



# Redding Police Department

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Chief Mark O'Donnell



## Annual Report to the First Selectman:

I am pleased to present you with the Redding Police Department's FY 21/22 Annual Report. The Annual Report is intended to provide you with information on the police department's activities for the fiscal year. I am happy to inform you that Redding continues to be a safe and vibrant community. I hope you find the report informative.

In the past year we were able to purchase 3 speed reduction signs and another 2 were donated to the Department. So we now have total of 7. We are also more than three quarters of way through with the Tier 1 accreditation process. Additionally 8 of the police vehicles were outfitted with cameras and another 17 body worn cameras were issued to the officers. These were part of State Mandated, police accountability bill.

We completed a lengthy policy revision project with the Daigle Law Group that brings our agency to the highest industry standards and we welcomed Officer Daniel Orlich as the newest member of the Redding Police Department!

## The Redding Police Department:

The Redding Police Department is located at 96 Hill Road and is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Chief Mark O'Donnell has been leading the department since October 2017. Chief O'Donnell has overall responsibility for the patrol, communications, and support service divisions of the department. Chief O'Donnell is assisted with a support staff of five. The police department's authorized sworn strength is sixteen police officers: Chief of Police, Captain, 4 Sergeants, 8 Patrol Officers, Detective and a School Resource Officer. The Police Department additionally has a full-time Animal Control Officer, 5 full-time dispatchers and two part-time School Safety Officers. Redding Police Officers are certified Emergency Medical Responders. Our officers are trained to deliver Naloxone and all patrol cars are equipped with medical supplies, including oxygen and automatic external defibrillators.

## Communication Center:

All 9-1-1 calls and routine calls are routed through the Redding Police Department's communication center. The communication center is staffed 24/7 by a single dispatcher. The police department dispatchers are state certified and are responsible for dispatching all police, EMS, and fire calls. Dispatchers are trained in: 911 Call-taking, Emergency Medical Dispatching, NCIC/COLLECT, and The Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Dispatch Protocols.

## Animal Control:

The Redding Animal Control Officer (ACO) serves the public by investigating all domestic animal and wildlife concerns. The Redding ACO is a trained Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator and is available to assist residents with wildlife matters.

**School Safety:**

We take our responsibility to safeguard all of our children while at school very seriously. All of our schools are monitored via video by police dispatch 24 hours per day. Our school safety team currently consists of:

- One full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Joel Barlow High School
- Two part-time armed School Safety Officers (SSO) at each of our two lowers schools.

**Investigative Services:**

The Redding Police Department's Detective supports the officers of the Patrol Division with complex and time-consuming criminal investigations for a wide assortment of offenses. Detective Dias has extensive training in cybercrime and fraud investigations. She is a premier investigator in this field and regularly assists many of our local, state and federal law enforcement partners with these complex investigations.

**Services and Programs:****Selective Enforcement/Speeding Complaints:**

The department uses several methods to address speeding complaints including the evaluation & study of the complaint and education through speed monitoring signs and enforcement. Residents are encouraged to report a particular speeding problem to the police department. Speeding Complaint forms are available on-line at [www.rpdct.us](http://www.rpdct.us).

**Police Internships:**

The Redding Police Department offers an educational work experience through an internship program. The internship program allows high school and college students an opportunity to personally evaluate the profession of law enforcement.

**Car Seat Safety Checks and Installations:**

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will demonstrate and explain to caregivers about the proper selection, installation and use of car seats, booster seats and proper use of seatbelts. Please contact Sgt Quinn to schedule an appointment for an installation.

**Emergency Notifications:**

The Redding Police Department tries to get important information to residents as soon as possible. Several emergency notification systems are operational within the Town of Redding providing varying degrees of information for those who want it. Visit our website to learn more.

**Fingerprinting Services:**

The Redding Police Department will fingerprint any resident, Town of Redding Employee or prospective employee or other person who is required to be fingerprinted for employment, who works or resides in the Town of Redding.

**Redding Parking Authority:**

West Redding Railroad Parking Permits are available at the police department. Permits are issued for the calendar year at a cost of \$250.

**Med Drop**

The RPD Medication Disposal Program provides 24/7 access to the public in disposing of their unused or unwanted medications. A secure drug disposal bin is located in the front lobby of the Police Department.

**Community Outreach:**

The Redding Police Department offers a number of outreach services to the community. Please Contact Sergeant Livingston to schedule and/or learn more about an event.

- Presentations on Internet Safety, Crime Prevention and Drug Use/Recognition
- Youth tours of the police department and group discussions
- Stuff a Cruiser (Food Drive for Redding Social Services)
- Blue Santa (Fundraiser for needy families during the holiday season)



**Officers received training in the following subject areas:**

- ALICE Instructor Training
- Anti- Bias Training
- Armed School Security Training
- Arrest and Control
- Arson Awareness
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Bomb Threats in Schools
- CISS System Administration Training
- CISS User Search Training
- Citizens with Special Needs
- COLLECT/NCIC
- Community Policing Strategies
- Computer Crime Familiarization
- Constitutional Law
- CPR/AED Certification
- Crimes Motivated by Bigotry & Bias
- CT Criminal Law
- CT Telecommunicator
- Cultural Awareness & Diversity
- De-escalation and Minimizing Use of Force
- Emergency Medical Dispatch
- Emotional Resiliency for Police
- EMR Recert
- Explosives
- Fair & Impartial Policing
- Firearms
- Gangs
- Hate Crimes Training for LE
- Human Trafficking
- Hunting Laws
- ID Suspects, Crimes against People/Property
- Impaired Driving
- Implicit Bias
- Intox Instructor
- Intox Recert
- Juvenile Law
- K9 Teams
- Karen: Weaponizing the Police
- Laws of Evidence
- Legal Developments Impacting Police Policy
- Narcan
- Narcotics Field Testing
- Patrol Preparation & Tech
- Patrol Rifle
- Police Response to Domestic Violence
- Preventing Bullying in Schools
- Problem Oriented Policing
- QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program
- Recognizing and Responding to Domestic Violence
- Responding to People with Mental Illness
- Search and Seizure
- Search Warrant Prep
- Sexual Assault & Rape Crisis
- Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Shooting Decisions (Classroom)
- Shooting Decisions/Low Light (Range)
- Solving Conflicts with Coyotes
- SRO Basics
- SRO Training - Gangs/Substance Abuse
- Taser
- The Compassion Badassery Workshop
- Traffic Authority - Speed Management
- Use of Less Lethal Force
- Weapons and Permits
- Youth Mental Health First Aid