms Training

The West Warwick Police Department completed four separate training cycles with firearms, two in the fall, and two in the spring. Over the course of these four (4) hour sessions, the training covered areas such as: decision shooting, reduced light shooting, shooting at moving targets, the proper use of cover, the use of non dominate hand, shooting from various positions, and reloading and malfunction drills. Officers also reviewed the use of force policy during classroom time. The spring shoot consisted of both day and night qualifications, adding a moving course to test and improve officers' proficiency with on-the-go shooting.

FATS

In January, 2015, the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust again lent the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) to the Department for two weeks. This service is a shooting simulator utilizing a projector and speakers to have a visual and audio stimulation of the trainee, and modified weapons that, instead of bullets, shoot a laser while cycling through simulated firing using compressed air to activate the firearm mechanism.

Members of the Department were trained while working. Five scenarios were chosen to simulate various situations officers may face, including edged weapons, firearms, school shootings, and non-shoot scenarios. All officers completed the same scenarios to effectuate a consistent training session. The FATS system has been in use by the Department for several years, and continues to be a no-cost training solution to provide realistic, scenario based training.

Municipal Police Academy

The West Warwick Police Department sent two (2) new officers to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy in 2015, both graduating in December. Probationary Patrolwoman Kathleen Ketter and Probationary Patrolman Brian Brothers were sworn in to their positions in December shortly after graduating.

Members of the peer support team attend the "Family Night" at the police academy, which is an awareness night where the officers discuss the nature and pressures associated with

police work, how to identify the symptoms, deal with them and if needed, get help.

Other Training

During 2015, the West Warwick Police Department sought training through our partners in law enforcement, government, and academia.

Several members of the Detective Division attended the RI BCI school, a criminalistics course given by the State Crime Lab at URI and the Department of Health. This course is an in-depth study of crime scene analysis, processing, and evidence collection.

Members attended the RI Attorney General's Open Government Summit, an annual event that covers changes to the Open Meetings Act and the Access to Public Records Act. As a governmental agency, the West Warwick Police Department is mandated to determine what reports are public and what reports, if made public, would disclose information that is privileged, would hinder investigations, or would unduly invade a person's privacy. Attendance at this Summit keeps members responsible for these determinations to keep abreast of new case law, changes to the Acts, and Attorney General's advisory opinions.

Other schools that officers have attended include:

- ◇ A police driving simulator training provided at no cost by the RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust, the Town's insurer.
- ◇ Members of the Detective Division attended the Reid Interview and Interrogation school.
- ◇ The LOCK-UP Police Combat School, a defensive tactics school.
- ◇ Pre-Employment Background Investigation for Law Enforcement.
- ◇ Human trafficking seminar
- ◇ PowerPhone® Dispatcher Active Shooter – hosted by WWPD.
- ◇ TriTech Training Summit, covering the computer aided dispatch and reporting system used by the Department

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- ◇ Child Passenger Safety Tech Course, covering the proper installation of child safety seats.
 - ◇ Emergency Dispatch Training, provided free by the Municipal Police Academy.
 - ◇ Stop Stick Train the Trainer School, covering the use of the device to end pursuits by slowly flattening tires.
 - ◇ Sig Sauer Armorer's Training, certifying an officer in the proper care, maintenance and repair of the Department's Handguns.
 - ◇ Traffic Safety Investigations Training
 - ◇ RI Police Prosecution Training at Roger Williams University.
 - ◇ Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officers Course.
 - ◇ Katana Forensics Lantern 4 Device Acquisition and Analysis training.
 - ◇ Taser Instructor Course
 - ◇ Internal Affairs Course
 - ◇ First Line Supervisor Course
 - ◇ Work Zone Safety Training
 - ◇ FBI Firearms Instructor Course
 - ◇ Fair and Impartial Policing Seminar
 - ◇ Certified Crisis Response Trainer Course
 - ◇ Intermediate Incident Command ICS300 and ICS400
 - ◇ Debris Management Planning L202
 - ◇ Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents
 - ◇ Standard Awareness Training AWR-160-SAT

- ◇ Police Senior Citizens Advocate Training
- ◇ FBI Crisis Negotiators Seminar
- ◇ Eyewitness ID Procedures Seminar

Internal Investigations

The Internal Affairs function is vital for maintaining the professional standards of the West Warwick Police Department. This is accomplished by recording and investigating complaints against police officers or policy and procedural issues. This also allows us to track employee misconduct, determine policy implications and identify training needs.

In 2015 the West Warwick Police Department recorded 1,283 arrests while handling 34,681 calls for service. Of that amount, there were only seven (7) internal complaints against officers and employees of this department.

FY 2015 Citizen and Internal Complaints

Total complaints: 7

Breakdown:

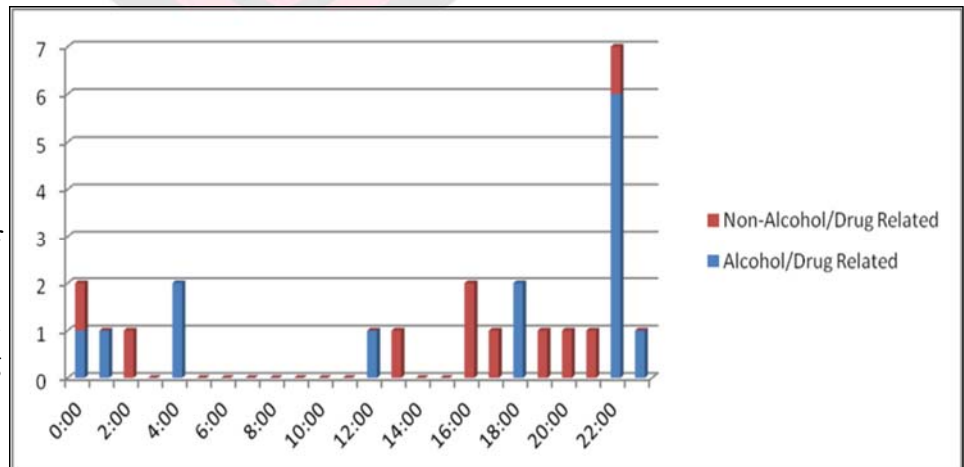
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 Policy Procedure Issue..... 4
 Inequitable Policing 1

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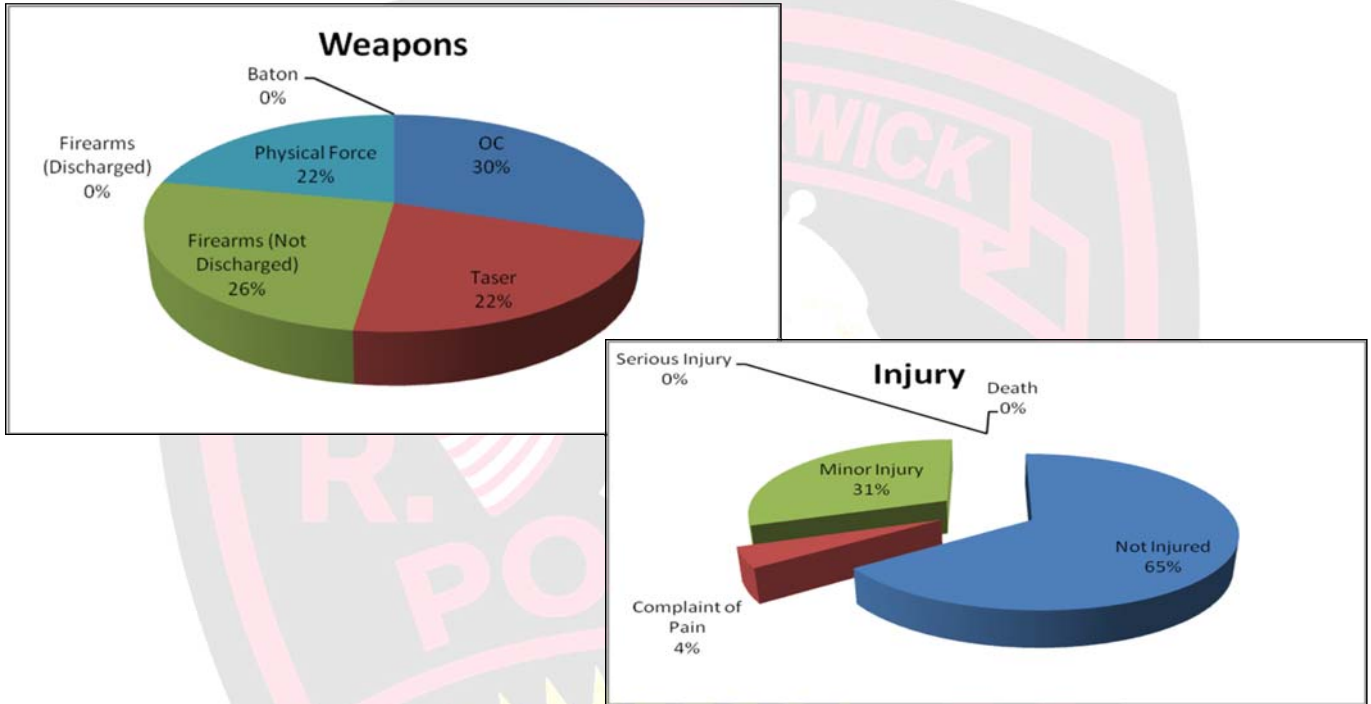
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 Not Sustained 3
 Pending 0

Use of Force

Although there were 1283 arrests in 2015, only 23 of the arrests necessitated reportable use of force incidents. The chart depicts use of force incidents by the time of day, and whether alcohol or drug use was involved:



Reportable use of force includes incidents where physical force, intermediate weapons, or deadly force is necessary. Thankfully, there were no incidents where deadly force was employed by the Department in 2015. The charts below depict the types of force employed, and injuries resulting (if any).



Pursuit Reviews

The West Warwick Police Department had three (3) pursuits during 2015. The following is a summary of the pursuits:

15-980-OF Detectives were investigating a suspicious person who fled in a car. Detectives initiated a pursuit and terminated it within a half-mile after considering the severity of the offense committed, the traffic conditions, and that they were operating an unmarked car with limited emergency lighting. The Detectives investigated further and developed a suspect, which led to his arrest.

15-804-AR Officers were investigating a disturbance and observed a vehicle pass by operating in a reckless manner endangering pedestrians and other motor vehicle traffic. An officer attempted a motor vehicle stop, which turned into a pursuit into the Town of Coventry. The officer considered the increasingly high speed of the suspect vehicle and decided to slow down and terminate the pursuit. The officer followed the likely path of the

suspect and eventually came upon a crash scene where the driver fled on foot. A search of the area resulted in an arrest.

15-2018-OF An officer was involved in an 8/10 of a mile pursuit initiated after motor vehicle violations. The officer considered the weather conditions, the severity of the offense, and the danger posed to the public and quickly terminated the pursuit. The officer investigated further and developed a suspect, which led to his arrest.

In all cases, the participating officers, dispatchers, and supervisors evaluated the essential elements, relayed the relevant information to officers, supervisors, and adjacent jurisdictions, and completed the required reports and policy reviews. All three pursuits were found to conform within the pursuit policy.

Animal Control

The West Warwick Police Department is committed to the humane treatment of animals in its control, to public safety from animal threats and to ensure the peace of neighborhoods free from animal nuisances. The Animal Control Division accomplishes these goals through enforcement of state laws and town ordinances that pertain to animals. This Division is supervised by the day shift patrol Lieutenant, who reports directly to the Patrol Division Major.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) is responsible for the general day-to-day operation of the Animal Shelter on Hay Street. The ACO answers complaints from the public, locates and captures loose animals, removes and disposes of dead animals. The ACO can also arrange for a vicious dog hearing, if warranted, in accordance with RIGL 4-13.1. The ACO educates the public in animal-related matters and is responsible for the rescue and treatment of sick and/or injured animals. The ACO also arranges for pet adoption as well as spaying, neutering and vaccination assistance and oversees a small staff of volunteers.

Animal nuisance calls are by far the biggest issue regarding the quality of life complaints reported to the West Warwick Animal Control Division.

ACO Activity	2015
Total reports taken	50
Violations issued	25
Dogs returned to owners	71
Animal cruelty cases	3
Pet adoptions (dogs)	45
(cats)	60
Vicious dog hearings	0

Specialized Units

SWAT Team

The team has trained regularly during the past year which included such areas as: policy review, use of force, firearms and scenario based training exercises. The practical training segments incorporated the use of Simmunition FX® marking cartridges and equipment.

The West Warwick/Coventry team was certified by the Rhode Island Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) in 2009 and 2013. It is currently in the process of re-certification and was assess by a team comprised of members of Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association under the direction of the POST. This process should be completed shortly.

The team plans to train consistently during the coming year to ensure that all members and the team maintain the training standards for certification by the POST and utilize best tactical team practices.

In addition to the tactical operations component, the SWAT Team has several highly trained crisis negotiators. Their primary focus is to utilize their skill sets and equipment to bring a volatile incident to a peaceful resolution without any harm to the potential victims, the involved subject(s) and the first responders. Negotiators train on active listening skills and de-escalation techniques, in addition to working on enhancing critical intelligence gathering. Our negotiators have developed relationships with the negotiators from our neighboring communities and are well prepared to assist wherever needed at a moments notice.

Honor Guard

The West Warwick Police Honor Guard is quite recognizable in their Department Class A uniform consisting of Stetson hat, red dress blouse and gauntlet gloves. Some have compared this uniform to that of the Canadian Mounted Police who don similar red colors.

The West Warwick Police Department Honor Guard represented the Town and Police Department 12 times during 2015. The majority of these were times of sorrow as the Honor Guard attended the funeral services of members or the police community and their families. It is these somber times where the Honor Guard silent tribute can have the longest lasting positive impact for the community.

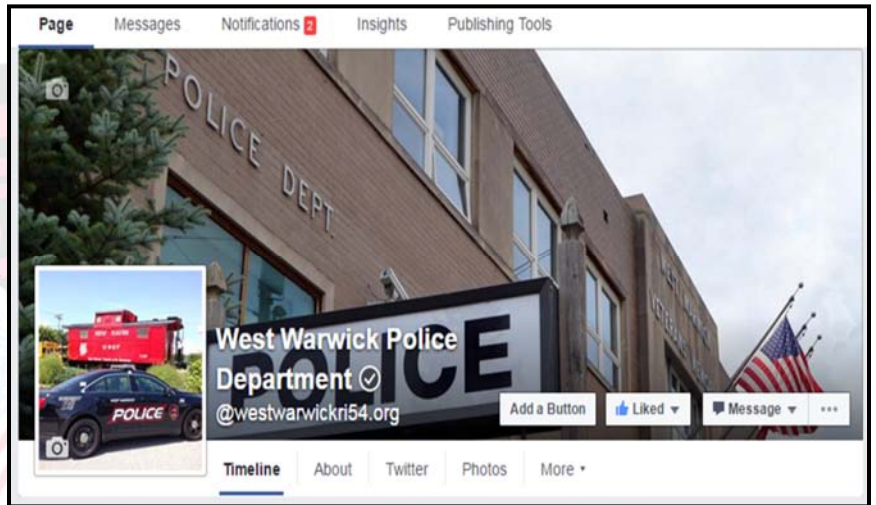


The Honor Guard was again proud to serve at local parades, specifically The Holy Ghost Labor Day Parade and Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's, St. Patrick's Day Parade. Likewise, the unit also represented the Department by marching in the nationally recognized Aquidneck Island Police Officers Parade held in Newport, Rhode Island which is a tribute to fallen officers all over the world. Police officers from all over North America and Canada were in attendance.

Social Media

Recognizing the role social media plays in today's society and that it is useful platform to reach large audiences and those hard to reach, with lightning fast speed, the Department opened both Twitter and Facebook accounts in 2015. We believe that social media can assist the Department and its personnel with community outreach, problem-solving, crime prevention, and investigations.

To date, the Department's experience with social media has been very positive. It has afforded us the opportunity to continually engage and interact with the public in many ways which were not possible before. Some of information shared include: traffic alerts, public service messages, press releases, wanted posters, community events, crime preventions tips, and more.



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