

2022

ANNUAL REPORT



BRISTOL
POLICE DEPARTMENT

“Integrity, Respect, Professionalism”

Town Administrator Steven Contente
Director of Public Safety

Chief Kevin M. Lynch
Chief of Police



DEPARTMENT VALUES

"Integrity"

We will adhere to the highest ethical standards and accept responsibility for our decisions and actions.

"Respect"

We will treat all employees, offenders, and the public with fairness, honesty, consideration, and respect while recognizing individual diversity.

"Professionalism"

We will be firm, fair, and consistent in the performance of our duties and responsibilities.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Bristol Police Department, In cooperation with the people of Bristol and in partnership with other public and private agencies, to assume a leadership role through a problem-solving approach to preventing crime and disorder, reducing citizen fear of crime, providing for a safe and efficient flow of traffic, providing a variety of non-criminal activities, and improving the quality of life as we work together to make Bristol truly New England's outstanding "community by the sea."

- ***Respect for human life;***
- ***Treating all people with the highest regard and respect;***
- ***Honesty and integrity through ethical behavior;***
- ***Professionalism and excellence demonstrated in all areas of duty;***
- ***Cooperation with all Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement agencies;***
- ***Strengthen partnerships with the community.***

Every citizen contact is an opportunity to demonstrate the mission and the values of the Bristol Police Department.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Bristol Police Department, both sworn and civilian, it is my honor to present to you the 2022 annual report.

As I prepare this report for my messaging about the year in review, I have reflected on the accomplishments of the department and our value in the community. I have some notable news to report to our citizenry that once again the Town of Bristol has been voted as the ***safest community in Rhode Island*** to reside and for the ***first time-ever the safest college Town*** in all the United States of America based on data published in the **Uniform Crime Reporting** (UCR) Program. Personally, I can't thank the department staff for all their efforts and the support from the Town administration and council to achieve this noteworthy success.

This year we saw some organizational changes to the lineup as we added a second permanent school resource officer to the line-up. As you may recall we had posted the position temporarily last year and the desired outcomes of the position were more than achieved. We are proud of our resource officers as they are more than police officers in their special roles as mentors, coaches, and a support network with K-9 Brody in tow.

Notably, we organized and participated in some community events that glittered the headlines of the Bristol Phoenix this year. The department organized the first-ever "Community Night Out" while partnering with local businesses and food establishments – we saw the Town Common packed with families, children and the entire community simply came together in an event for the record books. Additionally, we participated in our Youth Leadership Camp, Trunk R Treat, Coffee with a Cop program, Women's Self-Defensive Class, and Christmas Toy Drive. As your Chief, I am remain deeply committed to continuing this pledge of unity to build new programs in the coming year. Moreover, we are currently planning a recruitment drive and bringing back a community favorite "Citizens Police Academy" in the early parts of 2023, and I so look forward to reporting to you on those outcomes.

I am enthusiastically pleased to report that Lt. Steven St. Pierre was selected by the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association as the "Officer of the Year" for his outstanding community-based programs that uniquely make Bristol such a special place to reside and work. Additionally, Officer Keith Medeiros and K-9 BRODY were chosen as MADD's School Resource "Officers of the Year" along with Officer Alexander Booth being recognized by MADD for his outstanding achievements in the program. It's both humbling and pleasing to achieve this level of success and recognition from these outstanding associations.

In conjunction with National Police Memorial Week, The Bristol Police Department hosted a Memorial and Awards Ceremony on ***Friday, May 13, 2022, at 10:00 AM*** at police headquarters. Notably, we honored the legacy of Sergeant Michael J. Jannitto – Badge #17 and

Patrol Officer Richard Jean-Georges – Badge #36 by officially retiring their respective badge numbers. The following officers (Major Scott McNally, Lt. Julie Veader, Sgt Michael Vieira, Sgt Kyle Batista, A/Sgt Tim Gallison, Detective's Adam Clifford, and John Nappi - Officers: John Mlynek, Keith Medeiros, George Lefevbre, Russell Wood, Angelo Greco, Sean Gonsalves, Joshua Monson, Derek Jensen and Dispatcher Paula Abbott) received formal department recognition by the Bristol Police Departments awards committee for their outstanding efforts. I want to personally thank them for their commitment and dedication and valued work to the department.

Publishing an annual report fosters transparency and accountability the public seeks and deserves from their police department, and I hopefully have provided you with a snapshot of that promise in this report.

This year-in-review report will provide an overview of the Bristol Police Department, including statistical information, technology enhancements, budgetary information, agency upgrades, department organization, budgetary data, and our community outreach initiatives.

Lastly, we hope you will find this important communication to be an informative publication about your police department. Additional information can always be found on our homepage (www.bristolri.gov/departments/police/) with useful links to improve your quality of life. On behalf of the department personnel, I would like to thank the community, elected officials, especially our Town leadership and government for all the support.

My commitment to the Department and community is unwavering, and I am proud to continue to serve as your Chief of Police.

Respectfully,

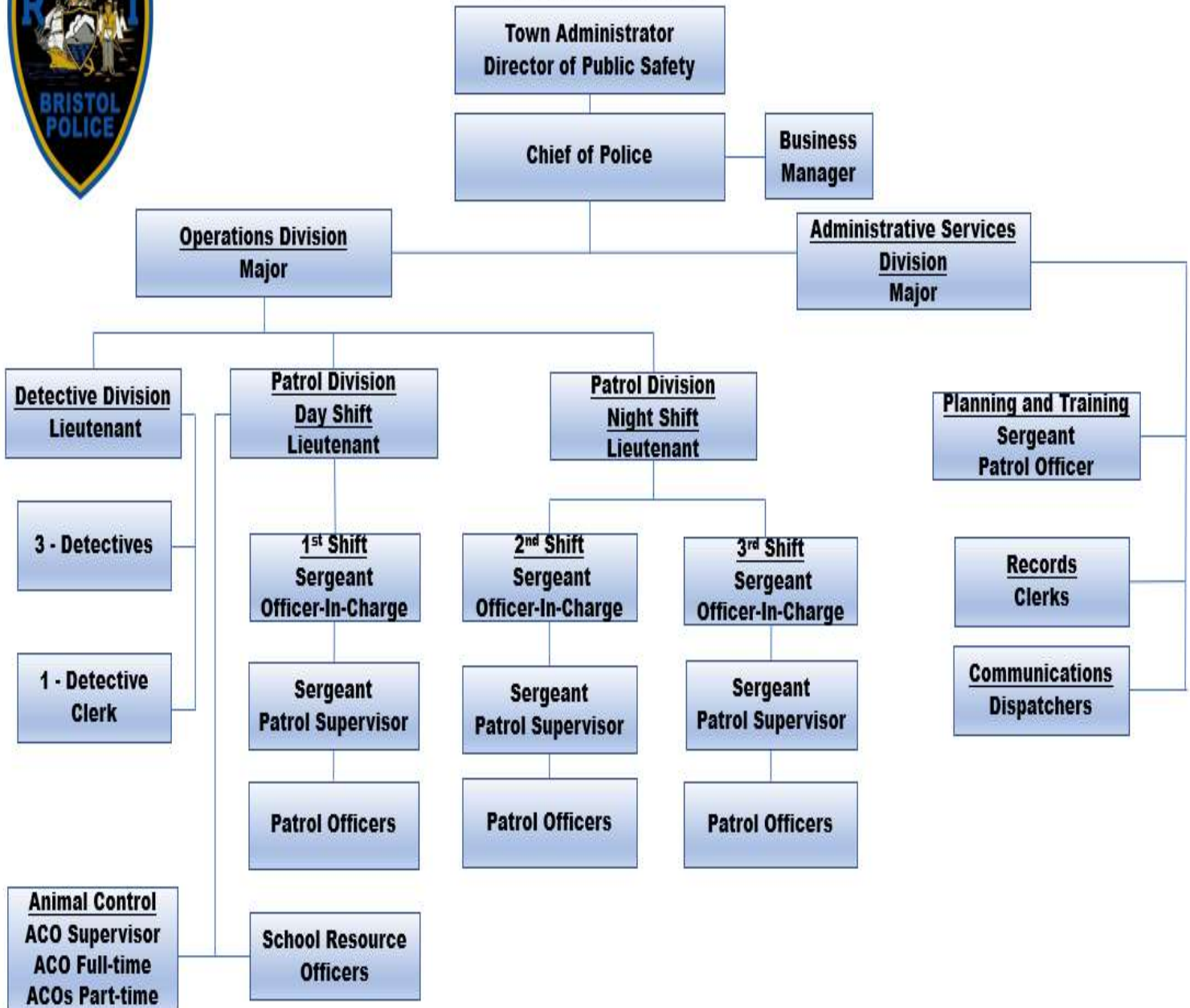
Kevin M. Lynch

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Chief of Police

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 Organizational Chart



1/30/2023

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

<u>2022 Goals and Objectives</u>	<u>Status</u>
Body Worn Camera (BWC) program – implement Statewide BWC policy when approved by the Rhode Island Police Chief’s Association; choose 2 vendors for product testing over a 30-day period with employee feedback, choose best BCW product based on established criteria (i.e. pricing, product longevity, storage capabilities, employee feedback); institute full BWC program as required per statutory mandate.	Ongoing
Greenhouse project – Work with Office of Community Development in securing a grant for the razing of greenhouses on abutting Town-owned property and mitigation and disposal of potentially hazardous materials. The goal is to have available land to construct a new facility for the future of BPD.	Continued to 2023
Mobile Command – upgrade networking and communication systems/hardware; transition MCU from strictly police use to a Town Public Safety vehicle to be utilized by other Town Departments; update policy to reflect authorized use and deployment of the vehicle	Ongoing
Continue with community outreach programs (i.e. Kids Camp; Toy Drive; Truck -R-Treat). If COVID restrictions permit, develop a National Night Out program and reinstitute Citizens Police Academy to include further outreach with the community.	Completed
Work with Town leadership to form a partnership with Senior Center to expand outreach to the Senior population; with the Town rehabilitation of Walley School for community programs, acquire space for a Community Outreach Office for the Police Department.	Continued to 2023
School Safety – Continue with implantation of action items for 2021 Assessment completed by consultant: build virtual active shooter training incorporating BWRSD administration; garnering funding with BWRSD to support updating and installation of video surveillance systems, continue planning and contingencies of Harding safety of schools (key fob access system, electronic hall pass, etc.)	Completed

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The Bristol Police Department consists of 39 sworn members and 12 civilian members. The table below depicts the rank structure within the Bristol Police Department.

RANK STRUCTURE
Director of Public Safety (Town Administrator)
Chief of Police
Major
Lieutenant
Sergeant
Detective
Patrol Officer



MAJOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Major Brian Burke is the Department's Chief of Administration. Major Burke is a twenty-five(25) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Major Burke is currently the Department Integrity Officer and Internal Affairs Investigator. The Chief of Administration Major's responsibilities are as follows:

- Accreditation
- Civilian Support Staff Lead (e.g. clerks, dispatchers, communications, and records)
- Operating and Capital Budget
- Planning and Research (e.g. strategic planning, training coordination, special projects, employee retention, recruitment, etc.)

- Community Outreach (e.g. social media, community events, kids camp, citizen police academy, etc.).
- Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) (e.g. records retention, external affairs, social and print media and records requests -Title 38)
- Facilities Manager (e.g. maintain the current facility and conduct feasibility studies for potential new complex)
- Grant Management

MAJOR OF OPERATIONS

Major Scott McNally is the Department Major of Operations. Major McNally is a twenty-five (25) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The Major of Operations Major is responsible for:

- Patrol Operations
- Animal Control Officers - Operations
- Detectives (e.g., Prosecution, investigations, sex offender registrations, community notifications, etc.)
- Planning for Special Events (e.g., parade, concert series, holiday illumination, etc.)
- School Resource Officer - During the academic session
- Security Assessments - Schools and Town Buildings
- Fleet Management

SWORN OFFICER RECRUITMENT

On November 9, 2022, the Bristol Police Department's Planning and Training Division began a sworn officer recruitment drive. The Drive started on November 9, 2022, to February 3, 2023.

Recruitment Drive



Recruitment Video



Mt. Hope High School videography students created a community-oriented recruitment video.

CIVILIAN DISPATCH RECRUITMENT

NEW HIRES

Civilian Dispatchers:

Candidate Profile:

The Bristol Police Department welcomes probationary Dispatcher Robert Faulkner.

Robert Faulkner is a resident of Bristol and a graduate of the Community College of Rhode Island. Faulkner's goal is to be a sworn member of the Bristol Police Department.

PROMOTIONS & AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal

Chief Kevin Lynch

Medal of Valor

Major Scott McNally

Chief's Letter of Recognition

Lieutenant Julie Veader

Patrolman Sean Gonsalves

Patrolman Russel Wood

Patrolman George Lefebvre

Patrolman John Mlynek

Patrolman Keith Medeiros





**Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association
Presents Bristol Police Lt. Steven St. Pierre
with Exemplary Service Award**



K9 BRODY

Officer Brody, reporting for duty in Bristol

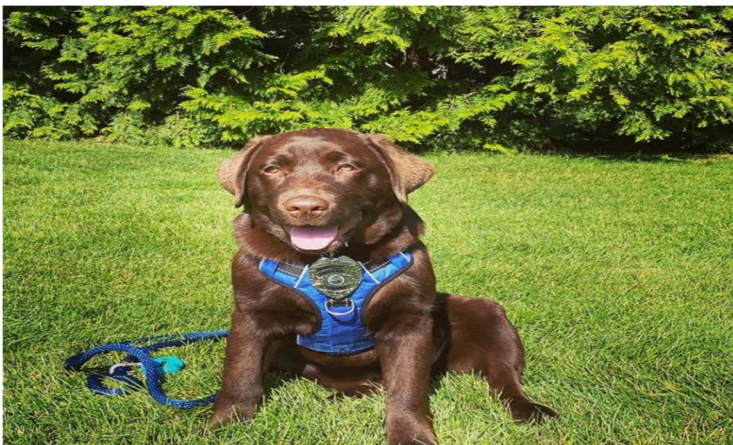
Bristol welcomes its first K-9 officer, a puppy that will be a therapy dog for the schools and the town



Bristol Chief of Police Kevin Lynch swears in Brody (yes, he's sleeping on the chief's desk), assisted by his new partner, School Resource Officer Keith Medeiros.

On April 6, 2020, the Bristol Police Department officially welcomed its newest member. K9 Brody, a full-breed Chocolate English Labrador Retriever, was sworn in as the Department's first Comfort and Therapy dog and is the fourth comfort therapy dog to be utilized by police departments across Rhode Island. Brody's name was derived by mixing the words "B" – *Bristol* and "rody" – *Rhody (Rhode Island)*. Upon completing a yearlong training along with his handler, Patrolman Keith Medeiros, Brody will work to provide interaction during investigations to reduce anxiety and to increase communication between child and adult victims/witnesses and investigators, to provide comfort during times of crisis, and to provide aid and comfort to department

members, individuals, groups and community members impacted by violence, tragedy or traumatic events. Ptlm Medeiros, who also serves as the Department's School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) is assigned with Brody to the Mt. Hope High School during the school year.



Since his introduction, Brody has not only become a local celebrity but an international one as well. He is an integral part of the continued effort to further the Bristol Police Department's already successful Community Policing program.

A Town's Best Friend

Bristol's school resource officer gets a little help from his four-legged friend



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the calendar year 2022, the Bristol Police achieved several accomplishments, including, but not limited to:

- A permanent Community Policing Officer/School Resource (S.R.O.) was added. The addition doubled the number of School Resource Officers from one (1) officer to two (2) officers, providing a law enforcement presence at our high school, middle schools, and elementary schools.
- Hired one (1) new Dispatcher.
- The Honor Guard and Motor Unit have continued to represent the Department with distinction at community functions, events, and funeral services. These exceptional units
- The Department will continue with additional personnel, equipment, and training and remain the hallmark of the Bristol Police Department.
- In 2022 the department continued to utilize social media more actively, sharing photographs of suspects, which enabled the Department to make several identifications, which led to arrests of those who had committed crimes. The Department will continue to utilize this platform to provide more information and seek assistance from members of the public to assist in investigations;
- Online Police Reporting - The Bristol Police Department continued use of the online reporting system designed to provide a convenient alternative for citizens to report non-emergency situations.
- Drone Unit- personnel assigned to the Drone Unit are trained and responsible for the deployment and use of small unmanned aircraft systems. Done can be deployed to hostage or barricaded subjects, active shooter emergencies, search & rescue operations, after a natural or man-made disaster, and surveying a crime scene.
- Tactical Response Vehicle- This vehicle was added to the department motor fleet. The vehicle is equipt with emergency tactical equipment and can be driven to a high-risk scene at a moment's notice.
- Citizen's Police Academy- Applications were accepted for the 2023 Citizen's Police Academy. The ten-week classes will begin on January 12, 2023.

125th Anniversary 1896-2021



Bristol, R.I. Police Department

Dec 29, 2021 · 🌐

Bristol Police Department Honors its 125th Anniversary 1896-2021

To display the exemplary achievements of the Bristol Police Department both Past and Present the department designed a special tribute patrol vehicle to honor our legacy. The tribute cruiser displays the gold badging of our former cruisers and displays the vintage design that embosses our rich historic heritage in Town. The single beacon displays the classic look of a gumball red light, which, is housed with modern lighting technology. The siren will also be programmed to give it that vintage sound. Our goal was to memorialize our historic Town heritage and honor our commitment to the community and our past and present accomplishments.

Chief Lynch stated "The BPD 125th cruiser edition honors the history of the department and solidifies the hallmark of community policing baked into the Bristol Police Department. I couldn't be more pleased to recognize the professionalism of this department and its dedicated sworn and civilian support staff while honoring our history of excellence"...



In 1896, the Bristol police department was formed. To commemorate this occasion, a 125th black/white cruiser with a vintage theme and lighting was purchased.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is under the command of the Major of Operations, Major Scott McNally, a twenty-five (25) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The Patrol Division, generally recognized as the face of the Bristol Police Department, is staffed by twenty-two uniformed patrol officers. The daily operations of the three patrol shifts are under the watch of two lieutenants and six sergeants. Within the Patrol Division are the Marine Unit, School Resource Officers, Bicycle Patrol, Motorcycle Unit, Honor Guard, Community Policing, Elderly Affairs Officer, and Animal Control Officers.

The Patrol Division is the largest and most visible entity of the police department. It is the backbone of the Bristol Police Department and is responsible for patrolling the Town's 20-plus square miles (10 land/10 water) and ensuring the approximate 22,000 residents, businesses, and visitors are protected. The Patrol Division provides continuous 24-hour service and is responsible for much of the day-to-day operations, including but not limited to:

- ❖ Assisting citizens with both criminal and civil issues;
- ❖ Crime prevention;
- ❖ The apprehension of offenders;
- ❖ Collection of evidence;
- ❖ Rendering emergency aid;
- ❖ Traffic and D.U.I. enforcement;
- ❖ Enforcement of State Laws and Municipal Ordinances;
- ❖ Preliminary and follow-up investigations of criminal acts;
- ❖ Documentation of incidents, accidents, and arrests;
- ❖ Community engagement initiatives;
- ❖ The presentation of court testimony.

Following the Department's Mission Statement, the Patrol Division maintains a community commitment to resolve issues and improve the quality of life for all residents. Every citizen contact is an opportunity to demonstrate the mission and values of the Bristol Police Department.

BRISTOL POLICE IN THE MEDIA

BRISTOL NAMED SAFEST COLLEGE TOWN IN AMERICA



Top 10 safest college towns of 2022

1. [Bristol, RI](#)
2. [Durham, NH](#)

DRONE: Police may be able to use the drone for a variety of applications

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that there is always someone capable of handling it on duty.

At about \$14,000, the drone was not inexpensive, but after the July 4 Highland Park shooting, at which an assailant opened fire on the crowd at an Independence Day parade in Illinois, it seemed like it would be a prudent addition. According to Morse, the purchase was financed through a police fund of money seized from drug interdictions.

It won't be the first time drones have been used for July 4th security — RISP has several drones and has brought them to Bristol to aid in parade security in recent years; this will be an additional asset on those days.

"RISP has been very good about helping us, but we have our own stuff," said Morse. "We have the concert series, the tree lighting, graduation, sporting events. We want to be able to do our own security checks."

In addition to long-range cameras, drones can be equipped with thermal imaging and night vision cameras — invaluable in a search-and-rescue operation. They are useful for zooming in on suspicious packages, and responding to incidents in which sending officers in immediately could be hazardous. "Having a drone advance just gives us an overview of the situation," said Morse.

The drone will also have the ability to locate a person who has a boating accident, fallen or jumped from the Mt. Hope Bridge, much faster than a vessel, which can take 10-15 minutes to deploy to the area and has limited nighttime visibility. The drone could increase the likelihood of a rapid recovery, or rescue.

"It's not going to work 100% all the time, but it is something that we'll be able to put up and hopefully help us quickly locate a person who might be in distress," said Morse.



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Bristol Police Sgt. Tim Gallison (middle) shows officers from left, Mike Kelly, Tyler Carreiro and Russell Wood how well the zoom works on the camera.



The DJI Matrice 30 drone cost \$14,000, which came from funds gathered by drug interdictions. Its high-definition camera will assist police in assessing various situations that might otherwise be dangerous or impossible for them to observe with officers.

that's probably the most dangerous scenario an officers could face. A drone could be sent up to get a layout of the home, see if people are coming and going; thermal imaging can even show where in the home

that can communicate images to the Chief and other leadership in the mobile command center in the event of a major incident, allowing them to better assess a situation.

clear line of sight," said Kennett. "But the big thing is how long is your battery going to last? You need to get it back." A typical battery charge will last about 40 minutes, so managing the batteries is an important part of maintaining the drone in a ready status.

"It's not a huge learning curve, but it's a perishable skill and it just takes practice," Kennett said. "Especially inside a house... knowing your parameters, knowing where the drone could fit and where it can't fit and what hazards to avoid. Those are all just things you gain with experience and practice."

Multiple other uses

Other applications could include assisting at the scene of a fire (though the Bristol Fire Department already has their own drone for that purpose), crime scene investigation and analysis, and accident reconstruction.

"It's been a huge asset for accident reconstruction," said Kennett. "The point of view is fantastic, to get that top-down aerial perspective. And we can clear the scene much faster now. We just send the drone up for about 30 minutes and it runs a grid and takes about 300 pictures of the crash scene, then we import those images into software which then builds a map for us. And we take all of our measurements off that image as opposed to actually doing it on the scene."

"We can open up the highway almost an hour faster by doing it that way. It's safer for the public, safer for the first responders, and the accuracy's actually better."

Bristol's drone is for outdoor use only; it is versatile and will be effective in most of the situations the BPD is likely to encounter, though a large department will have several, in a range of sizes. RISP has six. Some are for SWAT operations, others are mini for indoor operations, others excel at search

Bristol Phoenix

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Crafting confidence and leadership

Cops and kids enjoy outdoor fun and character development at Police Youth Leadership Camp

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"This is great, this is my favorite thing that I do all year," said a (slightly) winded Lt. Steven St. Pierre, taking a break from a round of Capture the Flag to talk about the Bristol Police's Youth Leadership Camp, now in its second of two, one-week sessions.

For the campers, a game like Capture the Flag is fun, and an opportunity to run around outside on a beautiful summer day. For St. Pierre and the other officers and counselors running the camp, it's also an opportunity to reinforce a theme of a day. On this day, the theme is honesty and respect.

"Are they being respectful of each other?"



Bristol Phoenix



THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

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Sofia Clariza, 7, and her sister Giovanna, 4, enjoy making the acquaintance of K9 Marty, the East Providence Police Department's first Comfort Dog. Marty, who was accompanied by School Resource Officer Jay Rogers, shares the same parents as Bristol's K9 Brody, who is about 18 months older than his brother.

Oh, what a night it was

Bristol's 'Community Night Out' was fun for all

BY CHRISTY NADALIN

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Organizers planned for months, but in the days leading up to Bristol's first Community Night Out, it looked like the weather — the one thing all the organizing in the world can't control — was not going to cooperate. Fortunately, the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 17 was perfect, defying all forecasts.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way



Bristol Police Chief Kevin Lynch was vowing to go as one of the participants in the Dunk Tank event. The Chief was all wound up from start to

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FINGERPRINT: A free sign-up event will be held on Saturday

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nology, so interested parents will want to re-enroll.

Daily, some 2,000 children are reported missing in the United States, and a digital identification system can save valuable time sharing information with law enforcement. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, "the first two hours after a child is abducted are the most critical." That makes quick action by parents and law enforcement the key to recovering victims of non-family abductions.

Child ID can also be incredibly valuable in more common situations, like getting separated from a child at a place like Disney World — your child's details can be shared with security in a matter of moments, leading to a faster, happy resolution.

The Child ID system was developed with input from law enforcement officials, and includes a digital fingerprint analysis software package to make sure all the necessary "points" on a fingerprint are obtained. The system captures all the vital information required by the Amber Alert system.

To help protect from identity theft, the software was written so that no information from the child is saved on the computer. Once you start over, all of the data is permanently erased. The parent is the only person who retains their child's information, whether on a smartphone-based app or flash drive.

Another possible application for this technology would be for seniors with dementia who wander from their homes.



Sgt. Ricardo Mourato talks about the many features of the new system, which can store information about an individual's medical needs or other critical details, along with their image and digital fingerprints. To prevent identity theft, the parent or guardian is the only person who retains the information.

That was Candice Dacosta's reality for many years, as Dacosta's father suffered from

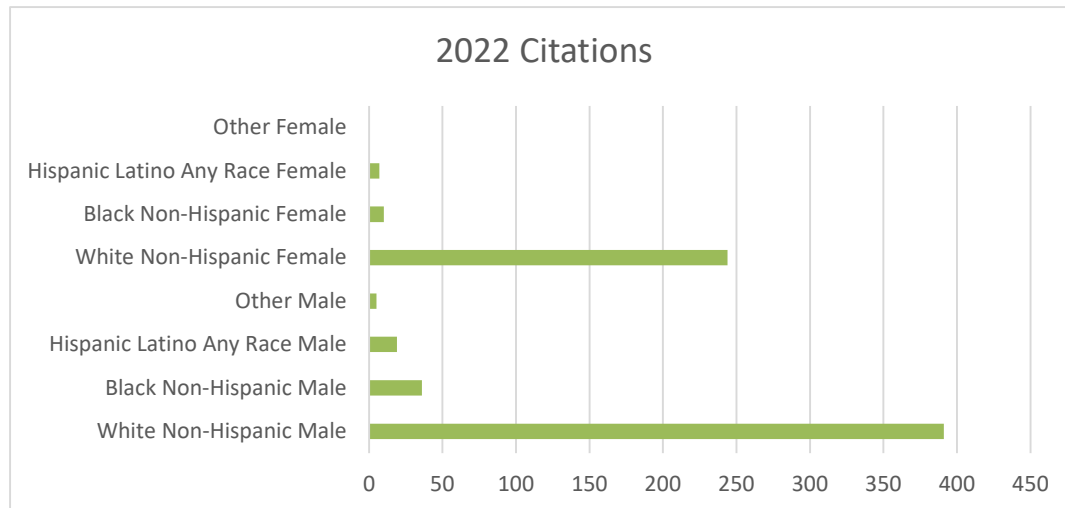
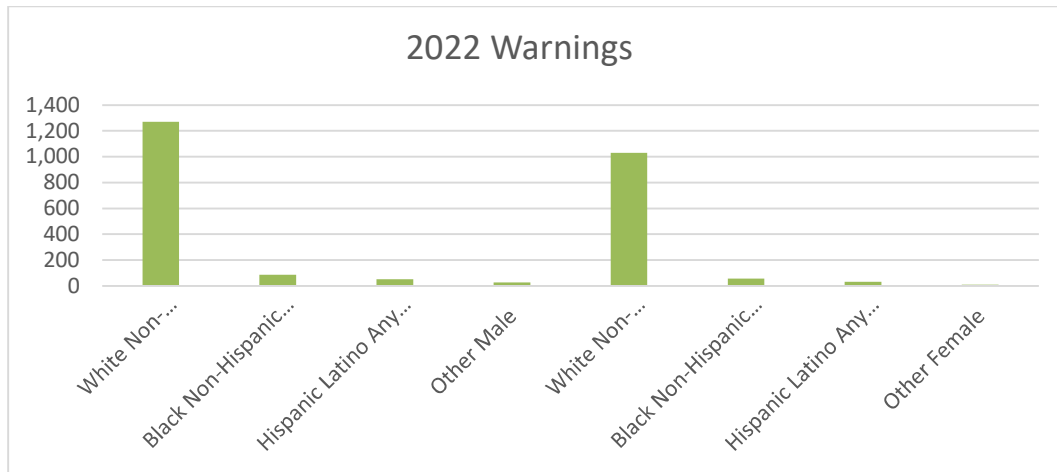
Alzheimer's and the Bristol resident would frequently wander from home. When he did, she would call 911.

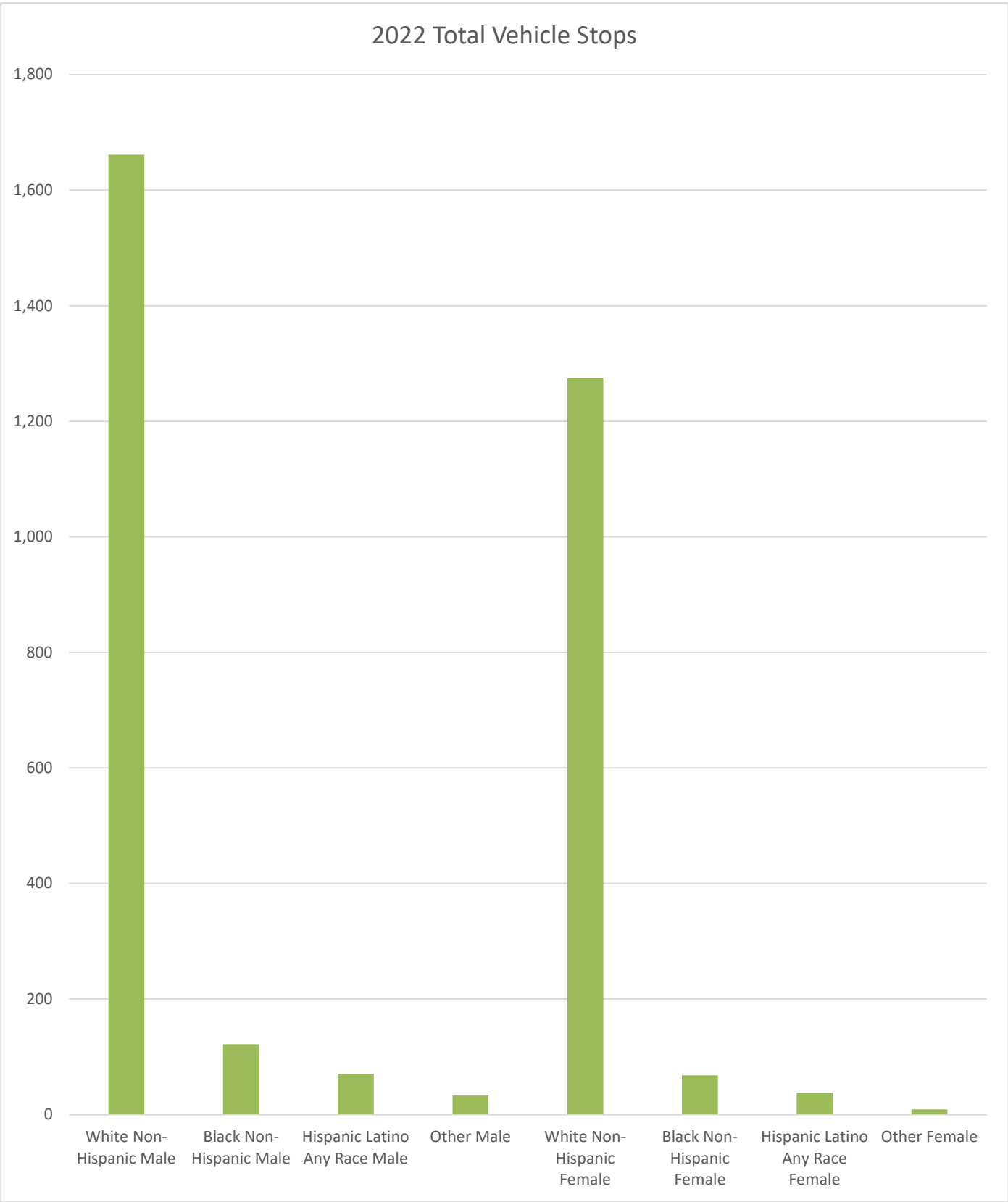
est feature is having it on your phone. So when you vacation or you go somewhere else and you have a lost child situation, there

STATISTICS

The Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 30,762 calls for service during 2021. In 2022 the Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 34,664 calls for service, a 12.6% increase from the previous year. Many of the calls for service were documented in an Incident Report, Arrest Report, or Accident Report.

The following statistics pertain largely to the functions of the Patrol Division as it relates to the issuance of summonses:

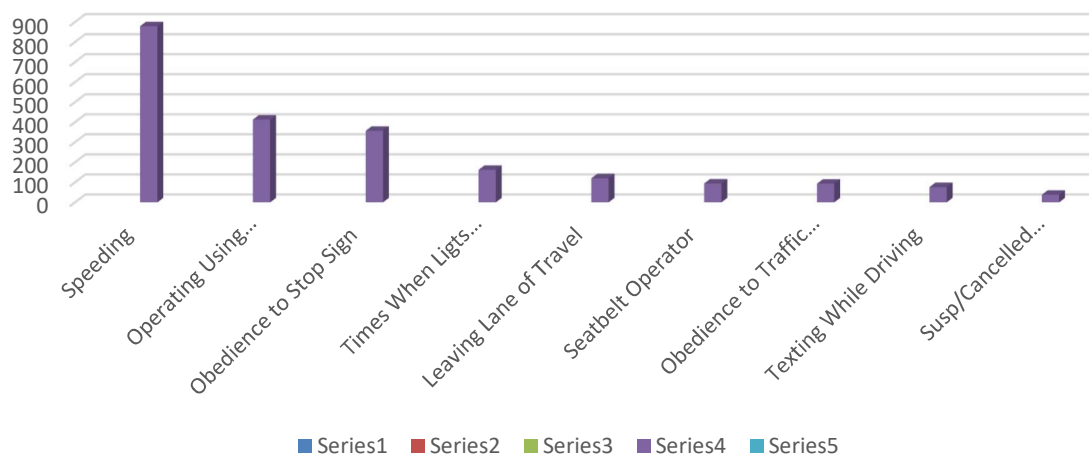




MOST COMMON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED 2022

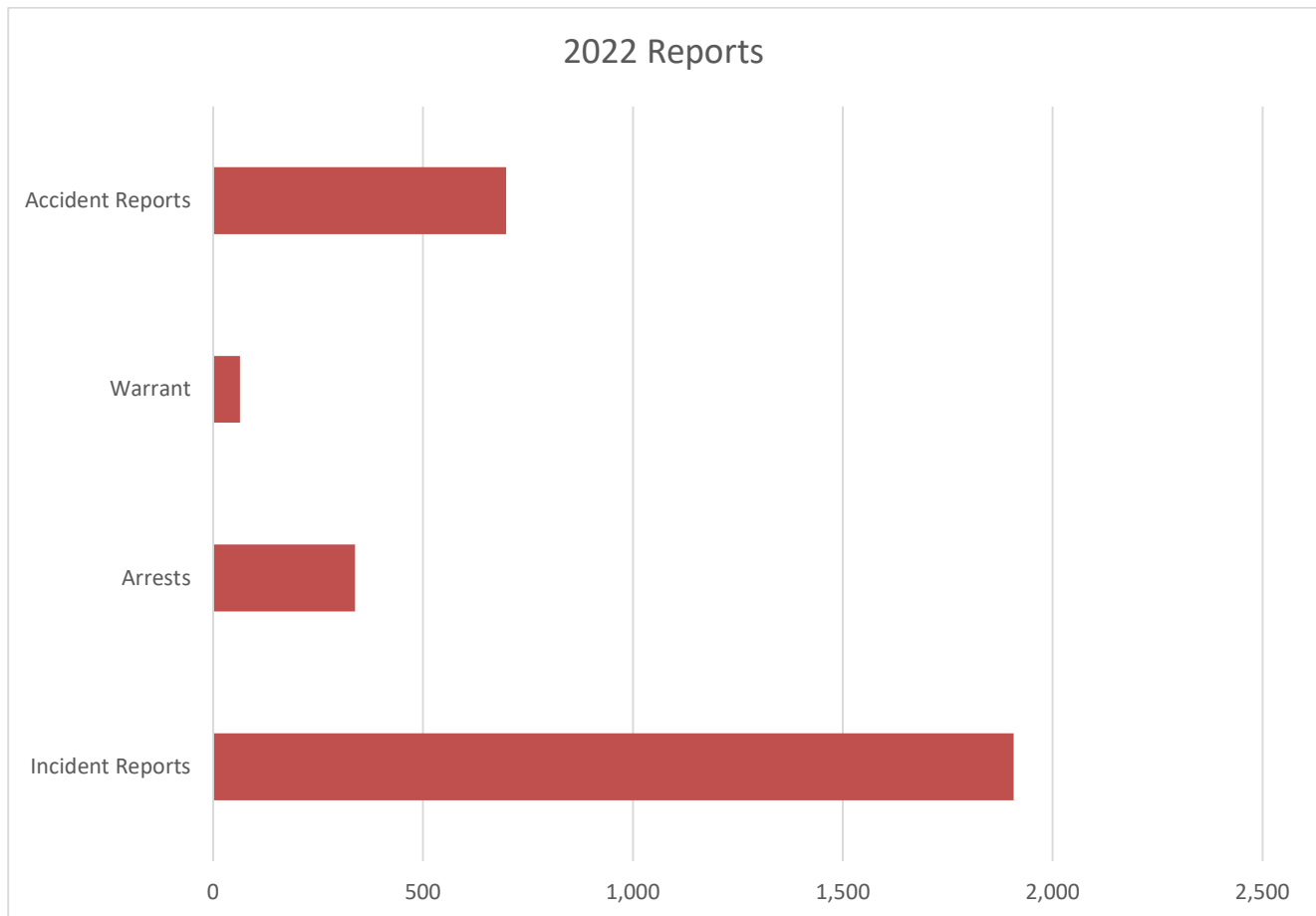
SPEEDING	879
OPERATING WHILE USING HANDHELD DEVICES	413
OBEDIENCE TO STOP SIGN	357
TIMES WHEN LIGHTS REQUIRED	162
LEAVING LANE OF TRAVEL	120
SEATBELT OPERATOR	94
OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC DEVICES	93
TEXTING WHILE DRIVING	76
SUSPENDED/CANCELLED REGISTRATION	38

2022 Common Traffic Citations Issued



The following formal police contact data was collected from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2022. Note: that the tables below only capture the number of contacts that resulted in an arrest.

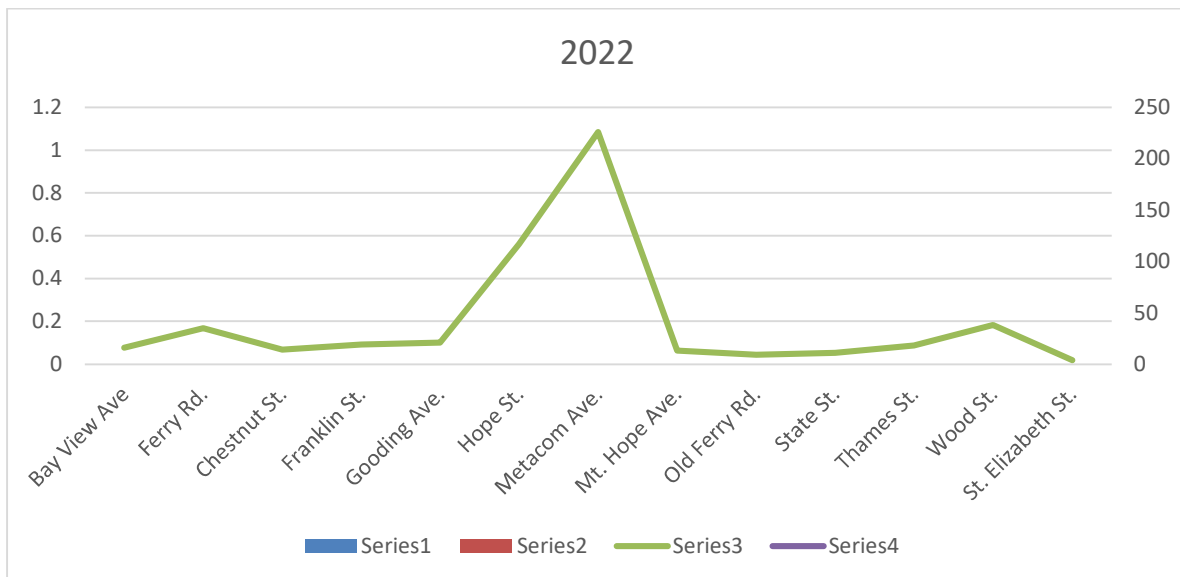
DUI ARRESTS	2019	2020	2021	2022
<i>White</i>	27	13	25	35
<i>Black</i>	1	0	1	0
<i>Asian</i>	0	0	0	1
<i>Other</i>	0	0	0	0
Total	28	13	26	36



STREETS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS

2022

LOCATION	2020 NUMBER	2021 NUMBER	2022 NUMBER
Bay View Ave	14	17	16
Ferry Rd.	14	18	35
Chestnut Street	13	16	14
Franklin Street	16	18	19
Gooding Avenue	21	24	21
Hope Street	79	108	117
Metacom Avenue	215	226	226
Mt. Hope Avenue	10	11	13
Old Ferry Road	11	12	9
State Street	14	8	11
Thames Street	16	17	18
Wood Street	21	22	38
St. Elizabeth Street	9	9	4

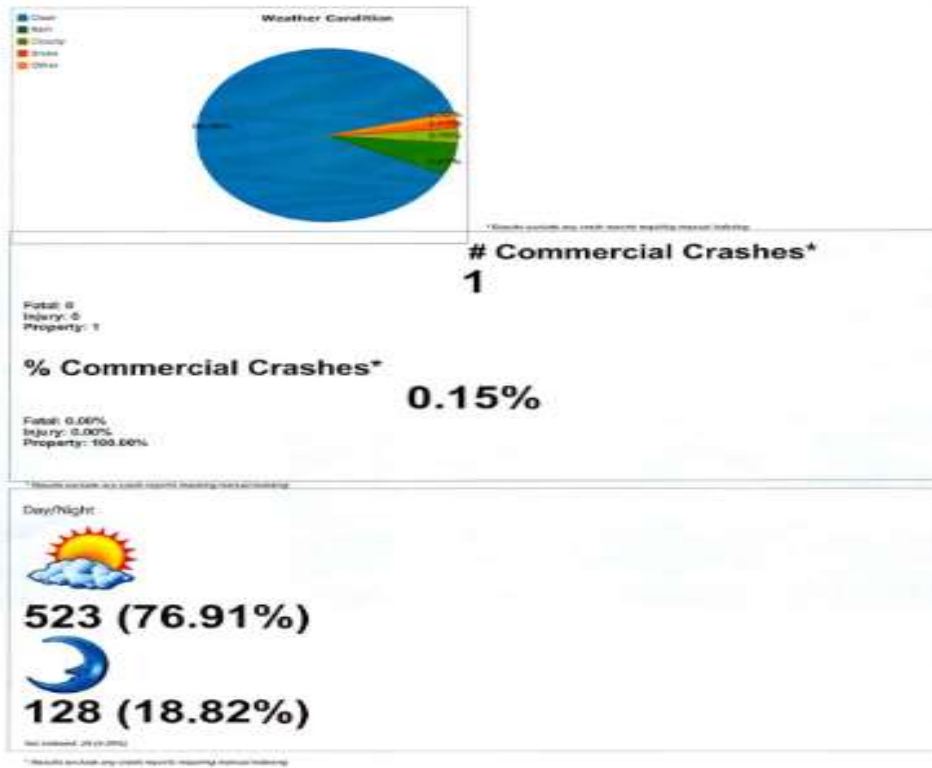


STATISTICS

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of traffic stops (Includes traffic and school posts)	8655	1775	2988	6704
Voids, Errors E-Citation Training	52	23	23	37
Number of citations issued (NDB's RWU parking also included)	6862	2795	1934	4421
Citations remaining with no Dispositions	581	78	153	52
Number of convictions (Includes nolo, gdr & pbm)	1464	682	587	989
Citations dismissed	711	278	191	319
Citations warnings issued	3837	1503	1085	2900

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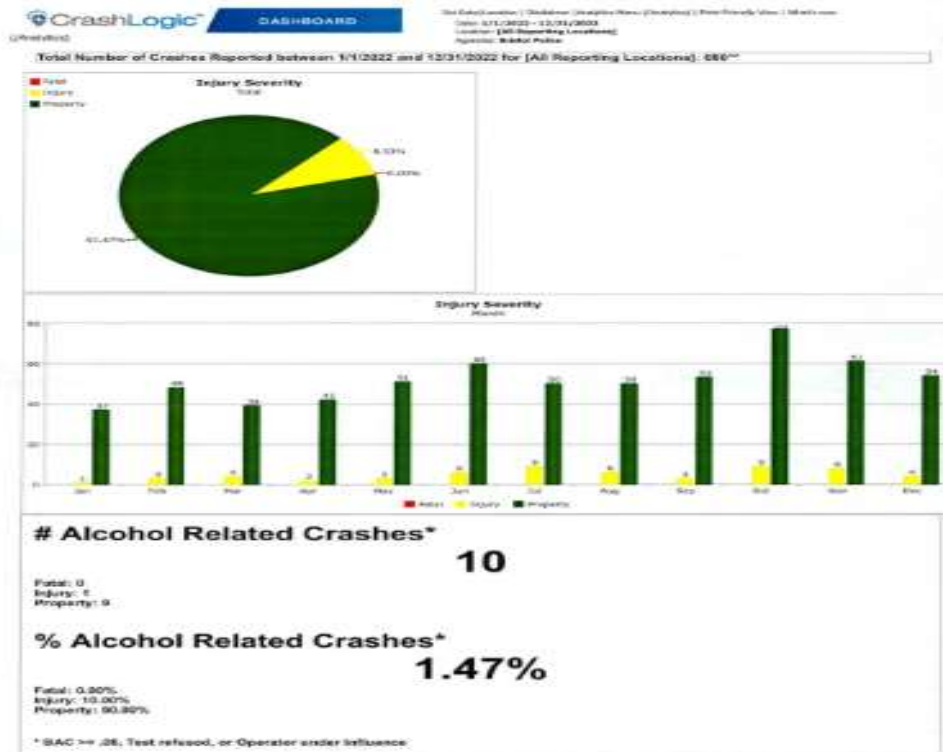
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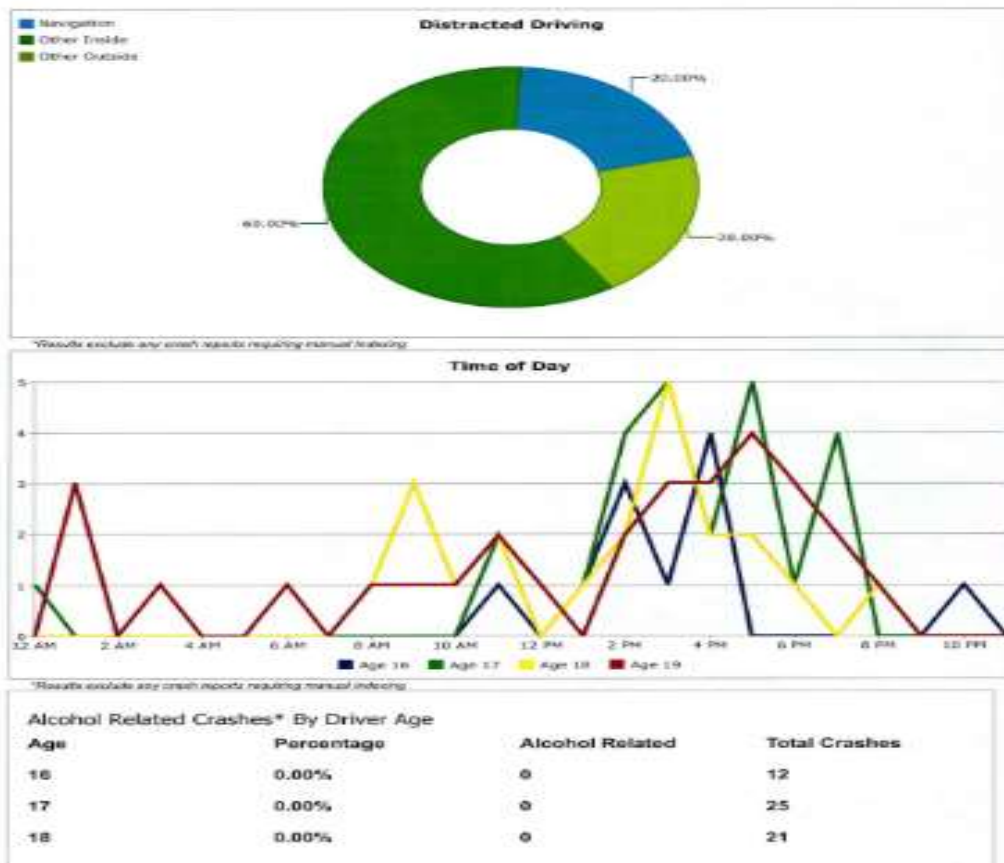
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Alcohol Related Crashes



Distracted Driving



MOTORCYCLE UNIT

This elite group of highly trained and skilled officers represents the Department with honor and distinction when patrolling and protecting the community. During the favorable weather months, members of the Motorcycle Unit are frequently seen throughout the Town conducting traffic enforcement, leading parades, providing funeral escorts, and engaging the community in community policing initiatives. Due to the stellar professional reputation these officers have earned and labor to maintain, the Motorcycle Unit routinely receives invitations to participate in local, state, and regional parades, dignitary escorts, funeral escorts, charitable events, and several other high-profile and prestigious events throughout the year.



Some of the notable events the Motorcycle Unit participated in during 2022 are: Bristol 4th of July Parade, Fireman's parade, funerals, and Wreaths Across America escort.



HONOR GUARD



The Bristol Police Honor Guard is comprised of seven (7) members and is called upon to prestigiously represent the Department at parades, funerals, memorials, swearing-in ceremonies, and community events.



Honor Guard – Gillette Stadium

Foxborough, MA

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communications Center, which falls under the Operations Division, is in charge of answering both 911 Emergency calls and non-emergency calls within Bristol town limits. Dispatchers process the calls and determine whether to send Police, Fire, E.M.S., Animal Control or a combination of these services. The Bristol Police dispatchers are not just called takers; they are well-trained professional and technical multi-taskers who can remain calm in highly stressful situations while gaining critical information from a caller to give first responders all the necessary information they need to understand the full scope of a situation before arrival on the scene. Their job requires an ability to think clearly in those stressful and ever-changing situations, make quick and safe decisions, document the continuous flow of information, keep callers calm during critically emotional situations, and act promptly so that help arrives promptly and safely. They can balance simultaneous phone calls, and radio transmissions from police, fire, and E.M.S. personnel, monitor and utilize computer resources, and monitor camera systems. The dispatchers use available personnel and resources to meet the primary objective of rapid delivery of meaningful service as recommended by departmental procedures.



COMMUNITY POLICING

The mission of the Bristol Police Department is to provide excellence in police service through the aggressive pursuit of violators of the law and the prevention of crime and disorder. This will be accomplished by forging a partnership with the citizens of Bristol to enhance the quality of life, reduce the fear of crime, preserve the peace, and impartially enforce the law, while maintaining a higher standard of integrity than is generally expected of others, and respecting the dignity of each individual. Our services will be rendered with courtesy, civility, and adherence to the provisions of the Constitution of the United States.



Lock Box Program - The Bristol Police Department is also committed to the Lock Box Program. This Bristol Police Department initiative is designed to reduce the amount of time it takes emergency personnel to enter a home of a Senior or Disabled resident who in an emergency may not be able to open the door. This program coordinated by Sergeant Ricardo Mourato has reached an enrollment of 150 citizens.

Autism/Intellectual Inabilities Registration Program - The Department appealed to residents in the community with the creation of a program that will identify the homes of children with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities. The goal of the program is to have valuable personal (confidential) information on-hand to improve the safety of children if or when they interact with the police.

Vacant Home Registration Program - This program allows residents and business owners of the Town to complete the vacant house check sheet that will prompt an officer to periodically check their home while they are away.

Leadership Camp - The Bristol Police Department held a 4th Annual Youth Leadership Camp. This camp is an educational camp that is fast-paced and geared towards developing peer leaders in youth from elementary age to middle school age. Officers serving in the camp are required to lead campers through continuous educational lesson plans supported by physical activity reinforcing leadership in its campers. Officers lead group discussions, engage youth, and participate in frequent sports and physical activity throughout the day each day. Officers are also expected to be comfortable and capable of redirecting negative youth behavior and turning all negatives into positives during the camp.



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Crafting confidence and leadership

Cops and kids enjoy outdoor fun and character development at Police Youth Leadership Camp

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"This is great, this is my favorite thing that I do all year," said a (slightly) winded Lt. Steven St. Pierre, taking a break from a round of Capture the Flag to talk about the Bristol Police's Youth Leadership Camp, now in its second of two, one-week sessions.

For the campers, a game like Capture the Flag is fun, and an opportunity to run around outside on a beautiful summer day. For St. Pierre and the other officers and counselors running the camp, it's also an opportunity to reinforce a theme of a day. On this day, the theme is honesty and respect.

"Are they being respectful of each other?"



Community Outreach - The Chief has met with community seniors at a "Chat with the Chief" session hosted by the Bristol Senior Center in concert with a senior-safety presentation from BPD officers.

D.E.A. Drug Take-Back - Residents, dropped off unused/unwanted prescription medications into a secured CVS drop box located in the lobby of the Police Department. A total of four hundred and eighty-five pounds (255.8 lbs) was collected and disposed of.

Citizen Initiative Campaign - It is the goal of the Department to continue to foster a good working relationship with the residents of the community. We announced two new programs to assist residents who may have children with autism or intellectual impairments and for those with elderly relatives who may have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Stuff a Cruiser - The Department launched its 2nd Annual fill a cruiser toy drive to supplement the outstanding charity work for children that has been the hallmark of the Department over the years.

Trunk-Or-Treat - To provide a safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating, the Bristol Police Department, in conjunction with the Bristol Prevention Coalition, held a Trick-or-Treat event in downtown Bristol.





Car Seat Clinics - The car seat installation experience is an interactive one. As the caregiver, you should leave confident that your child's seat is installed correctly and that you are comfortable reinstalling and using it correctly. Our Officers are National Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who will make sure that children ride as safely as possible in your vehicle.

Elderly Affairs - Elderly members of the community, are at greater risk of being victimized by assault, theft, and neglect. Also, with today's technology, perpetrators of scams, fraud, and identity theft have been targeting the elderly at an increasingly alarming rate. Our Elderly Affairs Officers, Ptlm Russel Wood, and Detective Adam Clifford act as liaisons between the elderly and the Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs.

They are responsible for investigating crimes against the elderly, informing the Rhode Island State Police of missing elderly persons (Silver Alert), and providing yearly safety tip seminars, training, and the most up-to-date security and protection information to the elderly community. These officers, along with other department members frequently participate in events such as Coffee With a Cop and other initiatives that engage the community's elderly population and bring awareness to some of the current crimes targeting the senior population.



Child ID System



Bristol Police Department
is proud to announce the purchase of the
most comprehensive digital fingerprinting
child identification system.



Every day 2000 children are reported missing. Every year 200,000 children are taken by family members. 58,000 children are victims of non-family abductions. The key to recovering these children is quick action by parents and law enforcement. A statistic by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children states that "the first 2 hours after a child is abducted are the most critical." EZ Child ID has worked directly with the National MasoniCHIP foundation in developing software. The information is uploaded to a parents or guardian phone through a secured APP. The information will only be shared with the parent/guardian. This system will also help with loved ones who wander off due to Alzheimer's or dementia. In an emergency the parent/guardian can share the child's/senior information instantly with law enforcement. No information is stored.



*We would like to thank all the community sponsors for making
this valuable safety tool available to our residents.*



FINGERPRINT: A free sign-up event will be held on Saturday

From Page 1

...nages, so interested parents will need to re-enroll.
Daily, some 2,000 children are reported missing in the United States, and a digital identification system can save valuable time sharing information with law enforcement. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, "the first two hours after a child is abducted are the most critical." That makes quick action by parents and law enforcement the key to recovering victims of non-family abductions.

Child ID can also be incredibly valuable in more common situations, like getting separated from a child at a place like Disney World — your child's details can be shared with security in a matter of moments, leading to a faster, happy resolution.
The Child ID system was developed with input from law enforcement officials, and includes a digital fingerprint analysis software package to make sure all the necessary "pieces" on a fingerprint are obtained. The system captures all the vital information required by the Amber Alert system.

To help protect from identity theft, the software was written so that no information from the child is saved on the computer. Once you start over, all of the data is permanently erased. The parent is the only person who retains their child's information, whether on a smartphone-based app or flash drive.

Another possible application for this technology would be for seniors with dementia, who wander from their homes,



Sgt. Ricardo Morales talks about the many features of the new system, which can store information about an individual's medical needs or other critical details, along with their image and digital fingerprints. To prevent identity theft, the parent or guardian is the only person who retains the information.
That was Caudice Deacon's reality for many years, as Deacon's father suffered from Alzheimer's and the Bristol resident would frequently wander from home. When he did, she would call her mother.
...not feature is having it on your phone. So when you vacation or you go somewhere else and even have a lost child situation, it's

The IBPO Local 304 continued the No-Shave November into December. This was a stand-alone initiative that will support the children of Colt Andrews, Guitaras, and Rockwell Schools with earmarked funds through the PTA/PTO in aiding with the costs of field tri... See more



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Record turnout for downtown Trunk-or-Treat

An unprecedented crowd and lots of costumes made for a festive good time

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It may have been the biggest and best event of its kind ever held.

People were amazed at the huge turnout for Sunday's annual Bristol Police Department Trunk or Treat event in downtown Bristol. Some say it reminded them of a Bristol Fourth of July Parade turnout.

"It may not have been as big as the annual parade here on the Fourth of July, but I'll tell you this, the number of people who turned out for this thing today was staggering," said a local passerby. There was also lively entertain-



Bristol Parks & Recreation and Bristol HEZ

BACK to School Backpack DRIVE

What We Need: Backpacks with 1 1/2 inch binder with filler paper, 2 single subject notebooks, 2 pocket folders, pens,

-Collection Period-
Aug. 15-Aug. 26th



COFFEE HOUR

with
Bristol Police Chief, Kevin Lynch and Brody



Join us Tuesday,
September 27th
9:30 am
Bristol Parks & Recreation Conference room

**FREE WOMEN'S
SELF-DEFENSE
SEMINAR**
Friday, April 29th – 6:00 pm



78% of all Sexual Assaults are committed by someone the victim knew.

Every 45 Minutes, a woman is raped.

22% of all sexual predators assault an average of 7 victims before they are caught.



Sponsored by the Bristol Police Department



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The Bristol Police Department currently employs two (2) officers assigned as School Resource Officers (S.R.O.).

The mission of the S.R.O. Program is the reduction and prevention of school-related violence and crimes committed by juveniles and young adults. The program aims to create and maintain a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for students, teachers, and staff. Moreover, the S.R.O. is responsible for establishing a trusted channel of communication with students, parents, and teachers. S.R.O. serves as a positive role model and mentor to instill in students good moral standards, judgment, respect for other students, and a sincere concern for the school community. The S.R.O. promotes awareness of the law to enable students to become better informed and effective citizens while imparting the students with knowledge of law enforcement efforts and obligations regarding enforcement, as well as consequences for violations of the law. The S.R.O. serves as a confidential source of counseling for students, parents, and staff concerning the daily problems they face. He also provides information on community resources available to the community. The S.R.O. program has proven successful through positive interactions, fostered friendships, and trusting relationships between the students and police that will last for the student's entire life.



SRO Medeiros and Brody

S.R.O. Keith Medeiros is a permanent S.R.O. and a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Department.

Patrolman Greg Silvia is a nineteen year (19) veteran of the Department and also a permanent S.R.O.

On December 6, 2021, the S.R.O.'s switched roles to allow Officer Medeiros and Brody to focus their attention on elementary school children's safety messaging. Both officers will work out of the MHHS office and continue to work on issues plaguing misconduct in the high school. The officers will have an expanded role in the off-season as community policing liaisons – the goal is to have a hybrid role for our SRO/CSO.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORTS

TYPE OF REPORT	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arrests	7	0	2	10
Incidents	20	12	9	44
Accidents	1	0	1	0

BICYCLE PATROL UNIT

The Bristol Department conducts Bicycle Patrols, which are comprised of sworn officers who have been certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) to operate Department bicycles in the performance of this special duty. This training is extensive and provides the officers with the skills needed for the safe and effective operation of the bicycles. To date, all patrol officers have been certified to operate the Department bicycles. Bicycle Patrols serve both a community policing function and a patrol function. Officers riding bicycles are more approachable. That creates a more inviting method of contact with the community they serve. Bicycle patrols result in more than twice as many contacts with the public than officers riding in traditional police vehicles. Bicycle patrols may also go where patrol vehicles are unable to. This aspect is often utilized during Town festivals when crowded areas offer little room for patrol vehicles. Using all of their senses, Bicycle Patrol Officers are more attuned to their surroundings, which makes it easier for them to detect and deter crime.



MARINE UNIT

Marine Patrol Unit responsibilities - Enforce all local and state criminal laws, applicable regulatory laws, and ordinances relating to boating and marine safety and maintain high visibility within the waterways and coastline of the Town of Bristol to provide a safe boating environment for all.



DRONE UNIT

Drone Unit Responsibilities- personnel assigned to the Drone Unit are trained and responsible for the deployment and use of small unmanned aircraft systems. Done can be deployed to hostage or barricaded subjects, active shooter emergencies, search & rescue operations, after a natural or man-made disaster, and surveying a crime scene.



- Hostage or barricaded subjects
- Active shooter emergencies
- Search & rescue operations
- Natural or man-made disasters
- Surveying a crime scene

MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE

The M.C.V. provides a communications unit, complete with direct communications that can respond to virtually any location. The Mobile Command Vehicle may be used in certain situations such as major crimes, disasters, special events, or other incidents, which would rise to the level of the activation of the Incident Command System such as the following:



- Peaceful Protests
- Fourth of July Celebrations
- Significant Accidents and Crime Scenes

POLARIS RANGER OFF-ROAD VEHICLE

The Polaris Ranger off-road vehicle is used for efficient and expeditious patrol and travel capability for working in congested areas and during special events. The Polaris ranger provides transportation for personnel and equipment assigned to specialized duties and training and provides coordination, assistance, and equipment to personnel in tactical situations, crime scenes, special events, disasters, and inclement weather.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS VEHICLE

The Special Operations Vehicle was repurposed and equipped as a tactical response vehicle. Tactical and riot shields, kits, AED, body armor, wound kits, and other tactical gear is kept in the vehicle for a quick response.



DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division is under the command of Major Scott McNally, a twenty-five (25) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The Division is comprised of Criminal Investigators, Juvenile Officer, and Narcotics Investigator. All Detectives are Criminal Investigation (BCI) Officers. The Detective Division consists of full-time investigators who report directly to the Detective Lieutenant, who also functions as a working investigator/supervisor. Investigators, including the supervisor, are assigned to general case investigation, the juvenile officer also serves as a working investigator.

The primary function of the Detective Division is to conduct follow-up investigations of criminal offenses that occur within the jurisdiction of the Bristol Police Department and the eventual identification, apprehension, and successful Prosecution of criminal offenders. The Division is also responsible for the following activities and functions, which include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting thorough investigations of criminal acts as assigned;
- Preparing cases for court presentation;
- Conducting background investigations;
- Conducting background checks for recruits;
- Coordinating the Department's juvenile-related investigative efforts with the juvenile court;
- Overseeing the coordination of all missing person cases to ensure proper follow-up by the Department.

The Detective Lieutenant reports directly to the Chief of Operations Major and has functional responsibility for:

- **Criminal Investigations:** The Detective Lieutenant is responsible for the criminal investigative effort of the Department, maintaining the case screening system for criminal offenses and monitoring case reports to ensure that preliminary investigations are conducted, and solvability factors are indicated on offense reports. The Detective Lieutenant screens and assigns cases to patrol officers or to investigative personnel for follow-up investigation, as appropriate, and assists patrol officers with case preparation and testimony preparation for court. Additional responsibilities include reviewing applications for search warrants assisting in executing such warrants and being primary responsibility for conducting follow-up investigations inside the jurisdiction of the Town of Bristol.
- **Evidence Collection and BCI Lab:** The Evidence Collection is conducted by trained Detectives in BCI, who are responsible for the identification, collection, and preservation

of all evidence. BCI trained Detectives to communicate between the Bristol Police Department and other crime laboratory units on the local, state, and federal levels.

- **Evidence and Property Control:** The Property Officer is responsible for the security and control of all seized, found, recovered, and evidentiary property in the agency's custody. Duties also include evidence processing, direct control over the police property room, and evidence control areas. He/she is responsible for all required inspections, inventories, reports, and final disposition of property, except as otherwise provided for in the General Orders of the Bristol Police Department.
- **Juvenile Officer:** Responsible for the investigation of crimes committed by and against juveniles and cases of missing children while maintaining compliance with State and judicial mandates. The Juvenile Officer ensures that the legal criteria for enforcement actions taken against juveniles meet the directives issued by the Rhode Island Family Court and pertinent Rhode Island General Laws (RIGLs). He/she also must ensure the Department exercises the least coercive reasonable alternative in dealing with juveniles.
- **Missing Persons:** Investigators are responsible for the coordination and follow-up investigations of all adult and juvenile missing persons.
- **Sex Offender Registration and Compliance:** Investigators are also responsible for the documentation process of registering sex offenders and conducting annual checks for compliance. In 2022, the Detective Division conducted sex offender verification checks on all sex offenders required to register with the Bristol Police Department. The checks verified all registered sex offenders with the Bristol Police Department complied with registration verification requirements as required per State law.
- **Task Force:** Currently, the Bristol Police Department has two (2) Detectives assigned to a Statewide Task Force. One detective is assigned to the Rhode Island State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) which is composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement officials. The ICAC Task Force is charged with the prevention, interdiction, investigation, and Prosecution of individuals who use the Internet to exploit children. This task force also seeks to combat crimes against children through the Internet through the vigorous investigation and Prosecution of offenders.

A second detective is assigned to the Rhode Island State Police HIDTA Task Force. The Rhode Island State Police High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area narcotics unit is composed of Rhode Island State Troopers and task force officers that are assigned from the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms department, Homeland Security department, and various municipal police departments. Det. Kearns works in conjunction with these officers to complete narcotics investigations.

These detectives not only complete their duties and tasked assignments by their respective Task Force commanders but also complete their duties and tasks assigned by the Bristol Police Department Detective Commander.

PROSECUTION SECTION

The Prosecution Section is under the supervision of Lieutenant Julie Veader, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department, who serves as the Prosecution Officer. The responsibility of the Prosecution Officer includes the criminal and civil Prosecution in Superior Court, District Court, Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, and Municipal Court. This pertains to criminal complaints, as well as a traffic-related offense within the Town of Bristol, as well as the following:

- **Prosecution Officer:** The Prosecution Officer is the liaison to the courts. The responsibilities as the liaison to the court system (Rhode Island Superior Court, District Court, Family Court, and Municipal Court) include coordinating arraignments, pre-trial hearings, trials, and other legal proceedings. This includes the scheduling of police officers, victims, and witnesses for appearances in court. Other responsibilities include:

Coordinating the Department's victim/witness assistance program. This includes the initial point of contact and follow-up activities, updating of policies governing the implementation and delivery of victim/witness services, delivering information to victims and witnesses about the status of cases and their roles, and liaison with other victim/witness agencies.
- **Legal Process:** The Patrol Division, along with Prosecution, is responsible for the delivery of legal process documents, ensuring proper and timely delivery of all legal documents, and that all legal requirements are met.
- **Domestic Violence Coordinator:** The coordinator is responsible for the administration and operation of all functions and activities related to the follow-up of victims of domestic violence. These responsibilities include: Reviewing and maintaining files for domestic violence crime reports, serving as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, providing information, and assisting the public on domestic violence programs and other domestic violence-related matters.

- **HIDTA Notable HIDTA Cases:**

ARREST: 22RIX1-324-AR
LOCATION: PROVIDENCE

- On Friday, May 27, 2022, at approximately 5:15 a.m., members of the HIDTA Task Force arrested Julian Inciarte, age 28, of 19 Monticello Street, Apartment 2, Providence, Rhode Island, for the following:
 - 1) Possession With the Intent to Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine;
 - 2) Possession With the Intent to Deliver 1 oz – 1 kilogram of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine;
 - 3) Controlled Substance Conspiracy;
 - 4) Distribution of a Controlled Substance in a School Zone;

- 5) Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine;
- 6) Possession With the Intent to Deliver 1 oz – 1 kilogram of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine; and
- 7) Controlled Substance Conspiracy.

This arrest was the result of court-authorized search warrants executed at the conclusion of a narcotics investigation. Mr. Inciarte was transported to the Lincoln Barracks for processing, then arraigned in Sixth District Court, where he was held without bail.

ARREST: 22RIX1-325-AR

LOCATION: CENTRAL FALLS

- On Friday, May 27, 2022, at approximately 5:15 a.m., members of the HIDTA Task Force arrested Carlos Mendez, age 45, of 385 Hunt Street, Apartment 3, Central Falls, Rhode Island, for the following:

- 1) Possession With the Intent to Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine;
- 2) Possession With the Intent to Deliver 1 oz – 1 kilogram of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine;
- 3) Controlled Substance Conspiracy;
- 4) Distribution of a Controlled Substance in a School Zone;
- 5) Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine;
- 6) Possession With the Intent to Deliver 1 oz – 1 kilogram of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine; and
- 7) Controlled Substance Conspiracy.

This arrest was the result of court-authorized search warrants executed at the conclusion of a narcotics investigation. Mr. Mendez was transported to the Lincoln Barracks for processing, then arraigned in Sixth District Court, where he was held without bail.

UCR/NIBRS STATISTICS - 2022

Description	Number of Cases 2020	Number of Cases 2021	Number of Cases 2022
Fondling	1	1	2
Intimidation	1	5	10
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	7	7
Shoplifting	1	4	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	3	0
Aggravated Assault	2	7	20
Credit Card/Automatic Teller	2	3	3
Simple Assault	3	39	24
Theft From Motor Vehicle	3	9	8
All Other Larceny	4	27	39
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	4	39	68
Drug/Narcotic Violations	5	8	10
Rape	1	2	0

RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division is operated by civilian employees (Clerks) who fall under the Chief of Administration. The Clerks are responsible for maintaining and disseminating Department records, including Incident, Arrest, and Accident Reports, as well as collecting funds associated with their release. Members are also responsible for the timely compliance of NIBRS and U.C.R. reporting, police detail records, public records requests, and records retention/destruction. Members also process traffic, parking, and Municipal Court summonses daily.

GRANTS

The Bristol Police Department received the following grants in 2022:

- **Bulletproof Vest Grant:** This grant is used to provide officers with new bulletproof vests every five (5) years.
- **Highway Safety Grants:** The Highway Safety Grant provides funding for Child Passenger Safety, Click it or Ticket (seat belt), D.U.I., and Speeding enforcement.
- **Tobacco and Underage Drinking Grants:** Funding for these grants is provided by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, and the Tri-County Community Action Agency. They are utilized for the enforcement of underage tobacco and drinking purchases.
- **State Body-Worn Cameras:** Funding for the purchase and data storage of thirty-nine (39) body-worn cameras.

Standards

Every citizen contact is an opportunity to demonstrate the mission and the values of the Bristol Police Department.

“Integrity, Respect, Professionalism”

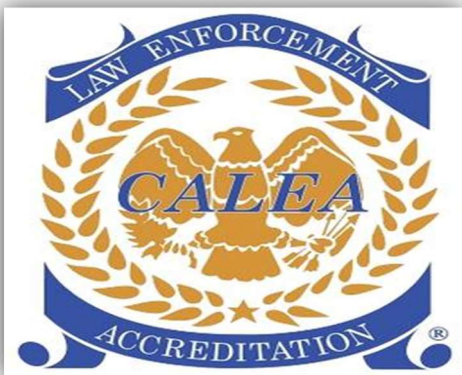
In order to successfully meet our motto of “Integrity, Respect, Professionalism”, we must place the highest priority on maintaining public trust. That trust is earned through our actions and commitment to transparency and accountability. The Office of Professional Standards strives to ensure that the integrity of the Department remains intact.

The Professional Standards Officer (Chief of Administration) reports directly to the Chief of Police, and is responsible for receiving, processing and investigating complaints made against Department employees. The Bristol Police Department ensures that there is a system in place that creates a sense of confidence on the

part of citizens, that their complaints will be taken seriously and properly investigated, and corrective measures taken when needed. At the same time, The Office of Professional Standards must also create a sense of confidence on the part of Department employees that complaints will be investigated within a reasonable time frame and that they will be conducted in a fair and consistent manner. Each investigation is completed objectively, thoroughly and without bias.

Regular reviews and evaluation of the work performance of our personnel is continuously conducted in order to ensure the highest levels of professionalism.

Accreditation

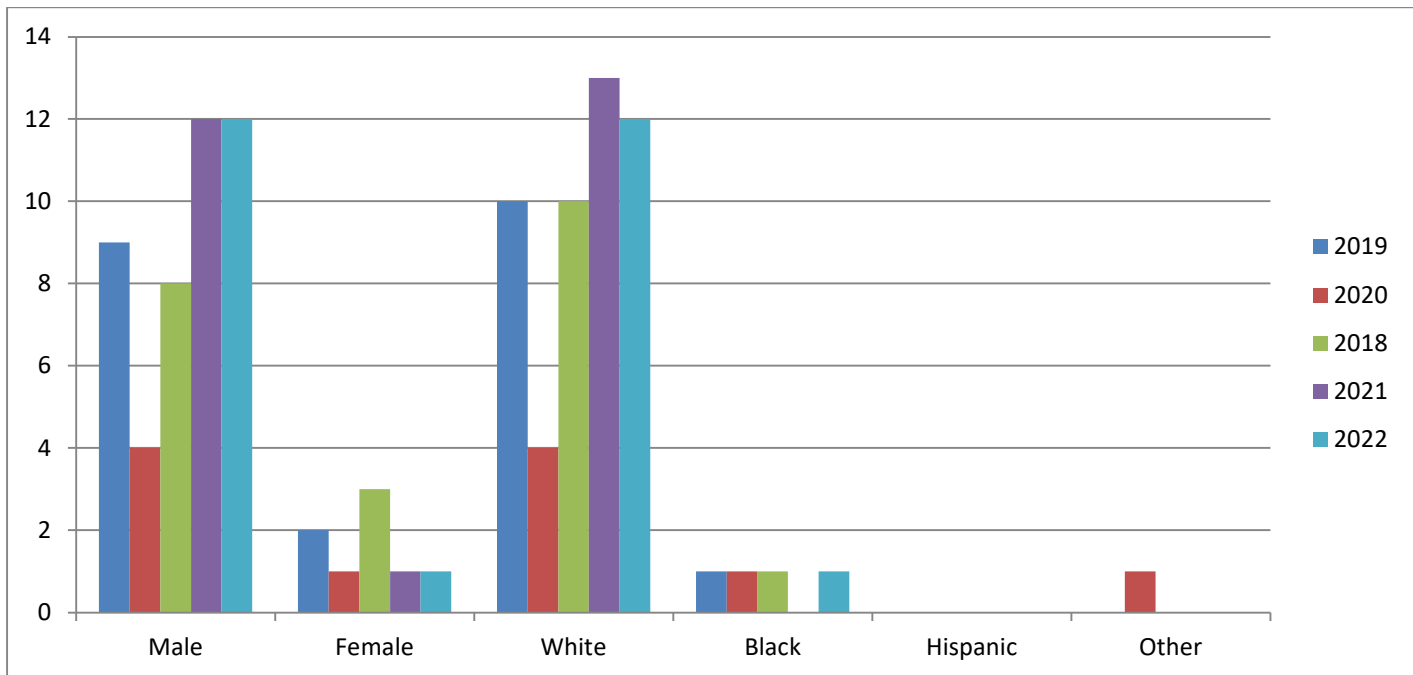


In 2019, the Bristol Police Department underwent an extensive review of its policies, procedures and day-to-day operations. The Department is currently Nationally Accredited (CALEA) and State Accredited (RIPAC). Accreditation results in greater accountability within our agency, reduced risk and liability exposure and more confidence in our agency’s ability to operate efficiently and respond to our community needs. The Bristol Police Department is on track for re-accreditation in August 2023.

Summary of Use of Force Incidents

The calendar Year 2022

Force Type	Proper Use-Justified	Unjustified/ Discipline	Total
Physical	11	0	11
O.C. Spray	3	0	3
Taser (displayed)	3	0	3
Taser (discharged)	1	0	1
Lethal Force	0	0	0
Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance	2	0	2
Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia)	11	0	11*
Total			19



In 2022 the Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 34,664 calls for service, a 12.6% increase from the previous year. Many of the calls for service were documented in an Incident Report, Arrest Report, or Accident Report.

Summary of Professional Standards Investigations

The calendar Year 2022

Month of Investigations	Nature of Investigation	General Within Department	Citizen Complaint	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other
January	Administrative Review		1			1
December	Violation of Dept. Rules & Regulations	1		1		
Total		1	1	1		1

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVOCATE

The Law Enforcement Advocate - L.E.A. is a trained professional who provides immediate crisis intervention, information, and referrals. The Law Enforcement Advocate, who is employed by the Women's Resource Center of Newport/Bristol Counties (WRCNBC) through grant funding, offers crisis intervention, support, information, and resources according to each person's individual needs. The L.E.A. is a liaison between the police department and victims of domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

The L.E.A. is also available to accompany victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to report crimes at police departments or accompany them to the hospital for medical treatment related to crime.

The L.E.A. keeps the victim informed of their rights and the status of their case. They provide the victim with assistance and support throughout the criminal justice process. They also provide safety planning and referrals.

The following is a breakdown of domestic violence and sexual assault cases the Bristol Police Department investigated in 2022:

Domestic Violence – 56 Arrest Reports, 202 Incident Reports

Sexual Assault – 1 Arrest Report, 2 Incident Reports

Child Molestation – 2 Arrest Reports, 0 Incident Reports

The Law Enforcement Advocate has been an asset to the Bristol Police Department in assisting both police and the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The L.E.A.'s knowledge and support have proven invaluable to the victims and law enforcement.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – October



October is... National Domestic Violence
Awareness Month
www.NationalDayCalendar.com



ANIMAL CONTROL

2022 ANNUAL REPORT





BRISTOL ANIMAL CONTROL MISSION:

Bristol Animal Control is a division of the Bristol Police Department. As such, we enforce Town ordinances and State laws pertaining to animals. We have an Animal Control Supervisor, a full time Animal Control Officer, and two part-time Animal Control Officers. We have two vehicles, a Chevy van and a Ford Transit Connect.

DUTIES:

- Patrol of the streets, parks, Town Common and Town Beach areas daily
- Respond to animal calls dispatched through the police station, as well as calls received through the Animal Shelter
- Pick up expired animals on Town streets and Town property
- Investigate and report bites from domestic and wild animals
- Quarantine animals that have bitten or have been bitten by domestic or wildlife animals, or have injuries of unknown origin
- Assist the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management with wildlife calls
- Impound stray, sick or injured dogs and cats, as well as other domestic animals
- Provide shelter, care, and veterinary care for impounded animals
- Adoptions
- Clean and maintain the animal shelter
- Provide the public with a resource for pet advice, wildlife nuisances, and how to live with wildlife
- Work in tandem with the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter



EDUCATION:

All four Animal Control Officers are certified in animal control and pet CPR and first aid. Three officers are certified in cruelty investigation and body condition scoring. Two officers have taken the defensive driving course and ethical decision-making course. One officer is certified in equine first aid. One officer is certified to train cats. All officers are motivated in expanding their knowledge and training.

BRISTOL ANIMAL SHELTER:

The Bristol Animal Shelter is run and maintained by Animal Control. As a municipal shelter, our mission is to take in sick, injured, and abandoned animals. We shelter, evaluate, provide routine veterinary care, spay or neuter, and socialize all animals before placing them up for adoption. Bristol Animal Control has formed a partnership with the Friends of the Bristol Animal which has provided extra help to care for the animals housed at the Bristol Animal Shelter. We work in tandem to care for the animals and clean the building. Our animal shelter is a no-kill shelter. It is our policy that only animals that are suffering, with no hope of recovery, are euthanized.



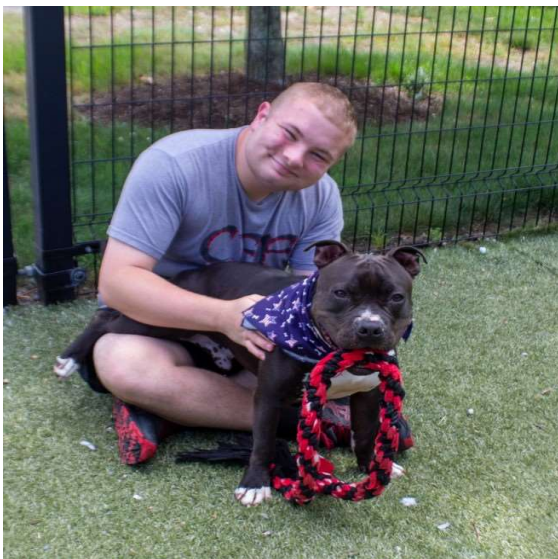


COMMUNITY:

We provide people who are in need of pet food. We also host a yearly rabies clinic to provide people with an affordable option to have their pets vaccinated against rabies. The Bristol Animal Shelter also boards animals short term for residents that are experiencing hardships.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Bristol Animal Shelter in partnership with the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter has won the Best of Rhode Island Award in 2012, 2013, 2015 thru 2022. We will continue to work effortlessly each year striving to achieve this prestigious acknowledgment.



The Town of Bristol and the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter have established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU has allowed the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter to create and run a new and improved volunteer program for the Bristol Animal Shelter. The new program has afforded us extra help which has enabled us to reach out to other community shelters and relieve them of their overflow of animals by transferring their animals to the Bristol Animal Shelter. In turn, this is providing the community with additional local animals available for adoption. We will also be working together to start our school education program.

The Bristol Animal Shelter is designated as a Rhode Island Emergency Pet Shelter by the Department of Environmental Management. This designation authorizes the Bristol Animal Shelter to lodge household pets in times of an emergency disaster, such as severe weather events. The Bristol Animal Shelter is one of five Emergency Pet Shelters and is the first in the East Bay area.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

The veneer in some of the cat rooms was repaired. A new, safer attic fold-a-way ladder was installed. The HVAC system was repaired and improved.

STATISTICS:

Animal Control Statistics for the past three years:

	2020	2021	2022
CALLS			
EXPIRED ANIMALS	240	235	226
DOG AT LARGE	192	202	145
BARKING DOG	56	38	48
BITES	31	56	22
OTHER	296	343	422
TOTAL CALLS	815	874	863
CITATIONS			
DOG AT LARGE	5	16	4
UNLICENSED DOG	1	5	8
TOTAL CITATIONS	6	21	17
TOTAL CITATION FEES	\$600	\$1,250	\$1,850

Animal Shelter Statistics for the past three years:

	2020	2021	2022
INTAKE			
DOGS	42	94	71
CATS	81	79	120
OTHER	3	10	9
TOTAL INTAKE	126	183	200
QUARANTINES			
DOGS	38	39	54
CATS	5	19	16
TOTAL QUARANTINES	43	58	70

	2020	2021	2022
ADOPTIONS			
DOGS	3	13	19
CATS	46	51	69
TOTAL ADOPTIONS	49	64	88
RETURN TO OWNER			
DOGS	28	42	52
CATS	8	9	16
TOTAL RETURN TO OWNER	36	51	68

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