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## **On the Cover**

**From Left to Right: Cpl. John Virgilio, Trps. James Swanberg, James Manni, John Leyden III and Walter Anderson after receiving their awards at the 1992 Rhode Island State Police Memorial Ceremony.**

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Governor  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Sundlun:

In compliance with Rhode Island General Law 42-28-6, 1956 as amended, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Division of State Police for the fiscal year July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, our sixty-seventh year of service to the citizens and the State of Rhode Island.

I am proud of our accomplishments during this fiscal year and wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the continuous efforts of our members, sworn and civilian, who have provided the highest level of service to the citizens and State of Rhode Island.

I also wish to acknowledge your confidence, continued support and express my sincere appreciation to you and your staff for their cooperation as we go forward "In the Service of the State."

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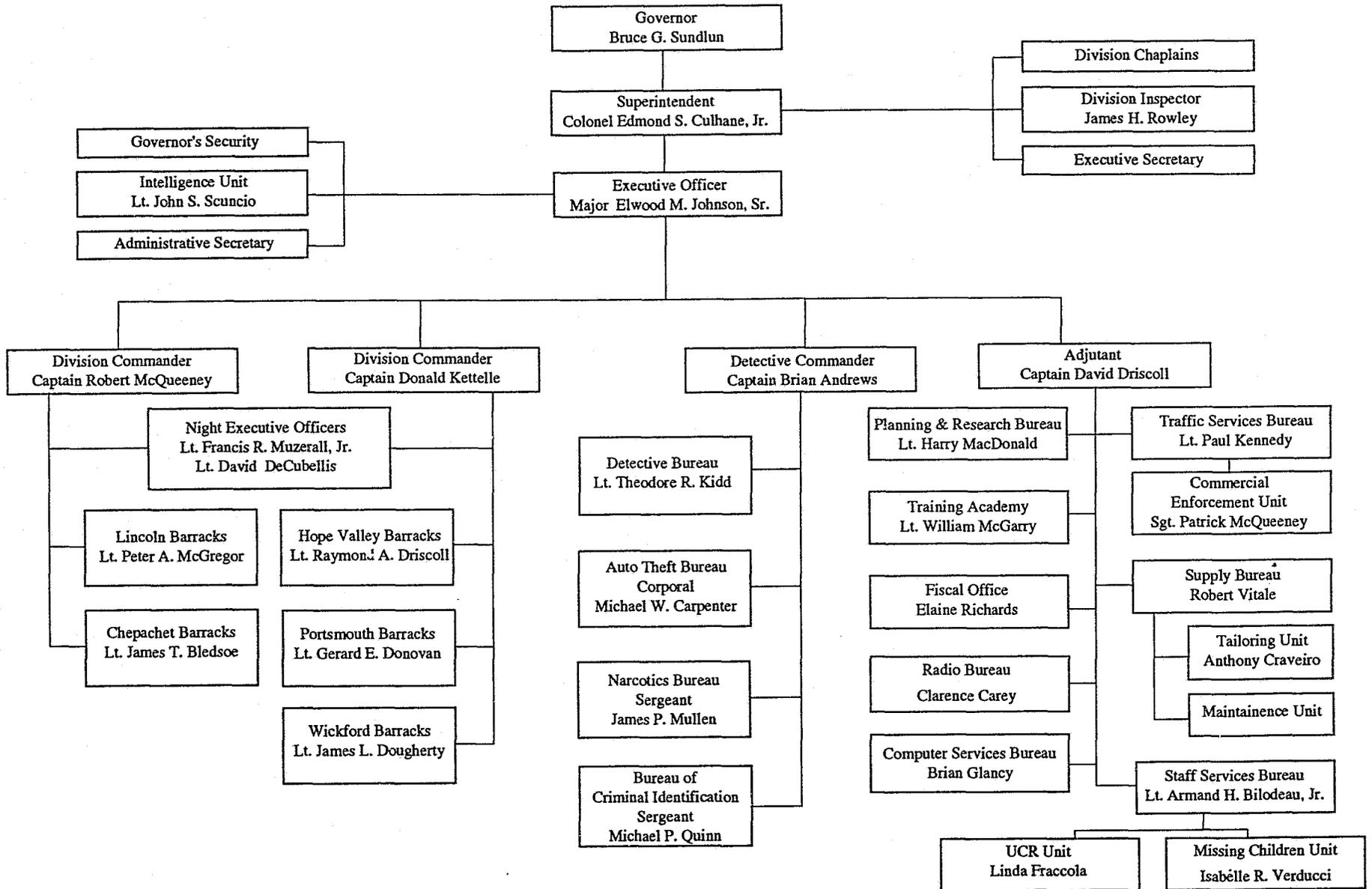
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# Rhode Island State Police Organizational Structure



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# The Superintendent



Colonel  
Edmond S. Culhane, Jr.  
Superintendent

Colonel Edmond S. Culhane, Jr. assumed the duties of Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police on September 19, 1990 after serving 26 years with the New York State Police Department.

Colonel Culhane held the position of First Deputy Superintendent in the 5000-member New York State Police. He was second in command in the state and responsible for the coordination of the activities of the Division's administration and field commands.

During his career with the New York State Police which began as a uniformed Trooper, Colonel Culhane served as the Deputy Superintendent for Planning and Research, the Division's Staff Inspector, the Director of the New York State Police Academy, a Uniform Captain in charge of Troop T which oversees the entire New York Thruway, and a Senior Investigator for the Division's Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Colonel Culhane holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from St. John's University and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York at Albany.

As Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, Colonel Culhane serves as the commanding officer of the Division and is accountable for staffing Uniformed and Detective Branches to provide service for the State. The mission for these two Branches is the maintenance of order, the prevention and detection of crime, and the apprehension of violators. The Superintendent is also responsible for ensuring the control of traffic and the maintenance of safety on the State's high-

ways. In addition, the Colonel is charged with the creation and enforcement of all policies and regulations for the Division. The Superintendent must insure structure, discipline, efficiency and morale within the Division of State Police along with establishing goals, direction, and priorities.

The Superintendent reports directly to Governor Bruce G. Sundlun and is charged with informing the Governor of all major ongoing investigations, except where prohibited by law.

This past year, the Division has aggressively started focusing on attaining accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This process, which should take approximately 2 years, will strengthen the policies and the procedures of the State Police, making the State Police a more modern and efficient law enforcement organization.

This past summer, Colonel Culhane and the Headquarters Command Staff recognized the relentless efforts of the civilian employees by treating them all to a picnic. The event, termed "Civilian Appreciation Day," was hailed as a great success. Too often, in para-military organizations, the efforts of civilian employees often go unrecognized. This day was a chance for all sworn Members to show their gratitude and appreciation to the civilians. Certificates were also presented to civilians who have served with the State Police for at least 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 years. The success of the event can only assure its continued practice.

# Executive Secretary



MaryJo Cotton

MaryJo Cotton has served with the state for 22 years and has been Executive Secretary to the Superintendent for the last 15 of those years. Prior to coming to the Rhode Island State Police, she worked at the Governor's Office in Providence.

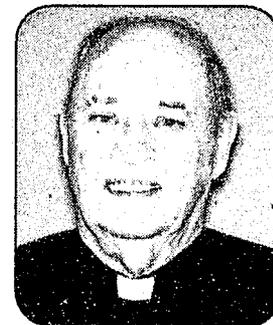
Ms. Cotton is the Colonel's personal

and confidential secretary. The executive secretary's responsibilities include scheduling the Colonel's appointments, answering general office correspondence, maintaining all the master files for the Rhode Island State Police and coordinating the general day-to-day operations of the Superintendent's office.



Captain  
H.M. Gordon

# Division Chaplains



Captain  
William Delaney

Father H.M. Gordon joined the Rhode Island State Police on December 1, 1960 as a Chaplain and has remained in this position ever since. Father Gordon received a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University and subsequently received a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Monsignor William Delaney also became a Division Chaplain on December 1, 1960.

The Chaplains take an active role in Division affairs, to include the providing of counseling when requested and making hospital visits when appropriate.

Father Gordon believes it is "both a privilege and an honor" to serve as the Division Chaplain. He adds that his main goal is to help whenever needed "in any pastoral or counseling way possible to help the members of the Division do their jobs."

# Executive Officer



Major  
Elwood M. Johnson, Sr.

Major Elwood M. Johnson Sr. has served with the Rhode Island State Police for 24 years.

Prior to becoming Executive Officer, Major Johnson served in various positions within the Detective Division: Detective Investigator, Headquarters Detective, Area Detective, Acting Chief of the Hopkinton, RI Police Department in 1981, and most recently, Assistant Detective Commander.

Before his assignment to the Detective Branch in 1979, Major Johnson served at all five patrol barracks as a trooper. The Executive Officer is the second in command of the Division under the Superintendent. The Administrative Secretary, the Division Commanders, the Detective Commander, the Adjutant, and the Intelligence Unit come directly under his control. The Executive Officer's duties include overseeing the daily operation of the Division. One goal that Major Johnson would like to see reached is a more effective and diversified approach to the enforcement of the State's traffic laws.

The Major believes that committing

more resources and re-evaluating the priorities of the Uniform Division will create better traffic enforcement, lower the accident rate and save more lives on our highways. One change of priority has been the increased enforcement of the drunk driving laws which has already increased the number of arrests by 118 percent during this fiscal year when compared with the previous fiscal year.

Major Johnson also puts great emphasis on providing more seminars and in-service training to Division members to expand their knowledge of the criminal justice system which is continually evolving, due in part to new statutory law and emerging case law.

As a result of this emphasis on seminars and training, Division members have been trained in accident reconstruction, the use of an expandable baton, SCUBA diving and numerous other schools and seminars dealing with child abuse, drunk driving, and narcotics. Through the experience of expanded knowledge comes a greater chance of success which can only have positive results for both the State Police and the citizens of this State.

# Administrative Secretary



Gail Whitten

Gail Whitten has served as the Administrative Secretary of the Rhode Island State Police for six years. She holds an Associate Degree from the accounting program at Bryant College, and an Associate Degree in Science from Johnson & Wales College.

The position of Administrative Secretary has diverse responsibilities. Ms. Whitten deals directly with the administrative staff of the Division. She is responsible for providing support to Headquarters Captains on all Division matters. In addition, Ms. Whitten maintains the personnel records for all of the sworn and civilian members of the Division.

The Administrative Secretary is also responsible for maintaining all work, vacation and sick leave records of Division personnel.

The Administrative Secretary also works closely with the Division Training Academy. Ms. Whitten is responsible for transcribing reports for the Training Academy Commandant and Academy staff members. She also coordinates requests from other agencies for lecturers and demonstrations that are offered by Division instructors who are assigned to the Academy.

# Governor's Security



Lieutenant  
Roger J. Gwaltney

The Governor's Security Detail is charged with ensuring the safety and security of the Governor and the first family at all times. Protective responsibilities include personal security, transportation, grounds and facility security, mail and telephone screening, and threat evaluation.

These responsibilities remain the same whether the Chief Executive's official duties are here in Rhode Island or these duties necessitate his travel out-of-state.

Lieutenant Roger J. Gwaltney and Sergeant Alvin T. Pontarelli currently staff the Governor's Security Detail.

# Intelligence Unit



Lieutenant  
John S. Scuncio

The Intelligence Unit has its offices in a building to the rear of the Investigative and Support Services Building in North Scituate and consists of a Lieutenant, one Sergeant, two Corporals, four Detectives and one civilian employee. These members use several unmarked cars and one specialty vehicle to perform their assignments.

The Intelligence Unit is responsible for electronic counter-measure sweeps, electronic eavesdropping, wiretaps, assistance to other agencies in fighting organized crime, investigating narcotics possession and possession with intent to sell, investigating terrorism, motorcycle activities, conducting undercover operations and investigating public corruption with Federal agencies, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the Secret Service.

During the period from June 30, 1991 to July 1, 1992, the Intelligence Unit seized property worth \$349,860.77 which included \$97,731.77 in cash, eight vehicles, five firearms, thirty-four pounds of marijuana, two pounds of cocaine, heroin and fireworks.

During this period two members of the Intelligence Unit were assigned full-time to other law enforcement agencies. Other members assisted, from time-to-time, other agencies in numerous investigations including, but not limited to, the search for Joseph Mollicone, the Saccoccia money laundering case, and several cases which are under in-

vestigation at this time.

## --Interesting Investigations--

In October of 1991 members of the Intelligence Unit received information regarding large-scale gambling operations at colleges and universities within the State of Rhode Island. A college student requested assistance regarding his owing a college bookmaker a \$14,000 gambling debt. The student was in fear for his own safety. An investigation began with the use of an undercover trooper, acting as the student's partner in this gambling venture, making him responsible for part of the \$14,000 debt. Telephone conversations and meetings were arranged between the undercover trooper and the college bookmaker, resulting in the arrest of the college bookmaker and one of his assistants. The college bookmaker cooperated with members of the Intelligence Unit. Through this cooperation, members of the Connecticut State Police were able to obtain a wire interception for a high-ranking member of organized crime in their State. The wire interception resulted in several arrests.

In November 1991, the investigation into college gambling continued when members of the Intelligence Unit received a complaint from two females involved in the college community. The females were being extorted by a college bookmaker. According to the females, a debt of \$7,000 was owed to the bookmaker by their male housemate. The females were in fear for their own safety.

Again, a detective, acting in an undercover capacity, attempted to infiltrate this gambling operation. The college bookmaker was contacted several times in an attempt to setup a meeting to pay the \$7,000.

In February of 1992, the college bookmaker and an associate were arrested on extortion and gambling related charges. The follow-up investigation revealed how deeply rooted illegal gambling was in the college communities in this State and others. A group of college basketball players owed \$54,000 in illegal gambling debts. Several college students were extorted and some were forced to leave school because of their gambling debts. Ten college athletes and students were arrested and face indictment on extortion and gambling charges.

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During the month of August 1991, members of the Intelligence unit received information of a large-scale bookmaking operation being conducted in Warren, Rhode Island. This case was investigated with the Providence Police Special Investigations Bureau. A confidential informant came forward and told detectives that he owed over \$25,000 in gambling debts and was being threatened with bodily harm if payment was not made.

The informant advised that he would call a specific telephone number and place bets on all types of athletic events. When he began to lose he would double his bet to win his money back; however, he never won. The people he was betting with would meet with the informant and tell him they wanted payment or something bad was going to happen to him. This informant introduced a State Police detective to the boss of this illegal operation and told him that the undercover detective owed most of the debt because he had been betting with the informant.

During the month of September 1991, the informant and undercover detective responded to an address in Warren, Rhode

Island and met with the boss of this illegal gambling operation. Also present at this meeting was the bookmaker's boss who was a well-known organized crime associate. Both men spoke with the undercover detective and the informant about how the debt had to be paid or else something bad would happen. Each meeting was recorded by the Intelligence Unit. During this meeting and several others, partial payments were made to the two men who ran this operation.

In the meantime, the Intelligence Unit had begun a Court-authorized wiretap on two telephones located at a residence in Warren, Rhode Island. During this wiretap the undercover detective and the informant had more meetings with the targets of this investigation and several conversations were recorded in which the targets threatened to do bodily harm to the undercover detective if he did not make full payment on the illegal gambling debt. The targets of the investigation were recorded attempting to ascertain the full identity, address and telephone number of the undercover detective.

The Intelligence Unit, working in conjunction with the Providence Police Special Investigations Bureau, monitored both telephones for approximately one month. During this period of time over \$750,000 was wagered over these telephone lines. As a result of this investigation, numerous search warrants and arrest warrants were signed and executed on October 21, 1991. A total of eight people were arrested and charged with criminal offenses that are as follows: RICO, extortion, organized criminal gambling, conspiracy, promoting a lottery as well as possession of firearms by a convicted felon. Seized and forfeited to the State Police as a result of this investigation were two vehicles: a 1991 Lexus worth approximately \$40,000 and a 1987 Chrysler worth \$6,000. Also seized and forfeited to the State Police was approximately \$15,000 in cash.

# Division Inspector



Inspector  
James H. Rowley

Inspector James H. Rowley is the first officer to hold the position of Division Inspector which was created over 1 year ago.

Prior to his current assignment, Insp. Rowley served as a Night Executive Officer, as the patrol commander for the Hope Valley Barracks, and as the assistant patrol commander of both the Portsmouth and Lincoln Barracks. The Inspector has served at all of the barracks, has been assigned to the Block Island detail, has served as a member of the Training Academy staff, and has been the Acting Chief of both the former Park Police Department and the Bristol Police Department.

Inspector Rowley has received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from the University of Rhode Island and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams College. He is a graduate of the 146th session of the F.B.I. National Academy and he has received training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.

The Division Inspector position was

created at the beginning of the 1991 legislative session in order to ensure a prompt and thorough investigation of all allegations and complaints against any member of the Division. The Inspector must provide a careful, objective evaluation of each allegation or complaint, and insure that clear documentation is kept for each incident.

The Inspector's duties and responsibilities are to investigate all personnel complaints and to inspect barracks, facilities, and personnel. The unit at this time is comprised solely of the position of Inspector.

"All complaints are investigated," according to Insp. Rowley, "in order to maintain the integrity of the employees and their positions within the Division." Every complaint is investigated until it is either resolved as unfounded or founded and disciplinary action is taken.

Inspector Rowley has received and investigated 98 complaints from July 1st, 1991 through June 30th, 1992. Only 5 remain under investigation as of June 30, 1992.

# Uniform Division

The Uniform Division is charged with the protection of life and property, prevention of crime, traffic control, and accident investigation. They also afford information and assistance to the motoring public as well as render assistance to local law enforcement agencies.

At the close of Fiscal Year 1992, the Uniform Division was comprised of approximately 105 Troopers located in five Barracks throughout the State.

Since the Uniform Division is the most

visible Division of the State Police, it is also the most relied upon by the public in need of quick, decisive, and fair responses. Upon a request by citizens, members of the Uniform Division respond to a variety of crimes as well as provide other police related services.

From burglaries to rapes, larcenies to accidents and from cats in a tree to a call from a woman having a baby, the Uniform Division stands ready and willing to assist anyone, anywhere in the State, 24 hours a day.



**Captain  
Robert McQueeney**

## Division Commanders



**Captain  
Donald Kettelle**

There are two Uniformed Division commanders. Captain Robert McQueeney is the Northern Division Commander and Captain Donald Kettelle is the Southern Division Commander.

Captain Robert McQueeney has served with the Rhode Island State Police for 23 years. Prior to his appointment as a Division Commander, Captain McQueeney served as Assistant Director for Law Enforcement in the Governor's Drug Program. He also served as a Night Executive Officer, as the Officer in Charge of the Block Island detail, and as an Assistant Patrol Commander at several patrol barracks.

Captain Donald Kettelle has served as a member of the Rhode Island State Police for 24 years. He has served as a member of the East Greenwich Police and as Acting Police Chief for the Foster Police Department. Captain Kettelle holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams College.

The Division Commanders have

twenty-four hour responsibility for the patrol barracks and are responsible for all the uniformed personnel in their Divisions. The Division Commanders report directly to the Executive Officer and Superintendent.

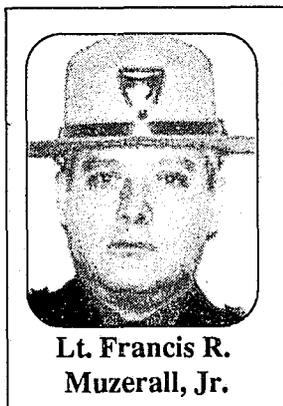
The Commanders handle all scheduling of hours, overtime, and manpower allocation which includes unique situations such as riots, local demonstrations, and public events. Events of notoriety, such as demonstrations, may consume eighty to eighty-five percent of the Uniformed Division's strength. This places the Division Commanders into "crisis management" as they attempt to effectively stretch available personnel throughout the State.

Captain McQueeney, the Northern Division Commander, is directly responsible for the Lincoln and Chepachet Barracks. Captain Kettelle, the Southern Division Commander, is directly responsible for the Hope Valley, Portsmouth, and Wickford Barracks.

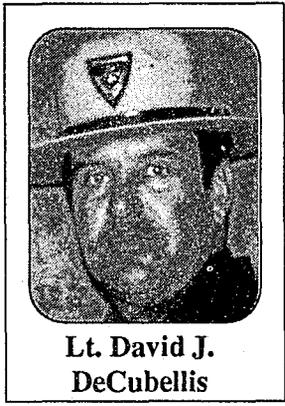
In the coming years, Captains McQueeney and Kettelle hope to see the Uniform Division grow in numbers to provide

stronger traffic enforcement and more crime patrols in the growing rural areas of the State. Additionally, they would like to see standardized reporting, computerization, and secretarial assistance to the patrols to help

reduce the amount of paperwork that must be done by Troopers. These additional resources should create a more efficient State Police force and allow our troopers more "road time" for enforcement and protection.



## Night Executive Officers



Lieutenant Francis R. Muzerall, Jr. and Lieutenant David J. DeCubellis are the Night Executive Officers.

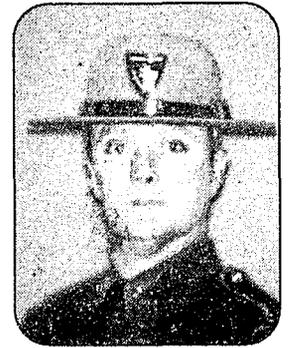
Lt. Muzerall has been a member of the State Police for 21 years and has served in the Uniform Division the entire time. He has also been a member of the SWAT Team since 1987. Lt. DeCubellis has been a member of the State Police for 21 years. He has served his entire career in the Uniform Division.

The Night Executive Officers command all sworn and civilian personnel working during the night shift. They inspect and manage

the Troopers during this shift while coordinating all field activities by directing major investigations, and by responding to all significant law enforcement incidents.

This position also has the responsibility of recommending procedural changes deemed necessary along with reporting unsuitable conditions or deficient equipment observed at the patrol barracks or on the person of an individual Trooper. The Night Executive Officers report directly to the Executive Officer.

# Lincoln Barracks



Lieutenant  
Peter A. McGregor

The Lincoln Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Peter A. McGregor.

Lieutenant McGregor has served with the Rhode Island State Police for twenty-three years. He has been assigned to every barracks in the State. He has received fifteen commendations for outstanding arrests throughout his career. He holds an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Salve Regina College.

Lt. McGregor became a State Trooper for two major reasons. The first was his concept of "helping people." The level of dedication and loyalty within the occupation was the other reason he aspired to become a member of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Lincoln Barracks is located at 1575 Old Louisiquisset Pike in Lincoln. The barrack's area of responsibility is fifty percent metropolitan, twenty-five percent urban and twenty-five percent rural.

The troopers assigned to the barracks patrol in the following cities and towns:

Woonsocket	Central Falls
Pawtucket	Providence
East Providence	Cranston
Warwick	NorthSmithfield
Cumberland	Lincoln
Smithfield	North Providence

In addition to the Lieutenant, the Lin-

coln Barracks has two Sergeants, two Corporals, seventeen Troopers, and one civilian employee. The Lincoln Barracks uses thirteen patrol cars and one specialty vehicle to patrol the 206 square miles within its jurisdiction.

The Lincoln Barracks is the busiest barracks in the Division. The majority of the calls and complaints are from the metropolitan patrol area. The barracks has excelled in handling the number and variety of calls it receives, regardless of the number of troopers on patrol at a particular time.

The barracks is responsible for patrolling the State Office buildings in Providence, including the State House, and the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) and General Hospital in Cranston where State Troopers perform all police services for this complex. The Lincoln barracks also provides law enforcement service to the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) in Cranston and the State Airport in Warwick and Smithfield.

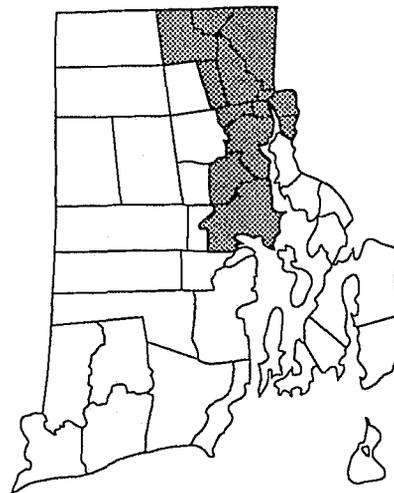
During the past year, the troopers have experienced some extra-ordinary arrests. The following is an example:

### --Interesting Investigation--

Shortly before 11:00 P.M. on July 20, 1991, the Lincoln Woods Barracks received information over the Inter-City Radio Net-

work from the Pawtucket Police Department of an armed robbery that had just occurred at a supermarket on the Pawtucket-Providence city line. Two armed suspects were seen fleeing the scene in a white pick-up truck which sped off towards Route 95. Shortly thereafter, Corporal John Virgilio and Trooper James Manni in one cruiser and Troopers Walter Anderson and John Leyden III in another, spotted a pick-up truck matching the description of the suspect vehicle heading south on Route 95 near Thurbers Avenue. Corporal Virgilio and Trooper Manni quickly stopped the pick-up truck and exited their cruiser; but as they did, the vehicle sped off. As Corporal Virgilio and Trooper Manni got back into their cruiser, Troopers Anderson and Leyden picked up the chase.

As the two cruisers caught up with the pick-up truck, two armed suspects, who had been lying down in the rear of the pick-up truck, sat up and fired upon the Troopers. At this time, the Troopers maneuvered their cruisers in a weaving motion across the traffic lanes so as to warn motorists of the shooting, as well as to present themselves as a difficult target to the suspects. Trooper Anderson returned fire with his service revolver while Trooper Manni returned fire with a shotgun. Both Troopers were successful in striking the suspect vehicle which suddenly pulled over to the side of the highway near Elmwood Avenue. The driver and one of the armed suspects were quickly apprehended; a small caliber handgun and a large amount of cash being seized. The other armed suspect fled down a steep embankment firing once at the pursuing Troopers before disappearing into a nearby section of woods. And extensive search of the area by other State Police Units, as well as units from the Providence and Cranston Police Departments, proved unsuccessful in locating the suspect.



Jurisdiction of the Lincoln Barracks

The following day, Members of the Rhode Island State Police, along with members from the Massachusetts State Police, arrested the third suspect in Fall River and recovered several cartridge clips to a .45 caliber handgun and approximately \$8,000 in cash. The third suspect's .45 caliber handgun was recovered later at the scene from where he had originally fled.

Thanks to the courage and concern for public safety of these Troopers, three armed and dangerous robbery suspects were apprehended without injury to the Troopers or innocent citizens.

As a result of this incident, Coporal John Virgilio, Troopers Walter Anderson, John Leyden III, and James Manni were awarded Division Service Ribbons for their courage, for their concern for public safety and for a superior level of professionalism. Trooper James Swanberg, who was responsible for the efficient, calm, and organized manner in which radio communications were maintained with Members of the State Police and other police agencies, was awarded a Special Letter of Commendation for his actions.

# Hope Valley Barracks



Lieutenant  
Raymond A. Driscoll

The Hope Valley Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Raymond A. Driscoll.

Lt. Driscoll is a twenty-five year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. He has received a diploma from the New England State Police Administrators Conference, a certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration and a citation from the Governor of the State of Rhode Island for commendable service to the Rhode Island State Police. He also has received numerous Division commendations.

The Hope Valley Barracks is located on Route 3, in Richmond. The Barracks personnel structure is comprised of the Lieutenant, two Sergeants, one Corporal, fourteen Troopers and one civilian.

The Hope Valley Barracks uses ten cruisers and one specialty vehicle to patrol an area of approximately 250 square miles. The towns under the jurisdiction of the Hope Valley barracks are:

Westerly	Hopkinton
Richmond	Charlestown
West Greenwich	Coventry
Exeter	

The patrols from the Hope Valley Barracks and the Wickford Barracks provide exclusive police coverage for the Town of

Exeter. Each barracks covers approximately half of the town's area. The troopers assigned to this area work out of a substation provided by the Town.

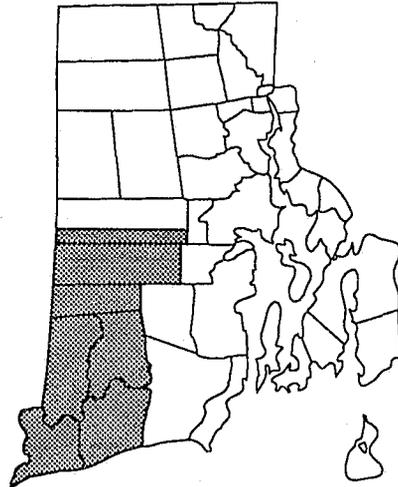
The members of the Hope Valley Barracks provide all levels of law enforcement and public safety service to its area, including complaints of stray dogs, child abuse, burglary and homicide investigations. The troopers are making efforts to reach area children in the local school system to make them familiar with the different aspects of crime prevention. The troopers also attend town meetings and neighborhood crime watch meetings to offer their assistance, suggestions and expertise regarding various public safety issues.

What follows is an interesting situation that the Hope Valley troopers handled in the past year.

### --Interesting Investigation--

On the afternoon of December 26, 1991, a case worker from the local mental health center called the Barracks reporting that one of their outpatient clients had just called the center threatening suicide. After tracing the telephone number used by the patient, Sgt. Newton and Troopers Johnson and Newburg

all responded to a local campground where they found the dispondent male locked inside a camper. After establishing a dialogue with the male, the Troopers entered the camper to find the male holding a loaded shotgun to his head. He stated that he only wanted to hurt himself since he was distraught over some family matters. After talking with the individual for over an hour and a half, the subject finally gave the gun to the Troopers and asked for help. Thankfully, no one was hurt and the dispondent male received the treatment he needed.

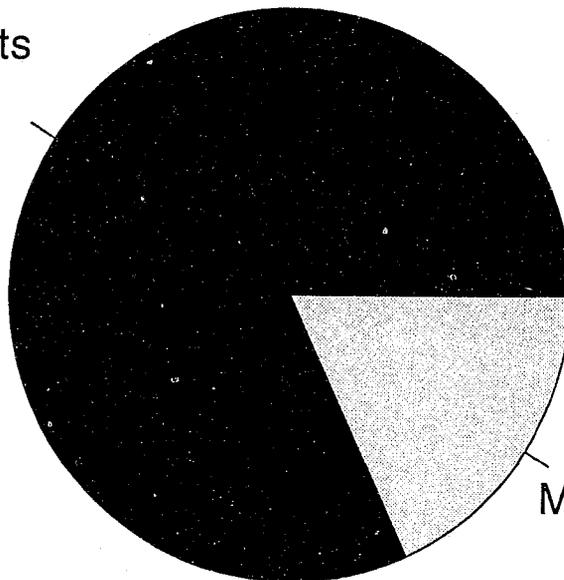


Jurisdiction of the Hope Valley Barracks

# Hope Valley Arrests

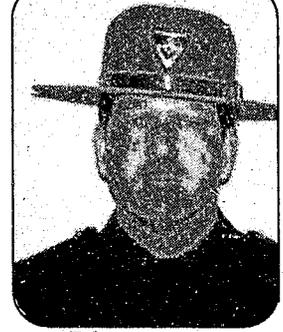
## Fiscal 1992

Criminal Arrests  
706



Motor Vehicle Arrests  
157

# Portsmouth Barracks



Lieutenant  
Gerard E. Donovan

The Portsmouth Barracks has been under the command of Lieutenant Gerard E. Donovan since January of 1990.

Lt. Donovan has served twenty years with the Rhode Island State Police, all in the Uniform Branch. He has also served as the prosecution officer from the Wickford and Portsmouth Barracks. He was therefore responsible for handling all administrative matters in arraigning and prosecuting those suspects arrested at his assigned barracks. Lt. Donovan has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Villanova University and a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement from Roger Williams College.

The Portsmouth Barracks is located at 838 East Main Road in Portsmouth. The barracks personnel structure is comprised of the Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Corporal, and ten Troopers. The barracks uses nine cruisers to patrol approximately 146 square miles in its jurisdiction.

The cities and towns within this jurisdiction are:

Bristol	Warren
Barrington	East Providence
Middletown	Portsmouth
Tiverton	Little Compton
Newport	

One of the major concerns of the barracks is the drug problem. The two locations that troopers place the majority of emphasis

on regarding illegal drug activity are both in the City of Newport: a low-income housing project and the waterfront area.

The members of the Portsmouth Barracks attempt to coordinate their drug enforcement efforts with the efforts of the Newport Police Department. The two law enforcement organizations maintain contact to ensure a smooth and cooperative operation.

The other aspects of law enforcement that troopers are continually addressing are the enforcement of motor vehicle laws and the reduction in the number of DWI incidents within their jurisdiction. Special weekend programs have been instituted to concentrate a number of troopers in the area to increase the enforcement of DWI laws.

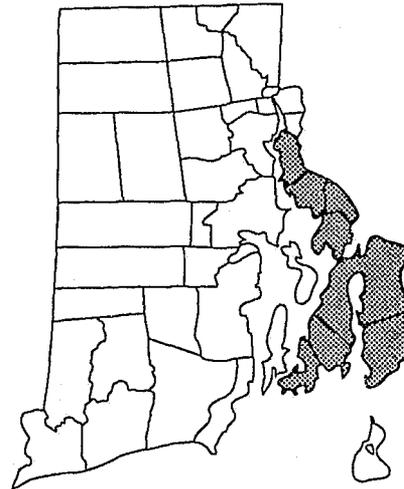
## --Interesting Investigations--

During the summer and fall of 1991, the patrol investigated a reported embezzlement of antiques by an antique dealer with a business in the City of Newport. During the course of the investigation which lasted over five months, it was discovered that this embezzlement totalled over fourteen thousand dollars. Due to the nature of this investigation, nearly every member of the Patrol became involved in this investigation which subsequently resulted in the arrest of a subject for 2 counts of Embezzlement over \$500.00 and 3 counts of Violation of Banking Laws.

In December of 1991, a Trooper from the Portsmouth Barracks was on routine patrol in the City of East Providence when he observed two subjects acting suspiciously in their vehicle while parked on a side street.

The Trooper, recognizing the passenger in the vehicle from a previous arrest, began to approach the passenger side of the vehicle. As he did, he observed the passenger lean forward and place an object on the floor of the front seat area. Fearing his safety might be compromised, the Trooper ordered the operator to the rear of the vehicle. At this point, the operator fled the scene while the passenger remained in the vehicle. The passenger finally exited the vehicle after being ordered to do so by the Trooper. Subsequently, the Trooper observed a large bag of what appeared to be cocaine on the floor of the front seat area. As the passenger was being placed under arrest, the Trooper instructed an unknown civilian to call for assistance as he could not return to his vehicle to use the radio.

Shortly thereafter, members of the East



Jurisdiction of the Portsmouth Barracks

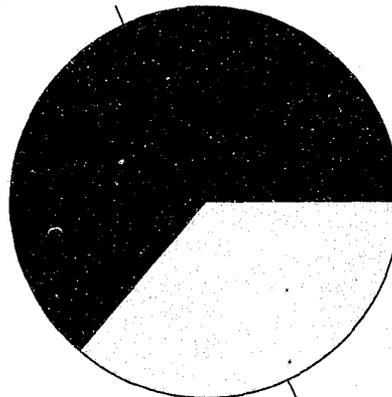
Providence Police Department, as well as other members of the State Police, converged on the area to assist in searching for the operator who fled. This search ultimately led to the apprehension of the operator.

As a result of this investigation, the two above-mentioned individuals were prosecuted and a total of 8.9 ounces of cocaine was confiscated.

## Portsmouth Arrests

Fiscal 1992

Criminal Arrests  
234



Motor Vehicle Arrests  
133

# Wickford Barracks



Lieutenant  
James L. Dougherty

The Wickford Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant James L. Dougherty.

Lt. Dougherty has been a member of the Rhode Island State Police for twenty-four years. He holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Salve Regina College. Lt. Dougherty has attended Federal Commercial Vehicle Inspection School and various hazardous waste investigation schools. Lt. Dougherty has also represented the Rhode Island State Police at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA. He has been in charge of the State Police Honor Guard since 1982 which marches in parades with the Governor and participates in various ceremonial programs.

The Wickford Barracks is located at 7875 Post Road in North Kingstown. The barracks personnel structure is comprised of the Lieutenant, two Sergeants, one Corporal, sixteen Troopers, and one civilian employee.

The Wickford Barracks patrols an area of approximately 220 square miles. The troopers use twelve patrol cars, one 4 wheel-drive vehicle, one low profile vehicle, and one motorcycle to patrol this area. The towns in their patrol area are:

E. Greenwich	Jamestown
N. Kingstown	Narragansett
S. Kingstown	Exeter

The patrols from the Wickford and Hope Valley barracks provide exclusive po-

lice coverage for the Town of Exeter. Each barracks covers approximately half of the town area. To assist the State Police in their operations, the town has provided a substation for troopers to work from while assigned to the area.

The following are some of the interesting situations that the Wickford troopers have handled this past year.

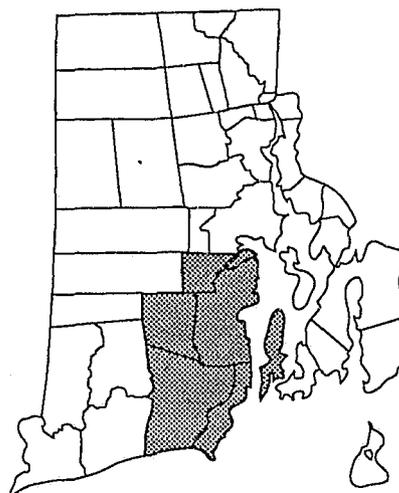
### --Interesting Investigation--

In June of 1992, while on routine patrol, Trooper Pamela Icart stopped a vehicle on Route 4 in East Greenwich for a motor vehicle violation. The operator identified himself by presenting a Rhode Island duplicate license. The operator could not produce the registration for the vehicle which was subsequently found to be unregistered. A tow truck was called and Trooper Darren Delaney responded to the scene to assist in conducting an inventory of the vehicle. During the course of the inventory, United States mail containing payroll checks for different people living on the same street in North Kingstown was found. The mail had been postmarked a day earlier which indicated that the mail had been delivered on this date. The operator and passenger had no plausible reason for being in possession of this mail. They were both arrested and brought back to the Wickford Barracks.

At the barracks, Trooper Icart checked

with the owners of the mail and found that this mail had been delivered approximately one hour prior to her stopping these subjects and that they had no knowledge of the mail being taken. Trooper Icart then checked on the reported owner of the vehicle with information given by the operator and found through using the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (RILETS), that the owner was wanted under an alias. Trooper Icart, not being convinced of the identity of the operator, had Detective Rose respond from the Bureau of Criminal Identification to compare the fingerprint classification of the operator with the fingerprint classification of the owner of the vehicle who was wanted under several aliases. The true identity of the operator was then learned and the fact that he was wanted in the State of North Carolina as a parole violator and by the High Point Police Department in North Carolina which had nine warrants for him on various charges including breaking and entering and passing stolen checks.

Trooper Icart then notified surrounding police departments concerning this subject and the aliases he had been using. It was then learned that this subject had been arrested by six other police departments in the



**Jurisdiction of the Wickford Barracks**

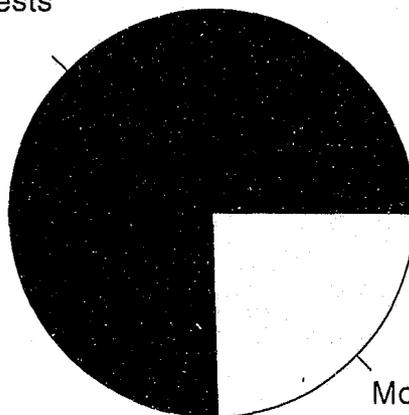
past two months on various banking law violations, and his true identity had never been learned. All these departments have now corrected their reports and have lodged warrants against this subject. Furthermore, postal authorities have filed charges of stealing United States mail against this suspect.

Several days later, Trooper Icart learned that Citizen Bank had received nine fraudulent checks from a subject fitting the description of the defendant in this case. After further investigation, nine more charges were lodged against this subject for passing fraudulent checks.

## **Wickford Arrests**

**Fiscal 1992**

Criminal Arrests  
480



Motor Vehicle Arrests  
156

# Chepachet Barracks



Lieutenant  
James T. Bledsoe

The Chepachet Barracks is under the command of Lt. James T. Bledsoe.

Originally from Wyoming, Lt. Bledsoe became impressed with a friend's father who was a Wyoming Highway Patrol Officer. After serving three years with the Marine Corps, stationed in Newport, RI, Lt. Bledsoe applied to the Rhode Island State Police Academy.

Lt. Bledsoe has been a member of the State Police for twenty-two years. He has served as a member of the SWAT team and he was a recipient of the American Heart Association Award for saving a man's life. Lt. Bledsoe also has received several Division commendations for outstanding arrests. He was also selected to serve on the Block Island Detail for two summers.

The Chepachet Barracks is located on 1116 Putnam Pike and is responsible for patrolling a 307 square mile area including the following towns:

Scituate	Foster
Cranston	Johnston
Coventry	Burrillville
Smithfield	West Warwick
Providence	

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor (DWI) arrests at the Chepachet Barracks have increased at an alarming rate. In the 1990-91 Fiscal year, 35 DWI arrests were recorded by the Chepachet Barracks. In the 1992 Fiscal year, a total of 77 DWI arrests

were made, a 105 percent increase.

## --Interesting Investigations--

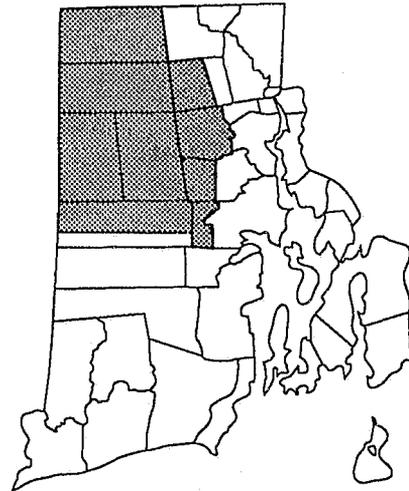
On 5/5/92 at 11:00 A.M. Lt. Bledsoe, Troopers Mark Bilodeau and Matthew Zarrella were assigned to assist Burrillville Police in a search for a despondent youth at the Middle School located on Victory Highway. The youth was last seen in school at 8:00 A.M. Monday morning 5/4/92 by fellow students. He never reported to class and it was learned that he was seen leaving school at that time.

The school assumed that he was absent and did not notify his home. When he did not come home after school, his parents called Burrillville Police and reported him missing. Burrillville Police checked with friends of the person and checked several other locations. When nothing turned up the next morning, Chief Wallace Lees called the State Police for assistance.

Trooper Matthew Zarrella was called to utilize his search dog and also the State Helicopter was called in for an air search. Trooper Zarrella and his Greater Swiss Mountain dog, Hannibal, responded to the Burrillville Police Department at 12:30 P.M. where he was given bed sheets from the boys bedroom as a scent article. Trooper Zarrella, along with Officer Bill Merchant of North Smithfield Police Department, a volunteer and also a dog handler, started the ground

search at the Middle School at approximately 1:00 P.M. They were joined by the air search at around 1:15 P.M. by pilots Edward Carter and Alvin Moter with the State Helicopter. Officers Kevin San Antonio and David Beauchemin of Burrillville Police were utilized as spotters in the helicopter.

At 1:45 P.M. the boy was spotted by the helicopter in the wooded area behind the school and Hannibal the search dog found the boy an instant later. The youth was carried out of the woods by Trooper Zarrella to a waiting Burrillville rescue. He was given first aid by the Burrillville Fire Department and then transported to the Woonsocket unit of the Landmark Medical Center for treatment of exposure.



Jurisdiction of the Chepachet Barracks

On June 9th, 1992, at 3:35 A.M., Lt. DeCubellis, Troopers Bilodeau and Marandola responded to a residence in Foster upon request for assistance by the Foster Police Department. Foster Police Department had a subject who was wanted on a warrants that had just assaulted one of their officers with a shotgun and then barricaded himself in the house.

Upon their arrival, the Troopers ap-

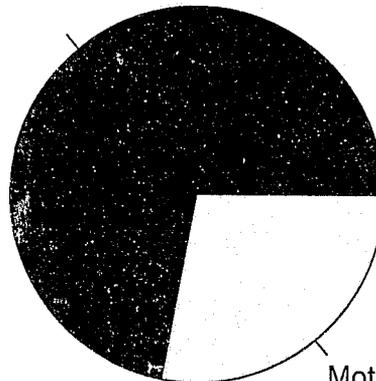
praised the situation while the Local Police Department secured the perimeter. Trooper Mark Bilodeau kept the occupants talking while Lt. DeCubellis and Trooper Marandola rushed the rear door and apprehended the subject without incident. A fully loaded shotgun was seized from the kitchen table.

The subject was sentenced to two years at the Adult Correctional institution after pleading guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a violent crime.

## Chepachet Arrests

Fiscal 1992

Criminal Arrests  
546



Motor Vehicle Arrests  
212

# Dete Divi

Some crimes which are committed require a great deal of time and investigation to apprehend and convict a suspected wrongdoer. The Detective Branch is comprised of specially trained individuals who investigate serious crimes which require exhaustive, investigative efforts of all reported major crimes.

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Furthermore, the specialized units within the Division focus their investigative efforts on attacking crimes associated with stolen automobiles and the sale and use of illegal narcotics in the State. These units are further assisted by the Bureau of Criminal Identification which collects and analyzes crime scene evidence which is of extreme importance to any criminal case.

# Detective Commander



**Captain  
Brian Andrews**

Captain Brian Andrews is the Detective Commander of the Rhode Island State Police.

He has served in the Rhode Island State Police for 22 years and graduated from the 133rd Session of the FBI Academy in June of 1983. He has served as a member of the Detective Division, the Narcotics Division, and in the Intelligence Division for 11 years.

The Detective Commander is responsible for all criminal investigations handled by the Detective Division, and also the operation of the Narcotics Unit, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), and the Auto Theft Unit. Occasions arise which require the Captain to coordinate the activities of two or more of these units to accomplish a particular task.

The Detective Commander must have a full knowledge of cases and he reviews all written affidavits for search warrants and

arrests. In addition, Captain Andrews supervises all raids to insure the proper use of manpower and equipment.

The Detective Commander is continually updated on any major crimes that are committed within the state at night and during weekends. The Detective Commander decides whether a single unit or all detective units should work together on a particular case.

Long term goals of the Detective Division come under the Detective Commander's purview. One of them is to identify where each unit's direction should be headed in light of new technology and the changing legal environment.

Each unit under the Detective Commander must prioritize each case it handles due to the amount of time and resources that it may take to resolve a case.

# Detective Bureau



Lieutenant  
Theodore R. Kidd

The Detective Bureau is presently comprised of 22 detectives and 6 narcotics detectives. The Detective Bureau is under the control of Lieutenant Theodore R. Kidd. Four detectives are presently on assignment to other agencies and one is away for extended schooling.

During the 1992 fiscal year, there were a total of 433 cases investigated, as compared to 390 cases in the previous fiscal year. With regards to the number of arrests, there were a total of 290 arrests in the 1992 fiscal year as compared to 314 arrests during the 1991 fiscal year.

As the numbers show, the number of cases has increased and the number of arrests have slightly decreased which is attributed to the decrease in detective staff which investigate these cases.

Several major cases have developed during this past year, including the Brendel murder investigation, a money laundering case with international ties, an insurance fraud case which resulted in the arrest of 18 people, and other less newsworthy cases which still required a great deal of manhours.

Additionally, the investigation into the collapse of the Rhode Island credit unions continues with at least two detectives assigned to the Attorney General's Office to assist with this case. Detectives have also been assigned to investigate the recent corruption cases in the Cities of Cranston and Pawtucket. Other long term investigations

are also on-going in addition to the numerous complaints filed by the public through the barracks, or from other State Agencies, which are received directly at Headquarters on a daily basis.

## --Interesting Investigations--

On September 21, 1991, the Detective Division was called upon to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Barrington Police in the investigation of the disappearance of the Brendel family from the Town of Barrington.

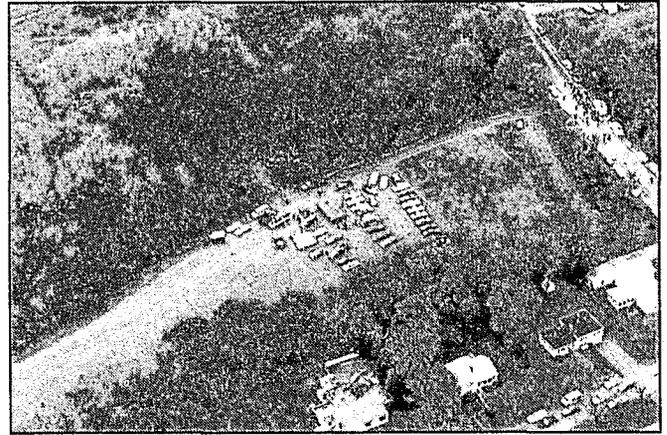
The ensuing investigation, which spanned the next seven weeks, was unusual in that a suspect was in custody and the focus of the investigation was to prove the commission of a crime rather than attempt to identify a suspect.

The manhours expended in this investigation are unequalled in any other investigation to date. From the number of interviews conducted, to the amount of evidence seized by the BCI, to the personal feelings experienced by each member of the investigative team, this investigation is one that will not be soon forgotten.

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During 1990 and 1991, members of the Detective Division and the Intelligence Unit were assigned to an FBI Task Force investi-

gating money laundering. The investigation centered on a small coin store in the City of Cranston, Rhode Island which was the alleged headquarters of an international money laundering operation. The operation was responsible for laundering millions of dollars each year for Columbian drug cartels. As a result of the investigation, the FBI launched related investigations in the Cities of New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Miami.

In November of 1991, the investigation culminated in the arrest of approximately fifty (50) people in the United States and abroad and the seizure of approximately twenty-five (25) million dollars in assets. Upon successful prosecution of the case, the majority of these assets will be forfeited by the involved defendants and will be turned over to the law enforcement agencies involved in this investigation.



Detectives search for clues at the Brendel murder crime scene.

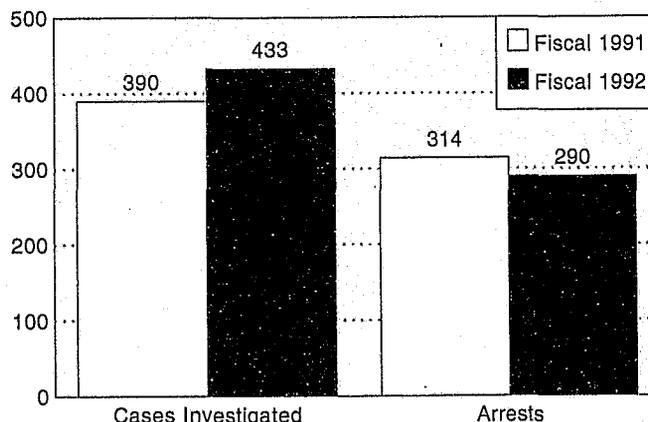
investigation, and Grand Jury indictments, a total of 18 people were arrested, including a police officer, and charged with insurance fraud and other related charges. The investigation also resulted in the recovery of more than 20 motor vehicles and trucks, including several luxury cars and Corvettes, two of which were forfeited to the State of Rhode Island.

The multi-million dollar fraud ring is believed responsible for at least 200 fraudulent filed insurance claims. Over 18 months later, some aspects of the investigation continue as new information is developed.

In February of 1991, the Cumberland Police Department requested assistance from State Police and the Insurance Crime Prevention Institute after they uncovered a large insurance fraud ring which involved a police officer.

In February of 1992, after a lengthy

### Detective Bureau Investigations and Arrests



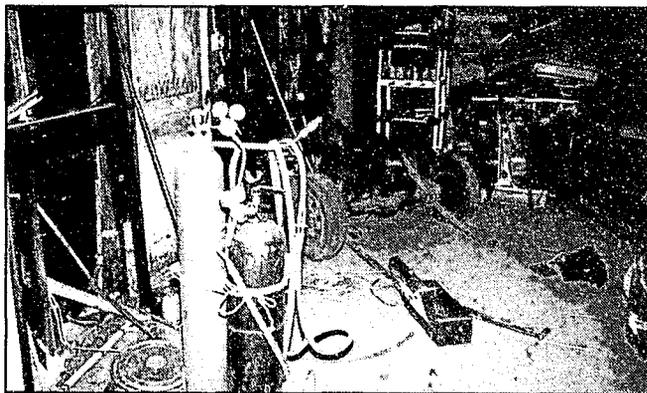
# Auto Theft Bureau



Corporal  
Michael W. Carpenter

Corporal Michael W. Carpenter is the Officer in Charge of the Auto Theft Bureau. He has served with the Rhode Island State Police for nineteen and a half years and has been assigned to the Auto Theft Bureau since 1982.

The Rhode Island State Police Auto Theft Bureau investigates all aspects of automobile crime, and is responsible for deterring auto thefts. In addition to investigating the theft and recovery of all types of vehicles, the Bureau investigates complaints against new



A secretive chopshop is uncovered.

and used car dealers for odometer tampering and other violations of the law.

This bureau is also concerned with the illegal sale, possession, transfer of registration, titles, and concealment of stolen autos and motorcycles; it also investigates criminal activity regarding vehicle parts. The increasing number of pieces of heavy construction

equipment being stolen is also a concern.

As in the past, emphasis has been placed on auto theft chop shops and auto theft rings. This bureau also assists the Patrol Barracks and local police departments in the identification of suspected stolen vehicles.

The Auto Theft Bureau is comprised of one Corporal and one detective. These members use two unmarked cars to perform their duties and, while conducting surveillances, use undercover vehicles.

Corporal Carpenter has numerous long-term goals, one of which is to educate local and State Police Officers in the sophisticated methods presently used in auto theft activity. A few examples of the Auto Theft Bureau activities are as follows:

## --Interesting Investigations--

On Wednesday, November 20, 1991, Corporal Carpenter of the Auto Theft unit and Mr. Henry F. Murray, Jr. of the Department of Business Regulation - Division of Licensing and Consumer Protection, paid a surprise visit to an auto body shop located in Providence, Rhode Island for the purpose of inspecting the auto body shop's license. It was determined that this auto body shop did not have a valid auto body shop license to do business.

The owner of the business was then asked permission to allow Corporal Carpenter and Mr. Murray to look over the vehicles

parked at his business, to which he agreed. This resulted in Corporal Carpenter seizing



**A stolen 1989 Chevrolet Blazer with a tampered vehicle identification number.**

three vehicles in which the public vehicle identification numbers had been tampered: a 1984 Nissan 300ZX reported stolen on 10/12/91 to the Cranston Police Department; and a 1989 Chevrolet Blazer reported stolen to the Providence Police Department on 7/9/91. The third vehicle was seized as a result of the public VIN having been removed; this vehicle was described as a 1989 Nissan Sentra. The above mentioned stolen vehicles had been disguised by having new vehicles identification numbers placed on the vehicle. The investigation resulted in the arrest and indictment of three subjects.

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On Wednesday, April 15 1992, Trooper Glen Skalubinski of the State Police Lincoln Barracks received information from a confidential informant regarding three stolen motor vehicles that were presently located in the Providence area. Trooper Skalubinski requested assistance from the Auto Theft Bureau to continue this investigation.

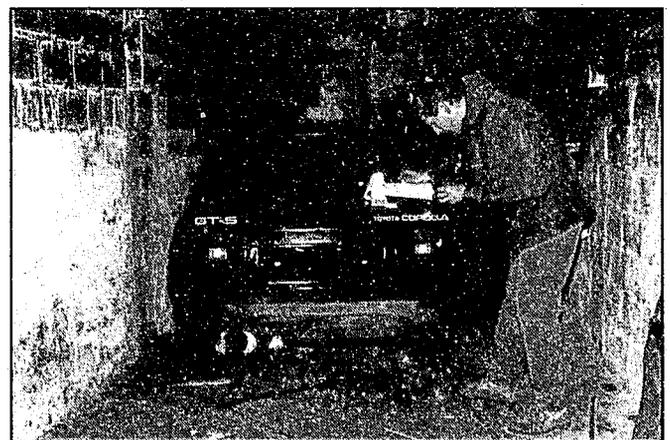
Shortly after receiving this call, Corporal Carpenter responded to the Lincoln Bar-

racks and along with Trooper Skalubinski, met with the confidential informant. Information was then obtained that three stolen vehicles were located in two separate garages in the rear of a house in Providence, Rhode Island. Two court-authorized search warrants were formulated and signed by a Superior Court Judge to search these two garages.

Shortly after having these two search warrants signed, detectives and members of the Lincoln Barracks executed these warrants and found three stolen vehicles located within the two above-mentioned garages.

The three stolen vehicles were described as a 1984 Buick Century reported stolen on 4/3/92 to the City of Providence; a 1982 Toyota station wagon reported stolen on 3/3/92 by the Providence Police Department; and, a 1985 Toyota Corolla reported stolen on 3/13/92 to the Cranston Police Department.

The defendant in this investigation was found to be a probation violator who had been arrested on two previous occasions for possession of stolen motor vehicles. He was charged with four felony counts which included three counts of possession of a motor vehicle with the serial number removed, and one count of operating a chop shop.



**Corporal Carpenter examining the stolen Toyota Corolla.**

# Narcotics Bureau



Sergeant  
James P. Mullen

The Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Bureau consists of seven members: one Sergeant, three Corporals, and three Detectives. The Narcotics Bureau investigates and collects intelligence on matters dealing with illegal drug activities. This Bureau utilizes specialized drug detecting canines, surveillance techniques and equipment and vehicles to conduct their investigations. Members of this Bureau often work with other law enforcement agencies and are also utilized in organized crime investigations.

During this past year, the Narcotics Bureau has also provided numerous informational seminars to both private and public organizations interested in knowing what Rhode Island is doing to combat the narcotics problem. These lectures have also dealt with the introduction of these organizations to the State Police Canine Unit which is a very vital tool used not only by the Narcotics Bureau but by other members of the Rhode Island State Police.

During this past year, members of the Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Bureau have been responsible for investigating one hundred twenty (120) complaints, seizure of one hundred twelve (112) pounds of marijuana, thirty (30) pounds of cocaine, and five thousand (5000) bags of heroin. These drugs seized by members of the State Police have a total street value of approximately two million dollars.

Members of the Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Bureau have also been re-

sponsible for the arrest of eighty-four (84) individuals on a variety of charges, not only drug violations but other charges such as armed robbery and extortion. Members also assisted in the investigation of the triple slaying of the Brendel Family of Barrington. It should also be noted that one member of the Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Bureau - Detective David W. Dias - was nominated and received a regional award from the New England Narcotics Investigator Association for his accomplishments and contributions in enforcing the drug laws of the State of Rhode Island during 1991.

## --Interesting Investigations--

In August of 1991, members of the Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Bureau assisted members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Boston, Massachusetts in identifying and surveilling several career criminals who it was learned were planning an armed robbery of a Brinks Armored Car at a local bank located in Newburyport, Massachusetts. These individuals, who are well known to members of the State Police Narcotics Bureau, were from the Rhode Island and Massachusetts areas and were known to be associated with members of the New England organized crime family.

After several weeks of surveillance by the FBI and members of the State Police Narcotics Bureau, it was learned on September 10, 1991 that the individuals were plan-

ning to carry out the armed robbery of a Brinks Armored Car which was parked at a bank in Newburyport, Massachusetts. As FBI agents and detectives watched, a stolen van containing four of these individuals, all carrying Uzi machine guns and automatic handguns, moved towards the armored car. The stolen van was intercepted and all four subjects arrested without incident by the FBI and members of the Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Bureau.

After the apprehension of these four individuals, a member of the Narcotics Bureau chased and arrested the lookout for this armored car robbery, who was identified as a prominent dentist from a neighboring community in Massachusetts. All individuals were found guilty at trial and are all presently serving lengthy sentences in Federal penitentiaries throughout the United States.

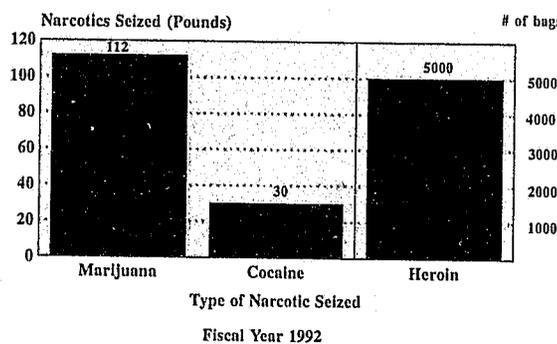
In September of 1991, information was received from a reliable informant regarding a large-scale heroin operation being conducted in the City of Providence. It was later determined by members of the State Police Narcotics Bureau, through numerous surveillances, that the individuals involved in this large-scale heroin operation were utilizing motor scooters and two vehicles to transport the heroin from the stash house to customers out on the street. These individuals also utilized cellular phones and beeper systems with sophisticated codes which would indicate to the drug supplier the key locations where they were to meet customers at different pay phones throughout

the City of Providence.

After identifying all the individuals involved and also learning of their heroin stash house locations, search warrants were prepared and executed on three homes in the City of Providence. Seized at the time of the execution of the warrants were two thousand three hundred fifty (2,350) bags of heroin; three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) in cash and two vehicles.

In May 1992, again members of the State Police Narcotics Bureau received information from a confidential informant who stated that a subject would be flying into the T. F. Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island from Tucson, Arizona, and would have in his possession a large amount of marijuana. Members of the State Police Narcotics Bureau, along with drug dog Shylo, responded to the Green Airport and were able to identify this individual's luggage. Once the luggage was intercepted at the Green Airport, drug dog Shylo alerted positively on both articles of luggage which were just about to be put on the airport luggage conveyor belt to be picked up by this subject. The luggage was seized at this time along with two individuals, and after a court-authorized search warrant was prepared and executed, narcotics detectives seized a total of thirty (30) pounds of marijuana having a street value of approximately seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).

### Quantities of Narcotics Seized



# Bureau of Criminal Identification



Sergeant  
Michael P. Quinn

Sergeant Michael P. Quinn is the Officer in Charge of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). He has served thirteen years with the Rhode Island State Police, ten of those years assigned to the BCI. He holds a Bachelors Degree in the Administration of justice from Roger Williams College and is a member of the Academy of Certified Polygraphists.

The BCI consists of four members and one civilian employee. They provide twenty-four hour service to all units of the Division and to other law enforcement and criminal justice agencies within the State. They are trained in the intricate field of criminalistics where various techniques are essential for the preservation of physical evidence. Their energies are directed toward the recognition, separation, identification and evaluation of physical evidence or trace elements from crime scenes, motor vehicles and other criminal investigations. The BCI is able to provide these services despite the handicap of being comprised of only four members.

The duties of the BCI not only deal with crime scene investigations but also include processing all felony arrests, latent fingerprint detection and identification, polygraph examinations, maintaining criminal record jackets for all persons arrested,

expungements, and processing employees of day care facilities within the State.

During the past year the Division successfully implemented a program whereby members of the uniform branch process their own arrests where a misdemeanor offense is involved and the person's identity is not in question. This new procedure has proven to be extremely beneficial as it removes a burden from the BCI and provides for more expeditious processing of persons arrested.

Also, this year the BCI has realized some significant advancements in new forensic technology, equipment, and training. With the help of federal funding, the Division was able to purchase a new Alternative Light Source (ALS), commonly referred to as "Laser". This device is being hailed throughout law enforcement internationally for its crime scene clue, fingerprint detection capabilities, and laboratory usefulness. This instrument allows the forensic investigator to find fingerprints and other trace evidence where traditional methods are unsuccessful. In order that the ALS is used to its full potential, the evidence processing facilities within the BCI are currently being updated and expanded to incorporate the latest latent fingerprint chemical enhancement methodology.

Furthermore, the BCI will soon be re-

ceiving a new state-of-the-art crime scene investigation vehicle complete with the latest evidence detection and collection equipment. This unit is designed to provide investigators and crime scene technicians with a mobile facility ready to handle any major event in even the remotest areas of the State.

Finally, despite a rather eventful year in which the members of this Bureau dedicated a tremendous amount of time to major case work, they were also enrolled in a number of training programs and seminars, learning the latest methods and techniques involved in the various disciplines of their specialized field.

### --Interesting Investigation--

On September 23, 1991, the Division was called upon to join in on the investigation of the sudden disappearance of a family in the Town of Barrington. The ensuing investigation uncovered one of the most bizarre and brutal homicide cases in State Police history. An eight year old child had been kidnapped and along with her parents, was savagely murdered and buried in a make-shift grave located within a short distance of their home. Members of the FBI, Barrington Police, and the Division of State Police spent countless hours uncovering evidence and pursuing leads during this intensive investigation which spanned over seven weeks.

During the initial stages of the investigation, a crime scene team was formed comprising members of each of the three agencies. Lead by the State Police BCI, this group processed a number of locations and vehicles



Detective Labossiere works with the new alternative light source laser.

at various times throughout the investigation, including the gruesome task of unearthing the bodies by digging them out by hand and sifting through every inch of dirt in search of even the slightest piece of evidence. Their efforts in these searches resulted in the seizure of numerous pieces of evidence.

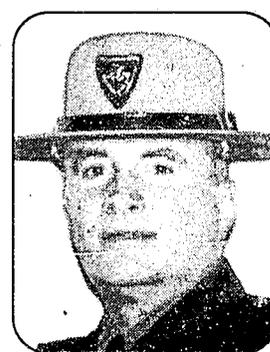
At the conclusion of the investigation, over four hundred items of evidence had been seized, much of which was hand delivered to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C., by truck and plane load. FBI Lab personnel could not recall a case in recent memory where such a large quantity of evidence was forwarded for examination.

# Support Services

Since no large organization can survive on its own, the crime fighting arm of the State Police is assisted by the various units of Support Services. From fiscal matters to training and telecommunications to planning, the units which are contained in Sup-

port Services comprise an organization which carries many responsibilities and duties. Without the services provided by the Members of Support Services, the State Police would not be able to function as a viable and efficient law enforcement agency.

# Adjutant



**Captain  
David Driscoll**

Captain David Driscoll is the Adjutant of the Rhode Island State Police.

Captain Driscoll has been a member of the Rhode Island State Police for 24 years. During his career, Captain Driscoll has served as the Night Inspecting Officer, as a member of the Detective Division, as the Officer in Charge of the Planning and Research Bureau, and as a Trooper at all of the patrol barracks in the State. Captain Driscoll has earned a certificate for Federal Motor Carrier Safety of Hazardous Materials and he has received numerous awards from state and civic organizations. Captain Driscoll holds a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement from Roger Williams College and had graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1975.

The Adjutant is third ranking officer in the Department. He is the administrative assistant to the Superintendent and is in charge of all of the support services within

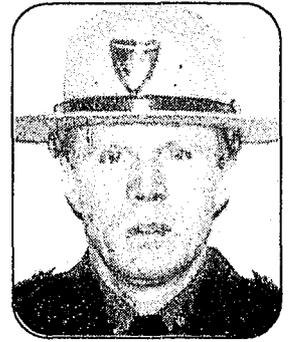
the Division.

The Adjutant is responsible for the personnel and fiscal management of the Division, for the statewide Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system and for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) information. He is also responsible for the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) and the state's connection to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS).

At Division Headquarters, the Adjutant oversees the operation of the Planning and Research Bureau, the Training Division and its Academy, and the Traffic Services Bureau.

The Adjutant also oversees all fiscal matters involving the Division. These matters include purchasing, service contracts, personnel contracts, and major repairs.

# Planning & Research Bureau



Lieutenant  
Harry MacDonald

Lieutenant Harry MacDonald is the officer in charge of the Planning and Research Unit of the Rhode Island State Police.

Lt. MacDonald has been a member of the Rhode Island State Police for nineteen years. For the first eighteen years of his career, Lt. MacDonald worked as a uniformed road trooper, the last thirteen of which he was assigned to the Lincoln Barracks patrolling the Metropolitan Providence area. He was transferred to the Planning and Research Unit last year and was subsequently placed in charge of it. Lt. MacDonald is the Accreditation Manager for the Rhode Island State Police as it strives to become a nationally accredited law enforcement agency. He was assigned by the Superintendent to determine the initial implications for the Division of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Lt. MacDonald holds a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Providence College, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams College and a Masters Degree from Providence College.

The Planning and Research Unit is responsible to the Superintendent and Executive Officer for developing a coordinated effort to reach the goals and objectives of the Division as well as helping the Division to implement progressive and innovative changes in the field of law enforcement. The Planning and Research Unit also strives to circulate data and planning information in a timely manner to all units within the Division.

The Planning and Research Division researches and develops new technical and administrative programs which will enhance the future organizational growth of the Division. The Division is also responsible for the creation, compilation and production of the annual report.

The Planning and Research Unit's office is located within the Business and Supply Building at Headquarters in North Scituate. This unit currently is comprised of a Lieutenant and one Trooper.

# Traffic Services Bureau



Lt. Paul Kennedy

Lt. Paul Kennedy is the Officer in Charge of Traffic Services. Lt. Kennedy has served in all branches of the Division during his 24 years on the force. He has earned a Certificate for Federal Motor Carrier Safety of Hazardous Material; he also holds an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Bryant College and a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement from Roger Williams College.

As Officer in Charge of Traffic Services, Lt. Kennedy is responsible for the administration and maintenance of traffic records and production of traffic studies. He also acts as liaison with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and Department of Transportation and is the Colonel's designee on the State Traffic Commission. He is also responsible for the preparation of highway safety grants and the administration of related highway safety programs. Other duties include overseeing the registration of Division vehicles, obtaining and issuing confidential plates and procurement of Federal surplus property.

As the State's Operation C.A.R.E. coordinator Lt. Kennedy has had many contacts with other regional State Police agencies with regards to matter of mutual interest concerning highway safety and has participated in a number of media events promoting safe driving and the use of seat belts. Camelia A. Koury coordinates information to attorneys, insurance companies and the general public for the Lieutenant. Her function is to keep accurate reports and records for all accidents which the State Police investigates.

This position also incurs the issuing of traffic enforcement materials to sworn personnel of the RISP in conjunction with maintaining accountability of summons received.

During Fiscal Year 1992, training was begun on the newly obtained laser speed detection devices. Five Troopers will soon be certified and the units will be placed into service for the enforcement of our speed laws.

A number of demonstrations were given during the year to citizen and governmental groups which had requested the State Police to show the "Convincer", a seat belt demonstration device. The unit was also pressed into service during the last legislation session in an effort to swing support for a seat belt law in Rhode Island that would include a penalty for non-compliance. Although the much needed legislation failed to pass this year, the Division will continue to promote the use of seat belts and child restraints as all Division Members and passengers are required to wear seatbelts while travelling in Division vehicles.

The DWI & Speed Enforcement programs continue to be effective and additional patrols are assigned on a weekly basis to make our highways safer. In addition to patrolling for drunk drivers, the Troopers have also taken on the added responsibility of checking liquor establishments for violations of the liquor laws and for underage drinkers. These efforts have netted a number of arrests and several establishments were referred to the Liquor Control administrator for further action.

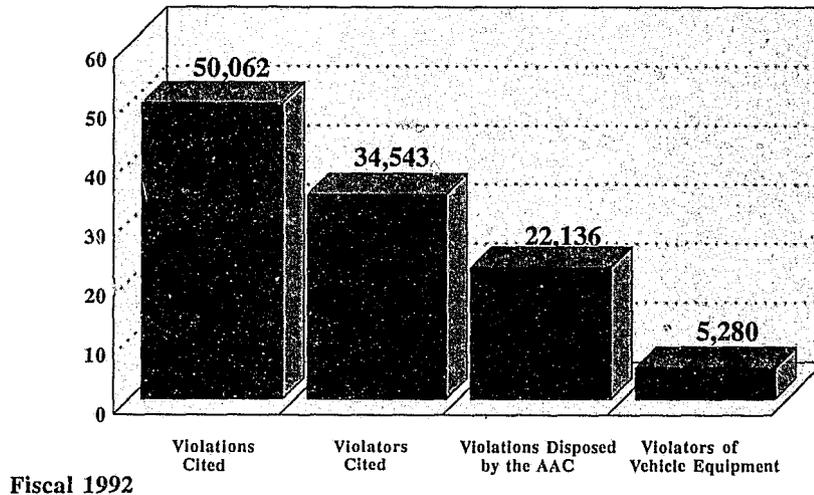
A total of 34,543 traffic summons were issued by the patrols during Fiscal Year 1992 containing a total of 50,062 violations. Of these, 22,136 cases were disposed of at the Administrative Adjudication Division. Also,

patrols were responsible for issuing 5,280 vehicle equipment violations.

Also, a total of 2,448 traffic accidents were handled by the Division during Fiscal Year 1992.

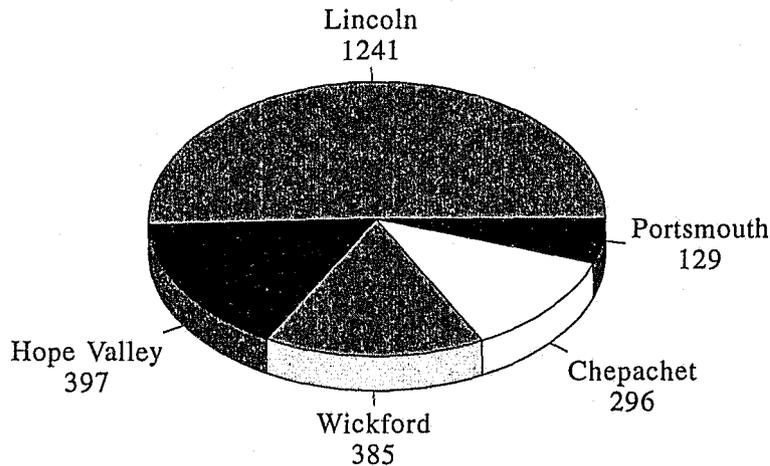
## Violations & Violators

### Special Figures



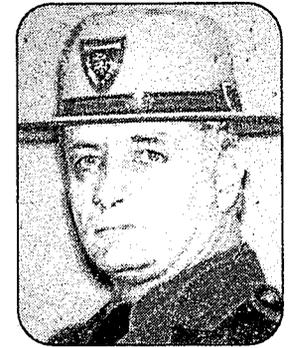
## Accidents Handled

### by Barracks



Total Accidents = 2,448

# Commercial Enforcement Unit



Sergeant  
W. Patrick McQueeney

Sergeant W. Patrick McQueeney is the unit supervisor for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. This unit is comprised of eight other Troopers who are all qualified Motor Carrier Safety Inspectors.

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit operates under a Grant from the Federal Highway Administration/Office of Motor Carriers, along with matching State funds. In December 1991, the US Congress passed the INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT of 1991, which in turn guarantees additional funding for this unit for another five years.

During this past year, the members of the unit established a new work schedule, which has proven to be very effective in commercial enforcement. On October 1, 1991, the members of the unit adopted a Monday through Friday work schedule, with its members working from 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM each day. In researching the new program, it was found that the amount of commercial traffic was much heavier during these hours. During Fiscal Year 1991, the Unit inspected a total of 4,284 vehicles under the old work schedule. In Fiscal Year 1992 the Unit increased their inspections to a total of 5,782. This new program has not only been an enhancement for the members of the unit, but has also been cost effective to the program.

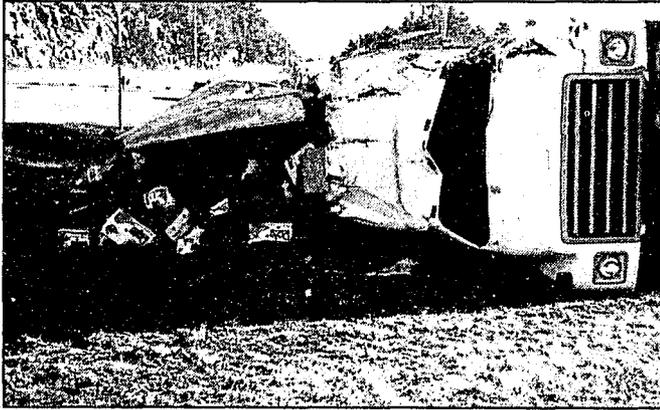
On April 1, 1992, the new Commercial Drivers License Act took effect. This new law

requires that all drivers of commercial motor vehicles possess only one license from one state. This new license further requires that all drivers are properly trained for the particular type of vehicle they will be operating. The inspectors from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit have found that compliance with this new law has been very high.

On May 12, 13, & 14th, 1992, the members of this unit participated in the nationwide "ROADCHECK 92". During this 54 hour roadcheck, Members of the Unit inspected a total of 221 commercial vehicles. Of these 221 vehicles inspected, a total of 835 violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Code were obtained. Seventy of the above vehicles were placed Out of Service for serious violations, along with 27 drivers being placed Out of Service for violations of hour and license requirements. In the course of inspecting one of these vehicles, Corporal Dennis Trombley of the Commercial Enforcement Unit arrested one driver for illegal possession of a Firearm. Corporal Trombley also discovered a truck load of meat that was being transported in an unrefrigerated truck, which was subsequently condemned by the Department of Health.

The members of this unit are also charged with enforcing the State size and weight regulations. The unit maintains four (4) sets of semi-portable scales which are taken out to the various weigh stations on an

average of once a week. They also have six (6) sets of portable scales assigned to their vehicles which are used on a daily basis as needed. During this past year the members of



The result of excessive speed.

this unit weighed a total of 18,587 vehicles throughout the State. Although the fines for being found overweight have been reduced by law, one case recently being adjudicated in the AAD resulted in a company being fined a total of \$7,305 after they were found guilty of being overweight.

The members of this unit continue to provide assistance to the various trucking industry organizations throughout the State by addressing their organizational meetings, keeping them updated on the changes in the regulations as well as promoting and enhancing public relations. As part of the public relations campaign, Trooper Matthew Giardina has provided the use of his scales and expertise to the Roger Williams Park Zoo. Trooper Giardina has been assigned to weigh the elephants at the zoo on a quarterly basis in order that the zoo personnel can keep a check on the health of the animals. This service is provided as a public service since the Commercial Enforcement Unit is the only agency in the State that has scales capable of handling this task. The Commercial Enforcement Unit is not only an enforcement unit of

the Division, but also a public relations unit, when called upon for its services.

The unit is also moving forward in the area of communications by recently purchasing ten (10) laptop computers and printers, which are assigned to each member of the unit. The unit members will have these computers in their vehicles and use them in completing their inspection reports. The use of these computers will provide for more accurate and timely reports which will enhance the work of the unit members.

The members of the Commercial Enforcement Unit, during the course of their patrols, also respond to all serious accidents involving commercial vehicles, not only for the Division, but for the local departments as well. The unit has one member who is qualified as a Commercial Accident Reconstructionist and has been called upon twice to

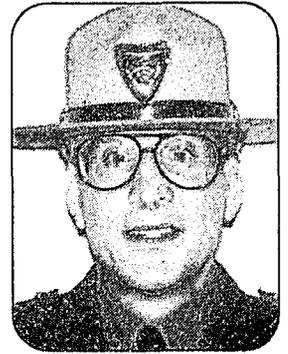


An accident involving two trucks.

investigate fatal accidents involving tractor trailer units. In the near future, another member of the Unit will be completing the course of training in this area.

Although the members are charged primarily with the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, they continue to assist and supplement the uniform patrol members through the barracks area in all aspects of law enforcement duties.

# Training Academy



Lt. William McGarry

Lieutenant William McGarry is the Commandant of the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy and is responsible for all training activities within the Division.

Lt. McGarry, a 21-year veteran of the Division, has served as the Commandant of the Training Academy since 1989; previously he was an instructor at the Academy for four years. Prior to his assignments to the Academy, Lt. McGarry served in the Detective Division and the Intelligence Unit. He has also served as a uniformed trooper at all of the state police barracks and on the Block Island Detail. In addition to being a graduate from the FBI National Academy in 1989, Lt. McGarry holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Rhode Island and two Bachelor of Science degrees, one in marketing and one in law enforcement, from Bryant College.

The Training Bureau conducts the Rhode Island State Police Basic Instructional School, all in-service training for members of the Division, selected regional law enforcement conferences, and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Academy Staff also handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division which keep the members of the Academy Staff very busy. An example of the public relations function is to conduct career awareness programs at many area high schools and colleges

in Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.

The Rhode Island State Police Training Academy has been located in the Town of Foster since 1965 on a ten-acre former U.S. Army NIKE missile base. The site has changed character in the past twenty-six years. For instance, the underground missile silos, once housing the Training Academy's exercise rooms, have been closed.

The recruiting process is handled entirely by the Training Academy staff. It conducts numerous recruiting presentations statewide at local malls, job fairs, and community centers as a part of this effort. The initial phase of the process typically takes three months.

According to Commandant McGarry, the primary recruiting strategy is to "...effectively hit as many areas as we can to attract potential recruits". Recruiting visits are made to high schools, colleges, athletic clubs, and to any other group that requests a recruiting visit. Recruitment advertising is also placed in local newspapers and on area radio stations by the Division.

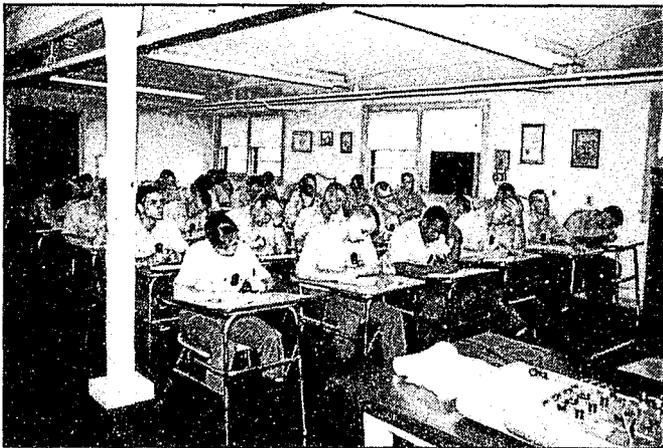
After the initial recruiting process, which can yield thousands of applications, the six-month selection process begins.

This process consists of six phases: a written test, a physical fitness test, a medical

examination, a psychological test, a complete background investigation and an oral review board.

Recruits accepted into the Academy receive twenty weeks of intensive physical training and classroom instruction. This classroom instruction comprises over 850 hours of training in preparation for assuming the duties of a state trooper.

Instruction provided to the recruits covers such subjects as first aid, motor vehicle law, criminal law, arrest law, accident investigation, search and seizure procedures, hazardous waste transportation procedures, terrorism, organized crime, the use of the polygraph, public relations, cultural awareness and courtesy. The curriculum also covers traditional law enforcement subjects such as



**Recruits receiving classroom instruction.**

physical conditioning, hand-to-hand combat and defensive techniques, firearms instruction, and high-speed motor vehicle pursuit. A three-month recruitment drive was initiated in April, 1991 for the recent Academy session. The drive was expanded to include radio and cable television promotions aimed at increasing the recruiting base. Over seventy-five organizations, from community service centers to women's groups and local educational

institutions, were contacted. Prominent public officials were also contacted with the hope of assisting in this recruitment effort.

This recruitment drive yielded over 3,800 applications, all of whom began the selection process in September, 1991. This process continued throughout the final months of 1991 and concluded with the Final Oral Review Board in February, 1992. Thirty Five (35) recruits were selected to attend the 48th Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training School on March 30, 1992. The Academy's scheduled graduation date is August 14th, 1992.

As previously mentioned, in addition to the operation of the Training Academy, the Training Bureau conducts the in-service training programs for the Division, which provide members with current material and information in a variety of areas in the law enforcement field. Approximately seventy five (75) Division in-service training programs were conducted in the last fiscal year. Programs were conducted by the Division in fields such as Emergency Vehicle Operations, Health and Safety (Bloodborne Pathogens), Hostage Negotiations, SWAT Training, Search & Seizure, and DWI Enforcement Seminars which included special instructors from Delaware, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington D.C.

In addition to these responsibilities, the Training Staff also performs a variety of public service functions. Over 50 presentations were delivered to various groups in the last fiscal year. These presentations are often given to elementary schools and community groups on issues such as traffic and highway safety, the dangers of drinking and driving, and the importance of seat belt usage. These presentations are not only educational, as they also promote and encourage good community relations between members of our Division and the public.

## Fiscal Office



Elaine Richards

Mrs. Elaine Richards is the Director of Fiscal Management with the Rhode Island State Police. Mrs. Richards has been with the Rhode Island State Police for the past 8, years serving in the fiscal office. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in accounting from Bryant College.

Mrs. Richards is responsible for overseeing staff accounting and fiscal management of the Division. Through her office, the

Division's budget is projected and monitored in conjunction with the State's Budget Office. Incorporated with these duties is the responsibility of reviewing and processing all purchases made by the Division. She is also directly responsible for maintaining personnel employment records along with payroll activities.

Mrs. Richards reports directly to the Adjutant.

## Radio Bureau



Clarence Carey

Mr. Clarence Carey is the Rhode Island State Police's chief radio technician. Having been employed with the Rhode Island State Police for the past 20 years, Mr. Carey is directly responsible for the general performance and maintenance of the Rhode Island State Police microwave and radio communications system.

As the microwave and radio communications systems being the life line of the Rhode Island State Police, it is imperative that the systems are at an optimum level of

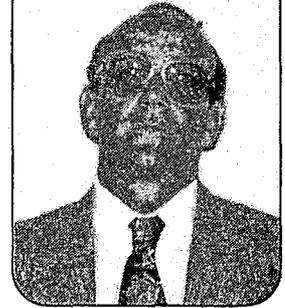
performance at all times.

Many other State agencies also utilize the microwave system for the transmission of data and voice communications.

Other duties of the radio bureau include installing and servicing communication radios in cruisers, servicing portable radios for Members and servicing the Division's speed measuring devices.

Presently, the bureau is staffed by Mr. Carey and his assistant, Mr. Edward Shekleton.

# Supply Bureau



Robert Vitale

Mr. Robert Vitale, who has been with the Rhode Island State Police for the past 13 years, is in charge of the Division's Supply Unit. Mr. Vitale's duties include procuring and issuing Division equipment and supplies to all personnel. These supplies range from

maintenance supplies to office supplies to uniforms. Mr. Vitale is also in charge of the Division's fleet of cruisers. With over 100 vehicles in the fleet, a great deal of time is expended on registering, equipping, and issuing these cruisers to Members.

# Tailoring Unit



Anthony J. Craveiro

Mr. Anthony J. Craveiro has been the head tailor for the Rhode Island State Police for the past 10 years. He is responsible for outfitting all Division personnel with complete uniforms and additional accessories. These uniforms are made from scratch in a small office at the Headquarters complex.

The uniforms are tailor made for each individual Member after a complete set of measurements are taken. The unit also performs alterations and repairs to uniforms which do not fit properly or have been damaged. The unit presently consists of Mr. Craveiro and assistant tailor, Manuel Sebastiao.

# Staff Services Bureau



Lt. Armand H.  
Bilodeau, Jr.

Lieutenant Armand H. Bilodeau, Jr. is the officer in charge of the Division's Staff Services Unit. Lt. Bilodeau has been a member of the Division for 14 years, serving at all barracks in the Uniform Branch, Governor's Security Detail, and as a Night Executive Officer. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams College and has attended Providence College. Lt. Bilodeau also serves as one of the Division's representatives on the Governor's Commission on Racial, Religious, and Ethnic Harassment.

The Staff Services Unit is comprised of the Uniform Crime Report Bureau, the Charitable Gaming Unit, the Missing Children Unit, and the National Incident Based Reporting System Unit (NIBRS), all which are located in the Investigative and Support Services Building in North Scituate.

As the recipient of a \$250,000 federal grant, the Staff Services Unit has implemented the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

# Investigative Support Services Communications Center



Lieutenant  
Walter Reynolds

Lieutenant Walter Reynolds is assigned to the Investigative Support Services Building Office.

Lieutenant Reynolds has been with the Rhode Island State Police for 21 years. He has served as a Uniform Trooper, a member of the Internal Affairs Unit, the Commandant of the Training Academy, the Officer in Charge of the Commercial Enforcement Unit, the Acting Division "B" Commander, and the Staff Services Officer.

Lt. Reynolds' responsibilities include

monitoring the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System computer, radio console, switchboard and the logging of pertinent data in the center.

Ms. Ann Bonenfant is presently employed as the switchboard operator in the front office. She has been with the State Police since 1975 and has worked in various positions, including secretarial and Uniform Crime Reporting duties.

# Charitable Gaming Unit



Alicia A. Coogan

Rhode Island General laws 11-91-1 through 11-19-45 give the State Police power and authority to license, regulate, and exercise general control over the operation of bingo and games of chance in Rhode Island. This statutory authority was given to the Division by the legislature in 1983.

Lt. Armand H. Bilodeau, Jr. is Colonel Culhane's designee for charitable gaming to carry out the mandate of this chapter of the general law.

Ms. Alicia A. Coogan manages the Charitable Gaming Unit under Lt. Bilodeau's direction. Ms. Coogan has been with the Division since 1986. Previously, she was employed by the Department of Attorney General, where she was secretary to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and an Executive Assistant. She attended Emmanuel College, Boston, MA, where she majored in History and Political Science. She is a graduate of Katharine Gibbs School. Governor Sundlun has appointed her to the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council. She is also a member of the Rhode Island State Independent Living Council.

Her duties include reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events in Rhode Island and answering questions and providing information on chari-

table gaming for the general public, other state agencies, local police departments, and members of the legal community. She maintains the unit's file system and log books and reviews and computerizes the charitable gaming financial reports. She also coordinates with the State Fire Marshall to ensure that all bingo locations are inspected and meet state requirements. She also confers with local police chiefs who must co-approve all requests for games of chance. In the six years she has worked in the charitable gaming unit, she has done undercover work in bingo investigations, accompanied officers to bingo inspections, and testified in court as a witness for the state in charitable gaming cases.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, the Unit authorized 1,536 applications for raffles, Las Vegas nights, weekly club raffles, poker nights, etc. There were 184 bingo applications approved in that time period - 80 for weekly bingo, 70 for senior citizen or recreational bingo, and 34 for annual bingo games. In total, 1,720 charitable gaming events were authorized for the year. Bingo revenues reported for this period grossed 14 and a half million dollars. One charitable organization was given a hearing in the past year, and one person was charged by the Division with violation of the bingo law.

# Uniform Crime Report Unit



Linda Fraccola

Ms. Linda Fraccola is the Operations Manager and Evaluation Specialist. She has served with the Rhode Island State Police for five years and was formerly the Missing Person Coordinator in the Missing and Exploited Children Unit. She is responsible for the Uniform Crime Report Unit daily operational requirements, as mandated by Rhode Island General Law Chapter 24 12-24-1. She is a State Police designee on the Governor's Commission on Racial, Religious and Ethnic Harassment Committee. Ms. Fraccola is a graduate from Katherine Gibbs School and is taking management and computer science courses at Bryant College and the Community College of Rhode Island.

She has developed and designed a computer program to manage, analyze, and calculate crime data collected from forty-five contributing agencies. This computer program will greatly assist in the redesign of the UCR Program, called the National Incident Based Reporting System or NIBRS.

It is the goal of the Rhode Island State Police to implement NIBRS Statewide to collect more detailed information than is collected using the current summary based reporting system. NIBRS will collect data on each incident and arrest within 22 crime categories. For each offense known to police within these categories, the incident, victim, property, offender and arrestee information will be gathered when available. This data collection is supported by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice.

Rhode Island is one of nineteen states in the planning and development stage of implementing NIBRS; however, three states -- Alabama, North Dakota, and South Carolina are now supplying data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the NIBRS format. Thirteen state agencies have submitted test tapes containing come NIBRS data.

After careful review, this data is then submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in their annual publication, Crime in the United States.

The Unit also has the responsibility of collecting Hate Crime Data, formally known as Bigotry and Bias crimes.

On June 26, 1992, the Governor's Justice Commission and the UCR Unit hosted a "Hate Crime Training Program" at Johnson & Wales Airport Hotel in Warwick. Instructors/guest speakers included - Colonel Edmond S. Culhane, Jr., Ashton Flemming of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lt. William Johnston of the Boston Police Department, Mr. Jack McDevitt of Northeastern University, Attorney George Page of the Attorney General's Office, and Lt. William McGarry of the Rhode Island State Police.

This training program was designed to assist law enforcement officers in classifying and responding to cases that manifest evidence of prejudice and to define what constitutes a "Hate Crime". Upon collection, Hate Crime data is presented to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Governor's Commission on Racial, Religious and Ethnic Harassment.

# Missing Children Unit



Isabelle R. Verducci

Ms. Isabelle R. Verducci manages the Missing Children Unit and serves as the State Police manager for the National Center for Missing Children. Ms. Verducci has been with the State Police for eight years working in the Front Office and the National Criminal Information Center / Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System Control Center before joining the Missing Children Unit. Prior to working for the State Police, Ms. Verducci was employed in the Governor's Office for seven years.

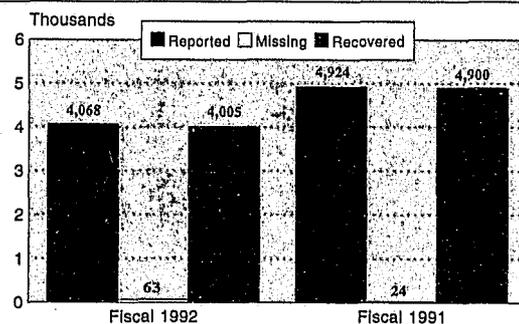
Ms. Verducci attended the University of Rhode Island Extension, and the Community College of Rhode Island. She recently received training from the State Clearinghouse Computer and Communications Network Training Center in Arlington, Virginia at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The National Center gave the Missing Children Unit a computer / electronic bulletin board through a corporate agreement.

The Missing Children Unit serves as the State's Clearinghouse for the National Center for Missing Children which collects, maintains and updates data on missing persons throughout the country. State missing person data must be entered and stored into a computerized system. Flyers containing pertinent information on missing persons and / or pictures of them are distributed to local as well as State Police departments and the main Post Office in Providence.

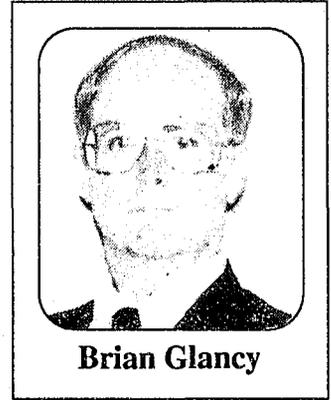
Monthly reports on missing and recovered persons are compiled, computerized and

sent to the State Department of Vital Statistics and the Department of Education to flag records of missing children. These reports are also sent to local police departments who then check their files for status of children who still remain missing on their reports. This helps keep an accurate check between local police departments and the Missing Children Unit. Other responsibilities include maintaining files on missing and recovered persons reported by state organizations such as the Department of Children, Youth and Families, private and non-profit organizations. It also acts as a liaison between these organizations and police agencies.

## Total Reported Missing Persons Statewide



# Computer Services Bureau



Brian Glancy

Mr. Brian Glancy is the Telecommunications Supervisor. He has served with the Rhode Island State Police for nineteen years. He also holds the title of NCIC Control Terminal Officer and NLETS Representative for the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Glancy holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Providence College, a certificate in Computer Programming from the Community College of Rhode Island, and has taken various Graduate Courses at Providence College, Rhode Island College, Bryant College, and has attended seminars at the Digital Equipment Corp.

Mr. Glancy is responsible for telecommunications and the actual operations of the Division's computers and communications equipment. The communications equipment consists primarily of the computer interfaces between the national computer databases and the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS).

His office provides data processing support for the entire Division and is responsible for the proper utilization of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) network.

The NCIC is a computerized communications system, based at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The NCIC network allows for cooperation between various levels of law enforcement agencies across the nation and it furnishes updated and concise data in thirteen separate categories immediately to any agency that participates in this system.

Mr. Glancy also maintains the state-wide database on individuals wanted in the State of Rhode Island on a variety of charges. This state-wide listing includes a local file for

those wanted for misdemeanors and wanted felons which are maintained in the NCIC system.

This unit is also responsible for all telephone planning and installation for the Division and provides assistance in all law enforcement and criminal justice information network planning.

The Computer Services Unit is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS). The RILETS System is the state's law enforcement information relaying network. RILETS serves all law enforcement and most criminal justice agencies in the state. The functions of this system are message switching, data collection and data storage. In its message switching role, the system allows for the exchange of both intrastate and interstate information.

The RILETS system is directly connected to three remote computer systems: the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), and the R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles.

The NLETS system, the national equivalent of RILETS in its message switching role, links the states together through NLETS's high speed communications center, located in Phoenix, AZ. The NLETS system allows for the interstate transmission of both fixed format and free text messages. The system is linked to all states and most federal law enforcement agencies.

The link to the Division of Motor Vehicles provides vehicle and driver license information to all RILETS and NLETS users.

# NCIC/Rilets Control Center



Eugene L. Morse

Mr. Eugene L. Morse is the supervisor of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System - National Crime Information Center (RILETS/NCIC). He has served with the State Police for fourteen years.

Mr. Morse served 23 years with the United States Navy in the communications field, attending numerous communications/electronics schools during his career. He also has academic credits from Ventura College, Ventura, California.

The RILETS/NCIC Control Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year supplying computer information regarding wanted individuals, stolen property and registration and license data to Troopers on patrol. Due to the importance of this informa-

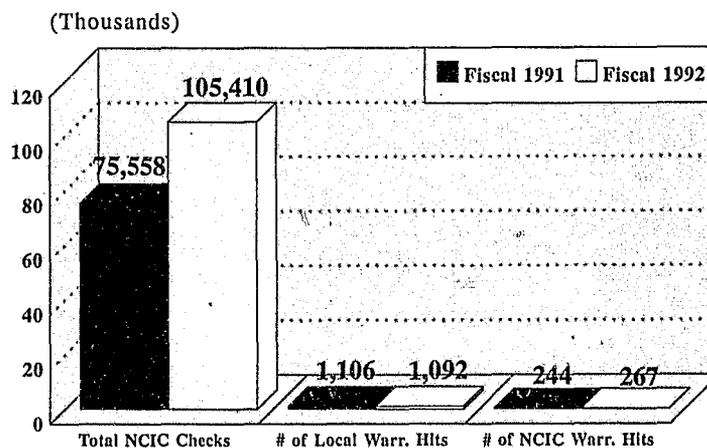
tion, the support of this Unit is vital to the safety of the Troopers.

Services are also provided to municipal police departments with regards to making entries into the RILETS/NCIC system, difficulties encountered with Rilets computer terminals, coordinating circuit problems with the telephone company and assistance directing message traffic to out of state terminals.

Mr. Morse also maintains both the FBI monthly NCIC validation files and the court warrants files. He also coordinates the return of vacated warrants to the various district courts and verifies the status of active warrants.

Currently, there are 9 Rilets/NCIC Control Operators.

## NCIC / RILETS Control Center Statistics



# DWI Enforcement

The Rhode Island State Police has placed an emphasis during the past fiscal year on reducing the number of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) incidents within the State.

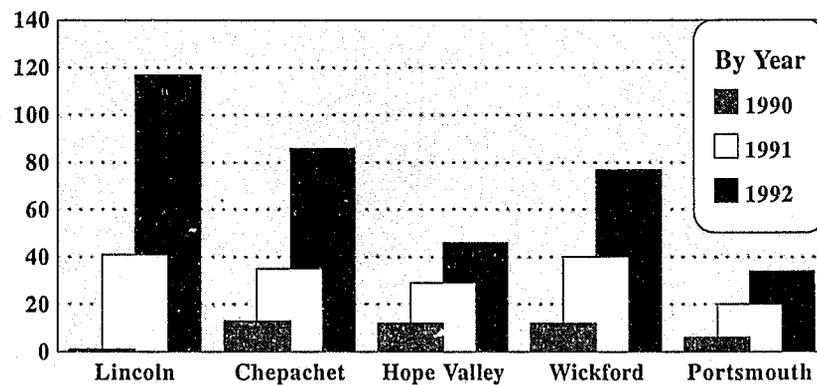
DWI arrests occur when an operator of a vehicle is tested and found to be over the blood-alcohol limit that is allowed by law. In the State of Rhode Island, 0.10 percent blood alcohol content (BAC) or higher is evidence of driving while intoxicated.

An effort was made to make an addition to this law and create a separate and lower limit for under-age drivers between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one. The limit would be lower than the 0.10 limit for adults and would incur the levy of harsher penalties. This effort resulted in new legislation which sets the blood alcohol content limit at 0.04 for under-age drivers.

Programs have been developed to encourage good DWI arrests such as a DWI Trooper of the Month mug program, created by Colonel Culhane. Special enforcement units, operating during peak hours, to deter motorists from driving while intoxicated have also been created.

Unfortunately, this concentrated effort against drunk driving cannot be measured with empirical data of actual lives that were saved or injuries that were prevented. There is no way of assessing the benefits that have been realized by this effort against drunk drivers, namely, the lives that have been saved or the injuries that have been prevented. The chart below depicts the tremendous progress which has been made over the past three years concerning drunk driving enforcement.

## Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Arrests by Barracks



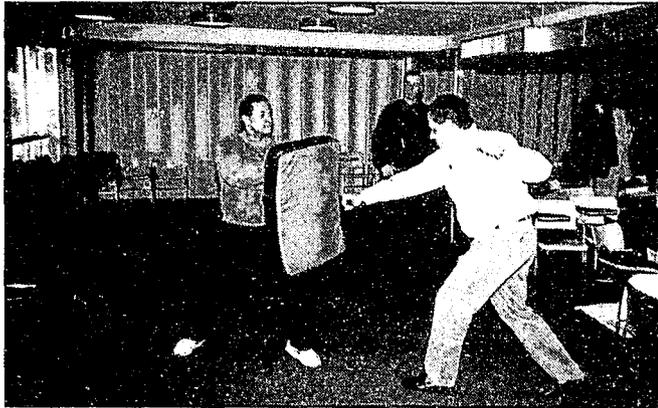
1990	1	13	12	12	6
1991	41	35	29	40	20
1992	117	86	46	77	34

Fiscal 1990, 1991, & 1992

# New Additions

The past fiscal year has been marked by several new and innovative additions to the Rhode Island State Police and the way crime is combatted.

In the past fiscal year, the Division has purchased and trained its Members in the use of an expandable baton. This intermediate weapon, only 6 inches long in the closed



**Expandable baton training demonstration.**

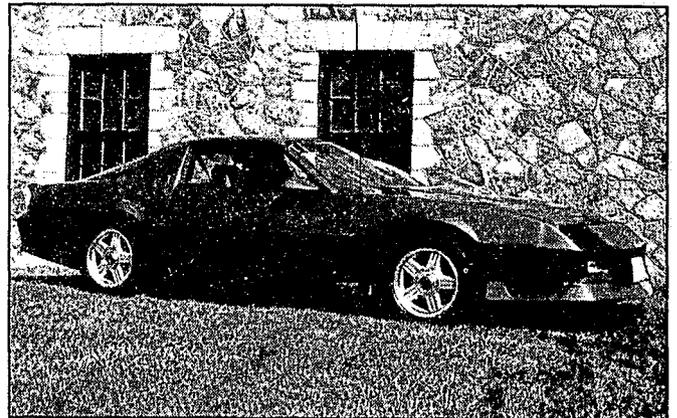
position, can be carried inconspicuously in a Trooper's back pocket. When the Trooper enters a threatening environment, the baton can be instantaneously expanded to a length of 16 or 21 inches for protection. This baton will give Members the opportunity of assessing a possible threatening situation without having to display any overly aggressive or intimidating weapon. The baton will also give members another increment on the use of force continuum.

In an attempt to combat motor vehicle violations throughout the State, the Division has also purchased several unmarked, low-profile vehicles. These vehicles, appearing to be regular passenger vehicles, patrol the highways and roads of the State looking for hazardous moving violations made by uncaring

motorists. To date, these vehicles have been extremely successful in obtaining motor vehicles violations made by motorists who believe they are out of law enforcement's sight.

Another new and innovative crime fighting tool recently acquired is the in-car video recording systems. These cameras were purchased with federal funds and installed in marked cruisers at the Lincoln and Wickford Barracks. The cameras capture both the actions and sounds of operators stopped for motor vehicle violations. The main purpose for the cameras is to record the actions and statements of suspected drunk drivers. In the near future, more of these cameras are intended to be procured.

The Division has also been working towards national accreditation under the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This, tedious and time consuming task will take several more years to complete; however, the benefits from establishing detailed policies and procedures recognized by a national body of law enforcement officials can only have positive effects on the Division and the services it provides.



**The new, low profile, 1991 Chevrolet Camaro used to combat motor vehicle violations.**

# Statistics

## Accidents

by Barracks:

### Accidents:

Investigated by RISP  
Assisted Other Departments

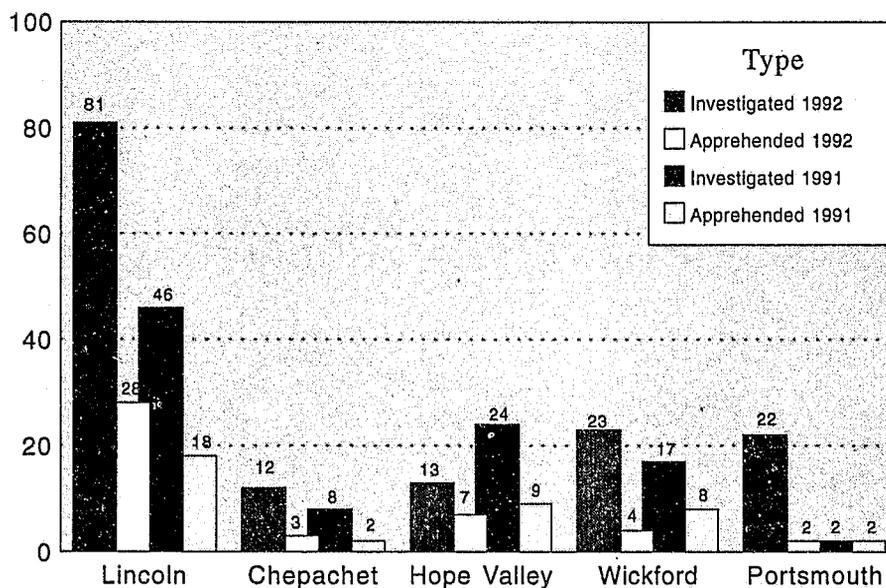
	Chepachet	Hope Valley	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Totals
Investigated by RISP	296	397	1241	129	385	2448
Assisted Other Departments	91	54	395	81	170	791
<b>Total Accidents</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>1636</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>3239</b>

### Hit & Run Accidents

Investigated by RISP  
Apprehended by RISP

Investigated by RISP	12	13	81	22	23	149
Apprehended by RISP	3	7	28	2	4	44

## Hit & Run Accidents by Barracks



## DWI Arrests

by Barracks:

	Chepachet	Hope Valley	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Totals
DWI Arrests Fiscal 1990	13	12	1	6	12	44
DWI Arrests Fiscal 1991	35	29	41	20	40	165
DWI Arrests Fiscal 1992	86	46	117	34	77	360

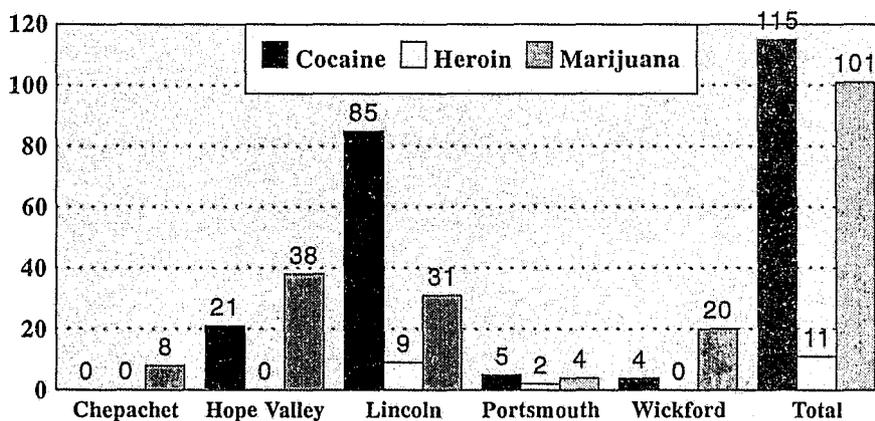
## Narcotic Arrests

by Barracks:

Cocaine	0	21	85	5	4	115
Heroin	0	0	9	2	0	11
Marijuana	8	38	31	4	20	101

## Narcotic Arrests

by Barracks  
Fiscal 1992



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# Total Arrests, Fiscal 1992

by Barracks

	Chepachet	Hope Valley	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Totals
<b>Motor Vehicle Arrests</b>						
Driving to Endanger - Death Resulting	1	0	0	0	0	1
Driving to Endanger - Serious Injury	0	1	0	0	0	1
Eluding a Police Officer	0	1	7	0	4	12
Lv. Scene of Acc. - Attended Vehicle	0	0	1	1	1	3
Lv. Scene of Acc. - Personal Injury	0	1	1	0	0	2
Lv. Scene of Acc. - Property Damage	2	2	19	2	2	27
Operator's License Suspended	209	151	208	130	148	846
Operating on Revoked License	0	1	2	0	0	3
Operating w/o License (Juvenile)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Reckless Driving	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Arrests</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>897</b>
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>						
1st Degree Child Molestation	2	0	0	0	0	2
1st Degree Sexual Assault	0	0	4	1	0	5
2nd Degree Child Molestation	0	3	0	0	0	3
2nd Degree Sexual Assault	0	1	2	0	0	3
3rd Degree Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0	0	1
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	3	4	6	2	2	17
Aiding & Abetting	0	0	2	0	0	2
Armed Robbery	0	0	3	0	0	3
Assault	8	45	86	10	25	174
Assault on Correctional Officer	0	0	3	0	0	3
Assault on Retarded Person	0	1	0	0	0	1
Assault on a Child	0	0	0	0	1	1
Assault on a Police Officer	1	0	1	0	0	2
Breaking & Entering	3	6	1	0	0	10
BE&L	4	9	2	0	2	17
Bookmaking	2	0	10	0	3	15
Breaking Embargo	0	0	1	0	0	1
Burglary	0	0	1	0	0	1

**Total Arrests (cont.)**

	<b>Chepachet</b>	<b>Hope Valley</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Wickford</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Call Box Violation	0	0	1	0	0	1
Capias	316	159	611	90	176	1352
Conspiracy to Commit Forgery	0	0	4	0	0	4
Conspiracy to Defraud	0	0	2	0	0	2
Conspiracy to Poss. Stolen M/V	0	0	4	0	0	4
Conspiracy to Possess Cocaine	0	0	2	0	0	2
Conspiracy to Receive Stolen Goods	0	4	0	0	0	4
Conspiracy to Commit Larceny	0	1	0	0	0	1
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	0	0	0	0	1	1
Conveying Contraband into ACI	0	0	5	0	0	5
Credit Card Fraud	0	1	1	0	0	2
Credit Card Theft	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cultivating Marijuana	0	2	0	0	0	2
Driving While Intoxiated	86	46	117	34	77	360
Deer Hunting Prohibited	0	4	0	0	0	4
Defacing State Property	0	3	0	0	0	3
Del. Cocaine to Undercover Police Officer	0	0	1	0	0	1
Del. Marijuana to Undercover Police Officer	0	1	2	0	0	3
Delivering Contraband into ACI	0	0	1	0	0	1
Delivery of Cocaine	0	0	9	0	0	9
Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia	0	1	0	0	0	1
Delivery of Marijuana	0	0	1	0	1	2
Denied License	0	0	0	1	0	1
Destruction of State Property	0	4	5	0	1	10
Discharging Firearm	0	0	0	0	2	2
Disobedient Child	0	1	0	0	1	2
Disorderly Child	0	0	0	1	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	36	22	5	8	73
Domestic Assault	4	38	2	9	9	62
Domestic Disorderly Conduct	0	10	0	0	0	10
Domestic Trespassing	0	1	0	0	0	1
Domestic Vandalism	0	0	0	0	1	1
Embezzlement	1	1	7	4	1	14
Escape	5	2	72	1	0	80
Evading a Toll	0	0	0	17	15	32
Evading a Bill	1	0	0	1	0	2
Extortion	1	1	7	0	1	10
Fugitive From Justice	4	12	44	5	7	72
Failure to Appear	0	0	1	1	1	3
Failure to Report Sex Crime	0	0	0	0	1	1
Failure to Return Rental Property	0	1	0	0	1	2

**Total Arrests (cont.)**

	<b>Chepachet</b>	<b>Hope Valley</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Wickford</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Federal Warrant	0	0	1	0	0	1
Filing False Document	1	3	8	0	0	12
Forgery	1	0	13	0	3	17
Fraud	0	0	3	0	0	3
Gambling	2	0	0	0	3	5
Harassing Telephone Calls	3	5	3	0	1	12
Harboring Fugitive	0	0	1	0	0	1
Illegal Alien	0	0	2	0	0	2
Impersonating a State Trooper	0	0	1	0	0	1
Insane Person	2	11	1	0	6	20
Larceny	6	56	11	1	10	84
Larceny of Animals	0	1	0	0	0	1
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	1	1
Larceny over \$500	0	0	3	1	0	4
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	0	0	1
Malicious Damage	1	28	1	2	6	38
Manufacturing Heroin	0	0	5	0	0	5
Misrepresenting Age to Purchase Liquor	0	0	0	0	2	2
Murder	1	0	0	0	0	1
Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses	2	3	40	4	5	54
Obstruction	21	30	51	6	16	124
Operating Business w/o License	0	0	0	2	0	2
Operating M/V w/o Owner's Consent	2	1	1	0	0	4
Operating a Chop Shop	0	1	1	0	0	2
Organized Gambling	0	0	4	0	0	4
Perjury	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Alcohol by Minor	2	1	18	3	6	30
Poss. of Blank Gun	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Bludgeon	0	0	0	1	2	3
Poss. of Brass Knuckles	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Cocaine	0	21	85	5	4	115
Poss. of Cocaine w/ Intent to Deliver	0	3	11	1	0	15
Poss. of Concealed Weapon	0	1	1	0	0	2
Poss. of Counterfeit Check	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Firearm by Illegal Alien	0	0	1	0	0	1

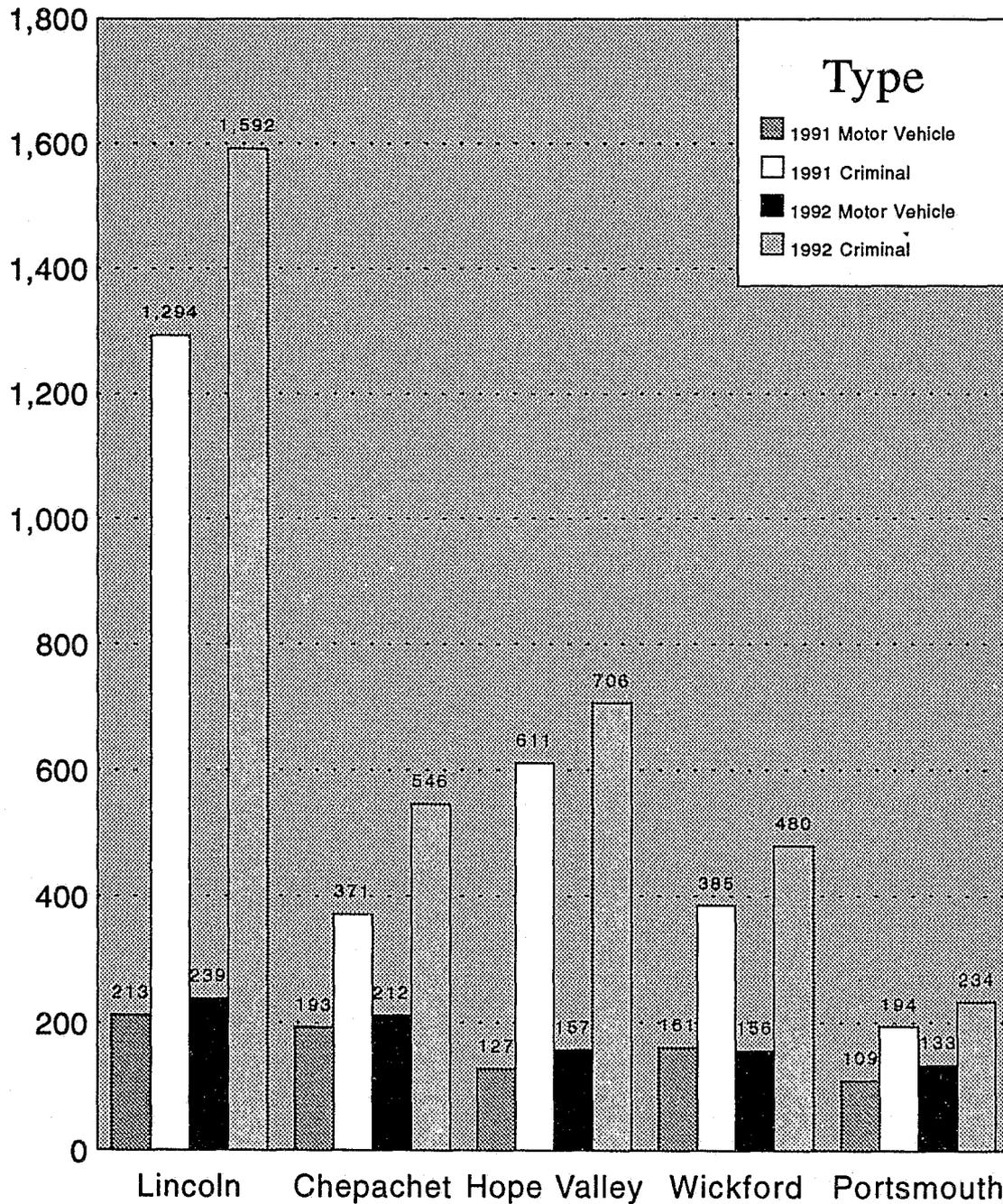
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Poss. of Firearm by a Felon	0	0	0	1	0	1
Poss. of Firearm w/ Cocaine	0	1	0	0	0	1
Poss. of Firearm w/ Obliterated Serial #	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Firearm w/o Permit	0	0	8	0	2	10
Poss. of Fireworks	0	2	5	1	0	8
Poss. of Forged Check	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Hashish	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Heroin	0	0	9	2	0	11
Poss. of Heroin w/ Intent to Deliver	2	0	16	0	0	18
Poss. of Illegal Communication Device	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Illegal Weapon	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Knife over 3"	2	6	0	0	2	10
Poss. of Loaded Weapon in MV	0	0	2	0	1	3
Poss. of Lottery Slips	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of M/V with Altered VIN	1	0	4	1	1	7
Poss. of Manipulative Device	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Marijuana	8	38	31	4	20	101
Poss. of Marijuana - 2nd Offense	0	0	2	0	0	2
Poss. of Marijuana over 1 Kilo.	0	0	2	0	0	2
Poss. of Marijuana w/ Intent to Deliver	1	3	6	1	1	12
Poss. of Needle & Syringe	2	2	2	0	1	7
Poss. of Shank	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poss. of Stolen Credit Card	0	1	0	0	0	1
Poss. of Stolen M/V	13	11	71	4	9	108
Practicing Dentistry w/o a License	0	0	1	0	0	1
Promoting a Lottery	0	0	2	0	0	2
Pulling a Fire Alarm	0	0	1	0	0	1
Puchasing Alcohol for Minor	0	1	2	0	0	3
RICO	0	0	7	2	0	9
Receiving Stolen Goods	6	10	27	3	9	55
Racketeering	0	0	0	0	1	1
Resisting Arrest	0	1	1	0	0	2
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	1
Runaway	3	21	16	0	4	44
Sale of Untaxed Cigarettes	0	0	0	0	1	1
Selling Alcohol to Minor	1	1	3	0	0	5
Shoplifting	2	15	0	1	0	18
Soliciting Arson	0	0	1	0	0	1
Soliciting for Indecent Purposes	0	0	1	0	0	1
Surveying w/o a License	0	0	1	0	0	1
Suspicious Person	1	0	0	0	0	1

**Total Arrests (cont.)**

	<b>Chepachet</b>	<b>Hope Valley</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Wickford</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Tampering with M/V	0	0	5	0	0	5
Throwing Object at Vehicle	0	0	0	0	1	1
Trespassing	4	2	2	1	0	9
Unauthorized Practice of Law	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unlawful Purchase of Alcohol	0	0	1	0	0	1
Violating Banking Laws	8	18	13	3	18	60
Vandalism	0	0	0	1	0	1
Violating Building Codes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Violating No Contact Order	0	2	0	0	0	2
Violating RICO	0	0	1	0	0	1
Violating Restraining Order	0	1	0	0	3	4
Wayward Child	0	0	0	0	2	2
Welfare Fraud	0	0	8	0	0	8
Witness Intimidation	0	1	2	0	0	3
Wrongful Conversion by State Employee	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Criminal Arrests:</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>3,558</b>
<b>Total Motor Vehicle &amp; Criminal Arrests:</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>1,831</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>4,455</b>

**Total Motor Vehicle  
& Criminal Arrests:  
Fiscal 1992**

# Total Arrests by Barracks

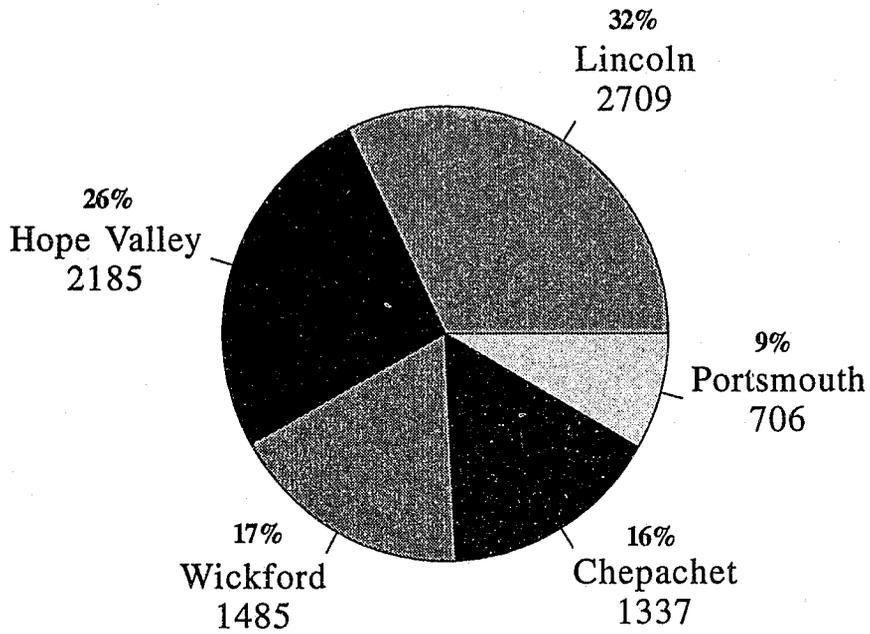


# Complaints

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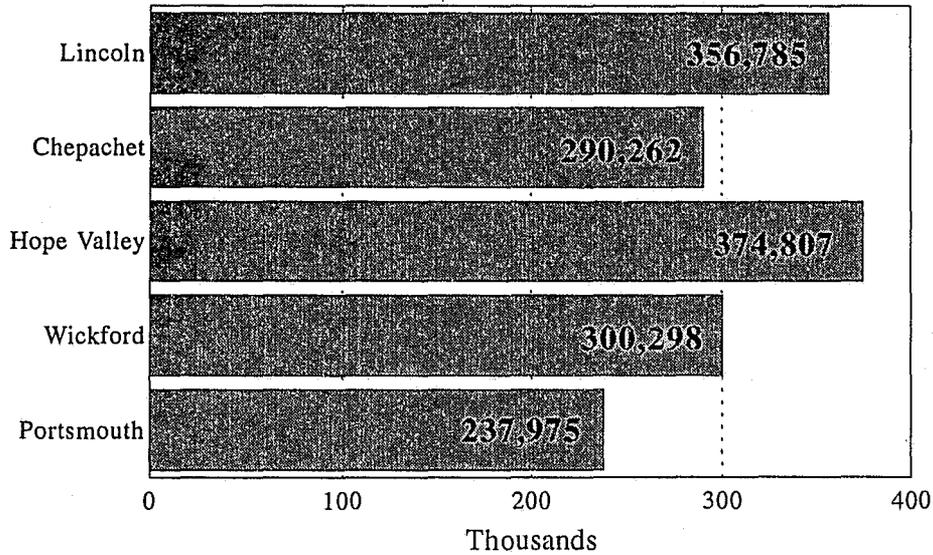
	Chepachet	Hope Valley	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Totals
Complaints Received	1,337	2,185	2,709	706	1,485	8,422

## Complaints Received by Barracks



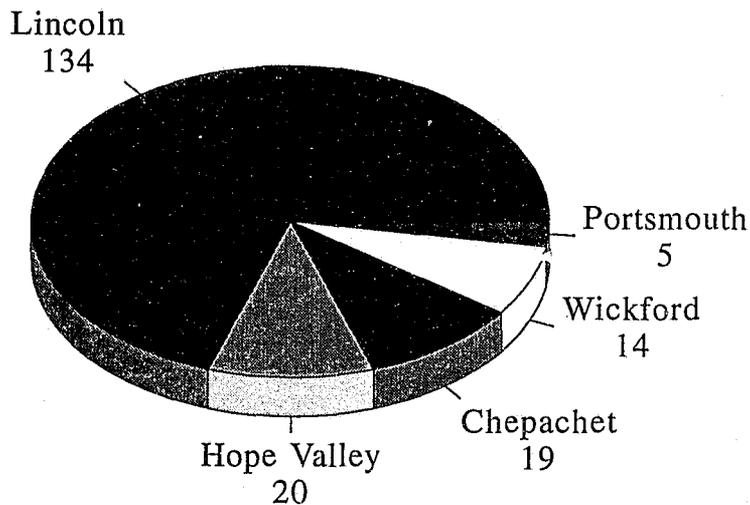
Total Received = 8,422

## Miles Patrolled by Barracks



Total Miles = 1,560,127

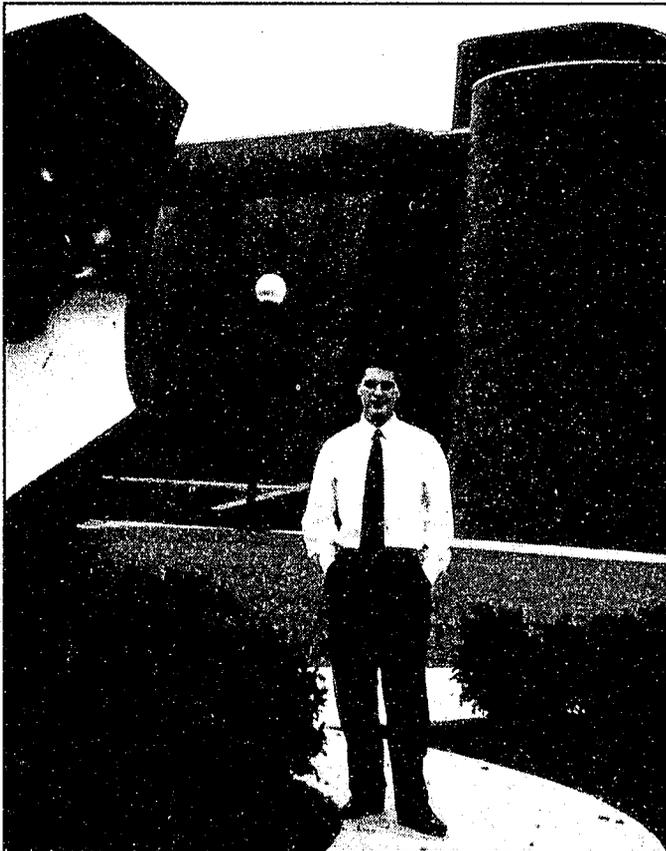
## Recovered Stolen Vehicles by Barracks



Total Recovered (Fiscal 1992) = 192

Total Increase = 13% From Fiscal 1991

# Development of The Annual Report



Eric A. Puccio  
shown standing  
next to a piece of  
art work on the  
Bryant College  
campus in  
Smithfield, RI

The Bryant College Internship Program cooperated in the development and production of **The Rhode Island State Police 1992 Annual Report**. Under this year's internship program, Eric A. Puccio utilized his talents to organize and create the Annual Report.

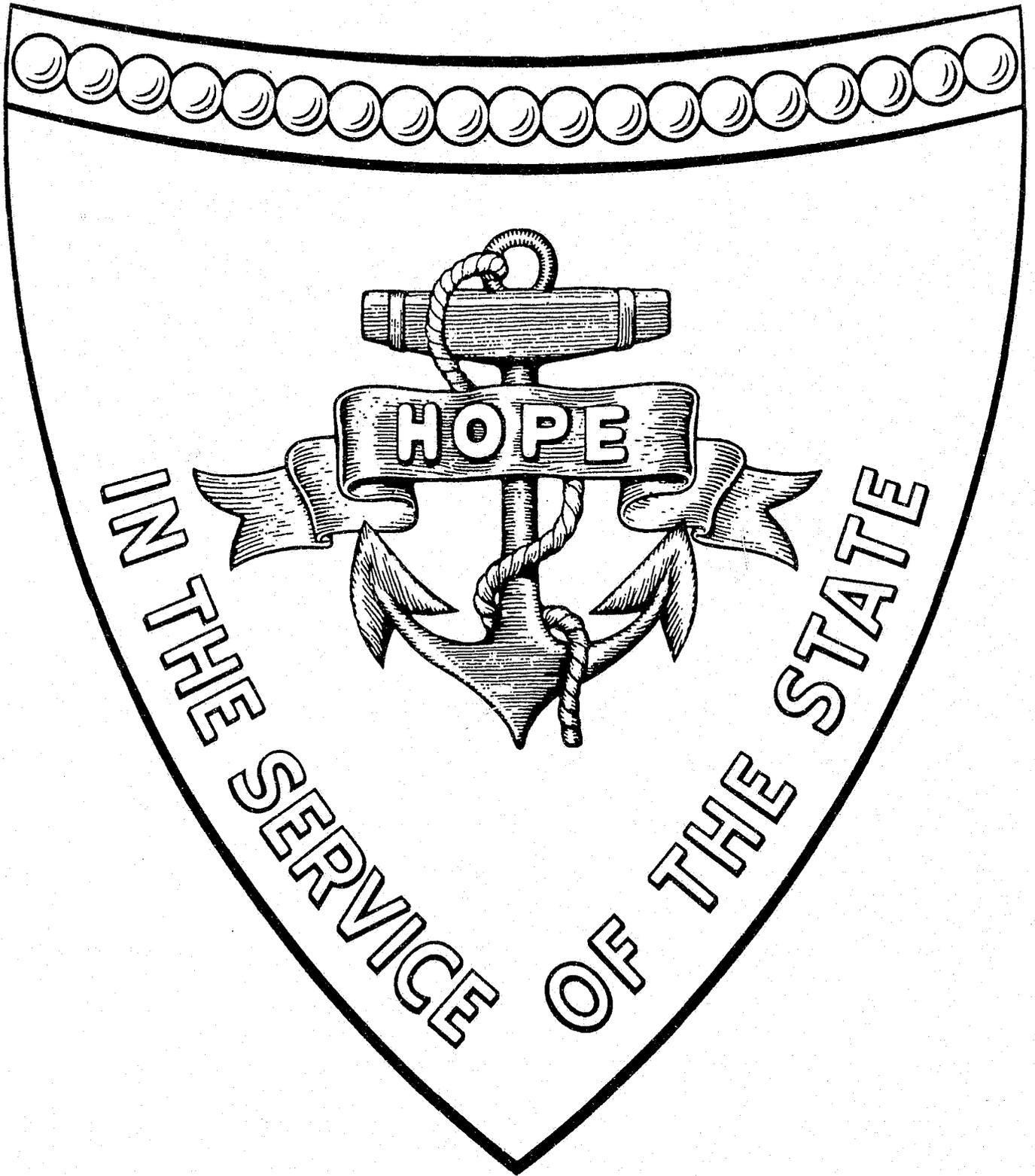
Eric A. Puccio is a senior Computer Information Systems major from North Adams, Massachusetts. Mr. Puccio has pertinent software knowledge that was learned through academic studies and prior related work experience. He is also an active intramural athlete, playing football, basketball and softball for the Bryant College Intramural Athletic Program.

The Rhode Island State Police extends its appreciation to Bryant College President, Dr. William E. Trueheart and the Bryant College Internship Office, which is coordinated by Dr. Hinda Pollard. Bryant College Professor Dr. Harold Records is also acknowledged for his assistance and guidance in the internship process and in this project.

## **Colophon**

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