

2025 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 are 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.





MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

It is my honor to present the 2025 Year in Review Report for your viewership. First, allow me to extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated men and women of this department, both sworn officers and civilian staff. Their pledge, competence, and unwavering dedication to the Town of Bristol make all our accomplishments possible.

Let me continue to express my appreciation to the citizenry and business community for all the support we received from them, as it's truly satisfying and makes a difference.

We continue to build on a foundation of trust, and for that, our partnerships have strengthened Bristol's public safety goals. I would like to highlight the support the police department has received from Bristol Elks Lodge #1860 for their continued support of our K-9 comfort therapy dog program and new for this year, they provided financial support for the allocation of all new equipment for our Women's Self-defense class.

This year, our outreach helped our youth in our annual leadership camp, community night out, and the Halloween Walkabout. We saw an exceptional class of residents in our community police academy, and we had numerous opportunities to meet residents at special events and gatherings like the "coffee with a cop" event at Clements Market.

Moreover, the Town of Bristol maintained its status as the ***safest community in Rhode Island in 2025*** to reside in, and still holds onto the platform as one of the safest college towns in all the United States of America based on data published in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Annually, I talk about how it's hard work to repeat success year after year, but we remain up for the challenge and are honestly excited to deliver positive outcomes in the coming year.

This year we saw the promotion of two (2) exceptional members of the department, Lieutenant Brett Estrella and Sergeant Derek Jensen, along with the addition of four (4) new officers to the ranks (Officers Matthew Pacheco, Alexander Botelho, Nicholas Malafrente, and Zachary Kretchman). We have a great team of energetic professional leaders and new officers. Please join me and wish them all a safe and prosperous career in Bristol.

This year-in-review report will provide an overview of the Bristol Police Department, including statistical information, technology enhancements, budgetary information, agency upgrades, department promotions, and recruitment of new officers, budgetary data and our community outreach initiatives that give us all personal pride in Bristol.

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 state and local officials, especially our Town Administrator Steven Contente for all their continued support.

Lastly, I remain deeply honored to serve as your Chief of Police and pledge my unwavering creativity, resolve, and leadership to continue to improve public safety in Bristol.

Yours in Safety,

Kevin M. Lynch

Chief of Police





Safest City in Rhode Island 2025
6th CONSECUTIVE YEAR
Bristol, RI 02809



Bristol's Tranquil Waterfront





Mt. Hope Bridge



Blithewold Manor, Gardens and Arboretum



Herreshoff Marine Museum



Colt State Park



Audubon Society of Rhode Island Nature Center and Aquarium



Coggeshall Farm Museum



Bristol Harbor Inn





Grand Illumination



Sunset in Bristol



Bristol's 4th of July Celebration



Accomplished Goals & Objectives 2025

Recruitment and Retention –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. 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 were a priority for 2025.

The department implemented a 24/7 wellness program via an app CORDICO in concert with building a state-of-the-art fitness center in 2024 – the Goal is to continue to promote these features to improve officer wellness and invest in our personnel.....

Drone Unit – The department acquired a drone and initial training from RISP continue to expand equipment needs and training certifications – Drones will be used during special town events (parades, 4th of July events, Grand Illumination, and other highly populated functions within the town).

Retired Officer Program – establish training requirements, required working obligations for the Fourth of July security operational plan; update policy and operational guidelines to be in line with approved requirements of the program.

Mobile Command – upgrade networking and communication systems & hardware; transition MCU from strictly police use to the Town Public Safety Vehicle to be utilized by other Town Departments; update policy to reflect authorized use and deployment of the vehicle. Federal Grant dollars have been awarded and accepted. Upgrades are currently being scheduled with vendors.

Continue with community outreach programs (i.e., Bristol Police Youth Leadership Camp, Toy Drive, Trunk- or-Treat. Prioritize and enhance the Community Night Out Program and reinstitute the Citizens Police Academy to include further outreach with the community

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.

The Town of Bristol has remained the safest community in RI and the safest college Town in the USA – continue to promote these accomplishments through community engagement, listening campaigns (coffee with a cop), and other important relationships with the business community and academia (RWU).

Goals & Objectives 2026

Green House Project, an ongoing project working in conjunction with the Office of Community Development, is securing grants for the razing of greenhouses on abutting town-owned property and mitigation and disposal of possible hazardous material. The goal is to have accessible land to construct a new facility for the Bristol Police Department. While stages of the project are completed (Green Houses removed – soil tested). Notably, soil tests discovered some contamination from certain fertilizers used decades ago. We are approaching our 5th round of clean-up per D.E.M. standards, which has a final completion date of Spring 2026, with the anticipation of a clean site and certificate to build a new police station on the land.

Issue an RFP for a firm to design and create a Feasibility Study (e.g., cost, size, needs) to construct a new police station to meet 21st-century needs.

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. Continue with active shooter trainings in partnership with BFD and BWRSD personnel. School Safety – Continue with implementation of action items for facility assessment; build virtual active shooter trainings incorporating BWRSD administration; garnering funding with BWRSD to support updating and installation of video surveillance systems, continue planning and contingencies of hardening safety of schools (key fob access system, electronic hall pass, etc.) Note: the new high school MHHS is being designed with a modern 21st-century security platform.

School Resource Officer (SRO) – fill vacant position post per new CBA guidelines. Spearhead the SRO program, implementing a new comfort therapy dog in concert with EOD and missing person functionality.

The town is converting the former Walley School into 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 2026.

RWU Campus Safety – In December 2025, the State of Rhode Island experienced an active shooter incident at Brown University in the City of Providence – our objective is to work with Roger Williams University located in the Town of Bristol to build a better active threat response, proper community notification, recommendations to harden the facility against a threat, better access to buildings and CCTV systems to include a table top exercise and training for University staff and BPD staff.

The Department is reviewing all its security plans to remain proactive for our community events (concert series location, 4th of July parade, grand illumination, Christmas festival, and street-based events) to safeguard the community from outside threats and violence – we are reviewing all facets of our plans and equipment to remain steadfast in our security planning-

New plans will need to be created for the Town's concert series returning to Independence Park in 2026

800 MHZ Communication System – We have applied for a \$1M Grant via Congressman Gabe Amo’s Office to improve all our communication systems and shift to an 800 MHZ frequency and keep our existing VHF system as a backup up

Archer Barrier System – The town applied for a J.A.G. Grant award and received \$200K award to purchase a road barrier system to assist with our multi-function (Americans oldest 4th of July parade) concert series, grand illumination and other ancillary programs that draw a large crowd – the equipment was just received in late 2025 and trainings were held – we anticipate working with other police departments within the state to deploy this equipment as a tenet of the grant when not in use by the Town of Bristol.

The department has purchased new 9mm sidearms for each officer equipped with integrated red dot sighting systems and integrated lighting systems to enhance weapon functionality. This equipment will be phased in with a robust training program to accompany the enhanced capability.

Lastly, any of these programs may be modified to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the department, as new law enforcement concepts emerge for deployment.

Respectfully, Chief Kevin M Lynch



PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

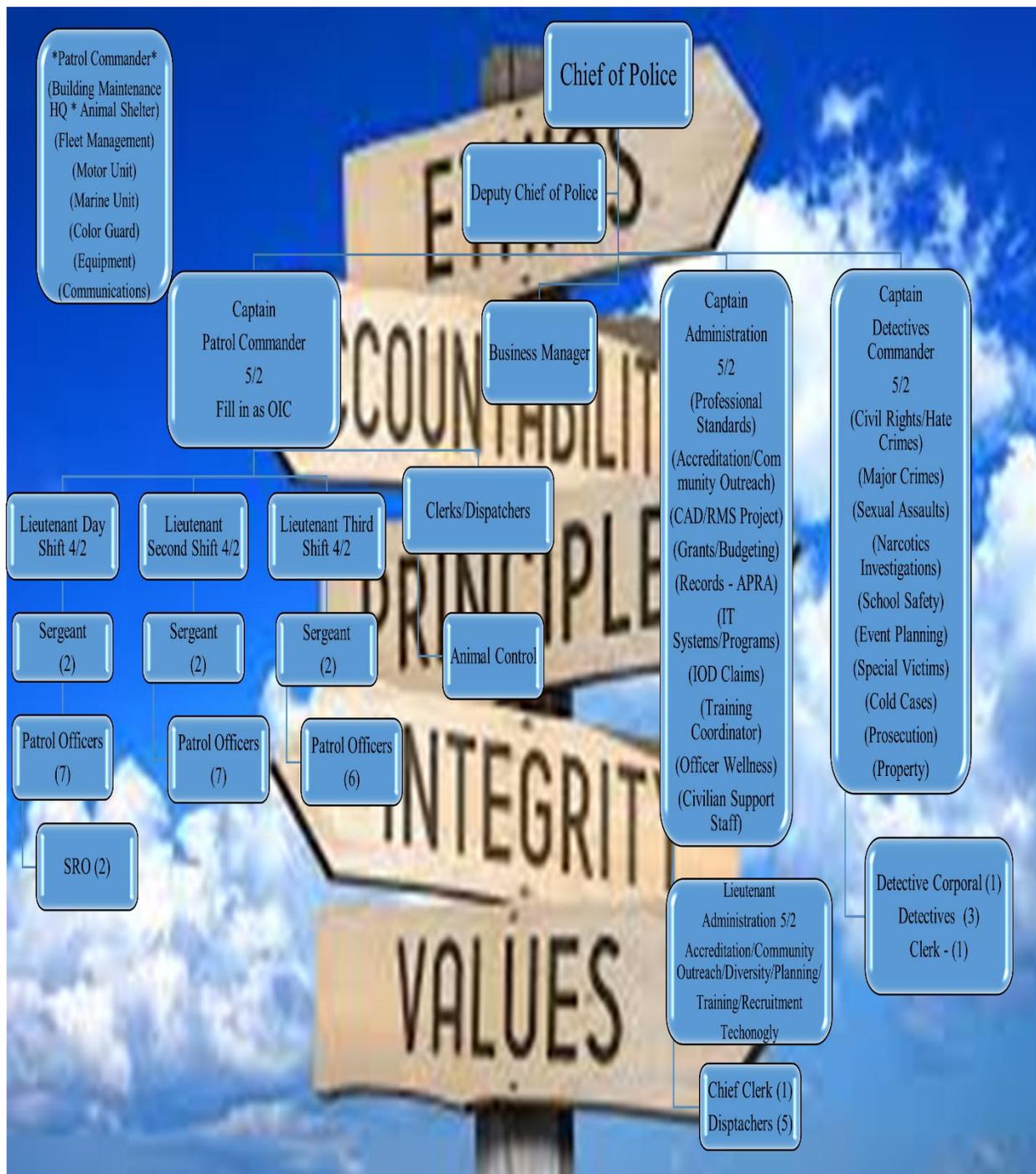
The illustration below depicts the rank structure within the Bristol Police Department.

**Director of Public Safety
(Town Administrator)**

**Chief of Police
Deputy Chief of Police
Captain
Lieutenant
Sergeant
Detective Corporal
Detective
Patrol Officer**



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2026



COMMAND STAFF

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Deputy Chief Scott McNally

Deputy Chief Scott McNally is a twenty-eight (28) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Before being appointed Deputy Chief, he held the rank of Major and served as Chief of Operations. In his current role, he oversees the daily operations of the department's divisions, including Patrol, Detectives, and Administration, and serves as the Chief Integrity Officer (CIO). He is certified to conduct physical security and risk assessments and oversees school safety and special event planning. Deputy McNally 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.

Throughout his career, Deputy Chief McNally has held many different positions, including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Sergeant, Field Training Evaluation Program Supervisor, Detective Lieutenant, Patrol Lieutenant, Operations Captain, and Operations Major. Before joining the Bristol Police Department, he spent seven years as a Correctional Officer for the State of Rhode Island, working at both the Maximum-Security Prison and the Intake Service Center.

Deputy Chief McNally earned a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Roger Williams University Justice Institute Executive Development Leadership Program and the FBI LEEDA Executive Development Program. Deputy Chief McNally was awarded the Medal of Valor in 2021, the highest award a Bristol Police Officer can receive.

. Some of Deputy Chief McNally's responsibilities are as follows:

- 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administrative Captain Julie Kearney Veader

Captain Julie Kearney Veader is a twenty-eight (28) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Since 1997 she has held various positions in the Patrol and the Detective Division. Captain Julie Kearney Veader is the Department's Administrative Captain serving in the Office of Professional Standards and Administrative Services. Her past assignments include serving in the uniform division as a patrol officer and sergeant before transitioning to the Detective Division. In her 11 years in the Detective Division, she served as a Detective Sergeant, lieutenant, and Captain, overseeing the detective and prosecution divisions.

Captain Kearney Veader has a bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College in Justice Studies and a master's degree from Anna Maria College in Public Administration. Captain Kearney Veader has completed the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Course and the Command Series Executive Development course at Roger Williams University. Among her many accolades, the RI Police Chiefs Association awarded Captain Kearney Veader the 2024 Female Police Leader of the Year.

. 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 those duties.
- 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 – Community Outreach.
- Department Training – Including School Safety Initiatives.
- Awards Committee Chair.
- Department Grants.

PATROL CAPTAIN

Captain Roman Wozny

Captain Roman Wozny is a 25-year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. Throughout his tenure, he has served in various capacities, including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Motor Officer, Patrol Officer in Charge, Day Shift Patrol Lieutenant, and currently the Patrol Commander.

In his role as Patrol Commander, Captain Wozny is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the Patrol Division, Clerks/ Dispatchers, and Animal Shelter. Additionally, he serves as the department's fleet and facility manager and supervises communications.

Captain Wozny has completed the Roger Williams University Justice Institute Executive Development Leadership Program and the FBI LEEDA Executive Development Program. He is also pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Rhode Island College.

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

Captain Steven St. Pierre is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department and 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. Captain St. Pierre previously served as the officer in charge of the 2nd shift, a narcotics officer and supervisor, the Night Shift Commander, the Patrol Commander, and, most recently as the Administrative Services Captain, in charge of professional standards, training, and Accreditation. He has led several high-level department investigations and has overseen several critical incident responses for the agency. He also oversees the department's Youth Leadership Academy, which has been in operation for the past seven years.

Captain St. Pierre graduated from Stonehill College with a BA in Criminal Justice and Sociology, and he graduated from Anna Maria College with an MA in Public Administration. Captain St. Pierre has completed the FBI law enforcement executive course and the Command series executive development course at Roger Williams University.

The Detective Captain is responsible for:

- 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 Brian Morse

Lieutenant Brian Morse is a twenty (20) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. He serves as an administrative lieutenant. Throughout his career, Lt. Morse has served in a variety of operational and leadership roles, including Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He has also held specialized and administrative assignments such as Drone Unit Supervisor, and currently serves as the department's Accreditation Manager, Information Technology Manager, and Grant Manager. Lt. Morse holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Roger Williams University and a master's degree in Cybersecurity and Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. His experience and education support the department's ongoing efforts in accreditation, technology modernization, and public safety innovation.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Accreditation Assessments
- Department Planning
- Community Outreach Events
- Hiring Co-Coordinator
- CIMRS Report
- Job Description Review (every 4 years)
- Citizens Police Academy
- Technology- Department RMS – Computers -Social Media- DTS- Tip 411

FIRST SHIFT PATROL LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Paul Medeiros

Lieutenant Medeiros is a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department and oversees the first shift patrol division. Lt. Medeiros is a graduate of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy, Class of 2003. Throughout his career, Lt. Medeiros has served in a variety of operational and leadership roles, including Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Lt Medeiros is a Veteran of the USMC.

Duties and responsibilities:

Oversee the Daily Operations and Functions of the first Shift – Sworn and Civilian.

- Review of all Police Reports and Paperwork on Shift for Correctness and Accuracy.
- 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.

SECOND SHIFT PATROL LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Brett Estrella

Lieutenant Brett Estrella is a twenty (20) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department and oversees the second shift patrol division. Lt. Estrella is a graduate of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy, Class of 2005. Throughout his career, Lt. Estrella has served in a variety of operational and leadership roles, including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He has also held specialized assignments. Accident Reconstruction, Fitness Assessor, Drone Unit Supervisor, Honor Guard Supervisor, and currently serves as an Instructor for Women's Self Defense Seminars provided by the Bristol Police Department. Lt. Estrella holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bridgewater State College and a master's degree in administration of justice from Anna Maria College.

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.
- Department Honor Guard Supervisor
- Fitness Assessor
- Accident Reconstruction
- Women's Self Defense
- Drone Unit Supervisor

THIRD SHIFT PATROL LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Michael Vieira

Lieutenant Michael Vieira is a twenty-year (20) year veteran who currently serves as the Third Shift Patrol Lieutenant. He has held multiple supervisory and specialized assignments, including Motorcycle Unit Supervisor, Marine Patrol Supervisor, and Detail Coordinator, training, and vessel operations. Lieutenant Vieira also serves as the department's Domestic Violence Advocate. He is a member of the United States Coast Guard Sector Southeast New England Marine Task Force and a recipient of awards recognizing his service to the community. Training includes Advanced Hostage Crisis Negotiation, FEMA ICS certifications, internal affairs investigator, risk management for law enforcement leaders, executive-level leadership development, and the Command Training Series Mid-Management Course Certification. He also holds NASBLA certifications as a Search and Rescue Boat Operator. Lt. Vieira earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Manage the Daily Operations and Functions of the Third Shift – Sworn and Civilian.
- Concealed 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Planning, Research, and Training is under the supervision of Captain Julie Kearney Veader, a twenty-eight (28) 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. Brian Morse is the current accreditation manager and has been in his current position for one year. 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 grant managers are Lt. Brian Morse and Sgt. Batista.

- Highway Safety Grant – provides funding for traffic enforcement.
- Taser 10 Jag Grant: Grant supplies officers with the newest Taser Technology
- Body-Worn Camera (BWC): funding for purchase and data storage of thirty-nine (39) BWCs
- Live Scan fingerprint machine grant – \$25,000.0.
- RI Secure Events Grant - \$180,000.000

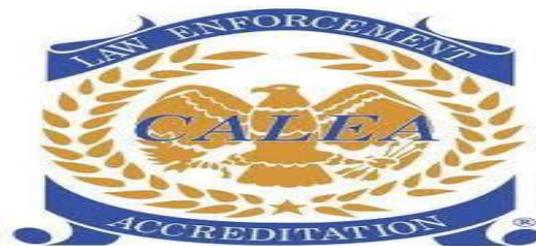
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



“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 that the complaints are swiftly addressed and properly investigated. The Office of Professional Standards must also foster confidence among Department employees that complaints will be investigated within a reasonable time frame and 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's needs. The Bristol Police Department was re-accredited in November 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-five (25) year veteran of the Bristol Police Department. The Patrol Division, generally recognized as the face of the Bristol Police Department, is staffed by twenty-two uniform patrol officers. To include 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 protection of approximately 22,000 residents, businesses, and visitors. 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.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM



S.R.O Keith Medeiros& K-9 Brody



S.R.O. Greg Silvia

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 students' good moral standards, judgment, respect for other students, and a sincere concern for the school community. The S.R.O. promotes awareness of the law to enable students to become better informed and effective citizens while imparting the students with knowledge of law enforcement efforts and obligations regarding enforcement, as well as consequences for violations of the law. The S.R.O. serves as a confidential source of counseling for students, parents, and staff concerning the daily problems they face. 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 students' entire life.

S.R.O. Keith Medeiros is a permanent S.R.O. and a twenty-five (25) year veteran of the Department, who has just recently retired. His vacancy will be filled through a bidding process. Patrolman Greg Silvia is a twenty-two-year 22 veteran of the Department and a permanent S.R.O.

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 Town Administrator, Steven Contente, along with Sgt. Paul Medeiros and Ptlm. Greg Silvia took a break for this photo from their IPMBA International Police Mountain Bike Association training class with officers from the Pembroke, MA Police Department & the Taunton, MA Police Department

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 2025 are: Bristol's 4th of July Parade, Fireman's parade, Memorial Day Parade funerals, and Wreaths Across America escort.



Bristol's Memorial Day Parade

HONOR GUARD

The Bristol Police Honor Guard is under the command of Lieutenant Paul Medeiros and Lieutenant 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 other events.



Bristol's Memorial Day Parade

SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

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.



MOBILE COMMAND CENTER (M.C.D.)

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

- **Peaceful Protests, 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

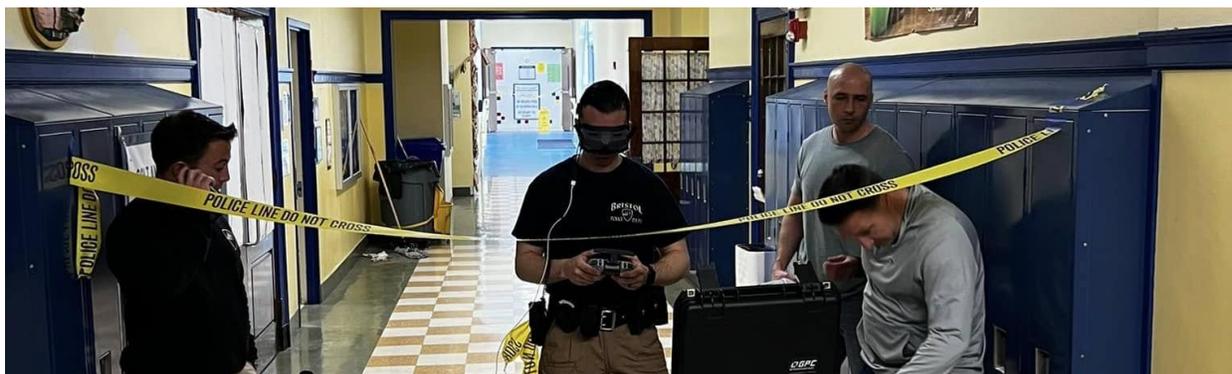


The Golf Cart is utilized in events such as:

- **Department/ Town Events:**
- **4th 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 to survey a crime scene.



MARINE UNIT

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



DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division is under the command of Captain Steven St. Pierre, a twenty-two (22) 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 functions as a working investigator/supervisor. Investigators, including the supervisor, are assigned to general case investigation; the juvenile officer also serves as a working investigator. The Detective Captain reports directly to the Deputy Chief 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.
- Coordinate the Department's juvenile-related investigative efforts with the juvenile court.
- Cold Case Files

They oversee 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.

Case Review 2025: A review of the RMS systems indicates that for calendar year 2025, the Bristol Police Department logged 536 cases, of which 61 were open arrests, 96 were closed arrests, 86 were open incident reports, and 293 were closed incident reports. These numbers do not include IV cases or no crime report cases. Of those figures, the detective's division reviewed a significant portion of those cases, as most cases get reviewed by detectives every shift for applicability to be taken by the division in accordance with agency policy. Of those cases, 70 cases were assigned in 2025, of which 42 cases were closed out by detectives. The remainder remain open with the AG's office or suspended for lack of evidence or probable cause. The division also opened an additional 26 Investigative reports started by the division. Of those Investigative reports, 5 remained open, 10 were suspended for lack of evidence/ probable cause, and 11 were closed following investigation.

FOUR NEW OFFICERS JOIN THE FORCE



Congratulations to Bristol's four newest Police Officers, Zachary Kretchman, Matthew Pacheco, Alexander Botelho, and Nicholas Malafronte, on graduating today from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy! Special congratulations to Officer Nicholas Malafronte for earning the Academy's Top Shot Award, recognizing his outstanding performance during firearms training. We're proud to welcome these officers to the Bristol Police Department as they begin their careers in service to our community. On Tuesday, May 27th, all four officers were officially sworn in by Deputy Town Clerk Carla DaCosta. Town Administrator Steven Contente and Chief Kevin Lynch welcomed Bristol's newest officers to the department.

PROMOTIONS

Lieutenant Brett Estrella

Lieutenant Brett Estrella, a 2005 graduate of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy (RIMPTA), is currently in his 20th year of service with the department. He previously served as a Sergeant overseeing First Shift Patrol and has held roles as a Field Training Officer, a member of the Drone Operations Team, and a member of the Honor Guard. For the past three years, he has also served as an instructor for our Women's Self-Defense classes. Lt. Estrella holds a Bachelor of Science from Bridgewater State College (2004) and a Master of Public Administration from Anna Maria College (2013).



Lieutenant Estrella is being pinned by his daughter Serah.

Sergeant Derek Jensen

Sergeant Derek Jensen is a 2016 graduate of RIMPTA who has distinguished himself in traffic safety and enforcement. He has received four RI Traffic Safety Awards, two Chief’s Letters of Recognition, and a Department Commendation. Sgt. Jensen’s commitment to public safety and proactive policing continues to strengthen our department and community.

We would like to thank Town Administrator Steve Contente and Town Council President Nathan Calouro for attending and sharing their support and remarks during the ceremony. A special thank you to Town Clerk Melissa Cordeiro for administering the oath of office, and to Police Chief Kevin Lynch, who served as Master of Ceremonies and formally presented both officers.



MADD RECOGNITION



The Bristol Police Department would like to congratulate Patrolman Joseph Leonardi and Patrolman Jonathan Jones for being recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their outstanding efforts in impaired driving enforcement. Your dedication to keeping our roads safe and protecting the Bristol community is commendable. Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety and for representing the department with professionalism and integrity.

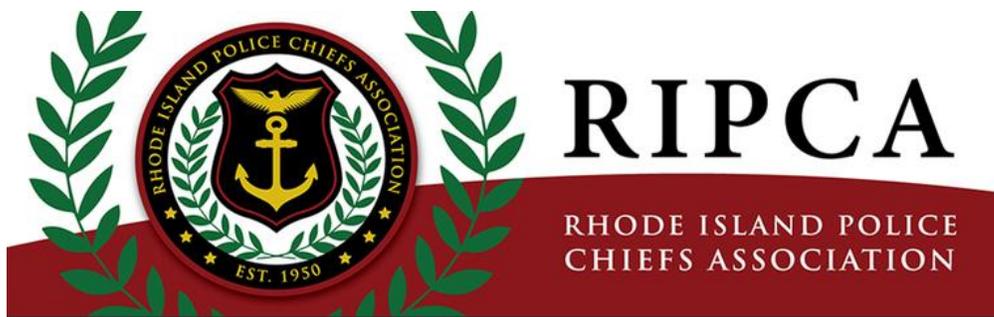
*Rhode Island Department of Transportation
Office of Highway Safety Award*

Congratulations, Officer Abdallah on this well-deserved recognition!



Pictured above: Deputy Chief Scott McNally, Patrolman Ziad Abdallah, Sergeant Kyle Batista.

We are proud to announce that Officer Ziad Abdallah has been recognized by the Department of Transportation with the Traffic Safety Hero Award in the emphasis area of Speeding Enforcement. This honor highlights his dedication to keeping our roads safe and his commitment to protecting our community through proactive traffic enforcement. Congratulations to Officer Abdallah on this well-deserved recognition!



SUMMER SAFETY SHOUTOUT



OFFICER ZIAD ABDALLAH
Bristol Police Department

THANK YOU, OFFICER ABDALLAH, FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO ROADWAY SAFETY AND YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK IN PREVENTING DISTRACTED DRIVING.

👉 The Bristol Police Department is proud to recognize Officer Ziad Abdallah for his outstanding efforts in traffic enforcement, with a special focus on reducing distracted driving. His dedication helps keep our community's roadways safer for everyone. Thank you, Officer Abdallah, for your commitment to protecting our residents and promoting safe driving habits!

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025



Lt. Paul Medeiros was awarded the 2025 American Legion Officer of the Year Award. Chief Lynch stated at the ceremony, “Lt. Paul Medeiros acted like a ‘Marine’. As a Marine veteran and a dedicated and highly capable officer, his swift and decisive actions on October 12, 2023 at the Bristol Police Headquarters save the lives of two local college students and others when he acted without hesitation.

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY HONORARY DEGREE

Congratulations to Chief Kevin Lynch and Joseph Brito Jr! On May 16, 2025, Roger Williams University awarded both men the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, recognizing their distinguished achievements and contributions to the community. A proud moment for the Town of Bristol, well deserved!



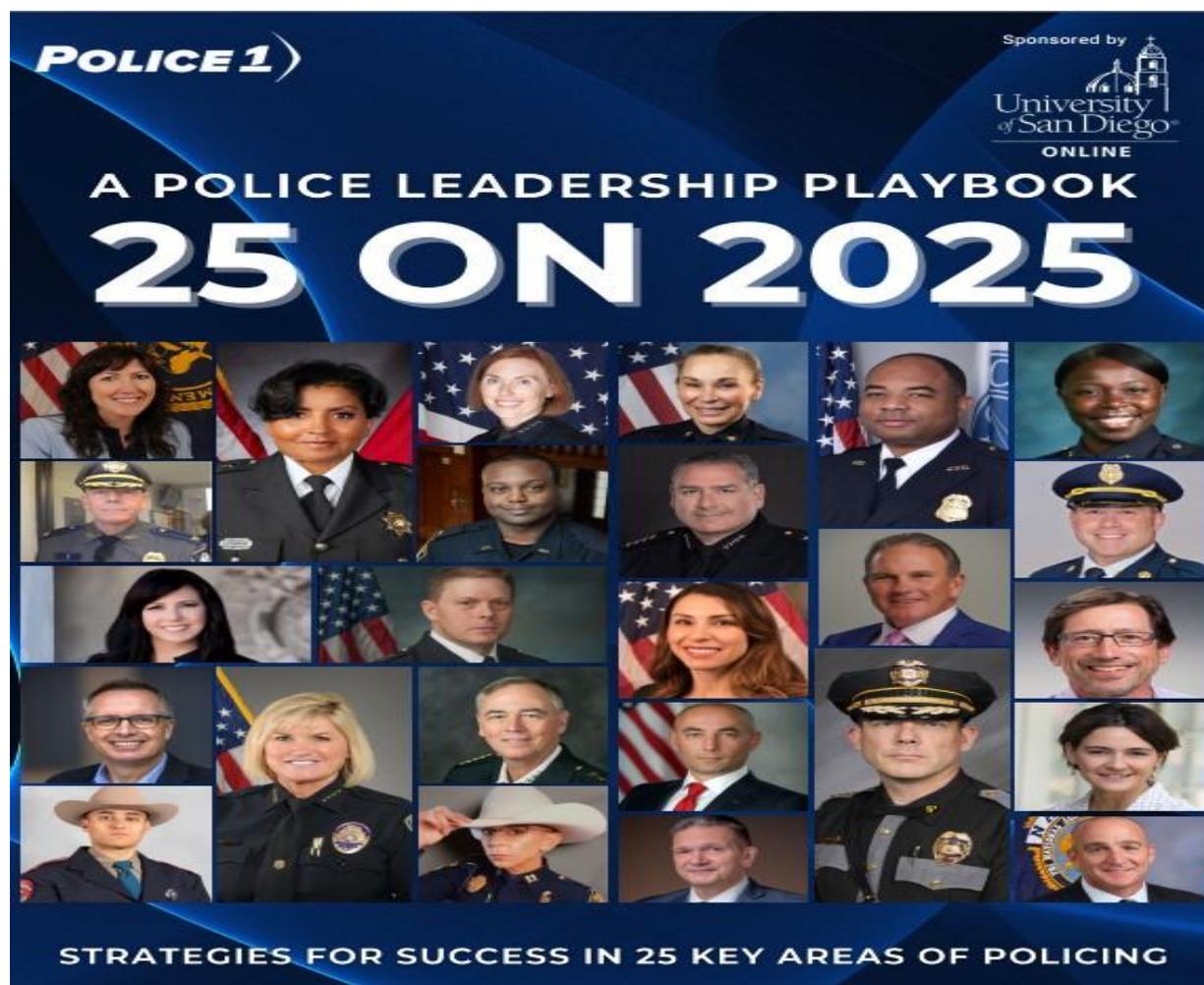
Pictured Joseph Brito Jr and Chief Kevin M. Lynch

POLICE LEADERSHIP PLAYBOOK 2025

Bristol Police Chief Kevin Lynch was recognized as a Police Chief with strategies for success in 25 key areas of Policing, as noted by Police1 publication sponsored by the University of San Diego titled “A Police Leadership Playbook 25 on 2025”.

“When we prioritize our people, we build stronger departments, healthier communities, and a legacy of care that inspires others to follow” asserted Chief Lynch.

As Chief of the Bristol (Rhode Island) Police Department, I’ve always believed that our greatest asset is our people. The challenges of modern policing — stress, mental health crises, and the constant demand for public service — have made officer wellness a priority not just for our department, but for agencies nationwide. Over the past few years, I’ve worked to implement initiatives that support our officers' physical, mental, and emotional well-being, and I’d like to share some of those efforts here. The Chiefs' story can be viewed on page 24 of the publication



RETIREMENTS

SRO KEITH MEDEIROS



The Bristol Police Department kicked off another school year by greeting students at all Bristol elementary schools and at Mt. Hope High School! Special congratulations to SRO Keith Medeiros and his K9 partner Brody on their last first day of school together. As they head into retirement, we thank them for their many years of dedicated service to our schools and community.

Congratulations to School Resource Officer Keith Medeiros & K-9 Brody on their retirement. S.R.O. Keith Medeiros retired after twenty-five years of dedicated service. Chief Kevin Lynch presented S.R.O. Medeiros with a shadow box in recognition of his outstanding 25-year career. S.R.O. Medeiros had a successful career, being named 2023 Nationals School Resource Officer of the Year (NASRO), 2023 Rhode Island Community Officer of the Year (RIPAC), and 2022 School Resource Officer of the Year (MADD). S.R.O. Medeiros played a critical role in school safety. Please join us in thanking S.R.O. Medeiros for his decades of dedicated service and in wishing him the very best in his retirement!



LIEUTENANT RICARDO MOURATO

Congratulations to Lt. Ricardo Mourato, who retired after twenty-five years of dedicated service. Chief Kevin Lynch attended the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Coalition (RIPAC) Conference in Newport, RI. During the event, Lt. Ricardo Mourato was honored with a retirement shadow box in recognition of his outstanding 25-year career with the Bristol Police Department. Lt. Mourato played an important role in planning and organizing this impactful conference and has been instrumental in overseeing the Bristol Police Department's CALEA and RIPAC accreditation efforts throughout his career. Lt. Mourato also created the town-wide Lock Box Program and led the coordination of Bristol's Annual Community Night Out events. Please join us in thanking Lt. Mourato for his decades of dedicated service and in wishing him the very best in his retirement! Town Administrator Steven Contente will present Lt. Mourato with a commemorative wristwatch at the May Town Council Meeting to honor his 25 years of service

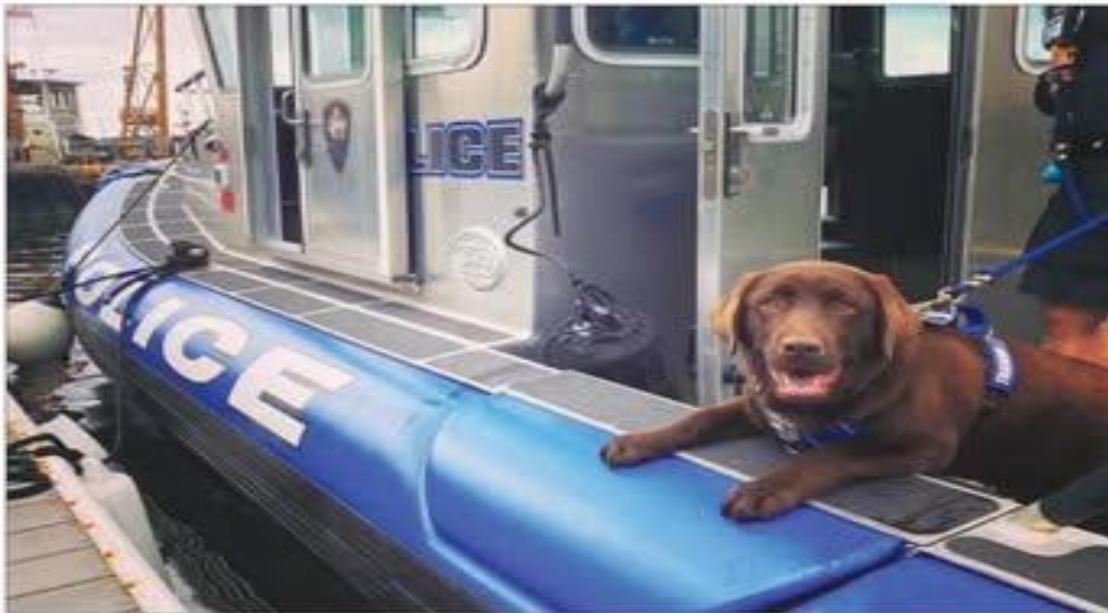


A YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

Bristol Phoenix

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

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Brody takes to the harbor on Marine 1.

Officer Brody to retire

And he's taking School Resource Officer Keith Medeiros with him

BY CHRISTY NADALEN
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It's been a great run for Brody, who first charmed his way into Bristol's heart in April of 2020, falling asleep on Chief Kevin Lynch's desk during his swearing-in ceremony. His name is a mix of two words; the "B" is for Bristol and the "ody" for Rhode Island. Despite the pandemic complicating the socialization process, Brody learned his assignment well, and though his primary job was to serve as a comfort dog in the district's four elementary schools, he has also made countless appearances at public events, establishments, and facilities including the Rhode Island Veterans' Home, Rogers Free Library, the Bristol Senior Center, and Roger Williams University.

Brody came to Bristol after School Resource Officer (SRO) Keith Medeiros pitched the idea to Chief Kevin Lynch. "I always wanted to be a K9 officer, but I loved being an SRO, and I knew a typical K9, a narcotics dog, would have put me back on patrol," Medeiros said. "When Chief Lynch came on, he expressed interest in getting a K9, and I started doing some research, and came across the police therapy and comfort dog program."

Medeiros made some contacts, and heard about Bonnellfield Labrador, a breeder with an excellent reputation for breeding comfort and therapy dogs. The rest is history.

Brody was the Bristol Police Department's first comfort and therapy dog, and the 4th in the state following Cranston, Pawtucket, and Providence. Several other commu-



SRO Keith Medeiros and K9 Officer Brody, shortly after Medeiros received the 2023 Floyd Ledbetter National School Resource Officer of the Year Award at the National Association of School Resource Officers annual summit in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Captain Julie Veader honored by Police Chiefs Association

Trailblazing officer was the first female member of Bristol's department

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On Dec. 17, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association honored law enforcement professionals, presenting their annual awards for outstanding contributions across various categories of excellence.

Bristol's Captain Julie Veader was among them, as the Female Officer of the Year.

Veader, the first female police officer in Bristol's history, has had a remarkable 27-year career marked by exceptional leadership and dedication. She has implemented innovative strategies, such as a cold case unit and enhanced investigative techniques, while also fostering a culture of mentorship and professional development within the department.

Originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, Veader says that she always wanted to be a police officer. "I worked very hard to get where I am," she said. "And I was blessed to have the opportunity to join a great department. I'm so glad I chose Bristol, I couldn't be more thankful."

As Bristol's first female officer, she has had an opportunity to see some incredible changes over the length of her career. "Things have changed so much, back then, the other officers...they didn't know what to make of you," he said. When Veader joined the Police Academy, she was one of only 5 women. These days, he says that women make up about half of the candidates. Today, the Town of Bristol has 6 female active duty officers.



Colonel Bradford Connor, Chief of Police for Warwick and the President of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, Captain Julie Veader, and Chief Kevin Lynch.

"Women today have such an accepted role in police work," she said. "Women bring a needed, nurturing aspect to policing. Times have changed, and police are not this authoritarian presence they once were."

Though Veader says that she was fortunate to have supportive male colleagues on the force from the beginning, she says there were still many days where she was afraid, as a woman, to speak out. Those days are over. "Today, we have a voice," she said.

Veader admits to being completely humbled and honored by the award, with one regret. "I wish my father was here to see this, but he passed two years ago," she said. "He would have been very proud."

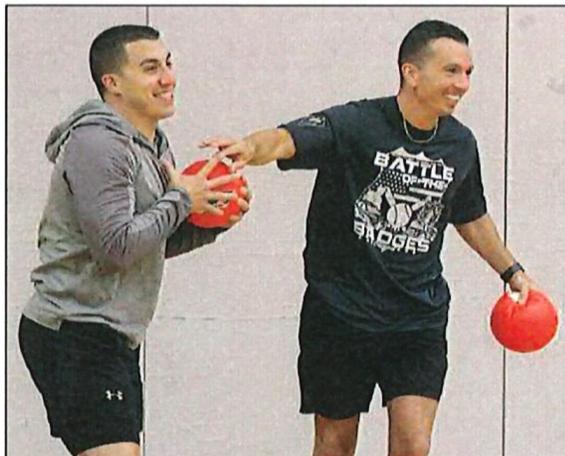
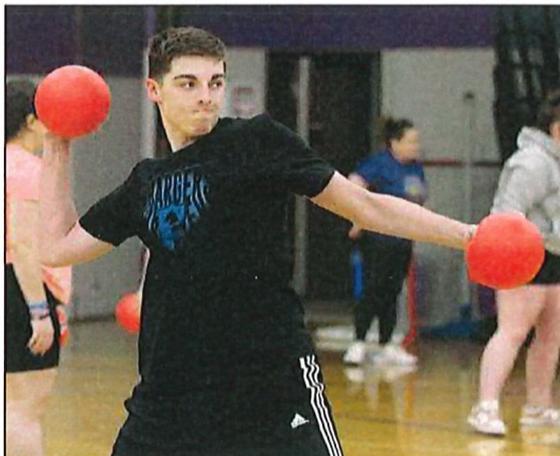
Additional recipients included Detective Michael Iacone, a 22-year veteran of the Cranston Police Department, The Community Officer of the Year award; Joe Terino, a steadfast sup-

porter of the Chiefs Association, The Civilian Liaison of the Year Award; and Sergeant Dennis Smith of the Foster Police Department, The Distinguished Service Award. There were two Lifetime Achievement Award recipients: Retired Police Chief Richard S. Tamburini, in recognition of his remarkable 54 years of continuous service in law enforcement, the longest tenure in the state's history; and Colonel Stephen McCartney, a distinguished law enforcement professional with nearly 50 years of service.

"This year's award recipients have exemplified what it means to serve with excellence," said Colonel Brad Connor, President of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association and Warwick's Chief of Police. "Their achievements highlight the vital role that law enforcement plays in fostering safe and connected communities while inspiring their peers to follow their lead in making a difference."

Dodgeball is back!

As part of "Wellness Week" at Mt. Hope High School, students and teachers enjoyed a spirited dodgeball tournament against volunteers from the Bristol and Warren police, fire, and rescue departments. Though the Bristol Police won the day, all had so much fun playing the classic schoolyard game that organizers hope to reprise the event soon. **ABOVE:** Bristol firemen vie for dodgeballs during a game against the Warren firefighters.



LEFT: Mt. Hope student Brennan McLaughlin throws a ball at the Warren firefighters. **RIGHT:** Bristol Police Sgt. Kyle Baptista (left) receives a ball from patrolman Tyler Carreiro during a game against the Warren Police Department.

Bristol Phoenix, Thursday, May 22, 2025

Chief for the day

Winning essay nets local girl a fun day, complete with Brody and ravioli

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Colt Andrews fourth grader Isabella Crouse's winning essay landed her a pretty important job — if only for a day.

"If I was the Police Chief for a day then the first thing that I would do is drive around in the police car to see if everybody is safe or if they need help because being the Police Chief means helping others and making sure people are safe and happy," she wrote.

Happiness was a key theme. Isabella's hypothetical day included helping people cross the street, going to the library and reading books to kids, visiting the schools, bringing puzzle books to seniors and finally, buying donuts for the police officers. "As Police Chief it is my job to make them happy and to cheer them up," she wrote. "So that's what I would do if I was



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Fourth-grader Isabella Crouse begins her busy day as 'Chief for the Day' as Chief Kevin Lynch salutes in the background. The day's itinerary included a tour of several town departments, lunch at the Bristol House of Pizza, and a visit to Franklin Court.

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Bristol Phoenix, Thursday, May 29, 2025

On Memorial Day, Bristol honors those who served

With a welcome break from the weekend rain, a crowd came out for Bristol's annual Memorial Day observances, beginning with a solemn wreath-laying at the North Burial Ground and a keynote address from Brigadier General (Ret.) Greg Ebner, a Bristol resident who served as Patriotic Speaker for the 2024 July 4th Celebration. The parade down Hope Street followed, the route lined by spectators young and old waving American flags. The procession made its way to the Veterans Memorial Garden at the Burnside Building, where the observances honoring those who served and gave their lives throughout the nation's various wars and conflicts concluded.



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LEFT: The keynote speaker for the day was Brigadier General (Ret.) Greg Ebner. **RIGHT:** The Bristol Police lead the procession south on Hope Street.

Bristol Phoenix, Thursday, June 26, 2025

Opening night of concert series begins with a special visitor

Kate and the Mongrels and Crushed Velvet opened up the July 4th concert series on Saturday, June 21. But before the musicians took to the stage, Bristol honored a very special guest. Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel, a remarkable 13-year-old from Houston, Texas who has been battling brain and spinal cancer, was officially sworn in as an honorary member of the Bristol Police Department. And not just Bristol — departments from all over the state sent officers to honor DJ and help him achieve his dream, including Barrington, Lincoln, Burrillville, Tiverton, Warwick, Cumberland, Westerly, RI Environmental Police, Johnston, East Providence, Warren, Cranston, Narragansett, Rhode Island State Police, Hopkinton, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Portsmouth, Brown University, and Little Compton.

Originally diagnosed in 2018 and given just 5 months to live, DJ made it his mission to get sworn in by as many law enforcement agencies as possible.

Hosted by the James D. Rielly Foundation and led by Town Administrator Steven Contente and Police Chief Kevin Lynch, the ceremony celebrated DJ's strength and courage.

In a sweet moment, DJ's father Theodis, went off script when it was time to pin the badge on DJ, and asked Liliانا Iavarone, 13, of Bristol to do the honors.

Though the swearing-in was certainly a highlight of DJ's weekend in Bristol, he also enjoyed the carnival, the 4th of July Ball, and a trip around the harbor on the BPD vessel Marine 1.

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(l-r) Theodis Daniel, Lilianna Iavarone, and DJ Daniel.

RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

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Bristol Police Chief Kevin Lynch with a \$5,600 check donated by the Elks for the self-defense classes his department offers at no cost to East Bay women. From left to right are Officer Rachael Gaffney, an expert in the RAD (Rape, Aggression, Defense) system, Elks trustee David Cioe and Elks Exalted Ruler Brian Joinson.



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Learning to lead

Recently wrapping up its 8th year, the Bristol Police's Youth Leadership Camp graduated 55 campers, the biggest cohort to date. According to Capt. Steven St. Pierre, who has run the camp since its inception, there were also 15 former graduates who returned as Counselors-In-Training this year, taking on the role of both staff and campers, as well as two campers from the first season, now college students, who returned to help. According to St. Pierre, the continued engagement of older students is good evidence that the camp is meeting its mission to teach campers leadership skills that they will carry with them for life. **ABOVE LEFT:** Sgt. Kyle Baptista (left) and Chief Kevin Lynch pose with Abigail St. Pierre after handing her a CIT graduation certificate. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Sgt. Kyle Baptista (left) and Chief Kevin Lynch pose with Jack Rogers after handing him a CIT graduation certificate. **LEFT:** The end of camp group shot with parents and police.

Contente is the Bristol Sports Club's Man of the Year

The award celebrates his dedication to the community

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On the evening of Saturday, Nov. 1, relatives and friends began gathering early at the Bristol Sports Club, to celebrate Bristol Town Administrator Steven Contente, who was chosen as the club's 2025 "Man of the Year."

According to club president, Elisio Castro, the banquet hall was filled to capacity, in celebration of Mr. Contente's love of community and dedication as a public servant, among other virtues.

"He's just a great guy," echoed Mr. Castro. "He's been a great leader for our town, and he truly deserved this honor this year."

The son of the late Ildio (Leo) and Barbara Contente, Steve learned his lessons well in life, thanks in part, to his beloved parents. On this particular evening, you could sense Steve's loss, not having his parents by his side on this special night. They would have been proud.

For the record, Contente has been on a roll lately. Last November, he was re-elected to a fifth term as town administrator, and in 2023, he was named Chief Marshal of the Bristol Fourth of July Celebration. But, he views being named Bristol Sports Club "Man of the Year" as equally important and prestigious.

During the course of the evening, Contente received many rounds of applause and good



MANNY CORREIRA

The Contente family at the conclusion of Steve Contente's Bristol Sports Club "Man of the Year" banquet. Steve and wife Kristen Contente (center) surrounded by their children left-right Matthew, Alaina, and Levi.

wishes from a number of longtime friends, including Tony Avila.

"He's one of the best guys you'll find anywhere," Mr. Avila said. "He's done a lot for this town."

Said former Bristol Town Councilman

Michael P. Mello, "I think Steve does a great job. He's unassuming. He rolls his sleeves up and gets the job done."

Contente received a number of citations and plaques during the course of the evening, including those from the Rhode State Legisla-

ture, the St. Elizabeth Church Holy Ghost Committee, as well as the Warren Soccer Club and Santo Cristo Club.

Guest speaker on the program was Bristol Town Council Chairman Nathan Calouro, who talked about Contente at length, and his beloved family, and the great job he's done in the Bristol community.

"With him, it's not about power...it's about service," he stressed. "And, Steve really believes in family. It is very important to him."

The evening's program also included greetings from Jennifer Neves, an invocation by the Rev. Vander S. Martins, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church. Master of Ceremonies was Arthur Cabral.

The Bristol Sports Club Board of Directors includes (General Assembly) Herman Mello, president; Arlindo Brito, vice president; and Antonio Teixeira, secretary; as well as Directors Elisio Castro, president; Carlos Pimental, vice president; Joao Pinho, secretary; and Idilia Silva, treasurer.

Last, but not least, Steve Contente, who was a bit teary-eyed at times, got up and stepped to the podium and said, "I love all of you. I have much respect for all of you." He also thanked the town council for what they do and represent.

"Strength comes from personal responsibility," he noted. "We have a lot to be optimistic about. It's an honor to work with you and serve our town."



On behalf of Town Administrator Steven Contente and Chief of Police Kevin M. Lynch, we would like to recognize Captain Roman Wozny and SRO Keith Medeiros for completing 25 Years of dedicated service to the Town of Bristol...





On behalf of Town Administrator Steven Contente and Chief of Police Kevin M. Lynch, we would like to recognize Lt. Brian Morse, Lt. Brett Estrella, Lt. Michael Vieira and Detective Tim Kearns for completing 20 Years of dedicated service to the Town of Bristol.



Lt. Brian Morse



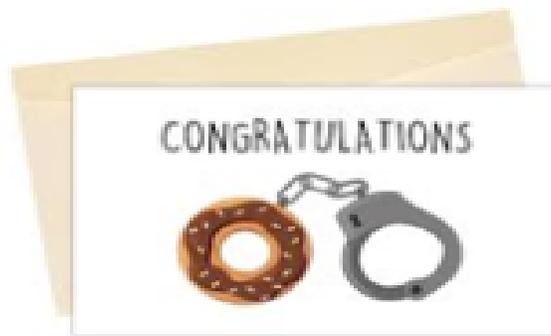
Lt. Michael Vieira



Lt. Brett Estrella



Detective Tim Kearns



TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN HERO

OFFICER RICHARD JEAN-GEORGES



June 6, 2025 marks 10 years since we lost one of our own — Officer Richard Jean-Georges. Though a decade has passed, his memory remains etched in our hearts and in the fabric of our department. Officer Jean-Georges served with honor, courage, and compassion. He was more than a colleague — he was a friend, a protector, and a dedicated public servant who gave his all to the community he loved. We remember his kindness, his integrity, and the unwavering commitment he showed each day he wore the badge. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the example he set for all who continue to serve. Since joining the department in 2019, Chief Kevin Lynch has often reflected on the lasting impact Officer Jean-Georges had on our agency, stating: “Officer Jean-Georges’ legacy has remained a part of the fabric of this department, and retiring his Badge #36 as a tribute to his heroism, compassion, and resolve was an absolute honor for every active and retired member of the Bristol Police Department. His essence still resonates within our headquarters and serves as a catalyst for delivering excellence to our community.”

SADLY MISSED, NEVER FORGOTTEN



Bristol Police were honored to celebrate the legacy of Officer Richard Jean-Georges by formally retiring his badge number # 36.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Town of Bristol's

Community Night Out

August 13, 2025



FUN AND GAMES



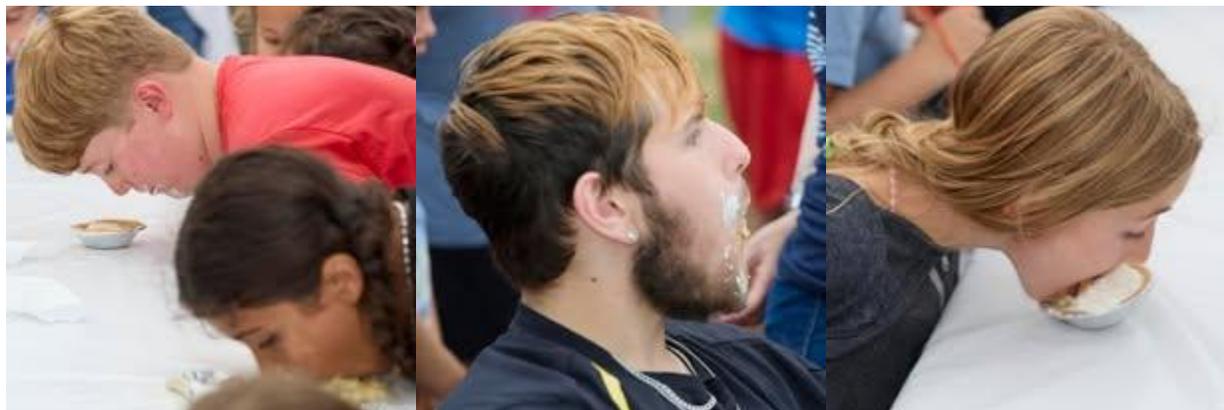
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BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GUESTS



DUNK TANK DONATION TO FOOD PANTRY



Members of the Bristol Police Department were proud to present the East Bay Food Pantry with a \$654 donation; funds raised from the dunk tank and canned goods generously donated during Bristol Community Night Out 2025.

SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT FROM OUR HONORABLE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND OUR HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL



Town Administrator Steven Contente



Town Council Mary Parella, Tony Teixeira, Nathan Calouro, Aaron Ley, and Timothy Sweeney

A DISTINCT SINCERE THANK YOU TO OUR DIAMOND, PLATINUM, AND GOLDEN SPONSORS!

The graphic features a night cityscape background with a full moon. At the top center is the 'COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT 2025' logo. To the left is the 'TOWN OF BRISTOL HOUSE OF PIZZA' seal, and to the right is the 'BRISTOL POLICE' shield. Below are three sponsor categories:

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT.



Thank you to [Silver Creek Rehab and Healthcare Center](#) for providing the Bristol Police Department staff with a wonderful luncheon. We truly appreciate your generosity and continued support of our department and community!



Thank you to [Dawn Hill Home Rehab and Health Care](#) for providing breakfast for our staff. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

FRANKLIN COURT BINGO NIGHT – MAY 14, 2025



Chief Kevin Lynch & Captain Julie Veader joined Franklin Court Assisted Living for Bingo Night!

READING WEEK AT MT.CARMEL SCHOOL



Bristol Police Chief Kevin Lynch, SRO Keith Medeiros, and K9 Brody kicked off Reading Week at Mt. Carmel School, bringing excitement to the students and encouraging a love for books.

CAR SEAT INSTALLATION



Officer Rachel Gaffney safely installs a child's car seat.

ANNUAL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HALLOWEEN WALK ABOUT

We had another fantastic turnout and passed out hundreds of bags of cookies! The costumes were incredible once again and made the day even more special. From kids to parents to adults, thank you all for dressing up and bringing a fun, community-focused event to our downtown area! 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 Ptlw. Stephanie Salisbury for facilitating this year's Walkabout and thank Clerk Natalie Stone and Business Manager Alissa Surkont for their help behind the scenes. We appreciate all the volunteers and local merchants who work each year to make this event a success! Thank you to our sponsors:

- Bristol Prevention Coalition,
- Bristol Town Council
- Bristol County Elks #1860
- Knights of Columbus, Bristol Council #379, looking forward to next year.



HALLOWEEN WALK ABOUT



COFFEE WITH A COP CLEMENTS MARKET



Coffee WITH A Cop

October 1, 2025
From 9:00 - 11:00 am
at Clements' Bristol

Stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut or pastry with members of the Bristol police department.

Coffee with a cop is designed to “break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve.”



COFFEE WITH A COP BENJAMIN CHURCH SENIOR CENTER



SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Town Officials and Bristol PD officers were happy to assist with the Senior Christmas Dinner at the Quinta-Gamelin Community Center.



988

Suicide & Crisis **LIFELINE**

The Bristol Police Department is proud to support Bristol HEZ in spreading the word about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. If you or someone you know is experiencing emotional distress, thoughts of suicide, or a mental health or substance use crisis, help is always available.

☎ Call or Text 988 to connect with trained crisis counselors.

- ✔ Free
- ✔ Confidential
- ✔ Available 24/7
- ✔ For all ages



Pictured with Chief Lynch is Emily Spence from Bristol HEZ

“CHIEF FOR A DAY”

Congratulations to **Isabella Crouse** from Colt Andrews School on winning the “Chief for a Day” contest! Isabella was officially sworn in by Town Administrator Steven Contente and spent the day with Chief Kevin Lynch, getting a firsthand look at police work in the Bristol community. Great job, Chief Crouse!



Pictured are Chief Isabella Crouse and Chief Kevin Lynch



Bristol Police Toy Drive



Dodge Ball Tournament 2024



The Bristol Police Department participated in the Warren Prevention Coalition's Week of Wellness Dodgeball Tournament at Mt. Hope High School — and emerged as Tournament Champions!

World War II Veterans' 105th Birthday



Sgt. Kyle Batista, Sgt. Sean Gonsalves, and Ptlm. Joseph Celio stopped by the Bristol Senior Center to visit World War II D-Day Veteran Mr. Arthur Medeiros in honor of his 105th birthday.

Bristol Parks and Recreation Annual Senior Picnic



Proud to support the Bristol Parks and Recreation Annual Senior Picnic, Chief Lynch and our BPD Officers helped serve lunch and connect with the community. Pictured Sgt. Barry Carinha and Ben Teves.

James L. Maher Center Annual Summer Cookout



The Bristol Police Department was proud to join our friends at the **James L. Maher Center** annual summer cookout! This event is always a highlight of the season, giving us the chance to enjoy great food, sunshine, and most importantly, quality time with the incredible individuals and staff of the Maher Center.

BRISTOL POLICE YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Bristol Police Department would like to congratulate all the campers who completed this year's 8th Annual Youth Leadership Academy. These campers excelled during a grueling, hot week of physical and mental activities, all designed to reinforce the camp's core values: honesty, integrity, teamwork, communication, courage, respect, and leadership skills intended to help them become effective peer leaders.



They did an exceptional job all week, and we couldn't be prouder!

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY 2025

The Bristol Police Department would like to thank this year's graduating class for their commitment over the past 11 weeks. Participants gained valuable insight into law enforcement through hands-on demonstrations, equipment overviews, a ride-along with officers, and a session with our Firearms Virtual Training system. A special thank you to Town Administrator Steven Contente and Chief Kevin Lynch for addressing the class and presenting diplomas at the graduation ceremony.



Congratulations to our Citizens Police Academy Graduates

“THANK YOU”



Members of The Bristol Police Department enjoyed a “coffee cup salute” at Borealis Coffee Company - 500 Wood Street to recognize a special Bristolian, Joseph Brito Jr, for his copious years of support to improve the mission of the Bristol Police Department. Chief Lynch stated that it was fitting to have the event at Unity Park, a location reengineered by Mr. Brito and the project’s mission of “unity” which is his hallmark of bringing business and community together. Mr. Brito is a true fabric of Bristol, and his support for our community-based programs has helped build a better public safety platform, and we wanted to recognize all his efforts in a formal way and say THANKS”.

Thank you, Elks Log #1860



Thank you to the Elks Lodge #1860 executives board and members for your unwavering support and donations to our Therapy/Comfort Dog program over the last 5 1/2 years. We could never have made this program possible and so successful without your help.

Devarjave “DJ” Daniel

Honorary Officer with the Bristol Police



Devarjave “DJ” Daniel, who has been battling brain and spinal cancer since 2018, was sworn in as an honorary officer of the Bristol Police Department and other law enforcement agencies from Rhode Island. Chief Lynch & Town Administrator Steven Contente, alongside representatives from over 20 police departments across the state, swore in DJ Daniel as an honorary officer, as well as with all the other attending agencies.



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



The Bristol Police Department is proud to recognize all our dedicated members who took part in this year's Rhode Island Law Enforcement Torch Run supporting the RI Special Olympics.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Chief Kevin Lynch and members of the Bristol Police Department hosted a wreath-laying ceremony to mark the start of National Police Week and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Captain Julie Veader served as the Master of Ceremonies. Thank you to Town Administrator Steven Contente for speaking to State Rep. Susan Donovan, State Senator Linda Ujifusa, Town Council member Aaron Ley, and retired Captain James Annis for attending. National Police Week was established in 1962 by President Kennedy to recognize law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Each year, names of fallen officers are added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial and read aloud at the annual Candlelight Vigil in Washington, D.C.





THE BAT MOBILE IS IN BRISTOL FOR THE FIREWORKS.
DRIVE SOBER.



The BAT Mobile was in Bristol over the 4th of July celebration to help officers test and process suspected impaired drivers.



57 **DUI ARRESTS**
BY RI LAW ENFORCEMENT
FROM 7/3/25 - 7/6/25
DRIVE SOBER.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Bristol Police Honor Guard, Command Staff, Patrol Officers, and Motorcycle Unit proudly participated in the Bristol Memorial Day Parade. We are honored to march in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



4TH OF JULY PARADE 2025



Thank you to everyone who joined us in Bristol for the 240th Fourth of July Parade! Your support helped make it a safe and fun event for all. We'll see you next year for our 241st celebration, which will also mark the 250th Semi quincennial Anniversary of the United States of America.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAR SEAT CLINIC



DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK

BRISTOL POLICE

Saturday, October 25
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



FREE CAR SEAT

DEA NATIONAL DRUG TAKEBACK



DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK

Saturday, October 25
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

DEATakeBack.com



BOATER SAFETY COURSE



BOATER SAFETY COURSE

Register for the RI DEM approved Boater Safety Course to learn safe, responsible boating in Rhode Island. This course covers boating laws, required gear, navigation rules, emergency procedures, and concludes with a final exam for certification.



REGISTER

Sunday, October 26, 2025
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
(please bring a lunch)

Bristol Maritime Center
127 Thames Street
Bristol RI, 02809



For more info, please contact:
gmarsili@bristolri.gov



WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE COURSE

FREE WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR

Thursday, Nov 6th at 6pm





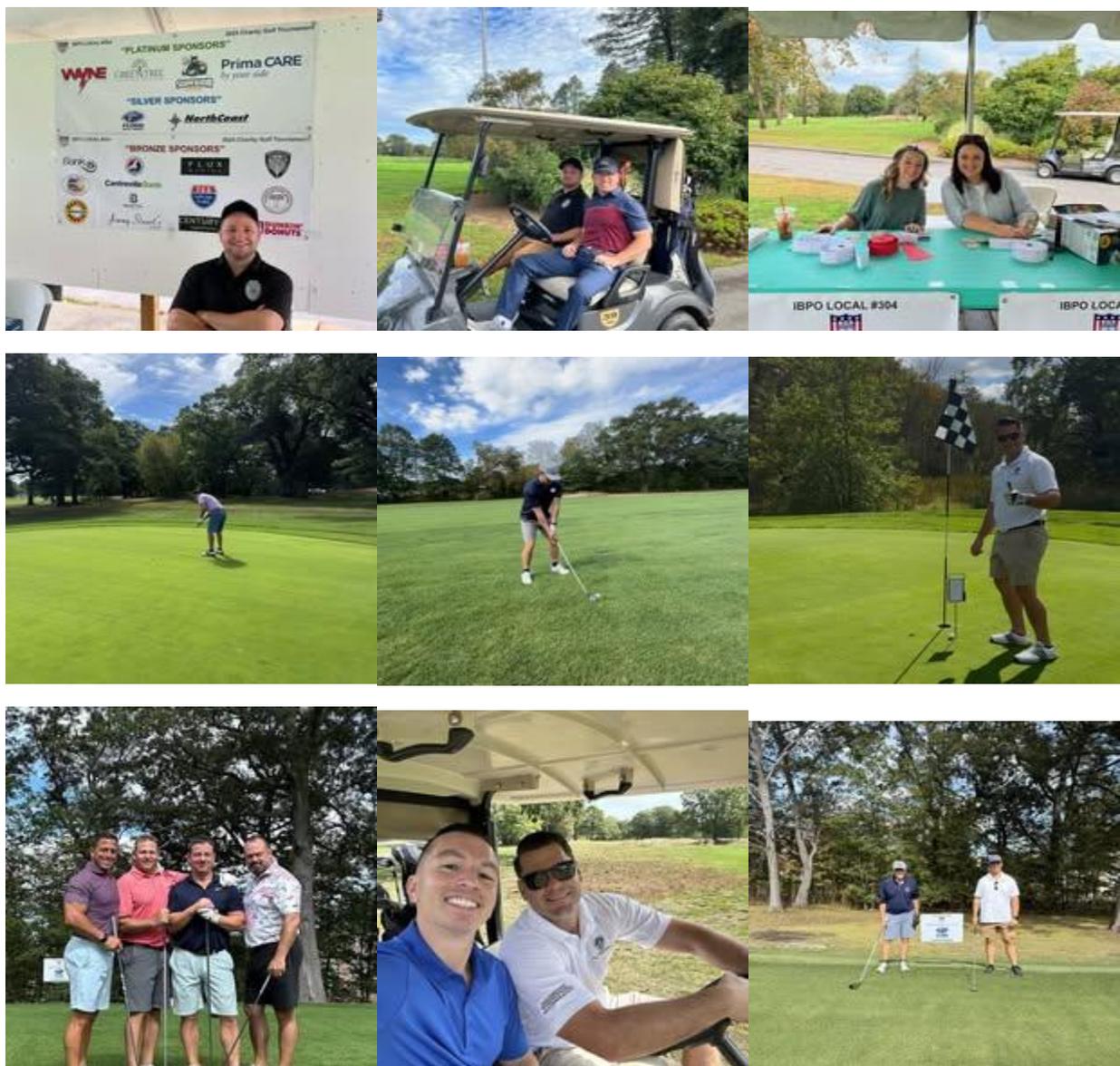
- Nearly one-third of women worldwide report sexual violence at some point in their lives.
- Sexual assaults occur every 73 seconds for adults.
- 1 in 6 U.S. women has experienced attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

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A great day on the course! The Bristol Police Department IBPO 304 Annual Golf Tournament at Triggs Memorial Golf Course was a huge success on September 26th. We'd like to extend a big thank you to all our sponsors and participants who made this event possible. Your support helps us continue to serve our community both on and off the course.



STATISTICS

The Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 35,763 calls for service during 2025. In 2024, the Bristol Police Department responded to or initiated a total of 35,098 calls for service, a 1.01% increase from the previous year. Many calls for service were documented in incident reports, Arrest Reports, or Accident Reports.

BRISTOL POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE	35,763
2024 CALLS FOR SERVICE	35,098

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS 2025

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS 2025	5,491
VERBAL WARNINGS	4,038
RHODE ISLAND TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL CIVIL CITATIONS	730
MUNICIPAL COURT CITATIONS	692
NOTICE AND DEMAND	18
TOWN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	8
CITATION ARREST	5
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	913

COMMON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED 2025

SPEEDING	354
OBEDIENCE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	351
TIMES WHEN LIGHTS ARE REQUIRED	193
CELL PHONE VIOLATIONS	678
LEAVING LANE OF TRAVEL	85
NO SEAT BELT	128
OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES	95
INSPECTION VIOLATIONS	18
REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS	175

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE / REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO A CHEMICAL TEST

The following formal police contact data was collected from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Note: the tables below only capture the number of contacts that resulted in an arrest. The Table also documents the past five years.

DUI/REFUSAL	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
WHITE	25	35	20	28	17
BLACK	1	0	1	1	0
ASIAN	0	1	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	36	21	29	17

STREETS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS 2025

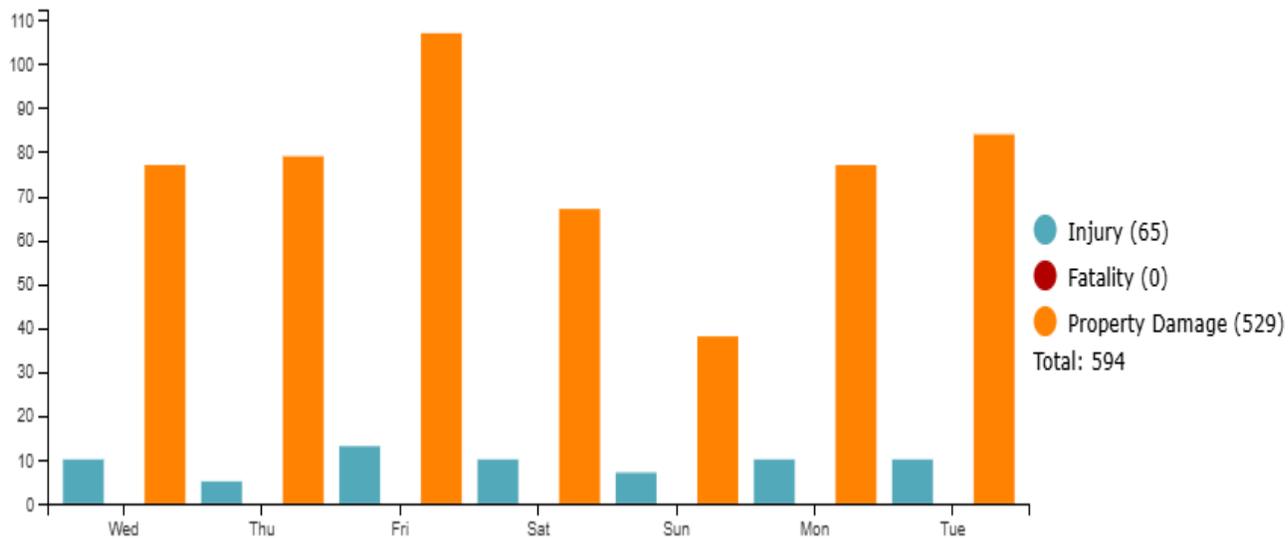
YEAR	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BAYVIEW AVENUE	17	16	15	8	11
FERRY ROAD	18	35	25	14	18
CHESTNUT STREET	16	14	11	17	7
FRANKLIN STREET	18	19	17	16	16
GOODING AVENUE	24	21	22	29	24
HOPE STREET	108	117	99	94	114
METACOM AVENUE	226	226	230	185	189
MT. HOPE AVENUE	11	13	5	4	6
OLD FERRY ROAD	12	9	3	3	6
STATE STREET	8	11	19	25	8
THAMES STREET	17	18	14	16	12
WOOD STREET	22	38	35	33	19

**2025
TRAFFIC
DATA**

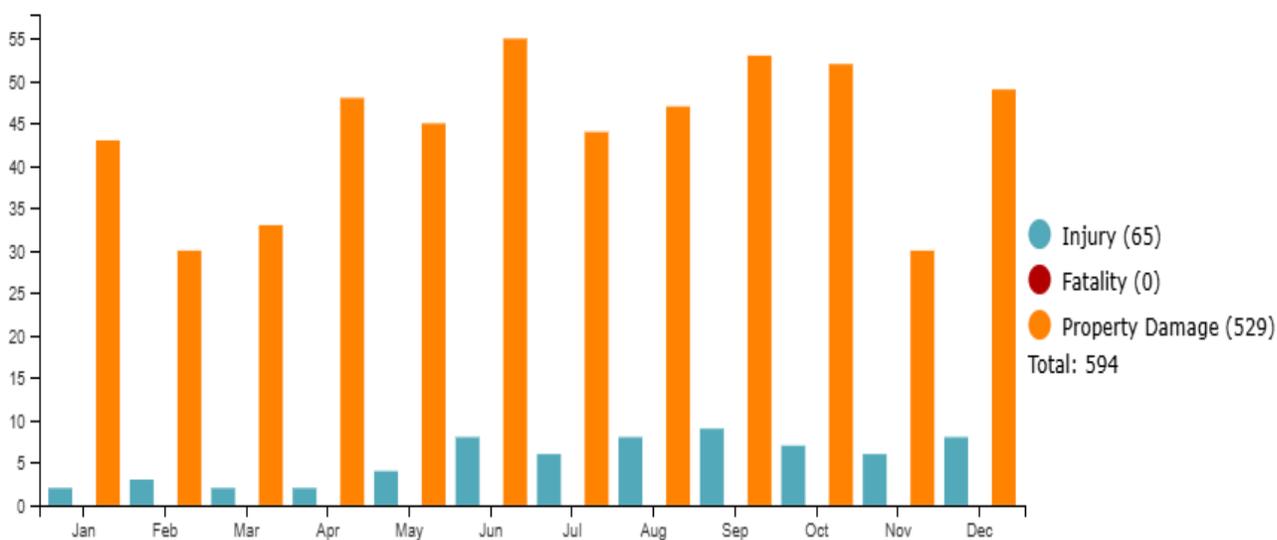
RACE/SEX	WARNINGS	CITATIONS
<i>White Non-Hispanic Male</i>	1773	763
<i>Black Non-Hispanic Male</i>	185	86
<i>Hispanic Latino, Any Race, male</i>	128	94
Other Male	87	11
White Female	1496	387
Other Female	84	39
Total White	57	31
Total Minority	60	21
TOTAL	3868	1363
Total Minority Operators	14%	
Total Caucasians Operators	78%	



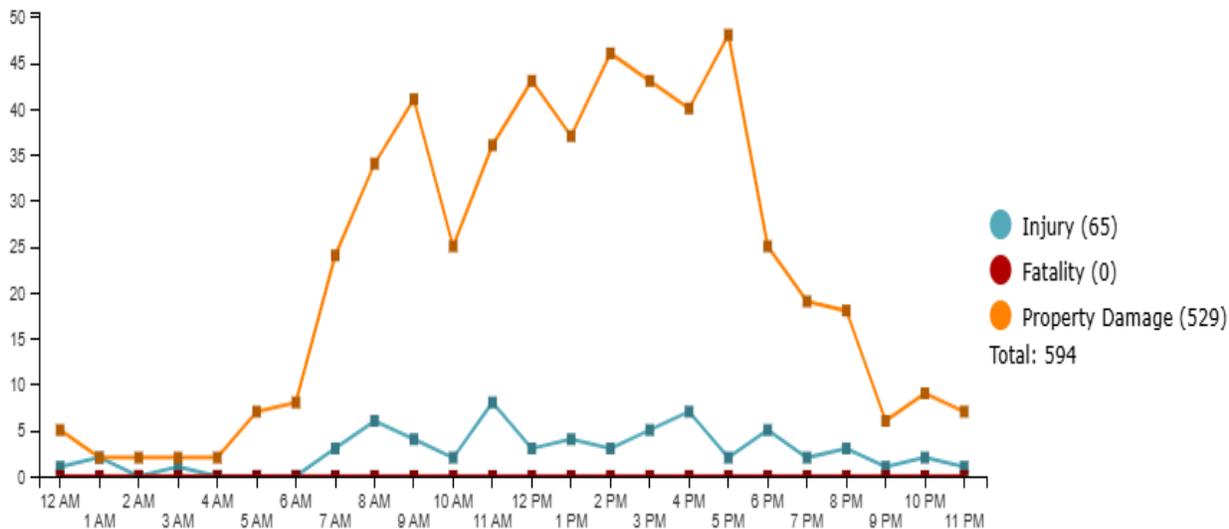
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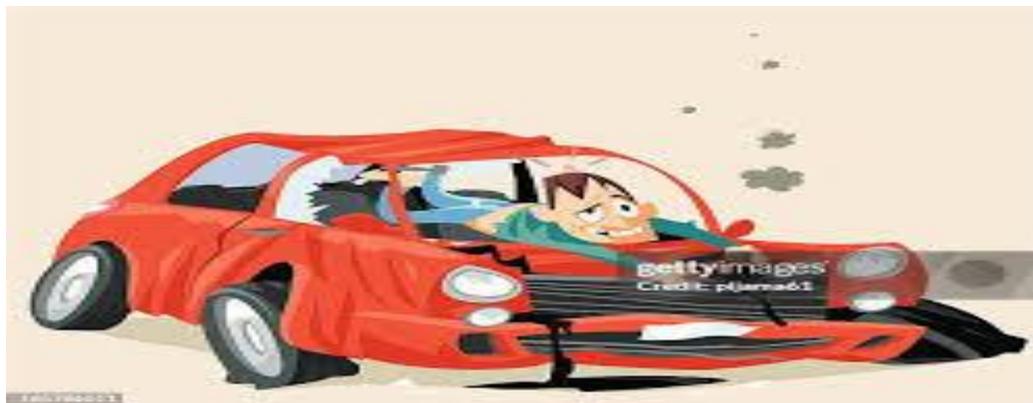
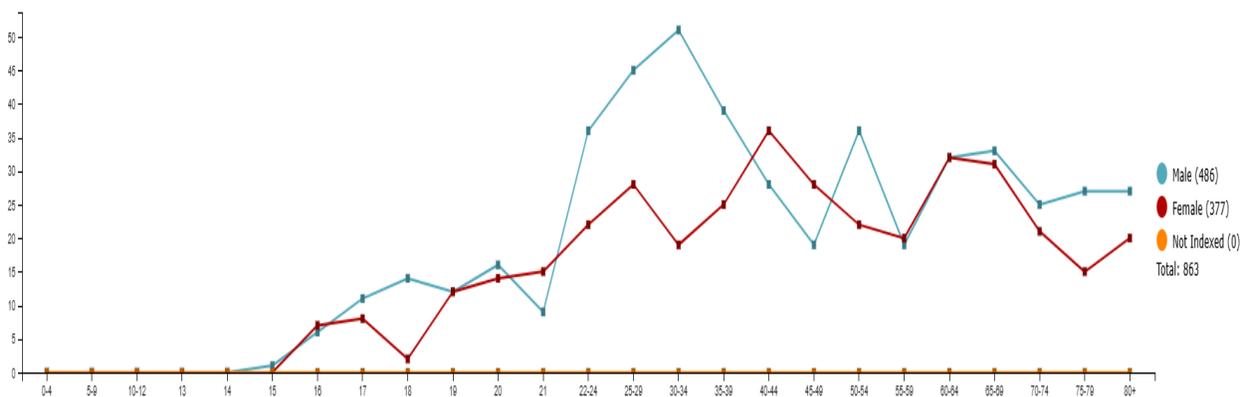
ACCIDENTS BY MONTH



Accident Data by Time of Day



Accident Data by Age and Gender of Operator



2025 USE OF FORCE REPORT

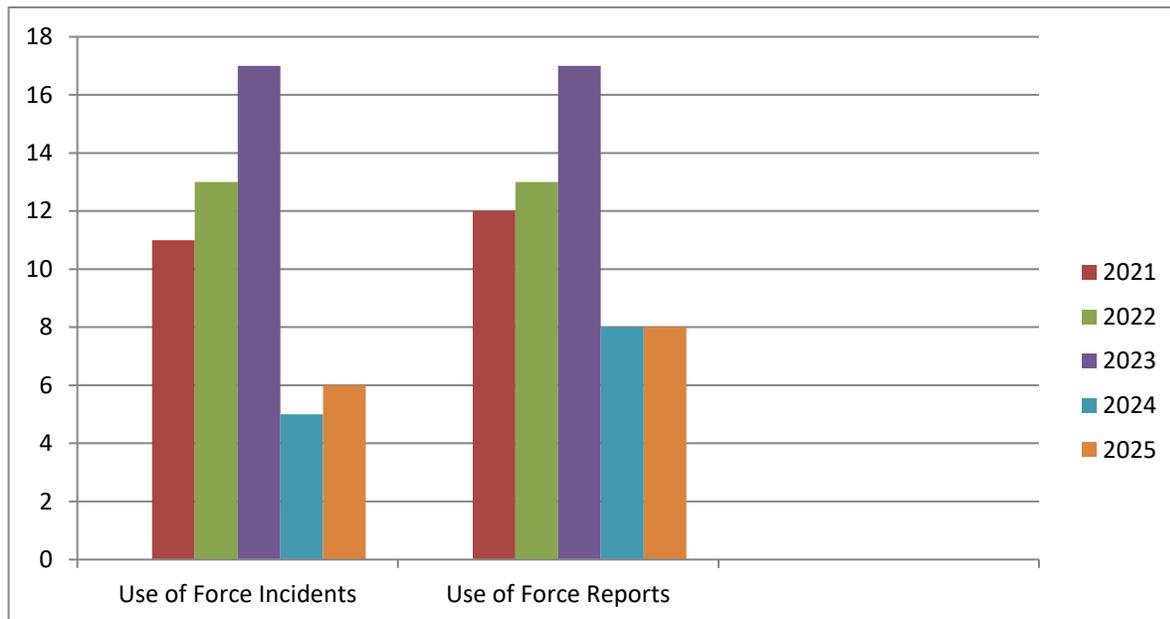
Response to Resistance / Non-Compliance

A 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. During the twelve months of 2025, officers of the Bristol Police Department were involved in (6) Use of Force Incidents. Officers using force are required by policy to complete a Use-of-Force report. In 2025, the six (6) incidents resulted in officers completing (8) Use-of-Force reports. This number is higher than the previous year's reporting (5), indicating the application of Use of Force was consistent with the trends observed in previous years and continued to reflect higher instances of usage. Also consistent with the previous two years, this year found increased contact with intoxicated suspects or persons requiring protective custody for mental health treatment were the largest factors. For the 6 UOF reports completed, 13 different officers completed reports, and 3 of those officers completed reports for multiple incidents throughout the review. Officers also completed 36 Discharge of Firearm reports for Euthanizing Animals. The slight increase in total Use of Force reports is evident, with 3 incidents involving suicidal mentally ill individuals, 1 involving highly intoxicated persons, and 1 instance where a Taser was presented to gain compliance, leading to 1 Taser deployment, with one 1 incident where a firearm was presented during these incidents.

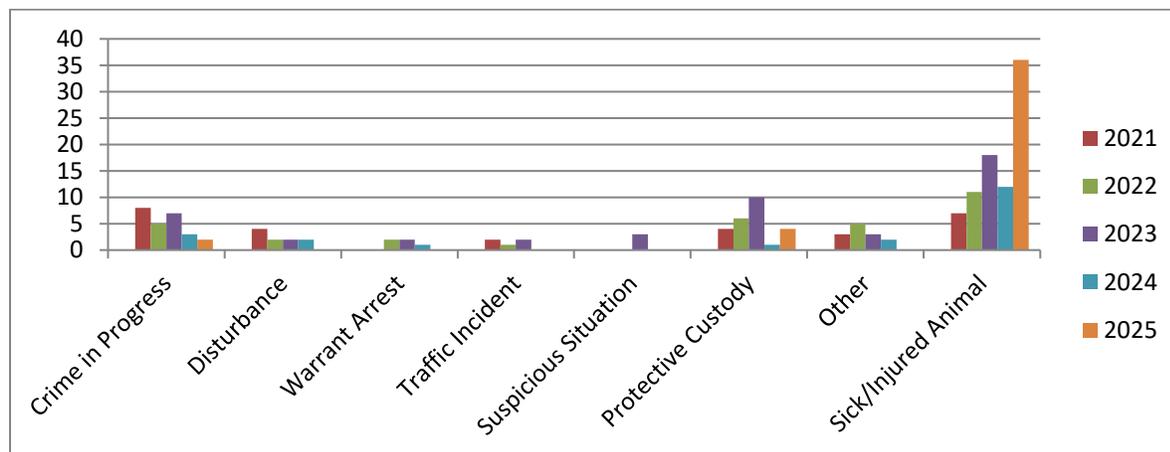
The Calendar Year 2025

Force Type	Proper Use-Justified	Unjustified/Discipline	TOTAL
PHYSICAL	5	0	5
O.C. SPRAY	0	0	0
TASER (displayed)	1	0	1
TASER (discharged)	1	0	1
LETHAL FORCE	0	0	0
FIREARM DRAWN TO GAIN COMPLIANCE	1	0	1
DISCHARGE OF FIREARM (animal euthanasia)	36	0	36
TOTAL	44	0	46

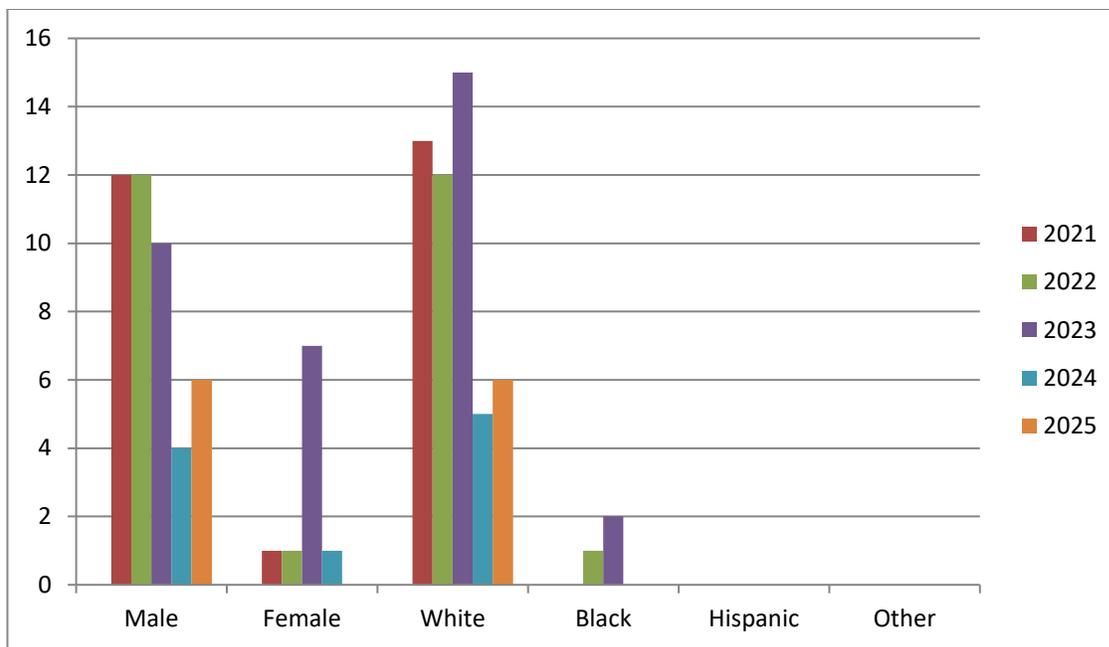
USE OF FORCE REPORT/ Response to Resistance/ Non-Compliance



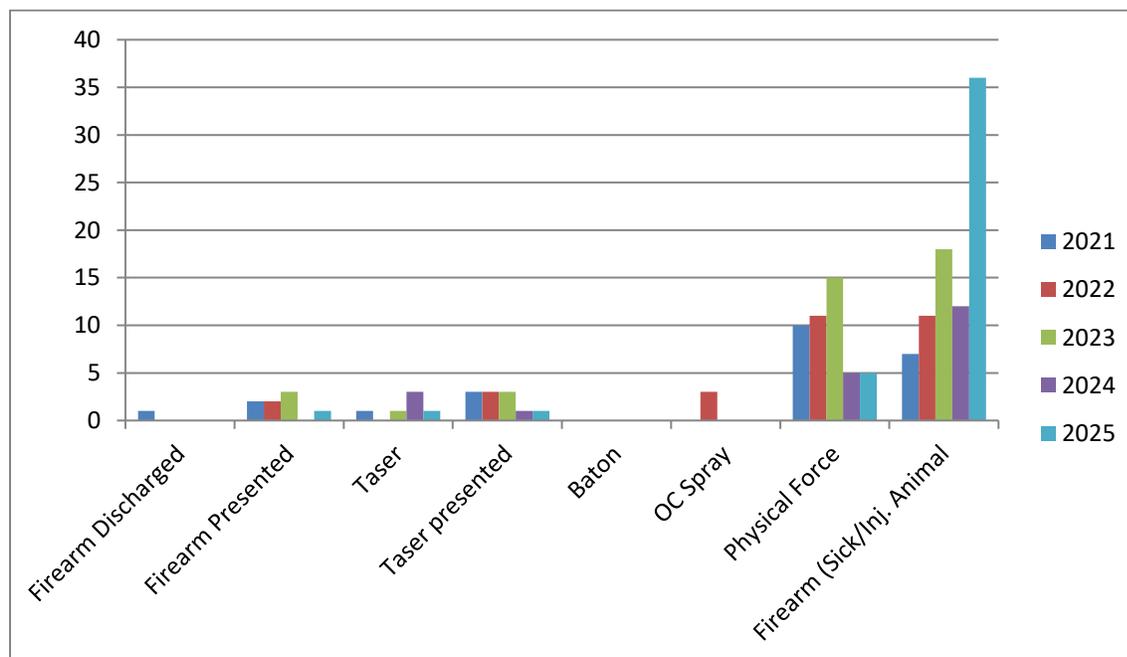
The following types of incidents resulting in the use of force were listed by officers in 2025: Multiple Categories can apply to a single reported incident:



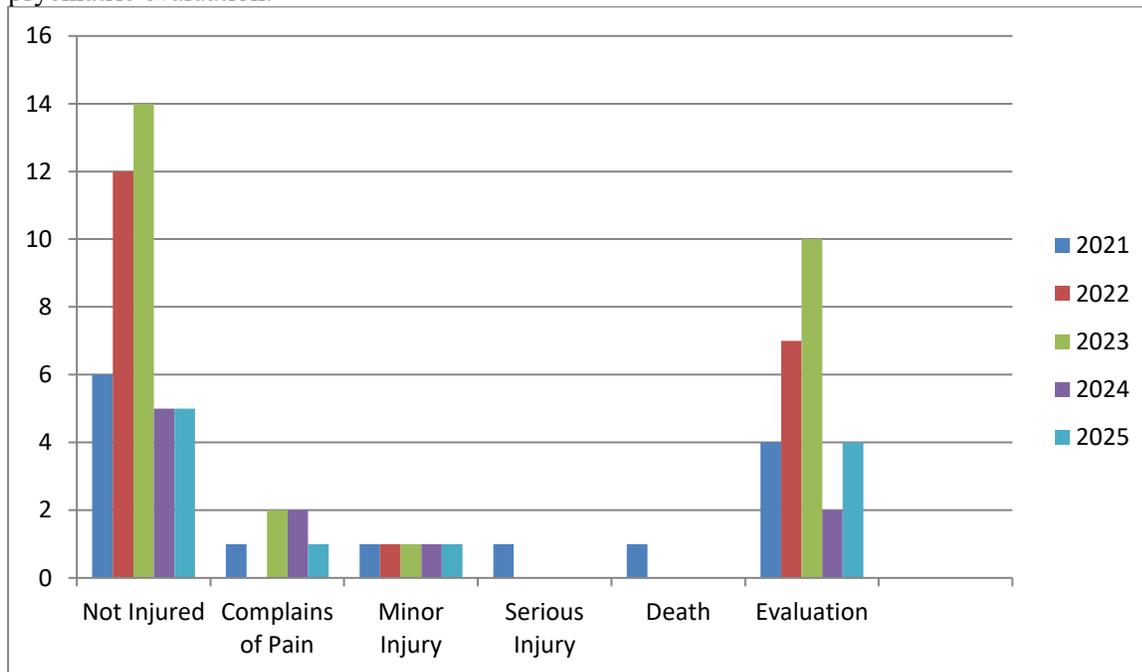
The following suspect demographics were collected. Incidents involving white males continue to track as the highest percentage of incidents as opposed to other demographics. All incidents involved white suspects, 6 male and 0 female; no incidents involved minority suspects.



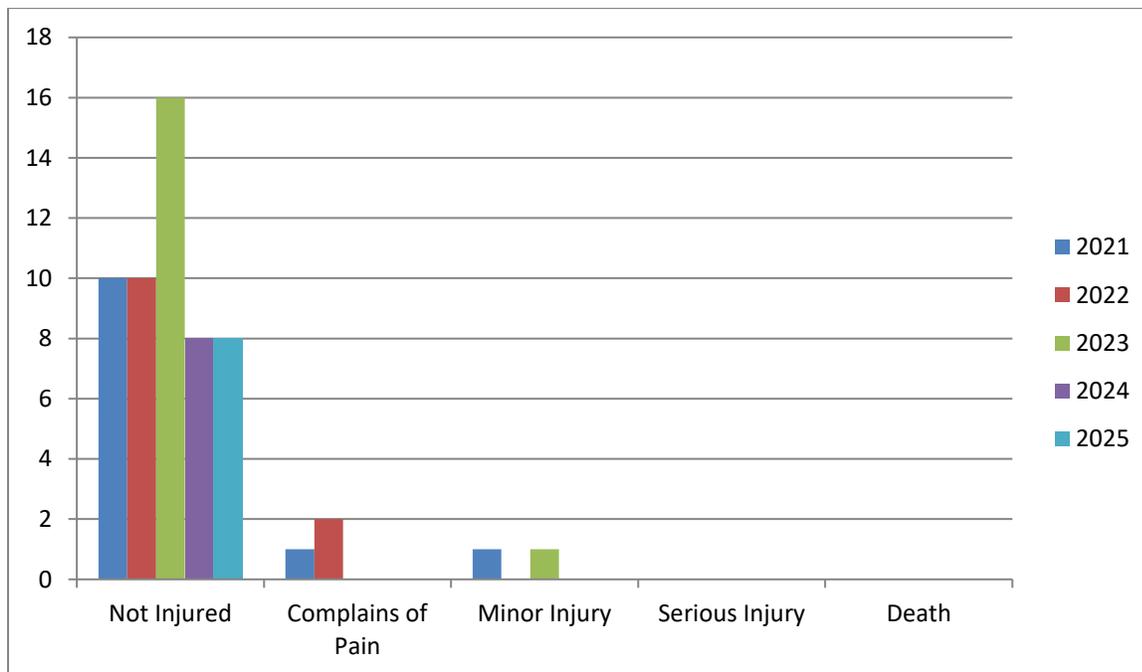
Compliance Techniques were reported to have been the most used form of force, listed in 5 of the Use-of-Force incidents for 2025 which included 1 taser display and 1 taser deployment. There were 1 police firearms displayed for 2025. Multiple categories can apply for a single incident:



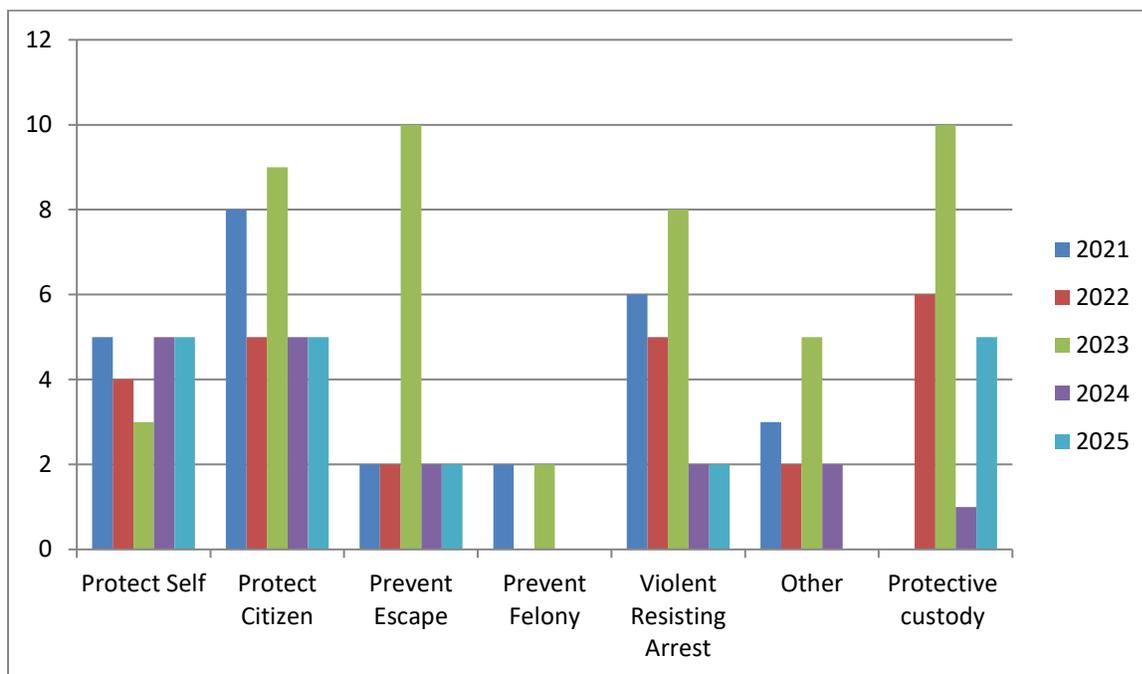
The following data are the types of injures reported on the use of form reports: Additionally, 4 persons were transported to the hospital following use of force, all were for protective custody for medical and psychiatric evaluation.



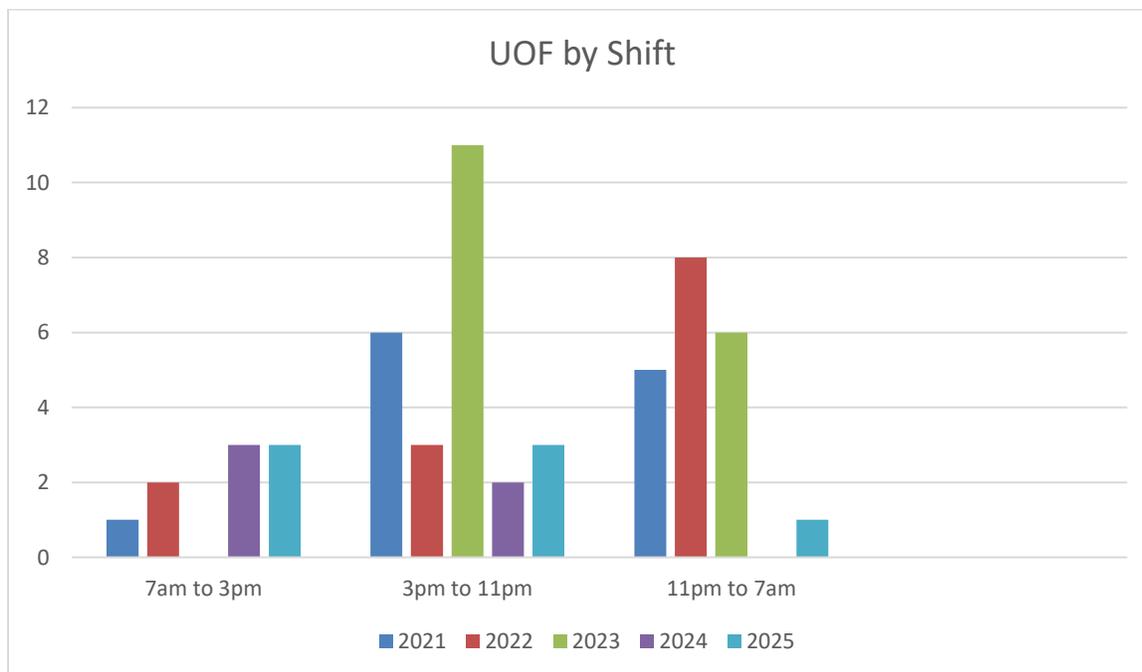
The following data are types of officer injuries reported on the use of force reports:



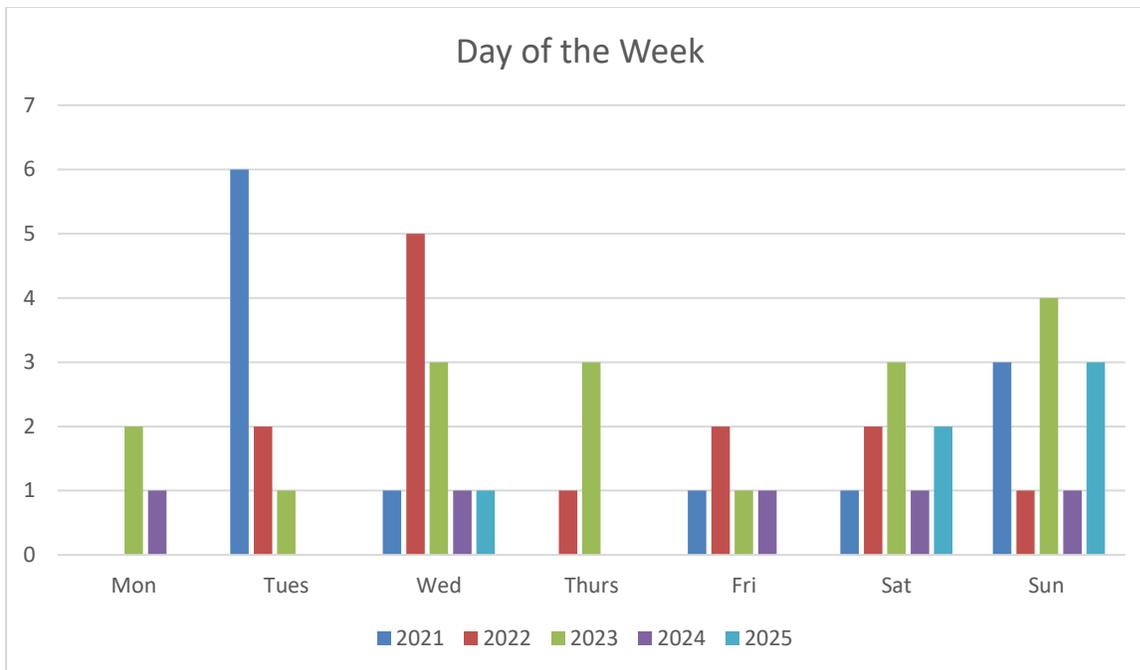
The reason for the use of force by officers, as documented in the reports (multiple categories possible for each incident, Protective custody added for the past 5 years)



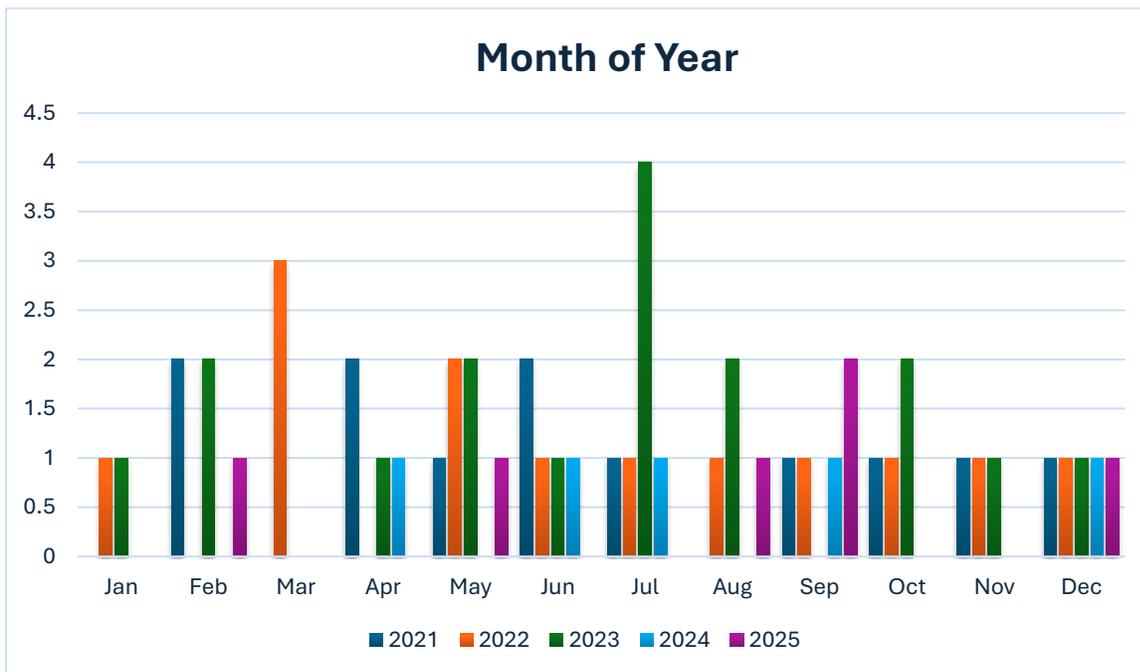
Use of Force Incidents depicted by shift



Use of Force Incidents as recorded by day of the week



Use of Force Incidents as recorded by the Month of the year.



It should be noted that single incidents may have involved more than one officer, and the 36 instances of firearms used to euthanize sick or injured animals are separated from suspect/officer data and firearm usage data.

In 2025, (13) individual officers were involved in (6) use-of-force incidents, resulting in (8) use-of-force reports. One (1) of the incidents happened during the Evening and Night, with three (5) 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, 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 (6 males), with no racial or other bias identified in the UOF data analysis

Out of the six reports, one involved displaying a Taser to gain compliance, and one involved Taser deployment. There was one incident where a firearm was displayed. Four of the reports were related to helping individuals with mental or emotional disturbances, which resulted in protective custody transport. Two 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. One suspect sustained a minor injury to his wrist.

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-19 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 and 2025 have 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 2025 were found to be justified by supervisors on the scene, including 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 in accordance with department expectations and parameters. Based on a review of the data provided in the Use of Force reports, all officers acted in accordance with 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.

Recommendations

After a review of the UOF applications for 2025, it is recommended that supervisors continue reviewing BWC footage for all UOF incidents. This helps identify successful tactics as well as areas for improvement, which can contribute to better UOF responses in the future. Additionally, BWC footage that demonstrates effective tactics can be incorporated into agency training during qualifications and policy reviews.



Use of Force -Data Collection Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025

	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	1								1
ECW									
Discharge Only	1								1
Display Only	1								1
Baton									0
Chemical/OC									0
Weaponless	5								5
Canine	0								
Release Only									0
Release and Bite									0
Total Use of Force to include Euthanasia	42								42
Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Officer Injury or Death									0
Total Use of Force Arrests	2								2
Total Number of Suspects Receiving Non-Fatal Injuries									0
Total Agency Custodial Arrests									0
Total Use of Force Complaints									0

- Some incidents reflect several categories, and some incidents did not result in custodial arrest or contact with subjects.

Uniform Crime Report 2025

Group A Offense Report 2025

Agency: BRISTOL

Offense	Reported in 2025	Reported in 2024	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Percent Of Category	Rate Per 100,000*
Murder	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:							
Rape	1	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	1.92%	4.54
Sodomy	1	0	NA	1	100.00%	1.92%	4.54
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Fondling	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Aggravated Assault	7	5	40.00%	7	100.00%	13.46%	31.78
Simple Assault	41	50	-18.00%	37	90.24%	78.85%	186.16
Intimidation	2	9	-77.78%	0	0.00%	3.85%	9.08
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Consensual Sex Offenses:							
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against Persons Total	52	65	-20%	45	86.54%	26.94%	236.11
Robbery	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.82%	4.54
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2	3	-33.33%	0	0.00%	1.64%	9.08
Larceny/Theft Offenses	48	41	17.07%	10	20.83%	39.34%	217.94
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	5	-40.00%	0	0.00%	2.46%	13.62
Arson	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Destruction Of Property	36	52	-30.77%	12	33.33%	29.51%	163.46
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	2	50.00%	0	0.00%	2.46%	13.62
Fraud Offense	27	26	3.85%	3	11.11%	22.13%	122.59
Embezzlement	2	0	NA	0	0.00%	1.64%	9.08
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Stolen Property Offenses	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against Property Total	122	130	-6.15%	25	20.49%	63.21%	553.94
Drug/Narcotic Violations	13	9	44.44%	7	53.85%	68.42%	59.03
Drug Equipment Violations	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	2	1	100.00%	2	100.00%	10.53%	9.08
Prostitution	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Weapons Law Violation	3	4	-25.00%	3	100.00%	15.79%	13.62
Animal Cruelty	1	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	5.26%	4.54
Crimes Against Society Total	19	15	26.67%	12	63.16%	9.84%	86.27
Total Group "A" Offenses	193	210	-8.1%	82	42.49%	100%	876.32

Note: The Rate per 100,000 will be 'NA' when the Adjusted Population Base is Zero.

UCR/NIBRS STATISTICS 2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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
Animal Cruelty										1			1
Aggravated Assault		1		1			1			1			4
Credit Card / Automatic Teller	1		1	2			1	1	1	1			7
Destruction / Damage/ Vandalism	3	2	6		4	6	6	6	6	5	4	4	51
All other larceny	8	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	5	2		33
Simple Assault	2	1	6	3	7	2	4		5	1	4	7	47
Arson													0
Shoplifting				1						1			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			5
Impersonation	2			1		1							4
Motor Vehicle Theft			1		1								2
Identity Theft													0
Embezzlement													0
Porngraphy/obscene material							1						1
Rape										1	1		2
TOTALS	21	11	19	12	18	14	18	15	23	19	15	21	204

UCR/NIBRS STATISTICS 2025

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Intimidation					2							1	3
Extortion / Blackmail													0
Theft from building				1		1			1	1			4
Theft Of Motor Vehicle Parts													0
Drug / Narcotic Violations	1			2	1	1	1	2	1	5	2		16
Animal Cruelty									1				1
Aggravated Assault		1		1	2		1						5
Credit Card / Automatic Teller		1	1	1			1		1		1		6
Destruction / Damage/ Vandalism	2		4	3	6	3		6	1	3	5	1	34
All other larceny	4	2	4	4	5	1	2	2	7	1	2	2	36
Simple Assault	3		4	6	3	5	2	4	2	4	2	5	40
Arson													0
Shoplifting	1		3	2		1			2	2			11
False Pretenses/swindle/co			2	1	3			2	1	1	1		11
Wire Fraud							1	2	1	1			3
Burglary/breaking and entering						1							2
Theft from Motor Vehicle												1	1
Stolen Property Offenses													0
Fondling													0
Counterfeiting/Forgery				1	1	1					1		4
Weapon Law Violations	1	1				1	1						4
Impersonation		2		1	2	1	1		1				8
Motor Vehicle Theft	1				1							1	3
Identity Theft								1					1
Embezzlement		1											1
Porngraphy/obscene material					1		1				1		3
Robbery					1								1
Sodomy							1						1
Rape													1
TOTALS	13	8	18	25	26	16	12	17	18	17	16	13	196

2024-2025 CRIME COMPARISON REPORT

Offense	2025	2024	Percentage Change
Murder	0	0	N/A
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	N/A
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	N/A
Non-consensual sex offenses			
Rape	1	1	0.00%
Sodomy	0	0	N/A
Sexual Assault with an object	0	0	N/A
Fondling	0	0	N/A
Aggravated Assault	7	5	40.00%
Simple Assault	41	50	-18.00%
Intimidation	2	9	-77.78%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	N/A
Consensual Sex Offenses			
Incest	0	0	N/A
Statutory Rape	0	0	N/A
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	N/A
Crimes Against Persons Total	52	65	-20%
Robbery	1	0	N/A
Burglary/ Break & Entering	2	3	-33.33%
Larceny/ Theft Offenses	48	41	17.07%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	5	-40.00%
Arson	0	0	N/A
Destruction of Property	36	52	-30.77%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	2	50.00%
Fraud Offense	27	26	3.85%
Embezzlement	2	0	N/A
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	N/A
Bribery	0	0	N/A
Stolen Property Offenses	0	1	-100.00%
Crimes Against Property Total	122	130	-6.15%
Drug/Narcotics Violations	13	9	44.44%
Drug Equipment Violations	0	0	N/A
Gambling Offenses	0	0	N/A
Pornography/Obscene Materials	2	1	100.00%
Prostitution	0	0	N/A
Weapons Law Violation	3	4	-25.00%
Animal Cruelty	1	1	0.00%
Crimes Against Society Total	19	15	26.67%
Total Group A Offenses	193	210	-8.1%

2025 VEHICLE PURSUIT/ROADBLOCK

The Bristol Police Department's 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 twelve-year pursuit data table.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of Pursuits	1	0	5	4	0	3	1	4	0	3	3	0
Involved Collision	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Injuries to Violator	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Injuries to the Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injuries to others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

From January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the Bristol Police Department had zero vehicle pursuits.

Drug Overdose Trends

Drug overdose deaths in the United States have experienced a significant, sustained decline, with provisional CDC data predicting a **20.6% drop** in the 12 months ending in August 2025 compared to the previous year. This marks the longest sustained decline in decades, with deaths falling in 45 states. Despite this, the national death toll remains above pre-pandemic levels, with an estimated 73,000 people dying from overdoses in the 12-month period ending in August 2025, down from a peak of nearly 110,000 in 2022. Experts suggest the decline in deaths is likely driven by the increased availability of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone. Despite the promising decline, the overdose crisis is still a major public health issue.

The Bristol Police Department supplies all officers with Narcan to aid in the decline of drug overdoses. From 2020 to 2025, the Bristol Police Department responded to (75) seventy-five drug overdoses/ EMS calls. The chart below shows a severe decline from 2020 to 2025.

Bristo Police EMS/ Overdose Calls

YEAR	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OVERDOSE	21	18	14	14	7	1

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS INVESTIGATIONS CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Civilian Employee – Violation of Rules and Regulations – Internal Investigation resulted in a sustained violation.

(4) Sworn Employees – Violation of Rules and Regulations – Internal Investigation resulted in findings of fact of sustained violation.

(1) Sworn Employee– Violation of Rules and Regulations – Internal Investigation resulted in a finding of an unfounded complaint.

(2) Sworn Employee - Violation of Rules and Regulations – Internal Investigation resulted in findings of fact of an unsubstantiated violation.

(1) Sworn Employee – Violations of Rules and Regulations – Still under investigation.



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 the 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 2025:

Domestic Violence:	Arrest Reports – 51 Incident Reports - 174
Sexual Assault:	Incident Report – 4 Arrest – 1 - Other incidents still under investigation.
Child Molestation:	Incident Report- 1 – Incident still under investigation. Arrests – 0

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 the Bristol Police.

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH –
October**



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

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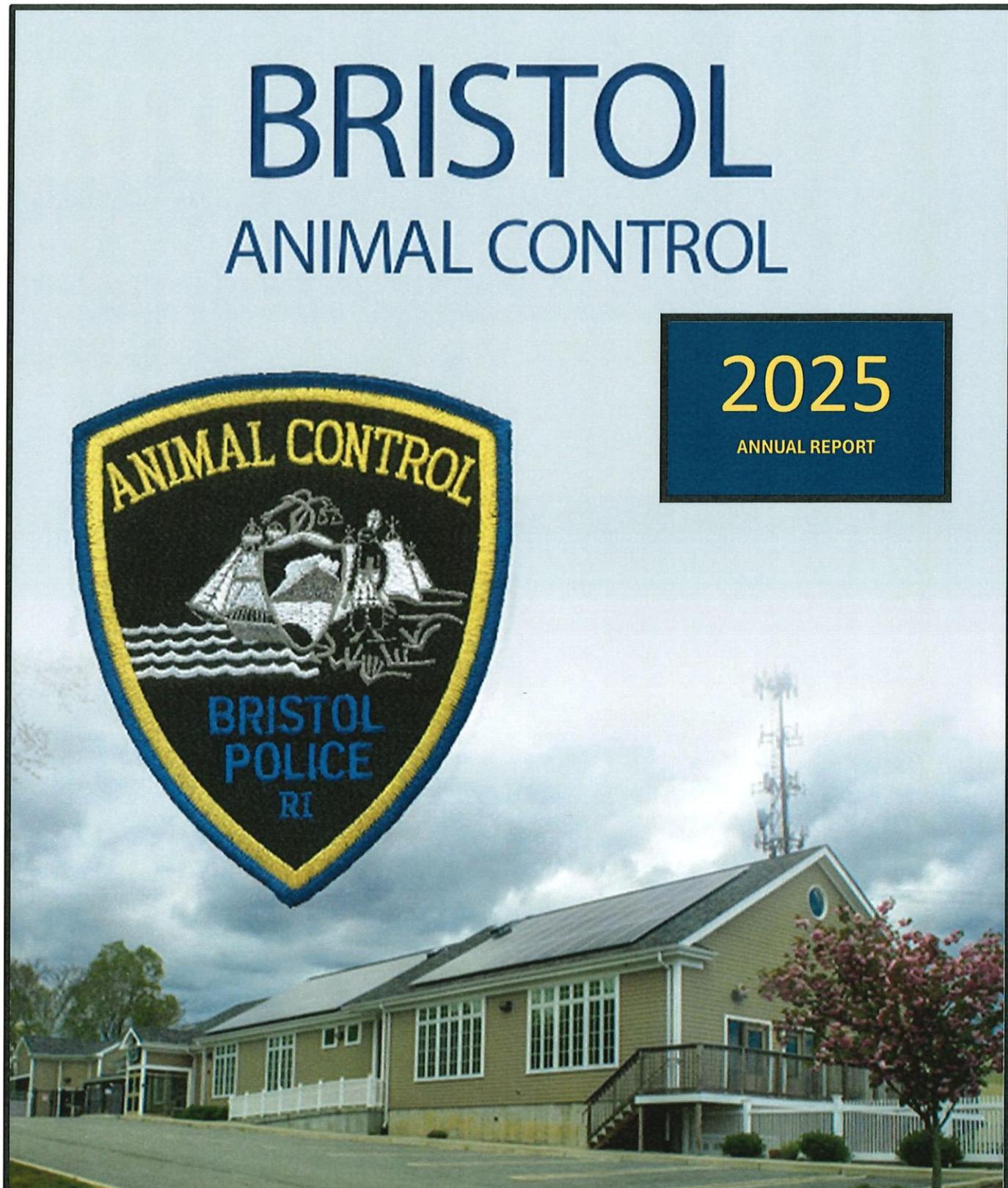
Thank You
Chief Kevin M. Lynch
And
The members of the Bristol Police
Department

BRISTOL

ANIMAL CONTROL

2025

ANNUAL REPORT





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

BRISTOL ANIMAL CONTROL MISSION

Bristol Animal Control is a division of the Bristol Police Department. It is our mission to enforce Rhode Island General Laws and Bristol Town ordinances pertaining to the control, keeping, housing, management, and ownership of domestic animals. We maintain the Bristol Animal Shelter to the standards governed by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and it is our responsibility to maintain to these standards for the health and well-being of all animals impounded at the Bristol Animal Shelter. We have an Animal Control Director, a full-time Animal Control Officer, two part-time Animal Control Officers, and three part-time Kennel Helpers. We operate with a Ford Transit Connect for primary use around Town and utilize a larger Chevy Cargo van when dealing with aggressive or dangerous animals and large-scale seizures.

DUTIES

- Respond and investigate public complaints and service calls involving stray, injured, or aggressive animals, and Town animal ordinance violations.
- Investigate reports of animal cruelty, neglect, or abuse in accordance with RIGL.
- Investigate and report bites from domestic and wild animals
- Quarantine animals that have bitten or have been bitten by domestic or wild animals or have injuries of unknown origin
- Daily patrol of the streets, parks, and Town property.
- Issue warnings or citations for violations of Town animal ordinances.
- Safely capture, transport, and impound domestic animals that are at large, sick, or injured.
- Assist the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management with wildlife calls.
- Educate residents on responsible pet ownership, licensing requirements, and animal welfare. Provide a resource for pet advice, wildlife nuisances, and how to live with wildlife.
- Maintain shelter operations, including feeding, exercising, cleaning, and monitoring the health of animals at the Bristol Animal Shelter.
- Transport animals to and from the veterinarian for treatment or euthanasia.
- Keep and maintain accurate records and reports.
- Collaborate and maintain working relationships with local shelters, veterinarians, and other law enforcement agencies.
- Appear and testify in municipal or state court as needed.
- Participate in community outreach events, education events, fundraisers if requested, and vaccination clinics.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER EDUCATION

All Animal Control Officers are accredited in animal control and certified in pet CPR, basic life support, Stop the Bleed, and ethical decision making. One Officer is certified in ritualistic animal crimes, search and seizure animal investigations, and holds a level II license for wildlife rehabilitation, specializing in pigeons, mourning doves, and small mammal rehabilitation. All Officers are motivated to expand their knowledge and training.



BRISTOL ANIMAL SHELTER

The Bristol Animal Shelter is run and maintained by the Bristol Police Department’s Animal Control Division. As a municipal shelter, our mission is to take in sick, injured, and abandoned domestic animals. We shelter, evaluate, provide routine veterinary care, spay or neuter, and socialize all animals before placing them up for adoption. Bristol Animal Control has a partnership with the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter,

which has provided extra help to care for the animals housed at the Bristol Animal Shelter. We work in tandem to care for the animals and clean the building. Our animal shelter is a no-kill shelter, and it is our policy that only animals that are suffering, with no hope of recovery or humane quality of life, are euthanized.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Bristol Animal Shelter, in partnership with the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter, has won the Best of Rhode Island Award in 2012, 2013, and 2015 through 2025. We continue to work each year effortlessly, striving to achieve this prestigious acknowledgment.





FBAS Volunteer, Stella, creating kitten artwork that is available for purchase.

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 volunteer program for the Bristol Animal Shelter. We have continued to build and improve upon this evolving program for the last three years. The program has afforded us extra help in caring for the animals housed at the shelter, which enables us to reach out to other municipal shelters and relieve them of their overflow of animals. This provides the community with additional local animals available for adoption. This program also benefits the community by allowing residents to volunteer their time, learn, and spend time with the animals in care. We have approximately thirty volunteers, including Dr. Cathy Grossi, DVM, from Acoaxet Veterinary Clinic, who generously donates her time once a month to process and provide treatment for the animals at the Bristol Animal Shelter.

COMMUNITY



The Bristol Animal Shelter provides Bristol residents who are in need with pet food. We host a yearly rabies vaccination clinic to provide people with an affordable option to have their pets vaccinated against rabies. We also temporarily hold animals short-term for Bristol residents who are experiencing hardships. We have increased our fundraising efforts this year for the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter to replenish much-needed veterinarian costs. Kitten Yoga has been a huge community enjoyment; we have hosted multiple kitten yoga sessions; we have hosted multiple kitten yoga sessions this year that have been generously hosted by [Soul Friend Yoga](#), with all proceeds going to the Friends of the Bristol Animal Shelter’s veterinarian fund.

Plant Sale

We had our first annual spring plant sale that took place in the humane education room. The plant sale exceeded expectations, raising critical funds to support veterinary care, food, and enrichment for animals in the shelter. The event attracted strong community participation and reinforced ongoing public commitment to animal welfare initiatives.



Bristol Animal Control was joined by Seaside Scholars, a homeschooling co-operative, for our first education event in the humane education center at the Bristol Animal Shelter where we talked about a wide variety of topics that included our mission at the shelter and what animal control actually does, an introduction to rabbit morphology and husbandry, domestic pigeon rescue, an open animal control-related Q & A, and some live animal presentations.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

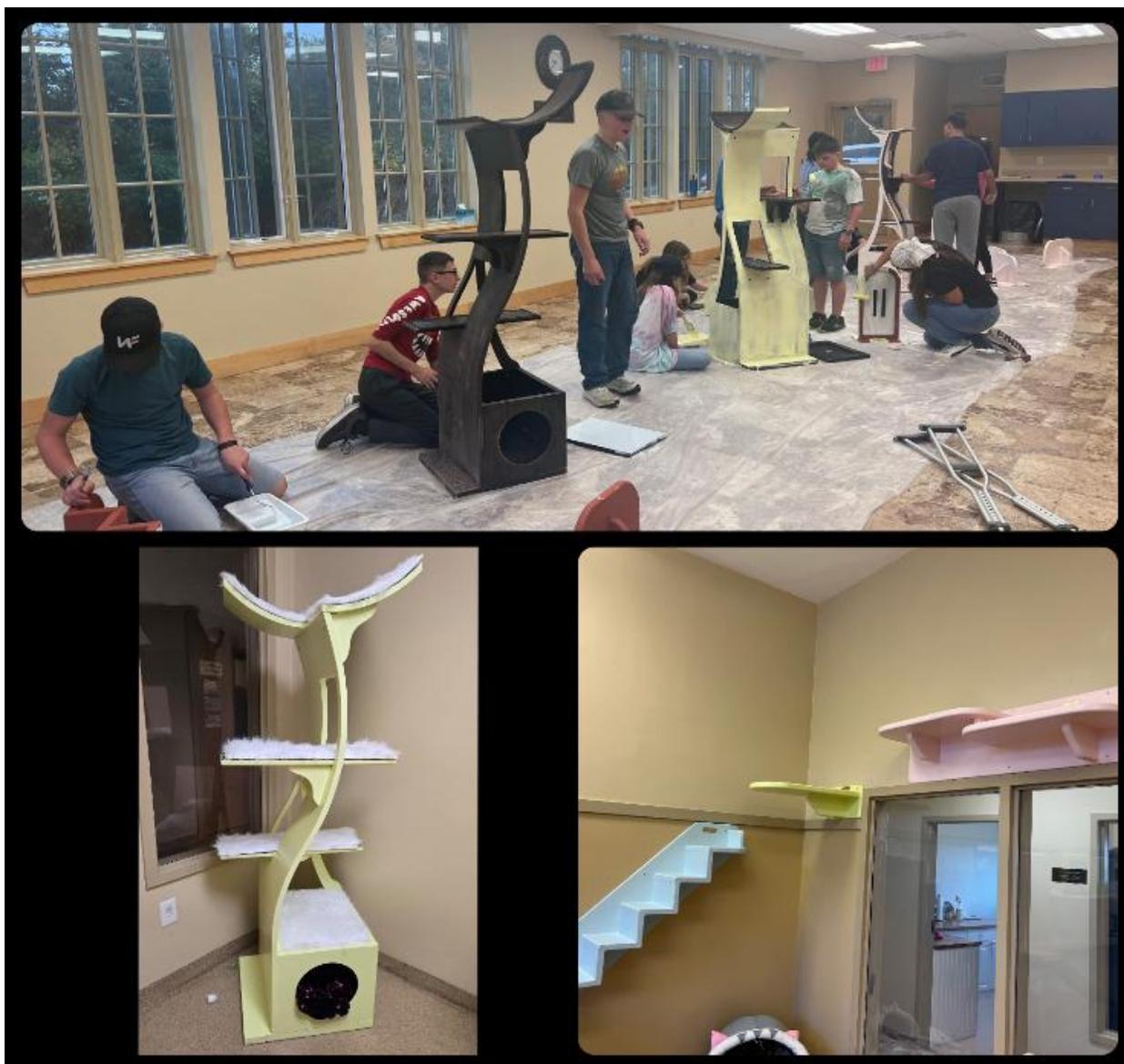
The Bristol Animal Shelter is excited to announce the complete replacement of the artificial canine grass in the dog yard that took place in October this year by Forever Lawn of Massachusetts. In 2013, when the Bristol Animal Shelter was built, canine grass was a new innovative product on the market. Over the past decade, the product began to fail with severe integrity issues compromising safety for staff and volunteers, but also safety for the animals that needed to use the area for its intended purpose.

With the installation now being completed on a composite board frame, the canine grass at the Bristol Animal Shelter can now be enjoyed for many, many more decades to come.



Due to a leak in the heating and cooling system that went unnoticed, several rooms and corridors had water damage to the ceilings. Once the leak was fixed, the damage was addressed and taken care of, and a much-needed fresh coat of paint was placed on the ceilings in the community cat rooms and main corridor.

The Seaside Scholars Co-operative gave several of our feline enrichment towers, as well as the wall-mounted furniture in our community cat room, a much-needed, and very colorful, makeover that improved the look of each room. The cat towers were donated back when the Bristol Animal Shelter first opened, and they had accumulated a decade's worth of wear and tear.



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

	2023	2024	2025
CALLS			
EXPIRED ANIMALS	216	271	434
DOG AT LARGE	210	202	117
BARKING DOG	77	52	29
BITES	39	22	42
OTHER	268	236	261
TOTAL CALLS	810	783	883
CITATIONS			
DOG AT LARGE	10	3	2
UNLICENSED DOG	9	13	7
BARKING DOG	0	1	2
OTHER	3	7	0
TOTAL CITATIONS	22	24	11

Animal Shelter Statistics for the past three years:

	2023	2024	2025
INTAKE			
DOGS	60	56	62
CATS	69	116	108
OTHER	3	12	20
TOTAL INTAKE	132	184	190
QUARANTINES			
DOGS	66	36	47
CATS	17	11	6
TOTAL QUARANTINES	83	47	53
ADOPTIONS			
DOGS	28	19	14
CATS	71	119	141
OTHER	N/A	8	11
TOTAL ADOPTIONS	99	146	166
RETURN TO OWNER			
DOGS	41	54	51
CATS	7	10	5
OTHER	N/A	1	3
TOTAL RETURN TO OWNER	48	65	59