

# Police busier than ever, according to annual report

By Dotti Farrington

Police emphasized traffic safety during the calendar year 2004, conducting 894 traffic stops and issuing 903 citations, according to the annual police report issued earlier this month by Acting Police Chief William Donovan.

The totals reflected 500 more stops and 599 more citations than the previous year, he pointed out.

Among the vehicular offenses were 34 charges for driving under the influence of alcohol, compared to 12 the previous year, and even fewer in prior years, according to Donovan's report.

He said the number of motor vehicle accidents decreased slightly last year, "something that

may in part be attributed to the department's participating in Operation Blue Riptide, a program aimed at reducing the number of accident-related fatalities resulting from speeding."

## 911 calls

The department logged 13,809 calls for service, topping the previous year's record number of 12,901 service calls, when activities involving homeland security was reflected by 3,643 special reporting area security checks, which last year numbered 3,713.

The town is divided into 21 zones, with Narragansett Avenue treated as two zones, and accounting for 5,079 of the service calls.

The zone with the next highest number of calls is the island's north end, with 1,288 calls.

In addition to anti-terrorism checks, the calls last year included:

- 858 house and business checks.
- 2,488 traffic related items.
- 105 parking violations as compared to 611 parking tickets issued in 2003.
- 149 accidents including 17 hit and runs. In 2003, there were 172 accidents with 20 hit and runs.
- 488 alarm investigations.
- 38 domestics, no arrests. There were 26 cases and no arrests in 2003.
- Two runaways.

• Six child seat inspections and installations.

• 302 ambulance calls compared to 279 calls in 2003.

• 22 missing person reports.

• 240 marine related calls, including 12 rescues. In 2003, there were 258 calls and eight rescues.

• 107 noise complaints, plus 130 noise measurements.

• 515 reports of suspicious persons, autos or circumstances.

• 109 vandalism incidents.

There also were 536 animal-related calls, including two bites, 56 road kills, 65 barking dogs and 232 lost and found animals. In 2003, the police received 540 animal related calls: 19 for bites, 37 for road kills, 37 for barking dogs, and 137 lost and founds.

Major crimes listed last year were one rape, two aggravated assaults, 27 burglaries, and 86 thefts, involving losses totalling \$47,178.

Police recorded three arsons last year, compared to two each

the previous two years, and one in 2001.

Police arrested 105 adults and 25 juveniles on various offenses during 2004.

## Homeland security

"The department's homeland security effort remains focused on enhancing the physical security of Jamestown's infrastructure and building an interoperable communications capability for the various departments within the town," Donovan wrote. "To that end we received approximately \$49,000 in grant money through the RI Emergency Management Agency," he reported. This compares to \$42,000 the previous year.

Donovan continued, "We anticipate the national homeland security effort to continue with additional grant funding being made available annually. Our focus will be to continue obtain-

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