

JOHNSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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ALONG WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZE THE MOTTO

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MISSION STATEMENT

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We, the men and women of the Johnston Police Department, dedicate ourselves to improve the quality of life in all the neighborhoods of our town.

We will accomplish this with pride through effective programs and strategies to reduce the levels of violence and crime. We will meet the needs of our citizenry through innovation, problem solving, open communication and full participation.

We will carry out these responsibilities through a set of core values that reflect our commitment to the highest standard of integrity and excellence in public service.

The Johnston Police Department is ready for tomorrow, willing and able to serve and protect as we meet the challenges that lie ahead.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

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On behalf of the dedicated sworn and civilian members of the Johnstone Police Department, I am honored to present our 2025 Annual Report. This report reflects the collective accomplishments of our department, highlighting the strides we have made over the past year in service to our community.

Recruitment and retention remain a national challenge in law enforcement. Despite this, I am pleased to report that we successfully hired four new officers in 2025. Our Field Training Officers played a key role in preparing these new officers, ensuring they are well equipped to serve with professionalism and integrity. We remain committed to attracting and developing individuals who reflect the highest standards of our profession.

In 2025, our department responded to 30,236 calls for service, a decrease from 32,158 in 2024. Traffic enforcement remains a priority, with focused efforts on areas experiencing increased motor vehicle crashes, moving violations, and community-reported concerns. To support these initiatives, we deployed new pole-mounted speed-alert display signs to monitor traffic patterns in real time and assist in identifying areas requiring enforcement.

Through a congressional grant, the department acquired state-of-the-art portable radios and two new police motorcycles. These enhancements have strengthened officer safety, improved communication, and increased our operational mobility and overall readiness.

The Johnstone Police Department is also proud to announce the addition of a K-9 Unit, marking the first deployment of a police canine in over 12 years. Our newest member, K-9 Honza, a German Shepherd from the Czech Republic, will play a vital role in supporting enforcement efforts.

The K-9 program was made possible through funding from opioid litigation settlement funds administered by the Opioid Abatement Trust. This initiative reflects our continued commitment to addressing the opioid crisis by enhancing our ability to detect and remove dangerous drugs from our community. K-9 Honza will assist in locating and safely seizing narcotics, contributing to a safer environment for our residents.

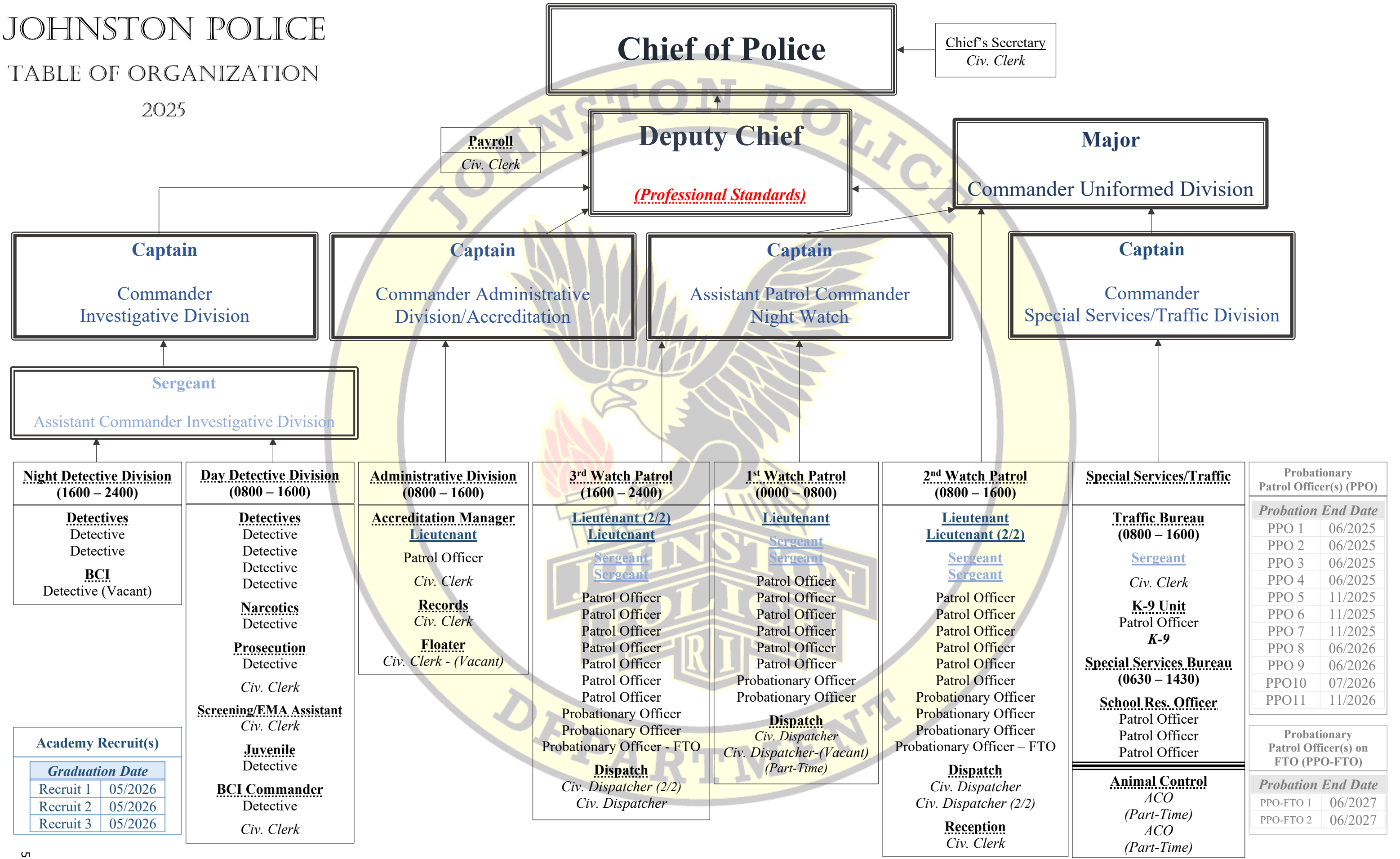
We continue to maintain national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), reinforcing our commitment to excellence, accountability, and best practices. Additionally, our department remains actively engaged in community partnerships that strengthen trust and collaboration with those we serve.

As your Chief of Police, I take great pride in leading this department and serving the Town of Johnstone. Our officers strive each day to protect and serve with integrity, empathy, and professionalism. I am grateful for their dedication and for the trust the community places in us.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mayor Joseph Polisena, Jr., the Johnstone Town Council, and our residents for their continued support. Together, we remain committed to our motto: "Working Together ~ Making a Difference."

Chief Mark A. Vieira

JOHNSTON POLICE
TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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The Administrative Staff Division is comprised of one (1) Captain, (1) Lieutenant, (1) Patrolman, and three (3) full-time civilian clerks. The Division oversees all internal and external training functions, accreditation management, data and document processing, records keeping, budgeting, finance, planning and research, grants management and monitoring, all documentation relative to personnel including payroll, absences and the accountability of the general working environment as well as headquarters operational matters.

TRAINING

During 2025, officers attended a variety of conferences, re-certification seminars, and training sessions in an effort to enhance officer effectiveness and efficiency in performing job related functions. Officers attended training seminars offered by the Roger Williams University Justice System Training and Research Institute, the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy, NESPIN, and various training seminars sponsored by outside agencies and interests.

Our officers participated in the following specialized training programs: Digital Forensic Investigations (Cellebrite), Forensic Photography, SWAT Command Decision Making/Leadership, Developing The Training Unit, Advanced Handcuffing/OC Spray/Baton Instructor Course, Canine Narcotics Search Course, Glock Armorers Course, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, Solo Officer Rapid Deployment, Active Shooter Instructor Development Course, Field Training Officer Certification, Identifying Drug Trends, Financial Wellness, Leaving the Badge at Work, Street Crimes, Mental Fitness, De-escalation/Conflict Resolution, Academy Background Investigations, Advanced Carbine Instructor Development Course, Iron Sight Pistol Instructor Development Course, Crisis Intervention Team Academy and BCI school.

The Department conducted its annual handgun, shotgun and rifle qualifications at the Cranston Police and Providence Police training facilities with Department instruction cadre. All firearm trainings include loading and malfunction drills, cover and concealment tactics, movement while firing, shoot/don't shoot decision making, and low light shooting, in accordance with state law. Taser 7 and OC spray annual certifications were also conducted internally.

A new department wide training was introduced in 2025, which is in accordance with CALEA Use of Force training standards. Physical Compliance/Advance Handcuffing was conducted where officers were each given a 4-hour training session with Department Instructors on how to safely conduct physical compliance techniques such as double leg take downs, handcuffing awareness, weapon retention & defense, joint manipulation and leverage controls. This training can reduce the number of Use of Force incidents where OC spray is used, a Taser or firearm is presented or used, and can also reduce the injury to a subject and/or officer.

ACCREDITATION

The Johnston Police Department proudly manages its international accreditation status through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), along with their award from the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC). After an extensive process of a web-based assessment in July, and a 3-day on-site assessment in August, the Department received its Third Award for its 4-year accreditation from CALEA. The Department is continuing the process of re-accrediting with RIPAC.

Our department will continue to maintain our prestigious accreditation awards. The newest 6th Edition CALEA manual (upgraded to 6.24 in December, 2025) will incorporate a new 4-year assessment cycle with annual compliance reviews to be held in March of each year of the assessment cycle. During each review, a compliance service member from CALEA will remotely assess 25% of the current standards required of the Johnston Police Department to ensure continued compliance. Each year another 25% of the standards will be randomly selected for review in order to ensure full and continued compliance with CALEA's best practices in policing standards, culminating with a full departmental review by an on-site assessment team in 2029.

RECORDS BUREAU

Records personnel are responsible for the maintenance, processing and dissemination of all department documents including motor vehicle accidents, arrest reports, incident reports, calls for service and public information. In 2025, the clerks processed 520 arrests reports, 1664 incident reports and 1108 accident reports. There was a total of 30,236 calls for service.

The Records Bureau collects a fee for copies of reports to defray administrative expenses. Below is a breakdown of the total funds collected by the Records Bureau in 2025:

The total amount of funds obtained from 2025 Records Requests was \$745.00.

RECRUITMENT

After successful recruitment drives over the past few years, the Department swore in four male officers during 2025. Three officers successfully completed the RI Municipal Police Training Academy, while one laterally transferred from the State of New Hampshire. The Department has already begun preparations for recruitment efforts for 2026.

Included in this recruitment drive, the agency continued to use the cloud-based digital application collection and management service called PoliceApp. To further expand connectivity and outreach, the agency also expanded its social media outreach on "X" formerly known as Twitter, along with Instagram. The Department continues to use Fit2Serve to outsource its physical agility and written tests, and also aggressively recruits at these events.

Aside from several retirements over the past year, the agency continues to be prepared for the potential of vacancies over the next few years as officers are approaching retirement eligibility, and thus we will continue recruitment efforts.

DEPARTMENT PURCHASES

- The Department received a federal grant of \$485,000 with which an entirely new and upgraded portable radio system was installed and brought online by the end of 2025. This system upgraded not only the portable radios that officers keep and use on their person, but the base consoles used in the Communications Center by dispatch personnel. This system has the ability to “hop” between the 800 MHz radio frequency and WiFi networks, which can eliminate areas where the previous system could not transmit. It also provides more channels the Department can operate on statewide, which can be useful during interagency operations during critical incidents.
- The Department’s computer software system was outdated and could not handle the new radio system requirements. The Department received \$169,000 from Town Capitol Projects to cover the upgrade, installation and 2-year extended warranty of the computer’s operating system software. With this upgrade, the radio system was able to be installed and utilized by the Department.
- Along with the radio system, two Harley Davidson motorcycles were purchased for the Traffic/Special Services Bureau. These motorcycles will be operated by certified patrol officers to conduct traffic enforcement in congested areas and decrease response times in heavy traffic conditions, as well as perform special event duties such as leading parades and conducting escorts with increased safety and efficiency. These motorcycles can aid in traffic direction and community engagement for the Department and the Town of Johnston.
- Through opioid litigation funds administered by the Opioid Abatement Trust Police canine named “Honza” was purchased and delivered from the Czech Republic. Along with the canine, the necessary equipment was purchased to include a police vehicle fully equipped and modified for canine operations, necessary handling equipment (leashes, collars, crates, etc.), and the proper uniforms for the canine handler. The canine handler, who is a sworn police officer assigned to the Traffic/Special Services Division along with Honza also attended Narcotics detection training with this funding.

FINANCE AND GRANTS

Administrative Staff personnel are directly responsible for all budgeting, purchasing and funding relative to the department’s needs. The department was awarded and maintained the following grants in 2025:

- Office of Justice Programs Bulletproof Vest
- Department of Justice Byrne/JAG.
- Rhode Island Office of Highway Safety
- Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals Grant/United States Food and Drug Administration
- State of Rhode Island Hope Initiative funding for overdose outreach and prevention

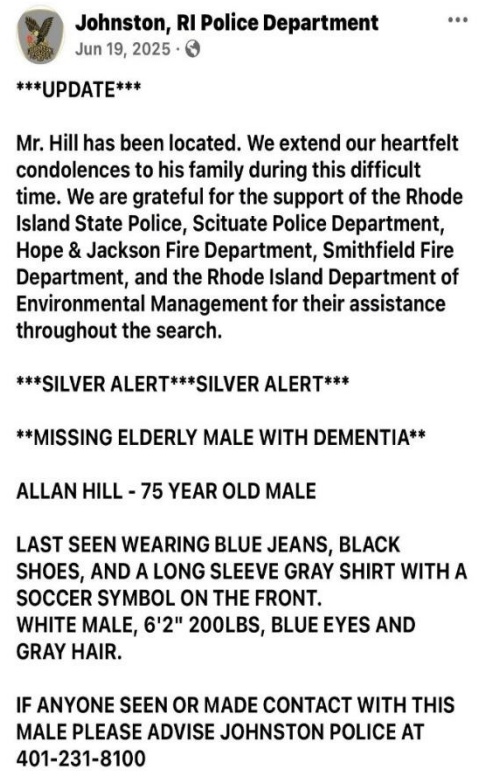
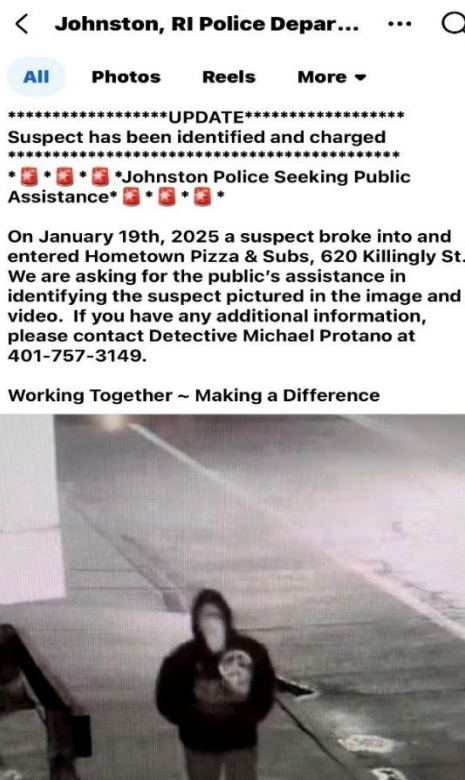
PLANNING AND RESEARCH

- In 2025, the Department began the process of selecting and purchasing a drone. Through the Opioid Abatement Trust funds, a quote was secured from SkyDio for their X10 model, costing \$52,873.13. The purchase, requisite training and initiation of this program is projected to take place in 2026.
- Through the Department of Justice Byrne/JAG Grant, the Department began the process of replacing the outdated lights on the issued Glock 19/45 handguns. Purchase and upgrade to the Streamlight TLR 7X rechargeable weapon rail mounted light is to take place Department wide in early 2026. This new light provides better quality light for officers in low-light/visibility situations. The ability to recharge the included lithium-ion battery will also decrease future replacement costs.
- Research is being conducted to consider switching over to the new statewide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System (CAD/RMS) which is scheduled to take place in 2026. This system would replace the aging IMC/RMS system that the Department currently uses. Switching over to the new statewide system would entail a conversion of all the current and past records, images and all other case information into the new system. The statewide system advertises a lighter load on the Department storage system as it is a Cloud-Internet based system, and additional software would not be required to be installed on Department computers.
- A private organization named “Vested Interest” has approached the Department about donating a tactical working vest for the Department canine, Honza. This vest is ballistic rated, manufactured by Survival Armor and will be custom fit tailored for Honza. This organization is a 501c(3) non-profit that is funded by grants, donations and private organizations that wish to provide tools such as this vest to Departments for their canine units. This ballistic vest should arrive in 2026.
- A new radio tower is being planned for installation within close proximity to the police station. This new tower will enhance overall communications quality and reliability. The location where the new tower is being planned is at a higher elevation than where the current one is located, which can help eliminate “dead spots” and improve overall coverage. The new tower will support the back-up radio system and is fully compatible with the new radio system.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Department continues to utilize its social-media community outreach in a variety of postings. Investigators have used social media postings to seek assistance in locating suspects in incidents such as break-in/burglary cases and missing person investigations. Social media was also used to provide information regarding numerous weather, flooding related hazards and parking bans.

Several community outreach efforts were documented on the department's social media platforms such as National Night Out, Faith and Blue, Walk with Cops, Touch a Truck, Trunk or Treat, and the Autism Project RI.



SHORT-TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Purchase of Skydio X10 drone & implementation of program
- Creation and implementation of Artificial Intelligence policy
- Canine Patrol Certification
- Purchase & acquisition of new rifles for Special Response Team
- Conduct Department wide Active Shooter Response drill

LONG-TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Headquarters improvements and renovations, including possible relocation
- Our department would like to pursue hosting training courses that include attendees from outside agencies. Hosting trainings would provide opportunities for our officers to attend courses that may otherwise be unavailable due to limited enrollment or travel/location restrictions. By serving as a host agency, our officers would receive priority access to training while also allowing the department to bring valuable courses to the local area that are not currently offered nearby. The department's current Roll Call room is utilized for internal training functions; however, limited space within the existing facility creates challenges when hosting larger training events. Future renovations or potential relocation would better position the department to expand training capabilities and support regional law enforcement partnerships.
- Conversion from IMC/RMS to statewide CAD/CSI dispatch/records system
- Installation of new communications tower
- Certification of Commercial Enforcement training for Traffic Officer



PATROL BUREAU

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The Patrol Bureau of the Johnston Police Department (2025) is comprised of one (1) Captain, four (4) Lieutenants, six (6) Sergeants, twenty-two (22) Permanent Patrol Officers and six (6) Probationary Officers. The Communications Center's staffing has four (4) Full-Time Civilian Dispatchers and one (1) Full-Time Civilian Receptionist/Dispatcher.

Staffing levels in the Patrol Bureau fluctuate due to retirements, promotions, recruitment and extended absences such as medical reasons. The Patrol Bureau is the only Bureau that operates 24 hours-a-day, 365 days a year. Members of the Patrol Bureau are responsible for patrolling the approximate 24.4 square miles within the Town and are the initial responders to all Calls for Service (CFS) received through the Communications Center or are self-initiated. The Patrol Bureau conducts preliminary criminal investigations, motor vehicle collision investigations, along with enforcing State Laws and Town Ordinances, provides continuous patrols and performs a variety of community services and acts as the first responder to all incidents and emergencies. In certain instances, officers assigned to the Patrol Bureau will refer matters to the appropriate Bureaus for further investigation at the scene or forward the documented incident for follow-up investigation as needed to the Traffic/Special Services Bureau or Detective Bureau.

Typical and most frequent CFS are: Residential/Business Alarms, Well-Being Checks, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Family Disputes, Dispersals, Nuisance Complaints, Criminal/Suspicious Activity and Missing Persons. The Johnston Police Department's Patrol Bureau is the primary point of contact for most of our citizens and it's important that these interactions reflect our mission statement and high standards of courteous and professional police service.

In 2025 members of the Johnston Police Department, predominately from the Patrol Bureau, responded to 30,236 Calls for Service. This decreased from 2024's 32,158 calls for service, by 1,922. Of the 30,236 calls for service, 2,159 were initiated through the 911 system.

In 2025 members of the Johnston Police Department, mainly from the Patrol Bureau documented 1,664 written reports, a decrease of 116 written reports from 2024's year ending figures. There were 520 arrests for violations of Rhode Island General Laws for Criminal Offenses and also for suspect's arrested on Court Warrants and/or other Law Enforcement Agencies Warrants. This was a decrease from 2024 by 85. Gender and age analysis of those arrests is as follows: Adult Male- 382, Adult Female- 105, Juvenile Male- 22, Juvenile Female- 11.

In 2025 members of the Johnston Police Department, predominately from the Uniformed Division responded to and documented 1,108 motor vehicle accidents, an increase of 49 from 2024. Additionally, 280 parking lot /private property accidents were also documented in 2025, which was an increase of 37 from 2024.

SHORT TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following are short term goals and operational objectives that should be considered in the immediate future in order to enhance the overall operation and efficiency of the Patrol Bureau. These goals and objectives while not an eminent priority, or an extenuating operational hindrance should be addressed within the calendar year of 2026.

➤ Purchasing of a Drone

The price of drone technology, as mentioned in previous Annual Reports, has decreased significantly as they become more common and training for certification is more readily available. A drone could be used for search and rescue operations, event control (feasts) as well as for tactical operations. This purchase will integrate well with the body worn camera program that was initiated in 2023 and is currently still in use. It would be preferable that the drone also be equipped with a thermal imaging camera, which would be essential for locating missing persons or suspects in an open area. The Administrative Bureau has been coordinating with a local representative from a drone company and it is expected that in 2026, the Johnston Police Department will have the drone program operational.

➤ Awards Ceremony

Plan an Awards Ceremony for encouraging and rewarding courageous actions, diligent investigations and community service.

LONG TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following are long-term goals and objectives that should be considered eventually, but no later than calendar year 2027. These goals and objectives would only enhance the overall operational function of the Patrol Bureau and their consideration is prudent in order to properly prepare for the future of the Johnston Police Department and the needs of our citizens.

➤ LASER/Speed Training

Implement a program that provides training to Officers annually or biennially in order to maintain a full understanding of the Department's current portable LASER units, which are replacing older models.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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The Division of Professional Standards is staffed by the Deputy Chief of Police who reports directly to the Chief of Police regarding all internal and external complaints of malfeasance. The Division was established in the last quarter of 1996 to address civilian complaints and ensure professional responsibility. The Division of Professional Standards ensures that the integrity of the department is maintained through a system where objectivity, fairness, and justice are assured by intensive impartial investigation and review. The division has implemented specific policies and procedures that guarantee fairness and protect the rights of both citizens and Johnston's law enforcement professionals.

The Professional Standards officer has the primary supervisory responsibility for investigating all complaints against employees, whether initiated by a citizen or the department. In 2025 there were eight (8) Professional Standards investigations involving eleven (11) Johnston Police Department personnel, both sworn and civilian, initiated by the Chief of Police. The internal investigations all stemmed from complaints originating from personnel within the Johnston Police Department. The eight (8) internal investigations were for breaches of Johnston Police Department rules and regulations. The internal investigations were adjudicated in the following manner and resulted in the following personnel actions:

Complaints & Internal Affairs Investigations	
CR#: 25-1-IA	Not Sustained 4x
CR#: 25-2-IA	Sustained
CR#: 25-3-IA	<i>Admin. Review</i>
CR#: 25-4-IA	Sustained
CR#: 25-5-IA	Not Sustained
CR# 25-6-IA	Sustained
CR# 25-7-IA	Not Sustained
CR# 25-8-IA	Sustained
CR# 25-9-IA	Sustained
CR#: 21-6-IA	Pending

Citizen's Complaints	
Sustained	-
Not Sustained	-
Unfounded	-
Exonerated	-
Total:	0

Internal Complaints	
Sustained	5
Not Sustained	3
Unfounded	-
Exonerated	-
Pending	1
Total:	9

Personnel Actions	
Suspension	4
Demotion	0
Resign in Lieu of Termination	0
Termination	0
Letter of Reprimand	2
Written Counseling	2
2025 Pending	0

TRAFFIC & SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Johnston Police Department's Traffic & Special Services Bureau has had a productive and impactful year in 2025, as demonstrated by the comprehensive set of statistics and initiatives listed. Here's a summary of the department's activities and achievements:

1. **Personnel and Structure:**

- Led by a Commander with the rank of Captain, the bureau includes one Traffic Sergeant, three School Resource Officers, one full-time civilian clerk, two part-time civilian Animal Control Officers, one Traffic Patrolman and one K-9 Officer.

2. **Traffic Investigations:**

- The bureau investigated or processed a total of 1,108 motor vehicle collisions, including 199 hit-and-run accidents and 280 private property/walk-in collisions.
- The six streets with the highest collision rates were Hartford Avenue, Atwood Avenue, Greenville Avenue, Plainfield Street, Killingly Street, and Putnam Avenue.
- There were no fatalities during this calendar year, highlighting the importance of continued enforcement efforts and proactive police work.

3. **Enforcement and Citations:**

- The bureau issued 6,370 municipal citations
- The Johnston Accident Reduction Enforcement (JARE) Program was highly active, issuing 3,001 citations to improve traffic safety.

4. **Additional Efforts and Programs:**

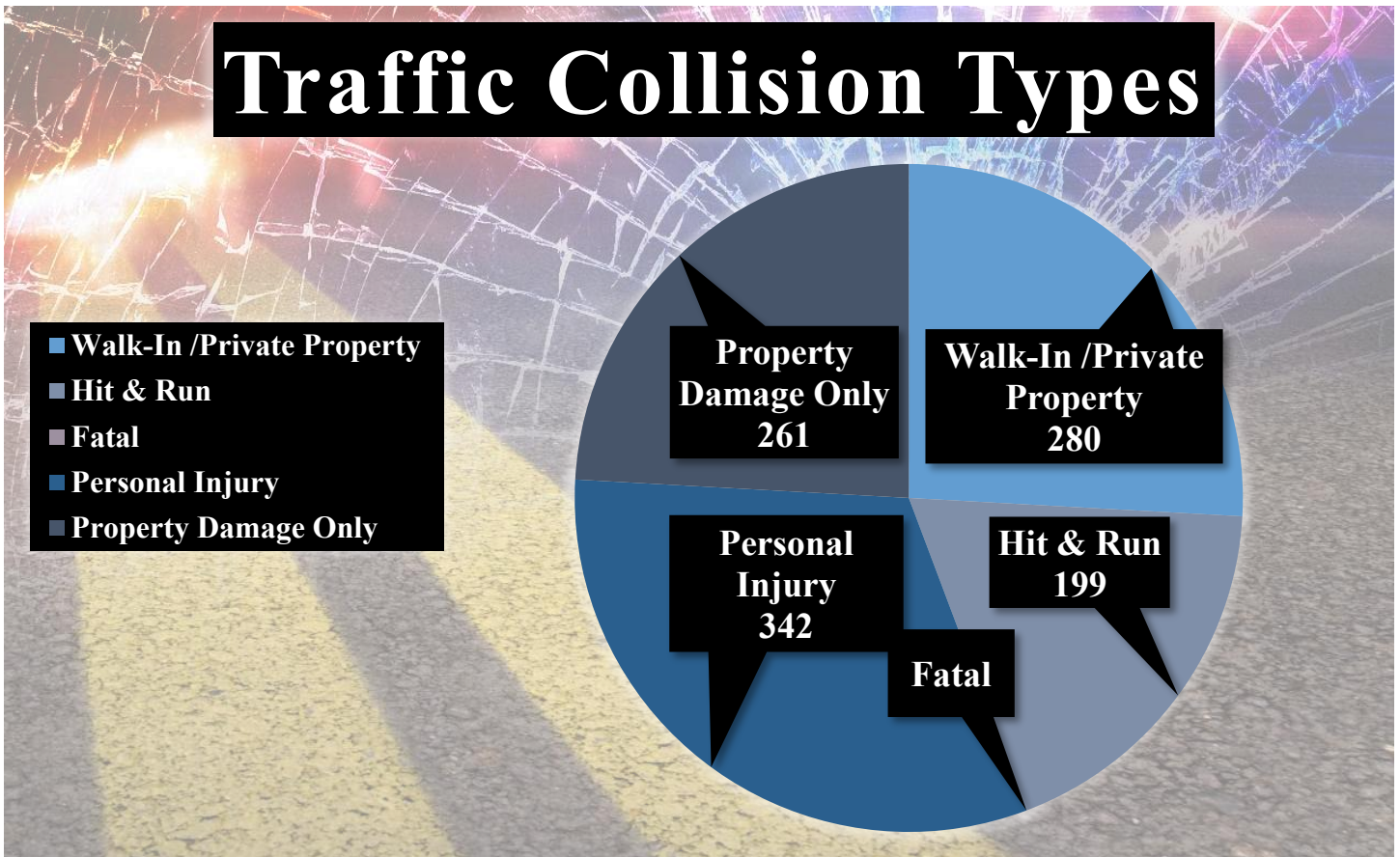
- The department conducted 2,364 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) checks, generating \$35,460 in revenue.
- Traffic studies were performed to identify hazardous areas and improve traffic flow, with solutions like proper signage and targeted enforcement.
- The bureau worked with the State Office of Highway Safety to secure grant funds for initiatives that promote safe driving practices, such as increasing safety belt use, hands-free vehicle operation, and deterring impaired driving.
- The department also participated in the Operation Blue Riptide program aimed at reducing DUI-related incidents, which in 2025 we had 45 DUI arrests.
- The department has purchased three radar speed signs. These solar-powered units include discreet traffic counters and large digital displays that alert drivers when they are exceeding the speed limit. The goal of these devices is to calm traffic, address resident complaints, and provide real-time notifications. One unit has been installed on Simmonsville Avenue. The other two units are scheduled for installation in 2026. One will be located on Greenville Avenue, and the third location is still under consideration.

5. **Special Details:**

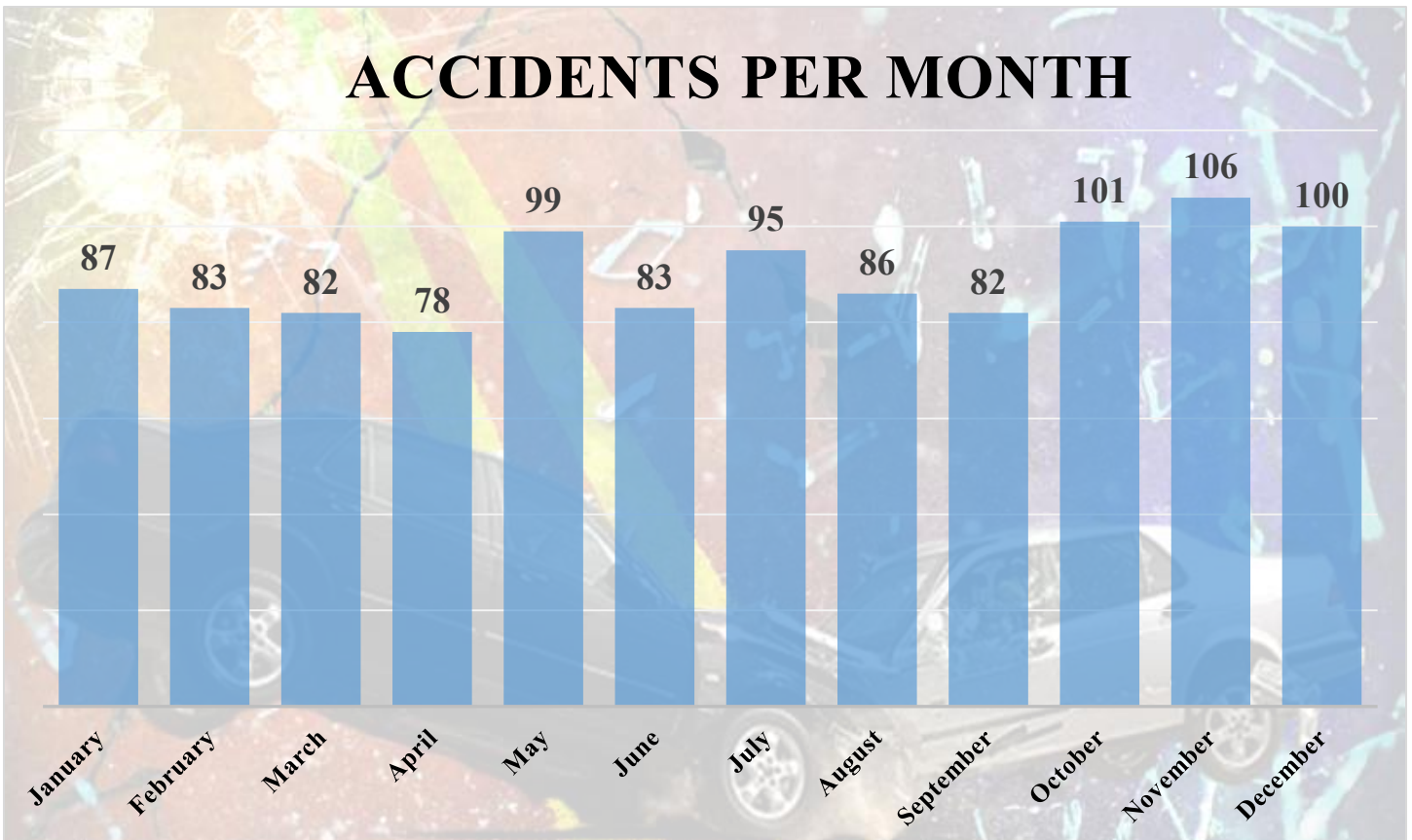
- The department managed the Police Detail Program (DTS), overseeing 9,978 hours of work from both sworn and retired personnel, which accounted for 1,434 special assignments.

The Traffic & Special Services Bureau's efforts in 2025 have clearly made significant contributions to traffic safety, enforcement, and community well-being, balancing investigation, enforcement, and preventive measures effectively.

Below is a graph depicting the traffic collision types that occurred in 2025:

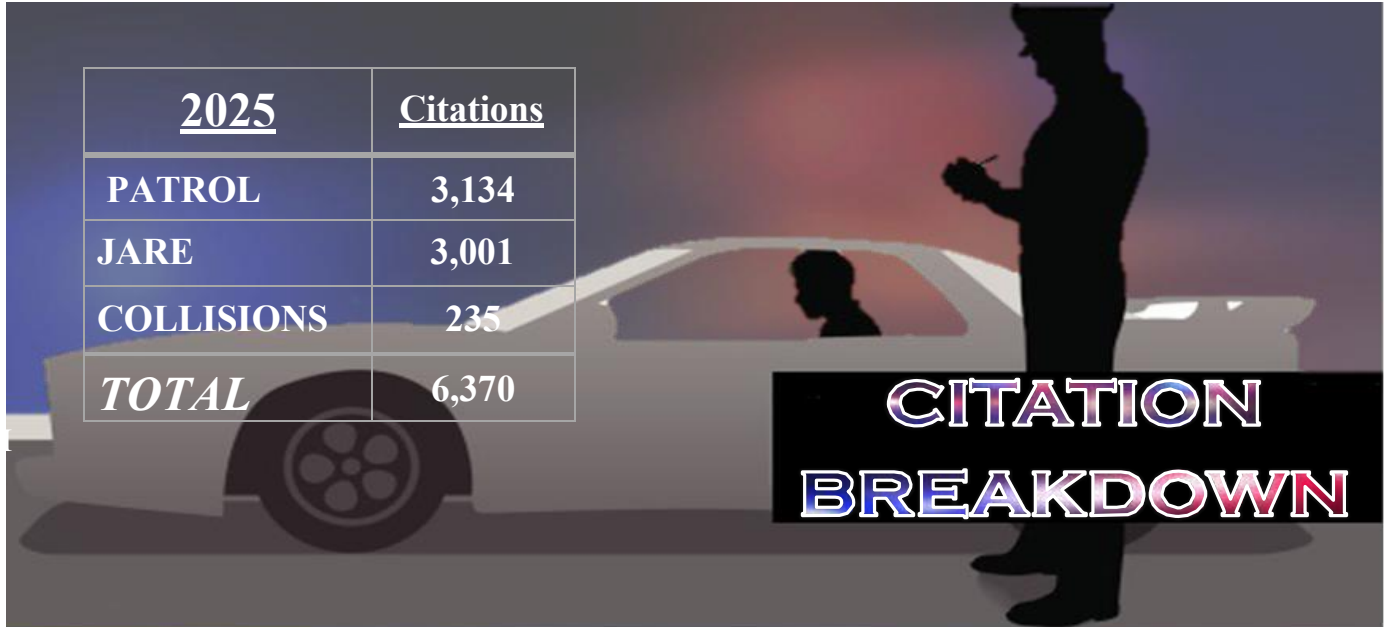


Below is a graph depicting the number of traffic collisions per month that occurred in 2025:



J.A.R.E. PROGRAM

The Johnston Accident Reduction Enforcement (JARE) program continues to operate at various locations throughout the town. The program was created to deploy additional officers in the community for the purpose of enforcing State and Municipal motor vehicle violations.



COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT

The Johnston Police Department Commercial Enforcement Unit operates out of the Traffic & Special Services Bureau and has one officer. In addition to responding to “routine” motor vehicle accidents, this officer is certified to conduct Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) inspections. This is especially important in the Town of Johnston due to the presence of Interstate Route 295, Route 6, Route 14, Route 5, and Route 44, as well as the primary landfill for the state (RI Resource Recovery Corporation), and the number of commercial vehicles that can bring daily. These inspections can help keep both the major routes and more “routine” roadways safer by checking on larger, heavier vehicles to ensure that they (and their operators) are in proper working condition and compliance. Additionally, the Commercial Enforcement (CE) Officer also works with the Rhode Island State Police periodically during enforcement campaigns in other areas of the state. The Commercial Enforcement statistics for 2025 in the Town of Johnston are as follows:

INSPECTIONS:	37
VIOLATIONS DOCUMENTED:	334
FINES:	\$33,400.00

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (VIN) CHECKED

Normal Business Hours		
Monday – Friday 9 – 11 AM & 1 – 3 PM		
Month	Number of Vehicles	Amount of Money
JANUARY	151	\$2,265.00
FEBRUARY	185	\$2,775.00
MARCH	225	\$3,375.00
APRIL	234	\$3,510.00
MAY	258	\$3,870.00
JUNE	225	\$3,375.00
JULY	187	\$2,805.00
AUGUST	227	\$3,405.00
SEPTEMBER	189	\$2,835.00
OCTOBER	182	\$2,730.00
NOVEMBER	147	\$2,205.00
DECEMBER	154	\$2,310.00
Totals:	2,364	\$35,460.00

OFFICE OF HEALTHY AGING (OHA) LIAISON

In 2025, the Sergeant in the Traffic & Special Services Bureau, also serving as the OHA Liaison, played a key role in addressing issues concerning the elderly community. The Sergeant handled 11 elderly affairs incidents and ensured that relevant cases were referred to the State of Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging (formerly the Department of Elderly Affairs) for further support and resolution.

Johnston Senior High School – School Resource Officer

The following is a list of reported in-school activity for 2025 and compared to 2023 and 2024:



Johnston Senior High School is manned with two (2) School Resource Officers.

	2023	2024	2025
Alcohol	0	0	0
Arrests	12	3	18
Assault/Battery	1	1	17
Assist to other Police Agency	0	3	29
Bomb Threat	0	0	0
Bullying/Cyber Bullying	4	3	0
Disorderly Conduct	7	3	33
Drug Sale/Possession/Para.	1	2	1
Fire Alarm/Non-Drill	1	0	1
Larceny/Theft	0	3	1
Lost Property	0	3	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA)	1	2	3
Motor Vehicle Violations	0	0	11
Offense Reports	42	22	27
Outside Incidents Reported	0	11	11
Parent Contacts/Resource	70	2	76
Poss. of Knife/Weapon	2	1	0
Rescue- Mental Eval/Detox/OD	10	11	7
Resisting Arrest	2	0	1
Routine Rescue	15	15	16
Sexting	0	1	1
Sexual Assault	1	1	0
Student Contacts/Resource	950	720	453
Threats/Intimidation	1	2	6
Tobacco	5	0	7
Trespassing	0	1	0
Truancy	36	1	9
Vandalism	1	0	2
TOTALS	1162	811	731

N. A. Ferri Middle School – School Resource Officer

The following is a list of reported in-school activity for 2025 and compared to 2023 and 2024:

DESCRIPTION	2023	2024	2025
Aggressive Behavior/Defiance	3	0	0
Alcohol	0	4	0
Arrests	11	14	5
Assist to DCYF	0	0	0
Assist to Other Police Agency	0	0	0
Bomb Threats	0	0	0
Bullying/Cyber Bullying	4	0	0
Disorderly Conduct (Disruptive)	32	12	2
Drug Possession/Alcohol	3	2	0
Drug Sale/Possession/Paraphernalia	3	0	0
Fire Alarm/Non-Drill	1	0	0
Larceny/ Robbery/Theft	2	1	0
Lost Property of Value	0	0	0
Medical Assist. (JFD) (<i>general</i>)	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Violations	0	0	0
Offense Reports	21	20	10
Outside Incidents Reported (<i>new</i>)	0	0	0
Parent Contacts/Resource	18	24	30
Possession of a Knife/Weapon	1	1	10
Public Contact/Fighting	n/a	12	2
Rescue - Mental Eval/Detox/OD	5	8	3
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0
Routine Rescue	3	9	3
Sexual Harassment/Sexting	0	0	0
Simple Assault	1	1	0
Student Contacts/Resource (<i>new</i>)	86	42	30
Threats/Intimidation	3	0	0
Trespassing	2	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0
TOTALS	199	150	95



Currently there is one (1) full time Johnston Police Officer that is staffed as the N. A. Ferri Middle School Resource Officer.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Traffic & Special Services Bureau made significant contributions to the community in 2025 by arranging and coordinating a variety of impactful programs and events. Among the highlights the **Faith & Blue Event** is brought together with five local congregations and their parishioners, fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Additionally, the Bureau organized other events aimed at building community engagement and support, such as:

- The **Walk with Cops** Program at Johnston Memorial Park during the spring and summer months, fostering community connections and building trust between the Johnston Police Department and local senior residents. Officers have the opportunity to interact with seniors living in nursing and rehabilitation facilities throughout Johnston and will return in June.
- **National Night Out (NNO)** is an annual community-building campaign held on the first Tuesday in August to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It enhances relationships between neighbors and law enforcement, fostering safer, more caring communities through block parties, cookouts, and safety demonstrations.
- **Trunk or Treat**, a safe and fun alternative for Halloween activities for children.
- Fundraising for **Operation Stand Down**, supporting veterans in need.

These events demonstrate the Bureau's commitment to strengthening community bonds and supporting vital causes through active participation and collaboration with local organizations and residents.



ANIMAL CONTROL BUREAU

The Animal Control Bureau, consisting of two part-time civilian Animal Control Officers (ACOs), has been working diligently in 2025 to address animal-related concerns in Johnston while collaborating with neighboring communities. Here's a summary of their activities and achievements:

1. Personnel and Collaboration:

- The bureau is staffed by two part-time civilian ACOs who work closely with the Town of North Providence and the Town of Smithfield to address animal-related issues.
- A key partner in the success of their efforts is the **Tri-County Animal Shelter**, which is now fully operational and has become instrumental in supporting the community's needs in Johnston and beyond.
- We have also purchased a new ACO van which will be equipped and deployed in the coming months.

2. Calls and Complaints:

- In 2025, the department handled a total of **289 canine calls and general animal complaints** across the community.
- **19 written reports** were filed in response to these complaints, highlighting the bureau's active engagement in addressing animal-related issues.

3. Data Collection and Shelter Information:

- The Animal Control Officers utilized the **RI DEM Animal Shelter System program** to track and report shelter data.
- The program provided detailed information on the sheltering and care of both canines and felines, contributing to the bureau's ability to assess and respond to the needs of animals in the area.

ANIMALS HANDLED IN SHELTER	
CATEGORY	TOTAL
Abandoned	2
Born in Facility	0
Pick – Up Stray	63
Owner Surrendered	16
Transfer In	1
Other In	16
Returned to Owner	41
Euthanized	6
Adopted	20
Escaped	0
Stolen	0
DOA	13
Deceased in custody	0
Transferred Out	89
Other Out	0

The Animal Control Bureau's proactive approach, alongside effective collaboration with neighboring towns and the fully functional Tri-County Animal Shelter, has significantly contributed to managing and improving animal welfare in the region.

SHORT & LONG TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: Increasing the ranks of the Bureau by (3) officers.

- One Traffic Officer, handling solely motor vehicle collisions and directed traffic enforcement during the daytime hours, 0800-1600 hrs., 4/2 schedule
- One Traffic Officer, handling solely motor vehicle collisions and directed traffic enforcement during the evening hours, 1600-2359 hrs., 4/2 schedule.
- Have at least one of these officers certified in Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement to supplement our one other officer in completing Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections.

Goal: The purchase of the following pieces of equipment will assist with completing our overall mission.

1. Laser Tech LaserSoft LTI 20/20 TruSpeed Sxb Mapping Kit

Data collection software that provides flexibility necessary for crash and crime scene mapping. This device will quickly measure and document a traffic incident with a high amount of accuracy.

2. 25 ft. Oval Telescoping Measuring Pole

This Telescoping Measuring Pole allows members of the Johnston Police Commercial Enforcement Unit too quickly and accurately measure up to 25 ft. vertically without the use of a ladder while completing Commercial Vehicle inspections. The unit collapses down to less than 5 ft. for easy storage and portability.

Objective:

- Locate Vendors
- Request quotes
- Execute purchase agreements
- Receive equipment, assign, and deploy



DETECTIVE BUREAU

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The Detective Bureau is staffed with one (1) Captain, one (1) Detective Sergeant, six (6) 2nd Watch, (Monday through Friday, 0800 hrs. to 1600 hrs.), one 3rd Watch, (Monday through Friday, 1600 hrs. to 2359 hrs.), one (1) Prosecution Detective, one (1) BCI detective 2nd watch and two (2) full time civilian clerks. Each detective is assigned to one of the specific areas or beats in the town and is responsible for the follow-up investigation of all criminal activity in that area, regardless if the incident is a felony or misdemeanor. This allows the detective to cultivate information, identify patterns of crime, and to take ownership in the community in keeping with our overall commitment to the community policing concept.

The Johnston Police Department utilizes the IMC Case Management System to facilitate the tracking of criminal cases. The communication between bureaus, divisions, and supervisors is paramount for an organization the size of the Johnston Police to be successful in prosecuting offenders. The Case Management System allows for the return of reports that require corrections, the documentation of investigative activity as well as a status update.

High visibility, attention to detail during every investigation, and a stronger bond with numerous other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as to the community, have all attributed to successful investigation of misdemeanor and felony cases, and assisting the Investigative Division's attempt to locate and apprehend then criminal offenders.

MAJOR CRIME INVESTIGATIONS

It is the responsibility of the Investigative Division to conduct follow up investigations when appropriate regarding felony and misdemeanor crimes. In the year 2025, the Johnston Police Department had 30,256 calls for service (CFS), 1,664 offense reports (OF's), 516 arrest reports (AR's), and 1108 accident reports (AC's). Statistical analysis shows 1116 total misdemeanor offenses for the twelve months with September being the highest month at 118. A felony record analysis revealed 334 reported felony offenses across the twelve months with July being the highest month at 39. It should be noted that reported crime incidents (OF's) do not always include both major types of offenses (misdemeanor, felony) and may just include one type or the other. An arrest record analysis for the twelve-month period showed 473 arrests related to misdemeanors, bench warrants, and expungements. Statistics also showed 87 arrests were related to felonies. As with reported crime incidents, arrests (AR's) do not always include both major types of offenses (misdemeanor, felony) and may just include one type or the other.

Detective Division personnel were listed as handling 384 cases as "Detective," however, they were also involved in taking 60 incidents and "assisting" on 6 incidents. Additionally, Detective Division personnel were responsible for 42 arrests, assisted on 7 arrests, were the booking officer(s) on 41 occasions, and drafted 106 arrest warrants. In closing, in terms of statistics, three points should be noted: (1) All arrests/arrest reports do not always have a corresponding, or separate crime incident report (i.e., some "on view" arrests or warrant arrests wouldn't require one), (2) one offense or arrest report could have multiple charges in total, and (3) during the adjudication process, some felony crime(s) may be reduced to misdemeanors or dismissed outright and some violations(s) may be dismissed as well.

A review of the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics for our department in 2025 showed several high-profile incidents, to include, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, embezzlement, disorderly conduct, larceny, fraud, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

These incidents not only reflect the serious nature of some types of crimes that occur within the Town of Johnston, but they also reflect the high level of service, professionalism and dedication to duty of the detectives assigned to the Investigative Bureau. For these reasons, the citizens who live, work and/or visit Johnston are afforded with an outstanding level of success and efficiency.

NARCOTICS BUREAU

The Narcotics Bureau had one (1) detective assigned as an additional assignment as the narcotics officer for the town of Johnston, who is currently on the HIDTA task force of the Rhode Island State Police. This detective is assigned full time to assist statewide with narcotics investigations, when said investigations or other drug activity is discovered in Johnston, he is the lead investigator. All other detectives have the ability to start a narcotics investigation if credible information comes forthwith.

With opiate addiction continuing to reach epidemic levels across the United States, Johnston Police detectives are trying their best to help stem the abuse and sale of these dangerous drugs within our town. Detectives work with patrol officers in developing informants/CI's to assist in taking dangerous drugs off the street.

PROSECUTION BUREAU

The Prosecution Bureau is staffed Monday through Friday, from 0700 hours to 1500 hours, with one (1) full-time Detective/Prosecution Officer. In the prosecutor's absence another detective is designated assistant to fulfill the prosecutor's duties. This bureau is also staffed with two (2) full-time clerks, who are under the supervision of the Investigative Division Commander.

The Prosecution Bureau receives assistance from the Detective Division, as well as Patrol Bureau supervisors, when the bureau is not staffed. The Patrol Bureau is responsible for the transportation of prisoners to the 3rd District Court in Kent County, Superior Court, and the Intake Center at the Adult Correctional Institution.

The Prosecution Bureau is responsible for the daily operation of the department's court calendar, to include 3rd District Court, Superior Court, Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal and/or the Johnston Municipal Court. The staff prepares cases for presentation in their respective courts, including notifying and distributing all subpoenas to witnesses and police officers. The bureau is also responsible for the arraignments in 3rd District Court and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal and is also responsible for an accurate and efficient recording of the dispositions of all cases in the IMC computer system. A weekly calendar is distributed throughout the Johnston Police Department, it ensures that police personnel have easy and up to date access to the week's court data.

The bureau also maintains all bench warrant and arrest warrant files in the computer and hard copies, ensuring they are up-to-date. The Prosecution Officer also assists the Town Solicitor with all of the 3rd District Court cases that go to the pre-trial and trial stage of the court calendar.

The Prosecution Bureau utilizes and relies on the IMC Computer System for tracking and recording all dispositions of cases. Officers are also utilizing IMC to generate criminal complaints submitted to 3rd District Court due to the department being required to participate in the District Court J-LINK program, which was instituted in the beginning of 2006. The utilization of the IMC System should allow for a more accurate statistical analysis of the number of cases prosecuted in any given year with the number of dispositions.

JUVENILE BUREAU

The Johnston Police Juvenile Bureau is staffed with one (1) 2nd watch juvenile detective, who is the primary investigator and prosecutor. In the juvenile prosecutor's absence, another detective is designated assistant to fulfill the juvenile prosecutor's duties. They are both under the supervision of the Investigative Division Commander.

In 2025, the Juvenile Bureau made thirty-six (36) arrests of juveniles. Twenty-three (23) of the juveniles who were placed under arrest were male offenders and thirteen (13) were female offenders. Thirty-six (36) of the arrests were referred to Family Court and zero (0) went before the Hearing Board as there currently is no Hearing Board. Of those arrests twenty-eight (28) were Wayward complaints (Misdemeanors) while eight (8) were Delinquent complaints (Felonies).

The detective(s) of the Juvenile Bureau have worked closely with the school resource officers on preventing crimes and fostering an atmosphere of low tolerance for law violators during the school day. This partnership has resulted in a positive change amongst the juvenile offender population.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION/ CRIME SCENE UNIT



The Bureau of Criminal Identification/Crime Scene Unit is a dedicated unit which specializes in the handling of trace and DNA evidence collection, death investigation and autopsies, fingerprint and footwear impression development, shooting reconstruction, and blood spatter analysis. The BCI/CSU is staffed with one (1) criminalist detectives and one (1) civilian clerk. The position normally has two full time detectives however one spot has been vacant due to retirement.

One detective is assigned to the Second Watch, (Monday through Friday, 0800 hrs. to 1600 hrs.) as the BCI/CSU Commander with the added responsibility of administrative duties. The second criminalist detective is normally assigned to the Third Watch, (Monday through Friday, 1600 hrs. to 2400 hrs.) with the added duties of assisting the shift detectives. The BCI/CSU is under the direct supervision of the Investigative Division Commander. The civilian clerk is assigned to the Second Watch (Monday through Friday, 0830 hrs. to 1630 hrs.) and in addition to clerical duties, the clerk assists with tracking evidence and sex offender notifications.

The BCI/CSU is responsible for the collection, preservation, and analysis of all forensic evidence. The processing, recording, inventorying, maintenance, and tracking of all evidence is a major part of their daily activity. The BCI/CSU also has the responsibility for the tracking and the full control of all property seized by officers or turned over to the police department. They are responsible for the submission of all evidence to their appropriate laboratories for processing. All trace evidence such as fingerprints, ballistic components, footwear impressions, tool marks, fibers, and paint chips are submitted to the RI State Crime Laboratory. All narcotic and biological matter is submitted to the RI State Health Department Laboratory for analysis. The BCI/CSU processes several hundred pieces of evidence which assisted in the prosecution of many different criminal cases.

BCI/CSU criminalists also assist various Federal, State, and local agencies in conducting mandated background checks on applicants, employees, and Conceal Carry Permit requests (CCP).

The BCI/CSU continues to assist the Sex Offender Coordinator in the registration and tracking of registered sex offenders who reside in the Town of Johnston. The BCI/CSU continues to be an active participant in several community-based programs, such as the Senior Identification Card Program. The bureau has provided officers as lecturers and photographers for many public, social and governmental events. The BCI/CSU also assists town and state agencies such as the Johnston Fire Dept., RI State Fire Marshal's Office, and RI State Medical Examiner's Office.

SHORT & LONG TERM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Johnston Police Department would like to purchase additional Flock cameras, which are license plate readers designed to help police solve crime more efficiently. The Johnston Police Department has expanded its access to be able to view over 230 different networks of cameras through other parts of the country. This technology has been instrumental in solving several crimes. There have been cases that have been closed out that if more LPR readers were placed throughout Town, the likelihood of solving them would substantially increase. A primary goal would be to increase the total number of Flock cameras, which is successfully in the process from three to five. A goal is to increase this even more, and add a constant surveillance camera in the center of Town as there is currently very poor surveillance in such a highly traveled part of Town.

Also, regarding narcotics, the purchase of a NIR (Near-Infrared Spectroscopy Device) to analyze the chemical composition of various substances, including drugs, would be extremely valuable. Due to the high toxicity of certain drugs, such as fentanyl, it has become extremely hazardous to handle the drug. Due to only a small amount of the drug needed inside of a pill or mixed with other substances, much of what is tested with the testing strips is a non-narcotic filler, which results in a negative test result. These pre-test screening tests are needed to properly prosecute drug dealers as there is usually a long delay getting the results back from the state laboratory. The purchase of such a device would streamline the entire process while making the testing process safer for all and limiting any potential exposure to toxic drugs.

There are an increasing number of cases requiring the playback and analysis of assorted video/audio surveillance footage. The outcomes of said cases and subsequent investigations can often rely on the quality of this analysis/review. As a result, it is requested that Detective Division computer workstation updates are conducted to include software upgrades to the latest video codes used in recording/playback. It is also requested that the feasibility of purchasing video enhancement software is looked into for at least the BCI Bureau to aid detectives in cases where video surveillance footage may be "sub-par" and enhancement may improve the chances of closing cases through arrest. In addition, numerous computer workstations have experienced trouble slowing down, freezing, or even shutting down which slows productivity and also risks losing important data already entered into reports. It is therefore requested that the detective/detective supervisor's computers are evaluated and subsequently updated, repaired, or replaced as needed. These computer stations are currently eight years old or more, and recommended replacement occurs after five.

Technology also helps in the day-to-day operations of our department through the mobile computer terminals in the marked police cruisers. These workstations provide call information through dispatch, assorted records through “in-house” and cross agency checks, as well as the ability to run data on person(s) being dealt with while in the field. This same type of information can help detective personnel while working on a variety of investigations, which are at times covert, outside of headquarters. However, the unmarked cars are clearly not set up for this in order to remain somewhat clandestine in appearance. In addition, the ability to obtain information without unnecessarily bogging down dispatch personnel is important, especially when “normal” call volume is increased. As a result, it is requested that the feasibility of purchasing mobile tablet(s) with remote log in for the above-mentioned information/data is researched for detective units.

There has been a proliferation of complaints that are technology related including cyber harassment/cyberstalking, threats, violations of protective orders, and assorted types of fraud with computer or smartphone involvement. As a result, many cases require the use of communication inquiries on or including information related to and/or contained in phone calls, text messages, voice mails, audio and video messages, instant messages, SMS messages, digital photographs, emails, “IP” addresses, and GPS coordinates. Due to the evidence that can be gained from this information and evaluating same, it is requested that more technical training become available to detective division personnel relative to computers and mobile/smartphones. This training, coupled with any necessary software that could be acquired, may allow for the retrieval of potential evidence that can aid in solving cases with an electronic, digital communication component. As a result of these improvements, detectives would ideally encounter fewer roadblocks and could investigate their respective cases more efficiently and effectively.

The BCI/CSU Bureau is responsible for maintaining and storing evidence of assorted types. A significant portion of this evidence is in the form of digital information to include photographs, videos, and scanned documents. So, it is requested and recommended that when new computer(s) are purchase, at least one (1) for the BCI Bureau has an upgraded video card, memory, and built in Blu-ray disc drive with the appropriate software to “burn” storage discs when needed in a more efficient manner. A computer hard-drive with a minimum of 1 TB of storage would make this process more efficient.

Other requests if met that could aid the BCI Bureau include the acquisition of two new digital camera kits due to the current ones (Nikon) aging. These new cameras could be issued to the primary BCI Detectives while the older two could be rotated amongst the detectives to be attending BCI School in the near future and who are in the BCI “On call rotation.”

There is a continued importance in the appropriate training of police personnel as the criminal justice practice evolves, especially as related to BCI. It is therefore recommended that BCI personnel attend continuing education courses whenever feasible as they are the criminalists tasked with the important job of crime scene processing. It is also recommended that as many detectives as possible are able to attend division/job specific training, including BCI school. With additional personnel being BCI certified, continuity would be enhanced in the future in terms of the ability to properly process crime scenes and/or handle evidence as required at varying times of day or night throughout the year. Although seniority is a factor in determining who attends per the bidding process and the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Johnston and the IBPO Local 307, training of all detective personnel when opportunities arise will enhance the performance of the Detective Division as a whole.

It is recommended and has been discussed with current members of the BCI Unit that department in-house training is developed and conducted regarding crime scene preservation, property collection, and appropriate identification/labeling for consistency in property management. In addition, basic photography training/review regarding photographs taken with the patrol camera should improve image quality and thus strengthen that evidence for cases. This in-house training/review will educate and reinforce steps that need to be taken by our first responders to keep evidence uncompromised and admissible in court as well as to ensure quality and help manage, store, locate, and track evidence/property as a whole. Smaller training blocks could be conducted in roll call for the three respective watches and/or in training bulletins through the Power DMS system. Larger, more significant training blocks could be conducted after arrangements are made through the Operations & Training Division.

Finally, the motor pool for any undercover investigations is aging. The vehicles are old and on the verge of needing expensive mechanical service. Purchasing a newer vehicle would be instrumental in surveillance of criminal activity and safer for the officers operating them.

