

2024

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, 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's contact is an opportunity to demonstrate the mission and the values of the Bristol Police Department.*

**K-9 BRODY**





## ***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 Bristol Police 2024 annual report.

Let me begin by thanking the community for all its support this year. Our accomplishments and partnerships within the community have been built on a foundation of trust that we have built together. I mention this as a valued tool for our continued success, and we humbly appreciate your investment in the Bristol Police Department.

I once again have some notable news to report to our citizenry - The Town of Bristol has maintained its status as the ***safest community in Rhode Island*** to reside, and still one of the safest college towns in all the United States of America based on data published in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Furthermore, I must thank our committed staff, both sworn and civilian, for all their continued efforts to achieve this noteworthy success. It takes hard work, commitment, and resolve to repeat success year after year. This year, a significant investment was made in our officer wellness program(s). The fitness area was updated with new fitness equipment and our staff was equipped with a wellness app to give our personnel every opportunity to remain healthy.

In addition to new officers, the department organized a “Community Night Out” partnering with local businesses and food establishments. If you attended the event, I’m sure you would agree that our local restaurants and vendors that participated deserve all the accolades as the food was exceptional and the support from local businesses was abundant. Seeing the town common overflowing with families, children, and the community humbly shows our Town's resolve.

I’m sure you heard that this year the Bristol Fire Department claimed victory at the annual “Battle of the Badges” softball tournament, and I tip my “police hat” to the victors and take solace that we raised a significant amount of money for Bristol youth sports. We remain committed to continuing a pledge of unity and fostering new programs in the coming year. Moreover, we are currently planning another community favorite “Citizens Police Academy” in the early parts of 2025.

We are elated to report that Colonel Russell “Rusty” Serpa was posthumously inducted into the Rhode Island Attorney General’s prestigious Hall of Fame for his dedication and service to our country and Town. Additionally, Captain Julie Kearney Veader was selected by the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association as the “2024 Female Police Leader of the Year” and notably, I had the distinct honor of presenting Lieutenant Paul Medeiros a “Meritorious Service Medal” for his heroic actions.

Additionally, Officers Stefanie Salisbury, David Sheldon, Ziad Abdallah, and Megan Vento were recognized for their outstanding work in promoting traffic safety by AAA

and MADD. The Police department also received a bronze award for its traffic safety initiatives by AAA.

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 re-organization, budgetary data, and our community outreach initiatives.

Moreover, 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 (<https://www.bristolri.gov/287/Police>) which contains 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 their continued support.

Lastly, I hope my personal commitment, appreciation, and delivery of service as Chief of Police resonates as I remain extremely proud to continue to serve as your Chief of Police.

Yours in Safety,  
Chief of Police  
*Kevin M. Lynch*





*Bristol's Beautiful Waterfront*

# Accomplished Goals and Objectives for 2024

Bristol Police worked in conjunction with the Town of Bristol to create a traffic calming policy for 2024. The policy was presented to the town council for approval. This policy is intended to address traffic concerns in residential neighborhoods.

Green House Project, an ongoing project working in conjunction with the Office of Community Development in securing grants for the razing of greenhouses on abutting town-owned property. The goal is to have accessible land to construct a new facility for the Bristol Police Department.

The Bristol Police Retired Officers' program created training requirements for retired officers and working obligations for the Bristol Fourth of July security events. The Fourth of July operational plan was updated to ensure that guidelines and policies were met for retirees.

Mobile Command Unit – All communication, networking, and hardware systems have been modernized. The mobile command unit was transitioned to a town public safety vehicle to be utilized by other town departments. Policies reflecting this change must reflect the authorization of other town departments. Federal grants funded updates.

Computer updates to Windows 10 for all department computer software.

Community Outreach Programs: Maintain all community outreach programs to stay connected with our community, raise awareness, build relationships identify community needs, and address any concerns.



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School Safety: Implement action items for facility assessment and foster active shooter training incorporating BWRSD faculty and students. Garnering funding with the school district to support the updating and installation of surveillance systems. Maintain contingencies for strengthening school safety.

A shift liaison, a compensated volunteer from each patrol shift is assigned as a liaison to the Office of the Chief of Police, meeting quarterly at staff meetings and directly when needed. This fosters open communication for each patrol shift with the Office of the Chief of Police. This objective is achieved at every staff meeting

The Town of Bristol has remained the safest community in RI and one of the safest college towns in the United States.

Reorganizational Plan of the department's structure to meet the 21st-century needs of the department to enhance service to the community. This goal was completed in March of 2024 and has served as a roadmap that outlines the goals and objectives of the department and has served to implement structure, goals, strategies, and action.

Promotional Process implemented in June of 2024 to mirror the reorganizational plan. This process was conducted in collaboration with the town administrator, the town council, and the police union, IBPO.

The department conducted a recruitment drive for both police and civilian staff. The department used innovative methods to recruit new suitable hires and maximize the candidate pool

A wellness APP was introduced to all personnel. The wellness APP is a confidential tool officers and support staff can utilize 365 24/7. The APP promotes a safe work environment, both on and off duty.

# Goals and Objectives for 2025

The town is converting the former Walley School as a destination for a senior community outreach program to include a community outreach office for the police department. This office will be staffed by officers from the Bristol Police Department to assist and aid in senior community outreach. The town anticipates a ribbon cutting in 2025.

Recruitment and Retention – With a record number of retirements, our recruitment drive has netted several qualified candidates who are currently in the field training program and attending the municipal police academy. Training, recruitment, and retention of all personnel are a priority for 2025.

Still the safest community in RI, the department is committed to maintaining these standards. Promoting community engagement, listening campaigns, and other community relations with local businesses and academia.

School Safety – Maintain and enhance school safety through active school shooter training exercises with collaboration from the Bristol Fire Department and the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

Drone Unit – Expand the drone unit capabilities to engage drone use during special events and critical incidents.

Persistently review security plans to remain proactive in community events, concert series, 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, fireworks, grand illumination, Christmas festival, and street-based events. Safeguarding the welfare of the community at all events remains a significant urgency and is our utmost priority. Reviewing all facets of our safety plans and equipment to remain steadfast in our security planning. Maintain and continually upgrade the officer wellness program and continue to promote officer wellness and promote officer well-being.

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Chief Lynch and the department members remain steadfast in building a modern public safety complex to meet the needs of policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We have identified a feasible location for the new structure behind the existing police station.



# PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The Bristol Police Department consists of 41 sworn officers and 12 civilian members. The table below depicts the rank structure within the Bristol Police Department.

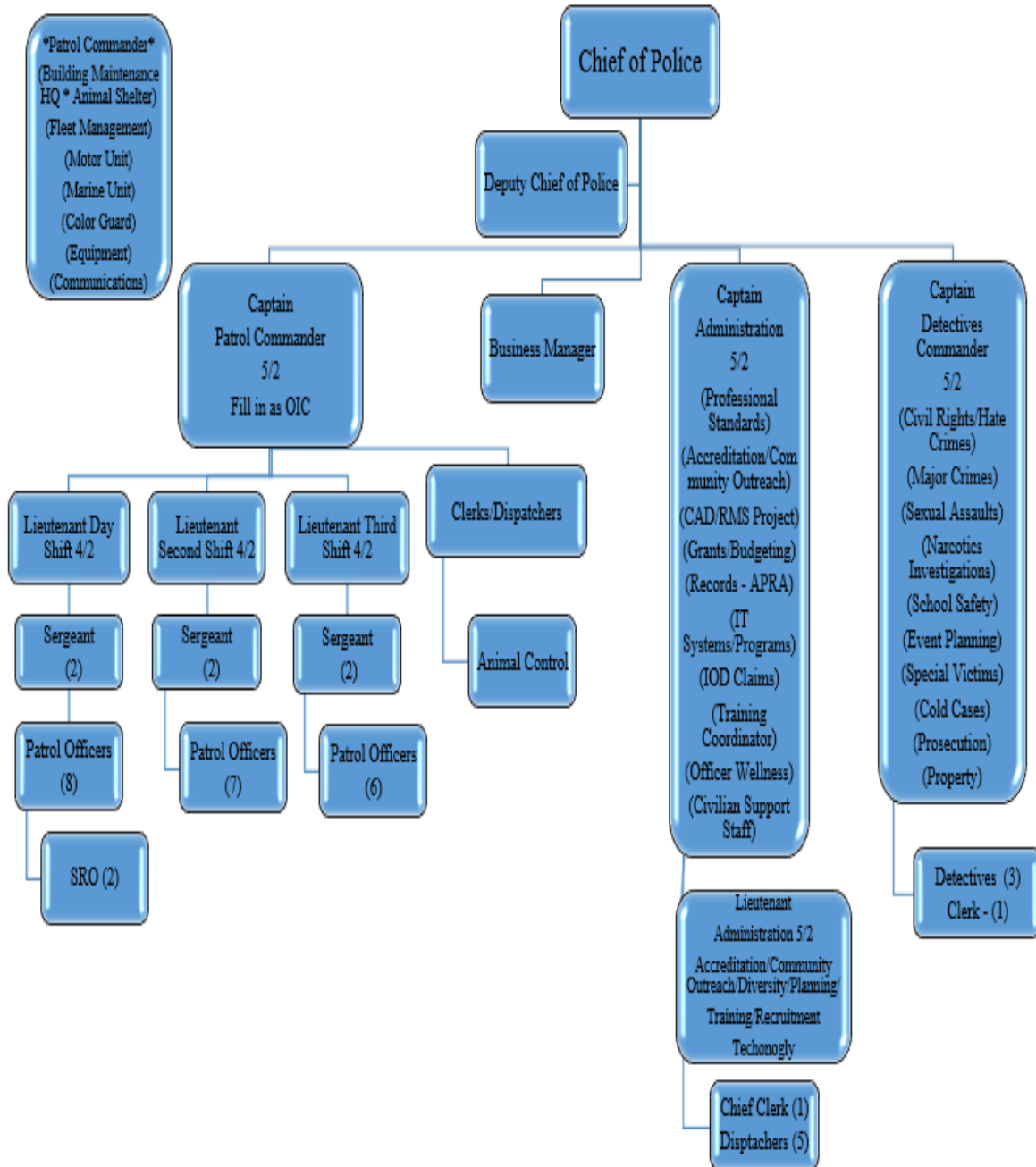
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| Director of Public Safety (Town Administrator) |
| Chief of Police                                |
| Deputy Chief of Police                         |
| Captain  |
| Lieutenant                                     |
| Sergeant                                       |
| Detective                                      |
| Patrol Officer                                 |



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

(2025)



# COMMAND STAFF

## *DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE*

Deputy Chief Scott McNally has twenty-seven (27) years of service with the department and is responsible for supervising all department members appointed below him, sworn and civilian. Deputy Chief McNally is second in command and assumes the powers of the chief in his absence. Some of Deputy Chief McNally's responsibilities are as follows:

- Oversee all divisions, patrol, detectives, administration, and professional standards.
- Ensure daily operations align with the department's goals and objectives.
- Supervise subordinate commanders and ensure effective leadership across divisions.
- Develop and implement policies, strategies, and programs to address community safety.
- Assist the Chief of Police in long-term planning and organizational improvements.
- Allocate resources efficiently, including personnel, equipment, and budgets.
- Lead response efforts during emergencies, major incidents, or critical situations.
- Ensure compliance with departmental policies, legislative/legal updates, and standards.
- Collaborate with government agencies, non-profits, and community organizations.
- Identify funding opportunities, such as grants, to support departmental initiatives.
- Analyze crime statistics and operational data to improve performance and outcomes.
- Prepare comprehensive reports for the Chief of Police, city officials, and stakeholders.
- Serve as acting Chief of Police in his absence.

## *ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTAIN*

Captain Julie Kearney Veader is the Department's Administrative Captain. Capt. Kearney Veader is a twenty-seven (27) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The Captain of Administration is responsible for the following:

- Administrative Function of the Department - Sworn and Civilian.
- Accreditation and associated duties assigned to that office and assist in duties when necessary.
- Operating Budget - Budget Preparation – Maintain Fiscal Responsibility.
- Oversee HEZ Community Outreach – Substance Abuse – Suicide Prevention.
- Weekly Press Log/ Oversee APRA Request.
- Internal Affairs Investigator.
- Active Threats Annual Review.
- Community Affairs and Relations – Event Planning.
- Department Training – Including School Safety Initiatives.
- Awards Committee Chair.
- Department Grants.

## ***PATROL CAPTAIN***

Captain Roman Wozny is the Department Patrol Captain. Captain Wozny is a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The Patrol Captain is responsible for the daily operations of the Patrol Division. Duties and responsibilities.

- Manage Department Specialty Units – Motor Unit – Marine Unit – Color Guard – Drone Unit.
- Manage the daily operations of the Patrol Division.
- Facilities Management – Building and Grounds.
- Fleet Management & Department Equipment/Police Department Communications.
- Animal Control – Operations/Clerks/Dispatchers – Operations.
- SRO and Animal Control Annual Review.
- Rhode Island Interlocal Trust Claims Filing – Fleet, Building, etc.

## ***DETECTIVE CAPTAIN***

Captain Steven St. Pierre is a twenty- one (21) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. He serves as the Detective Captain. A past RIMPTA firearms instructor and current department firearms instructor. He oversees the active response and school safety initiatives and planning. Responsibilities and duties:

- Manage the daily operation of the Detective Division including case assignments.
- Manages Prosecution / Case Expungements / and Property.
- Liaison between the Town Solicitors' Office and RIAG Office.
- Major Crimes Investigations/Sexual assault/ Narcotics Investigations.
- RIAG Civil Rights Officer.
- Internal Affairs Investigator.
- Criminal Intelligence Review Annually/Annual Task Force Analysis.

## ***ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT***

Lieutenant Ricardo Mourato is the Department Accreditation Manager. Lt. Mourato is a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Lt. Mourato created and implemented the Lockbox Program servicing two hundred (200) Bristol residents. Duties and responsibilities:

- Accreditation/ Assessments/Policies and Procedures.
- Department Planning.
- Community Outreach – Events (Community Night Out).
- Hiring Coordinator/Background Investigations.
- CIMRS Report & annual report.
- Job Description Review (Every 4 years).
- Citizens Police Academy.

## ***FIRST SHIFT PATROL LIEUTENANT***

Lieutenant Brian Morse is a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Lt Morse is the 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Lieutenant. Duties and responsibilities:

- Review of all Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Accuracy.
- Manage the daily operations of patrol both sworn and civilian.
- Technology/RMS/Social media/Department websites.
- Maintain All Grant Obligations to include body-worn camera grant management.
- Computer Backup Annual Review.
- Internal Affairs Investigator.
- Oversee Drone Unit.
- Towns Cyber Security Education Manager.

## ***SECOND SHIFT PATROL LIEUTENANT***

Lieutenant Paul Medeiros is the Lieutenant in charge of the 2nd Shift. Lieutenant Medeiros is a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Duties and responsibilities:

- Oversee the Daily Operations and Functions of the Second Shift – Sworn and Civilian.
- Review of all Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- Hiring - Co-Coordinator.
- FTEP Coordinator – Sworn and Civilian.
- Direct the Department's Firearms Program.
- Department's Honor Guard.
- Department Agility Testing – Fit 2 Serve.
- Oversee Bicycle Unit – Instructor.
- Alcohol and Tobacco – Coordinator.
- Internal Affairs Investigator.
- Operational Readiness Annual Review.

## ***THIRD SHIFT PATROL LIEUTENANT***

Lieutenant Michael Vieira is the Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Lieutenant. Lieutenant Vieira is a nineteen (19) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Duties and responsibilities:

- Manage the Daily Operations and Functions of the Third Shift – Sworn and Civilian.
- Conceals Weapons Carry Permitting.
- Julie Lynn Cardinal Law - Hometown Chief Act – All Responsibilities.
- Manage Motor Unit.
- Detail Coordinator.
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault – DVSA Documents.
- Extra duty employment review.



## ***FIRST SHIFT PATROL SERGEANT***

### **Brett Estrella – Officer In Charge (OIC)**

- Supervise the Daily Operations of Day Shift Patrol – Sworn and Civilian Staff.
- Approve All Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- Department Honor Guard Supervisor.

### **Kyle Batista – Patrol Supervisor**

- Supervise the Daily Operations of Day Shift Patrol – Sworn and Civilian.
- Approve All Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- RI Interlocal Trust Wellness Coordinator.
- Riptide/Speed/CIOT/Distracted Driving Grants.
- Taser Instructor.

## ***SECOND SHIFT PATROL SERGEANT***

### **Timothy Gallison – Officer In Charge (OIC)**

- Supervise the Daily Operations of the Second Shift – Sworn and Civilian.
- Approve All Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- Two Company Liaison.
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### **Barry Carinha – Patrol Supervisor**

- Supervise the Daily Operations of Second Shift Patrol– Sworn and Civilian.
- Approve All Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- Tactical equipment inventory.

## ***THIRD SHIFT PATROL SERGEANT***

### **Sean Gonsalves – Officer In Charge (OIC)**

- Supervise the Daily Operations of the Third Shift Patrol– Sworn and Civilian.
- Approve All Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- BCI/Background checks.
- Vehicle Speed Calibrations (Yearly).

### **Alexander Booth – Patrol Supervisor**

- Supervise the Daily Operations of the Third Shift Patrol – Sworn and Civilian.
- Approve All Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- Perform weekly holding facility fire extinguisher inspections.
- Perform weekly holding facility security weapons/contraband inspections.

# ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Planning Research and Training is under the supervision of Captain Julie Kearney Veader a twenty-seven (27) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The captain is the full-time coordinator of Department Training, Planning, and Research. Captain Kearney Veader also supervises the Department's National and State Accreditation Process. Other responsibilities include the following:

- **Accreditation:** Lt. Ricardo Mourato is the current accreditation manager and has been in his current position for seventeen years. Accreditation is a formal process that evaluates and validates an institution's quality and credibility,
- **Recruitment and Selection:** The Planning, Research, and Training Division is tasked with all aspects of recruitment and selection. This includes conducting a recruitment process. Managing recruitment personnel and preparing recruits for police service through indoctrination into department policies, procedures, and requirements of job performance.
- **Training:** Department training falls under the Planning and Training Division. The Division provides in-service training programs, including but not limited to domestic violence, firearms, self-defense tactics, C.P.R., workplace harassment, biased policing, mental health, policies and procedures, leadership, human relations, crisis intervention, and the latest enhancements in law enforcement. The Division keeps officers apprised of the ever-changing laws and other topics that affect police operations, thereby enabling them to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. The Division also utilizes external resources to develop specialized skills that will increase the Department's overall effectiveness and keep a well-documented log of all training activities.

## *RECORDS DIVISION*

The Records Division is operated by civilian employees (Clerks) who fall under the Captain 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 2024. Sgt. Batista Manages the RI highway Safety Grant. That grant provides funding for traffic enforcement details.

Other grants include:

- **Taser 10 Jag Grant:** Grant supplies officers with the newest Taser Technology
- **State Body-Worn Cameras:** Funding for the purchase and data storage of thirty- nine (39) body-worn cameras.
- **Bulletproof Vest Grant:** Grant provides officers with new bulletproof vests recurring every five (5) years.

# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



## *“Integrity, Respect, Professionalism”*

*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 (Captain of Administration) reports directly to the Chief of Police and is responsible for receiving, processing, and investigating complaints generated against Department employees. The Bristol Police Department ensures that there is an internal system in place that exhibits transparency on the department's behalf to ensure the complaints are swiftly addressed and properly investigated. 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 fairly and consistently. Each investigation is completed objectively, thoroughly, and without bias. Regular reviews and evaluations of the work performance of our personnel are continuously conducted to ensure the highest levels of professionalism.



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, which reduces 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 was re-accredited in November of 2023. The department is scheduled for a four-year On-Site assessment on May 14-22, 2027.

# PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is under the command of the Department's Patrol Captain, Captain Roman Wozny. Captain Wozny is a twenty-four (24) 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. Three lieutenants and six sergeants oversee the daily operations of the three patrol shifts. 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:

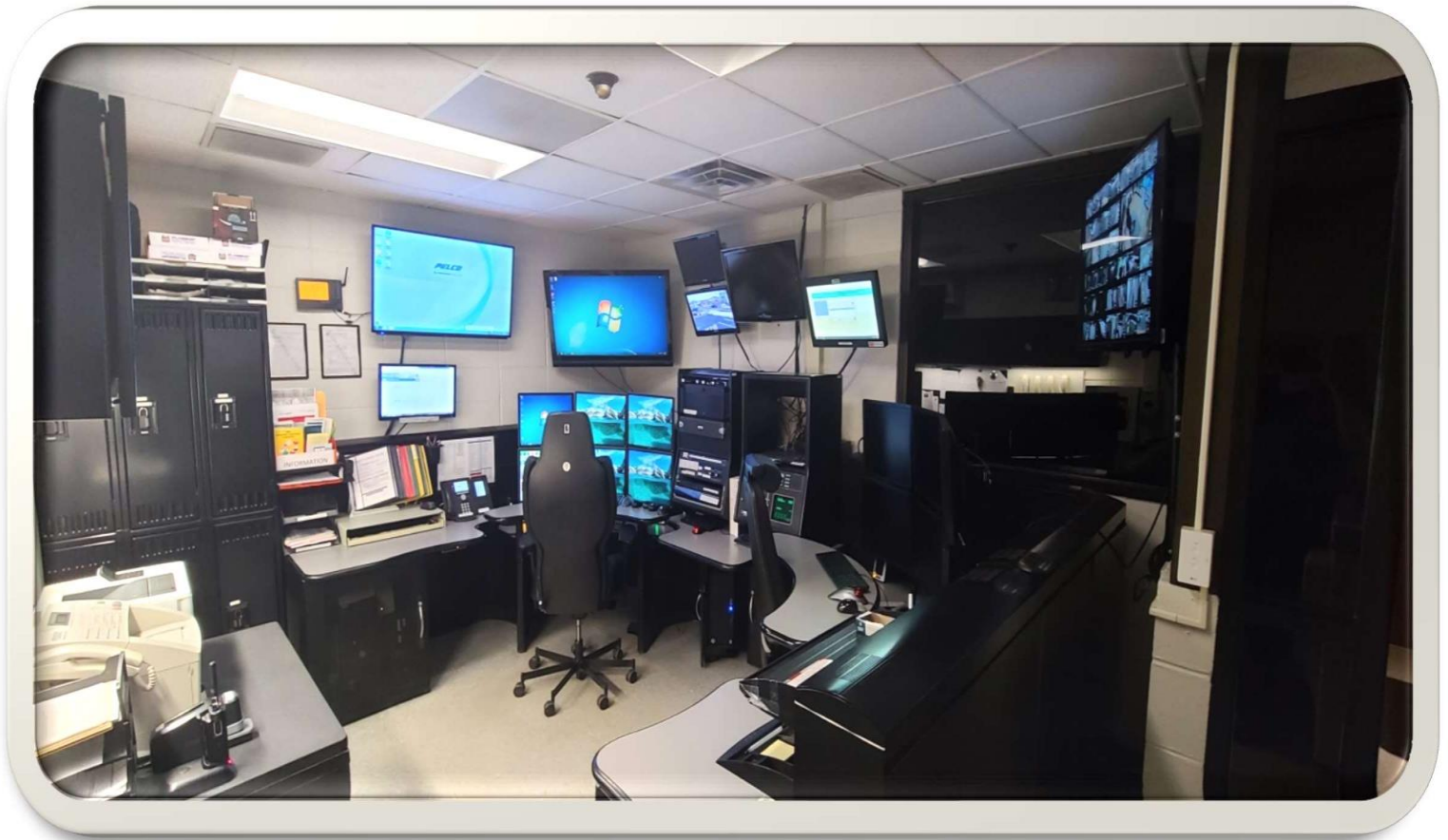
- Assisting citizens with both criminal and civil issues.
- Crime prevention.
- The apprehension of offenders.
- Collection of evidence.
- Rendering emergency aid.
- Traffic and D.U.I. enforcement.
- Enforcement of State Laws and Municipal Ordinances.
- Preliminary and follow-up investigations of criminal 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 resolving issues and improving the quality of life for all residents. Every citizen's contact is an opportunity to demonstrate the Bristol Police Department's mission and values.



## ***COMMUNICATIONS CENTER***

The Communications Center, which falls under the patrol division, oversees 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 call 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 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.



## 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 "Brody" – *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. Ptlw Medeiros, who also serves as the Department's School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) is assigned with Brody to Mt. Hope High School during the school year.



Since his introduction, Brody has become a local celebrity and international celebrity. Brody is an integral part of the continued effort to further the Bristol Police Department's already successful Community Policing program.

## ***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. 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 student's 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. 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.



S.R.O. Keith Medeiros is a permanent S.R.O. and a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Department. Patrolman Greg Silvia is a twenty-one-year (21) veteran of the Department and a permanent S.R.O.



***K-9 Brody***

## ***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 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 to the community. This 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 as 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 their senses, bicycle patrol officers are more attuned to their surroundings, which makes it easier for them to detect and deter crime.



***Bristol officer cycling the beat.***



## ***MOTORCYCLE UNIT***

This elite group of highly trained and skilled officers is commanded by Lieutenant Michael Vieira and 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 2024 are:

Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Fireman's parade, funerals, and Wreaths Across America escort.



***Bristol Police Motor Unit gives 3-year-old Aiden Duval the gift of a home for the holidays.***

## ***HONOR GAURD***

The Bristol Police Honor Guard is under the command of Lieutenant Paul Medeiros and Sergeant Brett Estrella. The honor guard is comprised of seven (7) members and is called upon to prestigiously represent the Department at parades, funerals, memorials, and community events.



***Honor Guard at the Flag Day Celebration.***



***Lt. Paul Medeiros and Sgt. Alex Booth.***

🇺🇸 Tonight, July 13, 2024, the Bristol Police Honor Guard proudly presented our nation's colors at Gillette Stadium for the New England Revolution vs. Orlando City SC game. Representing the honor guard were Lt. Paul Medeiros, Sgt. Alex Booth, and Ptlm. Josh Monson. 🇺🇸

### **New England Revolution**



***Gillette Stadium 2024***

## ***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 are kept in the vehicle for a quick response.



***Police tactical vest.***

## ***MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE (M.C.V.)***

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:

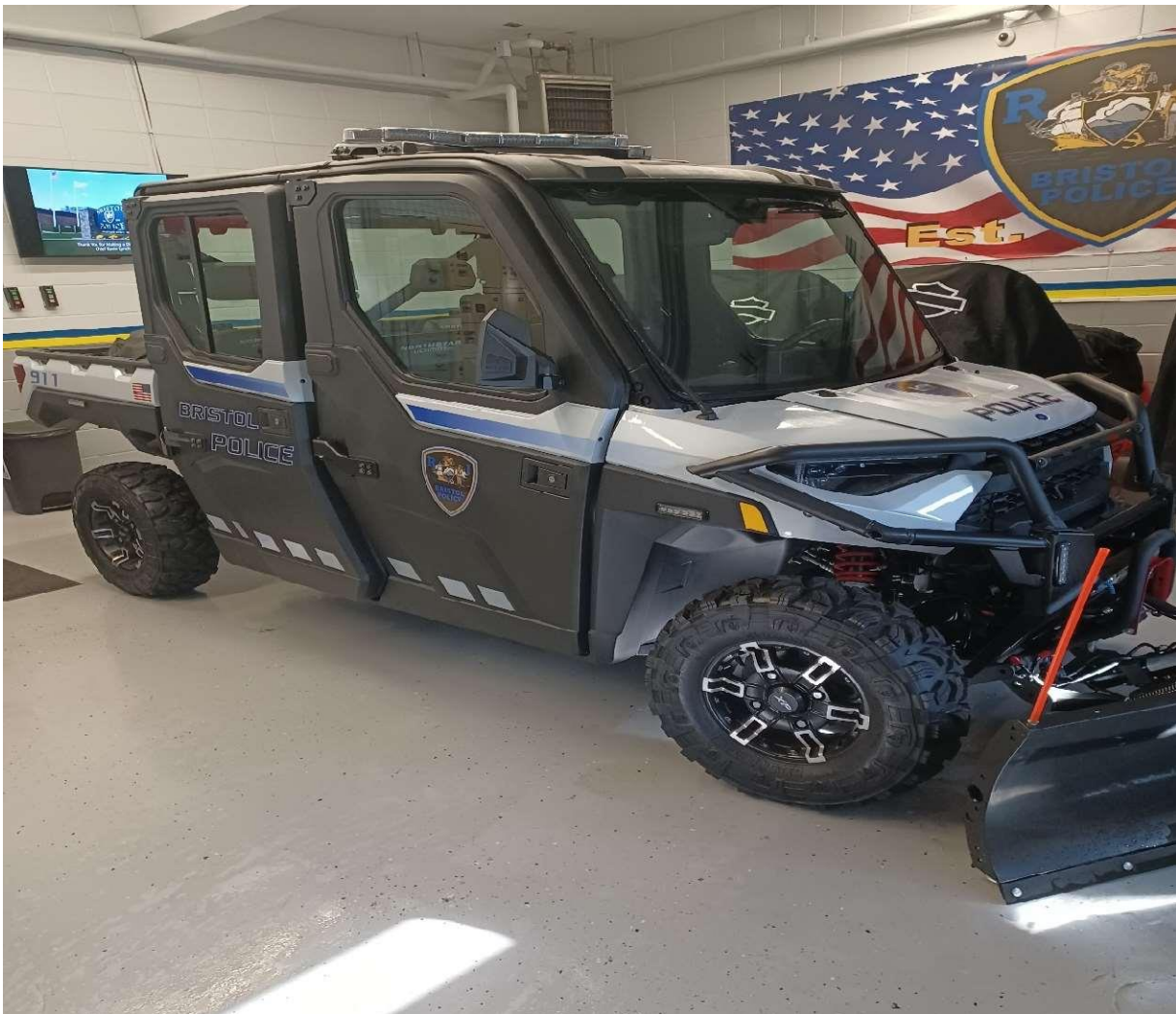


### ***Uses and Benefits of M.C.V.***

- Peaceful Protests
- Emergency Response
- Communication – Central location.
- Fourth of July Celebrations
- Significant Accidents and Crime Scenes
- Coordination between agencies

## ***POLARIS RANGER OFF-ROAD VEHICLE***

The Polaris Ranger is designed to be used on or off the road and 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.



## ***ELECTRIC GOLF CART***



The Golf Cart is utilized in events such as:

- Department/ Town Events:
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Tree Lighting
- Christmas Festival
- Last Night Concerts
- Town concerts
- Community Night Out
- Summer Camp

## ***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. Drones 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



***The new DJI Avata FPV drone***

The FPV drone proves to be valuable for searching indoor spaces, such as schools or houses with barricaded subjects. The drone will assist in searching for buildings that pose a potential danger, ensuring the safety of both officers and potential victims. It will prioritize evaluating the situation before exposing anyone to harm.

## ***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.



*Marine Unit responds to water-related emergencies.*



# DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division is under the command of Captain Steven St. Pierre, a twenty-one (21) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The Division is comprised of Criminal Investigators, Juvenile Officers, and Narcotics Investigators. All Detectives are Criminal Investigation (BCI) Officers. The Detective Division consists of full-time investigators who report directly to the Detective Captain, who also function 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 detective captain reports directly to the Deputy, and has functional responsibility for:

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.
  
- **Criminal Investigations:** The Detective Captain 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 Captain screens and assigns cases to patrol officers or 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 primarily responsible 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.

### *Prosecution Division*

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 leads 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 policies governing the implementation and delivery of victim/witness services, and delivering information to victims on the status of cases.
- **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.

## Notable Cases

### Police seize over 3,200 fraudulently obtained gift cards

*A sharp-eyed CVS employee noticed suspicious activity, called in security*

After weeks of warnings of gift card tampering and fraud around the country and in Rhode Island, it struck at home on Jan. 4.

An employee of the CVS at 400 Metacom Ave. noticed a man acting suspiciously at the gift card rack and alerted Corporate Security, which approached the suspect. The man fled on foot, the police were called, and an eyewitness reported that the suspect fled north through the CVS parking lot, followed by another man in a white vehicle.

Bristol Police soon found the vehicle on a nearby street, containing several boxes of gift cards. The operator of the vehicle, Li Wei, 36, of Elmhurst, N.Y., was taken to police headquarters, along with CVS security video of the fleeing male suspect.

Ultimately, Bristol Police and Special Agents from Homeland Security seized over 3,200 assorted gift cards, while locating and identifying the second suspect, Li Shanhua, 48, of Flushing, N.Y.

Shanhua and Li art both charged with obtaining money under false pretenses and conspiracy. They were arraigned in Sixth District Court on Jan. 5. Li was held on \$5,000 surety and Shanhua was held on \$10,000 surety; further charges are pending.



Suspects Li Shanhua (above), 48, of Flushing, NY and Li Wei (below), 36, of Elmhurst, NY.



### *NOTABLE HIDTA Cases:*

ARREST: 24RIX1-214-AR

LOCATION: BRISTOL

On Thursday, March 28, 2024, at approximately 5:15 a.m., members of the HIDTA Task Force, assisted by members of the Bristol Police Department, arrested Phillip Rodrigues, age 61, of 48 Charles Street, Bristol, Rhode Island, for the following: 1) Possession With the Intent to Deliver 1 oz – 1 kilogram of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine; and 2) Possession With the Intent to Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Cocaine. This arrest was the result of a court-authorized Search Warrant executed after a narcotics investigation. Mr. Rodrigues was transported to the Lincoln Barracks for processing and arraigned in Sixth Division District Court.

ARREST: 24RIX1-256-AR

LOCATION: NEWPORT

On Friday, April 19, 2024, at approximately 8:00 AM, members of the HIDTA Task Force arrested Derek Lloyd, age 36, of 143 Donelson Street, Apartment #1, Providence, Rhode Island, on an Affidavit and Arrest Warrant for Possession of Cocaine 10 grams to 1 Ounce - First Offense. The arrest was the result of an investigation by members of the HIDTA Unit and Mr. Lloyd being arrested by the Newport Police Department on the outstanding Warrant. Mr. Lloyd was transported to the Lincoln Woods Barracks for processing and arraigned in Sixth District Court, where he was released on \$2500 personal recognizance bail.

## ***PRESS RELEASE***

### **Four of Six Foreign Nationals Charged in Multi-State ATM and Retail Skimming Conspiracy Scheduled to Appear Before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Rhode Island**

District of Rhode Island - **For Immediate Release** Tuesday, July 9, 2024

PROVIDENCE, RI – Four of six foreign nationals, all of whom are illegally present in the United States, were charged in federal court for their alleged roles in a conspiracy to install “skimming” devices on bank Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and at retail store checkout point-of-sale units in at least six states, including Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and using credit, debit, and benefit card information gleaned from the skimming devices to create new cards that were then used to fraudulently withdraw cash from victims’ bank accounts and/or to make retail purchases, are scheduled to appear before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Rhode Island on Tuesday, announced United States Attorney Zachary A. Cunha.

[Charging documents allege that members of the conspiracy](#) placed skimming devices locally on ATMs at banks in Bristol and Westerly, RI, and at retail store checkout terminals in Johnston, Warwick, and Coventry, RI, as well as in Avon, Raynham, Seekonk, and Walpole, MA. Skimming devices allow fraudsters to read and capture account information and PIN numbers when customers swipe or insert their credit, debit, and EBT cards to complete a purchase on terminals where the devices have been attached. The information obtained from the skimming devices is then used to create counterfeit cards that can be used to fraudulently obtain cash from victims’ bank accounts or to make purchases. It is alleged that members of the conspiracy used the account information skimmed from unsuspecting victims’ cards to withdraw substantial amounts of cash from bank accounts and to purchase goods at various retailers.

It is alleged that members of the conspiracy withdrew more than \$300,000 from unsuspecting victims’ bank accounts locally and made a yet unknown number of purchases at retail outlets.

“The scale, scope, and brazen nature of these defendants’ scheme to steal the financial account information of unsuspecting consumers and use it to help themselves to funds and property, as we have alleged in federal court, is staggering,” remarked U.S. Attorney Cunha. “I commend the superb work of Homeland Security Investigations, as well as our local law enforcement partners, for their diligent and effective work to disrupt this ring of thieves and ensure that those responsible face a reckoning in federal court.”

“The complaint alleges these six individuals are members of an organization who defrauded thousands of residents of Rhode Island and beyond of their hard-earned money. The ATM and point of sale skimming equipment they used worked quickly and efficiently to steal credit card information, allowing them to clone and illegally access credit cards, bank accounts, and other financial accounts of unsuspecting victims,” said Homeland Security Investigations New England Special Agent in Charge Michael J. Krol. “HSI is a leader in illicit finance investigations and is committed to working with our partners in the public and private sectors to protect the integrity of our financial systems.

Armando Ion Codreanu, 23, of Placentia, CA, a citizen of Ireland, is scheduled to make his initial appearance on charges of conspiracy to commit access device fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft. Isabela Ignat Codreanu, 23, of Anaheim and Placentia, CA, a citizen of Romania, Robby.

*Cont.*

Vicson Codreanu, 20, Placentia, CA, a citizen of Great Britain, and Mila Ciuciu, 20, of Placentia, CA, a citizen of Romania, are each charged with conspiracy to commit access device fraud.

A fifth defendant, Nicolas Longin Codreanu, 21, of Placentia, CA, a citizen of Romania and Ireland, charged with conspiracy to commit access device fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft, is in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service and is being transported to Rhode Island. He will appear before a U.S. Magistrate Judge on a date not yet determined.

An arrest warrant has been issued for a sixth defendant, Ionut Zamfir, 37, of Los Angeles, CA, a citizen of Romania. Zamfir is charged with conspiracy to commit access device fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

The alleged conspiracy first came to light when the Bristol Police Department began an investigation into the origin of skimming devices discovered on ATMs at a local bank branch. As an example of the breadth of criminal conduct in this matter, as detailed in court documents: to date, skimming devices have been recovered from a single major retailer at 22 separate locations in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York. It is alleged that security camera images from those locations depict one or more members of the conspiracy charged in federal court in Rhode Island tampering with the checkout devices.

According to charging documents, in October 2023, the Bristol Police Department received a report from a local bank that a skimming device had been discovered on a drive-through ATM at a local bank. The bank provided law enforcement with surveillance footage and still photographs that are alleged to clearly show two males placing and removing a skimming device from the ATM. Further investigation by Homeland Security Investigations determined that at least one of the individuals was allegedly also visible in security camera images installing skimming devices at retail locations in Warwick, Johnston, and Coventry, RI, and in Seekonk, Raynham, Walpole, and Avon, MA. in September and December 2023.

Additionally, in December 2023, Homeland Security Investigations learned of skimming devices that had been placed on ATMs at two bank branch offices in Westerly, RI. Security images and footage of the individuals who were likely responsible for the placement and removal of the devices, and for withdrawing cash from compromised bank accounts, allegedly match images of individuals responsible for skimming at other locations around the region.

A federal criminal complaint is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ronald R. Gendron

The matter was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations and the Bristol Police Department, with the assistance of the Warwick Police Department, Coventry Police Department, Westerly Police Department, Johnston Police Department, Seekonk Police Department, United States Secret Service, and Homeland Security Investigations agents in Lafayette, LA, New York, NY, and Los Angeles, CA.

## ***SWORN OFFICER RECRUITMENT***

On August 29, 2024, the Bristol Police Department began a sworn officer recruitment drive. The Drive started on August 29, 2024, to October 14, 2024.



The poster is a dark blue rectangle with white and yellow text. On the right side, there is a large yellow and blue shield-shaped logo for the Bristol Police Department, featuring a central figure and the words 'BRISTOL POLICE' below it. The text on the left lists various benefits and features of the job. At the bottom left, there is a small photo of a police unit and a call to action. At the bottom right, there is a call to action with contact information.

**COMPETITIVE STARTING SALARY: EARN UP TO \$74,640 AFTER JUST THREE YEARS**

**ENJOY A BENEFITS PACKAGE THAT SUPPORTS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, INCLUDING:**

- 15 PAID HOLIDAYS ANNUALLY**
- 8 VACATION DAYS AFTER ONE YEAR, INCREASING TO 27 DAYS**
- GENEROUS PERSONAL AND SICK LEAVE**
- FREE TUITION AT AREA UNIVERSITIES**
- BLUE CROSS/DELTA DENTAL COVERAGE WITH LOW DEDUCTIBLES AND CO-PAYS**
- STATE PENSION WITH MERS POLICE AND FULL MEDICAL COVERAGE UNTIL MEDICARE AGE**
- 480 HOURS OF COMPENSATORY TIME ACCUMULATION**

**START YOUR LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER WITH THE BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**APPLY TODAY!**

Visit us at: <https://www.policeapp.com/Entry-Level-Bristol-RI-Police-Officer-Jobs/3064/>

For more details, contact us at [careers@bristolri.gov](mailto:careers@bristolri.gov)

## ***CIVILIAN DISPATCH RECRUITMENT***

On December 8, 2023, the Bristol Police Department began a civilian recruitment drive for a Police/Fire Dispatcher. The Drive started on December 8, 2023- February 18, 2024.

## *2024 NEW HIRES*

### **Civilian Dispatchers:**

The Bristol Police Department welcomes Dispatchers **Steven Smith and Abigail Velleca**.

### **Animal Control:**

The Bristol Police Department welcomes Animal Control Officer **Camila Oliveira**.

### **New Patrol Officer:**

Chief Lynch and the Bristol Police Department proudly welcome three new officers to the team! Probationary Officers Jeremy Lima, Joseph Leonardi, and Jonathan Jones graduated from the RI Municipal Police Academy last Friday. Today, they were officially sworn in by Town Clerk Melissa Cordeiro and warmly welcomed by Town Administrator Steve Contente. Congratulations to our newest officers as they begin their journey serving the Bristol community!



*The Bristol Police Department welcomes probationary Patrol Officers, Alexander Carvalho, Ziad Abdallah, Jeremy Lima, Joseph Leonardi, and Jonathan Jones.*

## ***PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS***

### ***Chief's Letter of Recognition***

***Detective Tyler Carreiro***  
***Officer Stephanie Salisbury***  
***Officer Derek Jensen***  
***Officer Michael Kelly***  
***Portsmouth Officer Allison O'Connor***

### ***AWARD RECIPIENTS***

***Captain Julie Kearney Veader***  
***Lieutenant Paul Medeiros***  
***Sergeant Kyle Batista***  
***Sergeant Alexander Booth***  
***Officer Rachel Gaffney***

### ***Promotional Recipients***

***Deputy Chief Scott McNally***  
***Captain Julie Kearney Veader***  
***Captain Roman Wozny***  
***Captain Steven St. Pierre***  
***Lieutenant Ricardo Mourato***  
***Lieutenant Paul Medeiros***  
***Lieutenant Brian Morse***  
***Lieutenant Michael Vieira***  
***Sergeant Timothy Gallison***  
***Sergeant Sean Gonsalves***  
***Sergeant Barry Carinha***  
***Sergeant Alexander Booth***  
***Detective Brandon Correia***  
***Detective Tyler Carreiro***  
***Chief Clerk Natalie Stone***



## *Promotional Ceremony Highlights June 2024*



*Deputy Chief Scott E. McNally is pinned by his son Jack and wife Erin.*



*Capt. Roman Wozny was welcomed and adjusted by his son Chase for his promotion.*



*Lieutenant Paul Medeiros is Pinned by his wife Erin and his daughter Molly.*



*Sgt. Tim Gallison is embraced by his son Cam after being promoted.*

## *Meritorious Service Award*

The department was honored to present Lieutenant Paul Medeiros with his well-deserved "Meritorious Service Award" for his heroic actions on October 12, 2023. "Chief Kevin Lynch stated that then Sergeant Medeiros acted with precision and saved the lives of two local college students and a retired police Captain and his spouse that evening and we are beyond proud to present this important award to such an outstanding police officer who each day displays professionalism, compassion and resolve".

Additionally, it was noted at the ceremony by Town Administrator Steven Contente that "Lt. Medeiros comports himself as a proud Marine and honorable local police officer and we are fortunate to have his leadership in the ranks of the Bristol Police Department".



## *2024 Female Police Leader of the Year*

We are proud to announce that Bristol Police Captain Julie Kearney Veader who just completed 27 years of dedicated service was recognized today by the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association as the "2024 Female Police Leader of the Year". Police Chief Kevin Lynch noted "it's a well deserved honor for Captain Kearney Veader and the department and I thank Deputy Chief McNally for nominating her - it's a testament to her commitment to excellence and celebrating her award today with her esteemed colleagues and family was such an honor".

Town Administrator Steven Contente noted that "Captain Kearney Veader has been a driving force in keeping Bristol the safest community in the State and we remain indebted to her continued service to our Town - Thanks for making a difference Captain."



## *AAA Traffic Safety Awards*

### ■ Bristol PD Receives AAA Traffic Safety Awards ■

This afternoon, the Bristol Police Department was honored to receive the AAA Bronze Traffic Safety Award in recognition of our department's commitment to improving traffic safety in our community.

In addition, we are proud to announce that Patrol Officer Ziad Abdallah was awarded the AAA Traffic Safety Hero of the Year Award for his exceptional efforts in traffic enforcement and dedication to keeping our roads safe.... [See more](#)



*Patrolman Ziad Abdallah, Chief Kevin Lynch, and Sergeant Kyle Batista*

## *2024 MADD DUI Achievement Award*

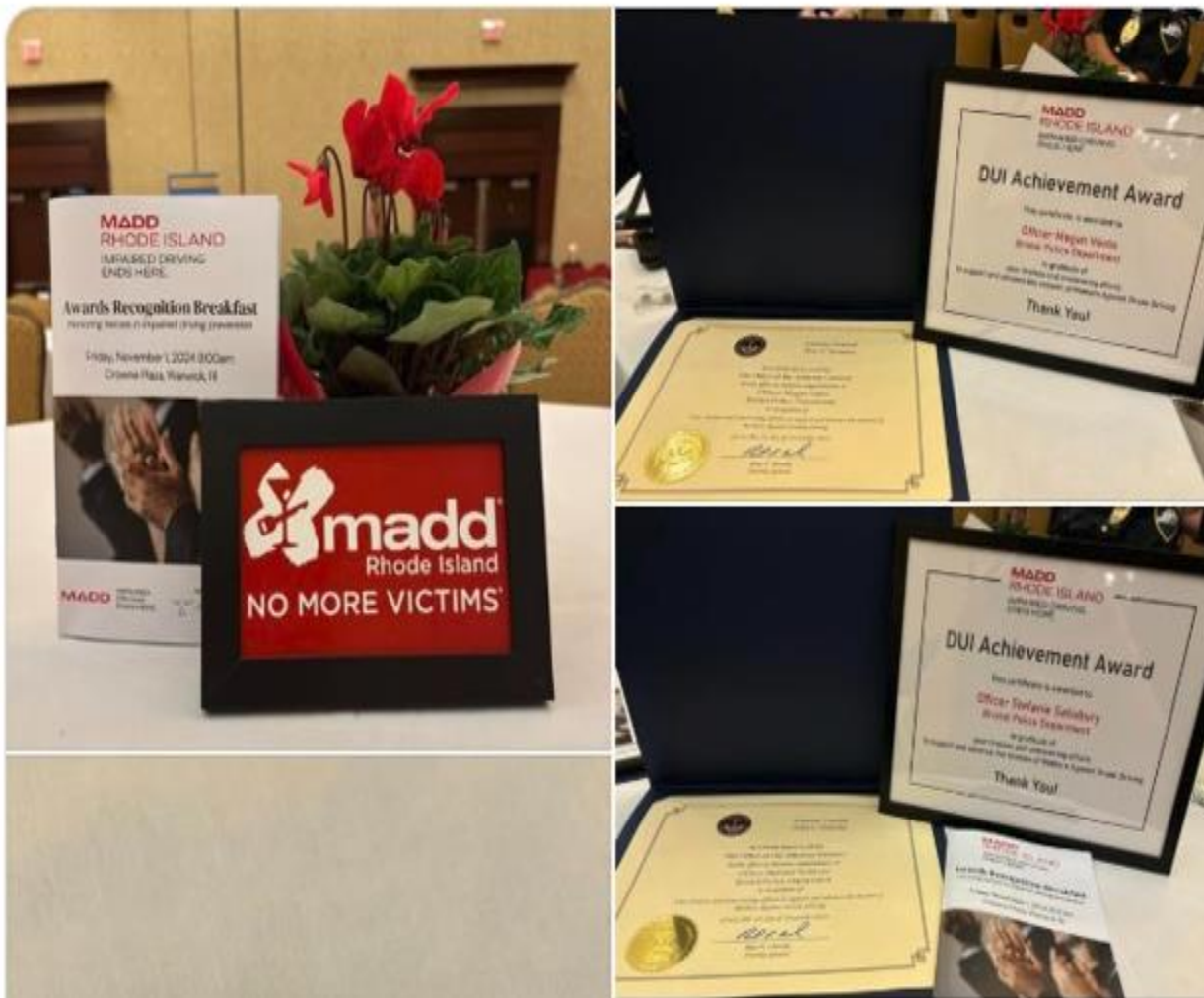
We are incredibly proud to announce that three of our dedicated officers have been awarded the prestigious DUI Achievement Pins in recognition of their exceptional commitment to road safety and their positive impact on our community.

Officer Stefanie Salisbury

Officer Megan Vento

Officer David Sheldon

These awards honor their outstanding efforts and achievements in DUI enforcement, helping to make our roads safer for everyone.



# Colonel Russell “Rusty” Serpa

## Inducted into the R.I. Criminal Justice Hall of Fame

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### Col. Serpa to be inducted into RI Criminal Justice Hall of Fame

*Late police chief was nominated by current Chief Kevin Lynch*

BY CHRISTY NADALIN  
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The late Colonel Russell “Rusty” S. Serpa has been gone for nearly 4 years, but he is anything but forgotten. In his 75 years, he lived a distinguished life of service to both country and community, and now that service will be honored with his posthumous induction into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Bristol Police Chief Kevin Lynch extolled Serpa’s many achievements and virtues in a Nov. 2023 nomination letter to Sean Corrigan, President of the Rhode Island Chiefs Association.

Serpa’s 40 year career of service began in 1965. As a member of the United States Army, Serpa went to Vietnam in 1965 where he served and rose to the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1968. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 devices.

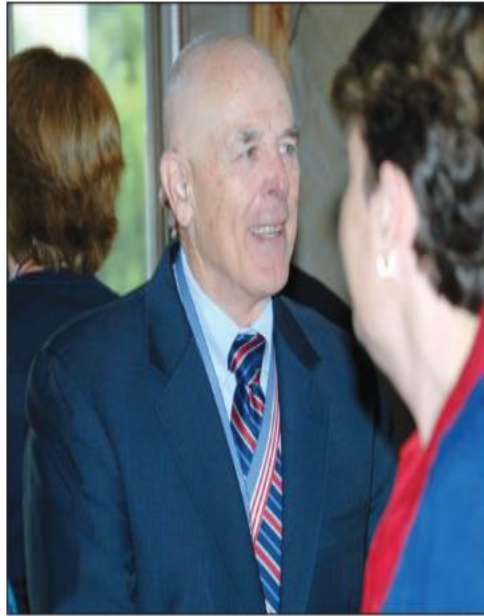
After leaving the Army he joined the Bristol Police Department in December of 1968. By consistently demonstrating integrity and outstanding leadership skills, he rose through the ranks, with a promotion

to Sergeant in 1987, and Lieutenant in 1988. In January of 1996, he was sworn in as Chief, a position he held for 12 years.

Over the years, Serpa served as a Computer Officer, Purchasing Officer, Community Relations Officer, and Training and Grant Officer. He was also an Assistant Patrol Commander, and an Assistant Adjutant with Internal Affairs. According to Lynch, Serpa’s greatest accomplishment with the BPD was bringing the Department in line with professional standards by working for and obtaining national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, (CALEA).

During his service to the Town, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement and a master’s degree in Business, both from Salve Regina College. He attended the prestigious FBI National Academy, a command level leadership program, in 1989. He attended the Babson College command leadership and management courses as well as the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He was the President of the Rhode Island Chiefs of Police Association in 2005, the President of both the Rhode Island Chapter and New England Chapter of the FBI National Associates.

In 2000, he saved a life by climbing to the top of the southern tower of the Mt. Hope Bridge to stop a



MANNY CORREIRA

The Late Col. Rusty Serpa will be inducted into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame on Thursday, Jan. 18.

man from jumping. He also instituted the department’s first Citizen’s Police Academy in the spring of 2005, the purpose of which is to give the public a working knowledge of the Bristol Police Department’s operations, helping to establish a stronger relationship between the police department and the community. The academy is going strong to this day.

In 2005, he was honored by the Town as the 220th Chief Marshal of the Bristol Fourth of July parade.

Serpa served as a board member and president of the Board of Directors for the East Bay Community Development Corporation. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Bristol Fire Department (Hydraulions), the Elks, the Bristol Rotary Club, the Prince Henry Club, the Cup Defenders Association, the Tiverton Rod and Gun Club and the Columbus Square House.

Town Administrator Steven Contente had the unique experience of

serving under Chief Serpa as a new Bristol Police Officer, eventually as a member of his Command Staff, and ultimately, Contente sought Serpa’s counsel as elected Town Administrator.

“Even after retiring, Col. Serpa continued to attend promotional ceremonies and would call with advice, wisdom, and even concerns that he overheard at the local diner,” wrote Contente in a letter in support of the nomination. “He was compassionate and understanding, and he understood the importance of mentoring the personnel in the Police Department.”

Established in 2012, the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame “honors outstanding professionals who have worked to improve and uphold the principles of the criminal justice system in Rhode Island.”

The induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the R.I. Attorney General’s Boardroom, where the award will be presented to Serpa’s family, which includes wife Lydia, and sons Russell Jr. and Christopher (Alex).

Fellow inductees include Honorable Patrick C. Lynch, Honorable Mary S. McElroy, AUSA William J. Ferland Detective Robert Lauro of the Providence Police Department, Chief Elwood M. Johnson, Jr. of the Richmond Police Department, and the late Roosevelt Benton, former Deputy Superintendent of the R.I. Training School.

## *Retirements*

### *Retired Patrol Officer John Mylnek*

· April 30, 2024 ·

On behalf of Town Administrator Steven Contente and Chief Kevin M. Lynch we would like to recognize Officer John Mylnek's retirement from the department after 25 years of dedicated and noteworthy service. Additionally, John is also a U.S. Army veteran and proudly served his country with distinction. Many officers throughout the state had Officer Mylnek as a firearm instructor at the police academy and his dedication to school and officer safety here in Bristol was exceptional. John is a skilled craftsman, and we wish him "more than the best" in his future endeavors as he will be truly missed at the Bristol Police Department.



*Retired Officer John Mlynek with his wife Martha and Chief Lynch.*

### *Retired Detective John Nappi*



*Retired Detective John Nappi attended the awards ceremony.*

## ***COMMUNITY POLICING & OUTREACH***

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 peace, and impartially enforce the law, while maintaining a higher standard of integrity than is generally expected of others, and respecting the dignity of everyone. Our services will be rendered with courtesy, civility, and adherence to the provisions of the Constitution of the United States



*Community Night Out 2024*



*Community Night Out 2024*

**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 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 led group discussions, engaged youth, and participated 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.

**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 the home of a Senior or Disabled resident who in an emergency may not be able to open the door. This program coordinated by Lieutenant Ricardo Mourato has reached an enrollment of 200 citizens.

*Sgt. Carinha and Officer Jensen buying some lemonade.*



*Celebrating Valentine's Day at the Maha Center 2024*



## *First Day of School*

September 2, 2024 · 🌐

### 📣 Friendly Reminder: First Day of School Tomorrow! 📣

As a new school year begins, we want to ensure the safety of our students. Please be mindful of school zones and adhere to posted speed limits. 🛑 Slow down, watch for crossing guards, and stay alert for children near crosswalks and buses.

Safety first—always! Let's work together to keep our community safe.

[#... See more](#)



## *Annual Merchants Association Walkabout*

October 28, 2024

👏 A huge THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for yesterday's Annual Merchants Association Halloween Walkabout! We had a fantastic turnout and passed out over 700 bags of candy! The costumes were incredible, and made the day even more special. From kids to parents to adults, thank you all for dressing up and bringing a fun community event to the downtown area

A special thanks to Town Administrator Contente and the Bristol Town Council for their continued support in making this event possible. We also want to recognize and deeply appreciate all the volunteers and merchants who worked behind the scenes.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Bristol Prevention Coalition  
Bristol Town Council  
Bristol County Elks #1860  
Knights of Columbus, Bristol Council #379

We're already looking forward to next year! 🍂



## *Safety is Our Priority*

Patrolman Jensen is actively conducting speed enforcement on Narrows Road to ensure the safety of our community. Please remember to obey the posted speed limits and drive safely!

Your safety is our priority. Let's work together to keep our roads safe for everyone. 🚗



## *Bristol Police Youth Leadership Academy*

· August 16, 2024 · 🌐

The Bristol Police Department would like to congratulate the 2024 graduating class of the Bristol Police Youth Leadership Academy. All our campers have all worked extremely hard all week and they performed amazingly well. We cant be more prroud of their collective performance. This year was the single largest week of camp yet and all our campers did great! They represent the core values of the camp, demonstrating teamwork, respect, honesty, integrity, courage and most of all leadership! We are excited for what the group and all previous campers are capable of! Congratulations to all !



# Blue Envelope Program

July 25, 2024

Bristol Police Department introduces "BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM" to improve police interactions with persons with special needs...

<https://eastbayri.com/.../bristol-pd-to-launch-program-to...>

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## Non-verbal? No problem, says BPD

*Bristol Police to launch program to improve interactions between those with special needs*

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The Bristol Police Department will soon launch a program that strives towards creating better, less stressful interactions between officers conducting traffic stops and individuals who, unbeknownst to the officer, might have a variety of special needs that impacts their ability to communicate.

Known as a "Blue Envelope Program," the process is designed to be simple. Anyone with a condition or disability that impacts their ability to quickly or calmly communicate (anything from autism spectrum disorder, anxiety, a hearing impairment, dementia, etc.) can grab one of the blue envelopes. Inside the envelope, they can place their driver's license, vehicle registration, insurance card, and a piece of paper or card with information to reach an emergency contact.

Written on the outside of the envelope is step-by-step instructions for how to handle

**What to do when pulled over by law enforcement**

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This envelope contains important vehicle documents

- Stop at a safe location and lower windows. When the officer gets to your car, tell them that you have a blue envelope.
- Stay in your car. DO NOT LEAVE until you are told it's okay to leave.
- Keep your hands on the steering wheel. If dark outside, turn on your inside lights.
- The officer may shine a flashlight in your car, may have a radio, and may have flashing lights on their car.
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**WHAT TO PUT INSIDE THIS ENVELOPE**

- Driver's License
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- Current Insurance Card
- Emergency Contact

- Driver may exhibit signs of anxiety or nervousness due to bright lights/sirens.
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- When possible, use clear language, commands, and explanations.
- Consider contacting one of the individual's emergency contacts to let them know the driver is ok, or

and felt it would be a good fit for Bristol as well.

"I have really tried to re-orient the Bristol Police Department as a community-oriented department," he said. "We recognize the interacting with a police officer in the community or in a motor vehicle stop situation can be stressful for some, making communication challenging, especially for individuals with special needs. This program immediately establishes a relationship of trust between an officer and a driver who may not be able to communicate to the best of their abilities...I always want an interaction with an officer to be positive."

The blue envelopes will be available soon at the Bristol Police Department headquarters (395 Metacom Ave., Bristol), and Lynch said eventually they will be distributed to other partner organizations in Bristol who assist people with special needs.

Lynch made sure to emphasize that participation in the program is entirely voluntary and does not involve any form of registration required. He said that the department will follow up with a formal training

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KEVIN M. LYNCH  
Chief of Police

Bristol Police Department introduces **"BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM"** to improve police interactions with persons with special needs...

Chief Kevin M. Lynch of the Bristol Police Department is proud to announce the implementation of the **Blue Envelope Program**, which has been implemented successfully in police departments nationwide and locally in Central Falls and Cranston. The program is designed to promote inclusivity and serve as an enhanced communication awareness tool between law enforcement and community members who have been diagnosed with a condition or disability such as autism spectrum disorder, anxiety, hearing impairment, dementia, and other conditions that might require additional accommodations or awareness during a law enforcement interaction.

The Blue Envelope Program is designed to be simple. If you or a family member has been diagnosed with a condition or disability, all you must do is present a Blue Envelope when encountering law enforcement. This envelope can contain your identification, contact information or pertinent vehicle documents such as vehicle registration and proof of insurance. It's a practical solution that can make a big difference in your interactions with law enforcement.

Chief Lynch stated, "This program demonstrates the police department's continued commitment

It's important to note that the Blue Envelope Program is entirely voluntary and does not involve any form of registration. The Blue Envelopes can be obtained at the Bristol Police Department Headquarters, 395 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, RI 02809. We respect your choice to participate in this program and appreciate your continued support in improving police interactions with the community.

Yours in Safety,  
Chief Kevin M. Lynch

**Sample Blue Envelope**

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### *Mrs. O'Hagan's 3rd Grade Class*

Thanks to Mrs. O'Hagen and Mrs. Cronan's 3rd grade classes from **Guiteras Elementary** for visiting the Bristol Police Department this morning! 🚔 They had a great time with SRO Medeiros and Ptlm Jensen. The class got an up-close look at Ptlm Carreiro operating the police drone, and spent some time with Chief Lynch! We hope you had as much fun as we did!



*Mrs. O'Hagan's 3rd-grade class mindfully watched the drone in action.*

## *Special Olympics*

The Bristol Police Department was honored to kick off this year's Special Olympics Torch Run at the Bristol PD Headquarters. Thank you to **East Providence Police** for providing traffic support to us, and a special thanks to Cote David, our starting torch bearer, and to all the officers who participated. 🇺🇸 🇨🇦



- **Community Events and Programs:** The Bristol Police, in collaboration with the community and stakeholders, plan events such as the Community Night Out, Battle of the Badges, Halloween Walk About, and other social events.



*Battle of the Badges, Chief Lynch and company*



*Detective Correia and Deputy Chief McNally*

## ***HALLOWEEN WALKABOUT***



*Lieutenant Vieira, Lieutenant Medeiros, and friends*



*Chief Lynch, and friends*



## Join our Citizens Police Academy



Bristol, R.I. Police Department

October 10, 2023 · 🌐

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Join our Citizens' Police Academy! Learn about the Bristol PD from the inside out. Classes run Thursdays, 6-8 pm, Jan 11 - Mar 14, 2024. Contact Sgt. Ricardo Mourato at (401) 253-2105 or email [rmourato@bristolri.gov](mailto:rmourato@bristolri.gov) for info. Apply now!

<https://www.bristolri.gov/bristol-pd-2024-citizens.../>

### Selection, Procedures, and Participant Requirements

Citizens Police Academy participants are selected through an application process. Enrollment is limited to thirty (30) students per class. Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- Must live or work in the Town of Bristol.
- Must have NO felony convictions.
- Must have no misdemeanor conviction within one year of application.

Any of the above requirements may be waived by the Chief of Police. Classes meet Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for ten (10) weeks at the Bristol Police Department's training room on

### Chief's Message

Thank you for your interest in the Bristol Police Department's Citizen Police Academy. In this academy you will learn the "how", but more importantly the "why", of what we do as your police department. Your instructors are men and women of your police department committed to serving our community.

Community involvement in a police department is absolutely critical and valued. The term "community policing" denotes that philosophy, and one that I strongly support. As such, the Citizens Academy provides an excellent way to get to know the department and the people who are committed to your safety.

Bristol  
Police  
Department



## Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) TRAINING

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# Gaining a police officer's perspective

*Firearms Training System simulates real police situations for better understanding*

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It's advantageous to know what's going on in the community for a variety of reasons. From a law enforcement perspective, informing the citizens through classroom training is another step forward.

Last Thursday night, the Bristol Police Dept. began the first of its 10-week simulated training program which hopefully will help those taking part to better understand the intricacies of law enforcement and how citizens can prepare themselves for any and all domestic situations.

Thanks to the efforts of Bristol Police Sgt. Ricardo Mourato, director of the Firearms Training System (FATS) Simulation program, local citizens can become better prepared in times of an unexpected crisis.

According to Sgt. Mourato, "Simulator training is a method of training that places an officer in scenarios that test and train their ability to judge, reason and depend-

cise and are told that they must act like a police officer, the potential to save human life which exists is extraordinary and eye-opening for the participant. It truly challenges a person to think, react, and process the events. No doubt it's emotional."

He concluded, "I think every person that goes through the paces has newfound respect for the work of police officers. It's something that I encourage our officers to complete regularly as part of their on-going in-service training to deliver the highest level of service to the residents of Bristol."

From a woman's point of view, local resident Carol S. Ferro says she is so happy she joined this training group.

"In my observation last week of experiencing the firearms training simulator, I found it quite fascinating," she said. "The instructors/officers were fully trained and knowledgeable and knew what they were doing."

According to Sgt. Mourato, there is the possibility that another class will be held this coming fall. An announcement will be made at a later date.



MANNY CORREIRA

The Audio-visual training segment of the class was most informative, and put civilians through a simulated police experience where their instincts were tested.

## Quinta Gamelin Annual Children's Christmas Party

Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Quinta Gamelin Community Center. Thank you to Warren Rensehausen, Tim Shaw, Michele Martins and Town Administrator Steven Contente for supporting our Child ID program..oh yes and Santa too!



## *Annual Toy Drive*

Thank you to **Six Pack Brewing** for hosting a Holiday Toy Drive supporting the Bristol Police and Fire Toy Drives for the Town of Bristol Human Services Department!



December 9, 2024 at 1:24 PM

Today Members of the Bristol Police Department proudly donated and delivered gifts for the annual Toy Drive, supporting the Town of Bristol Human Services Department and spreading holiday cheer!



## *Stuff a Cruiser*

**In addition to the toy drive** - The Department launched its 3rd 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.

## *Chief Lynch Walking the Beat*

June 26, 2024

Chief Lynch walking the beat in downtown Bristol this afternoon, greeting some visitors from San Diego, CA and other Bristol residents. Chief Lynch also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bill Mayer, a longtime Bristol resident who is 95 years old and will celebrate his 96th in two days. Mr. Mayer told Chief Lynch his secret to a long healthy life is exercise every day! Happy Birthday, Mr. Mayer!



## *Welcome to the Navy Ship*

Sgt. Alex Booth, an active member of the USCG, and Retired PtIm. John Mlynek, who served in the Army, are working Navy Ship Security and were also caught entertaining some of the young visitors waiting for their transportation to the Navy Ship USS Marinette, which will be visiting Bristol through the weekend.



## *National D.E.A Drug Take Back*

**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 fifty pounds (425.1 lbs.) was collected and disposed of.

*Capt. Kearney Veader at DEA Drug Take Back*



*Sgt. Batista and Officer Raiola at Senior Lunch*



Benjamin Church Senior Center Inc.

July 18, 2024 · 🌐

Love it when **Bristol, R.I. Police Department** finest stops by for lunch to chat with OUR SENIORS.

Thanks for keep us safe.

**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. They are responsible for investigating crimes against the elderly, informing the Rhode Island State Police of missing elderly people (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. Officers, Ptlm Russel Wood, and Ptlm. Jensen acts as a liaison between the elderly and the Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs.

## *Car Seat Clinic*

**Car Seat Clinics** - The car seat installation experience is an interactive one. As the caregiver, you should be 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.



*Detective Tim Kearns and Detective Tyler Carreiro.*

## *Women's Self-Defense Seminar*

**FREE WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR**  
Friday, Sept 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 and the Bristol Parks & Recreation.  
To register, please visit:  
<https://www.bristolri.gov/departments/police/public-safety-services/>

Bristol Parks and Recreation:  
50 Asylum Rd, Bristol, RI 02809



*Bristol Police Defense cCass*



*Bristol Police Officers preparing for action.*

## *4<sup>th</sup> of July Firework Celebration*

Thank you for joining us in Bristol for the 2024 Fireworks Display. Please drive carefully as you leave town and get home safely. Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July Celebration 🇺🇸



## *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.*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Night Out

**BRISTOL TOWN COMMON**

**COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT 2024**

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024  
5:30PM-8:30PM**

**POLICE ★ FIRE/RESCUE ★ COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Complimentary Food & Drinks
- Police/Fire Equipment Displays
- Dunk Tank
- DJ Scotty P
- Paw Patrol Chase & Marshall
- Soccer Shoot
- Del's Lemonade
- Potato Sack Race
- Pie Eating Contest
- Free school back pack giveaway
- & MORE!

**HOSTED BY:**

**Town Administrator  
Steven Contente**

**Town Clerk  
Melissa Cordeiro**

**Bristol Town Council**

**Police Chief Kevin Lynch**

**Fire Chief Michael DeMello**

**THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS!**

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"Guided by the brilliance of patriotism, a radiant star in our Community Night Out."  
C.B. Utility

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JML Excavating Inc. • Daponte's Landscaping Service • Bank Five

**SPOTLIGHT BOOSTER BOOTH**  
Shining a Spotlight on Our Grateful Recognition Sponsors, while boosting your presence and supporting the event.  
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Thames Waterside • Cabral's Chicken • Empire Bottling • G.G.'s Pretzels • Bristol House of Pizza • Papa Joe's Wrap Shack  
Bento Water Transportation • Two Gals Cocktails • Superior Comfort • DJ Scotty P • J.P. Serpa Creamery • 136 Express Printing  
Travel By Kelly Travel Agency • Harborside Realty, Steven Hudak Esq.

**EVENT COORDINATOR: LIEUTENANT RICARDO MOURATO**



## *3rd Annual Community Night Out 2024*



## *Battle of the Badges*




Thank you to Fire Chief Demello and the [Bristol Fire Department-RI](#) for participating in the 2nd Battle of the Badges Softball game. This year, the BFD evened out the series to 1-1. Hopefully the trophy looks as good in Chief Demello's office as it did in Chief Lynch's for the past year. Thanks to the community for attending. All proceeds will be donated to Bristol Youth Sports.



***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.

## 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> black/white cruiser with a vintage theme and lighting was purchased.

## ***STATISTICS***

The Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 35,098 calls for service during 2024. In 2023 the Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 33,401 calls for service, a 4.95% increase from the previous year. Many of the calls for service were documented in an Incident Report, Arrest Report, or Accident Report.

| <b>MOST COMMON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED 2024</b> |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Speeding</b>                                  | <b>354</b> |
| <b>Operating While Using Handheld Devices</b>    | <b>678</b> |
| <b>Obedience To Stop Sign</b>                    | <b>351</b> |
| <b>Times When Lights Required</b>                | <b>193</b> |
| <b>Leaving Lane Of Travel</b>                    | <b>85</b>  |
| <b>No Seatbelt Operator</b>                      | <b>128</b> |
| <b>Obedience To Traffic Control Devices</b>      | <b>95</b>  |
| <b>Suspended/Cancelled Registration</b>          | <b>175</b> |

The following formal police contact data was collected from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Note: that the tables below only capture the number of contacts that resulted in an arrest.

| <b>DUI ARRESTS</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>White</i>       | <i>13</i>   | <i>25</i>   | <i>35</i>   | <i>20</i>   | <i>28</i>   |
| <i>Black</i>       | <i>0</i>    | <i>1</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>1</i>    | <i>1</i>    |
| <i>Asian</i>       | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>1</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    |
| <i>Other</i>       | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>13</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>36</b>   | <b>21</b>   | <b>29</b>   |

## ***STREETS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS***

### **2024**

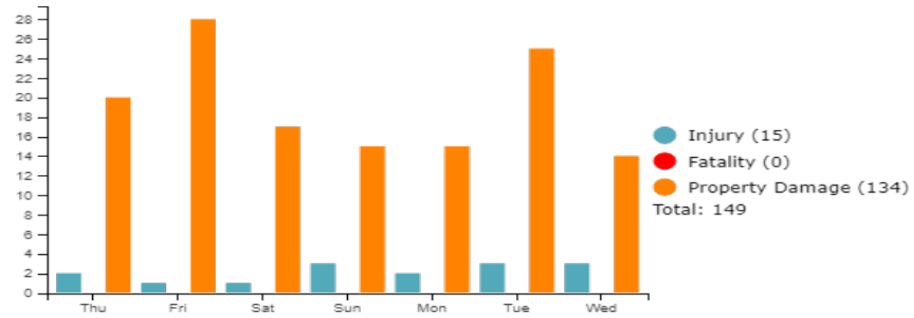
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|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bay View Ave         | 17                     | 16                     | 15                     | 8                      |
| Ferry Rd.            | 18                     | 35                     | 25                     | 14                     |
| Chestnut Street      | 16                     | 14                     | 11                     | 17                     |
| Franklin Street      | 18                     | 19                     | 17                     | 16                     |
| Gooding Avenue       | 24                     | 21                     | 22                     | 29                     |
| Hope Street          | 108                    | 117                    | 99                     | 94                     |
| Metacom Avenue       | 226                    | 226                    | 230                    | 185                    |
| Mt. Hope Avenue      | 11                     | 13                     | 5                      | 4                      |
| Old Ferry Road       | 12                     | 9                      | 3                      | 3                      |
| State Street         | 8                      | 11                     | 19                     | 25                     |
| Thames Street        | 17                     | 18                     | 14                     | 16                     |
| Wood Street          | 22                     | 38                     | 35                     | 33                     |
| St. Elizabeth Street | 9                      | 4                      | 8                      | 4                      |

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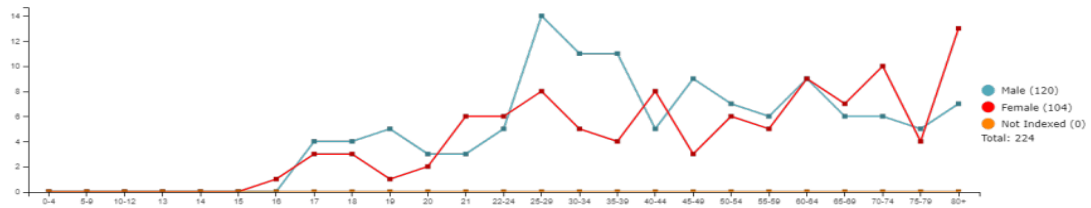
| <b>2024 TRAFFIC DATA</b>               |                        |                         |                      |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b><i>Race/Sex</i></b>                 | <b><i>Warnings</i></b> | <b><i>Citations</i></b> | <b><i>Totals</i></b> |
| <i>White Non-Hispanic Male</i>         | 1,456                  | 609                     | 2,065                |
| <i>Black Non-Hispanic Male</i>         | 108                    | 74                      | 182                  |
| <i>Hispanic Latino Any Race Male</i>   | 102                    | 71                      | 173                  |
| <i>Other Male</i>                      | 24                     | 15                      | 39                   |
| <i>White Non-Hispanic Female</i>       | 1,178                  | 339                     | 1,517                |
| <i>Black Non-Hispanic Female</i>       | 47                     | 17                      | 64                   |
| <i>Hispanic Latino Any Race Female</i> | 55                     | 30                      | 85                   |
| <i>Other Female</i>                    | 20                     | 4                       | 24                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | 2,634                  | 1,159                   | 4,149                |
| <b>Total Minority</b>                  | 356                    | 211                     | 13.6%                |
| <b>Total White</b>                     | 2,678                  | 948                     | 87.30%               |

## 2024 Vehicle Crash Data

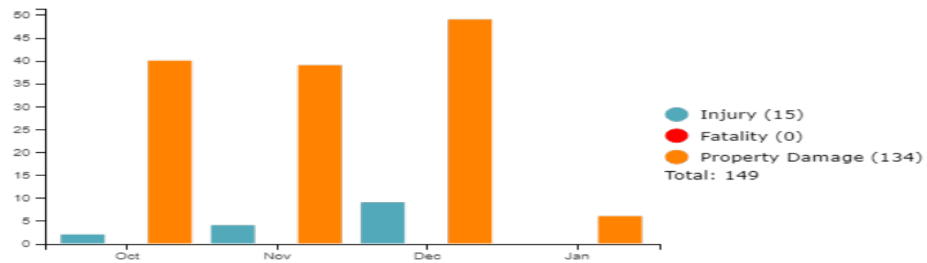
By Day of Week



Number of Crashes by Age and Sex of Operator



By Month



## UCR/NIBRS STATISTICS 2024

|                                 |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |    |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----|
| Intimidation                    | 2         | 1         | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1         | 3         |           | 1         |           |            | 9  |
| Extortion / Blackmail           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 0  |
| Theft from building             |           | 1         | 1         |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |           | 1         |           |            | 5  |
| Theft Of Motor Vehicle Parts    |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |            | 2  |
| Drug / Narcotic Violations      | 1         |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |           | 2         | 1         | 2          | 8  |
| Animal Cruelty                  |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |            | 1  |
| Aggravated Assault              |           | 1         |           | 1         |           |           | 1         |           |           |           | 1         |           |            | 4  |
| Credit Card / Automatic Teller  | 1         |           | 1         | 2         |           |           | 1         | 1         | 1         |           |           |           |            | 7  |
| Destruction / Damage/ Vandalism | 3         | 2         | 6         |           | 4         | 6         | 6         | 6         | 5         | 4         | 4         | 4         | 5          | 51 |
| All other larceny               | 8         | 3         | 2         | 3         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 5         | 2         |           |           | 5          | 33 |
| Simple Assault                  | 2         | 1         | 6         | 3         | 7         | 2         | 4         | 5         | 1         | 4         | 7         | 5         | 5          | 47 |
| Arson                           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 0  |
| Shoplifting                     |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           | 2          | 4  |
| False Pretenses/swindle/co      | 1         |           | 1         | 1         | 1         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         |           |           |            | 11 |
| Wire Fraud                      | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |            | 4  |
| Burglary/breaking and entering  |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |            | 2  |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle        |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 1  |
| Stolen Property Offenses        |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 1  |
| Fondling                        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 0  |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |            | 2  |
| Weapon Law Violations           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           | 1         | 2         |           | 1          | 5  |
| Impersonation                   | 2         |           |           | 1         |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |            | 4  |
| Motor Vehicle Theft             |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 2  |
| Identity Theft                  |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 0  |
| Embezzlement                    |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 0  |
| Pornography/obscene material    |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |            | 1  |
| Rape                            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1         |           |            | 1  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                   | <b>21</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>204</b> |    |

## 2023-2024 Crime COMPARISON REPORT

| Group A Crimes Against Persons |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |       |      |       |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Crime IBR Category             | Year | Jan   | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug   | Sep  | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Total |
| Forcible Rape                  | 2024 |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | 1    |       |       |      | 1     |
|                                | 2023 |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |       |      |       |
|                                | Pct  |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | n/a  |       |       |      | n/a   |
| Forcible Fondling              | 2024 |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |       |      |       |
|                                | 2023 |       |      |      |      |      |      |      | 1     |      |       |       |      | 1     |
|                                | Pct  |       |      |      |      |      |      |      | n/a   |      |       |       |      | n/a   |
| Aggravated Assault             | 2024 |       | 1    |      | 1    |      |      | 1    |       |      | 1     |       | 1    | 5     |
|                                | 2023 |       |      |      |      |      |      | 1    |       |      | 3     |       |      | 4     |
|                                | Pct  |       | n/a  |      | n/a  |      |      | 0%   |       |      | -87%  |       | n/a  | +25%  |
| Simple Assault                 | 2024 | 2     | 1    | 7    | 6    | 6    | 2    | 5    | 5     | 1    | 5     | 8     | 4    | 52    |
|                                | 2023 | 2     | 1    | 5    | 18   | 4    | 6    | 8    | 1     | 2    | 2     | 3     | 5    | 57    |
|                                | Pct  | 0%    | 0%   | +40% | -67% | +50% | -67% | -38% | +400% | -50% | +150% | +167% | -20% | -9%   |
| Intimidation                   | 2024 | 2     | 1    | 1    |      |      | 1    |      |       | 2    | 2     | 2     | 2    | 13    |
|                                | 2023 |       | 1    |      | 2    |      |      |      |       |      | 3     | 4     | 1    | 13    |
|                                | Pct  | n/a   | 0%   | n/a  | n/a  |      | n/a  |      | n/a   | -33% | -50%  | +100% | n/a  | 0%    |
| Statutory Rape                 | 2024 |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |       |       |      |       |
|                                | 2023 |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | 2    |       |       |      | 2     |
|                                | Pct  |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | n/a  |       |       |      | n/a   |
| Total Crimes Against Persons   | 2024 | 4     | 3    | 8    | 7    | 6    | 3    | 6    | 7     | 4    | 8     | 10    | 5    | 71    |
|                                | 2023 | 2     | 2    | 5    | 20   | 4    | 6    | 9    | 2     | 7    | 9     | 4     | 7    | 77    |
|                                | Pct  | +100% | +50% | +60% | -65% | +50% | -50% | -33% | +250% | -43% | -11%  | +150% | -29% | -8%   |

## ***2024 USE OF FORCE REPORT/ Response to Resistance/ Non-Compliance***

During the twelve months of 2024, officers of the Bristol Police Department were involved in 5 Use of Force incidents. As per department policy, officers are required to complete a Use of Force report when force is applied. In 2024, these 5 incidents resulted in 8 Use of Force reports, a notable decrease compared to the previous year's reporting. This decline suggests that supervision and training efforts, particularly regarding the application of Use of Force, were effective in managing incidents. Consistent with the past two years, many incidents involved contact with intoxicated suspects or individuals requiring protective custody for mental health treatment.

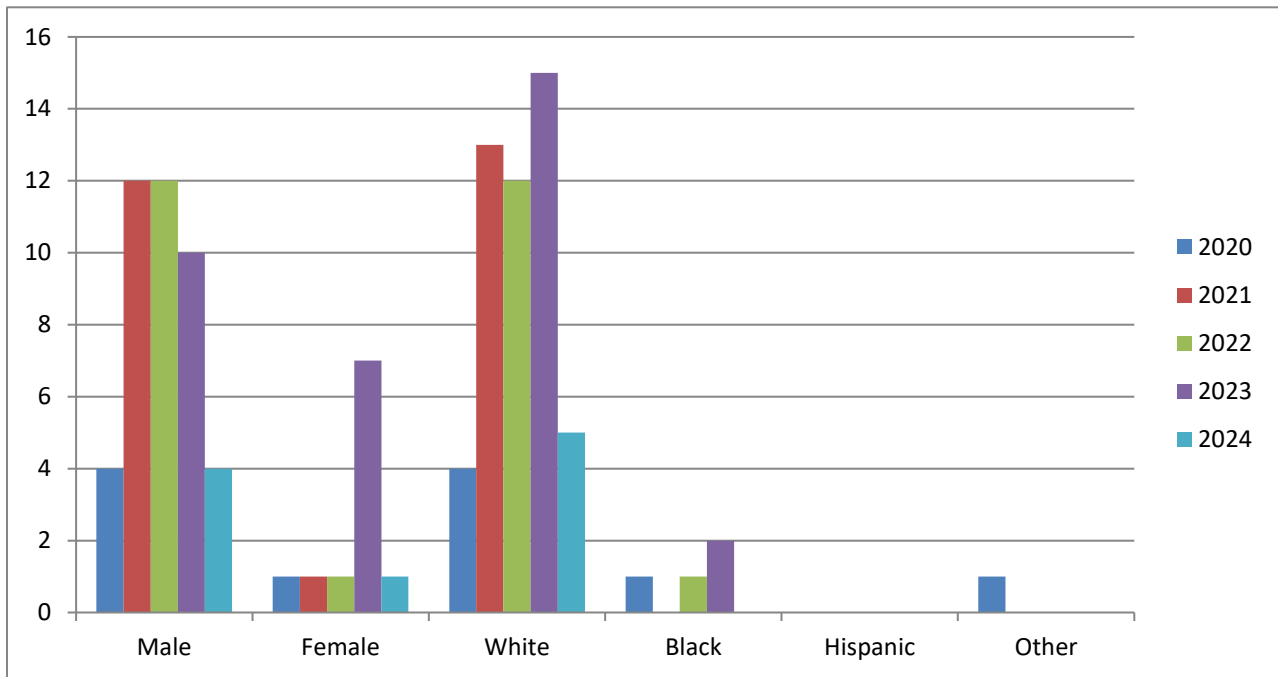
Of the 8 Use of Force reports, 8 different officers completed them, with 2 officers submitting reports for multiple incidents. Additionally, 12 Discharge of Firearm reports were submitted for the euthanization of sick or injured animals. It is important to note that the review of the Use of Force policy was conducted as part of the annual qualification process and included in the Power DMS training and policy review module. A significant decrease in total Use of Force reports is evident, with 2 incidents involving suicidal mentally ill individuals, 3 involving highly intoxicated persons, and 1 instance where a Taser was presented to gain compliance, leading to 3 Taser deployments. No firearms were presented during these incidents.

| <b>Summary of Use of Force Incidents</b> |                             |                                    |              |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>The calendar Year 2024</b>            |                             |                                    |              |
| <b>Force Type</b>                        | <b>Proper Use-Justified</b> | <b>Unjustified/<br/>Discipline</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Physical                                 | 1                           | 0                                  | 1            |
| O.C. Spray                               | 0                           | 0                                  | 0            |
| Taser (displayed)                        | 1                           | 0                                  | 1            |
| Taser (discharged)                       | 3                           | 0                                  | 3            |
| Lethal Force                             | 0                           | 0                                  | 0            |
| Firearm Drawn to Gain Compliance         | 0                           | 0                                  | 0            |
| Discharge of Firearm (Animal Euthanasia) | 12                          |                                    |              |
| <b>Total</b>                             |                             |                                    | <b>5</b>     |

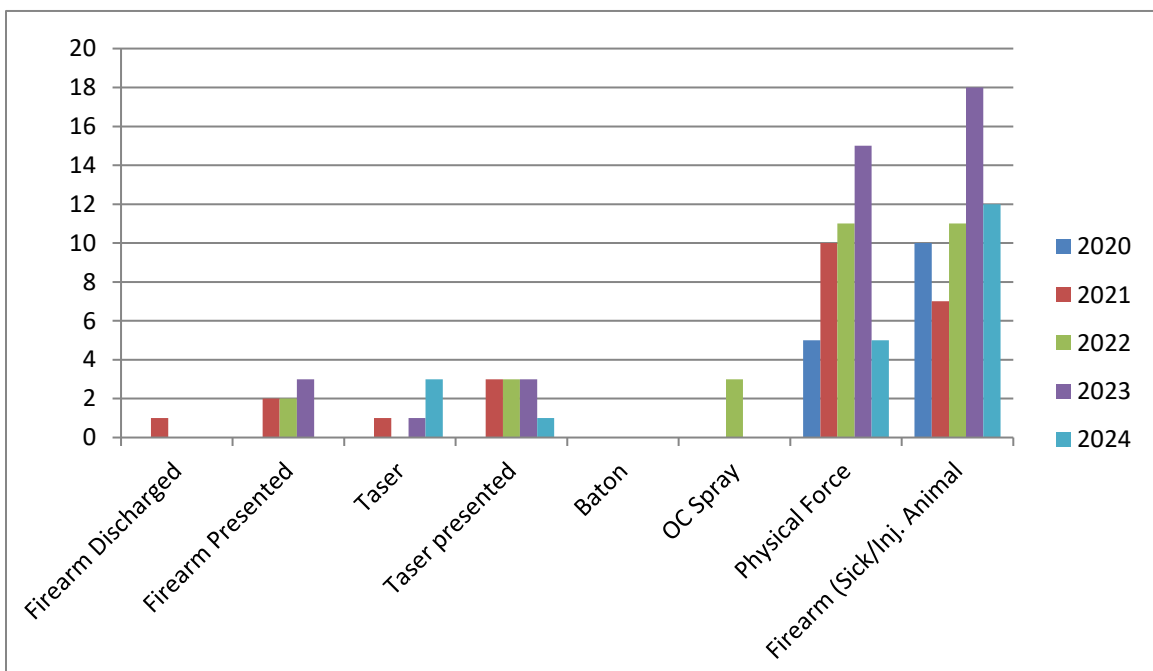


**Use of force cont.:**

The following suspect demographics were collected. Incidents involving white males continue to be tracked as the highest percentage of incidents as opposed to other demographics. All incidents involved white suspects 4 male and 1 female; no incidents involved minority suspects.

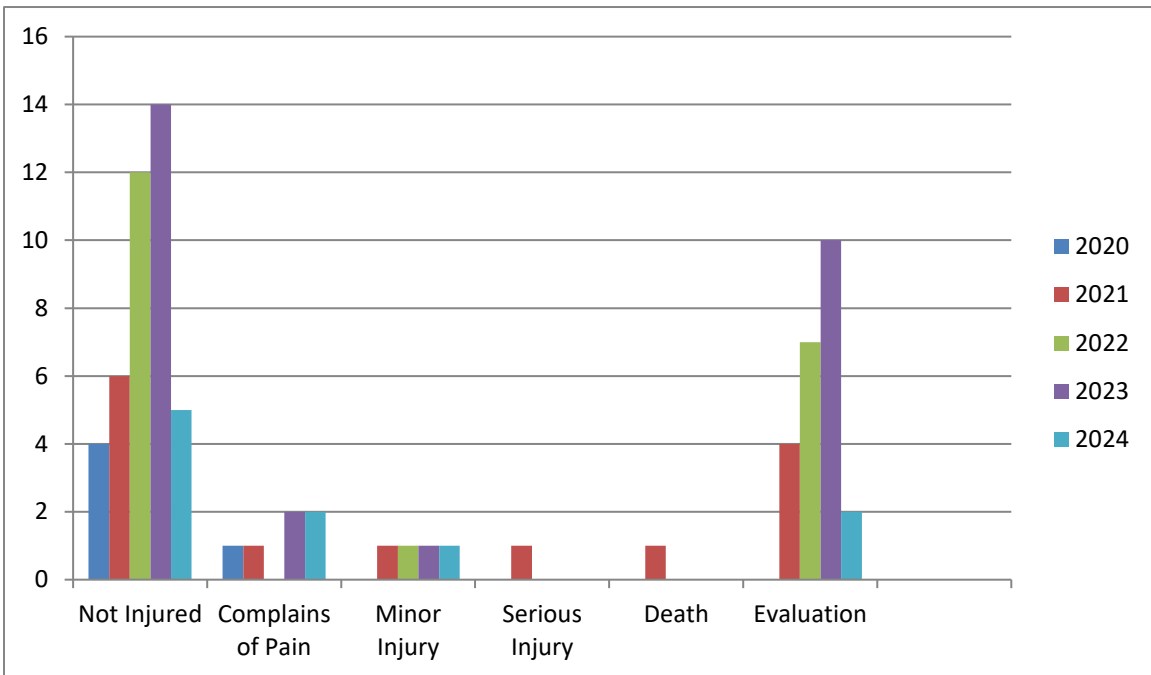


Compliance Techniques were reported to have been the most used form of force, listed in 5 of the Use-of-Force incidents for 2024 which included 1 taser display and 3 taser deployments. There were no police firearms displayed for 2024. Multiple categories can apply for a single incident:

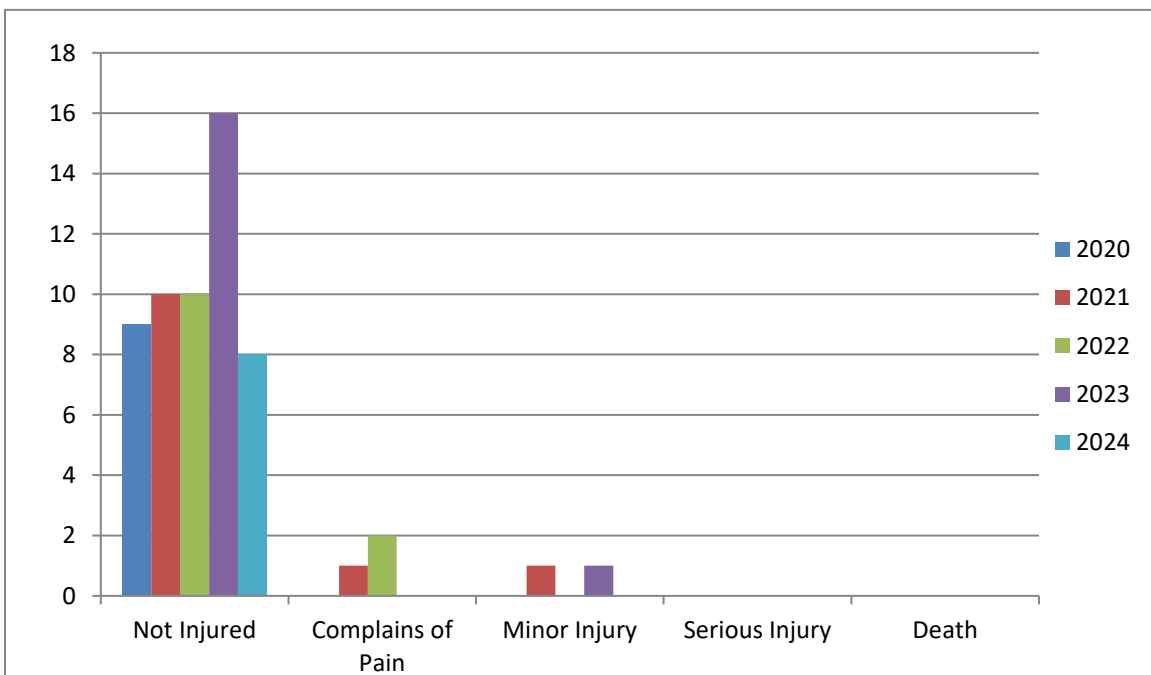


*Use of force cont.:*

The following data are the types of injuries reported on the use of form reports: Additionally, 2 persons were transported to the hospital following the use of force, both were for protective custody for medical and psychiatric evaluation.

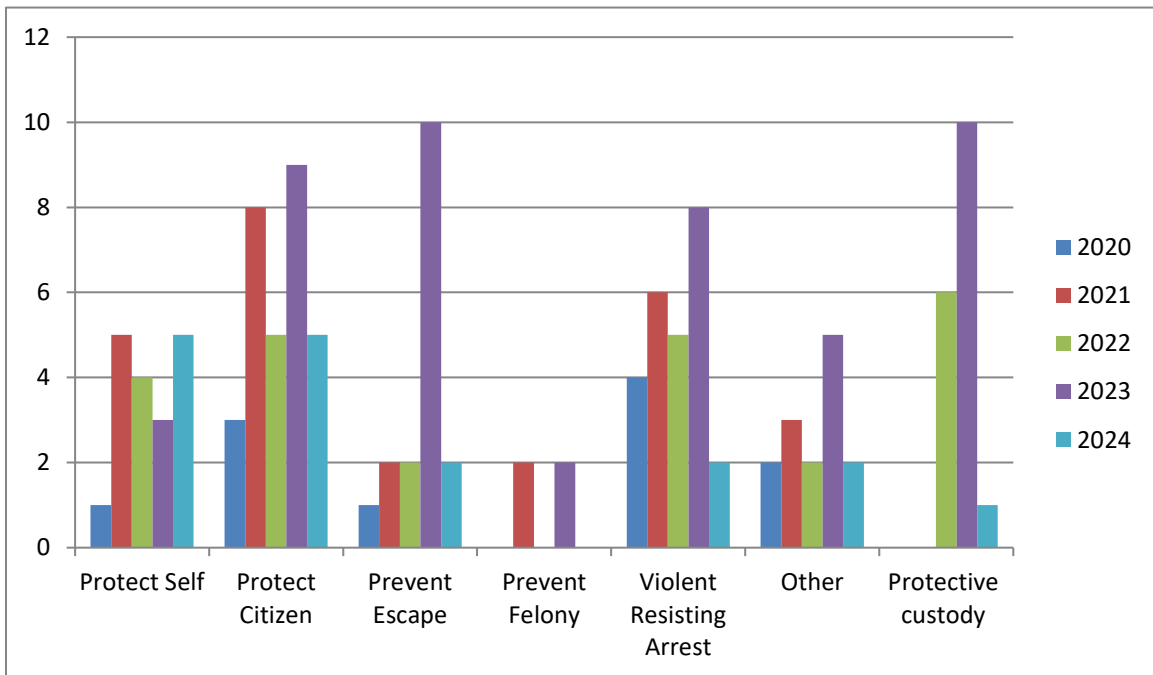


The following data are types of officer injuries reported on the use of force reports:

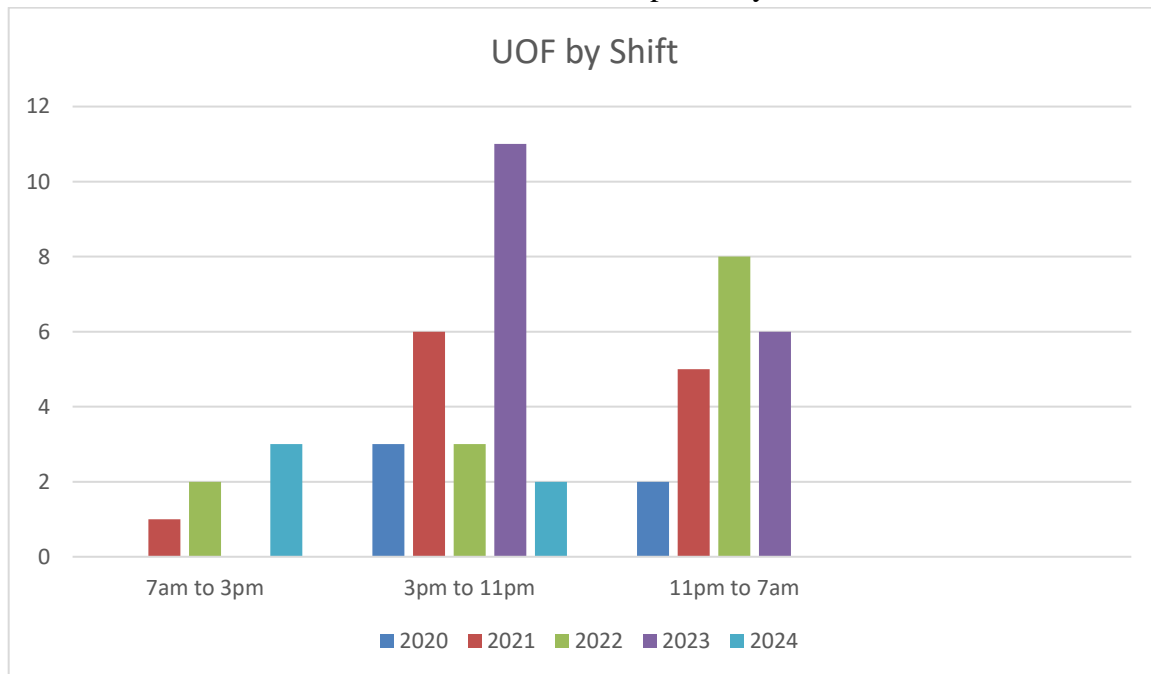


*Use of force cont.:*

The reason for the use of force by officers is as documented in the reports (multiple categories possible for each incident, Protective custody added for the past 3 years).

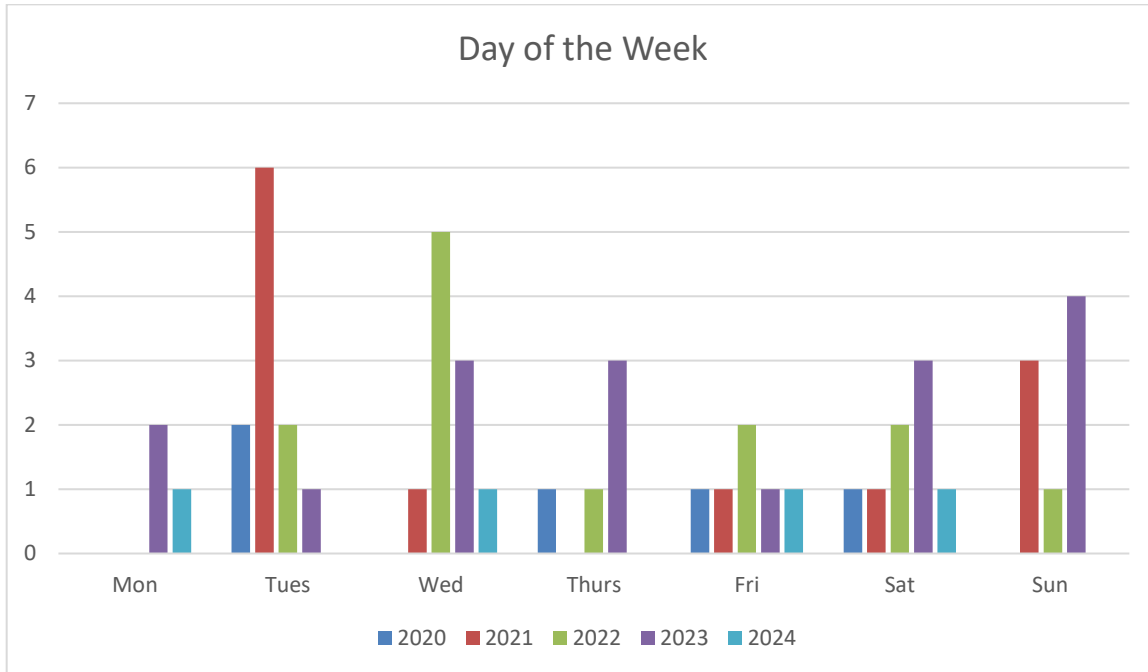


Use of Force Incidents depicted by shift

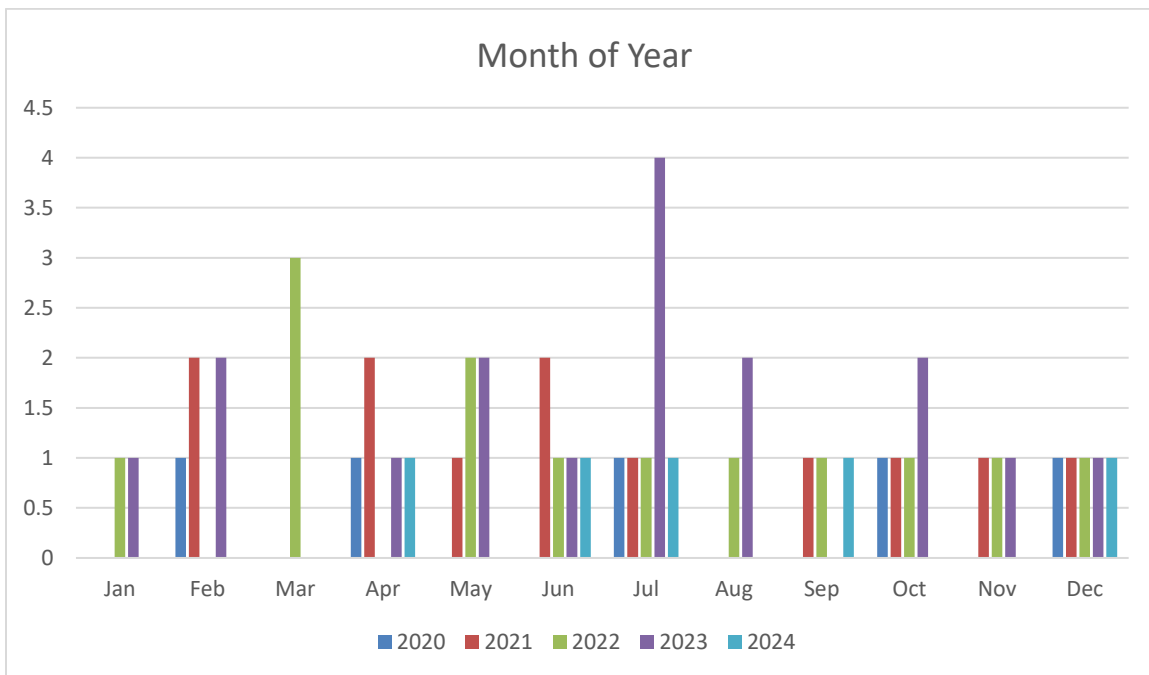


*Use of force cont.:*

UOF incidents during day shift hours occurred at a higher rate for 2024, compared to the evening and overnight shifts.



Use of Force Incidents as recorded by day of the week.



*Use of force cont.:*

It should be noted that single incidents may have involved more than one officer, and the 12 instances of firearms used to euthanize sick or injured animals are separated from suspect/officer data and firearm usage data.

In 2024 (7) individual officers were involved in (5) use-of-force incidents resulting in (8) Use of Force reports. Two (2) of the incidents happened during the Evening and Night with three (3) of the incidents occurring in Daylight/ Daytime. There were no patterns found indicating that any officer(s) were involved in the use of excessive or unnecessary force and no significance was found to time of day, or day of week, indicating no agency or personnel bias or trend regarding UOF incidents and supporting the effectiveness of agency UOF training.

Supervisors and administration staff reviewed body camera footage for each UOF incident and found no actions inconsistent with department policies or procedures. No disciplinary or remedial actions were needed for any UOF incidents.

There were no observable patterns or trends related to the age or gender of subjects. However, all subjects involved in UOF incidents were white (4 males and 1 female), with no racial or other bias identified in the UOF data analysis.

Out of the eight reports, one involved displaying a Taser to gain compliance, and three involved Taser deployments. There were no incidents where firearms were displayed for 2024. Two of the reports were related to helping individuals with mental or emotional disturbances, which resulted in two protective custody transport. Four of the cases led to arrests. Most of the reports involved taking people into custody, with many incidents involving individuals who were intoxicated or under the influence of substances. None of the suspects were injured, but two were transported for psychiatric evaluations.

In recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in overall use of force (UOF) incidents and reporting. Several factors contributed to this rise, including the loosening of COVID restrictions, which initially resulted in fewer interactions and a decrease in UOF incidents in 2020.

Despite the rise in UOF incidents in previous years, 2024 has shown a clear decrease in both UOF incidents and reporting compared to 2023. This decline can largely be attributed to significant improvements in training, particularly in de-escalation techniques. Continuous training has helped Officers develop more effective, non-physical methods for managing difficult encounters.

All use-of-force incidents in 2024 were found to be justified by supervisors on the scene, including a review of body-worn camera footage. No instances of unnecessary use of force were observed and no instances of unjustified use of force were observed in this review. No officers were singled out as having tendencies or performance not per department expectations and parameters. Based on a review of the data provided in the Use of Force reports, all officers acted per their training and agency policies and procedures. This supports the belief that the agency's policies, practices, equipment, and training are effective in managing responses and producing positive UOF outcomes.

The Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 35,098 calls for service during 2024. In 2023 the Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 33,401 calls for service, a 4.95% increase from the previous year. Many of the calls for service were documented in an Incident Report, Arrest Report, or Accident Report.

**Data Collection Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024**

|  | White None-Hispanic |        | Black Non-Hispanic |        | Hispanic Latino Any Race |        | Other |        | Total |
|--|---------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|  | Male                | Female | Male               | Female | Male                     | Female | Male  | Female |       |
| Firearm  |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Discharge  |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Display Only   |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| ECW  |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        |       |
| Discharge Only   | 3                   |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 3     |
| Display Only   |                     | 1      |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 1     |
| Baton  |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Chemical/OC  |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Weaponless   | 1                   |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 1     |
| Canine   |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Release Only   |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Release and Bite   |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Total Use of Force to Include Euthanasia                       | 16                  |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 16    |
| Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Officer Injury or Death |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Total Use of Force Arrests                                     | 4                   |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 4     |
| Total Number of Suspects Receiving Non-Fatal Injuries          |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Total Agency Custodial Arrests                                 |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |
| Total Use of Force Complaints                                  |                     |        |                    |        |                          |        |       |        | 0     |

*Incidents reflect several categories, and incidents did not result in custodial arrest or contact with subjects.*

**2024 VEHICLE PURSUIT/ ROADBLOCK**

From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Bristol Police Department engaged in 3 vehicle pursuits in accordance with the department pursuit policy.

The Bristol Police Department pursuit policy 300.10 “Vehicle Pursuit” was reviewed in a department training posted into Power DMS and all department members signed into the Power DMS system and completed an educational lecture and a written test indicating understanding and compliance with the policy, to include the use and understanding of Roadblocks as defined in policy and RI State Law. The following is a ten-year pursuit data table.

|                              | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Number of Pursuits</b>    | 1    | 0    | 5    | 4    | 0    | 3    | 1    | 4    | 0    | 3    | 3    |
| <b>Involved Collisions</b>   | 0    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| <b>Injuries to Violators</b> | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| <b>Injuries to Officers</b>  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Injuries to Others</b>    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |

*Table 1. Ten-Year Pursuit Data*

**Compliance with State Law and Agency Policy (Written Directives)**

RI General Law 31-27-4.2 © Definition: A high-speed Pursuit is an active attempt by a police officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend the occupants of a running motor vehicle at speeds more than (15) MPH over the speed limit. There was (1) documented and recorded vehicular pursuit meeting this definition in 2024 (24-918-OF/24-103-AR) for which officers were found to have followed all policies and procedures governing such engagement and interaction.

# 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 2024:

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Domestic Violence:</b> | 71 Arrest Reports, 28 Incident Reports |
| <b>Sexual Assault:</b>    | 1 Incident Report, 0 Arrest            |
| <b>Child Molestation:</b> | 1 Incident Report, 0 Arrests           |

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

## NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – October



October is...

National Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month  
[www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)

NATIONAL  
DAY  
CALENDAR



## BRISTOL POLICE IN THE MEDIA

December 19, 2024 at 9:18 AM

### Holiday Safety Alert

The Bristol Police Department is proud to participate in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Honor Patrol Program this holiday season. This year, we are dedicating our efforts to honor Samantha Kennelly, a DUI crash victim.

Our officers will be working extra hours throughout the holiday season, actively looking for impaired drivers. Drunk and impaired driving endangers lives, and we are committed to keeping our roads safe for all.

Let's make this holiday season one to celebrate responsibly:

- Plan ahead for a sober ride.
- Use a designated driver or rideshare service.
- Look out for loved ones—never let someone drive impaired.

Together, we can prevent tragedies and save lives. Help us honor Samantha Kennelly and all victims of DUI by making the choice to drive sober.

If you see a suspected impaired driver, call 911 immediately.

Stay safe, Bristol!

#DriveSober #MADDHonorPatrol #SafeHolidays #BristolPD



### Honoring Sam Kennelly

Surviving Victim  
November 30, 2017

October 23, 2024

### \*\*Important Scam Alert\*\*

Beware of a current scam where someone is contacting people's phones and claiming to be a Sergeant, Detective or Police officer from the Bristol Police. The scammer is claiming that you have a warrant or unpaid fines. Please be aware that the Bristol Police, or any legitimate police agency, will never ask you for money over the phone. We will never request that you deposit money into a Bitcoin ATM, purchase gift cards for payment, or wire us any money. Report any suspicious activity to the Bristol Police 401-253-6900



## Summary of Professional Standards Investigations

### Calendar Year 2024

**(2) Civilian Employee** – Violation of Rules & Regulations – Internal Investigation resulted in a sustained violation (same employee)

**(1) Sworn Employee** – Violation of Rules & Regulations – Internal Investigation resulted with a finding of insufficient evidence to sustain a complaint

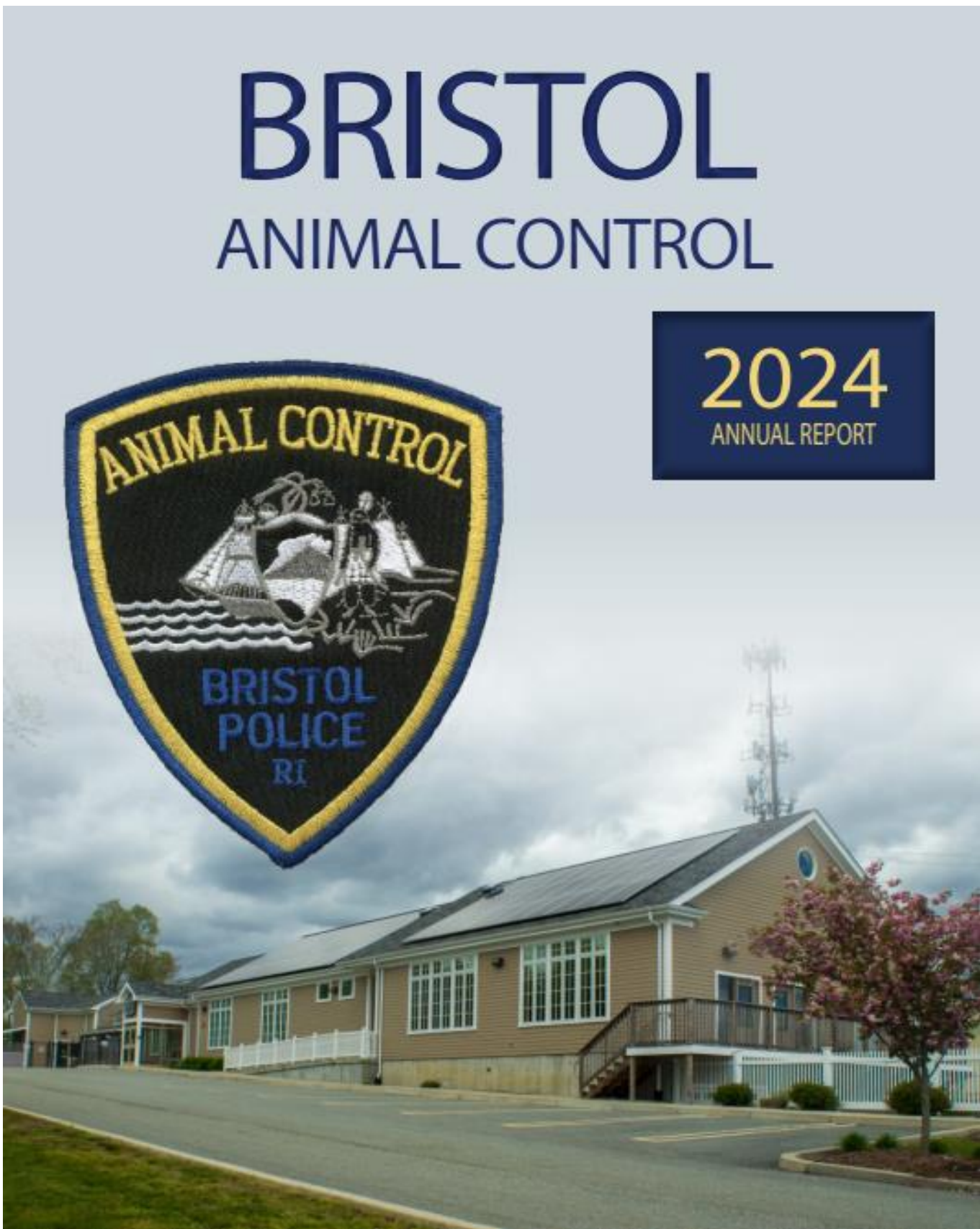
**(3) Sworn Employees** – Violation of Rules & Regulations – Internal Investigation resulted with a finding of an unfounded complaint

**(6) Sworn Employees** – Violation of Rules & Regulations – Internal Investigation - resulted with a finding of fact of a sustained violation

# BRISTOL

## ANIMAL CONTROL

2024  
ANNUAL REPORT





*Featured in the photo left to right, part-time Animal Control Officer Camila Oliveira, part-time Animal Control Officer Heather Pavao, Animal Control Director Heather Simmons and full-time Animal Control Officer Jennifer Busby*

#### **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 Director, a full-time Animal Control Officer, two part-time Animal Control Officers, and two part-time kennel helpers. We have one vehicle, a Ford Transit Connect.

#### **DUTIES:**

- Daily patrol of the streets, parks, Town Common and Town Beach areas
- 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

**COMMUNITY:**

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



*ACD Heather Simmons and ACO Jennifer Busby at the Barrinton Rumford Pet Express*



*Volunteer Debbie Coccio, ACD Heather Simmons, ACO Jennifer Busby and Volunteer Keven Busby at the Town's Earth Day Coastal Cleanup Event*

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The Town of Bristol welcomed Camila Oliveira as a new part-time animal control officer. 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, and 2015 through 2024. We will continue to work effortlessly each year striving to achieve this prestigious acknowledgment.



*Volunteer Tess Carreiro and one of her feline friends*

The Town of Bristol and the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2022. 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 and we have continued to build and improve upon this evolving program for the last two years. The program has afforded us extra help which enables 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 currently have thirty volunteers, including Jessica Geas, owner of Petrichor K-9, and Dr. Cathy Grossi, DVM from Acoaxet Veterinary Clinic. 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:**

A replacement window was installed in the cat positive room; the window had broken seals causing condensation to build up between the panes of glass. Automatic soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers were installed in every room to increase safety for staff and volunteers and to prevent communicable disease transmission from room to room. Replacement plastic flaps for the exterior dog doors in the kennels were installed which will improve energy efficiency for the building. Rodent exclusion hardware was applied to all the sinks in the building to prevent rodent access to the interior of the building. Drip pans underneath the heating and cooling system were replaced. The drip pans had been compromised for some time and had created water leaks in the ceiling of the building. The original hot water heater, installed in 2013, failed after 10 years running and was replaced.

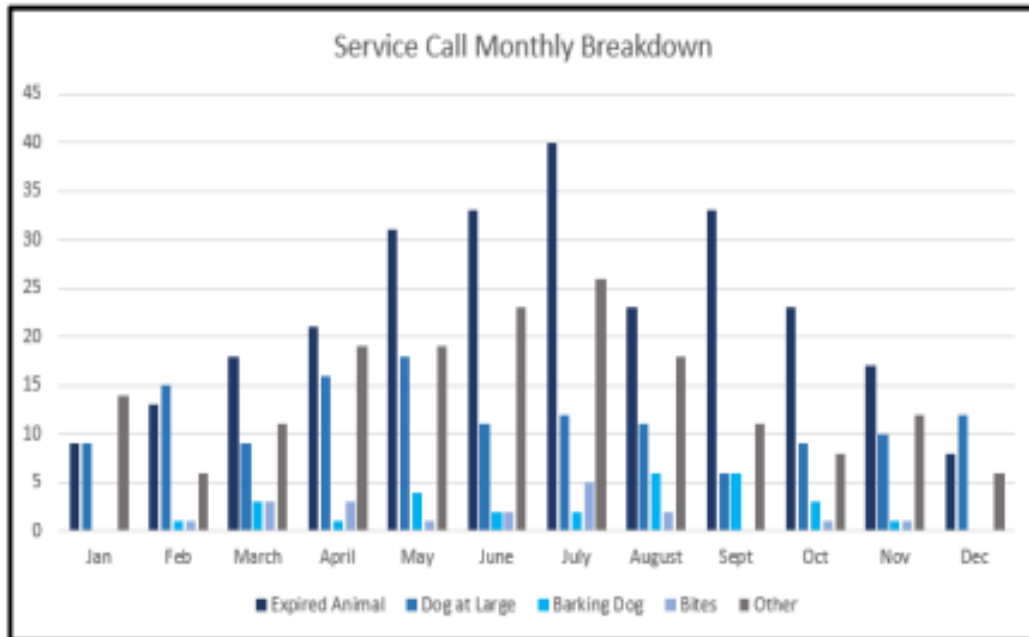


*Kitten Yoga Fundraiser in the Humane Education Center*

**STATISTICS:**

***Animal Control Statistics for the past three years:***

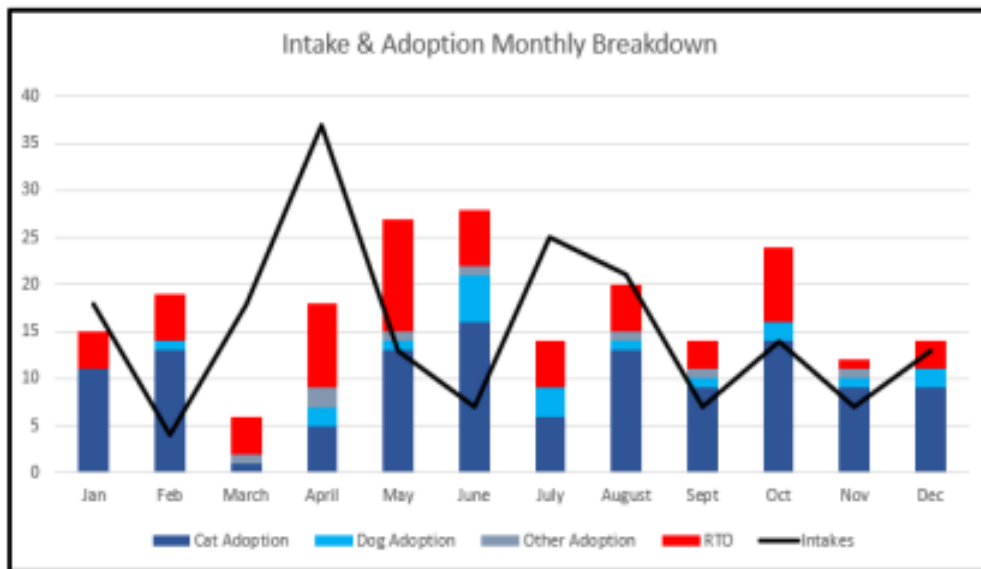
|                        | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>CALLS</b>           |            |            |            |
| EXPIRED ANIMALS        | 226        | 216        | 271        |
| DOG AT LARGE           | 145        | 210        | 202        |
| BARKING DOG            | 48         | 77         | 52         |
| BITES                  | 22         | 39         | 22         |
| OTHER                  | 422        | 268        | 236        |
| <b>TOTAL CALLS</b>     | <b>863</b> | <b>810</b> | <b>783</b> |
| <b>CITATIONS</b>       |            |            |            |
| DOG AT LARGE           | 4          | 10         | 3          |
| UNLICENSED DOG         | 8          | 9          | 13         |
| BARKING DOG            |            |            | 1          |
| OTHER                  |            |            | 7          |
| <b>TOTAL CITATIONS</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>24</b>  |





**Animal Shelter Statistics for the past three years:**

|                              | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>INTAKE</b>                |            |            |            |
| DOGS                         | 71         | 60         | 56         |
| CATS                         | 120        | 69         | 116        |
| OTHER                        | 9          | 3          | 12         |
| <b>TOTAL INTAKE</b>          | <b>200</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>184</b> |
| <b>QUARANTINES</b>           |            |            |            |
| DOGS                         | 54         | 66         | 36         |
| CATS                         | 16         | 17         | 11         |
| <b>TOTAL QUARANTINES</b>     | <b>70</b>  | <b>83</b>  | <b>47</b>  |
| <b>ADOPTIONS</b>             |            |            |            |
| DOGS                         | 19         | 28         | 19         |
| CATS                         | 69         | 71         | 119        |
| OTHER                        | N/A        | N/A        | 8          |
| <b>TOTAL ADOPTIONS</b>       | <b>88</b>  | <b>99</b>  | <b>146</b> |
| <b>RETURN TO OWNER</b>       |            |            |            |
| DOGS                         | 52         | 41         | 54         |
| CATS                         | 16         | 7          | 10         |
| OTHER                        | N/A        | N/A        | 1          |
| <b>TOTAL RETURN TO OWNER</b> | <b>68</b>  | <b>48</b>  | <b>65</b>  |





*Report prepared by  
Captain Julie Kearney Veader*

*Thank You,*

*Chief Kevin M. Lynch*

*And*

*The members of the Bristol Police Department*

