

POLICE COMMISSION TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE

**April 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT**

PRESENT:

Sue Tyler, Council Member/Police Commissioner
Rory Ghio, Police Commissioner
Paul Lemieux, Police Commissioner
Chief Mark Morello

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Sue Tyler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lemieux made a motion to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 20, 2026 MEETING, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

4. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Tyler asked Chief Morello for any updates on the discussion from the last meeting. Chief Morello said they have posted various statistics on social media monthly. The department has linked traffic-related police statistics going back to 2021 on our website. Along with several other police reports (e.g, Annual Internal Affairs, Community Wellness Officer Report, etc.). Commissioner Lemieux spoke about how other departments post Monthly Crime Statistics, Call for Service, Traffic Enforcement Statistics, and similar data. Commissioner Lemieux recommended just staying with traffic statistics, as we discussed before, or, if an incident draws attention, posting something on social media. Commissioner Lemieux praised the department on its DUI statistics.

Chief Morello stated that the department will also conduct spring initiatives, focusing on stop signs, red lights, and equipment violations. Commissioner Ghio suggested doing crosswalk violations.

Council Member Tyler mentioned that April is National Distracted Driving Month. She suggested posting about the national initiatives. Commissioner Lemieux stated that it is also National WorkZone Awareness Week. Chief Morello responded that the department tries to put out a WorkZone initiative every year. Council Member Tyler suggested maybe posting a video of one of our officers as part of a public service announcement (e.g., reminding the public to be careful in a work zone, reminding the public to look out for fellow motorcycle riders, etc.).

Council Member Tyler asked Chief Morello for an update on the Traffic Division. Chief Morello explained that there is no change to the Traffic Division. The Chief's priority, especially in the summer, is to get calls for service addressed, and we are doing that by prioritizing other divisions.

If we have someone on light duty and the task is appropriate, we utilize the Officer to help out. The long-term goal is to have 6 people in the Traffic Division.

Council Member Tyler explained how she received two emails from constituents. One constituent had parking concerns on Main Street in front of the bodega, and the other was concerned about snow sticks narrowing the road on Ridge Road. Chief Morello responded that the bollards are not restricting traffic flow and that Public Works was involved regarding the snow sticks. Council Member Tyler will forward the email regarding Ridge Road to the Chief.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Tyler would like to revisit the parking situation throughout Bristol. She would like the Board to come up with ideas on how we can assist other departments throughout the City with parking issues to discuss at the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ghio made a motion to ADJOURN, Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The Police Commission Traffic Sub-committee meeting for the 21st day of April, 2026, was hereby adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas
Recording Secretary