



*City of Bristol
Board of Police Commissioners*

REVISED AGENDA

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular Board of Police Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Awards
3. Public Participation
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 17, 2026 Regular Police Board Meeting
 - b. February 24, 2026 Special Police Board Meeting
5. Approval of Monthly Reports
 - a. Monthly Reports
6. Correspondence
 - a. Thank You Letters
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards Committee
 - i. March Awards Minutes

- b. BPD Memorial Committee
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Chief Morello
 - i. Traffic Enforcement Cameras
 - b. Police Commissioners
- 9. New Business
 - a. Chief Morello
 - i. Chief's Report
 - ii. Board of Finance Request
 - iii. Daley Street No Parking Request
 - iv. Complaint from Lieutenant Berube
 - b. Police Commissioners
- 10. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON
Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairperson
Commissioner Rory Ghio
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Terry Lewis
Commissioner Gloria Sapp Smith
Council Member Sue Tyler
Jon Mace, Board of Finance Liaison

ABSENT:

Commissioner Terry Lewis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Michael Boucher, Michael Graboulis, Patrick Parkinson, Simon Censabella, Donna Bolasevich, Joe Silverio, and Josh Wendell received a Letter of Commendation for volunteering to cover the dispatch center while our dispatchers attended the funeral services of a fellow worker.

Officers Jared Yager and Anjay Cardona received a Letter of Commendation and the Officer of the Month award for January 2026 for their brave actions during a structure fire.

Dispatchers Betsy Rosa, Amanda Chomicz, Amy Kish, and Michael Mishol received the Headset Hero Award. Dispatcher Betsy Rosa also received Dispatcher of the Month for January 2026 for their assistance in a structure fire on Mitchell Street.

3. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CAMERA PRESENTATION

Chief Morello did a presentation on traffic enforcement cameras.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Patrick Parente, 280 Wolcott Road, expressed his support for traffic enforcement cameras.

Duane Mack, 67 Stearns Street, expressed that the Police Department needs to hold these people accountable for violating traffic enforcement laws.

Dennis King, 70 Gaylord Street, expressed concern about the lack of visibility caused by parking on West Street in front of the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. King stated that he supports the Traffic Enforcement Cameras.

Fire Commissioner Sean Moore, 223 Hollyberry Road, expressed that the Board of Fire Commissioners is in support of the Traffic Enforcement Cameras as referenced in the Police Board packet from the Fire Board.

Chief Rick Hart, 181 North Main Street, expressed his support for the traffic enforcement cameras.

Robert Cochran, 32 Ridge Road, stated that he feels the first thing everyone needs to do is show respect for themselves and others on the road. He also stated that we need more police enforcement on the roads.

Jen Van Gorder, 272 Candlewood Drive, stated that she opposes the traffic cameras.

Thomas Lavigne, 1469 Farmington Avenue, expressed that he opposes the traffic cameras along with 15 retired Bristol Police Officers.

Mary Ann Sirois, 362 Shrub Road, stated that she opposes the traffic cameras and believes police enforcement is the best way to address the problem.

Jim Griffin, 134 Boy Street, expressed that he opposes the traffic enforcement cameras.

Larry Casey, 20 Marion Street, does not agree that Bristol needs traffic enforcement cameras. He expressed that Bristol needs more police presence.

Richard Bouchard, 523 South Street, expressed opposition to the traffic enforcement camera and said we need more police presence.

Darryl Davis, in an online comment, had concerns about traffic enforcement cameras.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu stated that she received 15 emails: 9 were in favor, and 6 were against the traffic enforcement cameras. (emails attached)

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu stated that we are here tonight to listen to the public and to provide as much information as possible about the potential plans for the red-light cameras. The Mayor stated that they have been having other conversations with the superintendent of schools regarding school bus cameras and are focusing on the potential to partner with the Board of Education. During the public participation, some issues came up, and Mayor Zoppo-Sassu responded to the following:

- Traffic Enforcement Cameras are not replacing our workforce. We have 124 sworn officers, including our Community Wellness Officers, and currently have 8 openings. And on any given day, we have officers injured on duty, which affects the quality of service we have expected and received from the Bristol Police Department for years. Cameras are not replacing the workforce, but are a force multiplier.
- Tickets from traffic enforcement cameras are a civil penalty, and there is no direct linkage to DMV in terms of penalties.
- Traffic Enforcement Cameras receive routine calibrations. The vendors have built-in calibration systems.
- Many vendors provide this service. We are not anywhere near that point, and when we are, we will go out for a public bid.
- In terms of the profit, this is not a tax; this is a fine. The City must use the money collected from fines to improve transportation, mobility, and traffic infrastructure.

Mayor Zoppo Sassu explained that, before it can be implemented, the plan must be submitted to the Connecticut DOT and the Ordinance Committee to draft an ordinance. The Ordinance Committee is a three-member committee comprised of three city council members. Those meetings are open to the public. When they have a product that warrants public opinion, they will hold a Public Hearing. Once they are satisfied with their product, it will go to the Police Commission and City Council, where it

could be revised, rejected, or accepted. Once it is accepted, it will go to the City Council for a vote. If approved by the City Council, it becomes a law 14 days later. If it is rejected, it can be sent away or returned here for reevaluation.

Council Member Tyler stated that she is strongly opposed to speed cameras, and as for the school bus cameras, she can't see any reason to oppose them. But she stated that she has questions about the red-light cameras. Cost to the City – we will need personnel to review the footage. Have we had a conversation with the union regarding this? Where are the traffic cameras mounted? Do they get affected by the weather? Can we set limits on the cameras? How often are these cameras calibrated?

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu thanked everyone for joining the meeting tonight and asked for a 5-minute recess.

Council Member Tyler moved TO TAKE A 5 MINUTES RECESS AT 7:37 P.M., Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The Commission reconvened in public session at 7:42 p.m.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2025, REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Council Member Tyler moved to ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Awards Committee

Commissioner Ghio reviewed the Awards Committee minutes.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Chief Morello

Chief Morello informed the Board that the traffic control signal application for Farmington Avenue @ Jerome Avenue has been sent to the Office of the State Traffic Administration.

9.2 Police Commissioners

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Chief Morello

i. DESPP Capital Grant Request

Commissioner Ghio moved to ACCEPT THE DESPP CAPITAL GRANT REQUEST, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ii. Non-Citizen Police Applicants

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to REFER MEMO TO CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR REVIEW, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

iii. Internal Affairs Summary 2025

Council Member Tyler moved TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

10.2 Police Commissioners

Commissioner Lemieux brought up for discussion the no-truck signage on the boulevard. Commissioner Lemieux suggested restricting vehicles by weight class.

Council Member Tyler moved to FORWARD TO PARKS DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO MAKE A CHANGE TO RESTRICT VEHICLES BY WEIGHT, VEHICLES WEIGHING 10,001 POUNDS OR MORE ON THE BOULEVARD, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sapp Smith moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 17th day of February, 2026, was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 8:08 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas

Recording Secretary

Cathy Savino

From: Kristi Talmadge <kristileetalmadge@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 1:38 AM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: School Bus Safety Cameras

Attention Bristol Mayor Ellen Zoppo and City Council,

I am writing in support of the school bus safety cameras.

Twice I have had cars go around me when I was stopped for a bus to allow children to cross on Burlington Avenue and almost hit the kids when they were crossing the street in addition to the ones that did not stop that were in front of me that should have.

I spoke with my Bristol roommate Steve Cahill. He also supports the safety cameras. He sees the cars ignore the school bus stop signals on his way to work because he works the second shift.

This is not really a privacy issue considering almost every house has a ring doorbell that is recording you anyway. This is a matter of the people who blow by school buses not wanting to be caught.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

Kind regards,

Kristi Talmadge
Sharon Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

Cathy Savino

From: tyler yurkew <tyleryurkew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 6:10 PM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Re:
Attachments: 6505.mp4

Here is the video from tonight

On Mon, Feb 16, 2026, 6:03 PM tyler yurkew <tyleryurkew@yahoo.com> wrote:
Good evening Ma'am,

My wife had sent an email regarding or street in response to the discussion of cameras on busses. Tonight as our neighbor had his kids in their driveway, a distracted and speeding vehicle drove into the snow bank at the end of the drive way. Luckily the snow bank was there otherwise the vehicle would have likely made its way firmer into their yard and potentially through their fence. Birch Street is not a speedway and it would be great if there could be some speed enforcement on our road. I have never understood why the speed limit is 35 mph as it is almost completely residential minus a convenient store and a businesses closer to ESPN. Middle Street has minimal houses on it and it's a 4 lane road and almost solely businesses and there are sections of that street that are 30 mph. I understand that we will never make everybody happy but this has been a problem on birch Street for years. Just a couple months ago a bicycle rider was hit and killed, something needs to be done.

Cathy Savino

From: Art Costa <artcostajr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 4:47 PM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Red Light/School Bus Cameras

Dear Board of Police Commissioners.

I am writing to formally voice my support for the installation of red light and school bus cameras in Bristol. I believe cameras can serve as an effective tool to reduce traffic violations and significantly improve public safety.

Thank you for your time and for considering my position on this important matter.

Best regards,
Art Costa

Cathy Savino

From: Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 7:50 PM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Fw: school bus cameras

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From: m k <FPruz95@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 3:31:29 PM
To: Ellen Zoppo-Sassu <EllenZoppo@bristolct.gov>
Subject: Re: school bus cameras

i hope you can get the cameras passed this time and the reliance on issuing warnings vs actual tickets needs to stop as well.

From: Ellen Zoppo-Sassu <EllenZoppo@bristolct.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 11:38 AM
To: FPruz95@hotmail.com <FPruz95@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: school bus cameras

I read that article this morning as well! Amazing stats for 12 days. Our bus drivers have enough to worry about without having to think the kids in their care are going to get hit while embarking or disembarking.

From: Mayor'sOffice <MayorsOffice@bristolct.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 11:07 AM
To: Ellen Zoppo-Sassu <EllenZoppo@bristolct.gov>
Subject: Fw: school bus cameras

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From: m k <FPruz95@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2026 9:28 AM
To: mayorsoffice@bristolct.gov <mayorsoffice@bristolct.gov>
Subject: school bus cameras

In New Haven almost 1000 citations have been issued once the cameras on school buses were installed

Cathy Savino

From: Lindsay Vannest <vannest.lindsay@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 12:28 PM
To: Mayor's Office
Subject: Red Light / School Bus Cameras

Dear Mayor's Office and Members of the Board of Police Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the discussion of Red Light and School Bus traffic cameras at the February 17th meeting. I respectfully oppose the implementation of these camera systems in Bristol.

While public safety is critically important, automated traffic enforcement raises several concerns:

- These systems often function more as revenue generators than safety measures.
- Drivers are penalized without direct interaction or discretion from a law enforcement officer.
- There are documented cases in other municipalities where yellow light timing changes led to increased citations rather than improved safety.
- The burden of fines disproportionately impacts working families.

I believe our city should focus on solutions that prioritize education, engineering improvements, and visible law enforcement presence rather than automated ticketing.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective and ask that the Commission carefully weigh both the financial and community impact before moving forward.

Thank you!

Cathy Savino

From: Dmitry Mikhailov <uzi9mmauto@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 10:04 AM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Red light Cameras/School Bus Cameras + LEGAL NOTICE

****Subject of grave concern for the Citizens of Bristol connecticut.: Formal Safety and Infrastructure Objection to Proposed Automated Red-Light Enforcement Installation****

To Whom It May Concern, ie: Mayor of Bristol Connecticut

I am writing to formally request that no automated red-light enforcement cameras be installed at intersections within our municipality without first conducting a comprehensive and publicly disclosed traffic engineering and safety study in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Our city's roadway system presents unique geometric and structural challenges, including:

- * Steep roadway grades
- * Limited sight distance
- * Narrow intersection geometry
- * Deteriorated pavement conditions
- * Insufficient braking distance at signalized intersections

The installation of automated enforcement systems in such conditions may create a foreseeable increase in rear-end and panic-braking collisions. Courts have recognized that enforcement mechanisms must be rationally related to public safety and not implemented in a manner that is arbitrary or structurally unsafe (see Mathews v. Eldridge; County of Sacramento v. Lewis).

Further, municipalities may incur liability where roadway design or traffic control decisions are made without adequate engineering review or in disregard of known hazards (Friedman v. State of New York).

If the City proceeds without:

1. A certified traffic engineering study,
2. An updated crash history analysis,
3. A braking distance and grade impact assessment,
4. Public disclosure of yellow light timing methodology,

it risks exposure not only to constitutional challenge under the Fourteenth Amendment, but also to negligence claims arising from foreseeable increases in collision risk.

Public safety must precede automated enforcement.

I respectfully request full transparency regarding:

- * Engineering studies performed
- * Yellow light timing calculations
- * Revenue projections
- * Vendor contracts

* Crash data supporting installation

Failure to conduct proper safety review may expose the City to preventable liability and undermine public trust.

Respectfully,
Jake L. Carpenter

Red light cameras are generally legal, but courts have limited them when:

- * They create ****arbitrary enforcement****
- * They lack proper engineering review
- * They are installed primarily for revenue rather than safety
- * They violate procedural due process
- * They ignore accepted traffic engineering standards

Here are the most relevant legal foundations:

1. Due Process (14th Amendment)

Government enforcement must not be arbitrary or fundamentally unfair.

★ Key Case:

****Mathews v. Eldridge****

Established that due process requires:

- * Fair procedures
- * Meaningful opportunity to contest
- * Government interest balanced against private harm

If red-light cameras are placed in:

- * Poorly maintained
- * Dangerous
- * Structurally compromised intersections

You can argue enforcement becomes arbitrary and punitive rather than safety-based.

2. Engineering & Traffic Control Standards (MUTCD)

Municipalities must follow the ****Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)**** — federally adopted standards for traffic signals.

If the city:

- * Fails to perform an engineering study
- * Ignores road grade, sight distance, braking distance
- * Ignores intersection geometry

That may violate professional engineering standards.

🚩 Key Case:

****City of Springfield v. Belt****

Courts have struck down automated enforcement programs when cities failed to comply with engineering and statutory requirements.

3. Safety vs Revenue Motive

Courts have criticized red-light programs when:

- * Yellow light times are shortened
- * No crash data supports installation
- * Revenue projections drive placement

🚩 Key Case:

****Idris v. City of Chicago****

While upholding cameras, the court emphasized that automated enforcement must be rationally related to public safety — not arbitrary revenue generation.

4. Government Liability for Dangerous Road Conditions

If the city knowingly installs enforcement mechanisms at intersections that:

- * Lack adequate braking distance
- * Have extreme grade changes
- * Have substandard maintenance
- * Are narrow and poorly engineered

They risk exposure under negligence and infrastructure liability doctrines.

🚩 Key Case:

****Friedman v. State of New York****

Government can be liable when roadway design is unreasonably dangerous and officials fail to conduct proper traffic studies.

5. Substantive Due Process (Arbitrary Government Action)

When government action shocks the conscience or is reckless toward public safety.

✦ Key Case:

****County of Sacramento v. Lewis****

Established standard for government conduct that is deliberately indifferent to safety.

If officials knowingly ignore:

- * Road grade issues
- * Lack of maintenance
- * Intersection geometry risks
- * Increased panic braking hazards

Real Safety Concerns:

- * ****Grade percentage affects stopping distance****
- * ****Poor pavement increases braking distance****
- * ****Limited sight lines increase reaction time****
- * ****Narrow turning radii increase collision risk****
- * ****Emergency braking on slopes increases rear-end crashes****

> Installing automated enforcement in substandard geometric conditions without a current traffic engineering study creates foreseeable and preventable accidents & deaths.

***Pending further legal proceedings. Please continue to use this email to communicate with me in regards to this information that has been requested. This will also be followed up by other requests. Be on the format of email the certified letters, etc

Cathy Savino

From: Luke Huntley <lukehuntley95@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2026 10:19 PM
To: Mayor's Office
Subject: Red Light / School Bus Cameras

Dear Mayor's Office and Members of the Board of Police Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the proposed implementation of Red Light and School Bus traffic cameras in Bristol. While I strongly support efforts to improve roadway safety, I respectfully oppose the use of automated traffic enforcement based on the available data and experiences from other municipalities.

Research on red light cameras shows mixed safety outcomes. While some studies indicate a reduction in certain types of right-angle crashes, multiple analyses have also found increases in rear end collisions at camera equipped intersections. In some cities, total crash rates remained unchanged or increased after implementation.

There are also concerns regarding yellow light timing. The Federal Highway Administration has noted that modest increases in yellow light duration can significantly reduce red light violations and crashes, often without the need for automated enforcement. In several jurisdictions nationwide, adjustments to signal timing produced meaningful safety improvements before cameras were installed.

Financial considerations should also be examined carefully. In many municipalities, revenue from citations becomes intertwined with vendor contracts, raising questions about incentive structures and whether enforcement is truly safety driven. Additionally, fixed amount fines can disproportionately affect working families, particularly in communities where inflation and cost of living pressures are already high.

With respect to school bus cameras, protecting children is essential. However, enforcement effectiveness depends heavily on clear signage, driver awareness campaigns, and consistent follow up, not solely automated ticketing. Before committing to long-term contracts and infrastructure costs, I urge the Commission to conduct a transparent cost-benefit analysis and review peer reviewed safety data from comparable Connecticut cities.

I respectfully request that the Commission prioritize proven engineering solutions, signal timing optimization, public education, and visible officer enforcement before adopting automated citation systems.

Thank you for considering this input.

Respectfully,
Luke Huntley

Cathy Savino

From: m k <FPruz95@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2026 9:28 AM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: school bus cameras

In New Haven almost 1000 citations have been issued once the cameras on school buses were installed

Cathy Savino

From: Tony Ziotas <tony.ziotas@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 10:37 AM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Red Light Cameras in Bristol

Hi Ellen and Cathy,

Cathy, it was nice to see you this morning and catch up on things.

Regarding the subject matter of red light cameras in Bristol, I strongly support adding them. I saw Ellen posted on FB the intersections with the most accidents and I believe this will help make things safer.

I am interested to hear the opinion of the police chief and will be listening next week at the meeting.

Best regards,

Tony Z

Cathy Savino

From: ALEXANDER CARROS <acarros203@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 5:27 PM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Red Light/School Bus cameras

Red-light cameras may do as much damage as they can do good. As soon as these reckless drivers realize they're getting fined for their poor driving on Farmington Ave and similar main arteries in Bristol, they will avoid these routes and they will start using alternative routes through neighborhoods like Federal Hill (Woodland St., Queen St., Maple Street and all the streets connected to them). This is typical all over the city including the west end. The bigger issue from my point of view is speeding through the aforementioned area(s) and not obeying traffic signs, not so much the running of red lights on the main arteries. Just a few days ago a younger man blazingly blew through the sign at the intersection of Belridge and Woodland. I saw the same guy do it again a week or so later when a car was stopped at the stop sign. He went right around the car without stopping for anything. I don't want more like him redirected through my neighborhood. I can see people commuting to work being fined for going through a red light immediately after it turns when those people aren't the problem, it's irresponsible people who are.

Alex Carros
Bristol, CT

Cathy Savino

From: m k <FPruz95@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 1:41 PM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: red light/school bus cameras

for

margaret kane
142 shrub rd

Cathy Savino

From: lugs_tweets.77@icloud.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 10:57 AM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Red Light / School Bus Cameras

Vote NO.

Land of the free? - it's gone and we now live in a surveillance state. There are many other things that can be done to reduce the issues the city says are the reasons they want to install these cameras. Not to mention many other actual positive things the city could use the money for instead.

I value my privacy, and little by little that has been stripped away for "safety". Research the information of the places this has been implemented...stats haven't changed by any significant amount. Between our phones, dash cams, Ring door cams, big store and traffic light surveillance, drones, laws that basically eliminate any rights you though you had...crime is the same (if not increased), police arrive AFTER not during the committing of crime/infractions, accidents still happen, some people are still irresponsible, etc.

I do not feel safer with these cameras or cell towers invading our communities. In fact, it's pushing me closer to moving away and out of this state.

The road to hell is paved with good intentions. Please think long and hard about the consequences of what this can lead to.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

RC

Cathy Savino

From: Lacey P Yurkew <laceypyurkew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 10:35 AM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Red Light / School Bus Cameras

Hello, my family and I moved to Connecticut in January of 2024 and live on Birch St. We love our home, we love our neighborhood, and Bristol as a whole, but we cannot ignore how dangerous our street is.

To start, we have no sidewalks, which means going for family walks or out with our dog, we walk in the street. For school, our child must stand in driveways or the street while waiting for and getting off the bus. My child is in 1st grade, which theoretically means he does not need an adult present to get him off of the bus, however, our driver has made it very clear that she is not comfortable letting him off alone as we FREQUENTLY (typically 1 per week) have people speed past the bus while the lights are on and stop sign is out. We feel as though we are always on the defense to just get our child off of the bus safely because people not only pass the bus while the lights are flashing, but also regularly go well over the 35mph speed limit (which is a different issue entirely as I have been told by many neighbors that they have lodged complaints on the speeding to no avail).

Connecticut towns that have implemented these systems are showing why they matter. In Bridgeport, officials reported over 20k tickets mailed to drivers who illegally passed stopped school buses during the last school year. Danbury reported more than 3k drivers cited in two months. Shelton reported hundreds of violations even during a warning phase. These numbers are alarming and show the widespread safety problem and disregard with drivers.

I support this initiative because it:

- Deters dangerous behavior and reinforces that stopping for buses is non-negotiable.
- Creates consistent enforcement when officers can't be everywhere at pickup/drop-off.
- Helps change driver habits through awareness, warnings, and clear consequences.

I also encourage the town to adopt strong guardrails, so the program stays focused on safety:

- Clear public notice and education before enforcement such as a warning period.
- Strict limits on data use and short retention periods.
- Transparent reporting to the public (violations, trends, costs, and how any net revenue is used).
- Dedicating any net proceeds to student safety.

Thank you for your consideration for our youth's safety.

The Yurkew Family

Cathy Savino

From: Albert Einstein <earthdisplacement@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 10:48 AM
To: Mayor'sOffice; Bristol Jeffrey Caggiano Mayor
Cc: FOX 61; Foxct; WFSB News; WFSB News; WTNH Channel 8; WTICnews@entercom.com
Subject: Bristol Setting itself up for class action lawsuit.

RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN MANY STATES.

Millions of dollars had to be returned to citizens because red light cameras ruled unconstitutional.

1. Tickets aren't issued to driver.
2. Presumption of Guilt
3. City's burden to prove who's driving.
4. Equal Protection violations. Ticket by cop different than ticket by camera. Two different punishments for the same violations.
5. City can't shift burden of proof from themselves to owner of car on who is driving.
6. No Due Process. Tickets must be litigated like all Moving Violations.
7. States ended their program.
8. Accidents increased do to getting rear-ended.
9. Cameras don't prevent accidents.

Cathy Savino

From: Patrick Parents <pvp@snet.net>
Sent: Monday, December 1, 2025 2:08 PM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: Topic speed cameras

Mayor Ellen Zoppo Sassu,

I am writing to inform you that I am in favor of placing speed cameras and red light cameras around our city. Speed cameras improve safety by reducing accidents and fatalities, freeing up law enforcement, and encouraging safer driving habits. They are proven to decrease crashes in high-risk areas, such as school zones and provide continuous, objective monitoring.

Living on Route 69 between Central High and Cedar lake I have seen many accidents due to speeding. There have been two fatalities in the area of my home and one vehicle hitting my house. This area becomes double a lane road with a posted speed limit of 40mph. I can attest that no one is doing 40 mph. I have called many times to our police department when accidents occur. The police have at times parked on the road with radar and stopped numerous vehicles but they cannot be here 24/7. This area becomes a race track during the afternoon rush hour and something needs to be done to reduce the speeding. There are bus stops on this road and I have seen vehicles not stoping for the buses. It is a dangerous situation.

I believe using speed and red light cameras will help prevent future accidents and fatalities. Again I urge you to move forward with these tools as a method of enforcement.

Thank you

Patrick Parente
280 Wolcott Road
Route 69
Bristol, CT

Sent from my iPad

Cathy Savino

From: cathyasavino@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 2:47 PM
To: Mayor'sOffice
Subject: ~~WARNING: POSSIBLE SCOP~~ Red Light Cameras~ FOR!!

I am fully for establishing Red Light cameras based on the numerous violations I see/experience on a daily basis. The blatant lack of traffic laws are out of control. Granted we don't have the police force to nab each offender and this is as good an alternative as is available.

People complain that they're losing their right to privacy... As Americans, we're constantly trading our privacy for utility. Own a cell phone? Use FaceBook, Instagram, Tic Tock or Google? Those algorithms have been tracking you more than what these cameras can/will do.

Bottom line is, if you're not breaking the law, what's the problem? I'm all for safety.



Susan Tyler <suesellsct@gmail.com>

Questions for the Traffic Camera Meeting

Ernie Pitti <epitti2005@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 11, 2026 at 11:01 PM

To: Sue Parent Tyler <Suesellsct@gmail.com>

Cc: Ernest Pitti <epitti2005@gmail.com>

Hi Sue

Here they are:

- 1) What is the purpose of installing traffic cameras? Collect revenue? Reduce speeding incidents and by extension possible traffic accidents??
- 2) If the purpose is to reduce speeding infractions, then cite the study that proves they have that effect. I only ask because when consulting with the CT DOT several years ago about tools that work to reduce speeding (specific to the inquiry then was Shrub Road), tools such as speed limit signs, even electronic signs that show the oncoming cars speed vs the posted speed limit have been shown to have no effect on speed reduction. At the time, speed bumps and live patrol cars were the only two things that worked to a great degree. Since speed cameras are not new technology, I wonder why the cameras were never mentioned as a viable option.
- 3) What happens in the case of drivers of unregistered vehicles (ones without license plates)?
- 4) What streets will they be deployed on? And at what cost?
- 5) What will the effect of the newer GPS apps (such as Google maps and WAZE that warn of police and active radar) have on the effectiveness of the deterrent? And won't the result be that the drivers of approaching vehicles will simply reduce their speed until they pass the camera and then resume speeding??
- 6) How will the city deploy the officers freed up by the installation of cameras in the fight to reduce crime such as home invasions, burglaries, car thefts and drug trafficking and purchasing and consumption of illegal drugs?
- 7) Who is in charge of safely securing personal driver information acquired as a result of the use of the cameras? The city or a private enterprise?
- 8) How much will it cost to collect and to store said data? And will the revenue cover the costs?
- 9) How can the public be assured that any personal information collected as a result of these "stops" will be protected from "hacking"? And if the information is acquired by some entity without authorization, who is liable for damages?
- 10) What will be done with the revenue collected (by the issuance of the speeding tickets)?

That's pretty much all I have for now. Are you on the commission ? Will you be able to ask these questions instead of me or do I need to file my questions in advance of the meeting?



Susan Tyler <suesellsct@gmail.com>

Fwd: Red Light/School Bus cameras

ALEXANDER CARROS <acarros203@comcast.net>
To: Sue Parent Tyler <Suesellsct@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 11, 2026 at 8:39 PM

Sent for the meeting

----- Original Message -----

From: ALEXANDER CARROS <acarros203@comcast.net>
To: "Mayorsoffice@bristolct.gov" <Mayorsoffice@bristolct.gov>
Date: 02/11/2026 5:26 PM EST
Subject: Red Light/School Bus cameras

Red-light cameras may do as much damage as they can do good. As soon as these reckless drivers realize they're getting fined for their poor driving on Farmington Ave and similar main arteries in Bristol, they will avoid these routes and they will start using alternative routes through neighborhoods like Federal Hill (Woodland St., Queen St., Maple Street and all the streets connected to them). This is typical all over the city including the west end. The bigger issue from my point of view is speeding through the aforementioned area(s) and not obeying traffic signs, not so much the running of red lights on the main arteries. Just a few days ago a younger man blazingly blew through the sign at the intersection of Belridge and Woodland. I saw the same guy do it again a week or so later when a car was stopped at the stop sign. He went right around the car without stopping for anything. I don't want more like him redirected through my neighborhood. I can see people commuting to work being fined for going through a red light immediately after it turns when those people aren't the problem, it's irresponsible people who are.

Alex Carros
Bristol, CT

*duplicate
email - also
in Mayor's packet*



Susan Tyler <suesellsct@gmail.com>

Bristol Red Light and Speed Camera Proposal-Debate

1 message

Tom Lavigne <thinblueline106@gmail.com>
 To: Susan Tyler <suesellsct@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 12, 2026 at 11:04 AM

Good Evening Mayor
 Councilwoman Tyler, Chief Morello and Police Commissioners.

My name is Thomas Lavigne and I am a 61 year resident of Bristol Connecticut.

I am a US Army Veteran and Retired Bristol Police Officer.

During my career as a Bristol Police Officer I was a founding member of the Bristol Police START Team. Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team. I investigated fatal and serious accidents while assigned the the Traffic Division for over a decade and had investigated and assisted in over 70 serious and fatal accident investigations. I was the first officer to testify from the Bristol Police Department as an expert witness in accident reconstruction in New Britain Superior Court.

While assigned to the traffic division I was given an award for the most motor vehicle arrests in the history of the Bristol Police Department with over 500 arrests in one year and also an award for the most sustained motor vehicle arrests for over 10 year period.

I am a former Bristol City Councilman

I am currently the President of the Bristol Retired Police and Firefighters Association.

I also work as an armed school security officer at Region 10 Schools in Burlington CT.

I am here to discuss once again the issue of red light and speed cameras in Bristol.

As you may recall I was here last year speaking on this topic when Mayor Caggiano and Chief Morello had proposed getting red light and speed cameras for Bristol.

This proposed issue was not approved by the Police Commissioner's last year however a Traffic Sub Committee was approved to look at this issue of traffic enforcement in Bristol which was chaired by City Councilwoman and Police Commissioner Susan Tyler, Co Chairman was Police Commissioner Rory Gio, and Committee Members Included Former Bristol Mayor and Retired Bristol Police Lieutenant John Leone and Former Bristol City Councilman and Retired Bristol Police Officer Thomas Lavigne.

We met quarterly as a committee during the course of the year and held meetings with the Chief of Police Morello and Mayor Caggiano to discuss ways to increase police activity and motor vehicle enforcement in Bristol.

We acknowledged and were aware that over the last several years there were many factors in why police motor vehicle stops, and arrests have gone down significantly in Bristol.

First we had to endure the pandemic Covid 19 where people were forced to wear masks and reduced face to face contact with this epidemic.

Then we had political factors where police qualified immunity was removed by the state and Officers could be sued for negligence.

Police Officers who did stop cars were required to fill out racial profiling mandatory paperwork for each and every car stop. We also had the nationwide defund the police political movement.

Basically due to politics the police were being handcuffed from doing their jobs. Stopping cars was not encouraged and officers could get complaints made against them about profiling.

The current Public act 23-114 has an equity clause that states officers stopping cars causes knowingly or unknowing racial profiling and cameras will stop this from happening. Even the public act assumes police are racial profiling knowingly or unknowingly which I find to be outrageous.

We also had to endure the devastating and tragic circumstances where two of Bristol's Finest Police Officers were killed in the line of Duty. Given all these factors Bristol's car stops with police interactions and the general public were reduced dramatically.

The traffic sub-committee was encouraging and suggesting Chief Morrello to find ways to increase motor vehicle enforcement in Bristol by re-allocating resources, into the traffic division and having patrol do more motor vehicle stops on all three shifts. Over time there was a significant increase in motor vehicle stops and arrest by Bristol Police Officers.

Progress was being made however due to the recent election Mayor Caggiano was not re-elected and Mayor Zoppo Sassu was re-elected, her campaign was evident with signs all around town my taxes went up \$1600, \$1800. Clearly Ellen won the election with her campaign of taxes are too high in Bristol.

The camera companies are here to make a profit from your mistakes and this is just one more TAX that people in Bristol cannot afford to pay.

These cameras will issue fines to owner of vehicles regardless if your driving or your car or not, maybe its your son or wife driving your vehicle it doesn't matter, you as the vehicle owner gets the ticket in the mail, and thats a violation of due process.

The city goes from proving you were driving to forcing you to prove you were not driving your car. That's unconstitutional and Missouri Supreme Court agreed and made the city's issuing these fines return over two million dollars in fines to the people who got tickets in the mail in 2015.

I requested a meeting with Mayor Zoppo Sassu personally at the Mayor's office and to discuss this issue which I was intimately and keenly aware of and the reasons why Bristol residents were making complaints about red light and speeding violations, however that request was declined and I was told to come to the meeting to speak publicly to debate this issue.

So here I am once again on this topic in Bristol about red light and speed cameras which I do not support or advocate here in our City of Bristol. My reasons why are many.

First I have spoken with and received emails from over 15 Bristol Retired Police Officers who still live in town, every single one of them say no to these cameras, which represent over 350 years of combined law enforcement experience. These members include Retired Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Detectives and Patrol Officers.

Mayor Caggiano admitted publicly that former Police Chief Brian Gould did not want these cameras in Bristol and did not support them.

Mayor Caggiano waited until Chief Morello was made Bristol Police Chief to bring the issue up again and Chief Morello supported the idea of having red light and speed cameras.

I personally believe we have the finest men and woman of the Bristol Police Department in the state of Connecticut and these Officers are fair and reasonable and have discretion.

These Officers can and will identify the proper person responsible for any motor vehicle speeding and red light violations.

Bristol is all heart and so are the men and woman of the Bristol Police Department who put their lives on the line everyday.

Red light and Speed Cameras are cold, unforgiving and heartless they issue tickets in the mail whether your going 11 miles over the speed limit or 50 miles over the speed limit, the fine is the same no discretion what so ever. Thats not fair or reasonable.

I do not want to personally live in such a city with these devices. I trust our Bristol Police Officers to do their job every day protecting and serving us here in Bristol fairly and reasonable while being professional.

These cameras are just yet another tax and money grab that Bristol Taxpayers cannot afford here in CT.

I believe these city ordinances based on the public act are unconstitutional just Like Missouri Supreme Court had found 2015. The Supreme Court had stated the city camera ordinance violated due process and the constitution when they made the vehicle owner have to prove his innocence which was a rebuttable defense rather than the city prove he was the driver. The City was forced to pay back over 2 million dollars in red light and speed ticket fines at the cost of the tax payers in 2016.

Will corporation counsel attorneys from the city of Bristol guarantee this public act will not be overturned at the state Supreme Court in Connecticut one day, and if they cannot make that guarantee then this is huge mistake for Bristol to pursue.

Is Bristol truly all heart or just cold hearted with the camera tax. I do not consent to this camera tax as same as I did not consent to public utilities benefit where I pay for others electricity bills including my own. It's just one tax after another here in CT. Would you want to live in a City or town like this? I do not.

Let's give our Bristol Police Officers the much needed leadership, encouragement and support to do their jobs and tackle this issue head on with fair and reasonable discretion to address motor vehicle violations here in Bristol.

Sent from my iPad



Susan Tyler <suesellsct@gmail.com>

Fwd: Red Light Cameras

Mathew Biadun <mathewbiadun05@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 8, 2026 at 10:29 AM

To: SusanTyler@bristolct.gov, "suesellsct@gmail.com" <suesellsct@gmail.com>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mathew Biadun** <mathewbiadun05@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 5, 2026 at 19:45

Subject: Red Light Cameras

To: <SusanTyler@bristolct.gov>

Hello Sue,

I saw on Facebook that you were looking for people's thoughts on red light cameras, and thought I'd send mine over. I fully understand the purpose behind their consideration. Bristol has had a lot of really tragic accidents lately, especially that one right before the holidays, when those parents were killed right before Thanksgiving. But I'm a little reluctant about red light cameras as the solution.

There have been constant, repeated privacy concerns over these red light cameras. I read of a case in Mountain View, California, where a red light provider shared license plate data with federal agencies in over twenty other states, which isn't even legal under California law. I don't even know if Connecticut has similar laws to begin with. But if it does, cases like this one show that it's not even necessarily effective. Those laws can be applied retroactively to punish companies, but they aren't preemptive; and once your data is out there, it's out there.

I'm also worried about what could happen if these cameras were subject to a citywide data breach. I know that may sound like a far-fetched possibility, but it's happened in other towns too. If someone hacks into the city's data, would they just have hundreds of hours of our movement patterns, license plates, etc.? That's a pretty terrifying risk to take for these cameras.

The privacy concerns are serious. The American Civil Liberties Union of CT has already warned that towns shouldn't put cameras like these into place until those privacy concerns are handled. Even if privacy doesn't

become an issue, how will these cameras be used? If the police have to review each piece of footage to check, how many officers will that take up? What happens if they see a car speeding, and send a ticket straight to the owner, who wasn't even driving it then? How can I prove my innocence if someone else is using my car?

I just think there's a lot of questions about these cameras which don't have comforting answers. Once again, I get the desire for them, speeding is an issue. But I'd rather see higher fines on the road, for example, than these cameras, ESPECIALLY if it's a private company instead of the police department who is operating them.

Sincerely,
Mathew Biadun

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL POLICE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2026, AT 4:15 p.m.
BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEETING RM. 1, FLOOR 2**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairperson
Commissioner Rory Ghio
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Terry Lewis
Commissioner Gloria Sapp Smith
Council Member Sue Tyler

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 4:40 P.M.

2. TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INTERVIEW ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER AND TO TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY.

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INTERVIEW ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER. Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

No votes were taken in Executive Session.

3. TO RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION AND TO TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY.

At 5:10 p.m., Council Member Tyler moved to RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Kilbourne moved TO OFFER CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT TO CANDIDATE #4, Second by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Kilbourne moved TO REMOVE THE CANDIDATES #1, 3, 5, AND 7 FROM THE DECEMBER 25, 2027, ENTRY-LEVEL OFFICER ELIGIBILITY LIST. Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to REMOVE MR. ZAMORA FROM THE ONGOING LATERAL CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY LIST, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

4. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion to approve, by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu, it was unanimously voted TO ADJOURN.

The Special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 24th day of February, 2026, was hereby adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas
Recording Secretary

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Records Division

2026 Monthly Traffic Report

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2025 Accident Reports	156	165	135	135	166	165	137	135	120	160	152	177	1803
2026 Accident Reports	165	164											329
2025 MVS Arrests	160	124	146	189	151	112	122	135	102	68	72	39	1420
2026 MVS Arrests	46	28											74
2025 Written Warnings	298	383	368	372	573	423	345	279	325	320	321	187	4194
2026 Written Warnings	189	161											350
2025 Fatal Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	6
2026 Fatal Accidents	1	0											1
2025 Number Killed	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	7
2026 Number Killed	1	0											1
2025 MVA W/Injury	19	14	17	12	17	30	24	23	12	18	12	21	219
2026 MVA W/Injury	20	10											30
2025 Number Injured	29	19	21	14	24	35	40	26	13	26	13	30	290
2026 Number Injured	32	15											47
2025 MVA Prop Dam Only	137	151	118	123	147	135	88	88	74	110	106	121	1398
2026 MVA Prop Dam Only	107	116											223
2025 DWI Arrests	3	9	7	12	11	15	10	9	8	7	11	8	110
2026 DWI Arrests	7	10											17
2025 M/V verbal/no action	64	72	53	52	74	38	60	38	43	44	34	42	614
2026 M/V verbal/no action	24	21											45

Lt. Krajewski

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Records Division
FY26 Monthly Parking Ticket Report

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
FY26 Tickets Issued	43	13	12	11	6	736	577	358					1,756
FY25 Tickets Issued	14	16	15	15	15	857	776	480	306	19	46	14	2,573
FY26 Number of Ticket Fines Paid	38	11	16	15	9	352	423	286					1,150
FY25 Number of Ticket Fines Paid	21	9	25	13	19	342	639	439	390	61	71	31	2,060
FY26 Amount Collected	\$1,730	\$360	\$500	\$690	\$325	\$7,620	\$11,455	\$9,790.00					\$32,470.00
FY25 Amount Collected	\$975	\$315	\$935	\$535	\$1,000	\$7,590	\$19,829	\$13,902.95	\$13,530	\$3,115	\$2,695	\$1,635	\$66,056.95

Prepared on 03/02/2026

Submitted by: *Lt. Patrick Krajewski*

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Records Division
2026 MONTHLY WARRANT ARREST REPORT

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Misdemeanors 2025:	22	36	28	24	33	20	36	11	25	18	23	44	320
Misdemeanors 2026:	24	13											37
Felonies 2025:	31	15	19	9	18	14	16	7	23	23	27	28	230
Felonies 2026:	21	13											34
Total Prisoner Transports 2025:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	12	18	22	16	30	110
Total Prisoner Transports 2026:	15	15											30
Total Warrants Served 2025:	53	51	47	33	51	34	52	18	48	41	50	72	550
Total Warrants Served 2026:	45	26											71

Lt. P. Krajewski

3/4/2026

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Records Division

FY26 Monthly Alarm Collections

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
FY26 Alarms Responded To	110	86	92	97	99	139	117	135					875
FY25 Alarms Responded To	127	143	105	101	109	156	143	130	114	103	104	112	1,447
FY26 Citations Issued	11	7	7	11	15	19	2	4					76
FY26 Citations Paid	14	13	6	4	7	11	13	12					80
FY26 Alarm Fines Collected	\$3,330	\$1,800	\$990	\$630	\$3,150	\$1,530	\$1,800	\$3,600					\$16,830
FY25 Alarm Fines Collected	\$1,170	\$1,980	\$1,980	\$2,430	\$900	\$3,780	\$5,220	\$4,940	\$3,150	\$10,180	\$1,170	\$2,160	\$39,060
FY26 Unpaid Fines	\$9,000	\$8,010	\$8,550	\$10,620	\$10,170	\$12,690	\$10,800	\$9,450					N/A
FY26 Write Offs / Uncollectible	\$0	\$180	\$90	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$0	\$0					\$450
FY25 Unpaid Fines	\$24,120	\$25,380	\$24,930	\$26,280	\$28,080	\$32,040	\$30,150	\$24,040	\$21,250	\$11,070	\$11,880	\$11,250	N/A
FY25 Write Offs / Uncollectible	\$0	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440	\$0	\$1,620	\$0	\$0	\$3,150

3/2/2026

Submitted by: *Lt. Patrick Krajewski*

According to Black's Law Dictionary, Uncollectible means:

"A thing unable to be collected after all efforts have been made".

Other definitions include:

"not capable of being collected; "a bad (or uncollectible) debt". bad. invalid - having no cogency or legal force; "invalid reasoning".

2025-2026 Write Offs:

August 2025 - The Carousel Museum - \$180 Late fees waived

September 2025 - American Legion - \$90 Appeal approved

November 2025 - Bristol Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses - \$180 Late fees waived

PISTOL PERMITS FY26

Pistol Permits	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	22	34	47	32	20	42	28	40					265
APPLICATIONS COMPLETED	37	34	55	57	29	35	28	39					314
OTHER (OUT OF STATE ETC.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
APPLICATIONS REJECTED	6	2	5	8	7	0	2	1					31
APPLICATIONS APPROVED	31	32	50	49	22	35	26	38					283
PERSONS FINGERPRINTED	22	34	47	32	20	42	28	40					265
FEES RECEIVED	\$1,680.00	\$2,380.00	\$3,360.00	\$2,240.00	\$1,470.00	\$2,940.00	\$1,960.00	\$2,800.00					\$ 18,830.00
Bingo Revenue	\$273.90	\$280.45	\$391.79	\$1,494.42	\$349.33	\$224.93	\$182.97	\$192.46					\$ 3,390.25
Other Permits													
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	16	2	3	2	0	3	1	1					28
APPLICATIONS COMPLETED	16	2	3	2	0	3	1	1					28
APPLICATIONS REJECTED	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
APPLICATIONS APPROVED	15	2	3	2	0	3	1	1					27
FEES RECEIVED	\$770.00	\$320.00	\$65.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$30.00	\$75.00					\$ 1,845.00

Completed by Det. Sgt. O'Brien and Officer Tyler Meusel

*Check from a denial pistol permit for May deposited in July - Party never picked up

*Bounced check for June paid in July

*Bounced check for August paid in Sept

Bounced check for Nov paid in Nov

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Criminal Investigation Division
2025

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Y-T-D	Active
Gun Complaint/Shooting	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sex Assault	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10
Child Abuse	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11
Child Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sudden Death	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Burglary	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7
Fraud	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13
Larceny	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Fire	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Missing Person	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Background Investigation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Miscellaneous	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
New Case Totals	25	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	73

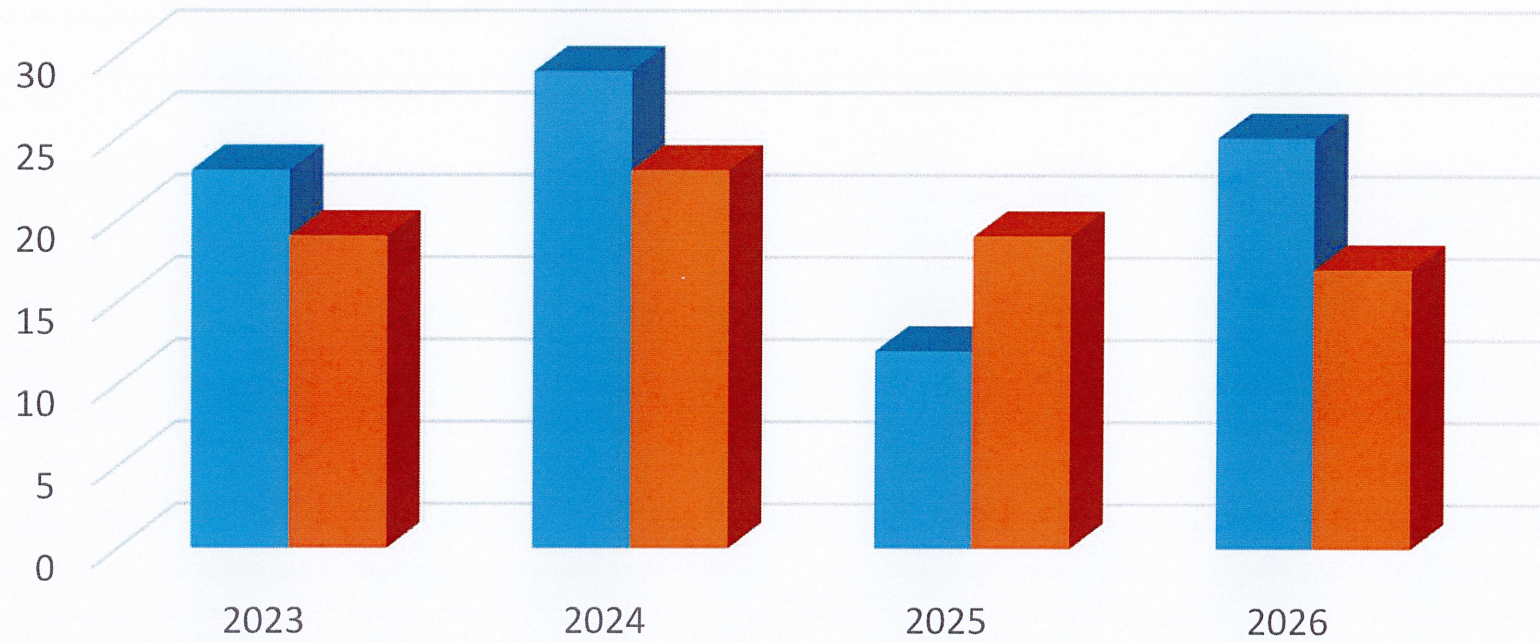
The year to date (Y-T-D) numbers differ from the Active numbers as we may still be working on cases from previous months or years.

DEFINITIONS

Gun Complaint/Shooting	An incident involving someone being shot or shots being fired at someone/something
Robbery	Taking something from someone by force or the threatened use of force
Assault	With the intent to cause injury to someone the actor causes such injury
Sex Assault	The actors has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with someone in violation of statutes
Child Abuse	Inflicting pain, injury, or neglect on a person under 18 years of age
Child Pornography	Pornography that exploits children for sexual stimulation
Sudden Death	The sudden death of someone that results in a police investigation
Burglary	Entering or remaining in a building with the intent to commit a crime
Fraud	The actor knowingly or intentionally devises or participates in a sceme to defraud another
Larceny	The actor takes, obtains or withholds property of another with no intent of returning it
Fire	A fire that results in a police investigation
Missing Person	A person who's whereabouts are unknown
Background Invest	Pre-employment background investigation
Miscellaneous	An incident that does not fall in one of the above categories

prepared by: Captain Michael Duval #179

February 2026 YTD Comparison



prepared by: Captain Michael Duval #179

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BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT													
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2026													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Y-T-D
Digital Device Examinations	9	11											20
Judicial Requests	5	7											12
Court Orders	11	8											19
Technical Assistance	5	9											14
Surveillance Video Recovery	7	3											10
Polygraphs	8	1											9
GRAND TOTAL	45	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
<u>Definitions</u> Digital Device Examinations: seize, preserve, analyze, extract and archive data from mobile phones, tablets, desktop and laptop computers, USB thumb drives, GPS, etc. Judicial Requests: requests from the court for ex-parte orders, search warrants, and copies of digital evidence. Court Orders: applications for ex-parte orders and search warrants. Technical Assistance: assist officers with evidence gathering, archiving, and obtaining copies of digital evidence as well as provide technical assistance with regard to computer crime investigations. Surveillance Video Recovery: preserve, recovery, and archive surveillance video from crime scenes. Polygraphs: Polygraphs related to police applicants and criminal matters. Prepared by: Det. Scott Werner													

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Narcotics Monthly Report
Feb-26

<u>NARCOTIC ARRESTS</u>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS	8	11											19
SALE OF NARCOTICS	7	11											18
PRESCRIPTION FRAUD	0	0											0
MISCELLANEOUS	6	6											12
CULTIVATION	0	0											0
GRAND TOTAL	21	28											49
<u>SEIZED NARCOTICS</u>													
EST. STREET VALUE	\$2,241	\$42,959											\$45,201
CASH SEIZED	\$1,306	\$886,064											\$887,370
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,547	\$929,023											\$932,571
<u>INVESTIGATIONS</u>													
SUSPECTED OVERDOSE DEATH	0	1											1
CURRENT OPEN INVESTIGATIONS	22	22											
<u>OTHER ITEMS SEIZED</u>	Nothing seized	1 car											

Prepared by: Det. Sgt. Richard Solnik



Bristol Police Department
Community Relations Division

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FEBRUARY 2026

- 1) Attended STEP assembly at South Side School on February 2nd
- 2) Attended the BCHS/BEHS Hockey game honoring First Responders on February 2nd
- 3) On February 5th, I met with staff at Faith Lutheran and helped them with active shooter assessment and training
- 4) Took part in the Imagination Nation Pre-K "Police Academy" graduation on February 6th
- 5) On February 7th, I went to Mission BBQ for a "Cocoa with a Cop" event
- 6) Helped at Food Share on February 9th
- 7) Took part in the regional JRB meeting on February 10th
- 8) Attended a meeting at the Salvation Army on February 10th for a Property Committee meeting
- 9) On February 11th, I went to the Code Enforcement meeting
- 10) Took part in the STEP presentation at Stafford School on February 12th
- 11) Assisted in Oral Board interviews for Sergeant at Middletown PD on February 16th and 17th.
- 12) The CWOs attended the Bristol Cares meeting on February 17th
- 13) Attended the Law Enforcement Torch Run kickoff event/awards at Mohegan Sun on February 19th
- 14) Monthly Salvation Army meeting on February 20th
- 15) Went to Hubbell School and assisted with the STEP program on February 20th
- 16) Took part in the STEP program at Mountain View School on February 20th
- 17) Attended the Bristol Best meeting on February 26th

Prepared By;

Lieutenant Eric Hanson



Bristol Police Department
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February 2026 Bristol Youth Cadets Report

<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Cadets in attendance</i>
2/5	Routine Investigations	6
2/12	Narcotics	12
2/19	Family Violence / Tracy Thurman Movie	9
2/26	Family Violence	10

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Event:</i>	<i>Cadets in attendance</i>
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NO EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Prepared by:

Officer Kory St. Pierre

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Patrol Division
2026 K9 Unit Monthly Report

	K9	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
BUILDING SEARCH:	HERO	1	0											1
	HUNTER	0	0											0
MISSING PERSON SEARCH:	HERO	0	1											1
	HUNTER	1	0											1
EVIDENCE SEARCH/NARCOTICS:	HERO	2	1											3
	HUNTER	3	1											4
WARRANT SERVICE (Felony/Misdemeanor):	HERO	0	0											0
	HUNTER	1M	0											1M 0F
SUSPECT TRACK:	HERO	0	2											2
	HUNTER	0	1											1
SUSPECT BITE:	HERO	0	0											0
	HUNTER	0	0											0
PUBLIC PRESENTATION:	HERO	0	0											0
	HUNTER	0	0											0
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY:	HERO	0	1											1
	HUNTER	1	1											2
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS:	HERO	2	2											4
	HUNTER	7	8											15

Submitted by: Sgt. T. O'Brien

Date Submitted 3/4/2026

2/6/26- CIT instruction Southington Police Department

2/25/26 & 2/26/26- Frankie responded with Farmington PD K9 Nash to Hall High in West Hartford for a student death

2/27/26- DESPP headquarters presentation

Notes:

We applied to the Hometown Foundations K9 giveaway grant for K9 Hunter and K9 Hero, but we did not win.

Prepared by:

Officer Alysha Pirog

2026 Monthly CIT Team Statistics Report

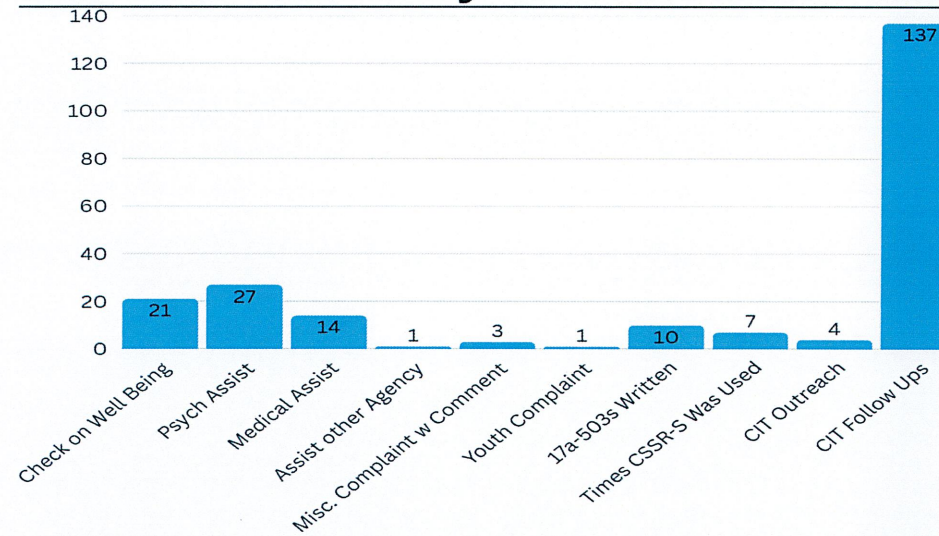
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
PSYCH ASSIST (ADULT)	19	17											36
PSYCH ASSIST (JUVENILE)	5	10											15
CHECK ON WELLBEING	23	21											44
MEDICAL ASSIST	6	14											20
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	5	1											6
CIT OUTREACH	16	4											20
YOUTH COMPLAINT	2	1											3
MISC COMPLAINT W COMMENT	12	3											15
UNWANTED PERSON(S)	1	7											8
MISSING PERSON	1	0											1
MOTOR VEHICLE STOP & ARRESTS	4	2											6
POLICE INFORMATION	4	0											4
DOMESTIC	1	2											3
DIRECTED/ SPECIAL PATROL, WALK & TALK, & CADET EVENTS	21	34											55
DISTURBANCE	2	3											5
ARRESTS (CRIMINAL, WARRANT, & PRAWN) & VIOLATION	0	4											4
NARCOTICS	1	0											1
TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS	123	123											246
17a-503s WRITTEN	11	10											21
NUMBER OF TIMES CSSR-S ASSESSMENT USED	1	7											8
NUMBER OF CCT REFERRALS	1	0											1
FOLLOW UPS COMPLETED	108	137											245
MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ COORDINATION	24	38											62
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	56	42											-
ACTIVE CASES	19	13											-

*PSYCH ASSIST (ADULT) INCLUDES: adult psych assists, suicide. MEDICAL ASSIST INCLUDES: medicals, sudden deaths, intoxicated person. ASSIST OTHER AGENCY INCLUDES: assist other agency, code enforcement, escort. MISC COMPLAINT W COMMENT INCLUDES: misc. complaint w comment, misc. motor vehicle complaint, parking complaint, MV accidents, tire deflation device, wanted person(s), field interview, FLOCK alert, building security checks, vehicle broken down, fireworks complaint, cruelty to animals, road hazard, burglar alarm, dirt bike complaint, shoplifting. UNWANTED PERSON(S) INCLUDES: unwanted person(s), trespasser, suspicious person. MISSING PERSON INCLUDES: missing adult, missing juvenile, person returned. POLICE INFORMATION INCLUDES: police information, found property, sex assault, gun complaints, prisoner transport/ court liaison, attempted larceny, larceny. DOMESTIC INCLUDES: domestic routine, domestic serious, violation of protective order, standby property removal, child abuse/neglect. DISTURBANCE INCLUDES: disturbance, threat of injury, breach of peace, harassing calls, assault, knife complaint, landlord/tenant dispute, neighbor dispute.

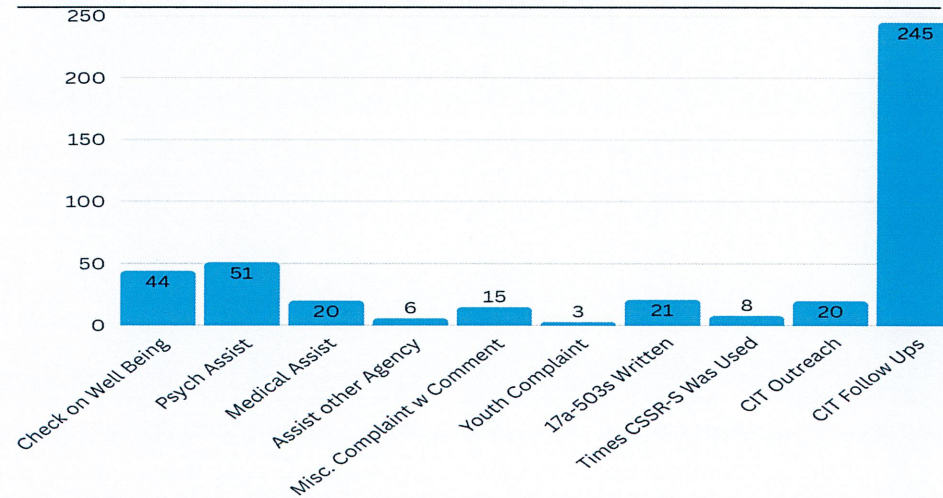
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2026 Monthly CIT Team Statistics Report

CIT Team February 2026 Statistics



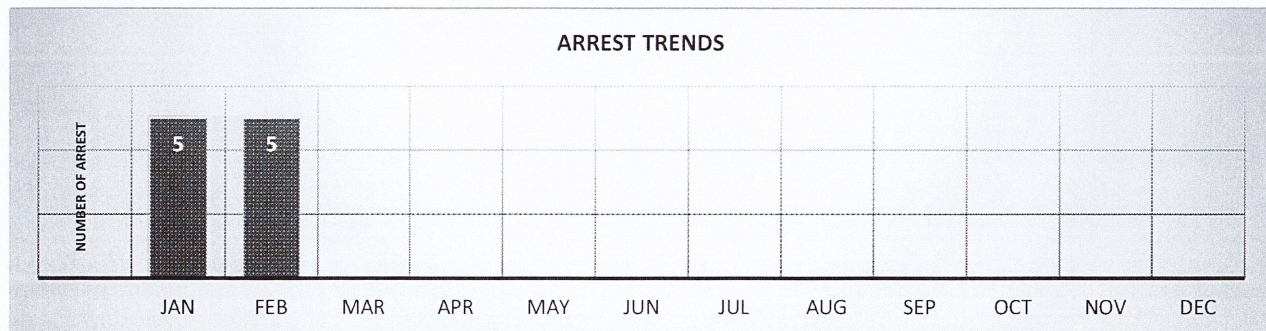
CIT Team 2026 Statistics YTD



BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Relations Division
2026 Monthly Juvenile Arrest Report

ARREST STATISTICS:	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
TOTAL JUVENILE ARREST	5	5											10
JRB REFERRAL	1	0											1
JUVENILE COURT REFERRAL	4	5											9
ADULT REFERRAL	0	0											0
MALE ARREST	4	5											9
FEMALE ARREST	1	0											1
REPEAT OFFENDER	2	2											4
MISDEMEANOR CHARGES	6	6											12
FELONY CHARGES	2	8											10
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	0	0											0
MARIJUANA OFFENSES	0	0											0
NARCOTICS OFFENSES	0	0											0
LARCENY OF M/V	1	4											5

AGE & SEX STATISTICS:	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
AGE 8: MALE													0
FEMALE													0
AGE 9: MALE													0
FEMALE													0
AGE 10: MALE													0
FEMALE													0
AGE 11: MALE													0
FEMALE													0
AGE 12: MALE	1												1
FEMALE													0
AGE 13: MALE													0
FEMALE													0
AGE 14: MALE													0
FEMALE													0
AGE 15: MALE	2	2											4
FEMALE	1												1
AGE 16: MALE	1	2											3
FEMALE													0
AGE 17: MALE		1											1
FEMALE													0

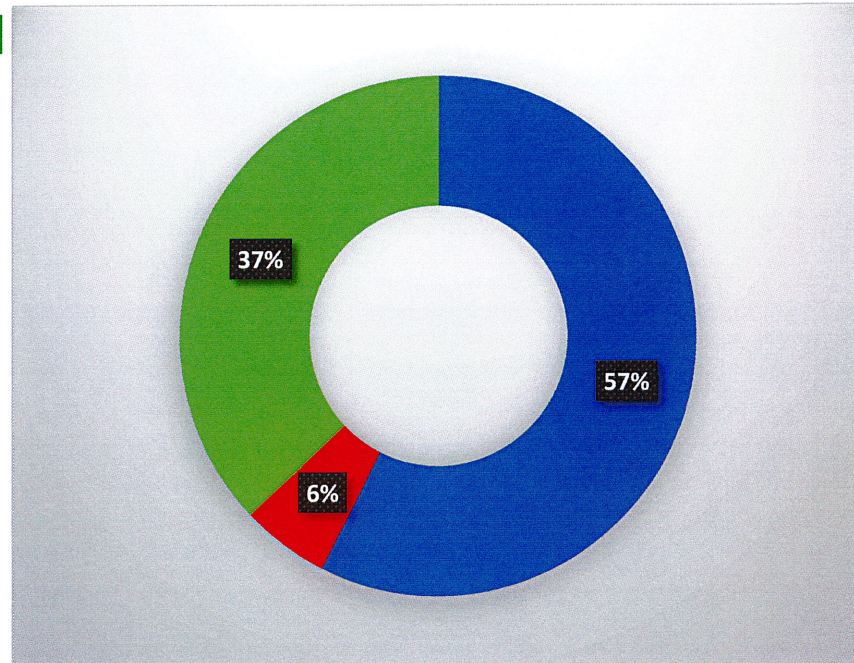


PREPARED BY: Lt. Eric Hanson

Bristol Police Communications Division Monthly Report

Major Channel Radio Transmissions

Date	Police	Fire	EMS
January-26	44,985	9,518	33,609
February-26	39,590	8,334	28,457
March-26			
April-26			
May-26			
June-26			
July-26			
August-26			
September-26			
October-26			
November-26			
December-26			
Total year to date:	84,575	17,852	62,066



2025 Radio Transmissions	164,493
2025 Radio Transmissions	1,048,814
Full-Time Staffing	17/17
Per Diem Staffing	1
2026 QA/QI	42

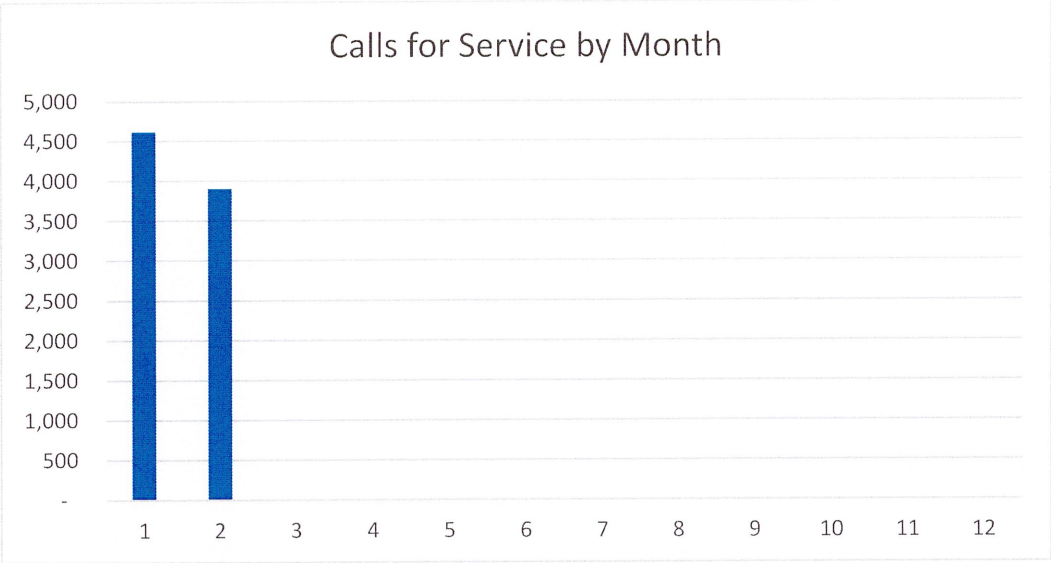
Prepared by: Lieutenant Lang Mussen #167

3/3/2026

Calls for Service 2025: 58,841

Calls for Service 2026: 8,520

1-Jan	2-Feb	3-Mar	4-Apr	5-May	6-Jun	7-Jul	8-Aug	9-Sep	10-Oct	11-Nov	12-Dec	YTD total
4,616	3,904											8,520
												CFS



Prepared by: Lieutenant Lang Mussen #167

3/3/2026

BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Animal Control Division
FY26 Animal Control Report

CALLS FOR SERVICE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	YTD
Roaming Dog/Found Dog	26	35	36	16	25	25	20	17					200
Barking Dog	3	4	5	5	1	5	2	5					30
Animal Bites	4	2	5	6	4	6	2	4					33
Report of Cruelty	19	16	9	7	5	8	13	4					81
Report of Rabies	3	2	1	0	3	1	2	0					12
Dead/Injured Animals	40	26	33	37	37	19	22	19					233
Violation of Law/Ordinance	1	8	2	3	2	0	2	4					22
Wildlife/Animal Concern	8	9	8	3	6	5	3	1					43
Assist other Agency	0	1	4	2	1	1	2	0					11
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	104	103	103	79	84	70	68	54					665
PUBLIC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION	155	159	148	166	115	111	98	66					1018
ENFORCEMENT													
Arrests	2	0	5	4	2	0	0	0					13
Written Warnings	4	15	16	7	7	9	5	4					67
ANIMALS													
Animals Impounded	16	14	16	14	17	14	9	8					108
Animals Destroyed by Vet	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0					4
CITY REVENUE													
Animals Sold at \$5.00	\$20	\$10	\$0	\$25	\$5	\$15	\$15	\$15					\$105
*Animals Redeemed @\$15 / \$25	\$100	\$100	\$60	\$70	\$75	\$170	\$15	\$65					\$655
Animals Quarantined @ \$10.00/day	\$0	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0					\$110
TOTAL \$	\$120	\$110	\$80	\$95	\$80	\$275	\$30	\$80	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$870
STATE REVENUE													
Animal Population Control Program	\$90	\$135	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$135	\$90	\$45					\$675

Date 03-06-26

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Raymond Zagurski

*Redemption fees: unadvertised animal \$15/advertised animal \$25

Redemption fees for animals advertised were raised \$5.00 effective 1/30/25 due to increases in advertisement cost

**Violation of Law/Ordinance encompasses rooster ordinance complaints, failing to collect dog excrement, dogs off leash as well as feeding and harassing wildlife.

***Public Requests For Information encompasses inquiries for adoptions, questions on laws, neutering and licensing as well as neighbor concerns regarding pets that are handled via telephone.



Bristol Police Department
Traffic Division

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Bristol, Connecticut 06010

To: Deputy Chief Moskowitz
From: Lieutenant Berube
Date: 03/02/26
RE: February 2026 Monthly Traffic Division Statistic Report

Traffic Officer Activities:

Officer Kosiba continued filling the role of Traffic Maintenance Technician by meticulously maintaining the fleet and ensuring repairs are being completed in a timely manner. The Bristol Police Department is continuing to work with the Department of Public Works to transition traffic maintenance duties and responsibilities to DPW. This transitional phase will need to be in place until the Police Department and DPW iron out the various tasks performed for traffic maintenance and who will be responsible for performing these maintenance tasks. The ultimate goal of this change is to split and delegate tasks and to build redundancy of the tasks to better the City's response when problems arise with our sign and traffic signal infrastructure, as well as with our police and other city vehicles. The Traffic Division maintains the fleet by delivering police vehicles for maintenance services with outside vendors within and outside of the city. OFC Verillo was promoted to Detective on Friday, 01/30/26. She was permanently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division and will not be replaced.

Traffic Division Enforcement:

The Traffic Division focused motor vehicle enforcement on the following roadways, where we have had many motor vehicle complaints, during the month of February:

02/01/26-02/07/26 Wolcott Road, Wolcott Street, Peck Lane, West Street & East @ Greystone
02/08/26-02/14/26 Barnes Highway
02/15/26-02/21/26 Jerome Avenue, Brook Street & Burlington Avenue
02/22/26-02/28/26 King Street, West Washington Street & Woodland Street

The Traffic Division will focus motor vehicle enforcement on the following high crash areas during the month of March:

03/01/26-03/07/26 Middle Street
03/08/26-03/14/26 Stafford Avenue, Stevens Street & Shrub Road
03/15/26-03/21/26 Pine Street
03/22/26-03/28/26 Redstone Hill Road, Lake Avenue, Memorial Boulevard, Willis Street
03/29/26-04/04/26 Route 6

Federally Funded Grant for Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program:

The grant is in effect until 09/12/26, and is being worked by volunteers. The hours of the DUI Grant Patrols are 1900 – 0300 (7:00PM – 3:00AM).



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4. Case #25-50204 (11/09/25) Officer McKirryher – A 69-year-old woman was found outside of her vehicle pinned under the driver-side door of her car in the driveway of her residence on Rockwell Avenue. The woman was pronounced deceased on scene. This incident is under investigation.
5. Case #25-50642 (11/12/25) Officer Boisvert – A 33-year-old man/pedestrian attempted to cross Pine Street and was struck by a vehicle traveling westbound on Pine Street. The pedestrian was transported via LifeStar to Hartford Hospital. The pedestrian is currently out of the ICU. However, he is still in the hospital experiencing short-term memory loss. This car crash is under investigation.
6. Case #25-52182 (11/22/25) Officer Kosiba – A vehicle that was traveling northbound on Willis Street crashed into a tree on the east side of the road. The three occupants in a vehicle were a 35-year-old male driver, his 12-year-old son, who was his front seat passenger, and his 10-year-old son who was his rear seat passenger. The 35-year-old male driver and his 12-year-old were pronounced deceased upon arrival at Bristol Hospital. This car crash is under investigation.
7. Case #25-52912 (11/26/25) Officer McKirryher – A 31-year-old male driver, who had been traveling eastbound on Broad Street, crashed into a utility pole on the south side of Broad Street. The 31-year-old male driver was pronounced deceased upon arrival at Bristol Hospital. This car crash is under investigation.
8. Case #25-53200 (11/28/25) Officer Boisvert – A 42-year-old male driver, who had been traveling southbound on Battle Street, crashed into a utility pole on the east side of Battle Street. The vehicle continued traveling into the yard of a home adjacent to Battle Street's intersection with James P. Casey Road. Copious amounts of debris from the vehicle wreckage were thrown all over the roadways of Battle Street and James P. Casey Road along with the yard of the home mentioned above. The driver was found approximately 30-feet from the vehicle and was later pronounced deceased upon arrival at Bristol Hospital. This car crash is under investigation.
9. Case #26-1111 (01/08/26) Officer Kosiba – A 36-year-old male pedestrian/bicyclist, who was in the roadway near 263 Birch Street was struck by a silver Jeep Grand Cherokee that fled the scene. The pedestrian/bicyclist was subsequently struck by a second vehicle traveling on Birch Street. He was pronounced deceased upon arrival at Bristol Hospital. This crash is under investigation.

Feb. 2026

Bristol Police Dept.

For a little over a year now many of you responded to the residence of Christopher (Kit) 35 Vernon St - Forestville. Many of you were here more than once.

I just wanted to thank you for your quick response to my husband's needs. If it wasn't for your quick action & assistance that you gave, my husband would have been dead well over a year ago.

Because of your quick action for the many times coming to the house, we were able to have him as long as we did.

You guys & gals are really special. Thank You again.

Sincerely,

Penny Citchley
Daughters - Kelly Fortin
Tracy Brown

P.S. We do need an ambulance in Forestville, it's long overdue. Will work on it!



City of Bristol
BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
131 NORTH MAIN STREET
BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT 06010

March 10, 2026

Officer Greg Giannini
131 North Main Street
Bristol, CT. 06010

Officer Giannini,

I received a phone call from Mr. Barron at 165 Rossi Dr. He stated he contacted the police department on March 7, 2026 , after receiving a call from an individual claiming to be from the IRS, directing him to withdraw a large sum of cash. Mr. Rossi completed the withdrawal but grew suspicious and called the police. He was concerned that the caller would come to his home to get the cash.

Mr. Barron stated that you took the time to listen and that you made him feel safe and secure. He also stated that he was impressed and grateful for how you handled this matter.

Greg, thank you for meeting and exceeding our mission to protect and serve the community with integrity and professionalism. Your actions are a prime example of how we can make a profoundly positive impact on someone's life through this job by providing good service and demonstrating compassion. A copy of this letter and the original correspondence will be added to your personnel file. Thanks again, and keep up the great work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chief Mark R. Morello", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark R. Morello, Chief of Police



CITY OF BRISTOL POLICE AWARDS COMMITTEE

March 3rd, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
BPD CONFERENCE ROOM
131 NORTH MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

Acting Chairperson: Council Member Sue Tyler
Co-chairperson: Deputy Chief Robert Osborne
Sworn Officers: Lieutenant Lang Mussen
Member of E-Board: Officer James Pelletier
Dispatcher/Member of Union Local 233: Christopher Atwood
Non-Sworn BPD Staff Civilian: Jillian Portal

ABSENT:

Chairperson
1 Sworn Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Chief Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

3. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

Dispatcher Atwood made a motion TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3RD MEETING, Seconded by Lt. Mussen.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

4. **NOMINATIONS OF AWARDS**

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-4, THE MEDICAL LIFESAVING RIBBON TO OFFICER PARRACINO, Seconded by Dispatcher Atwood.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Discussion was held.

Lt. Mussen made a motion TO AMEND AWARD SUBMISSION 26-4 TO INCLUDE EMT BAILEY MCCANN AND EMT EVAN BURLEY AND TO DENY AWARD SUBMISSION 26-5, Seconded by Dispatcher Atwood.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Lt. Mussen made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-6, THE DEPARTMENT SILVER STAR AWARD TO OFFICERS LEVINE, POLLOCK, BAZAREWSKY, MCGRANE, FRECHETTE, DETECTIVES S. VERILLO, AND MONAHAN AND LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO OFFICERS FISHER, GENOVESE, SOUCY-FIELD, PETZING, AND DETECTIVE DOYLE, Seconded by Ofc. Pelletier.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Dispatcher Atwood made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-7, LETTER OF COMMENDATION AND STORK PIN TO DISPATCHER CHOMICZ, Seconded by Ofc. Pelletier.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO AWARD OFFICER PARRACINO, OFFICER OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2026, Seconded by Dispatcher Atwood.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Lt. Mussen made a motion TO AWARD DISPATCHER CHOMICZ, DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2026, Seconded by Ofc. Pelletier.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Deputy Chief Osborne reminded the committee that the Honoring Heroes' Dinner will be on Monday, March 30th. The event will include Police, Dispatch, Fire, and EMS.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ofc. Pelletier moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Dispatcher Atwood.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The Awards Committee meeting for the 3rd day of March 2026 was HEREBY ADJOURNED at 9:29 A.M.

Jillian Portal

Recording Secretary

From: Sean Hughes <shughes@hughesandcronin.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 3:18 PM

To: Mark Morello <MarkMorello@bristolct.gov>

Subject: Turning Off Red Light Cameras

Good Afternoon Chief Morello,

I have heard back from the Redspeed folks. They have the ability to turn off the fines for certain hours, or they can completely turn the cameras off. They have both options. The municipality can curtail the plan and cameras to whatever they see fit. They also have public relations within the company and can advise what and where to stay away from when rolling out the program in a municipality.

Sean Hughes

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Automated Traffic Enforcement Camera

Frequently Asked Questions

To follow up on the testimony submitted to the Mayor's Office or presented at the February 17th meeting regarding the installation of traffic enforcement cameras, we would like to address the new questions and concerns raised by Bristol residents.

Concern: Drivers will be penalized without direct interaction or discretion from a law enforcement officer.

Violators can appeal.

Concern: Fines will disproportionately impact working families.

All drivers are subject to traffic laws regardless of employment status.

Concern: A publicly disclosed traffic engineering and safety study is required before installing cameras.

Yes. One will be provided and reviewed by DOT for approval as part of the process, as required by law.

Concern: Reckless drivers will simply choose to drive on routes without cameras.

Taking the time to leave a main roadway to avoid potentially stopping for a red light seems unlikely.

Concern: Automated tickets violate due process.

It is not. An appeals process exists.

Concern: After cameras are installed, the city should enact a clear notice period before enforcement, limit the use of collected data, report the number of violations and fines to the public, and dedicate proceeds from the fines to student safety.

Regarding collected data: No personally identifiable information can be stored or retained by the City or vendor unless such information is necessary for charging, collection, and enforcement of fines. If you have a smartphone, you share much more personal information than a stationary traffic camera ever captures.

Concern: Yellow light timing adjustment, clearer signage, and driver awareness campaigns are cheaper ways to reduce infractions, and the infrastructure cost of installing cameras is not worth the benefit.

There is no cost to the city, and unlike an Infraction ticket issued by a police officer, where the majority of the fine fee goes to the State, ATED Violations are paid directly to the City of Bristol, with the ATED



Automated Traffic Enforcement Camera

Frequently Asked Questions

company charging a state-regulated fee of \$15. This fee covers the vendor's cost to install and maintain the system, and the city must use the money collected from fines to improve transportation mobility and traffic infrastructure. Penalties are actually more lenient than if a police officer stopped you, and you will only be fined if you are found to have committed a violation, again, no different than if a police officer stopped you. Also, fine amounts are limited by law. A first offense will cost the vehicle owner \$50 plus the \$15 service fee, with subsequent offenses resulting in a \$75 fine plus the \$15 service fee.

Concern: Cameras do not decrease the number of accidents and will not address the real issue of people disobeying road signs.

While some studies may claim ATED's don't work, the majority show that they do. In fact, most people would agree that drivers slow down when they see a police officer engaged in enforcement activity, and an ATED creates a similar effect. An Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) study found that cameras reduced the fatal red-light-running crash rate in large cities by 21% and the rate of all types of fatal crashes at signalized intersections by 14%.

Concern: Traffic enforcement cameras violate the right to privacy.

Cameras don't violate privacy. Driving is a regulated activity, and people who obtain licenses agree to abide by certain laws. In June 2023, Connecticut passed H.B. 5917, which legalized the use of ATED's. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, there are currently over 280 communities across 23 states that utilize ATEDs, and the number is growing quickly in Connecticut.

Concern: These cameras are revenue generators, not safety measures.

The goal of this program is to keep you and your family safe by modifying unsafe driving behaviors, thereby reducing traffic injuries and fatalities. Camera locations will have highly visible signs in advance, and most traffic apps will also notify drivers of the camera's presence. They are not hidden to "make money." Safety and Equity are both considered when reviewing an implementation plan, which includes a review of the CT Red Light Violation Tool (CT-REDV) and the CT Crash Data Repository (CTCDR).

No more than two ATESDs will be allowed in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT): An area where 50% of more of the households are at less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI) or poverty rate of at least 20%—only one ATESD in a QCT that is less than ¼ square mile. Bristol has three qualified census tracts.



Bristol Police Department
131 North Main Street
Bristol, CT 06010

Chief's Report

Police Payroll Supervisor

After 37 years with the City of Bristol, Rebecca "Becky" Krol, Police Payroll Supervisor, will be retiring on March 20, 2026.

Arrest

On 03/09/26, a red ATV was observed driving on Farmington Ave, committing multiple motor vehicle violations. Through good investigative efforts, the operator was identified and arrested later that day and charged with: 1. CGS 14-222 Reckless Driving 2. CGS 14-12 Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle 3. CGS 14-299 Failure to Obey Traffic Control Signal 4. CGS 38a-371(e) No Insurance 5. CGS 14-387 Illegal ATV Operation 6. CGS 14-250a Driving on Sidewalk.

Staffing and Recruitment Update

Staffing

8 vacancies 5 injured

Officer Duhaime will graduate on April 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Juan Gonzalez-Martinez will start the academy on April 2, 2026. Swearing-in date will be forthcoming. Graduation will be around September 2, 2026.

Next Academy Classes: **Post** – July and October (seats requested, not approved yet)
New Britain – September

Current sworn force 116 Budget sworn force 124

As of March 14, 2026, due to staffing issues and in anticipation of scheduling conflicts in the spring and summer months, one officer from the following departments returned to the patrol division: Traffic, Training, and Court Liaison. We will also be disbanding CSU. Also, in the summer months, SROs will return to patrol. We will continually evaluate the impact and make necessary changes or adjustments based on staffing issues.

Current Recruitment

2 Certified

Entry Level

Human Resources is working with Training on scheduling the next Entry Level Test.

Honoring Heroes Dinner

The Honoring Heroes Dinner will be held at the DoubleTree on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Social Media Traffic Enforcement Campaigns

With spring around the corner, we will ramp up our social media traffic enforcement campaigns in the coming weeks. We will focus on different violations such as red light, stop sign, speeding, and equipment.

Scheduling Proposal

In an effort to address staffing concerns and increase job satisfaction, an internal scheduling committee was formed. Our current Patrol Schedule is made up of (3) groups, (A, B, and C groups) for each 8-hour shift (First, Second, and Third). Our daily work schedules are formulated using an (AB), (AC), (BC) groupings to coincide with the Patrol Division's 4 days on and 2 days off work schedule. Currently, each group is assigned to an all-early, all-late, or split-early/late schedule for a 6-month cycle. "Early Side" reports for lineup 10 minutes before the hour, while "Late Side" reports 20 minutes after the hour. This ensures overlap in coverage between shifts. This proposal would eliminate all Late and all Early sides, making all three groups split shift (2 days late, two days early).

The union membership overwhelmingly supports this proposal, as do I.

Axon System Proposal – see attached



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March 16, 2026

Axon System Proposal

Overview:

Axon is proposing a **bundled public safety technology agreement beginning in July 2026** that modernizes Bristol Police Department's technology ecosystem while maintaining **budget neutrality for FY27** and generating **significant long-term savings**. Bristol will deploy advanced tools that enhance **officer safety, real-time intelligence, and crime prevention** while reducing overall cost compared to purchasing the technologies individually.

Financial Impact:

The current projected cost of Bristol's existing contract plus planned purchases over the next 5 FYs is: **\$4,636,570.95**

Under the proposed bundled agreement, the total cost would be: **\$4,130,951.77**

Total Savings: \$331,269.60

This savings represents approximately one full year of technology costs for several key systems, including Axon Assistant, Drone as First Responder (DFR), indoor tactical drones, and automated license plate readers.

The proposal is structured to keep the department **budget neutral in FY27**, minimizing immediate fiscal impact while expanding capabilities.

Technology Included:

The bundled agreement expands Bristol's public safety technology platform with the following capabilities:

Real-Time Crime Intelligence:

- Fusus Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) integration supporting up to 250 AI video streams
- Auror Retail Crime Intelligence Hub for coordinated retail theft investigations

Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR):

- 13 fixed LPR systems deployed at strategic locations (includes vandalism protection)

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Drone as First Responder (DFR) & Airspace Awareness/Drone Detection:

- 3 Skydio X10 DFR drones/docks
- 3 Skydio X10 patrol-led drones (One would be allocated to the Fire Department)
- 2 Skydio R10 indoor tactical drones
- 1 Dedrone Beyond fixed site system for extended DFR operations
- 1 Dedrone portable system

These capabilities allow rapid aerial response to incidents, improving response times and officer awareness.

Officer Technology:

- TASER 10 energy weapons
- Axon Assistant (including BWC live translation and automated report assistance)
- All new 5G routers for police vehicles
- Additional Fleet 3 system for a new patrol vehicle

Operational Benefits:

The proposal equips Bristol officers with technology that improves situational awareness, response time, and investigative capability, including:

- Faster response through Drone as First Responder deployment
- Improved crime detection through license plate recognition
- Real-time intelligence sharing with RTCC integration
- Faster decision making via real-time language translations through the Axon BWC
- Enhanced officer safety through next-generation TASER technology

Together, these technologies create a connected public safety ecosystem that helps officers respond more effectively while improving transparency and community trust.

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Strategic Value for Bristol:

This proposal allows Bristol to:

- Modernize its public safety technology platform
- Deploy advanced crime-fighting tools without increasing FY27 budget
- Save over \$331,000 compared to purchasing systems individually
- Create a scalable foundation for future smart policing initiatives and a network of technology for a "Community Shield"

We would divest from our current 14 Flock LPRs (\$42,000 annually), as their contracts expire:

The Flock Dock 3 Drone I proposed for FY 2027 consisted of one Drone for an annual cost of \$50,000. The Dock3 allows for flying at 200 feet. Per FAA regulations, to legally fly up to 400 ft agencies need a radar system that includes additional software features complying with FAA requirements. Flock radar costs \$150,000.

The Axon De-drone included in this proposal would allow all three of our DFR's to operate at the 400' ceiling.

I believe the current Axon proposal provides the city with much more public safety technology than the single Flock DFR.

Mark R. Morello
Chief of Police

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Bristol PD / Axon Proposal Options

This table shows the existing contract spend plus the individual costs of Axon Assistant, 3 DFR Docks, and 2 R10 Drones

FY	Existing Contract	Axon Assistant	3 Docks/Drones	2 R10 Drones	Total
FY27	\$575,100.65	\$50,778.00	\$204,090.80	\$11,620.80	\$841,590.25
FY28	\$575,100.65	\$50,778.00	\$204,090.80	\$11,620.80	\$841,590.25
FY29	\$575,100.65	\$50,778.00	\$204,090.80	\$11,620.80	\$841,590.25
FY30	\$789,410.50	\$50,778.00	\$204,090.80	\$11,620.80	\$1,055,900.10
FY31	\$789,410.50	\$50,778.00	\$204,090.80	\$11,620.80	\$1,055,900.10
Total	\$3,304,122.95	\$253,890.00	\$1,020,454.00	\$58,104.00	\$4,636,570.95

*Blue cells = estimated future costs

This table shows the 2026 bundled contract whereas we're able to leverage the new contract scale to offer an upfront savings of \$331,269.60 which is the value of one year worth of costs for Axon Assistant, 3 DFR Docks, 2 R10 drones, and 13 LPRs. This also keeps the agency budget neutral in FY27. In addition to those items, the agency also gets the additional technology listed below such as TASER 10, Dedrone, Fusus, 3 additional Patrol Led DFR drones, 1 additional Fleet 3 system for a new vehicle, and new 5G routers.

2026 OSP10 Bundled Contract without AI Era Plan
\$575,100.65
\$888,962.78
\$888,962.78
\$888,962.78
\$888,962.78
\$4,130,951.77

Net New Technology in Proposal (in addition to tech already on contract):

- TASER 10
- Access to Auror Retail Crime Hub
- Fixed LPR: 13 Outpost Fixed LPR systems with TAP & Vandalism Coverage
- Fusus RTCC (250 AI Streams)
- 3 Skydio X10 DFR Docks/Drones
- 3 Skydio X10 DFR Patrol-Led (no dock)
- 1 Dedrone Beyond Fixed site (for 400' DFR operations)
- 1 Dedrone Portable
- All new 5G routers for vehicles

ALSO INCLUDES...

- 1 Additional Fleet 3 system for a new vehicle (as requested by Matt Herens recently)
- 2 R10 Drones
- 1 Additional Fleet 3 system for a new vehicle (as requested recently by Matt Herens)
- Axon Assistant (BWC Live Translator & General Info)



**CITY OF BRISTOL
BOARD OF FINANCE AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

To: Board of Finance Commissioners

From: Bristol Police Department
(Requesting Department)

Date: February 25, 2026
(Submission Date)

For the March 24, 2026 Board of Finance Meeting Agenda
(Date of Meeting)

This request is for:
(Please check the type of request and list in whole dollar amounts)

☒ Additional Appropriation \$25,904

☒ Transfer from Contingency \$12,952

☐ Transfer(s) \$_____

☒ Grant \$12,952

☐ Carry-over(s) \$_____

☐ Other

Approval:

This request was approved by the Board of Police Commissioners
(Governing Board of your department)
at its meeting held on March 17, 2026.
(date)

Chief Mark R. Morello

(Department Head's signature)

All requests to appear on the Board of Finance meeting agenda for consideration must be submitted to Jodi McGrane in the Comptroller's Office by 10:00 a.m. Monday of the preceding week of the meeting. Board of Finance Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Board of Finance Agenda Request Form

Reason for request: **To approve the appropriation of funds for the State of CT DSET Grant for batteries for the 4 radio site towers.**

Additional Appropriation(s) and/or Appropriation(s) complete the following:

Account	Account Name	Amount
1062115-432038-26G14	DSET BATTERY BACKUP	\$12,952
1062115-490001-26G14	DSET BATTERY BACKUP	\$12,952
1062115-570400-26G14	DSET BATTERY BACKUP	\$25,904

Transfer(s) complete the following:

From:	0018106 589100 General Fund Contingency	To:	0018108 591100 Operating Transfer Out Spec Rev	Amount:	\$12,592
From:		To:		Amount:	

Grants:

Total Amount: Grant \$25,904

City Share \$12,952 50 %

Federal/State Share \$12,952 50 %

Carry-overs list the following:

Account	Account Name	Amount



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TO: Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Lieutenant Ulric Berube

DATE: 03/13/26

Re: Public Works Engineering Department Movement of Parking Sign on Daley Street

Board of Police Commissioners,

There are two signs in front of 111 Daley Street. The first one, as you would observe traveling north on Daley Street, is a south facing sign that says "NO PARKING BEYOND THIS SIGN" followed by another sign mounted on the utility pole that says "NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF SIGN." Together, the signs only encompass the curb in front of 111 Daley Street. The curb in front of 111 Daley Street is also painted yellow. The resident has requested to have a new sign installed at 101 Daley Street. The property of 101 Daley Street is directly in front of Daley Street's intersection with Metro Street.

A memo drafted by the resident of 111 Daley Street on 06/18/96, and addressed to the Traffic Division requested to have "NO PARKING" signs installed at the intersection of Metro Street and Daley Street. Two signs were installed on 06/26/96. A hand-written diagram on the memo shows a "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" sign installed on Daley Street and a "NO PARKING ANYTIME" sign installed on the corner (101 Daley Street) of Daley Street and the Peck Park Entrance. These signs were changed to say what they currently do at some point in the last 29-plus years. I believe the intent was to place the northern sign on the corner in 101 Daley Street's front yard, but was instead attached to the utility pole in front of 111 Daley Street. Signage is not supposed to be placed on utility poles.

The Traffic Division Sign Inventory shows there is a "NO PARKING ANY TIME" sign in front of 111/119 Daley Street and a "NO PARKING BEYOND THIS SIGN" sign in front of 111 Daley Street. The way the signs are posted is not as the Inventory is documented. I request to have the "NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF SIGN" sign removed from the utility pole and reinstalled on the corner of 101 Daley Street. This additional area also provides additional roadway for pedestrians to walk on as they are entering and/or leaving Peck Park and walking to the vehicles through the intersection area of Daley Street, Metro Street and the Peck Park Entrance.



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111 Daley Street

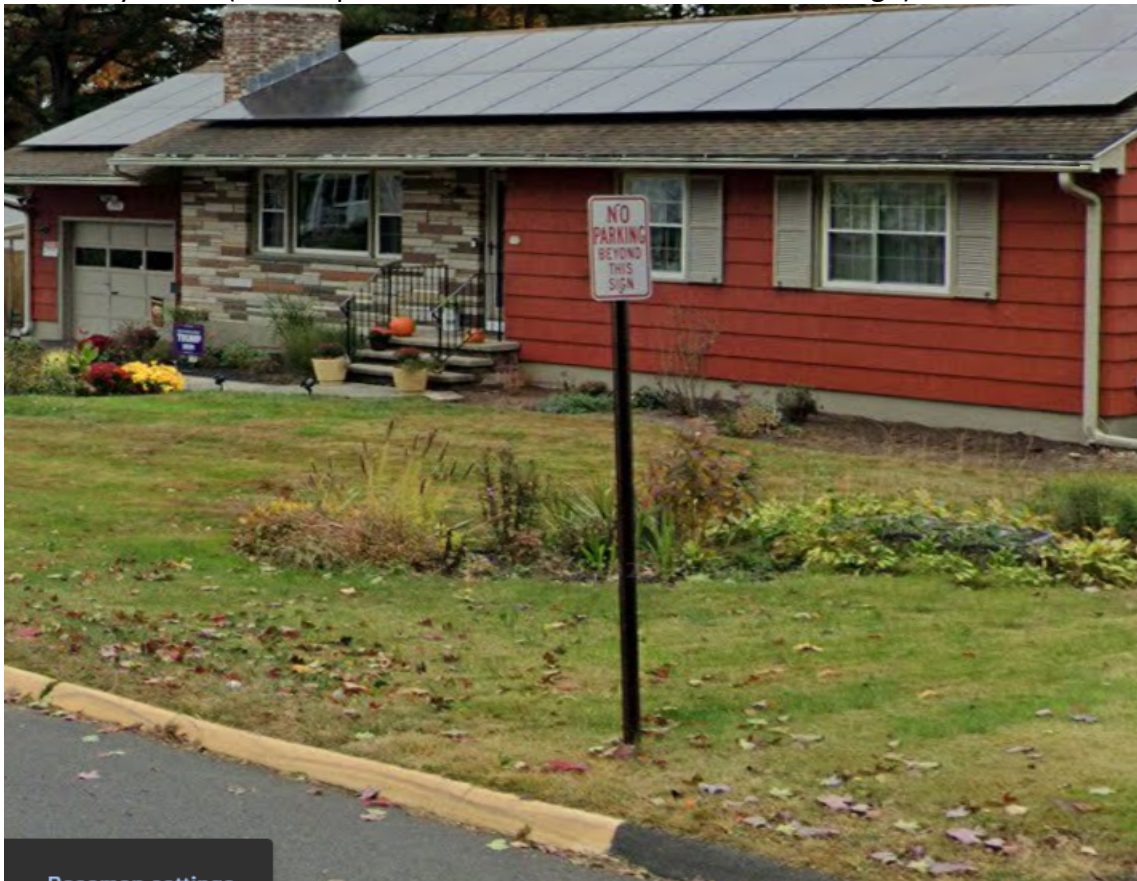


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111 Daley Street (Close-Up of “NO PARKING BEYOND THIS SIGN” Sign)



111 Daley Street

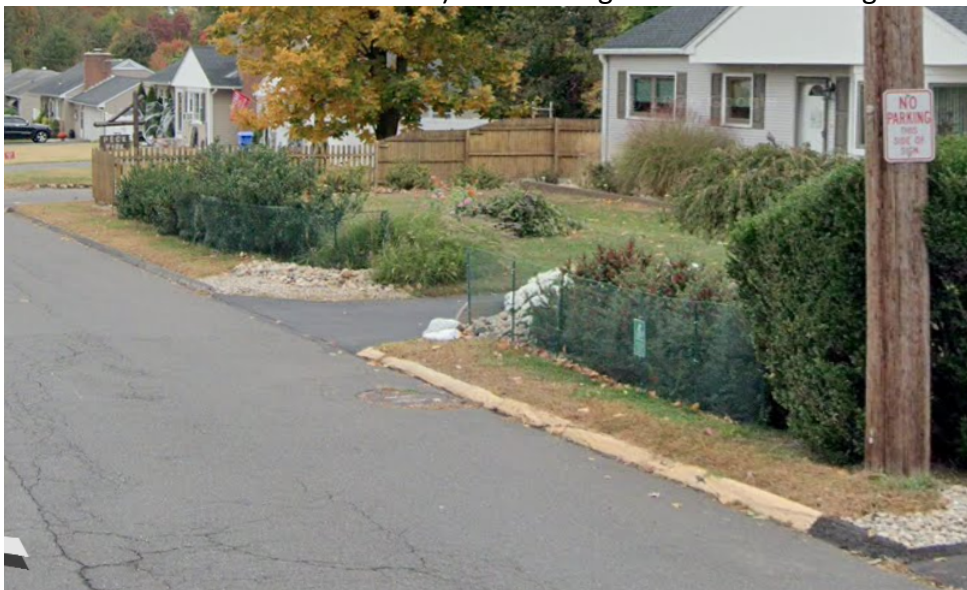


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111 Daley Street (Close-Up of “NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF SIGN” Sign with 101 Daley Street and Peck Park Entrance Corner Visible) Reinstall Sign Near Peck Park Sign



Thank you,

Lieutenant Ulric Berube