

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



East Hartford Police Department

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Message from the Chief

Chief Scott M. Sansom

I am pleased to present the East Hartford Police Department's Annual Report for 2016. Although this report cannot begin to capture all the excellent work and activities in which our Department was involved, it highlights our agency's many accomplishments and achievements over the past year.

It comes as no surprise that 2016 was a busy year for our agency. Public Safety Communications dispatched nearly 34,000 calls for police service. Over 2,400 arrests were made, as well as over 7,000 motor vehicle stops.

Service remains at the forefront of everything we do because it builds relationships, cooperation, and trust. By devoting ourselves to service, it will foster an environment which invites community spirit and deters crime. It is something we owe to the community we protect and serve. In pursuit of that commitment, our Department added a new position designed to elevate the quality of life in our neighborhoods. A Community Service Officer is now dedicated full time to community interactions and collaborating with community stakeholders such as our schools, service and faith-based organizations, and residents to ensure we all do our part to preserve a safe, robust and thriving Town. No police department can solve crime or quality of life issues alone. Effective community police relationships, communications and engagement are critical components to our success.

I am proud to stand with the men and women of the East Hartford Police Department. We strive to provide excellent police service each and every day, whether you are raising a family here or simply visiting. On behalf of each member of this department, I would like to personally thank the East Hartford community, the East Hartford Town Council, and the entire East Hartford team for their trust and support as we dedicate ourselves to serve and protect the public with pride and distinction.

2016 Chief's Year in Review

- Resurrected and filled a full time Community Service Officer position
- Promoted 3 Lieutenants & 2 Sergeants
- Hired 3 new police officers
- Entire department was trained in Defensive Tactics including a variety of de-escalation techniques
- Hosted a Citizen's Police Academy for the residents of East Hartford
- Reestablished Neighborhood Block Watch meetings
- Initiated a Park Project to maintain parks with hours of closure and enforcement of Town Ordinances
- Assisted with the restructuring of Burnside Avenue ("road diet"—bicycle lane)
- Several improvements to the Communications Center
- Adopted State model policy for Misconduct Investigations
- Entire department was trained in the use of the Everbridge Notification System
- Enhanced Patrol fleet with 8 new marked vehicles
- Events: Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Hartford Marathon, Promotion Ceremony, Coffee With A Cop, Award Ceremony, toy drive, holiday party, & Believe 208 race.

EHPD SLOGAN:

*"Serving our Community with
Pride and Integrity"*

MISSION:

*Safeguard life and property,
preserve peace, enforce laws,
prevent and detect crime, provide a
safe community, enhance the
quality of life, protect the rights of
citizens.*

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

POSITIONS

Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief	4
Lieutenant	11
Sergeant	16
Detective	10
Investigator	2
Officer	82
Civilian	38

Notable events:

SHOTS FIRED ARREST

On July 6, 2016, officers responded to the area of Moore Avenue and Tolland Street on the report of shots fired. Anthony Spence-Dunbar and Dorain Johnson were identified and charged accordingly. The investigation continued, which resulted in the arrest of David "Chino" Vasquez and the seizure of a .9mm Ruger handgun. Excellent job!!

LIFE SAVING EFFORT

On July 19, 2016, Officer Tinsley observed a vehicle hit a guard rail and roll over several times with two passengers being ejected. A female passenger was unresponsive and trapped under the vehicle. Several officers responded and lifted the vehicle off of the trapped female and rendered medical aid. Officers also assisted with evacuating trapped passengers. Excellent job by all officers!!

Patrol Division completed the following:

- Responded to 33,811 calls for service
- 2,425 arrests made
- 7,317 motor vehicle stops

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

On March 24, 2016, officers responded to a check welfare where a female and her children were abandoned with no food or supplies. Officers help secure food and supplies and connected the family with outside agency assistance. Excellent job!



Field Operations Bureau

This is the largest Bureau within the Police Department. The Field Operations Bureau consists of the Patrol Division, supplemented by the following special teams: Traffic Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Animal Control Unit, K-9 Unit, TRT SWAT Team, TRT Crisis Negotiating Team, Marine Patrol, Dive Team, Bomb Squad, full-time and part-time Community Resource Officers, Honor Guard and Bicycle Unit.

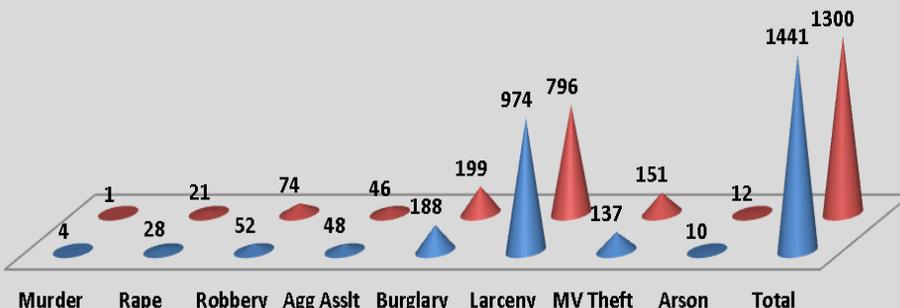
Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the East Hartford Police Department and is committed to providing safety, service, and building relationships throughout the neighborhoods in the Town of East Hartford. The officers wear uniforms and drive marked police vehicles. The officers are assigned areas known as "districts" to detect and prevent crime and enhance the quality of life. They also respond to 911 emergency calls and other calls for service.

Crime Statics :

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Notable Events:

MURDER ARREST

On February 11, 2016, officers responded to the Madison Inn on the report of an unconscious male. Upon arrival, officers located a male that was stabbed and died as a result of his injury. Using DNA and scene reconstruction, CIB Detectives arrested Samantha Wheeler, charging her with the murder of the male victim. Excellent job by the Patrol Officers and CIB Detectives!

HOME INVASION ARREST

On September 4, 2016, patrol officers responded to a home invasion in a residential neighborhood. Upon arrival, officers learned the victim was also sexually assaulted by the suspect and her money was stolen. CIB Detectives collected DNA and physical evidence from the scene.

After a through investigation, CIB Detectives identified and arrested Edwin Glass. Excellent job by CIB Detectives!!

NARCOTICS ARREST

Members of the Vice Intelligence and Narcotics Division conducted surveillance of a suspected drug dealer. This investigation was initiated after several shooting incidents. After identifying the suspect and attempting to stop him, the suspect fled, discarding a stolen firearm. The firearm was later found to be involved in the shootings. Excellent job by the involved Detectives!!



Criminal Investigations Bureau

The Criminal Investigations Bureau assists patrol officers with the investigation of cases that require specialized training or an extended period of time to complete. The CIB also initiates investigations that fall outside the normal complaint procedure such as compliance with Sexual Offender Registry laws, certain firearms violations and many vice and narcotic investigations.

The CIB is grouped into Divisions enabling each Division to receive specific training in their areas of investigation and to partner with similar units in the region to address recurring crime patterns of a like nature. All members of the Criminal Investigations Bureau are prepared to shift quickly between Divisions depending on patterns of crime and major crime events. The Criminal Investigations Bureau has restructured its operational activities this year to include the gathering, analysis and dissemination of data.

Divisions within the Criminal Investigations Bureau include:

- General Investigations Division
- Vice, Intelligence & Narcotics Division (VIN)
- Special Investigations Division & School Resource Officers
- Evidentiary Services Unit
- Intelligence Division
- Court Officer
- Accident Reconstruction Team (ART)

Bureau Statics:

- 4 Homicide investigations
- 12 Shooting investigations
- 39 Sexual assault investigations
- 11 Serious assault investigations
- 23 Robbery investigations
- 1 Home invasion investigation
- 48 Burglary investigations
- 45 Larceny investigations
- 7 MV theft investigations
- 113 Sex Offender checks
- 31 Deadly weapon checks
- 5 Arson investigations



PLANNING

The Planning Division is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence and will continue to grow, adapt and evolve the East Hartford Police Department as we provide the highest level of police service to our residents and visitors to our community. The Planning Division was tasked with updating the East Hartford Police Department Rules and Regulations. We are reviewing best practices, Town rules, the current Collective Bargaining Agreements, General Orders and comparative agencies' documentation.

ACCREDITATION

The department is seeking to become nationally accredited through CALEA. We hired an Accreditation Consultant and created a sworn Accreditation Specialist position to assist with the process. We are planning on Spring of 2018 to be CALEA accredited.

During the last year, the following policies were updated: Pursuit Policy, Stop Stick Policy, Police Response Protocol, Prisoner Transport, Protection of Criminal Justice Information, Juvenile Investigations, FTO Program and Bias Profiling Prohibited.

HIRING & BACKGROUNDS

The East Hartford Police Department's budgeted strength is 126 sworn officers. We currently have 122 sworn officers. In 2016, the East Hartford Police Department hired 3 new officers. Three of the new officers are pictured below, Jared Richards, Justin D'Angelo and Kendra Valentin-Flores.



Professional Standards Bureau

The goal of the Professional Standards Bureau is to ensure the department is highly trained, accredited, ethical and adheres to the established Code of Conduct. This bureau safeguards the integrity of the department.

Divisions within the Professional Standards Bureau include:

- Internal Affairs
- Accreditation
- Freedom of Information Request / Civil Liability
- Training Division
- Firearms
- Hiring & Backgrounds
- Planning

Internal Affairs

Internal Affairs primary function is to receive, process and investigate complaints made against members of the East Hartford Police Department. When a complaint is received, every effort is made to ensure a thorough, timely, and fair investigation of the allegation(s) contained in the complaint. The openness of the department in the acceptance of a complaint is a principle element of professionalism and community responsiveness. All complaints are processed and reviewed by Internal Affairs and submitted to the Chief of Police for review and final disposition.

Internal Affairs Statics:

- 6 Internal Affairs investigations
- 42 Supervisory investigations
- 1 K-9 case reviewed
- 41 Vehicle pursuits reviewed
- 105 Use of Forces reviewed



MIS

In 2016, MIS continued their efforts preparing for the implementation of the new regional CAD/RMS Project. Personnel also worked collaboratively with several State networking initiatives and data sharing projects.

BUDGET

In 2016, the East Hartford Department was awarded a Federal JAG Grant of \$21,500 to purchase Tasers, upgraded Taser batteries and holsters.

The department received monies under the State Distractive Driving Grant to identify motorists who drive distracted. We also participated in the annual State DOT Click It or Ticket Program.

RECORDS DIVISION

In 2016, 33,811 case clearances were processed through our Records Division.

Policies and procedures were updated to comply with new DUI video recording mandates.

FLEET

In 2016, eight new vehicles were added to the department fleet. A new prisoner transport van was purchased.

PROPERTY UNIT

In 2016, the unit processed 3,171 pieces of evidence. The unit collected and appropriately discarded 120 pounds of medication from the medication drop box.



Support Services Bureau

The function of the Support Services Bureau is to provide administrative services to Human Resources, fiscal, records administration and permitting. This bureau also manages the Communications Division, as well as MIS.

Divisions within the Support Services Bureau include:

- Public Safety Communications
- Management Information Systems (MIS)
- Records Division
- Fleet
- Property Unit
- Budget / Finance
- Payroll, Permits & Human Resources Unit
- Quartermaster & Supply Clerk

Public Safety Communications

The East Hartford Police Department's Communications center is typically the initial point of contact for citizens in need of assistance within the Town of East Hartford. Telecommunicators, working in Communications, are responsible for dispatching Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services within East Hartford.

In 2016, two Telecommunicators and One Civilian Supervisor were hired. They are currently completing their training. The focus in 2017 will be to fill vacant positions to ensure the Communications center is fully staffed.

Public Safety Communications Staffing:

- 4 Supervisors (One Sworn Supervisor & Three Civilian Supervisors)
- 19 Telecommunicators

Public Safety Communications Stats:

- 33,811 Calls for Police Service
- 1,717 Calls for Fire Service
- 8,831 Calls for Emergency Medical Service



East Hartford Police Department Past, Present & Future

2017 Projects:

- New Computer Aid Dispatch (CAD) & Records Management Systems (RMS)
- Working towards obtaining national Accreditation
- Research Body Worn Cameras—Technology & Policies
- Regionalize Juvenile Review Board process
- Additional Communication Center & System upgrades
- Increase training opportunities
- Increase Community Service Officer positions
- Host a Citizen's Police Academy



2016 Blue Mass



2016 Saint Patrick's Day Parade



Inv. Kyle Hegarty
Life Saving Award



2016 Officer of the Year
Officer Ken Sullivan



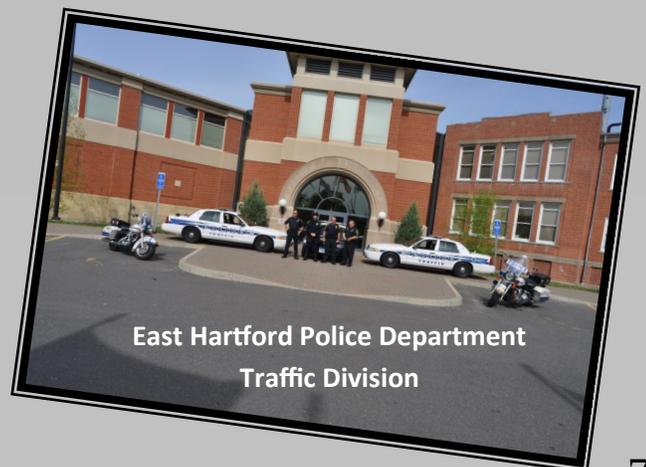
Officer Rivera &
K9 Capo



Citizen's Police Academy
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