

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 20, 2025 AT 6:00 p.m.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Jeff Caggiano, 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:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

No Awards

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Public Participation

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Lemieux moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 15, 2025, REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

**5. REPORTS OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE**

Commissioner Sapp Smith moved to APPROVE THE REPORT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE AND PLACE ON FILE, 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 Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Morello read the following correspondence.

- A thank you letter to Officer Clarke for being so kind and assisting the caller during a medical call.
- A thank you letter to Officer Frechette for his kindness, respect, and attention to the citizens' concerns.
- A thank you letter to Officer McNally for her professionalism and calming demeanor during a motor vehicle stop.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Commissioner Ghio reminded everyone of the Greater Bristol Exchange Club's 56<sup>th</sup> Honoring Heroes Awards Banquet, which is being held on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree Hotel.

### **b. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Council Member Tyler asked Chief Morello what is the Department's Traffic Safety Strategy. Chief Morello responded with the following:

#### **I. General/Blind.**

This pillar is the foundation of our traffic safety strategy, and is an all-hands-on-deck approach, led by our Patrol Division, the agency's largest division. The goal of this pillar is to conduct citywide enforcement of traffic violations by identifying and holding violators accountable, and creating a highly visible police presence throughout the city to discourage unsafe behaviors in the first place.

Our data shows a 94 % increase in MV arrests in 2024 from the previous year and a 109% increase in written warnings. From the same period last year, we have a 140% increase in arrests and a 219% increase in written warnings. These numbers do not include stops that resulted in verbal warnings. We are likely to meet or exceed historical department highs in motor vehicle enforcement at our current trajectory.

#### **II. Targeted.**

Targeted enforcement uses data to identify areas with historically high numbers of traffic crashes. It focuses enforcement efforts in those areas using various methods, including unmarked vehicles, spotters, and high visibility presence. Data sources include the Connecticut Crash Data Repository and internal and external information sources. Members of our Traffic Division interpret and evaluate this data and deploy resources to address these areas of concern. Additionally, as part of our spring into summer road safety initiative, our Patrol Division has been conducting focused enforcement in areas such as Work Zone Safety, Windshield Tints, and, coming soon, Stop Sign violations. Our Patrol Division will also collaborate with our Traffic Division in some instances in furtherance of various initiatives.

#### **III. Education.**

The Bristol Police Department has a robust social media presence, including Facebook, Instagram, and X, which is used to inform and educate the public on traffic laws and agency initiatives and to seek assistance in identifying and solving traffic concerns and violations. We also provide in-person educational forums through our Community Relations and Traffic Divisions, Police Board meetings, and other public contacts, including traffic stops themselves.

#### **IV. Technology.**

Currently, the only new age technology the Bristol Police have is the Flock camera system, which has been very helpful to this agency on various types of cases, including stolen vehicles. However, these cameras are not designed to identify and correct traffic-related violations. For this, I support the implementation of automated traffic enforcement devices (ATEDS) to help supplement our efforts in areas identified as high risk, such as high-crash intersections and school zones. An evaluation of our internal data shows that the public generally identifies traffic offenses as a leading public safety concern. My belief is that ATEDS would be an effective tool in our efforts to make roads safer for drivers and pedestrians in Bristol and round out our technology pillar. These devices have been broadly and effectively used as far back as the 1970s in Europe, and since these devices are now codified in Connecticut law, Bristol should seriously reconsider the positive impact these devices could have in enhancing our traffic safety efforts.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 Chief Morello

9.2 Police Commissioners

None

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Chief Morello

i. Board of Finance Request

Council Member Tyler moved to ACCEPT AND FORWARD THE APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR \$277,315 THAT WILL COVER THE ASSOCIATED COST FOR OUR NEW DIVISION AND FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ii. BAIMS Radio Coverage

For informational purposes.

iii. Idemia Contract

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE IDEMIA CONTRACT, Seconded by Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

iv. Chief's Report

For informational purposes.

10.2 Police Commissioners

None

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 20th day of May, 2025, was  
HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 6:51 p.m.

*Lisa Ziogas*

Recording Secretary