



*City of Bristol
Board of Fire Commissioners*

INFORMATION TO ACCESS THIS MEETING

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The regular Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Employee Recognition
3. Public Participation
4. Communications
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of the April 23, 2026 meeting minutes.
6. Approval of Monthly Reports
 - a. April Monthly Reports
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Fire Station 3 Building Committee Report
 - b. Personnel Committee Report
8. Old Business
 - a. Charter Revision Discussion
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON
Mayor Ellen Zoppo Sassu

Board of Fire Commissioners' Regular Meeting

April 23, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers, 111 N Main Street Bristol, CT

Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Dana Jandreau, Hal Kilby, Anthony Benvenuto, and Sandra Bogdanski, and Fire Chief Richard Hart.

Absent: Commissioner Sean Moore and Council Member Peter Kelley

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu at 6:00 pm.

2. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- a. None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Mayor Zopp-Sassu received a request from the Post Office to place flyers for the Letter Carrier's Food Drive beginning May 9th for a period of about 2 weeks.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau and seconded by Commissioner Kilby it was unanimously voted: To approve the March 26, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
- b. On motion of Commissioner Benvenuto and seconded by Commissioner Bogdanski it was unanimously voted: To approve the April 9, 2026 special meeting minutes as amended to include Captain DellaVentura's promotion and correct the adjournment time.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY REPORTS

- a. On motion of Commissioner Kilby and seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto it was unanimously voted: To approve the March monthly reports.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Fire Station 3 Building Committee
 - Chief Hart shared that Station 3 was officially moved into on April 1st. He advised that there are still a few minor issues being worked through but overall is very happy with the project.
 - He shared that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

b. Personnel Committee

- Commissioner Jandreau shared that Probationary Firefighter Tomlin is doing well in the academy and set to graduate in May. He shared that the Deputy Chief test was posted and scheduled for late May.
- The request for additional staffing was discussed. At this time the SAFER Grant has still not been opened and hiring is uncertain.
- Chief Hart updated the board on long term absences. At this time all members have returned to full duty with the exception of Firefighter Spatkowski and Lieutenant Sanchez who are still on light duty.
- A request for retirement from Captain James Plaster was presented. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau and seconded by Commissioner Kilby it was unanimously voted to: Accept and acknowledge Captain Plaster's entry into the drop with a potential retirement date of July 24, 2028.
- A request for retirement from Lieutenant Robert Lavoie was presented. On motion of Commissioner Kilby and seconded by Commissioner Jandreau it was unanimously voted: To accept and acknowledge the retirement of Lieutenant Lavoie for July 7, 2026 and refer to the Retirement Board.
- Chief Hart provided an update on the Mechanic's position. He advised that Human Resources and the union are in discussion regarding the testing process for the position and hope to agree to test by resume and oral interview.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Discussion

- Mayor Zoppo-Sassu advised that the city is waiting to hear from the state for ECS funding before approving a budget. On April 28th there is a Budget Workshop and on May 18th the Joint Board will meet and adopt a budget for the city.

b. Charter Revision Discussion

- Mayor Zoppo-Sassu and Commissioner Jandreau shared that a formal request for charter revision has been sent to Corp Council to form a committee. Items of for consideration of revision are promotional issues within the police and fire departments are well as language revision requests from the parks department. The committee will need 5 people to serve.

c. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu provided an update of the Training Center. She shared that there are two properties being looked at and discussed for purchase. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu and Chief Hart met with the Commissioner of The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to discuss the project and request assistance for funding.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. None.

10. ADJOURN

- a. On motion of Commissioner Kilby and seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto u, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Recording Secretary: Sara Bianchi



BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
181 NORTH MAIN ST.
BRISTOL CT

OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF
RICHARD HART
FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief's February Monthly Report

May 28, 2026

To the Honorable Fire Commissioners;

The month of February saw the BFD respond to 223 calls for service. There were 4 residential structure fires, 7 total structure fires, 81 Public Assist (EMS, extrication/rescue), and 53 false alarms.

Mutual Aid: 1

Employee recognition:

Personnel:

Promotional ceremony conducted for DC Thomas Scully

Captain Adam Dellaventura

Lt. Jorge Sanchez

Lt. Deven Yudelson

Swearing in of PFF Lucas Martin

FF Sanchez remains off duty due to injury

FF Spatkowski remains on light duty

Addressed some minor personnel issues as a result of promotions.

Apparatus/equipment:

Engine 3 returned to service

Received trailer for UTV, training ongoing. UTV is operational for response in Bristol only until the brush fire skid unit is installed. Expected installation within the next 30 days.



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Stations and Facilities:

April 1 Station 3 fully occupied and in service.

Station 3 placed on the market

Station 4 and 5 were surveyed by Skydio for possible drone base station placement

Meetings and Public Functions:

Monthly meeting with Staff and FMO

Presented the Department's Capital Budget request to the Board of Finance-\$3,000,000 to renovate Fire Headquarters and \$12,000,000 to construct a Fire and Police Joint Training facility. \$250,000 was approved for the design of the renovation. \$2,000,000 was approved for land acquisition and design for the training facility.

Attended Family Fun Day planning meeting

Met with Mr. Delfino, ECD, Mayor, and PD to discuss property for possible acquisition at Cross St. and Commerce Dr.

Met with Comptroller Scanlon to discuss CPAT/Active shooter funding

Station 3 meeting with contractor

Attended Salvation Army BOD meeting

Attended budget workshop

Met with Commissioner Higgins of DESPP regarding CPAT/Active shooter

Attended Senior Staff Meeting in Mayor's conference room

Met with East Hartford Chief to discuss specifications of our Engine 1 and 5

Danbury Chief given tour of new Station 3

Attended meeting with potential architects for the Station 2 remodel

Addressed numerous issues at Station 3 with contractors



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Met with Mayor and T-Mobile for changeover

Met with HR to discuss Fire Apparatus Mechanic job description and qualifications

Attended Zoom meeting with Skydio drone company to discuss deployment

Attended Active shooter walkthrough at ESPN

Participated in the St. Matthew's School ride to school raffle winners

I was interviewed by Branford Deputy Chief regarding Executive Fire Officer (EFO) program and mental issues in the Fire Service, along with my participation in the PSTD legislative process for an applied research project

Miscellaneous:

None

Respectfully submitted,

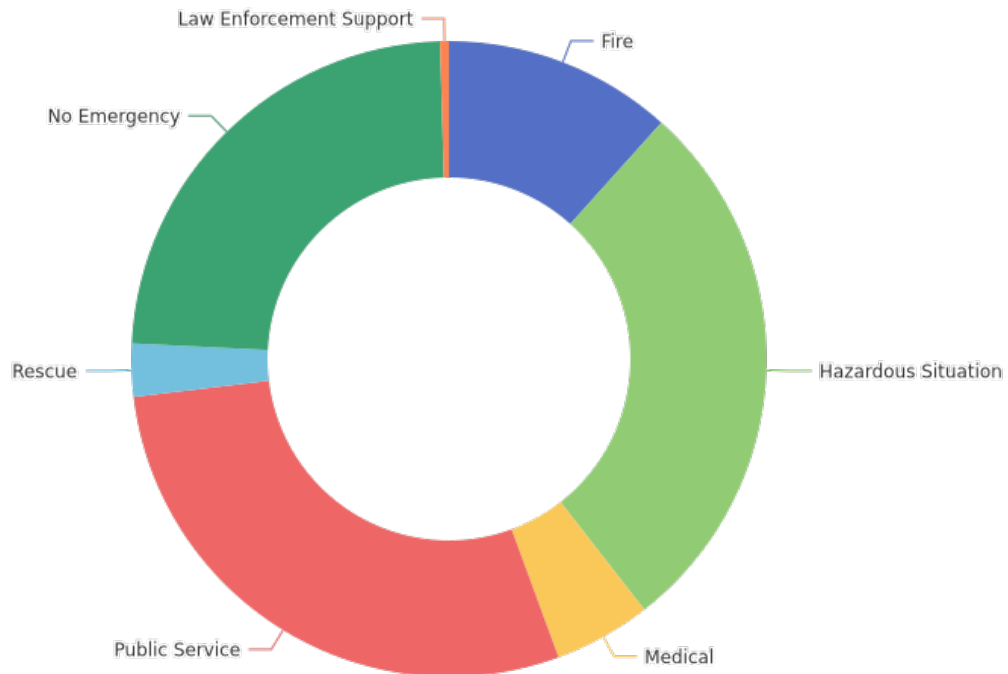
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Richard Hart

Fire Chief



FDR-IR: Incident Count by Primary Incident Type



PRIMARY INCIDENT GROUP / PRIMARY INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fire	26	11.66%
Fire - Outside Fire - Construction Waste	2	0.90%
Fire - Outside Fire - Other Outside Fire	6	2.69%
Fire - Outside Fire - Trash / Rubbish Fire	3	1.35%
Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire	4	1.79%
Fire - Outside Fire - Dumpster / Other Outdoor Container Fire	1	0.45%

FDR-IR: Incident Count by Primary Incident Type

Bristol FD
Address: 181 N Main St, Bristol, CT, 06010



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Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement	2	0.90%
Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire	2	0.90%
Fire - Structure Fire - Confined Cooking / Appliance Fire	3	1.35%
Fire - Transportation Fire - Vehicle Fire - Passenger	3	1.35%
Hazardous Situation	62	27.80%
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical - Electrical Power Line Down / Arching / Malfunction	11	4.93%
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical - Electrical Hazard / Short Circuit	2	0.90%
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical - Motor Vehicle Collision	23	10.31%
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Fuel Spill / Fuel Odor	4	1.79%
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Gas Leak / Gas Odor	8	3.59%
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Carbon Monoxide Release	7	3.14%
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Biological Release / Incident	2	0.90%
Hazardous Situation - Investigation - Odor	1	0.45%
Hazardous Situation - Investigation - Smoke Investigation	4	1.79%
Medical	11	4.93%
Medical - Illness - Cardiac Arrest	1	0.45%

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Medical - Illness - Well Person Check	1	0.45%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall	1	0.45%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Motor Vehicle Collision	6	2.69%
Medical - Other - Medical Alarm	2	0.90%
Public Service	64	28.70%
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Person In Distress	8	3.59%
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Citizen Assist / Service Call	21	9.42%
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Lift Assist	6	2.69%
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - Fire / Smoke Alarm	18	8.07%
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - CO Alarm	4	1.79%
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - Other Alarm	7	3.14%
Rescue	6	2.69%
Rescue - Structure - Elevator / Escalator Rescue	2	0.90%
Rescue - Transportation (Land) - Motor Vehicle Collision Extrication / Entrapment	4	1.79%
No Emergency	53	23.77%
No Emergency - False Alarm - Malfunctioning Alarm	10	4.48%
No Emergency - False Alarm - Accidental Alarm	18	8.07%
No Emergency - False Alarm - Other False Call	3	1.35%

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No Emergency - Good Intent - No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error	5	2.24%
No Emergency - Good Intent - Smoke From Nonhostile Source (Smoke Scare)	3	1.35%
No Emergency - Good Intent - Investigate Hazardous Release (Nothing Found)	2	0.90%
No Emergency - Cancelled	12	5.38%
Law Enforcement Support	1	0.45%
Law Enforcement Support	1	0.45%
Total	223	100.00%

Tower 1 Monthly Report April 2026

Summary

Tower 1 responded to 78 calls for service in April.

Breakdown of Calls:

Personnel

- FF Deven Yudelson (B Shift) was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Engine 4 (C shift). His position was filled by FF Stankus (Engine 4 B shift). FF Sanchez (C Shift) was also promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Engine 1. His position was filled by FF Chapin (Engine 1 D shift). FF Nazarro was transferred to Tower 1 from Engine 4 (C shift)

Training:

- Members conducted training on the new UTV as well as in house rescue training.

Apparatus/Equipment

- Ladder 2 went back to Firematic for several minor warranty issues. The fuel tank vent is still not fixed. This causes the fuel tank to have to be filled extremely slow.

Fire Stations/Facilities

- Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
James Plaster
Captain
Tower 1

Engine 1

Monthly Report

April 2026

Summary

It is an honor to serve as the Captain of Engine 1, and I am proud to step into this role alongside such a dedicated and professional crew. April marked my first month leading Engine 1, and I could not be more impressed with the commitment and professionalism displayed by the members across all shifts. Despite a significant number of personnel transfers this month, crews came together seamlessly, welcomed new members, and maintained the high standard of service that Engine 1 is known for. The month included a notable structure fire response at the local recycling plant, where crews performed with composure and skill. Overall, April was a strong start and I look forward to building on this foundation in the months ahead.

Breakdown of Calls:
See Below Breakdown
March – 118 Calls
YTD – 490 calls

Training:

- **Truck Operations**
- **Vertical Ventilation**
- **Search**
- **Forcible Entry**

Personnel

April saw a significant number of personnel transfers across all shifts and Engine 1 was no exception. New crew members were integrated smoothly, and all shifts worked together to ensure continuity of operations and a welcoming environment for incoming members. The team's ability to adapt quickly and come together reflects the strong character and professionalism of Engine 1 personnel.

Apparatus/Equipment

Crews have been conducting a thorough review of Engine 1, identifying warranty items that need to be addressed before the apparatus goes out of warranty. This proactive effort will help ensure the truck remains in top operational condition. No out-of-service time was incurred as a result of this process. Otherwise, there were no issues with Engine 1

Fire Stations/Facilities

No facility concerns were identified during the month. Station operations were maintained at a high level across all shifts. The spring-cleaning items for Engine 1 have been posted.

Miscellaneous

Crews continued to maintain the station at a high level, completing routine cleaning, organization, and equipment checks. The joint truck operations training with the Ladder crew was a valuable opportunity for Engine 1 members to sharpen skills and build relationships with our Ladder 2 counterparts. The work ethic and team spirit demonstrated throughout April, particularly in the face of staffing transitions, reflect great credit upon the members of Engine 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Cutler
Captain Engine 1

Primary Incident Type	Number of Incident Reports
Fire - Outside Fire - Construction Waste	1
Fire - Outside Fire - Other Outside Fire	1
Fire - Outside Fire - Trash / Rubbish Fire	1
Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire	2
Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement	1
Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire	1
Fire - Structure Fire - Confined Cooking / Appliance Fire	3
Fire - Transportation Fire - Vehicle Fire - Passenger	2
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical - Electrical Power Line Down / Arching / Malfunction	6
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical - Electrical Hazard / Short Circuit	1
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical - Motor Vehicle Collision	6
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Fuel Spill / Fuel Odor	3
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Gas Leak / Gas Odor	6
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Carbon Monoxide Release	3
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Biological Release / Incident	1
Hazardous Situation - Investigation - Smoke Investigation	3
Medical - Illness - Well Person Check	1
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Motor Vehicle Collision	3
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Person In Distress	5
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Citizen Assist / Service Call	7
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Lift Assist	2
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - Fire / Smoke Alarm	13
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - Other Alarm	4
Rescue - Transportation (Land) - Motor Vehicle Collision Extrication / Entrapment	2
No Emergency - False Alarm - Malfunctioning Alarm	7
No Emergency - False Alarm - Accidental Alarm	18
No Emergency - False Alarm - Other False Call	2
No Emergency - Good Intent - No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error	3
No Emergency - Good Intent - Smoke From Nonhostile Source (Smoke Scare)	1
No Emergency - Good Intent - Investigate Hazardous Release (Nothing Found)	1
No Emergency - Cancelled	8
Total	118

Engine Company 2

Monthly Report

April 2026

Summary Engine 2 responded to 48 calls for service in the month of April.

Personnel The Department experienced several

April Training:
- UTV Training

personnel changes due to promotions and subsequent transfers. Lieutenant Adam Della Ventura was promoted to Captain and was

transferred from Engine 4 C-Shift to Engine 2 Captain on B-Shift. Captain Todd Cutler was transferred from Engine 2 Captain on B-Shift to Engine 1 Captain on D-Shift. Firefighter Jorge Sanchez was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred from Engine 2 C-Shift to Engine 1 C-Shift. Lieutenant Robert Lavoie was transferred from Engine 1 C-Shift to Engine 2 C-Shift. Firefighter Seth Zepka was transferred from Engine 1 C-Shift to Engine 2 C-Shift.

Breakdown of Calls:

8 – Fire
9 – Hazardous Situation
1 – Medical
12 – Public Service
2 – Rescue
15- False Alarm
1 – Good Intent
0 – In Progress

Total - 48

Apparatus/ Equipment

- Engine 2 received two new 300' water ropes and these replaced the older models which have been retired from service.
- On 4/24 Engine 2 was involved in a minor MVA in the Market 32 Parking Lot. The apparatus received no damage.

Fire Stations/Facilities

- The bathroom lighting sensor was worked on by an electrician under the supervision of David Oakes.
- The bathroom toilet leaks when its flushed and will be addressed soon.

Miscellaneous

- Spring cleaning assignments have been distributed to all crews.
- Hose testing assignments have been distributed to all crews.

All crews have been very welcoming and helpful, getting me up to date with different aspects and concerns of the Station. They have also been working hard on accomplishing their Spring assignments and keeping Station 2 a respectable place to work. I will be coordinating with David Oakes in the coming month to walk through the Station and grounds, identifying items that will need attention. It is a privilege to be serving as the new Captain of Station 2, and I am looking forward to giving back to this Department and City in a greater capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain

Adam Della Ventura

Adam Della Ventura

Engine Company 3

Monthly Report

April, 2026

Summary

Station 3 members responded to 64 calls for service this month. Notable calls for this month included 2 structure fires, 2 brush fires and 2 MVAs with entrapment. Engine 3 assisted with water supply at the transfer station fire which required nearly a half mile of supply hose to get enough water to fight the fire.

April's Training:

House and grounds. (Moving to the new station)
New equipment training
Company level training
Promotional study

Breakdown of Calls:

9- Fire
5-Medical/Trauma Extrication
21- Hazardous Situation
12-Public Service
17- False Alarm / False Call
- Special Incident/ In progress

YTD – 281 calls

Personnel

- No Changes

Apparatus/Equipment

- E3-04 SCBA is OOS for repair.
- We are using spare engine 7.
- Engine 3 is still out of service.

Fire Stations/Facilities

- The crew are organizing and developing a routine at the new station. There is a lot of little items and are working with the vendors to get them addressed.

Miscellaneous

- The new facilities are amazing and the number of visitors stopping by to say hello is great. We appreciate everyone's continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Henderson

Captain Craig Henderson
Bristol Fire Dept. Engine 3

Engine Company 4

Monthly Report

April 2026

Summary Engine 4 responded to 79 calls for service in the month of April.

Personnel Congratulations to Lieutenant Adam

April Training:

- Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)

- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) compressor at Station 3

Dellaventura on promotion to Captain. Lieutenant Dellaventura has been assigned as Captain of Station 2

Breakdown of Calls:

1 Fire 11 (13.92%)
2 Hazardous Situation 18 (22.78%)
3 Medical 1 (1.26%)
4 Public Service 18 (22.78%)
5 Rescue 3 (3.80%)
6 No Emergency 28 (35.44%)
7 Law enforcement Support 0 (0%)

on B shift. Congratulations to Firefighter Deven Yudelson on promotion to Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Yudelson will fill the officer vacancy on C shift at Station 4.

Firefighter John Stankus moved from Station 4 B shift to Tower 1 B shift, Firefighter Joe Nazzaro moved from Station 4 C shift to Tower 1 C shift, and Firefighter Thomas Ogonowski moved from station 4 D shift to Engine 1 D shift. The following Firefighters moved to Station 4 to fill those vacancies. Firefighter Tim Wollman from Engine 1 B shift to Engine 4 B shift, Firefighter James Pavelchak from Engine 5 C shift to Engine 4 C shift, and Firefighter Nicholas Boswell from Engine 2 C shift to Engine 4 D shift.

Apparatus/ Equipment

- H&H equipment service tightened the radiator clamps on Engine 4.
- Engine 7 remained in service as Engine 3 for the month of April.
- Engine 6 is available as a spare at Station 4 while Engine 3 uses Engine 7.

Fire Stations/Facilities

- The Bristol Water Department tested the backflow preventer at Station 4.
- David Oakes from Public Works has scheduled the repointing of the blocks that are causing the water leak at Station 4. The work should be completed in early May.

Miscellaneous

- Engine 4 attended the promotional ceremony at City Hall.
- The Bristol Community Emergency Response Team is storing their trailer at Station 4 during re-paving of the Senior Center parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain

Scott McKearney

Scott McKearney

ENGINE COMPANY #5

MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2026

SUMMARY

Engine Company #5 responded to 59 Calls for Service in the month of April 2026.

PERSONNEL

Firefighter Stephanie Barry returned to Station #5 during the month remaining on C Group with Lieutenant Michael Valenti and Firefighter Chris Hayden. Firefighter James Pavelchak was transferred from Station #5 to Station #4.

APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT

Engine #5 was in service for the entirety of the month of April. With just a few minor equipment issues. Two SCBA units were taken out of service and returned after necessary repairs. Two water extinguishers were also taken out of service and have been repaired or returned at time of this report.

Engine #8 was taken out of service for a short period of time during the month of April for continuing issues with shifting in and out of gear as well as break repairs. Both issues seem to have been repaired.

Both Engines at Station #5 are in service and fully operational.

FIRE STATIONS/FACILITIES

No new issues to report at this time. Annual walk through with Dave Oakes was done and he is aware of the same issues laid out in Monthly Report March 2026. Roof inspections are planned for next month.

SURVEYS

Some of the locations that were visited during the month of April are: Northeast School (NEW), Chipotle, Beth's Ave Apartments and building layout, 1175 Farmington Ave., Home Depot, The Paper Store, McDonalds Farmington Ave.

MISCELLANEOUS

Spring Cleaning and Hose Testing assignments have been posted for all Groups. All assignments are expected to be completed by June 1, 2026. Station #5 is also expecting to receive one of the new City purchased Drones. Site visits for placement will be taking place in May.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CAPTAIN BRIAN D'AMATO

**CITY OF BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
MONTHLY REPORT**

April 2026



Kristopher Lambert

Kristopher Lambert, Fire Marshal

**CITY OF BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
MONTHLY REPORT**

April 2026



TO: City of Bristol Fire Board Members
FROM: Kristopher Lambert, Fire Marshal
SUBJECT: Monthly Report – April 2026

INCIDENTS

There were two hundred twenty-three (223) incidents for this month that required computer-generated reports communicated to the State Fire Marshal's Office and NERIS. There were two (4) investigation(s) of fire/explosions by this office. Total estimated property loss for the period is \$38,300 dollars.

361 W. Washington St.
41 Roberts St.
61 Christine Rd.
685 Lake Ave.

There were zero (0) civilian injury(s), and zero (0) Firefighter injury (ies) reported during this period. There were zero (0) mutual aid call(s) given/received within the month. A copy of the cumulative monthly inspection reviews and permits account is included with this report.

REVIEWS, MEETINGS, MISC.

- Private Hydrants – Fifty-four (54) reported as having been tested for the year and all fifty-four (54) hydrants are compliant. This represents twenty-point four percent (23.7%) of the total number of private hydrants within the municipality.
- Thirty (30) plans for new construction, occupancy changes, and renovations were reviewed. Some of the plans included electrical and mechanicals, including Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler systems. Site plan drawings are also included. Coordination and consultation regarding plan review are ongoing with other city agencies.
- Employees of the Fire Marshal's Office attended two (2) formal Site Plan Committee meetings this month to coordinate details for future Plan Review submittals in the City of Bristol. Approximately twenty-one (21) other site meetings attended by staff were conducted with business/property owners.

- There were approximately one hundred twelve (112) Fire Prevention Bureau business related calls managed by the staff this month.
- Approximately twelve (12) visitors were received at our office to speak with Fire Marshal Personnel.
- The office has shifted its focus slightly in order to assist with the Code Enforcement Committee's aggressive pursuit of substantial code compliance within the city. This approach has proven to be beneficial from an efficiency standpoint with regards to us gaining legal access to the properties for inspections.

TRAINING CLASSES

- Staff of the Fire Marshal's Office earned nine (9) hour(s) of continuing education credits this month.

INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS **

- 28 Apartment Building Inspections (312 units) **
- 6 Assembly Occupancy Inspections
- 7 Automatic Sprinkler System Inspections
- 1 Blasting Permit(s) Issued
- 7 Business Occupancy Inspections
- 1 Certificate of Compliance
- 14 Complaint Inspections
- 0 Day Care Inspections
- 1 Educational Inspection
- 9 Fire Alarm Inspections
- 4 Fire Investigations
- 0 Gasoline Station Inspection / LP Tanks
- 0 Health Care / Nursing Home / Group Home Inspections
- 0 Hood & Duct Inspections
- 0 Hotel / Dorm
- 1 Industrial / Storage Inspections
- 2 Liquor License Inspections
- 2 Mercantile Inspections
- 0 Modification Application(s)
- 0 Recreation/Summer Camp
- 0 Residential Board / Care
- 4 Special Amusement/Assembly Inspection
- 0 Tent Inspections

****** In larger residential occupancies, where the building construction is modular in design and contains similar apartments with like layouts and amenities, representative apartments are chosen at random to determine compliance with the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code (CSFSC) and the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code (CSFPC). With smaller occupancies, we do commonly enter as many units as possible where access is granted and time permits. The corresponding figures represent the number of occupancies and the total number of units affected by the inspection. *In order to achieve our statutory inspection requirements, I strongly recommend increasing the number certified personnel in this office to eight (8). There has been a significant increase in the number of residential units within this city to support the need for additional personnel within this office. While the number of residential units has increased over the years, the staff of this office has not.*

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL STAFF VEHICLES

Fire 3 - 2013 Ford Explorer - White
Fire 4 - 2012 Ford Escape – Gray
Fire 5 - 2011 Dodge Grand Caravan - White
Fire 6 - 2013 Ford Expedition - Red

Mileage and fuel usage reports are generated automatically and submitted by the mechanic.

FDR-IR: Incident Count by Primary Incident Type

This report summarizes incident count and percent of total by the primary incident group and type (NERIS). Date range defaults to last calendar month, date range can be edited by clicking "edit" on the filter box in the upper right corner.

Primary Incident Group: ▼

Dispatch Call Created: ▼

Fire Zone: ▼

Response Zone: ▼

Population Density: ▼

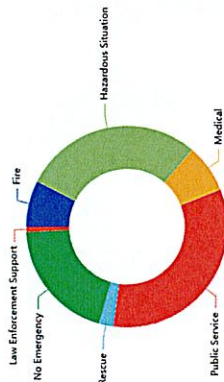
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FDR-IR: Incident Count by Primary Incident Sub Group

This report summarizes incident count and percent of total by the primary incident group and sub group (NERS). Date range defaults to last calendar month, date range can be edited by clicking "edit" on the filter box in the upper right corner.

Primary Incident Group:

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Dispatch Call Created:

Last Calendar Month

Fire Zone:

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Response Zone:

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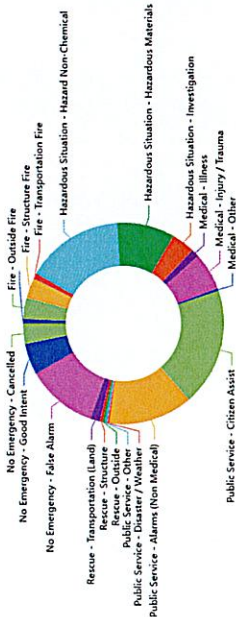
Population Density:

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Primary Incident Group / Primary Incident Sub Group	Count	Percent of Total
▼ Fire	26	11.66%
Fire - Outside Fire	16	7.17%
Fire - Structure Fire	7	3.14%
Fire - Transportation Fire	3	1.35%
▼ Hazardous Situation	62	27.80%
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical	36	16.14%
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials	21	9.42%
Hazardous Situation - Investigation	5	2.24%
▼ Medical	11	4.93%
Medical - Illness	2	0.90%
Medical - Injury / Trauma	7	3.14%
Medical - Other	2	0.90%
▼ Public Service	64	28.70%
Total	223	100.00%

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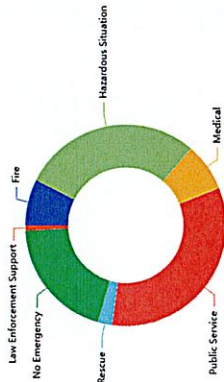
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Primary Incident Group	Count	Percent of Total
Fire	26	11.68%
Hazardous Situation	62	27.80%
Medical	11	4.93%
Public Service	64	28.70%
Rescue	6	2.69%
No Emergency	53	23.77%
Law Enforcement Support	1	0.45%
Total	223	100.00%

Completed Fire Inspection Assignments Month of April 2026

Fire Inspector Hoyt

Fire Alarm Inspections -

Sprinkler Inspections -

Commercial Inspections

- Assembly - 1**
- Business -**
- Carnival -**
- Day Care -**
- Dormitories -**
- Educational -**
- Fire Drills -**
- Fire Works/Special Effects-**
- Group Home -**
- Health Care –**
- Industrial -**
- Mercantile -**
- Nursing Home -**
- Residential Board and Care -**
- Special Amusement/Assembly - 1**
- Tent -**
- Liquor License Inspections – 1**
- Hood and Duct Inspections -**
- Gas Station -**
- LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage –**
- Food Truck -**

Residential Inspections

Buildings- 14 @ Units- 118

Fire Investigations –

Meetings- 1

Complaints- 1

Plan Reviews – 7

Modifications -

Blasting Permit -

FOIA Request-

Phone Messages/Calls – 27

Department Training –

Public Fire Education –

Continuing Education/CFI- 3

Completed Fire Inspection Assignments Month of April 2026 Fire Inspector Robotham

Fire Alarm Inspections - 3

Sprinkler Inspections - 3

Commercial Inspections -

Assembly -

Business - 2

Carnival -

Day Care -

Dormitories -

Educational -

Fire Drills -

Fire Works/Special Effects-

Group Home - 1

Health Care -

Industrial -

Mercantile - 1

Nursing Home -

Residential Board and Care - 1

Special Amusement/Assembly - 1

Tent -

Liqueur License Inspections -

Hood and Duct Inspections -

Gas Station -

LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage -

Residential Inspections – 11 Bldgs 179 Units

Residential Completed Inspections -

Fire Investigations – 1 Primary

685 Lake Ave 4/29/26

Meetings - 5

Complaints - 2

Plan Reviews - 4

Modifications -

Blasting Permit -

Phone Messages - 22

OEMD Training – 3

Department Training –

Public Fire Education – 2

Completed Fire Inspection Assignments Month of April 2026
Fire Inspector Yacovino

Fire Alarm Inspections - 2

Sprinkler Inspections - 2

Commercial Inspections -

Assembly - 2

Business - 2

Carnival -

Day Care -

Dormitories -

Educational -

Fire Drills -

Fire Works/Special Effects-

Group Home -

Health Care -

Industrial -

Mercantile -

Nursing Home -

Residential Board and Care -

Special Amusement/Assembly -

Tent -

Liqueur License Inspections - 1

Hood and Duct Inspections -

Gas Station -

LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage -

Residential Inspections- Buildings 19 @ 66 Units

Residential Completed Inspections -

Fire Investigations - 1

Meetings - 5

Complaints - 2

Plan Reviews - 3

Modifications -

Blasting Permit -

Phone Messages - 15

OEMD Training – 3 hrs

Public Fire Education –

Fire 6 - Actual Mileage -

Completed Fire Code Inspection Assignments Month of April 2026
Fire Marshal Lambert

Fire Alarm Inspections - 4

Sprinkler Inspections – 2

Standpipe Inspections - 1

Commercial Inspections:

Assembly - 3
Business - 3
Camps -
Complaints - 9
Day Care –
Dormitories -
Educational - 1
Fire Drills -
Fire Works/Special Effects -
Gas Station -
Group Home -
Health Care -
Hood and Duct Inspections -
Hotel -
Industrial - 1
Liquor License Inspections -
LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage –
Mercantile - 1
Nursing Home -
Residential Board and Care -
Special Amusement/Assembly – 1
Storage -1
Tent -

****Residential Inspections - Buildings 3 @ 15 Units**

Fire Investigations –

Meetings - 17

Certificate of Occupancy –
Certificate of Compliance - 4
Plan Reviews - 21
Modifications -
Blasting Permit - 1

Phone Calls/Messages - 33

OEDM Training -
Continuing Education Training - 3 hrs.



BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT – TRAINING DIVISION
MONTHLY TRAINING REPORT
APRIL 2026

Summary

The BFD Training Division had another productive month supporting its mission to provide a productive and efficient training environment. This month, members participated in a number of offerings including the completion of the Incident Command System/NIMS annual refresher. Through the final weeks of April and the start of May, members amassed over 50 hours of classroom instruction, coupled with weekly practical skill evaluations and company-level drills. Members visited the Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center for an equine emergency class and demonstration. Multiple members participated in state fire certification training for a technical rescue delivery on the Arizona Vortex rope apparatus. Companies with probationary members reviewed firefighter self-rescue and all members began the two-week training on the newly acquired UTV. BFD members experienced a busy month while managing their time to further their education, answer emergencies, and prepare for next month's training objectives.

Training Highlights

Incident Command System/NIMS Refresher

Objective: Members completed the annual refresher of the Incident Command System structure as applied to the BFD. This review complies with OSHA regulations regarding departmental response and fulfills the recommendations set forth by NFPA 1500. Members were instructed on Command Structure, Unified Command, Multi-Company Response, Transfers of Command and overall incident responsibilities and communications.

Probationary Firefighter (PFF) Orientation

PFF Justin Tomlin continues to undergo instruction and evaluation as part of the *Connecticut Fire Academy - Recruit Class 77*. PFF Tomlin is currently in his final weeks of the program and has received excellent reviews from his CFA instructors and coordinators. PFF Tomlin will graduate the program on May 20, 2026.

PFF Lucas Martin began his probationary orientation to the department. PFF Martin spent his first two shifts with the Training Officer, followed by two shifts with Headquarters crews. PFF Martin had a successful orientation and has been assigned to the B-Shift an Engine Co 1.

Equestrian Emergency Training

Objective: BFD members spent time at Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center being instructed on how to handle emergencies involving equestrians. A presentation on lifting techniques and emergency care was given to members in the event we are called to help with an equine emergency. This program was well received, introducing a perspective not often experienced by the membership.

Utility Vehicle Training

Objective: BFD members were educated and assessed on the department's newest apparatus, a Polaris Ranger UTV. Instruction was given on its function, capabilities, and use. The UTV was a grant award from CRCOG (Capitol Region Council of Governments) and will be a regional asset servicing both the Bristol community and our neighbors. Its versatility will be an asset in the department's fight of remote brush fires, disoriented or injured hiker's, terrain restrictions of conventional apparatus, and various other public service opportunities. The department is thankful for the grant received and the future of this asset.

SCBA Compressor and Gear (PPE) Extractor - Station 3

Objective: Members were educated on the use of the newest SCBA compressor and PPE extractor located at the new Station 3. The new compressor will be used to fill and supply firefighter's SCBA, our most important equipment asset. The PPE extractor and drying machine was also introduced to members. These two machines are a key component in the department's initiative to provide a safe and healthy work and living environment. Previously, members had the use of an extractor at Station 4 and an older unit (20 years) at Station 2. The new unit will make the efficiency of putting our members and their protective wear back in service in a timely fashion.

Facility Utilization

Training Classroom – The classroom continues to serve both internal (BFD, Contracted Instructors) and external (private instruction, BPD, CERT, etc) logistical needs.

Training Grounds – Southington FD used the drill tower on Monday, April 20, 2026 from 1800 – 2200 for annual fireground operations training for their firefighters. All went well. The months of May, June, and July are booked for company-level operational training. (May – Truck Company Ops, June- Engine Company Ops, July- Rescue Ops)

Challenges

On-duty Logistics – Logistics of shift/fire company availability make for a challenging training session when on-duty companies respond to emergencies.

Staffing – Repeated challenges to fulfill mandated and intended instructional opportunities with minimal staffing (1) of the Training Division. Supplemental efforts are made to hire certified departmental instructors to assist in the delivery of classes that require a span of control (student/instructor ratio) that promotes a safe and effective environment.

Budget – Budgetary improvements; the request for increased funding (2026/2027) reflects the need for members' continuing education and career opportunities. An increase in budget will help accommodate additional classes and resources for our members' needs.

Looking Forward ...

Instruction

- UTV Safety and Operation Training make up days (weather and service call interruptions)
- Prep for Company-Level Operations Training (May – Truck Company Ops)

Scheduling

PFF CFA – Recruit Class 77 (February 09, 2026 – May 20, 2026)

UTV Safety Class Make-ups – May 04-07

Truck Company Operations – Shifts will participate in daily rotations completing set objectives (all days)

CFA Forcible Entry Trailer Prop @ Drill Field – May 25-29

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.K. Freimuth', is written over a horizontal line.

Derek K. Freimuth

Captain, Bristol Fire Department Training Division

Bristol Fire Department

Mechanical Division Monthly Report

April 2026

Engine-3

- Returned From Cummins and placed in service (4-29-26)

Engine-8

- Transmission issue- repaired in service (4-10-26)-Steward Stevenson

Tower 2

- Air dryer repaired- H&H equipment

Ladder-2

- Fuel Tank Vent issue looked at. (Still having issues)-Firematic
- Warranty repairs (4-30-26)-Firematic
- Repaired broken rear valve stem- Toce Tire

Spare Deputy Chief Car

- Placed out of service (4-14-26) Transmission issue.
- Now using Fire 8 as DC spare

Miscellaneous

- Air cylinders-41,92,28- returned from repair-MES
- Air Packs E3-02, E1-01- Sent out for repair-MES
- Scheduled SCBA Flow Testing-Fire Tech and Safety
- Helped Move Engine 3 into new firehouse
- Plymovent's repaired Engine 3 and Engine 5- Air Cleaning Spec.
- DC spare portable radio repaired- Norcom
- Engine 5 Sensit meter out for repair-Firetech and Safety
- Picked up training prop from Cheshire FD

Respectfully Submitted by

Donald Perrault
Interim Equipment Technician

Richard Hart
Chief of Department