

# 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW



**East Hartford Police Department**

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# Message from the Chief

**Chief Scott M. Sansom**

On behalf of all members of the East Hartford Police Department, I am honored to have the opportunity to present our 2017 Annual Report. The information detailed in these pages reflects a summary of our activities and accomplishments as well as information on 2018 events.

I continue to be amazed and moved by the staff of this Department. With their seemingly unlimited passion to serve and protect, coupled with a persistent level of professionalism and compassion, each member of the Department is crucial to our ability to effectively satisfy day-to-day operational needs and respond to very challenging incidents.

During 2017 the East Hartford Police Department worked to reduce crime and, overall, we were successful, but we must look beyond the numbers. We can never lose sight of the fact that behind every crime number there is a story; every crime has an impact. Even though major crime statistics in East Hartford have decreased, we want them lower.

In 2018 the East Hartford Police Department will begin field trials of body worn cameras for police officers with the intent of implementing the use of these cameras for all patrol officers. We will also research other technologies available for improving the overall safety of the community, as well as continue to expand programs and events such as Coffee With A Cop, summer Youth Basketball, and National Night Out.

Relationships with our community are cultivated in a positive and healthy manner based upon our values of justice, respect and integrity. We sincerely treasure and value these relationships, and I believe they are critical to maintaining everyday safety in the places where we live, work, and socialize. On behalf of the East Hartford Police Department, thank you for your continued support and assistance.

## 2017 Chief's Year in Review

- Implemented a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)
- Installed a new Records Management System (RMS)
- Hired 9 new police officers
- Accident Reconstruction Team was fully staffed and trained
- Police Youth Task Force was expanded to East Hartford High School
- Developed PAL basketball program
- Established relationships with our faith based communities
- Updated our Use of Force and Weapons policies
- Participated in National Night Out
- Transitioned entire department to new firearms
- Increased the number of patrol rifles
- Purchased ballistics helmets and vests for every patrol vehicle
- Settled Police Union labor contract
- Events: Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Hartford Marathon, Coffee With A Cop, toy drive, Riverfest Fireworks, 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	4
Officer	80
Civilian	38



Notable events:

### LARCENY ARREST—TIRES & RIMS

On September 25, 2017, officers responded to 50 Hillside Street on the report of an active larceny. Upon arrival, officers observed a vehicle fleeing the scene. After a vehicle and foot pursuit, two suspects were located and arrested. Four rims and tires were recovered and returned to the owner. Excellent job by Officers Estes and Henrickson!!

### LIFE SAVING EFFORT

On April 22, 2017, officers responded to 38 Wakefield Circle on the report of an unconscious female. Upon arrival, Officer Tinsley observed the victim with a 6 month old child lying on her chest. Officer Tinsley initiated CPR until the victim regained consciousness and was transported to Hartford Hospital for further treatment. Excellent job by Officer Tinsley!!

#### Patrol Division completed the following:

- Responded to 32,864 calls for service
- 2,315 arrests made
- 7,471 motor vehicle stops

### National Night Out

The East Hartford Police Department participated in National Night Out, which is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and a more caring place to live.



## Field Operations Bureau

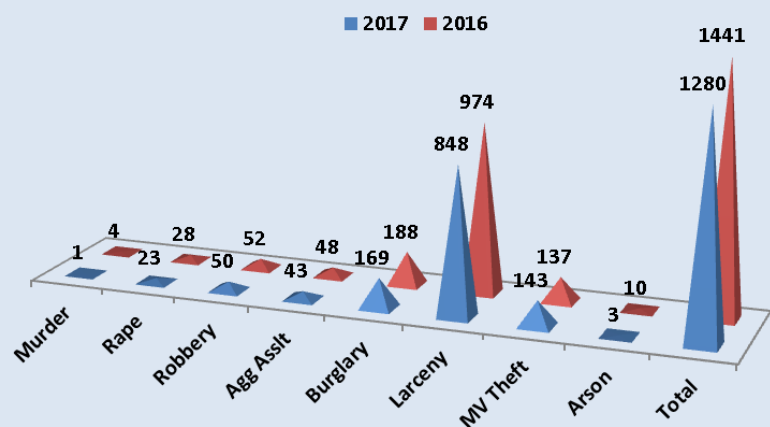
This is the largest Bureau within the Police Department. The Field Operations Bureau consists of the Patrol Division, supplemented by the following special teams: Traffic Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Animal Control Unit, K-9 Unit, TRT SWAT Team, TRT Crisis Negotiating Team, Marine Patrol, Dive Team, Bomb Squad,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

## East Hartford Police Department 2016-2017 Major Crime Report



## Notable Events:

### SHOOTING ARREST

On January 28, 2017, officers responded to Krauszers (468 Main street) on the report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located a male suffering from multiple gun shot wounds. The male was transported to Hartford Hospital in critical condition. CIB detectives responded and assumed the investigation. After a lengthy investigation, Alphonso Clarke was identified as the shooter and subsequently arrested for this incident. Excellent job by the CIB Detectives!!

### SHOOTING ARREST

On July 11, 2017, officers responded to Zebulon Street on the report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle that sustained gun shot damage. Three people were inside the vehicle at the time of the shooting. CIB detectives responded and assumed the investigation. After a thorough investigation, CIB Detectives identified and arrested Edwin Laureano. Excellent job by CIB Detectives!!

### NARCOTICS & FIREARM ARREST

Members of the Vice Intelligence and Narcotics Division received information about narcotics selling from 25 1/2 Linden Street. After a lengthy investigation, a search and seizure warrant was approved and executed. Seized was a Glock 22 handgun, 40 grams of crack cocaine, 79 bags of heroin with fentanyl, two pounds of marijuana and drug packaging materials. Excellent job by the VIN Investigators!!



## 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:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • 1 Homicide investigation         | • 51 Burglary investigations |
| • 8 Shooting investigations        | • 39 Larceny investigations  |
| • 36 Sexual Assault investigations | • 5 MV Theft investigations  |
| • 5 Serious Assault investigations | • 90 Sex Offender checks     |
| • 27 Robbery investigations        | • 53 Deadly Weapon checks    |
| • 1 Home Invasion investigation    | • 0 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 is continuing a review of the East Hartford Police Department Rules and Regulations. We are continuing to review best practices, Town rules, the Collective Bargaining Agreements, General Orders and comparative agencies' documentation.

## ACCREDITATION

The department is seeking to become nationally accredited through CALEA. Our Accreditation Consultant and Accreditation Specialist are continuing to update every general order to meet accreditation standards. We are planning to be CALEA accredited by Fall of 2018.

During the last year, the following policies were updated: Use of Force, Weapons and Ammunition, Officer Discretion, Use of Police K9, Bomb Threats, Police Headquarters, and Calls for Police Services.

## HIRING & BACKGROUNDS

The East Hartford Police Department's budgeted strength is 126 sworn officers. We currently have 125 sworn officers. In 2017, the East Hartford Police Department hired nine new officers. Six of the new officers are pictured below, Stephanie Rodriguez, Kevin Beeman, Joseph Mormino, Carlos Ocasio, Sarah Hill and David Kardys.



## 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:

- 11 Internal Affairs investigations
- 51 Supervisory investigations
- 6 K-9 cases reviewed
- 38 Vehicle pursuits reviewed
- 171 Use of Forces cases reviewed



## MIT

In 2017, MIS implemented a new regional Computer Aided Dispatch & Records Management system in East Hartford.

MIS also outfitted all Patrol vehicles with new AT&T modems to complete the transition for the Nexgen system upgrade.

## COLLECTIVE BARGING AGREEMENT

The Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Police Officer's Association settled their collective bargaining agreement which will be in effect from July, 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

## BUDGET

In 2017, the East Hartford Department implemented new payroll codes to capture and track the overtime costs related to Police services.

## RECORDS DIVISION

In 2017, 32,864 case clearances were processed through our Records Division.

## FLEET

In 2017, eight new vehicles were added to the department fleet. We also installed a camera system in our prisoner transport van.

## PROPERTY UNIT

In 2017, the unit processed 2,844 pieces of evidence. The unit collected and appropriately discarded 205 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.

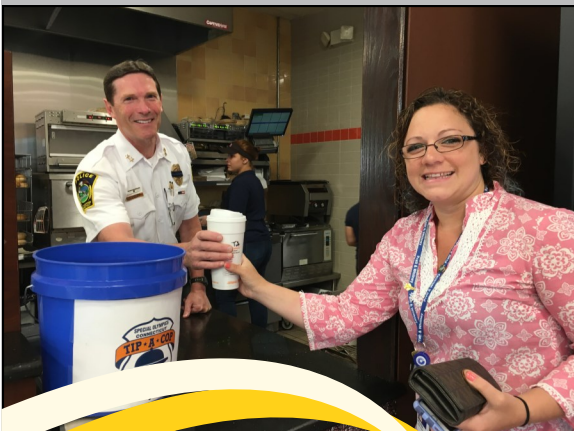
In 2017, three Telecommunicators and one Civilian Supervisor were hired. One is currently completing his training. The focus in 2018 will be once again to fill vacant positions to ensure the Communications center is fully staffed.

Public Safety Communications Staffing:

- 5 Supervisors (One Sworn Supervisor & Four Civilian Supervisors)
- 19 Telecommunicators

Public Safety Communications Stats:

- 32,864 Calls for Police Service
- 8,506 Calls for Fire & Fire EMD (Emergency Medical)
- 2,212 Calls for Medical Service (Ambulance only)





## East Hartford Police Department Past, Present & Future

### 2018 Projects:

- Obtain CALEA Accreditation Fall of 2018
- Body Worn Cameras—test & evaluate equipment
- Fill vacant positions within the police department
- Increase supervisor training opportunities
- Increase Community Service Officer positions
- Host a Citizen's Police Academy



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