



POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

VISION/MISSION STATEMENT



The Jamestown Police Department is committed to providing the most professional police services; where the citizens we serve are treated with respect and dignity; where all employees have an opportunity to contribute, learn, receive recognition for accomplishments and be involved in their own personal and professional development; where we constantly evaluate and improve our efforts to enhance public safety while actively engaging the community.

It is the mission of the Jamestown Police Department:

- Protect and provide for the safety of the general public
- Enforce the laws of the State of Rhode Island and the Ordinances of the Town of Jamestown
- Create a proactive partnership with the residents of the Town of Jamestown that best serves the needs of the community
- Attain a high quality of life for all

PERSONNEL/STAFFING

The Department is currently authorized as follows: Sworn Officers: 14 FTE; Civilian Dispatchers: 4.5 FTE; Administrative Assistant: .75 FTE; Parking Monitor: 1 FTE (seasonal); Harbor Masters: 1.5 FTE (seasonal).

As of June 30, 2014 the Department actively recruiting candidates to fill two full-time sworn officer vacancies.

DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL

The Department continues with its community policing principal which included the launching of the comprehensive community policing strategic plan. This plan will continue to serve a road map for the Department in we have continued our efforts in assigning officers to walking beats and bike patrol in the Village area. Officers have assisted at or attended a number of community events and meetings including: Drivers' Education, Jamestown Day, Prevention Coalition, Jamestown Chamber of Commerce and the Shores Association. Officers have also independently developed relationship with seniors in the community through various groups our as individuals.

The Department has been very involved in the planning of a number of large scale community events. These events include: Rotary Bike Race, Save-the-Bay Swim, Jamestown Half Marathon, 4th of July Fireworks and the New Years' Plunge. The Department continues to maintain its mutual-aid agreement with the Town of North Kingstown, allowing us the option to request assistance from their police department to assist with these major events.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT STATISTICS

The Department, as do all law enforcement agencies tracks crimes in two parts. Part A crimes are those against persons, property crimes or crimes against society. Part B crimes are those which include such crimes as disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated and trespassing. In comparing the fiscal year ending 2013 to the year ending 2014, both categories saw a decline in crime. Overall, reported crime is down by 15%.

CRIMES BY YEAR

CATEGORY	2013	2014	% CHANGE
PART A TOTALS	100	66	-34%
PART B CRIMES	135	133	0%
OVERALL TOTAL	235	199	-15%

* Based on fiscal period July 1 – June 30

ARREST STATISTICS

The Department tracks juvenile and adult arrests separately. Arrests in both age groups were down in 2014 as compared to 2013. The overall arrest rate is down by 19%.

ARRESTS BY YEAR

	2013	2014	CHANGE %
ADULTS	140	114	-18%
JUVENILES	8	5	-3.7%
TOTAL	148	119	-19%

* Based on fiscal period July 1 – June 30

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The Department continues in a very active role in addressing traffic concerns and complaints. The policy regarding traffic includes a three pronged approach which include a review of engineering, education and enforcement.

The general summary of traffic stops is divided into two categories: those which result in the motorist receiving a warning and those that result in the motorist being issued a traffic citation. Officers consider a number of factors when determining whether to issue a traffic citation including but not limit to: previous driving history, road conditions and the location of the violation. Total traffic stops when comparing 2013 to 2014 remain relatively unchanged and the number citations being issued decreased while the number of warnings being issued increased.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT BY YEAR

	2013	2014	CHANGE %
WARNINGS	1932	1954	+1%
CITATIONS	620	515	-17%
TOTALS TRAFFIC STOPS	2552	2469	-3%

* Based on fiscal period July 1 – June 30

TRAINING/EDUCATION

The Department continues to focus on training efforts. The Departments records training in three categories: In-service training, roll-call training and specialized training. During the year, each officer received approximately 29 hours of in-service training and an additional six hours of roll-call training. Various officers in the Department collectively received approximately 385 hours of specialized training in a variety of topics ranging from active shooter, first-aid, CPR, breathalyzer and firearms. We continue with the philosophy of professional development. The Lieutenant completed her master's degree program at Boston University. Currently one officer is in enrolled in the same program.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Department developed a standardized policy for all police officers to follow when addressing animal related complaints. This has created a more uniform approach to impoundment of animals and the enforcement of violations. The officers are responsible for the investigation of animal-related complaints and enforcing violations. The policy allows for the Department to be assisted by a volunteer animal liaison who has frequently assisted with meeting the needs of the community. The Department has responded to approximately 416 during the year. Nineteen ordinance violation cases were adjudicated.

The Department has been licensed by Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to temporarily kennel animals at the police station for no more than 24 hours. In addition, the Department continues with its' agreement with the Town of North Kingstown to provide longer term kennel services.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department continues to be a large partner in the area of Emergency Management for the community. The Department has the ability to notify residents in the event of an emergency by using a reverse calling system (Code Red). The change in this service provider was the result of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency developing a state wide notification with Code Red. This collaboration will allow the development of a larger calling data base as well as variety of redundancy options. The Department has completed a number of initiatives related to Medical Points of Distribution (MPOD). These include the re-writing of the Town's response plan and establishing the distribution of a variety of vaccinations. The Department has modified its Town-wide Emergency Operations Plan and it has received approval from the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

The Department was awarded a grant through Rhode Island EMA to contract with a consultant in order to complete the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan in collaboration with the Town Planning Department. It is expected that the Hazard Mitigation Plan will receive full approval in the 2015 calendar year by FEMA.

FACILITY/EQUIPMENT



The lobby and dispatch area have been upgraded to improve officer/dispatcher safety as well as public access.

Improvements to the HVAC system were completed by the public works department. The outdated and undersized emergency generator which powers the police station was replaced with partial grant funding obtained through the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

The Departments fleet includes a total of ten (10) vehicles: five (5) marked units, three (3) unmarked units and two (2) former patrol cars which are assigned to traffic details.

Completed technology projects included the replacement of the Department main server. The battery backups for this server and the ancillary equipment were replaced through a grant from the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. The Department also completed the replacement of four (4) mobile data terminals and replacement of two (2) in-car video systems. The Plans are underway to incorporate the dispatcher's ability to monitor cameras from the Town system, RIDOT and RIBTA.

GOALS

The Department will focus its effort on providing professional police services to the community while continuing to enhance its' Community Policing efforts. This will include a complete review of all policies, rules and regulations. This will be part of a larger initiative to seek accreditation from the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission.