April 2, 2018

Honorable Town Council:

I am presenting to you the 2017 annual report for the Glocester Police Department, Animal Control, and Emergency Management. This is the second annual report that I have submitted to the Glocester Town Council as Police Chief.

This report gives a snapshot of the operational activity that has occurred in year 2017, to include calls for service, traffic analysis, and criminal arrests. Several narcotics arrests have occurred this past year while the department maintained its Rhode Island Police Accreditation status and compliance. This included annual performance evaluations for all department sworn and civilian employees.

The Glocester Police Department continues its community outreach efforts including for the first time working with Glocester Business Association family Halloween event at the pavilion and through Main Street in October. In 2017 the Glocester Police continued to work with school districts on school safety and participated in many charitable events throughout the year.

The Police Department does not anticipate any significant operational changes in 2018; however, there are many challenges in today’s policing environment. This would include continuous professional development, new legislation, regional school security, and the changing investigative and technological needs facing a small town police department.

I would also like to thank the Honorable Town Council for their continued support of this department to provide the best police services possible to the Glocester community.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. DelPrete
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Glocester Police Department is to protect life, liberty and property and maintain civil order while creating and maintaining a partnership with our citizens and business owners to enhance public safety in order to increase the quality of life in the Town of Glocester.

The men and women of the Glocester Police Department shall strive to be a highly trained and well respected law enforcement agency. We will work together with our community in solving the problems facing Glocester. The success of this mission depends on continuing the trust and understanding among Glocester’s police officers and the community. In forging this partnership, we pledge our dedication and diligence to the duties and responsibilities granted to us by the United States Constitution, the Rhode Island Constitution and the Home Rule Charter.

PERSONNEL/STAFFING

In 2017 the Department had 15 Sworn Officers including the Chief of Police, 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, and 10 Patrol Officers. Support Staff include the Executive Assistant, 4 full time dispatchers and 1 part time dispatcher. Father T.J. Varghese of St Eugenes’s Church is the department Chaplain. This staffing included one new recruit graduate from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy in May of 2017 that replaced a senior police officer retirement.

At the Public Safety Complex, dispatchers dispatch calls for service for Police personnel, and members of the Chepachet, Harmony, and West Glocester volunteer Fire Departments.

Members of the Glocester Police Department patrol 56 square miles and support a population slightly under 10,000 residents. In 2017 police officers responded to 28,198 calls for service, which was considerably higher than year 2016 at 27,537 and year 2015 at 25,576. Calls for service include police dispatch response, self-initiated traffic stops, residential and business checks, medical assists, and fire assistance calls rendered by
Glocester Fire and Rescue Companies. The Police Department also investigated 791 incidents during 2017 down from 833 in 2016.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

The goal of the Glocester Police Department traffic enforcement program is to deliver traffic related services and enforce Rhode Island Traffic Laws in an effort to reduce hazardous vehicle operation and the reduction of accidents on state and secondary roads in the town of Glocester. Traffic initiatives are also supported with Federal and State Department of Transportation funds for speed enforcement, DUI, seatbelt usage and texting while driving.

In 2017 members of the Glocester Police conducted over 2400 motor vehicle stops and issued 1544 adult and 112 juvenile traffic citations. 704 motorists were issued verbal or written warnings. Total traffic stop statistics decreased from year 2016 at 2806. Patrols issued over 1090 speeding citations with the remaining covering a variety of all other traffic offenses to include obedience to devices, lane roadway, intervals between vehicles, seat belt, and 2 Texting while driving violations.

The Glocester Police also investigated 207 motor vehicle accidents which was a decrease of 10 from year 2016 at 217. Patrols investigated 83 accidents on Route 44 Putnam Pike, 17 on Snake Hill Road, 11 on Reynolds Road and 9 on Money Hill Road. This accident collision location analysis is consistent with year 2016 and Route 44- Putnam Pike having the most accidents investigated by Glocester Police Officers.

The Accident Reconstruction Team is called out for serious multi-vehicle collisions, fatalities and accidents involving serious bodily injury. In 2017 the Accident Construction
Team was called out and reconstructed two serious motor vehicle accidents. One accident resulted in the motor cycle operator being charged with driving while alcohol/narcotics impaired resulting in serious bodily injury; and the second accident involved the criminal charge and indictment on Driving to Danger Serious Bodily Injury and Driving to Endanger Death resulting.

The Glocester Police investigated two (2) motor vehicle accidents resulting in one operator, and one passenger fatality. There were no pedestrian fatalities in 2017 or the past five years in the Town of Glocester. A total of 3.43% or 7 crashes were alcohol related in 2017.

Please see attached motor vehicle crash data reports and graphs giving specific collision data for the Town of Glocester for the reports exported to CrashLogic.

**CRIME STATISTICS**

The Town of Glocester has been named and recognized by Safe Wise home security as the safest R.I. community for years 2015, 2016, and 2017. In 2017 members of the Glocester Police made 225 arrests which was an increase from 2016. There were 73 motor vehicle arrests, 36 juveniles arrested, 27 individuals arrested for driving while intoxicated and 31 individuals arrested for narcotics and drug violations. Narcotics violations have increased in 2017 with the trafficking and distribution of marijuana under the legal cover of the R.I. Medical Marijuana program/laws. Possession of small amounts of marijuana by non-prescribed patients continues to be a decriminalized offense. In 2017 Glocester Police seized small amounts of cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl. Property crimes increased in 2017 which included larcenies and 3 motor vehicles were reported stolen from the town.

**INTERESTING INVESTIGATION**

On 5/11/2017 members of the Glocester Police responded to a residence on Paris Irons Road for a report of numerous out of state vehicles at the believed to be vacant residence. Officers responded to the residence and located 11 Chinese Nationals inside the residence processing a large-scale marijuana operation. Members of the Glocester Police executed a court authorized search warrant and seized over 100 marijuana plants, over 45 pounds of processed marijuana, $28,000 in U.S. currency, and two vehicles. Six individuals were arrested at the residence and charged with marijuana trafficking and illegal distribution laws. In furtherance of this investigation, the Glocester Police partnered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in connecting these defendants to a large Chinese syndicate organization originating from New York City and Connecticut. This syndicate group is involved in the trafficking and transportation of large amounts of marijuana and a money laundering scheme in the Northeast region. One Glocester Police Officer was temporarily assigned to the DEA Task Force to assist in this investigation.
**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

The patrol Captain is responsible for the daily operations and professional standards at the Glocester Police Department and reports directly to the Police of Chief on all internal matters. This includes monitoring and maintaining citizen complaints, use of force, and police motor vehicle pursuits to ensure all police officers are within department policy and guidelines.

- 7 Use of Force incidents (physical struggle)
- 0 Motor vehicle pursuits
- 0 Citizen complaints

As part of the Use of Force Reporting Glocester Police maintain records when a firearm was discharged in the line of duty.

**15 severely injured or rabid wild animals were euthanized by members of the police department in 2017 and discharge weapons reports were completed and analyzed following department procedure and policy.**

**2 letters of recognition, and 3 commendations will be presented to Glocester Police Officers for exceptional performance in 2017.**

The Glocester Police Department pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 31-21.2-6 continues to collect racial profiling data which is periodically reviewed by the department Internal Affairs Officer and Chief of Police. Department supervisors have also been briefed to identify any personnel who are not following department policies regarding biased policing and documentation procedures. **There have been no racial or bias discrepancies by any members of the Glocester Police in 2017 or in the past eight years.**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Glocester Police Department maintains a continuous mandatory training curriculum required by state law, accreditation standards, and in-service training programs in order to meet the changing roles and responsibility of police officer development. In 2017 members of the Glocester Police Department participated in the following training curriculums:

- Day and night time firearms training
- Pistol and Patrol Rifle recertification
- FBI Pistol Instructors Course
• DUI and Breathalyzer recertification
• Outlaw motorcycle and domestic gang recognition training
• Mental Health Training
• School Safety and ALICE Instructor School
• Active Shooter Training
• Patrol Rifle Instructor Training
• Cyber-Security Training
• Naloxone (narcan) administration Training
• Accreditation Manager Training
• RILETS Dispatch-validation Training
• Dispatch Critical Incident Training
• Critical Incident First Responder Tactical First Aid
• Police Officer hearing impaired disabilities training

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/EVENTS

• In May of 2017 members of the Glocester Police Department assisted and worked with Ponaganset Middle School Staff with their annual 5K road race in support of their health awareness curriculum at the middle school. The annual race starts at Ponaganset High School runs along Snake Hill Road, ending at the Middle School.

• In June the Special Olympics Rhode Island Torch Run started from St. Eugene’s Church for the 6.5 Mile Run to Powder Mill Creamery to meet the Smithfield Police Teams with the final destination the RI State House.

• Independence Day events - July 1st, Fireworks and concerts celebrated at Glocester Memorial Park and July 4th Ancient and Horribles Parade.

• In October the Glocester Police coordinated with the Glocester Business Association for the Halloween Fest handing out Halloween bags, novelties and safety tips to children during this event.

• In November members of the Glocester Police participated in the Ponaganset High School Ceremony awarding them as a nationally recognized top unified sports program. This recognition ceremony was televised, sponsored and narrated by ESPN sports.
On December 12, members of the Glocester Police volunteered for the Wreaths Across America Escort and participated in the veterans ceremony at Ponaganset Middle School.

In December the Police Department partnered with Navigant Credit Union Chepachet Branch for the Annual Christmas Toy Drive to assist needy families and children in Glocester. This included distributing gifts with the assistance of the Chepachet Fire Department.

**ACCREDITATION**

On September 1st, 2016 the Glocester Police Department was awarded Rhode Island State Accreditation. Throughout 2017, accreditation manager Lieutenant Matthew Fague assisted the Chief of Police in developing and revising policy and procedure, initiating the latest training modules to conform to the latest professional standards and to improve overall performance. Over 161 standards established by the RIPAC Commission were in compliance and maintained by the Glocester Police Department in 2017.

**JUVENILE HEARING BOARD**

The Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board consists of a total of nine (9) members, five (5) from the Town of Glocester and four (4) from the Town of Foster, with each respective town having one (1) alternate member. The Juvenile Hearing Board has one Chairman and is established by both towns for the purpose of hearing all cases referred to the Board by the Chief of Police.

The Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board cases are administered and vetted by the Police Department Captain. The Juvenile Hearing Board meets every third Wednesday of the month and is the alternative judicial process from Family Court appearances. The Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board has an acclaimed reputation, track record, and overall experience to adjudicate cases and direct the town’s youth in a positive manner. The Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board members all have professional backgrounds and seasoned life experiences that contribute to the success of the board.

In 2017 the Foster-Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board heard and adjudicated seven (7) cases ranging from simple Assault, Vandalism, and Possession of a knife on school property.

Presently there are four (4) 2017 cases carried over to year 2018 for monitoring and final adjudication.
BCI UNIT

The BCI Unit of the Glocester Police Department is tasked with the forensic investigation of any major crimes reported and subsequent follow-up investigations required such as; crime scene reconstructions, analyzing electronic evidence and attending autopsies. Personnel assigned to the BCI Unit receive specialized training in Forensic Crime Scene Processing and many hours of technical training on the recovery and acquisition of data from cellular phones, computers, video surveillance systems and other electronic devices used for criminal activity.

In 2017, the BCI Unit was assigned to assist with 41 investigations including; Motor Vehicle Fatality Investigations/Reconstructions, Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Unattended Death Investigations, Court Authorized Search Warrants, Analysis of cell phone data, Electronic Dissemination of Indecent Material and Cyber Bullying/Threats.

The BCI Unit is also responsible for administering all records of identification and background checks of residents. The BCI Unit is also responsible for the registration and monitoring of any sex offenders residing in the Town of Glocester and any subsequent community notification requirements that are mandated by State Law.

In the year 2017, members of the BCI unit provided the following services.

- **403** - School Volunteer BCI Checks
- **93** - National Background Checks/Fingerprinting
- **19** - Sex Offender Registrations/Re-Registrations
- **4** - Sex Offender Community Notifications

INTERESTING BCI INVESTIGATION

In 2017, members of the Glocester Police Department assisted by the BCI Unit arrested and charged a suspect after a three year long investigation into a unique burglary at a residence in Glocester. Members of the Glocester Police Department and BCI Unit travelled to 5 different states including Maine, Massachusetts, West Virginia and Virginia to interview witnesses and suspects in this case. A suspect was developed early on in the investigation which was found to be a target of common interest with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice in a federal corruption scandal involving to 2012 presidential election. Glocester Police worked with the FBI and DOJ on parallel but separate investigations which ultimately lead to a federal conviction for public corruption crimes and a state conviction for our investigation. Multiple technical search warrants were issued on various electronic devices and communications providers which were analyzed by the BCI Unit and ultimately led to the charging and conviction of the suspect.
ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

In 2017 the Animal Control Department was staffed with one full time Animal Control Officer, one Assistant Animal Control Officer and one part-time weekend staff assistant. A second staff assistant resigned in November of 2017.

The mission of this department is to encourage responsible pet ownership and provide safe and humane quality animal services to the Town of Gloucester residents.

There were approximately 2,187 calls to the Animal Control Department for animal inquiries and services. A rabies clinic was held in April at the Chepachet Fire Station which was a great success. Salmon River Mobile Vet continued to service the shelter once a month to spay, neuter, examine and vaccinate animals. Oaklawn Animal Hospital has also worked with Gloucester Animal Control exclusively, outside Salmon River and off hour emergency services; while giving free exams and 10% discount on medication.

A total of 163 animals were impounded in 2017. 58 animals were returned to their owners, 71 were placed in new homes, 1 aged and sick canine was euthanized, 2 cats died on the way to the vet, 1 feral cat was trapped, neutered and released, and 8 injured/sick cats were euthanized.

** On 9/16/17 ONE 4 ½ Foot alligator was recovered on Snake Hill Road by Police and Animal Control.

12 animals were deceased when picked up, 1 bird was released after recovery at the shelter, and 2 animals were brought to the Wildlife Rehab Center. There were 6 dogs and 1 cat residing at the shelter into 2018.

The total number of animals that were quarantined for rabies was 12, and 2 animals were taken to the State Department of Health to be tested for rabies. One (1) animal tested positive for rabies in 2017.

There were 61 written warnings issued, most were regarding loose dogs or livestock, barking dogs and unlicensed dogs. There were 2 residents who were given loose dog citations.

There was a total of $1,717.50 in monetary donations for the year 2017 and various other non-monetary donations were given to the shelter.
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

In April of 2017 a new Emergency Management Director with extensive FEMA/Homeland Security experience was hired for the Town for Glocester. The EMA Director is responsible to coordinate and direct a comprehensive emergency preparedness program for the town and maintain emergency operational capabilities that prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from manmade or natural disasters.

**Below is a summary of EMA Activity for 2017;**

- Advise Glocester first responders of adverse weather conditions through the year including directing emergency storm operations and liaison with National Grid for power outages in October and December.

- The Town of Glocester was recognized and awarded a Storm Ready Community by RI Emergency Management and FEMA.

- Organized and trained a volunteer Citizens Emergency Response Team CERT. This included training, certification and coordination with regional teams.

- EMA Director started the process of the certification of local emergency shelters in the town.

- Applied and received seven Rhode Island Emergency Management Grants totaling $65,000 for operational communications, upgrade emergency communications center and police department and town hall security.
Total Number of Crashes Reported between 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2017 for [All Reporting Locations]: 204**
# Alcohol Related Crashes*

7

Fatal: 1  
Injury: 3  
Property: 3

% Alcohol Related Crashes*

3.43%

Fatal: 14.29%  
Injury: 42.86%  
Property: 42.86%

* BAC >= .08, Test refused, or Operator under Influence

* Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

--- Weather Condition ---

- Clear: 80.39%
- Snow: 1.47%
- Rain: 1.47%
- Cloudy: 6.37%
- Fog, Smog, Smoke: 2.94%
- Sleet, Hail (Freezing Rain or Drizzle): 7.35%

* Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing
# Commercial Crashes*

1

Fatal: 0
Injury: 1
Property: 0

% Commercial Crashes*

0.49%

Fatal: 0.00%
Injury: 100.00%
Property: 0.00%

*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

Day/Night

126 (61.76%)

78 (38.24%)

Not indexed: 0 (0.00%)

*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing
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# Crashes Involving

4 Motorcycle

* Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

# Crashes by Age and Sex of Operator
Crash Causation for Crashes Reported between 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2017 for [All Reporting Locations]: 204*

Note: Empty or blank entries are ignored

*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

**Top 10 Apparent Contributing Factors**

- Movements Essentially Straight Ahead: 61.06%
- Stopped in Traffic: 9.24%
- Negotiating a Curve: 5.94%
- Turning Left: 5.61%
- Parked: 3.96%
- Slowing: 3.96%
- Entering Traffic Lane: 3.63%
- Turning Right: 1.98%
- Backing: 1.65%
- Overtaking / Passing: 1.32%

**Top 10 Driver Status Factors**

- Apparently Normal: 95.20%
- Under the Influence of Medications/Drugs/Alcohol: 2.40%
- Fell Asleep, Fainted, Fatigued, etc.: 1.60%
- Other: 0.80%
Total # of Teen Driver Related Crashes Reported between 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2017 for [All Reporting Locations]: 34**
% of All Drivers:  16.67 %
**Note: All charts and statistics based on number of drivers per crash. Teen drivers are ages 16-19
**Distracted Driving**

50.00%

*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing*

**Time of Day**

*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing*
### Alcohol Related Crashes* By Driver Age

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*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing

### Driver Age and Sex

![Bar chart showing the number of crashes by age and gender.](https://www.crashlogic.com/Analytics/Dashboard/TeenPrint)
**Cited for Violation**

*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing*

**Day of Week/Driver Age**

- Age 16
- Age 17
- Age 18
- Age 19
Total # of Elderly Driver Related Crashes Reported between 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2017 for [All Reporting Locations]: 10**

% of All Drivers: 4.90%

**Note: All charts and statistics based on number of drivers per crash. Elderly drivers are 65+

### Driver Age Group/Injury Severity

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Each value represents the % of crashes (per driver) compared to ALL crashes (per driver) within each age group and injury degree.
Day/Night

8 (80.00 %)

2 (20.00 %)

*Results exclude any crash reports requiring manual indexing*
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**Miscellaneous**

**Age of oldest driver involved in a crash:**

**Male:**
86

**Female:**
73

**Most Crashes - Day of Week**
Monday

**Most Crashes - Month**
August