

2016 Annual Report

Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy



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I. Introduction

This report was prepared by the staff of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy in conjunction with the members of the Rhode Island Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training. This report is presented to Colonel Ann C. Assumpico, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and Director of the Department of Public Safety in accordance with Title 42 of the Rhode Island General Laws, State Affairs and Government, and more specifically § 42-28.2-7.

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II. Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy (RIMPTA) is to provide basic training to the State's city, municipal, college and university police officers. This training is based on nationally accepted standards for police recruit training. Our goal is to provide coordinated, state-of-the-art training from different perspectives in order to produce well-rounded, competent, educated and highly motivated police officers.

The RIMPTA also embraces the mission of providing quality in-service training to members of the law enforcement community. Our staff will offer new programs to prepare members of the law enforcement community for the ever-changing roles and responsibilities they must assume in order to protect lives and property.

In order to meet our goals, the RIMPTA will establish an effective management team to provide training and education. Each member of the Academy staff brings talent, skill and dedication to their duties and responsibilities. It is the mission of the Academy to provide each staff member the opportunity to share their talents and skills, and grow intellectually and professionally.

III. Police Recruit Training

The Municipal Police Training Academy continues to graduate certified police officers at a historic rate. In 2016, the Academy graduated two classes. From these two classes, the Academy certified ninety-four (94) municipal police officers who are currently serving in thirty (30) different communities and college campus security agencies throughout Rhode Island.

The Municipal Police Training Academy curriculum continues to adapt and address new issues facing today's law enforcement officer. Recent National events have heightened our awareness that Officer involvement in our communities is critical to fostering trusting relationships between Law Enforcement and those that we have sworn to serve. Law Enforcement continues to deal with safety issues resulting from the intense scrutiny of national issues, domestic terrorism incidents and unprovoked attacks against uniformed officers. Our curriculum is ever-evolving around these issues to better prepare our newest law enforcement officers. Mental Health First Aid for the First Responder and De-Escalation Skills for Law Enforcement, have become an important part of our curriculum. The ability to safely diffuse situations in these cases has increasingly become a top priority with the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Community. Role Play scenarios are continuing to develop to better address this area and the successful completion of these scenarios has become a requirement for the recruits prior to receiving their police officer certification.

During 2016, Academy staffing was at six (6) members. Three (3) members of the State Police serve in the position of Executive Director, Basic Training Officer and Class Training Officer, with three (3) civilians holding the positions of Senior Training Specialist/Continuing Education Coordinator, Highway Safety Training Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. Having a full-time staff has developed a continuity to the training that has never been present in the past. The Temporary Class Training Officer position also continues to be supplemented by members of municipal police departments where the Chiefs of Police generously allow officers to work at the Academy as members of the cadre. This enables municipal officers to develop leadership skills that benefit not only the Academy, but also their respective departments and communities.

IV. Municipal Police hires for 2016

Agency	Males	Females
Barrington	2	0
Bristol	4	0
Brown University	0	0
Burrillville	1	1
Central Falls	0	1
Charlestown	1	0
Community College of RI Security	0	0
Coventry	4	0
Cranston	7	0
Cumberland	2	0
DEM/Enforcement	2	0
East Greenwich	0	0
East Providence	0	0
Foster	0	0
Glocester	0	0
Hopkinton	0	0
Jamestown	0	0
Johnston	0	0
Lincoln	2	0
Little Compton	0	0
Middletown	2	0

Agency	Males	Females
Narragansett	0	0
Newport	6	1
New Shoreham	0	0
North Kingstown	2	0
North Providence	3	1
North Smithfield	2	0
Pawtucket	7	3
Portsmouth	2	1
Rhode Island Airport Corporation	2	0
Richmond	1	0
Scituate	3	0
Smithfield	2	0
South Kingstown	3	0
Tiverton	3	0
University of Rhode Island Police	4	0
Warren	1	0
Warwick	5	0
Westerly	3	1
West Greenwich	0	0
West Warwick	1	0
Woonsocket	9	0
Totals:	94 total police officers	
30 different departments	86 males	8 females

V. Continuing Education

The Municipal Police Training Academy Continuing Education programs included attendees from all law enforcement agencies throughout Rhode Island, including state and local police, college security/police, federal agencies, DCYF Investigators, AMTRAK Police, correctional personnel (public and private) and numerous branches of the United States Military including members of the Rhode Island National Guard and the United State Naval War College. Eight hundred and fifty-eight (858) individuals attended forty-seven (47) continuing educational programs at six (6) different training sites, equating to nine thousand three hundred and two (9,302) training hours provided in 2016.

The Academy continues to work diligently to maintain and strengthen partnerships within the community in pursuit of our training mission: The following is a list of 2016 training partners: The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, National Highway Safety Transportation Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, Rhode Island Chiefs of Police Association, Rhode Island Bomb Squad, the Rhode Island Commission on Bias and Prejudice, Rhode Island Resource Recovery, National ATV Riders Association, Naloxone and Overdose Prevention Education Program RI, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Rhode Island Fusion Center, Rhode Island Department of Corrections, Rhode Island Department of Corrections-Probations and Parole, Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Rhode Island State Police, MADD RI, Autism Speaks, Gateway-Lifespan, AMICA, Warwick P.D., Little Compton P.D., Providence P.D., North Providence P.D., Pawtucket P.D., Middletown P.D., Newport P.D., East Providence P.D., Rhode Island Division of Sheriff's, Narragansett P.D., National Insurance Crime Bureau, Community College of Rhode Island, New England Institute of Technology, General Dynamics and the Rhode Island National Guard (Camp Fogarty & Camp Varnum).

Notable or new program highlights for 2016 include: Building Search Instructor Certification, Commercial Enforcement Techniques, Physical Fitness Assessment Battery Certification, Basic Tactical Medical Instructor Training (FLETC), Law Enforcement Active Diffusion Strategies, LOCKUP Instructor Re-certification, Narcan Train the Trainer (Naloxone and Overdose Prevention Education Program of RI), Narcan User Certification, Pharmaceutical Crimes-Advanced Investigation Techniques, Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Violence Against Women-IACP, Cultural Competency-LGBTQ, EVOC Instructor Update, Sovereign Citizens and Domestic Extremism and First Line Supervisor Certification.

VI. Law Enforcement Highway Safety Training Office

Retired Colonel Richard Sullivan of the Providence Police Department is the Law Enforcement Highway Safety Training Coordinator. In 2016, Colonel Sullivan was directly responsible for instructing, scheduling and obtaining federal funds for the training of over 1,300 law enforcement officers in thirty-seven (37) different classroom or practical settings.

These trainings included Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Incident Training, Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals, Drug Recognition Expert Training, Drug Recognition Expert Re-Certification, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, School Crossing Guard Training, Texting and Other Driver Distraction Classes, Traffic Incident Management, Grant Managers Training, and Work Zone Safety.

Colonel Sullivan is a member of the following organizations or committees: Tri-Chair for the Traffic Safety Coalition, SHP Planning Committee, LEL Newsletter, TSRP/LEL Planning Committee, New England Drive to Save Lives, CCRI Teen Driving Committee, Impaired Driving Task Force, Police Champions Award and LEL training. All the above experience has a direct and positive impact on the instruction of our Law Enforcement Officers.

The Law Enforcement Highway Safety Office also handled informational trainings to local high school students. In 2016, over 1,300 students were given various presentations in topics covering “texting while driving”, “seat belt usage”, and “impaired driving”. Lastly, Colonel Sullivan has continued to make impaired driving presentations to the members of the United States Navy stationed at Naval Station Newport and the Naval War College.