## PORTSMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ANNUAL REPORT 2016

DAVID J. MARA CHIEF OF POLICE

## **Message from the Chief**

In 2016 the Portsmouth Police Department went through the process of reorganization. The process began in order to provide public safety to the community in a more efficient manner.

Reducing crime and improving the quality of life within the City of Portsmouth are the goals of the Portsmouth Police Department. As we strive to meet these goals the department recognizes the need to include all our citizens regardless of racial, ethnic or socio-economic backgrounds in our community policing efforts.

Through community meetings, events, and daily interactions, the citizens of Portsmouth have conveyed to us here at the po-



lice department what their public safety concerns are. Chief among those concerns are the opioid crisis and traffic violations. On the opioid crisis front Sergeant David Keaveny has spearheaded our efforts by partnering with Portsmouth Regional Hospital, treatment and recovery providers, and other social service agencies to steer people suffering from addiction toward treatment and away from jail. We also partnered with the Portsmouth School District, DEA, Portsmouth Regional Hospital and the treatment community to provide a public forum at the Portsmouth High School to help educate the community on the epidemic.

In 2016 our officers have responded to the traffic violation concerns with a significant increase in enforcement as well as education. A special emphasis was placed on enforcing the Hands Free law due to the correlation between texting and accidents.

Detective Rochelle Navelski was reassigned to be our full time Community Policing Officer and has coordinated our Community Outreach efforts in a spirited manner. All our officers are committed to the community they serve and it is evidenced by all the community involvement you will read about in the pages that follow. In 2016 our community policing program was ramped up and expanded to include PPDTV, Walks with seniors, Cops with Kids, Bike Helmet initiative, Read Across America, Summer Youth Basketball, Community Meetings, Trading Cards, Senior Cook out, National Night Out, to name a few.

The success that we achieved in 2016 could not have been accomplished without the participation of the community. The citizens of Portsmouth are the most valuable resource that our officers have as they strive to provide public safety and improve the quality of life in our city. Due to the efforts of the men and women of the Portsmouth Police Department we have strengthened our partnership with the community in 2016 and plan on working hard in 2017 to do the same.

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# WHO WE ARE

## **Police Commission**

### PURPOSE

Subject to the powers, duties and limitations of Title VII, N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 105-C:1 through 105-C:7, and the Portsmouth City Charter, the following establishes the role and authority of the Portsmouth Police Commission.





### Commissioner Brenna Cavanaugh

### **Role and Guiding Principles**

The role of the commission is to provide civilian oversight, and ensure:

- The Portsmouth Police Department operates in an ethical manner;
- The goals and objectives of the department are accomplished;
- The department is operating in a manner that is responsible to the taxpayer;
- The Police Commission, the Chief of Police, and all Police Department employees are accountable to the citizens of Portsmouth.



**Commissioner Joe Onosko** 





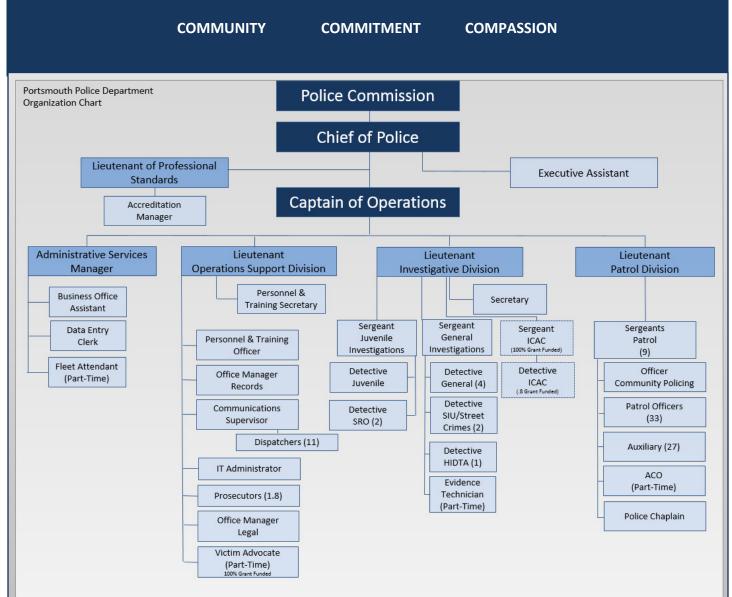
**Commissioner Joe Plaia** 

### MISSION

The Portsmouth Police Department actively works in partnership with our community to protect, prevent crime and respectfully, justly and compassionately help all people.



VALUES



## Recognitions





### Individual Commendation Awards

Sergeant McCain Sergeant Keaveny Detective Widerstrom Detective Tondreault Officer Sichko

Individual Letter of Recognition Officer Thomas Detective Tondreault

<u>Master Patrol Designation</u> Officer Kozlowski Detective Widerstrom Officer Benson

Other Awards McDonald's Community Involvement Award Sergeant Keaveny Chief Michael Maloney Career Excellence Award Detective Tondreault









## **Professional Standards Division**



Lt. Darrin Sargent Professional Standards Division Commander

NNEPAC

CALEA

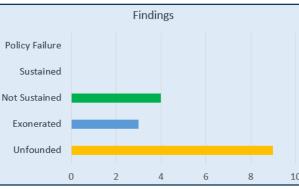
<u>Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)</u> The department began the 3-yr process to become a CALEA accredited agency in mid 2016. It involves substantial evaluation and compliance in all layers of police operations to include policing procedures, administration, and the facility itself. The Professional Standards Division is responsible for managing the accreditation process, and Lt. Sargent reports directly to the Chief of Police.

**Internal Affairs (IA)** is also a major component of this division. It includes investigations of citizen complaints regarding the conduct of Portsmouth Police

Officers that cannot be resolved satisfactorily by the on-duty Shift Commander. After an investigation, the citizen is then apprised of the outcome.

### **2016 Citizen Complaints**

Citizen Complaints Investigated: 16



# **OUR COMMUNITY**

## **Portsmouth At-A-Glance**

### The City of Portsmouth

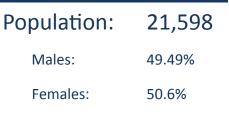
Settled in 1623, the seaport city of Portsmouth sits on the Piscataqua River, the natural boundary between New Hampshire and Maine, and is about halfway between Portland, ME, and Boston, MA. It is a thriving city with 21,000 residents and a day work population around 65,000. That number can grow to 100,000+ as visitors from near and far come to the more than 100 events held annually in the streets and venues of the city.

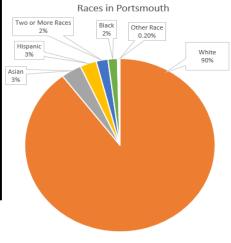
Portsmouth is the economic engine of the region with a strong and diverse economic base. Good planning and zoning have preserved the picturesque colonial character of the city's downtown, which has made it a destination city for visitors from around the world. Portsmouth is known for its thriving local retail shops, a plentiful array of restaurants and eateries, and a wide variety of art, recreational and cultural opportunities. It offers performing arts theatres, and historic homes and museums. It is also home to the Pease Tradeport, the most successful military base realignment project in the country. In addition to the state's only deep water port, Portsmouth is home to propane and gas storage terminals, an airport, an active military base, shipping lanes, and bridges. There is a major university up the road, and summer 'beach towns' up and down the coastline. All of the above add up to a number of unique policing challenges, which the Ports-



mouth Police Department meets through a vigorous community policing approach.







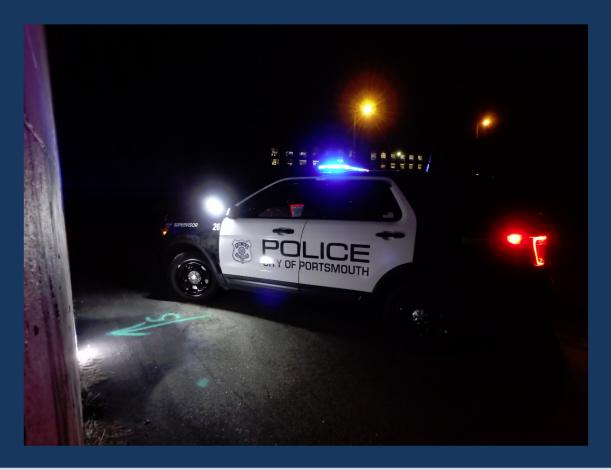
### **Education-Residents**

High School or Higher	95.8%
Bachelor's Degree	57.7%
Graduate/Professional Degree:	20.9%





## 2016 Part A & B Arrests



### 2016 ARRESTS

Part A - Arrests	2015	2016
Homicide	0	0
Kidnapping	8	3
Forcible/Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	25	29
Robbery	9	5
Aggravated Assaults	24	17
Simple Assaults/Iteimidation	307	286
Arson	2	6
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0
Burglary	39	28
Larceny	371	318
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	28
Counterfeiting/Forgery	20	21
Fraud	157	131
Embezzlement	7	9
Stolen Property	19	24
Damage/Vandalism	211	251
Drug/Narcotics	110	123
Pornography	5	7
Gambling	0	0
Prostitution	5	5
Bribery	0	0
Weapons Violations	4	6

Part B - Arrests	2015	2016
Bad Checks	11	9
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	3	3
Disorderly Conduct	55	51
Driving Under the Influence	52	60
Drunkenness	147	156
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	21	12
Liquor Law Violations	32	28
Runaway	18	20
Trespass of Real Property	44	38
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	251	263

Total	634	640
		0.95%

Total <u>Arrests</u> Made in Both Groups A & B	2015	2015
Calendar Year	1976	1937
		-1.97%

Total 1342 1297 -3.35%

### **Heroin Epidemic**



Through the tireless work of Sgt. David Keaveny, the police department has partnered with several local service agencies to combat the opioid epidemic. In addition to partnerships, education plays a key role. Sgt. Keaveny spearheaded a Heroin Forum at the Portsmouth High School, where community and emergency services were available to inform the public. His passion for people caught up in addiction earned him an award from the MacDonald's Corporation for his part in our community response.

### <u>CRASE Training</u> (Citizen Response to Active Shooters)



Businesses and other community groups in Portsmouth have benefitted from the expert instruction of Community Policing Officer Rochelle Nalvelski, Detective Pete Sheldon and Detective Erik

Widerstrom. This training is aimed at equipping individuals with the skills needed for the best possible response to an event of this type.

#### Food Drives

Several officers in the department support the Seacoast Family Food Pantry every year. This year and last, a '5-0 Food Drive' took place at Portsmouth Market Basket locations and McKinnon's Food Store. Officers also assist the pantry by handing out Thanksgiving dinners each year to those who need a little help.





#### **Citizens Police Academy**

From April-June the department hosted the annual Citizen Police Academy. Exeter and Stratham Police Departments joined the line up this year as presenters along side Portsmouth, Greenland, Newington, Rye, and New Castle. The academy also includes presentations from the Family Court and District Court judges, the Fire Department, and the Rockingham Department of Corrections. Citizens are encouraged to check it out.

#### Senior Walk-With-A-Cop



The department held the inaugural 'Senior Walk–witha-Cop' in the spring, and followed up with several more walks throughout the summer and fall.

### **Tours and Demos**



A local Boy Scout Troop was treated to a tour and K9 Demo from Officer Pearl and K-9 Steel.

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#### **Read Across America**

Officers in the department look forward to participating in 'Read Across America' in our elementary schools. The students love the opportunity to have a police officer read to them; students know some of the officers by name and ask great questions.





### Safe Rider for Kids -Bike Helmet Initiative

The department launched a community policing initiative in concert with the Brain Injury Association of NH and Dominos Pizza of Portsmouth to encourage children to wear their bike helmets while riding. Kids caught by a police officer bike-riding with their helmets on are given a 'ticket'. The 'ticket' congratulates the kids for their safe riding habits and provides them with a coupon for a free small pizza at Domino's as a reward. This program has proved to be very popular with Portsmouth families.

The two bikers below were caught wearing their bicycle helmets while riding, and 'ticketed' with a Safe Rider

Award and a coupon for a free Domino's small pizza.



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Some of our seniors received a tour as well and

A local Brownie Troop came through the building delivering cookies to officers and staff and ended their tour at the Chief's office for a personal meet n' greet.

## 2016 News—Community

### Summer Youth Basketball League

The Portsmouth Police Department partners with the Portsmouth Recreation Department to sponsor the Summer Youth Basketball league for boys and girls who are currently in grades 5, 6, and 7. Children who are residents of Portsmouth, Greenland, Rye, New Castle, and Newington are eligible to play.

Officers are always encouraged to stop by to shoot some hoops with the kids. This year the Chief even produced some LeBron like moves on the court.



### Cops with Kids

The police department held its first 'Cops with Kids' event at the Dondero Elementary and New Franklin schools. By all accounts, it was a HUGE success. Many area officers participated to provide a wide exposure to different types of police work and equipment. The students received "schwag bags" that included a police hat and coloring book.







Portsmouth Police played the Portsmouth Fire Department in a for-charity game to raise funds for the Portsmouth High School Basketball Scholarship Fund. The Portsmouth Police team came out on top!

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### Beards for Bucks

'Beards for Bucks' is a fund raiser for the



Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County. This service agency conducts all the juvenile crime victim



interviews for Portsmouth and many area departments. A total of \$14,000 was raised from participating area police departments.

### Pink Tie Day—A Tie That Binds

'Pink Tie Day' is a nationally recognized day to show support and caring to those who are or have battled breast cancer. The department partners with the Portsmouth Rotary to build support for this cause.





<u>Community Meeting</u> We held our first community meeting in 2016 and plan to host more during 2017. The Chief and the command staff heard concerns and fielded many questions during the meeting. It was very well received by our residents, and was informative for both the police and the community.

### PPD TV

In the inaugural episode of PPDTV, Chief Mara interviewed Det. (Jones) Nalveski about bringing back the officer trading card program as well as her career up to this point. This is a great way to take advantage of local community access television to showcase our officers and work in the community. Several episodes were produced in 2016. PPD-TV airs on Channel 98 on Sunday or can be streamed at the following link: <u>www.PPMtvnh.org/live</u>.



### **PPD Trading Cards**











Each card features the officer's name and photograph on the front, and includes a short biography and sometimes a special message from the officer on the back.

This is a great opportunity for the children of Portsmouth to get to know their police officers by collecting the trading cards. Asking an officer for a trading card provides friendly interaction between children and officers. It also provides parents and guardians with an opportunity to meet the officers while helping their child collect the cards.

**National Night Out** 

many neighborhood events all over Portsmouth. It made

'National Night Out' was a huge success this year. City and public safety staff and equipment rotated through

### **Senior Cookout**

Portsmouth Officers were invited to help serve the annual senior cookout held at the Community Campus. About 200

for a great night for city staff and community members folks showed up to enjoy the event. This year, Lt. Sargent, Detective Jones, Detective Cashman. Officer Potter and two Explorer cadets helped out.





to mingle, enjoy some food, and talk.

**Senior Sleigh Ride** The first 'Senior Sleigh Ride' event took place this year. There were 25 seniors who participat-



ed and they had a great time visiting homes lit up for the Holidays in Portsmouth and surrounding towns. They fin ished by caroling at the Wentworth Home.



### CrimeMapping for the Public

In 2016 the department launched a CrimeMapping tool on the PPD website for public use. It provides better transparency and openness to the community about what crimes occur in Portsmouth. This is an interactive crime map "widget" and uses technology developed by TriTech Software Systems. It will help provide the public with valuable information about recent crime activity. CrimeMapping utilizes an advanced mapping engine, which provides a high level of functionality and flexibility.

The goal is to help reduce crime through a better-



informed citizenry. Creating a more self-reliant community is a great benefit to our community-oriented policing efforts; it is an effective tool in combating crime.

The crime mapping data that residents can query will display the most current data available. Activity in a specific neighborhood is generalized by block (BLK) to help protect privacy.



### **Accreditation**

Members from NNEPAC (Northern New England Police Accreditation Coalition) toured the Portsmouth Police Department to critique our building and certain high liability areas to begin the preparation for the CALEA accreditation process. Overall, they were very impressed with the areas they toured: records, booking, the range, and evidence. They were very impressed with the current practices that were in place; they also reviewed our current SOP's and offered recommendations.

### Permanent Chief Search



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CHIEFS OF POLICE Serving the Leaders of Today, Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow

Search for a permanent Chief of Police began in 2016. The IACP was hired to oversee the recruiting process. They began with an on-site visit to develop a profile of the city. They interviewed representatives from all the stakeholder groups in the community, the city, and the police department. This visit kicked off a process that will identify the best candidate to fit Portsmouth 's specific needs.

### **Department Re-Organization**

A top-to-bottom review of the department was conducted in 2016. Organizational changes were made to

make the department stronger by effectively and efficiently reallocating resources and work groups for better overall workflow.

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As a result, a Professional Standards Division was established, and an Operational Support Division was created that pulls in different units from other divisions, like Personnel and Training, Dispatch, IT, Court, and Records into one cohesive division with direct support responsibilities to sworn operations. The Patrol Division and Investigative Division are now more focused in their areas of expertise. Finally, the department-wide administrative functions such as finance, fleet and facilities are under a separate umbrella.

### Police Department Website Re-design

The city is redesigning its website, which is shared by all the individual departments. This process began in 2016 and is expected to be



pected to be completed in the summer of 2017.



At the start of

2016, all three police department unions were negotiating to replace expired collective bargaining

agreements. By the fall, the ranking and sworn officer contracts had been settled and the final civilian contract was under a tentative agreement. The contracts now include language for performance evaluations and a salary structure change for the ranking union that reflects the assimilation of higher ranked duties into the current re-organization plan.

### Radio System Overhaul

The current mobile radio system went online in 2001

and has reached its end of life. A full communications overhaul is a substantial undertaking. Representatives from Motorola and 2-Way Communications have been meeting with the Police Department to design the new system that will be built in 2017. This large project will insure state of the art



communication capabilities into the next decade.

### **Emergency Redundancy Center**

For over a decade, the department has had a back-up dispatch center located at the Department of Public Works on Peverly Hill Road. This secondary center was developed to insure uninterrupted services should our main dispatch center suffer a major technological disruption. The redundant center provides a place from which to continue operations.

In 2016 the center was moved to a new location that better fits with the department's communication needs, should an emergency situation occur.

### **Police Facility**

This year the department command staff visited the Manchester, NH and Cambridge, MA Police Departments to see examples of both a newly constructed state-of-the-art facility and a retrofitted upgrade of an existing structure not originally designed to be a police



facility. Visits to both buildings allowed the staff to get ideas of layouts, placement of resources and what worked and what did not.

The department continues to work toward a new or retrofitted facility that will meet 21st law enforcement security requirements and staffing space needs.

### **Promotions**

Newly promoted Sergeants David Colby, Eric Kinsman and Josh McCain have begun their tenure as ranking officers in the Patrol Division. Congratulations to all three officers.

(pictured L to R: Sgt. McCain, Sgt. Kinsman, Sgt. Colby)





Congratulations to Detective Rebecca Hester who was promoted to Sergeant and will serve in the Investigative Division handling juvenile investigations and prosecution.

Congratulations also go to two newly promoted officers who will take their place as detectives in the Investigative Division: Detective Kotsonis and Detective Lukacz.

Det. Kotsonis



**Detective Lukacz** 





Once again, congratulations are in order for Officers Tondreault, Benson, and Widerstrom, who were all promoted to Detective in May.

(pictured L to R: DetectivesTondreault, Widerstrom, Benson, and Chief Mara)

### **Retirement of K9 Steele**



**Police Commission** 

5/24/16

Ofc. Pearl and K9 Steel were honored for their work; K9 Steel retired in 2016, and Officer Pearl stepped away from the K-9 Unit. The department thanks Officer Pearl for his loyalty and high dedication to this program for 10 years.

#### **Establishment of New K9 Team**



The department welcomed K9 'Axe' and newly appointed K9 Handler Officer Aaron Stacy as its second K9 team, to replace Officer Pearl and K9 Steel.

### K9 Awards

Officer Steve Blanding and his partner K9 Max came away with some impressive hardware during the United States Police Canine Association Region 4 PD-1 Field Trials in Manchester NH. They took 3rd

place in two separate events out of 37 teams from across New England and New York.



### Physical Fitness Challenge

Physical fitness is a vital part of maintaining strong, healthy officers. Achieving and maintaining health and fitness is crucial for police officers. In an effort to promote physical health, comraderie, and a little friendly competition, the police department hosted the first Physical Fitness Challenge.

One of the primary objectives of this initiative is to encourage an ongoing physical fitness regimen among employees of the department.

The challenges take place twice a year, in spring and fall.

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	90	26	30	36	46	57
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	80	23	25	30	39	47
	75	22	24	29	36	44
Good	70	21	21	26	34	41
Good	65	20	20	25	31	39
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### Explorer Recognition



PPD Explorer Post 2609 walked away with the 2016 Community Service award as well as the 2016 Outstanding Explorer award, which was given to Alexandra McNally, at the Explorers Recognition Dinner in Concord at Police Standards and Training.

Explorer Acadia Spear was commended in the Portsmouth Herald for her trained response to a classmate who had suffered a seizure in class. Her Explorer training equipped her to handle the incident.

Portsmouth Police Relief Association Pipes & Drums



The PPRA Pipes & Drums represented the department in multiple events throughout the year.



### Honor Guard

The newest member of the Honor Guard, Officer Bill Werner, brings a great deal of drill and ceremony experience to the unit, and is eager to contribute to the team.



# **OPERATIONS**

## Operations



Captain Frank Warchol Operations Commander

Administrative Services

Patrol Division & Units

Investigative Division

The <u>Captain of Operations</u> has the primary responsibility of overseeing the three Lieutenants who head up the department's major operational areas: <u>Patrol</u>, <u>Investigations</u>, and <u>Operations Support</u>. The captain also manages the day-to-day activity of the department.

In addition, Captain Warchol is tasked with organizing the law enforcement footprint for Portsmouth's more than 100 scheduled city events over the course of a year. Portsmouth is a 'destination city', resulting in influx populations that can top 100k people at some events. This dynamic creates policing challenges in providing public safety.

Captain Warchol manages the department's social media 'face' as well, and is the primary Public Information Officer (PIO) for the department.

The captain sits on public and city boards and committees, and fosters city and community partnerships, which are an integral part of proactive policing.

Some of these commitments include: The Liquor Review Committee, Traffic and Safety Committee, Child Advocacy Board, and the Con-

struction Mitigation Committee. Law enforcement plays an integral part in much of what happens in the city.

 Operations Support Division & Units

 Image: Support Division & Units

bial "bridge" for these transactions.

Administrative Services falls under this office as well, which includes finance, facilities and fleet functions.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

OF ROCKINGHAM COUNT

The safe place for kids

Tweets by the Portsmouth NH Police @@portsmouththpd Amazing job by Officer Bill werner Jr.I He went above and beyond to save a went above, while off duty and...

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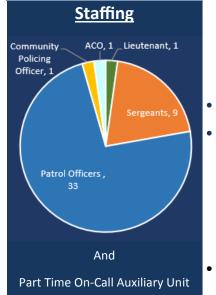


# PATROL DIVISION

## **Patrol Division & Units**



Lt. Michael Maloney Patrol Division Commander



The Lieutenant is responsible for the overall operation of the division and the Sergeants are responsible for their respective shifts.

The Patrol Division's focus is on prevention and enforcement. Patrol provides emergency response and police assistance 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Through directed patrols and crime suppression activities, patrol officers maintain law and order. Through community-oriented policing, they provide a safe and more secure environment in which to live, work, and play.

- Patrol officers initiate citizen contacts, respond to calls for service, make arrests, and issue traffic citations and warnings, including "Hands Free" enforcement. They often work as 'ambassadors' to the City in the downtown area where a high police presence exists particularly during the summer months. They patrol 4 geographical beats within the city via motorcycle patrol, mountain bike patrol, and marked and unmarked police vehicles.
- The department's two K9 teams work out of patrol.
- The Community Policing Unit falls within the Patrol Division and is overseen by a Patrol Sergeant . The unit is responsible for outreach with community groups, teaching various educational courses, and meeting with neighborhood groups and committees. The Community Policing Unit (CPU), works in conjunction with regular patrol officers to address quality of life issues throughout the City.
- The Portsmouth Police Auxiliary Unit assists with events and road jobs, and comes under the direct supervision of Patrol.

2016 Call Activity	Property Damage Accident Property Check	
	Personal Injury Accidents Park and Walks	
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Motor Vehicle Stops: 8437	Wanted Person/Fugitive Drug Offense	
Summons: 1015	Domestic DWI	
Summons. 1015	Criminal Threatening Burglary	
Warnings: 7160	Assaults Theft	
	Disorderly Conduct	
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## **Community Policing**



### K-9 Unit

Retirement of K9 Steel Thanks to Officer Pearl for serving as a K9 officer for 10 years



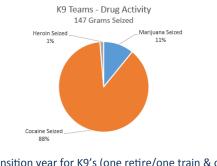
Welcome K9 Axe & K9 Officer Stacy



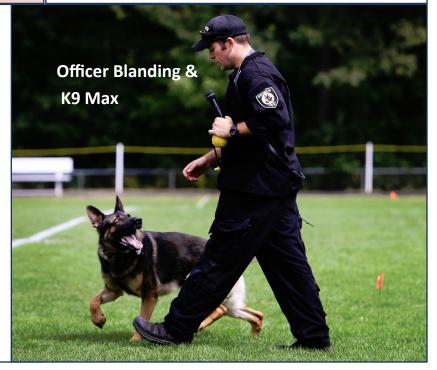
The K9 Unit consists of two highly trained and certified police dogs utilized to track criminals in a variety of environments, locate lost children and the elderly; search for drugs and evidence, and provide security and executive protection for visiting dignitaries. Portsmouth K9 teams have been called on to assist the NH Attorney General's Office, Statewide Drug Task Force, U.S. Customs, U.S. Immigration, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies.

#### K9 Activity\*

# Arrests involving K9	17
# Tracks/Area Searches	27
# Narcotics Searches	25
# Building Searches	29
# Evidence Recovery	4
# Park & Walks	29
# Training Hours	383



\*Transition year for K9's (one retire/one train & certify).



### S.E.R.T. Unit



Portsmouth Police is the founding member of the

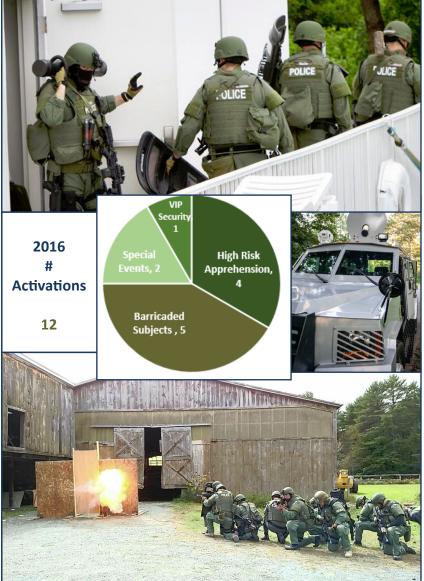
### Seacoast Emergency Response Team

This regional unit is trained in the use of specialized weapons and tactics, and crisis negotiations. Its leaders are experts in the areas of incident command systems and critical incident field operations. The Team is committed to the successful resolution of crisis situations through calculated responses. The safety of the community, victims, officers as well as the suspect is of paramount concern to team operations.

The team comprises officers from 14 seacoast towns:

Portsmouth	Epping
Hampton	Exeter
Rye	Greenland
North Hampton	New Castle
Newington	Brentwood
Stratham	Newmarket
Seabrook	Newfields

This team responds to high risk critical incidents such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, and high risk warrant service.



### **Animal Control Unit**

The Animal Control Officer provides service to the community concerning animal complaints and control.

This is accomplished by:

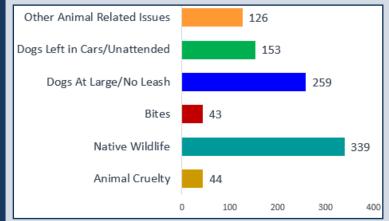
- Patrolling community neighborhoods
- Investigating animal complaints
- <u>Enforcing City Ordinances and State</u> <u>Laws regarding the capture and im-</u> <u>pounding of stray animals</u>
- <u>Collecting and disposing of deceased</u> <u>animals found on roadways and public</u> <u>properties.</u>

The Animal Control Officer assists the City Clerk with enforcement of dog licensing regulations within the City.

### Call For Service Activity

Total Calls: 1,477





### 2896 Licensed Dogs in Portsmouth



### **Explorers**



Explorers are young people ages 14-20 who are interested in law enforcement. After undergoing a selection process, they become Explorer cadets and have the opportunity to attend the NH Police Cadet Academy each year to further their policing skills. They meet for four hours every week to drill, practice skills, and receive on-going training on the many facets of police work.

With a focus on leadership, service and community, the Explorers assist in many community service projects and

participate in a

month for an up-

#### **Community Service**

Explorers assist the community and the police department in a variety of ways

#### 2016 Activity

#### Community Events

- Senior Dinners (13)
- Chief Maloney Unity Run
- Cycle the Seacoast, American Lung Association Event
- **UNIFY Basketball**

#### Assisted the Police Department

- Memorial Day Parade
- Portsmouth Senior Picnic
- Portsmouth DWI Checkpoints
- National Night Out
- **Portsmouth Tall Ships**
- **Portsmouth Fairy Hours Tours**



#### 2016 Awards

- State of NH Community Service Award
- Outstanding Explorer of the Year: Lexi McNally
- Placed in *Motor Vehicle* Stops and Building Searches test at the Explorer Weekend Challenge Event

at law enforcement while encouraging them to lead honorable and drug free lives.



# **INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

## **Investigative Division**



Lt. Mark Newport Investigative Division Commander

#### **Investigations**

2016 Cases Assigned 153

2016 Case Dispositions

Closed	9
Suspended	54
Cleared	0
Closed by Arrest	18
No Crime	22

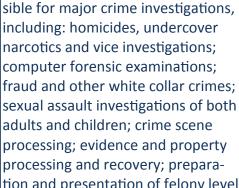
<u>Charges</u>	
Felony	94
Misdemeanor	129

<u>Grand Jury Indictments</u> # Persons: 76

<u># On-Going Case Load</u> Per Detective 15.3

Sex Offender Registration 98

<u># Crime Scenes Processed</u> 36



The Investigative Division is respon-



tion and presentation of felony level cases to the monthly Rockingham County Grand Jury; providing for the secure storage and safekeeping of property and



offenders; internet child predator investiga-

tions; managing and maintaining the Crime Stoppers tip line and contributing to the NH

ICAC Detective, 0.8

Lieutenant 1

\_Juvenile Detective,

Most Wanted programs.

ICAC Sergeant, 1

School Resource

Officers, 2

Evidence Tech, 1

Admin Assist, 1

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Special Investigati

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evidence; investigating child and elder abuse and neglect cases; domestic violence cases; juvenile investigations and prosecu-

tion; juvenile diversion programs; youth advocacy programs; internet safety classes; the School Resource Officer program; registration of local sex

STAFFING

General Detective 4.2

Sergeants, 3

<u># Overdoses</u> 30

2 Deaths/30 Narcan Used



Evid	ence	Pieces

	# Processed In	2227
s,	# Processed Out	167
	# Returned to Owner	284
	# Destroyed	2003

## **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)**



#### **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)**

The Portsmouth Police Department oversees the NH ICAC Taskforce which comprises 12 Investigators from Portsmouth and seven affiliate agencies: Concord, Nashua, Manchester, Rochester, Hinsdale, Derry, and Bedford. Task force investigators are skilled forensic examiners, trained in emerging technologies and techniques to process computers and other media systems.

This task force identifies, investigates, and arrests criminals who use digital technologies to exploit children for personal or commercial gain. The ICAC staff also focuses on community education as a crime prevention strategy. Task Force members conduct community outreach programs through live presentations and other learning institutions. By educating the public, the Task Force strives to lower the victimization rate and increase the number of police reports, so police can respond faster and with greater effectiveness.

Forensic Exams Hard Drives	255	# Search Warrants:	Federal State/Local	68 110
Cell Phones CD/DVD Thumb Drives/etc. <u># Gigabytes Examined</u>	537 750 161 120,452	# Subpoenas/Court Orders: # Of Investigations: 190	Federal State/Local	58 52
Child Pornography, 188	nticement, 34 Obscenity Directed to Minors, 48 Child Prostitution, 5	<ul> <li># Of Arrests: 17</li> <li># Of Cybertips: 468</li> <li>Law Enforcement Train</li> <li># Prosecutors Trained:</li> <li># Presentations:</li> <li># Attendees:</li> <li># Public Events:</li> <li># Attendees:</li> </ul>		5

# OPERATIONS SUPPORT DIVISION

## **Operations Support Division & Units**



Lt. Christian Cummings Operational Support Commander

**Recruiting** 

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Sworn Applied:	56
Sworn Hired:	11
Civilian Applied:	10
Civilian Hired:	

Training

#### # Staff Training Hours

Sworn:	3,682
Civilian:	239

The Lieutenant of Operations Support oversees several units that directly support sworn operations. This division comprises four units: Personnel and Training (P&T), Information Technology (IT), Communications (Dispatch), and the Records and Court offices.

## **Personnel and Training Unit**

#### Personnel & Training (P&T)

P&T is responsible for all aspects of recruitment and hiring for police officers and Dispatch staff. This division manages all personnel files with the exception of health care and benefit information, which the city handles. One of the primary responsibilities of this division is to conduct on-going training for all em-



ployees. State law requires a prescribed level of mandatory training for police officers. However,

the complexities associated with law enforcement in the 21st century require additional training in a wide variety of often complex and highly technical areas.



P&T administers all promotional exams and testing

processes. In addition, P&T also maintains multiple department police-specific training programs including firearms, defensive tactics, ASP, OC, defensive driving and CPR/First Aid.

#### Field Training Program (FTO)

The FTO program expands and reinforces what new officers learn at the 16-week live-in Police Academy. After returning from the academy, every newly hired officer completes this 16week FTO program prior to working alone. The training program is a combination of classroom hours (approximately 1/4 of the time) and hours spent in the field with a training officer (3/4 of the time) ending with a 2-week officer shadowing experience. Officers must pass all written exams and performance standards in order to complete the program. The Portsmouth Police Department places a premium on producing highly trained quality officers.



### **Emergency Communications Center Unit**

The Emergency Communications (dispatch) Center (ECC) serves as an information hub to the public and to the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

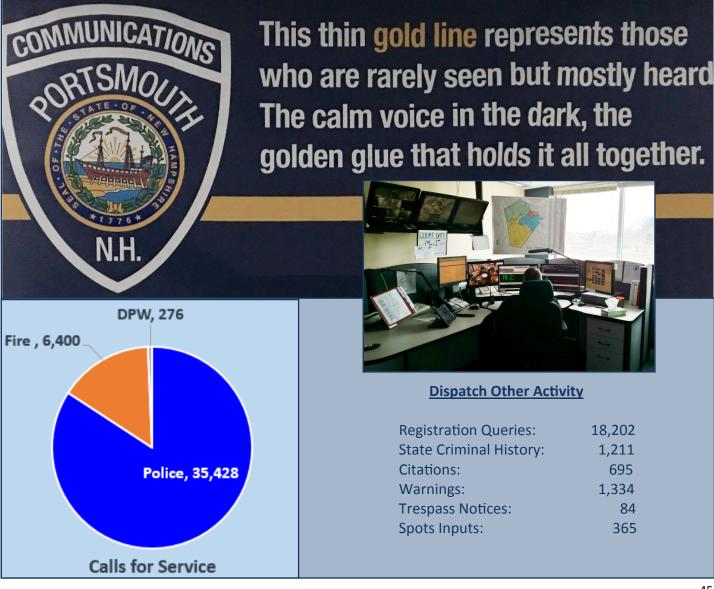
The Emergency Communications Center answers all emergency calls for the City's Police/Fire/EMS Departments, the majority of the non-emergency Police calls, and provides dispatch services for the City's Public Works Department at night and on weekends.

Dispatchers also track and monitor on-duty Police and Fire personnel. Properly staffed, the Portsmouth ECC should have 11

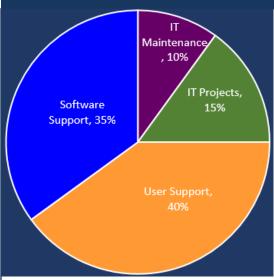


Communications Supervisor-Kelly McGrenaghan

dispatchers scheduled with a minimum of two dispatchers per shift, 24-hours each day. There are a multitude of other duties dispatchers are responsible for such as warning officers of safety alerts, entering missing persons, warrants, citations, and warnings into the records system, giving directions, and assisting field units as needed. The Communications Division has the ability to operate at an offsite Redundant Dispatch Center in the event the primary dispatch center has to be evacuated.



## **Information Technology Unit**



The Portsmouth Police Department has several critical information systems in place that are the backbone of our Dispatch and Records Management infrastructure.

These include 85 workstations, 13 in-house laptops, 14 cruiser laptops, 8 servers, 5 interfaces to State Police networks, as well as all peripheral technology including scanners, printers, and plotters.

In addition, the IT Department maintains and supports five proprietary police-specific software programs. The IT department also supports and manages 4-workstations and one server at the Redundant Dispatch Center.

The laptops in the cruisers operate over a secure wireless network providing officers on the street with immediate access to motor vehicle and past criminal history information. This mobile office

allows officers to remain out on patrol while completing police reports, thereby enhancing our community policing efforts.



### **Records & Court Units**

#### **Records Unit**

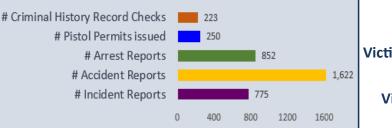
The Records Unit provides the oversight of over 20,000 defendant files, maintains the storage and retrieval of confidential case information, as well as prepares the release of information according to state law, and department policies and procedures to citizens, insurance companies, military, FBI other police departments and internal staff. Pistol permits are also processed by this department.



Victim Advocate Cases 81 Victims Assisted 74



**Items Processed** 



# ADMINISTRATRATIVE SERVICES

## **Administrative Services**



Administrative Manager Karen Senecal

Police

Budget: 10,382,847

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Statistics, Reports &

Presentations

4000

3500 3000 2500

2000 1500 1000

- Administrative Services
- Department financial programs to include the development and monitoring of the annual police department budget
- Purchasing
- Accounts payable
- Payroll
- Patrol shift scheduling
- Grant writing and administration
- False alarm and outside work billing
- Attendance tracking

Asset forfeiture

- Equipment management, to include the fleet
- Facilities oversite
- Statistical analysis
  - Preparation of numerous department reports and presentations
  - Contract negotiation financials

#### **Fleet**

16 Black & Whites 12 Unmarked Vehicles 1 Crime Scene Vehicle 1 Animal Control Truck 2 Motorcycles

#### <u>Facilities:</u> 38,000 Net Square Feet









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