

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Central Falls Police Department



"A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency"

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

February 20, 2024

It is my honor to present the Central Falls Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. This document highlights the dedicated work of the men and women who proudly and consistently deliver the best police services possible to the citizens and visitors of our great City.

Through the continued effort of our Community Policing relations which facilitate opportunities for more open dialogue with our stakeholders, it is our endeavor to continue and to interact with our citizens by ways of forums, panels and community meetings. Through these conversations and interactions, we have and will maintain a singular focus on improving this organization, so that its members can preserve an unparalleled standard of excellence in their daily pursuit of our mission, as well as safeguard the lives and property of the people we have pledged an oath to serve.

As an agency and by way of our membership we are extremely proud to have been selected to receive the 2023 International Association Chiefs of Police for Leadership in Community Policing Award. Additional recognitions included the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association's for the Community Officers of the Year Award, the AAA Bronze Outstanding effort in Traffic Safety Award, the Traffic Safety Hero of the Year Award, the Rhode Island Assessor of the Year Award and the Rhode Department of Transportation Highway Safety Champion Award.

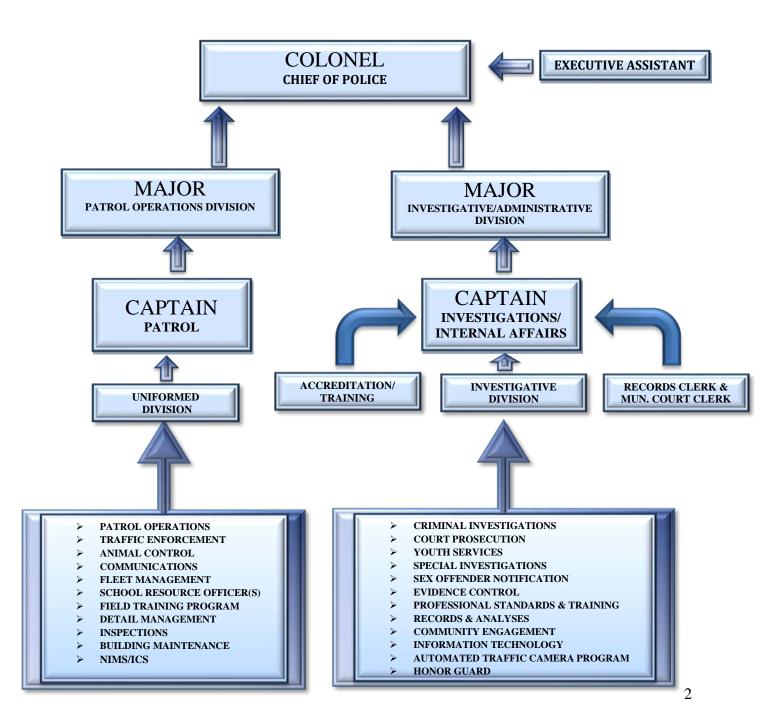
I am truly proud of the men and women of this organization, who work every day to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit. I would like to thank Mayor Maria Rivera, the City Council, and the community at large for their continuous support and cooperation they provide to the police department, and the overall commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

Colonel Anthony J. Roberson Chief of Police



CENTRAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MISSION STATEMENT

The fundamental mission of the Central Falls Police Department is to protect life and property; enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner; preserve the peace, order, and safety of the community we serve; safeguard the constitutional guarantees; and provide other police-related services through collaborative efforts and partnerships as required by the community in a manner consistent with the values of a free society.

VISION STATEMENT

- P Provide for the protection and rights of all individuals granted under the Constitution of the United States
- Our goal is to improve the accountability, integrity and professionalism within our organization
- Learn to better communicate with the community and promote the free exchange of information
- Involve the community in the decision-making process for the deployment of police services
- C Cooperation and teamwork will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills and styles to achieve our common goals
- **E** Every member of this organization is committed to providing the public with a superior level of service, regardless of race, ethnic background, religion, creed or color

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS & CHANGES

LAST NAME	HIRE DATE	DETECTIVE	<u>SERGEANT</u>	LIEUTENANT	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	MAJOR	<u>COLONEL</u>
Anthony Roberson	01/04/21						01/04/21
Christopher Reed	03/28/00	01/24/05	11/25/08	01/26/17	06/25/19	07/22/21	
John Carroll	07/03/97	02/14/02	10/06/05	03/09/12	07/22/21	04/20/23	
Craig Viens	03/22/01	08/07/06	01/26/17	06/25/19	07/22/21		
Joseph Tougas	12/23/04		03/09/12	01/03/18	04/20/23		
Wayne Solan	05/11/95	07/13/01	12/19/06	11/25/08			
Frank Rodriguez	03/22/01	06/14/10	01/26/17	06/25/19			
Philip Garland	11/24/04	01/27/17	10/17/17	07/22/21			
Sarah McNulty	03/16/07	02/01/17	07/22/21	05/31/23			
Felipe Orsini	12/15/05		01/11/13				
Nicholas DiCarlo	12/19/12		06/25/19				
Scott Weichtmann	12/19/12	10/17/17	04/05/21				
William Orellana	12/19/12		11/23/21				
Omar Ospina	06/23/06	01/27/17	11/18/22				
Robert Matook	04/19/12	10/19/21	05/31/23				
James McGrath	05/26/17		05/31/23				
Nathan McGarry	12/04/00						
Randy Roberts	06/23/06	06/28/21					
Bari Cameron	03/16/07						
Joseph DeCristoforo	03/14/08						
Nicholas Parker	12/19/12						
Yomaira Rodriguez	05/22/15	07/22/21					
Stephanie Ruano	12/28/16	10/19/21					
Boris Colindres	05/26/17						
Sergio Rivera	12/21/18	05/31/23					
Ryan Medeiros	05/06/19	11/17/23					
Kerry M. Craig	11/01/19	05/31/23					
James K. McGuire	12/20/19	05/31/23					
Edwin A. Colindres	12/20/19	12/15/23					
Michael Akinrola	07/15/21						
Israel Thomas	12/13/22						
Michael Cintron	12/20/22						
Mark Benway	12/20/22						
Matthew Marwell	12/20/22						
Brendan Fitzpatrick	04/17/23						
Timothy Toczko	12/15/23						
Jaime Moscato	12/15/23						
Jarrid Witherspoon	12/15/23						
Heriberto Calderon	12/15/23						

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

NAME	POSITION	APPOINTMENT
Rt. Reverend Joseph S. Haggar	Police Chaplain	9/29/1990
Mary P. Foran-Chace	Administrative Assistant	6/15/1987
Christopher Cavallaro	Records Clerk	10/8/2008
Kimberly Irwin	Dispatcher	12/1/2003
Shawna Richards	Dispatcher	5/4/2012
Cameron Larivee	Dispatcher	10/22/2019
Diana Natareno	Dispatcher	7/13/2022
Charlene Gaffney	Animal Control	12/23/2011
Nathalie Benway	Municipal Court Clerk	7/13/2001

PERSONNEL ENTERED INTO SERVICE

NAME	POSITION	APPOINTMENT
Keila DaRosa	Dispatcher	02/01/2023
Christopher Sabetta	Dispatcher	02/22/2023
Brendan Fitzpatrick	Patrol Officer	04/17/2023
Luis Ramos	Patrol Officer	05/31/2023
Timothy Toczko	Patrol Officer	12/15/2023
Jaime Moscato	Patrol Officer	12/15/2023
Jarrid Witherspoon	Patrol Officer	12/15/2023
Heriberto Rodriquez Calderon	Patrol Officer	12/15/2023

PERSONNEL SEPARATED FROM SERVICE

NAME	POSITION	SEPARATION
Elian Nunez	Patrol Officer	01/13/2023
Paul Savoie	Patrol Officer	02/06/2023
Craig Horton	Major	02/24/2023
Keila DaRosa	Dispatcher	06/07/2023
Luis Ramos	Patrol Officer	10/04/2023
Christopher Sabetta	Dispatcher	10/17/2023

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY

OFFICERS INJURED ON DUTY	2022	2023
Number of Officers Injured Resulting in Time Lost	8	3
Number of Officers Injured Without Time Lost	9	5
Total Reported on Duty Injuries	17	8
Number of Days Lost to Injuries on Duty	74	30
Number of Days on Light Duty Status	92	69

BUREAUS AND DIVISIONS ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Office of Professional Standards and Training is responsible for recruiting, hiring, training, internal affairs investigations, policy management and public information. Below is a chart to breakdown complaints filed against employees that involved alleged violation of multiple departmental rules, regulations, policies and/or procedures. In 2023, there was no indication of any bias directed from an employee as reported by a complainant.

COMPLAINTS

Office of Professional Standards and Training	2022	2023
Complaints Against Employees	4	5
External Complaints	2	4
Internal Complaints	2	1
Unfounded	1	4
Exonerated	0	4
Sustained	1	1
Not Sustained	2	0
Misconduct not Based on Original Complaint	0	0
Policy Failure	0	0
Pending	1	0
Disciplinary Action Taken	1	1

USE OF FORCE

USE OF FORCE OPTION	USE OF FORCE	DISCIPLINE BASED ON FORCE REVIEW
Discharge firearm	0	0
Empty Hand/Takedown Techniques	11	0
ASP Baton	0	0
Oleoresin Capsicum/Pepper Spray	3	0
CEW Used/Displayed or Pointed	2	0
Drawing and Pointing of Firearm	14	0
Multiple Options	5	0
Canine	0	0
Restraint Chair	1	0
TOTAL	36	0

ACCREDITATION

The Office of Accreditation Management is responsible for maintaining compliance with the best practices of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC). In 2015, the Central Falls Police received its first accreditation award from RIPAC. Following the receipt of this award, the Central Falls Police Department made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation under CALEA. The agency received its second CALEA award in July of 2021. To maintain accreditation with CALEA, the agency has to demonstrate compliance with best practices on an annual basis through web-based assessments and is working towards its third reaccreditation in March of 2025.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

Agency personnel work toward and improve relationships with members of the community. Personnel agency-wide work daily with community partners and city departments for a more positive interaction with our citizens and community. During the year, the agency-wide focus on Community Oriented Policing has hosted and/or participated in several community-based events such as the Youth Police Academy, Ride-Along with a Cop program, National Night Out, Coffee with A Cop, Shop with a Cop, Young men breaking barriers program and Leading Ladies Program. The agency has also maintained community-oriented partnerships with several entities to include Family Services of Rhode Island, Communities for People, the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, the Central Falls School Department, the Central Falls Housing Authority, the Nonviolence Institute, the Saint Elizabeth Community, the Autism Project, and the Public Safety Special Needs Coalition.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

Grant Funds that were utilized and secured in 2023 by our department consisted of several grants through the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and the State of Rhode Island. These grants included the Bulletproof Vest Grants for fiscal year 2022 for \$24,518.00 and fiscal year 2023 for \$6,942.00. Also, our JAG Grants for fiscal 2023 for \$21,393.00. The Central Falls Police Department secured a federal 2021 COPS Hiring Award for \$1,197,460.00 to hire up to six (6) new officers. Through the State we received two (2) subgrants on for \$112,000.00 for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras; as well as \$9,000.00 for a PSN-Project Safe Neighborhoods grant.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

- The Detective Bureau is responsible for investigating major felony crimes such as murder, robbery, rape, serious assaults, and all misdemeanors of a various nature under the Rhode Island General Laws. In 2023, the Detective Commander of the Investigative Division reviewed a total of 1,573 Incidents, 531 Arrests, and assigned 1,100 Cases to Detectives for further investigation. The remaining cases were investigated and closed out by the Uniform Division and/or turned over to the Prosecution Bureau for adjudication.
- The *Prosecution Bureau* manages all criminal cases that are heard in Municipal Court, District Court, Family Court, Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, Grand Jury and Superior Court. In 2023, the Central Falls Police Department made a total of 531 Arrests; of these Arrests, 437 were Adults and 94 were *Juveniles*.

ADULT DISPOSITIONS

ADULT DISPOSITIONS	2021	2022	2023
Total Number of Arrested Persons (Consists of Number of Juvenile Arrests)	659 (38)	683 (81)	531 (94)
Felony Arrests	110	120	131
Misdemeanor Arrests	270	218	315
Released with No Charges	5	3	6
Arrested On District / Superior Court Warrants and Outside Agency Warrants (Court Warrants / Outside Agency Warrants)	65(45/20)	51(37/14)	77 (37/5)
Arrested on Violations - No License or Suspended License	223	229	10

- Juvenile Hearing Board [JHB] is utilized for a positive corrective action for juvenile offenders. Juvenile offenders who accept responsibility for their action can choose to be presented to the Juvenile Hearing Board versus their case being heard in the Family Court system. In 2023, the JHB Panel convened for <u>3 cases with corrective actions</u>. Some of the corrective actions offered were youth programs, essays, letters of apology, community service hour, research papers based on their offense(s), and family services was also provided. Juveniles who had committed driving offenses were granted Driver's Education School at no cost to them based on a state grant. As of December 31, 2023, there are <u>0 JHB cases currently opened</u> and in the process of completion.
- Property and Evidence Control Unit is comprised by two (2) detectives, who are trained and assigned as evidence custodians. Control of property is critically important within investigative areas for custodial matters, proper handling, tracking, security and disposition of evidence. During 2023, the Central Falls Police Department seized or confiscated the following:

PROPERTY/EVIDENCE STATISTICS

PROPERTY	2021	2022	2023
Total Items	471	616	727
Firearms Seized	19	19	35
Firearms Returned	1	0	0
Currency Seized	\$37 <i>,</i> 323.94	\$8,439.26	\$28,370.03
Narcotics Items Seized	99	66	93
Evidence Returned	34	24	26
Evidence Destroyed	28	52	39

Sex Offender Notification Unit [SONU] is responsible for the registration, tracking and notifications of all Sex Offenders who reside in the City of Central Falls. The following chart below shows how many leveled (Level I, II, or III) Sex Offenders are living in the City of Central Falls (as of December 31, 2023):

SEX OFFENDER DATA

SEX OFFENDERS	2021	2022	2023
Juveniles	0	0	0
Level I	10	11	11
Level II	19	22	30
Level III	5	6	6
TOTAL	34	39	47

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigative Unit (SIU) is a component of the Investigative Division whose principal responsibilities are investigating offenses involving narcotics, firearms, gangs and organized crime. The unit is also responsible for overseeing any "John" or prostitution stings that take place within the City of Central Falls. The members of the SIU are currently assigned to Joint Task Forces at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Those task forces include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Task Force. In 2023, one (1) Officer was assigned to an outside Task Force: The Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] Safe Streets Task Force; There is currently one (1) vacant spot on the Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] Task Force.

Throughout the year, the SIU executed twenty-six (26) search warrants in the City of Central Falls, apprehended ten (10) individuals, and seized seven (7) firearms. These search warrants carried out by the SIU led to the seizure of approximately \$24,538.15 in cash and other items of value. The members of the SIU were also involved in large multi-jurisdictional investigations including Operation "Chrystal Rhodes". These investigations led to multiple arrests and seizure of large amounts of narcotics intended to be distributed throughout the New England area.



Throughout the year, the SIU led to an overall seizure of approximately 1,024.18 grams of various narcotics including Heroin, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine and fentanyl removing them from the streets for sale to the public. Although the SIU receives most of the recognition for these investigations, it is important to acknowledge that without the cooperation of the Patrol Bureau, and the citizens of Central Falls, this impact would not have been made possible. The table below illustrates the breakdown of activities in 2023:

SIU ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY	2021	2022	2023
Search Warrants	10	36	26
Arrests	7	17	10
Firearms Seized	1	10	7
Vehicles	1	3	4
Various Narcotics	3,498.26g	5,112.28g	1,024.18g
Total Forfeitures	\$18,278.00	\$6,374.00	\$24,538.15

The above figures do not include statistics derived from our partnerships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Taskforce or the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Taskforce

PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The uniformed division is comprised of three (3) platoons within the division; they include day shift, night shift and morning shift. Each platoon is comprised of a lieutenant (shift commander), two (2) patrol sergeants and patrol officers. These officers are responsible for the day-to-day duties to answer all call for service from our citizens; as well as be proactive in their duties. They also adhere to the community policing philosophy and participate in walking and bicycle patrols.

FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

Field Training and Evaluation Program [FTEP] is responsible for the critical development newly hired officers. In 2023, our department hired two (2) new officers. They must pass a vigorous background investigation and attend the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy for twenty-two (22) weeks. The newly hired officers are then required to successfully complete an additional ten (10) weeks of Field Training, or an accelerated lateral transfer process, where they are paired with a Field Training Officer (FTO) who will ensure they are ready to perform their duties.

COMMUNITY POLICE BUREAU

- School Resource Officers [SRO] are responsible for the safety and crime prevention in schools. Two

 officers are assigned to the Middle School and High School and provide security, guidance, mentoring and preemptive interventions for students. These officers also participate in several school programs throughout the year, and also continue under the Community Police Bureau in the summer months to work with our city youth.
- Elderly Affairs Officer [EAO] serves as a liaison to the Division of Elderly Affairs in matters of elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect. In 2023, along with the Central Falls Housing Authority, conducted seminars to help educate elderly about scams and frauds.

AGENCY CALL DATA

ACGENCY SERVICE CALLS	2022	2023	COMPARISON
12:00 AM - 7:59 AM	15,230	15,425	1.3%
8:00 AM - 3:59 PM	9,609	9,351	-2.7%
4:00 PM - 11:59 PM	13,724	12,088	-11.9%
TOTAL	38,563	36,864	-4.4%

TIME OF DAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL
12:00 AM –	2,054	2,265	2,341	2,302	2,267	2,185	2,011	15,425
7:59 AM								
8:00 AM –	796	1,342	1,788	1,470	1,749	1,403	803	9,351
3:59 PM								
4:00 PM –	1,459	1,672	1,847	1,703	1,855	1,735	1,817	12,088
11:59 PM								
TOTAL	4,309	5,279	5,976	5,475	5,871	5,323	4,631	36,864

ANIMAL CONTROL

This division is responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of Rhode Island and the ordinances of the City of Central Falls and consists of one (1) employee. The Animal Control Officer works with several organizations, such as Central Falls Friends of Animals, in controlling the city's stray cat population; and seeks out grant funding to help city residence to provide them with vaccinations, spay and neutering.

TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT	2022	2023
Calls for Service	453	355
Animal Control Citations	19	14
Quarantines	25	29
Sheltered Animals	43	39
Medical Treatments	14	20
Animal DOA's	26	21
Animal Removals (ACO/Voluntary)	40	31
Court Hearings	0	0

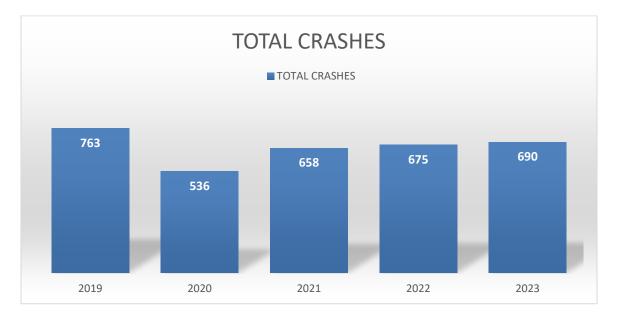
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

During Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) of 2023, the Central Falls Police Department received a total amount of \$100,801.00 in grant funding from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation – Office on Highway Safety for Impaired Driving Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, Occupant Protection Education and Enforcement, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement, and Distracted Driving Enforcement. The following is the breakdown of awarded grant funds for traffic safety for FFY2023:

EMPHASIS AREA	AWARD
Impaired Driving	\$14,840.00
Seatbelt	\$20,140.00
Speed Enforcement	\$28,620.00
Child Passenger Safety	\$3,392.00
Distracted Driving	\$10,600.00
Pedestrian Safety	\$10,600.00
Standardized Field Sobriety Education	\$2,968.00
Indirect Allowance	\$9,116.00
Training & Equipment	\$525.00
Total	\$100,801.00

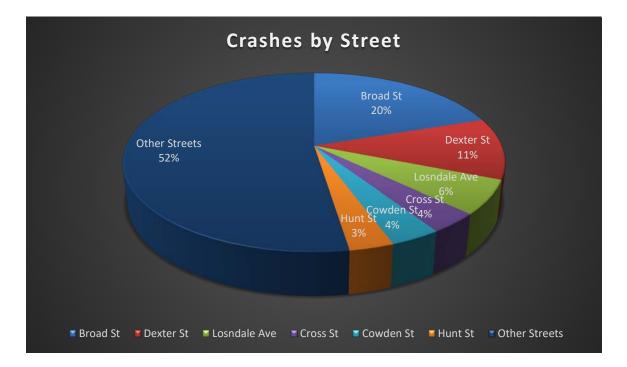
TOTAL CRASHES BY YEAR OVER 5 YEAR PERIOD

In 2023, there was a 2.22% increase in crashes within the City of Central Falls. In 2023, there was a 40% increase in pedestrian related accidents, and a 60% increase in bicycle involved accidents and an 80% decrease in serious injury crashes from the previous year.



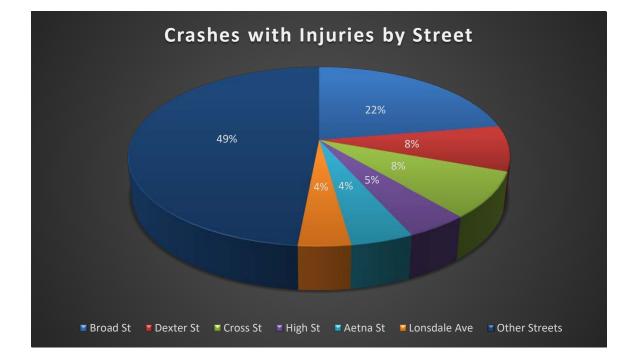
ROADWAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Broad St.	15	8	4	13	12	17	8	7	7	15	16	15	137
Dexter St.	3	3	6	4	8	4	5	11	11	5	4	13	77
Lonsdale Ave.	2	3	2	3	4	5	3	6	3	5	5	1	42
Cross St.	2	1	0	3	4	3	3	1	1	0	2	5	25
Cowden St.	3	0	3	1	3	5	1	1	2	2	1	3	25
Hunt St.	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	3	3	1	3	1	22
Washington St.	0	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	20
Central St.	0	1	2	3	1	4	0	1	0	0	3	3	18
High St.	0	1	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	16
Pine St.	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	3	1	15

TOP 10 ROADWAYS FOR CRASHES IN 2023





VULNERABLE & HIGH-RISK CRASHES OVER 5 YEAR PERIOD



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Central Falls Police Department have always begun with the hardworking and dedicated group of sworn and civilian personnel that comprise this fine organization. The Central Falls Police Department will strive to enhance our abilities, as we are committed to serving the citizens of Central Falls in the best manner possible. In doing so, our endeavor is to achieve several structured goals and objectives, most of which will be funded in whole or in part from grant opportunities and initiatives such as these:

- Continue to offer department transparency to policy and procedures with an online portal through Power DMS – On Going
- Seek to reestablish Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) with the Rhode Island State Police when and if federal grant funding is obtained by RISP – Pending Funding
- Continue to bolster patrol bureau staffing with the hiring of lateral officers (One hired in 2022) and the anticipated graduation of recruits from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy (four graduated and sworn in 2023) – On Going
- Upgrade patrol fleet vehicles at the needed rate of two (2) per year On Going
- Continue with the employee Assistance Program to provide officers with counseling, stress reduction efforts and any needed resources – On Going
- Continue with department's Officer Wellness Program On Going
- Seek advice and recommendations from a "structural engineer" to access plans to repair sallyport floor structure supports which has shown signs of structural deficiencies – On Going
- Continue to collaborate active shooter training with Fire Department, School Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – On Going
- Continue our partnership with FBI Safe Streets Taskforce which pursues violent gangs through sustained, proactive, coordinated investigations to obtain prosecutions under the U.S. Code, Titles 18 and 21, including violations such as racketeering, drug conspiracy and firearms violations – On Going
- Maintain our participation with Drug Enforcement Agency Taskforce to target mid-level and street level narcotics operations – On Going
- Continue partnership with Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center in domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and awareness – On Going
- Maintain School Resource Officer (SRO) program within Central Falls High School and Calcutt Middle School – On Going
- Continue to improve and expand upon community-police relations with walking beats bicycle patrols and engagement programs. Continue to host community events, to include Touch-atruck, National Night Out, Chill with a Cop, Citizen Police Academy, etc. – On Going
- Continue partnership with the Rhode Island Liaison Program to provide family services to any
 victims of crime within the city; we began Go-Team Program with Rhode Island Family Services
 in which has a full-time victim's advocate working with our agency On Going
- Continue in our efforts to reduce crime fear of crime in our community On Going
- Continue to work with the Non-violence Institute for officer training programs Achieved
- Continue De-escalation training program for all sworn police officers On Going

- Upgrade our current IT policies and practices, as well seek to update our IT operating systems in an effort to streamline our department's IT needs – On Going
- Purchase Adobe Pro for all Administrative staff Achieved
- Upgrade our dispatch telephone and radio recording system Achieved
- Upgrade our department's Taser units- Achieved
- Seek funding and proposals for a new public safety building- On Going
- Institute body camera program Achieved
- Continue our partnership with Family Care Community Partnerships (FCCPs). This agency, is part of DCYF's network of prevention-focused providers, brings community-based services to children and families to build a stronger, brighter futures- On Going
- Institute an elderly abuse training program in our department to further assistance those in our community that may be experiencing abuse and neglect – Achieved
- Work with Nonviolence Institute and the "Street Worker Outreach" Program On Going