



*City of Bristol
Board of Fire Commissioners*

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The regular Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM. in City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Employee Recognition
 - a. The swearing in of Recruit Firefighters Justin Tomlin and Kayla Janick
 - b. Recognition of members for their actions on November 22, 2025, at a motor vehicle accident
 - c. Recognition of Firefighter Perrault for his actions on December 22, 2025 at a motor vehicle accident
3. Public Participation
4. Communications
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes
6. Approval of Monthly Reports
 - a. December Monthly Reports
 - b. 2025 Annual Reports
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Fire Station 3 Building Committee

- b. Personnel Committee
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Acceptance of UTV from Capital Region 3
- 9. New Business
- 10. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Board of Fire Commissioners' Regular Meeting

December 18, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in meeting room 3-1, City Hall, 111 N Main Street Bristol, CT

Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu (until 6:07 pm,) Commissioners Sean Moore, Dana Jandreau, Hal Kilby, Anthony Benvenuto, and Joyce Ptak, and Council Member Peter Kelly and Fire Chief Richard Hart.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2.

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- a. Chief Hart recognized Honorary Firefighter Freddie Elder for his bravery on November 27, 2025. Seven-year-old Freddie altered his parents to a fire in their living room on Thanksgiving after investigating crackling sounds. His quick investigation and immediate notification of the situation to his parents not only prevented significant property damage, but also what could have been a life-threatening situation given the number of people in the residence celebrating the holiday.
- b. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu suggested the board break for a 3-minute recess to allow pictures to be taken. On motion of Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Jandreau it was unanimously voted to: Break for a 3-minute recess.
On motion of Commissioner Ptak and seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto it was unanimously voted: To resume the meeting at 6:10 pm.

4. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- a. None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. None.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. On motion of Commissioner Ptak and seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto it was unanimously voted: To approve the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes as amended to reflect Commissioner Jandreau as present.
- b. Commissioner Jandreau noted that in the Tower1 report headquarters is still waiting on the installation of the Opticom. Chief Hart advised that they are waiting on the vendor to

complete the project which occurred in 3 phases.

- c. Chief Hart shared with the board that the month of November had the department responding to 4 fatal motor vehicle accidents, one of which involved a child. He advised that the department Peer Support team responded to both the department and EMS as they do not have this type of internal support. Conversations with Fire, Police, Bristol Health and Dispatch lead to the creation of a city-wide Peer Support Team which will umbrella the services in the event they are needed.
- d. Chief Hart advised that he has informally received notification that the department will be receiving a UTV through DEMIS Region 3 as a Capital Region Asset to assist with brush fire suppression. The UTV will also be able to hold a stokes basket in the event a patient needs to be transported. He stated he will provide updates as they become available.
- e. Chief Hart shared that Ladder 2 is in service at this time to shake the truck out while under warranty.
- f. Commissioner Moore noted that in the Engine 5 report it was noted that there was an issue with their bathroom and the thermostat in the bay and inquired as to whether the issue was resolved. Chief Hart advised that both issues have since been taken care of by Public Works.
- g. Chief Hart shared that the department is doing an internship with a senior from Bristol Central and he hopes to evolve an academic program as a Fire Cohort for those interested in firefighting.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Commissioner Moore provided an updated for the Fire Station 3 Building Committee. He shared the updated project schedule and advised that the bay doors which were ordered in the incorrect quantity and size should be in the end of January. He shared that there is an issue with Eversource and their gas installation project in the street and it has been delayed. The project which should have been completed in November is now scheduled to start in January. The project is now scheduled to be completed February 23, 2026 with no additional expenses incurred. He shared that the project is running with a credit of \$-58,000.00 from change orders.
- b. Commissioner Jandreau provided an update for the Personnel Committee. He advised that while there was no new news from Human Resources, the 2 candidates were sized for uniforms.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Kilby inquired as to whether there were to be fines issued for private fire hydrants that are not in compliance as we are only at 24%. Chief Hart advised he would follow up with the Fire Marshal.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Kilby expressed his concerns over the poor driving in town and shared that he is in favor of traffic cameras. He requested permission to write a letter to present to the Mayor and City Council in solidarity with the installation of red-light cameras.

Following discussion, the board agreed unanimously and plan to email Commissioner Kilby with input.

- b. The board was presented with a request for a waiver of fees for St. Vincent DePaul's for false alarm charges. Chief Hart shared that there was an issue with their alarm system and the issue has since been resolved. On motion of Commissioner Ptak and seconded by Commissioner Kilby, it was unanimously voted: To waive the invoice in the amount of \$270.00 dated November 10, 2025.
- c. Chief Hart advised that he is working on the fiscal year 2027 budget. He shared that Station 2 received LOCIP funds for renovations to their bunk room and bathrooms. He has also submitted to Capital Improvement a request to renovate headquarters' bunkroom and bathrooms. He advised that he will be requesting to replace the aged fleet of vehicles for the Fire Marshal's office with pickup trucks. He noted that he will be requesting pickup trucks specifically because it will allow them to keep their gear out of the cab which is an initiative with the NFPA for firefighters to have clean cabs for exposure reduction. Tower 2's replacement will also a request this budget cycle. He expressed concern over the continued rising cost in fire apparatus and advised that signing a contract now would lock in the price and that build time is roughly 3 years. Chief Hart advised that he is looking to apply for the SAFER Grant and awaiting details from FEMA. There is no information on release date at this time.

11. ADJOURN

- a. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau and seconded by Commissioner Benvenuto, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Recording Secretary: Sara Bianchi

Tower 1 Monthly Report December 2025

Summary

Tower 1 responded to 97 calls for service in December.

Personnel

Training:
- Members conducted in house training in various skills

- Nothing to report.

Breakdown of Calls:

11 - Fire (11.34%)
20 - Rescue / EMS (20.62%)
8 - Hazardous Condition (8.25%)
7 - Calls for Service (7.22%)
16- Good Intent (16.49%)
35 - False Alarm / False Call (36.08%)
YTD – 865 calls

Apparatus/Equipment

- We are still using Ladder 2 in place of Tower 1 with no issues. It has operated at several fires and the members continue to train with it. All of the feedback is positive, stating that this is the most user-friendly and operationally beneficial aerial truck the city has had in recent history.

Fire Stations/Facilities

- We are still waiting on the electrician to install a traffic signal control button for the traffic light in front of the firehouse. This solution was promised to us to address the problem of the reduced travel width on North Main Street. Not having this installed is delaying responses north bound from HQ when traffic is backed up at the Center St traffic light. This request was made and approved before construction began in front of this station.
- The new vent hood system was installed over the stove at HQ.

Miscellaneous

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
James Plaster
Captain
Tower 1

Engine Company 1

Monthly Report

December, 2025

Summary

Engine 1 Personnel responded to 127 calls for service, which included two structure fires. Engine 1 crews participated in food drive for Salvation Army.

Breakdown of Calls:

11 - Fire (8.7%)
6 - Rescue / EMS (4.8%)
13 - Hazardous Condition (10.3%)
47 - Calls for Service (37%)
7 - Good Intent (5.5%)
43 - False Alarm / False Call (33.7%)
YTD –1381 calls

Training:

Haz Mat refresher

Confined space

Promotional study

Personnel.

Probationary FF N. Boswell assigned to Engine 1 C shift.

Apparatus/Equipment

- E1-01 SCBA leaking at low pressure line repaired. Sent back out for repair due to faulty heads-up display.
- E1 drivers reported smell of antifreeze and white smoke

from front wheel well. Problem has continued, FET Kelly to investigate.

- Minor air leak found to brake fitting near brake pedal awaiting repair.
- Radio Identification corrected for new Engine 1.

Fire Stations/Facilities

- New vent hood installed. Adjustments may be needed as unit runs excessively.

Miscellaneous

Holiday meal prepared by D shift for Brian's Angels on December 19th, cooked and delivered to feed 50 plus people.

Holiday lights donated by FF Woodford. Installed on exterior of HQ by FF Woodford and FF Chapin.

Corrected monthly call totals for Engine 1 due to adding error: August corrected to 906 for the year, September 997 for the year, October 1,122 for the year November 1,254 for the year.

Respectfully submitted, Captain, Thomas Scully

Engine 2

Monthly Report

December 2025

Summary

December wrapped up the year with a steady operational pace, as Engine 2 responded to 54 calls for service. Crews focused on preparing the station and apparatus for winter operations, while continuing hands-on training in seasonal and high-risk scenarios. Though the holidays meant time away from families, personnel remained dedicated and professional throughout the month.

Breakdown of Calls:

6 - Fire (8.7%)
12- Rescue / EMS (8.7%)
6- Hazardous Condition (13.04%)
1 - Calls for Service (7.25%)
8 - Good Intent (11.59%)
21- False Alarm / False Call (50.72%)
YTD – 617 calls

Training:

- Chimney Fire Operations
- Incident Command
- Promotional Study
- Ice Rescue Equipment and Tactics

Personnel

- No changes to Station 2 staffing this month.
- Members across all shifts continue to prepare for upcoming departmental promotional exams, including opportunities for Lieutenant, Captain, and Training Officer positions.

Apparatus/Equipment

- Engine 2 is still awaiting parts for an exhaust repair. The engine remains in service but will be addressed when parts are available and engine 3 comes back from repair.
- The Plymovent exhaust system has been experiencing operational issues. Jay Kelly is currently investigating and coordinating troubleshooting efforts.
- Brush 1 and the rescue boat remained fully operational. We are attempting to locate a small air leak in the front of the boat.

Fire Stations/Facilities

- Crews completed seasonal winterization tasks, including weatherproofing, equipment staging and station readiness checks
- Eagle Roofing performed a visual inspection of the roof for Public Works.

Miscellaneous

Station 2 crews remained committed and dependable during a demanding holiday season. Despite being away from their families, members maintained a high standard of professionalism, teamwork, and focus. The station was kept in excellent condition and all equipment was prepped for peak winter readiness.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Cutler

Captain Engine 2

Engine Company 3

Monthly Report

December, 2025

Summary

Station 3 Personnel responded to 66 calls for service this month. Notable call that Engine 3 responded to this month included two structure fire. One being a first due fire that went to a second alarm. There also a vegetation fire and an increase in calls for smoke in the home calls related to furnace problems.

Dept. Training:

SOP review and Confined space.

Company level training

Chimney fires and Ice rescue review.

Breakdown of Calls:

6- Fire (9.09%)
21- Rescue / EMS (31.82%)
3- Hazardous Condition (4.55%)
10- Calls for Service (15.15%)
12- Good Intent (18.18%)
20- False Alarm / False Call (27.03%)
0- Special Incident/ In progress 0%
YTD –769 calls

Personnel

- No changes

Apparatus/Equipment

- E3- Is out of service and are using spare Engine 6
- Air pack E3-01 is still O.O.S. and has been since October

Fire Stations/Facilities

- The apparatus bay thermostat stopped working and was replaced by PW.

Miscellaneous

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Henderson

Captain Craig Henderson
Bristol Fire Dept. Engine 3

Engine Company 4

Monthly Report

December 2025

Summary Engine 4 responded to 84 calls for service in the month of December.

Personnel The Fire Service Officer I grant class was completed in the month of December. The final day was held at the Connecticut Fire Academy and included a practical

December Training:

- Fire Officer 1 (grant class) continued

- company level training

- NFIRS/ NEIRS training

skills exam and a computer simulator scenario.

Breakdown of Calls:

1 Fire 10 (11.91%)

2 Explosion 0 (0%)

3 Rescue/ EMS 14 (16.67%)

4 Hazardous condition 8 (9.52%)

5 Service Call 6 (7.14%)

6 Good Intent 16 (19.05%)

7 False Alarm 30 (35.71%)

8 Weather 0 (0%)

9 Special 0 (0%)

In progress 0 (0%)

Apparatus/ Equipment

- Engine 4 received 7 cases of Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF).
- Engine 7 is currently in service at Engine 3 as Engine 3 is out for repair.
- Engine 4 and Engine 7 received Tyvek coveralls.

Fire Station/Facilities

- Public Works replaced a LED light in the storage room for the Fire Equipment Technician (FET).
- Overhead door repaired the electrical problem with Engine 4 bay door. A faulty door remote was causing the electrical issue.
- A roof inspection of Station 4 was completed by an outside contractor. The inspection revealed cracks in the concrete blocks over the Fire Equipment Storage (FET) storage room which was the source of the water leaking into that room.
- City of Bristol Information Technology (IT) inspected the printer at Station 4.

Miscellaneous

- The Bristol Radio Club used the training classroom for their December meeting.
- The Bristol Police Department used the training classroom for Medical Response Technician (MRT) training.
- ESPN daycare installed 2 Knox boxes at that facility. One was installed at the front door for access to the fire alarm panel, and the other was installed at the rear door for access to the mechanical rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain *Scott McKearney*

Scott McKearney

ENGINE COMPANY #5

MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2025

SUMMARY

Engine Company #5 responded to 86 Calls for Service in the month of December 2025. Calls for Service breakdown is as follows:

Fire – 7 (8.24%)

Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident – 27 (31.76%)

Hazardous Condition No Fire – 15 (17.65%)

Service call – 9 (10.59%)

Good Intent Call – 13 (15.29%)

False Alarm & False Call – 14 (16.47%)

PERSONNEL

There were no personnel changes to any groups at Station #5 for the month of December.

APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT

Engine #5 has a few minor issues and changes that will need to be addressed in the upcoming. Items are: Mobile radio staying on at all times, upper rear officer side emergency light, hose bed dividers, hose bed cargo net. FET is aware of the items that need to be addressed. Engine #5 is not operationally affected by any of these items and are expected to be handled in the upcoming year.

Engine #8 currently has no issues that need to be addressed and is in a state of readiness.

FIRE STATIONS/FACILITIES

Station #5 remains in good condition with items that I would like to see addressed but not affect the day to day operations of the Station. Any and all repairs for calendar year 2025 have been handled by Dave Oakes and his staff. During the month of December a couple of items arose and were addressed immediately. The front and rear door weather stripping was damaged at the bottom of both doors and both have been repaired. Prep sink in the kitchen had a broken faucet and was also repaired. Some items in the station need to be addressed in the upcoming year and have been discussed with Dave Oakes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Engine Company #5 members once again stepped up as they always do to assist the community. Headed up by Lt. Adrienne Plourde we were able to assist with purchasing Xmas gifts for the children in the Angel Tag program with the Salvation Army. This is a worth while cause and thank you to all station #5 members.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CAPTAIN BRIAN D'AMATO

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

December 2025



Kristopher Lambert

Kristopher Lambert, Fire Marshal

**CITY OF BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
MONTHLY REPORT
December 2025**



TO: City of Bristol Fire Board Members
FROM: Kristopher Lambert, Fire Marshal
SUBJECT: Monthly Report – December 2025

INCIDENTS

There were two hundred fifty-eight (258) incidents for this month that required computer-generated reports communicated to the State Fire Marshal's Office and FEMA. There were two (2) investigation(s) of fire/explosions by this office. Total estimated loss for the period is \$59,900 dollars.

25 Primrose La.
6 Stonecrest Dr.

There were zero (0) civilian injury(s), and zero (0) Firefighter injurie(s) reported during this period. There was one (1) 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-one (53) reported as having been tested for the year and all fifty-one (53) hydrants are compliant. This represents twenty-point four percent (21.2%) of the total number of private hydrants within the municipality. No change for this month.
- Twenty-five (25) 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 eighteen (18) other site meetings attended by staff were conducted with business/property owners.

- There were approximately ninety-four (94) Fire Prevention Bureau business related calls managed by the staff this month.
- Approximately fifteen (15) 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 sixteen (16) hour(s) of continuing education credits this month.

INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS **

- 36 Apartment Building Inspections (130 units) **
- 2 Assembly Occupancy Inspections
- 6 Automatic Sprinkler System Inspections
- 2 Blasting Permit(s) Issued
- 5 Business Occupancy Inspections
- 4 Certificate of Compliance
- 5 Complaint Inspections
- 0 Day Care Inspections
- 0 Educational Inspection
- 4 Fire Alarm Inspections
- 2 Fire Investigations
- 0 Gasoline Station Inspection / LP Tanks
- 2 Health Care / Nursing Home / Group Home Inspections
- 7 Hood & Duct Inspections
- 0 Hotel / Dorm
- 1 Industrial / Storage Inspections
- 0 Liquor License Inspections
- 2 Mercantile Inspections
- 0 Modification Application(s)
- 0 Recreation/Summer Camp
- 3 Residential Board / Care
- 0 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.

Incident Report

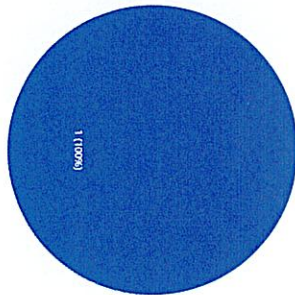
Report Type

Mutual Aid Summary

X Discharge X



Total aid given and received (1)



Mutual aid given

Incident Report

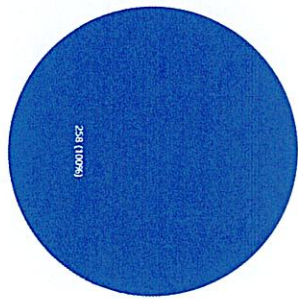
Report Type

Response Breakdown

Date Interval



Total (258)



Not Mapped

Incident Type Series

Not Mapped

All Data

- This report evaluates Dispatch records and provides a breakdown by their associated NFRIS Incident Type Series.
- Associations are mapped by the user in Dispatch Incident Type, and any unmapped Dispatch Incident Type will be categorized as "Not Mapped".
- Because Dispatch records are counted, there may be a difference between the result here and your incident count based on Incident Reports.

Completed Fire Inspection Assignments Month of December 2025

Fire Inspector Hoyt

Fire Alarm Inspections - 1

Sprinkler Inspections - 1

Commercial Inspections

- Assembly -**
- Business - 1**
- Carnival -**
- Day Care -**
- Dormitories -**
- Educational -**
- Fire Drills -**
- Fire Works/Special Effects-**
- Group Home -**
- Health Care – 2**
- Industrial -**
- Mercantile -**
- Nursing Home -**
- Residential Board and Care - 1**
- Special Amusement/Assembly -**
- Tent -**
- Liquor License Inspections –**
- Hood and Duct Inspections -**
- Gas Station -**
- LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage -**

Residential Inspections

- Buildings- 12 @ Units- 35**
- Fire Investigations – 1, Primrose**

Meetings- 3

Complaints-

- Plan Reviews - 2**
- Modifications - 1**
- Blasting Permit -**

Phone Messages/Calls – 26

- Department Training –**
- Public Fire Education –**
- Continuing Education/CFI- 6**

Completed Fire Inspection Assignments Month of December 2025

Fire Inspector Robotham

Fire Alarm Inspections -

Sprinkler Inspections -

Commercial Inspections -

Assembly -

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 -

Tent -

Liqueur License Inspections -

Hood and Duct Inspections - 1

Gas Station -

LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage -

Residential Inspections – 6 Buildings 32 Units

Residential Completed Inspections -

Fire Investigations -

Meetings - 2

Complaints - 2

Plan Reviews - 1

Modifications - 1

Blasting Permit -

Phone Messages - 20

OEMD Training – 4 hours

Department Training – 1 hour

Public Fire Education – 4 hours

Completed Fire Inspection Assignments Month of December 2025

Fire Inspector Yacovino

Fire Alarm Inspections -

Sprinkler Inspections - 2

Commercial Inspections -

Assembly -

Business - 1

Carnival -

Day Care -

Dormitories -

Educational -

Fire Drills -

Fire Works/Special Effects-

Group Home -

Health Care -

Industrial -

Mercantile - 1

Nursing Home -

Residential Board and Care -

Special Amusement/Assembly -

Tent -

Liqueur License Inspections -

Hood and Duct Inspections - 2

Gas Station -

LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage -

Residential Inspections- Buildings 16 @ 55 Units

Residential Completed Inspections -

Fire Investigations - 1

Meetings - 3

Complaints - 2

Plan Reviews – 8

Modifications -

Blasting Permit -

Phone Messages - 15

OEMD Training - 6 hrs.

Public Fire Education – 0 hrs.

Fire 6 - Actual Mileage – as of , Gallons –

Completed Fire Code Inspection Assignments Month of **December** 2025 Fire Marshal Lambert

Fire Alarm Inspections - 3

Sprinkler Inspections – 3

Standpipe Inspections -

Commercial Inspections:

Assembly - 2

Business - 3

Camps -

Complaints - 5

Day Care –

Dormitories -

Educational -

Fire Drills -

Fire Works/Special Effects-

Gas Station -

Group Home -

Health Care - 1

Hood and Duct Inspections - 4

Hotel -

Industrial - 1

Liquor License Inspections -

LPG Point of Sale/Bulk Storage – 3

Mercantile - 1

Nursing Home -

Residential Board and Care -

Special Amusement/Assembly –

Storage -1

Tent -

****Residential Inspections - Buildings 2 @ 8 Units**

Fire Investigations –

Meetings - 12

Certificate of Occupancy –

Certificate of Compliance - 4

Plan Reviews - 22

Modifications -

Blasting Permit - 2

Phone Calls/Messages - 23

OEDM Training -

Continuing Education Training - hrs.



BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT – TRAINING DIVISION
MONTHLY TRAINING REPORT
DECEMBER 2025

Summary

The BFD Training Division continues its productive mission. Members benefited from a multitude of offerings from the training division with the assistance of internal certified instructors. Members continued orientation and operation familiarity with our newest apparatus (L2), ultimately operating it at its first building fire. The training division provided 8 deliveries for the department with the assistance of Lieutenant Alan Rudolewicz to fulfill our annual Confined Space certification obligations. Members were given instruction and completed practical applications on confined space procedures, equipment, and simulations. Thirteen BFD members successfully completed the AFG grant-funded class for their certification as Fire Officer 1. BFD members navigated a busy month of training, answering emergencies, and providing public charity during the holiday season. Once again, time management was essential, with all firefighters and officers doing a reputable job.

Training Highlights

Ladder 2 Orientation

Objective: Company level competency on operation and use of L2 (month 2)

Confined Space Training

Objective: Use and capability of confined space equipment for technical rescue scenarios. The BFD partnered with ESPN to provide our members with an optimal space to complete their

training. ESPN continues to be a supportive partner in our mission to train and improve our department's capabilities.

Fire Officer 1

Objective: Thirteen members completed their 72-hour classroom obligation towards their certification as CT State Fire Officer 1. Members will partake in their written assessment in the first week of January. This was a class provided by the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters) grant. This certification serves as an important prerequisite and will allow members to continue in their aspirations for fire officer development.

Probationary Firefighter Orientation

PFF Nicholas Boswell began his orientation and service to the BFD. PFF Boswell comes from Torrington Fire Department and brings an enthusiastic attitude towards his future BFD career. Each shift, PFF Boswell and his assigned company (currently C-Shift) visit the drill field and partake in various fireground applications and skill development exercises. PFF Boswell will undergo various training evolutions and evaluations throughout his probationary period. Evaluation and instruction will be provided by the Training Division with guidance from his company officers and shift commanders.

Facility Utilization

Training Classroom – The classroom continues to serve both internal (BFD, Contracted Instructors) and external (private instruction, BPD, CERT, etc) logistical needs. Bristol Police Department occupied the classroom for a EMR recertification delivery on December 17, 2025.

Training Grounds – The consistent rotation of disabled vehicles for companies to train on continues to be an asset for the department.

The Training Division will soon be taking delivery of a hose bed simulation prop to use during hose advancement drills. This was a generous donation made by the Cheshire Fire Department.

Operational Support and Training Division Management

Training Planning – Coordinating outside vendors and local facility representatives for class delivery (Eversource Utilities, Covanta, etc). Lesson plan development for upcoming in-house deliveries of HazMat/HazCom, Ice Rescue, and Metering. Review of training obligations and development of schedule for the next calendar year. Draft of 2026 Annual Training Objectives was presented to the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs at the December staff meeting.

PPE: Awaiting 2 additional sets of PPE for members. New recruits (Tomlin and Janick) are scheduled to be sized for PPE.

Public Relations – Consistent communication with real estate holders regarding vacated buildings and training opportunities that may arise at properties.

Challenges

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

Fire Equipment Technician Assistance – Several hours are consistently spent assisting the mechanical division with logistics regarding fleet movement for vehicle maintenance.

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.

Looking Forward ...

Instruction – Annual Hazardous Materials/ Hazard Communications Refresher (8 deliveries), Creation/Implementation of Probationary FF guide, Officer training for NFIRS → NERIS transition for fire reporting, Ice Rescue training, Bloodborne Pathogens and Infectious Control Plan deliveries.

Scheduling – Annual HazMat/Hazcom refresher (January 12, 14, 21, 23)

Fire Officer 1 AFG Grant Class testing and evaluation (January 06, 2026)

Prepare for future Probationary Firefighter orientation

PFF Tomlin and PFF Janick to begin CFA Recruit Training (February 2026)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Derek K. Freimuth

Captain, Bristol Fire Department Training Division

Bristol Fire Department

Tower 1

2025

Year End Report

Prepared by Captain J. Plaster

Fire, Rescue and Other Emergency / Non-Emergency Calls

Tower 1 responded to **862** calls in **2025**. This is a 5.5% decrease in call volume over last year. Below are the notable categories for the incidents that Tower 1 responded to, along with the number and percentages for the most serious call types.

Fire in buildings or vehicles (96) 11.1%

This includes responses to fires in buildings, food burning on the stove/ in the oven and filling the house with smoke, fires in electrical panels, electric outlets, appliances, furnace problems, chimney fires, and vehicle fires. Of these incidents, 23 of them (31%) were classified as “structure fires”.

Rescue Incidents: (168) 19.42%

This includes vehicle extrications (26%), elevator rescues (45%), and rescues from machinery (5%). At some of these calls, medical treatment was provided as needed. Other rescues within this category include but are not limited to water, ice, high angle, confined space, and below grade.

Hazardous Conditions: (85) 9.83%

This includes gas leaks, chemical leaks, electrical issues, and carbon monoxide incidents. At these incidents crews had to perform building evacuations, atmospheric monitoring, ventilation, and secure the utilities.

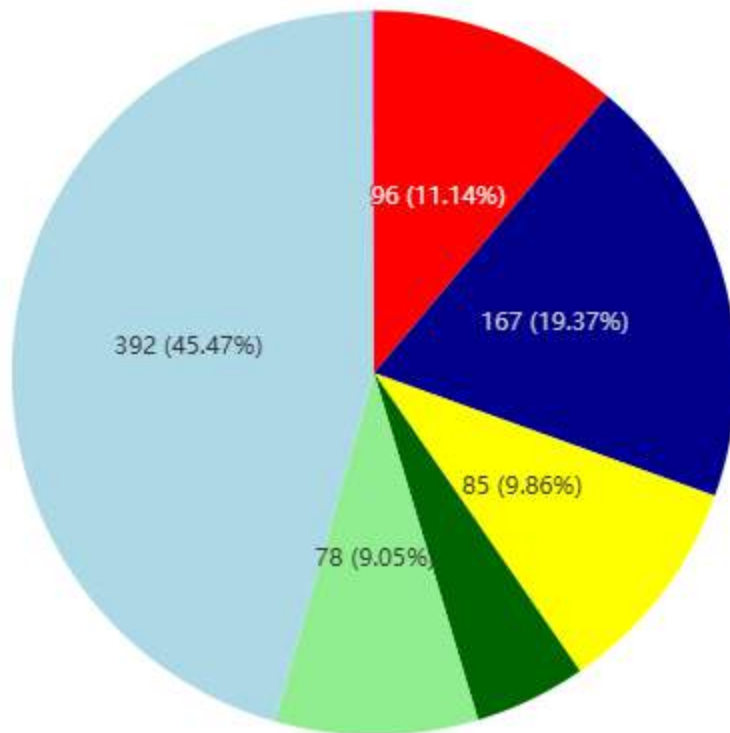
False Alarm & False Calls: (394) 45.55%

These include activation of smoke and heat detectors or fire suppression systems, both malicious and accidental. These incidents require personnel to locate the source of the alarm, ventilate any smoke which may have triggered the alarm, and restore the alarm system to working order.

Other Incidents: (121) 13.99%

These include service and good intent calls. Calls in this category range from rescuing animals, lock outs, and unauthorized burning incidents.

Total (862)



Incident Type Series

- 1 - Fire
- 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident
- 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)
- 5 - Service Call
- 6 - Good Intent Call
- 7 - False Alarm & False Call
- 9 - Special Incident Type

Headquarters Company

The members of this Company take pride in the specialized nature of our work and equipment. Our days continue to get busier and busier, but the members always find the time to keep our station and equipment in top-notch shape, knowing that 100% reliability is the only acceptable standard.

Training

Members of this company are frequently being called upon to administer specialized training to the department. We lead numerous evolutions in rope rescue, confined space rescue, technical lifting and stabilization, and advanced vehicle rescue. The members of Tower 1 take great pride in being the “go to” people for any rescue emergency.

Apparatus

Tower 1 was out of service for various repairs for one month and 18 days total throughout the year. Ladder 2 was delivered in October and placed in service in November as Tower 1 until the new company is staffed in Forestville. Tower 2 had both the front and rear suspension rebuilt.

Company Personnel

2025 saw FF J. Prestash transferred from Engine 2 to Tower 1 on the “D” shift.

Non-Emergency Work Performed by Tower 1 Personnel

Station and Grounds Maintenance:

The members of the Company continue to take great pride in the cleanliness and maintenance of our facility and the apparatus assigned here. I have requested through the Public Works Building Maintenance Division (David Oakes) for the last 10 years to get our ramps, parking lots, and curbs replaced. State grant money was used to repave only the back ramp this year, which is a step in the right direction. I will continue to request that the curbs and parking lots get repaved as well. The downtown traffic calming construction has added many difficulties in our ability to respond. One of the solutions that I proposed was adding a traffic control button in the firehouse that allows us to turn the north and south lights green in front of the station. After over a year, this work is still yet to be completed.

Fire Prevention Classes:

Tower 1 personnel performed several Fire Prevention visits during 2025. This continues to be a valuable program and allows us to connect with the children in Bristol’s schools.

Area Surveys:

Personnel continued completing building surveys again this year. This allows us to familiarize ourselves with our target hazards prior to any emergency responses.

New Equipment

A new 5-gas meter was purchased for Tower 1. This Sensit brand meter provides readings at a much more precise level to locate gas leaks, as well as monitor other atmospheric conditions.

Personal

In my 11th year as the Captain of Tower 1, I still continue to take great pride in this company. I look forward to continuing to advance this company with the addition of more modern equipment and techniques. As always, I would like to invite any of the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and any of our elected officials to stop by to see our facilities or a demonstration of any of our equipment. I think you would be amazed to see our capabilities!

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Jim Plaster



Engine 1

2025

Year End Report

Prepared by Captain Thomas Scully

Fire, Rescue and Other Emergency / Non Emergency Calls

Engine 1 responded to 1381 calls in 2025. The breakdown is as follows;

Fires – Structure, cooking, vehicles, brush, etc. (134)

This includes responses to fires in structures, burnt food on the stove or in the oven, fires in electrical panels, electric outlets, appliances, furnace problems, chimney fires, vehicle fires, brush or mulch fires and dumpsters. Among the reported fire calls were 43 reported structure fires, which resulted in 1 civilian death.

Rescue & MVA Incidents: (45)

This includes motor vehicle accidents with entrapment, pedestrians or structures hit. Also included, elevator rescues, rescues involving equipment or other miscellaneous rescues, and ring removals.

Hazardous Conditions: (186)

This includes, natural gas leaks, gasoline leaks, chemical leaks, electrical issues, and carbon monoxide incidents.

Service Calls (475)

This includes assists to both Bristol Police and Bristol EMS, motor vehicle accidents with/without injuries, residential and vehicle lock outs/ lock-ins, investigation of smoke or other odors and water related problems.

Good Intent (81)

This includes calls from people who want someone to respond but don't know who to call, canceled en-route and steam mistaken for smoke.

False Alarm & False Calls: (460)

These include activation of smoke and heat detectors or fire suppression systems, both malicious and accidental.

Headquarters

Headquarters issues/projects for the year include: Headquarters ventilation hood was replaced. Problem with grease leaking on the ceiling was solved. Unit may need to be adjusted as it runs longer than necessary.

Lead and Asbestos testing done at HQ awaiting test results.

Annual roof inspection performed by an outside vendor; no new leaks noted.

Annual boiler system inspection completed. Emergency shut off button installed in apparatus bay as required by code and insurance company.

On several occasions issues with the second-floor bathrooms has occurred. An inspection by an outside vendor found drain lines for second floor bathrooms blocked. During the inspection, drain lines were found to have scaling in the lines causing the blockage. Further issues may occur due to the conditions of the pipes and this may become an ongoing issue for repair.

Headquarters generator had annual service by an outside vendor several issues found and repaired.

Bauer SCBA air cascade system was down and had to be repaired requiring any bottle fills to be done at station 4. After repair system still takes an excessive amount of time to bring the present bottles up to the required 5500 PSI.

Due to the reconstruction of North Main Street the front ramp was repaved. Rear apron was removed by City Yard crews and repaved by Tilcon Connecticut. Rear parking areas and sidewalks are in need of repair and have been requested for replacement.

Training

Training classes for the year were held at the Drill field, Birges Pond, Cedar Lake, Fire headquarters and a donated house on Jerome Avenue. The classes included: Ice/Cold water rescue, high-rise hose deployment, forcible entry, vehicle extrication drill, driver training, vertical ventilation, emergency bailout procedures, rescue boat, brush truck and equipment. Annual training included; blood borne training, SCBA confidence drills, hazardous material response, confined space, hose line deployment, master stream movement, ladder drills and other company level drills. Certification classes included Fire Instructor 1 and Fire Officer 1 held at the Drill Field delivered by CT. Fire Academy instructors.

Apparatus

Engine 1 was a Pierce Enforcer purchased in 2015. Since its purchase it has responded to approximately 11,946 calls. Overall Engine 1 has been a good fire apparatus to work on. Engine 1

has experienced an increasing number of issues over the past year some of the issues include the following;

Engine 1 check engine alarms with low coolant continued to be a problem. Engine 1 sent to Cummins Engine for repairs.

Rusting problem on Engine 1 caused a class 2 Diesel fuel leak which was repaired at Gowans and Knight. Problems with door open switches.

Officers' seatbelt replaced by FET Kelly due to improper retracting.

Issues with SCBA retention in Engine 1 seats is still an issue, especially when a seat is not occupied such as backing maneuvers.

The 2015 version of Engine 1 has responded to approximately 1,370 fires since being put into service, 267 of those being structure fires. Annual pump and ladder testing performed and passed. This engine was taken out of service as Engine 1 and was re-designated as being Engine 7.

July saw the delivery of the new Engine 1. A 2025 Pierce Saber built in Bradenton Florida. Equipment was mounted by FET Kelly with assistance from on duty crews. Engine 1 was put into service on July 24th. New Engine 1 has responded to 752 calls for the year, 80 of those calls being fire calls with 12 structure fires .

New Engine 1 was hit at a motor vehicle accident while providing scene safety on South Street. Bristol Pd investigated the incident. Damage very minor with no need for repair.

New Engine seems to have the same issue that all our Pierce apparatus have, the smell of antifreeze. All crews reported the smell of antifreeze and white smoke from the front wheel well area. FET Kelly to investigate.

Non-Emergency Work Performed by Engine 1 Personnel

Station and Grounds Maintenance:

All station cleaning and ground maintenance is performed by fire personnel such as mowing, raking and snow removal. Annual spring and fall cleaning were performed by Engine 1 crew in a timely manner.

Fire Prevention Classes:

Fire prevention classes were conducted for local schools, South Side School, Emmanuel Lutheran School, St Joseph School, Imagination pre-school, Bristol Carousel and Fire Museum, Bristol pre-school as well as for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other groups when requested.

Area Surveys:

With the new usage of the First Due computer system surveys were entered into the computer system which will show pertinent response information for target hazards as well as contact information for buildings in Engine 1's first due area.

Personnel

As is the history of the Bristol Fire Department all the recently hired firefighters have at some point worked on Engine 1 to learn the skills necessary to be a Bristol Fire fighter. This year we had two probationary firefighters work on Engine 1 Firefighter Ryan Blaney and N Boswell. FF Blaney is assigned to Engine 2 and FF Boswell remains on Engine 1 as extra personnel. Engine 1 continues to cross train drivers with Tower 1 and with operation and set up of the New Ladder 2.

Miscellaneous

The continued display of dedication of Engine 1 firefighters to the City of Bristol and its' residents has been shown through support of outside activities such as; Salvation Army Clean-up, MDA fundraising, breast cancer t-shirt sales, Prostate cancer awareness t-shirt sales, cooking of a warm meal for delivery to Brian's Angels during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season and the purchasing of gifts for distribution by the Salvation Army to needy families in the community. 16 members of the Bristol Fire Department competed in the March 2025 Fight for Air Climb in Hartford Ct.

The team effort was led by Engine 1 FF. B. Woodford who came in as the fastest firefighter for the day. Other Engine 1 firefighters were FF B Clark 2nd in his age group, FF G. Corvo 13th, FF R. Chapin 22nd and Lt Marks 49th. Chief Hart came in number 1 in his age group. Bristol fire Department finished first in fundraising at 26,405, fastest overall team, largest team participated, fastest male FF Woodford and female firefighter, Lt A.J. Plourde.

As the busiest company of the Bristol Fire Department the members of Engine 1 continued to display hard work and determination to supply excellent service to the residents of the City of Bristol. As part of our service delivery Engine 1 has installed battery operated combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at several residences this year when requested, and at calls when it was found no detectors were present and it was deemed appropriate to install them. Members have continued their training with advanced classes and certification's! The members of Engine 1 are well trained and are ready willing and able to perform the work needed. I am honored to be a member of this Department and the Captain of this Company!

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Scully, Captain

Engine Company 2

Yearly Report

Calendar Year: 2025

Summary

Engine Company 2 responded to a total of 637 calls for service during the 2025 calendar year. The company maintained a high level of readiness and professionalism, responding to a broad range of emergencies while also supporting department-wide training initiatives and community engagement efforts. Throughout the year, crews showed continued commitment to skill development, equipment maintenance, and preparing for promotional advancement. In June, leadership transitioned back to Captain Todd Cutler, who resumed command of Station 2 after serving in the Training Division. The station remained operationally consistent with few apparatus issues, and members took proactive steps to address seasonal preparedness, ongoing maintenance, and both formal and informal training opportunities.

Call Volume

- Total Calls for Service: 637

Engine 2 responded to a steady volume of calls, ranging from fire suppression and EMS to hazardous conditions, false alarms, and public service assistance. While monthly call volume fluctuated, crews remained engaged and ready throughout the year.

Personnel

- Probationary Firefighter Ryan Blaney completed his department-wide familiarization tour (“world tour”) before being assigned to Station 2, where he quickly became an integral part of the crew.
- Firefighter George Sanchez was assigned to Engine 2, C Shift,
- Throughout the year, Station 2 members prepared for various promotional exams, including Training Officer.
- Informal study sessions and peer mentoring became a regular part of daily activities, reflecting a strong culture of professional development.
- No significant transfers or reassignments disrupted station operations, and continuity remained a strong point for Engine 2 in 2025.

Apparatus and Equipment

- Engine 2 was generally reliable throughout the year, with the exception of an extended check engine light issue and a delayed exhaust system repair due to parts backorder. Repairs were scheduled upon the return of reserve apparatus.
- The station’s Plymovent vehicle exhaust extraction system experienced intermittent

issues. Jay Kelly provided support in troubleshooting and coordinating necessary repairs.

- The rescue boat and Brush 1 performed reliably without major incidents. Routine seasonal transitions (e.g., brush truck winterization) were completed without issue.
- Additional support was provided by Public Works for generator servicing, electrical outlet issues, and overall station infrastructure concerns.

Fire Stations and Facilities

- Crews remained proactive in seasonal station preparation, completing both fall cleanup and winter readiness tasks. These included equipment storage, yard work, and minor in-house maintenance to reduce external service calls.
- Public Works coordinated with Station 2 on several occasions to address building-related concerns such as drainage backups, electrical system malfunctions, and HVAC system repairs.
- Regular inspection and servicing of critical station systems such as the fire alarm were completed to ensure compliance and operational safety.

Training Highlights

- Station 2 participated in a variety of training exercises designed to reinforce both fundamental and advanced firefighting tactics. Key training evolutions included:
 - Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) deployment and firefighter survival.
 - Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search (VEIS), vertical ventilation, and hose advancement drills at an acquired structure on Jerome Avenue.
 - New Ladder Truck Operations and Tactical Integration training.
 - Chimney fire operations and winter-specific hazards such as ice rescue readiness.
 - Company-level drills supplemented by peer-led promotional study groups.
- Training was often adapted to accommodate coverage needs, with Engine 2 crews assisting in city-wide station coverage during department-wide training events.

Public Engagement

- Engine 2 maintained an active presence in the community. In October, personnel conducted fire prevention visits at Southside School and West Bristol School, engaging with students and faculty to promote fire safety awareness.
- Station 2 participated in MDA fundraising efforts during the summer, demonstrating the department's continued commitment to charitable outreach.
- While formal community events were lighter in the latter part of the year, Station 2 remained visible, responsive, and professional in all public interactions.

Professionalism and Culture

Engine 2 crews consistently upheld the department's core values of integrity, dedication, and service. Despite the demands of shift work and holiday assignments, members maintained high standards in both operational performance and daily routines. From station upkeep and equipment readiness to promotional preparation and public service,

Engine 2 exemplified teamwork and adaptability throughout 2025. The leadership transition in June marked a smooth return to long-standing expectations and camaraderie, further strengthening the station's continuity and culture.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Todd Cutler

Bristol Fire Department

ENGINE COMPANY 3

81 Church Ave.

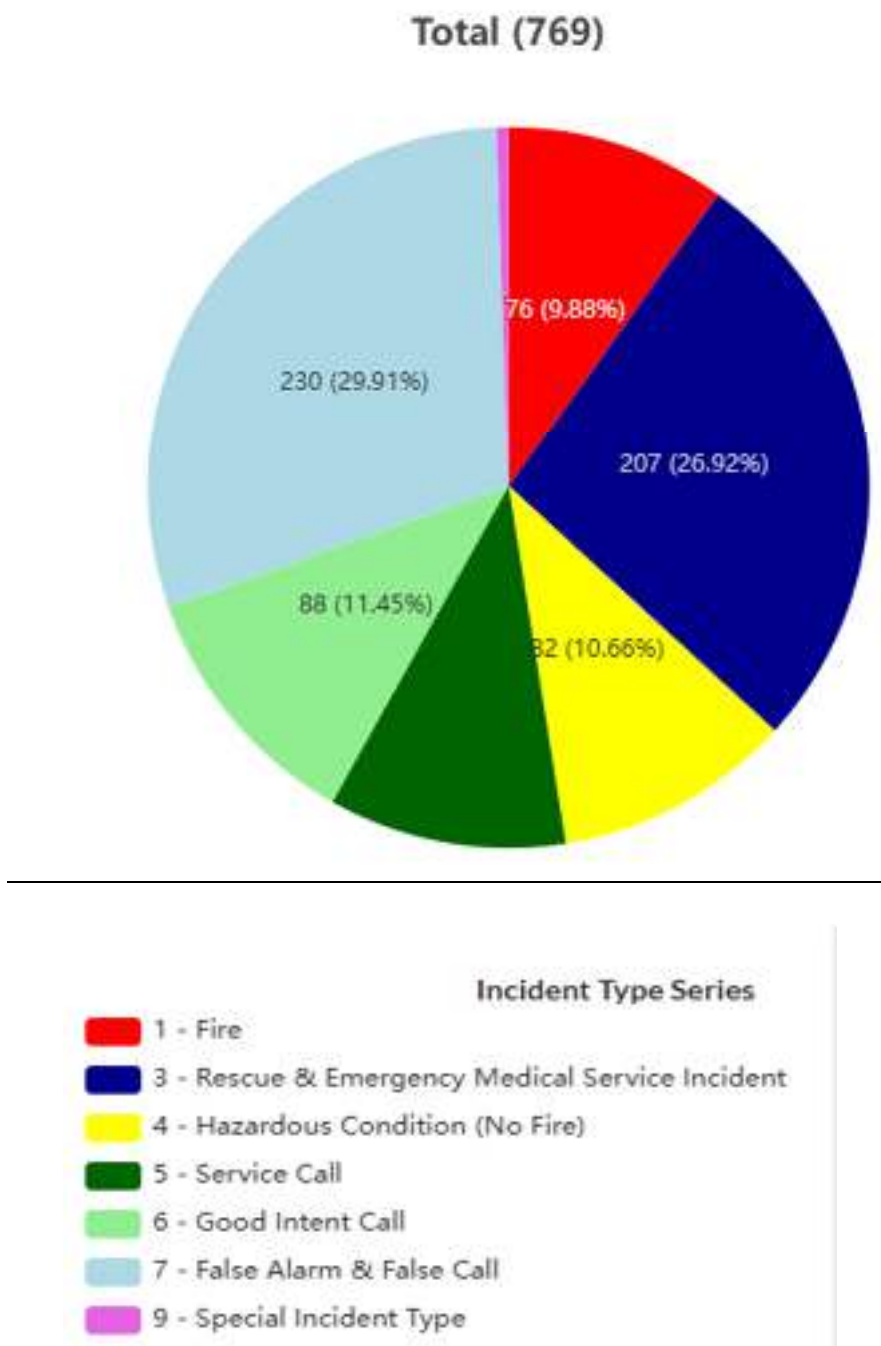


2025

Year End Report

Prepared by Captain Craig Henderson

Call Summary



The members of Station 3 responded to 769 calls for service in 2025. The type of incident responses includes building fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical assist and numerous other emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance. Engine also provided assistance to neighboring fire departments to help with fire suppression and station coverage during larger incidents.

Personnel

There were no permanent changes to Station 3's assigned personnel. However, some of our members were temperately detailed to other stations. This is important to keep our members cross trained and familiar with other response areas and the different equipment at those stations. This is also important since this station will get Ladder 2 assigned to the it once the new firehouse is completed. This cross training will enable the assigned member to properly operate and maintain the new truck once it has been relocated to the new Fire Station 3.

Apparatus/Equipment:

Engine 3

Engine 3 had two mechanical issues this year. The first was a transmission issue that was repaired. The second issue is a fuel system problem that is being addressed but it has taken longer to repair than expected. It has been out of service since October.

Engine 6 (spare)

Engine 6 is still the in-service spare housed at station 3. There have not been any major issues with this spare engine.

Ladder 2

Ladder 2 has been delivered and is temporally being used as the primary truck for the city. This gives the firefighters the ability to drive, set up and use the ladder throughout the city. Once the new station 3 is completed, the ladder will be relocated to its home at station 3.

Equipment:

There were not any equipment changes for Engine 3 in 2025.

Training:

Members of station 3 continued to train and educate themselves throughout the year. This year we covered vertical ventilation, lifting and stabilizing, basic and advanced vehicle extrication and auto fires. Members also participated in Connecticut State Fire Academy programs including confined space training, Fire Instructor and Fire Officer 1. Members were also busy conducting building surveys and preplanning incidents to be better familiarized with buildings and target hazards within our area.

Station/ Facilities:

The members of station 3 are excited to see the progress of the new fire station and are looking forward to its completion. Our current station has continued to need a number of repairs as the daily use takes a toll on the older facilities. The members of station 3 have done an excellent job of keeping the station and grounds clean and functioning.

Miscellaneous:

The members of station 3 are excited for the new Fire Station 3 to be completed. Everyone has been eagerly tracking the building's progress since the first shovel went into the ground. Everyone has taken

advantage of the open-door policy being able to walk through and see it develop has been great. This building brings a much-needed update to the department's infrastructure. Having modern amenities, have the ability to decontaminate gear and have a new SCBA compressor will be a huge improvement to organization and its operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Henderson

Craig Henderson

Captain Station 3

Bristol Fire Dept.

Bristol Fire Department

Engine 4

2025

Year End Report

Prepared by Captain Scott McKearney

Fire, Rescue and Other Emergency / Non-Emergency Calls

Engine 4 responded to **894** calls in **2025**. This represents a 5% decrease over the **941** calls in **2024**. Though there were decreases in the (1) Fire and (3) Rescue categories, categories (3) Service Calls, (4) Good Intent Calls, and (5) False Alarm Calls all saw increases. Below are the categories of calls that Engine 4 responded to.

1 Fire in buildings or vehicles (102) 11.41%

Included in this category are responses to building fires, cooking fires, chimney fires, vehicle fires, brush fires, and outside trash or dumpster fires.

2 Overheat (no fire) (0) 0.00%

This category includes overheated equipment that did not catch fire.

3 Rescue Incidents: (183) 20.47%

Included in this category are vehicle accidents with injuries, vehicle accidents with no injuries, EMS assist, and vehicle extrication.

4 Hazardous Conditions: (112) 12.53%

Included in this category are general vehicle accident cleanup, gas leaks, and electrical problems.

5 Service Calls (92) 10.29%

This includes lockouts, water problems, smoke removal, and unauthorized burning.

6 Good Intent Calls (96) 10.74%

This category includes no incident found on arrival, canceled en route, and other good intent calls.

7 False Alarm & False Calls: (308) 34.45%

These include smoke detector activations, alarm system activations, accidental alarms, and alarm system malfunctions. This includes the activation of smoke and heat detectors or fire suppression systems, both malicious and accidental.

8 Weather-related calls: (0) 0.00%

Only 1 call related to the weather in 2024.

9 Special calls: (1) 0.11%

Any calls that don't fit into the other categories.

In Progress (0) 0.00%

Station 4

2025 was a year that highlighted Firefighter Health and Wellness at Station 4, as Station 4 was the host location for events and training that supported Firefighter Health and Wellness. Some of the highlights of 2025 included the first ever United Diagnostic Services (UDS) cancer screening that was held at Station 4. This showed a real commitment by the City of Bristol, as the city funded the screening for all firefighters that were interested in receiving a cancer screening.

Providing Peer Support training furthered the city's commitment to Firefighter Health and Wellness, as well as, backing a Peer Support Team. Special thanks to Firefighter Chris Hayden, and Peer Support companion Molly for their time and dedication and to The City of Bristol for supporting this worthy cause. A presentation by The Fairfield County Trauma Response Team, a voluntary support team of healthcare professionals, was also held at the training classroom.

Station 4 was able to apply this training and culture of support when The Plainville Fire Department suffered a Line of Duty Death (LODD) in 2025. The Bristol Fire Department was able to provide Peer Support by the Bristol Fire Department Peer Support Team and Molly. Plainville Fire Department also received station coverage by Bristol Fire Department Spare Engine 7 during their time of need.

Station 4 also provided mutual aid coverage to our neighboring towns of Southington and Plainville numerous times during 2025.

Personnel

New Firefighters James Pavelchak and Ryan Blaney were temporarily assigned to Station 4 during 2025 giving them the opportunity to learn Station 4's district.

Training

There were 2 acting Training Officers appointed to the training division in 2025. Captain Nicholas Cutler and Lieutenant Nathan England fulfilled the role of Training Officer during Senior Captain James Blaschke's absence. Having these acting Training Officers maintained a continuity of training for the Bristol Fire Department and ultimately made the Bristol Firefighters safer and better trained.

In October of 2025, Lieutenant Derek Freimuth was promoted to the position of Training Officer and he is sure to provide the highest level of training for the department. He brings a background of training experience and knowledge from his time served as an Instructor at the State of Connecticut Wolcott Fire Training School.

Along with the mandatory training of Bloodborne Pathogens, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) fit testing, and Confined Space Rescue, Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) were completed in 2025.

Grant classes Rope Rescue Technician, Fire Service Instructor I, and Fire Officer I were completed in 2025.

Firefighter Safety and Survival and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training were also taught by Tower Captain James Plaster.

Station 4 firefighters were also trained on the use of new Ladder 2 and contributed to getting the truck in service by color coding equipment for the new Ladder truck.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation provided a Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training class. The class pointed out the dangers of working in the roadway and provided tips to maintain a safe working environment while in the roadway.

Apparatus

Station 4 used Engine 6, a 2006 International as a spare until Engine 1, a 2015 Pierce Enforcer was retired from frontline service and delivered to Station 4 to serve as the permanent spare Engine 7.

Engine 4 and Engine 7 passed all pump, ladder, SCBA, and TAK 4 suspension testing. Engine 4 Hurst tools also passed testing.

The Hap Barnes Fire Safety Trailer received new roof vents.

Non-Emergency Work Performed by Engine 4 Personnel

Station and Grounds Maintenance:

The firefighters at Station 4 continue to do a great job maintaining the interior as well as the exterior and constantly provide a professional appearance for the Station.

Public Works also continues to do great work repairing and maintaining the facilities at Station 4.

Fire Prevention Classes:

The Hap Barnes Safety trailer was used for many fire prevention classes. Firefighter Chris Hayden and Molly also attended many of these classes. The safety trailer was also used at the mum festival.

Area Surveys:

Engine 4 completed facility tours this year including the new Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC) office at 225 North Main Street, Clean Harbors at 51 Broderick Road, ESPN and ESPN daycare. Along with the facility tours, new Knox boxes were added at 90 Century Drive Home 2 Suites, 30 Cross St. a City of Bristol owned property, and ESPN daycare on Enterprise Dr.

New Equipment:

New equipment added to Engine 4 this year included a Milwaukee battery operated chain saw, a new Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN) meter, a new smooth bore nozzle on the front cross-lay, and a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) battery.

Personal:

I am very proud of the work that was accomplished by the Firefighters at Station 4 during 2025. I am thankful for their dedication to the “job” and to the citizens of The City of Bristol. I am also thankful to The City of Bristol for supporting the health and wellness initiatives of the Fire Department and ultimately making The Bristol Fire Department a safer and healthier place to work.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McKearney

Captain Scott McKearney

BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT

ENGINE COMPANY #5

YEAR END REPORT 2025

PREPARED BY CAPTAIN BRIAN D'AMATO

ENGINE COMPANY #5

YEAR END REPORT

2025

SUMMARY

Engine Company #5 responded to 875 Calls for Service in the calendar year 2025. This represents a decrease of approximately 10% compared to Calls for service volume in calendar year 2024. Various reasons have caused the decrease such as other Engine Companies performing station coverage during training and more than one call together requiring assistance and coverage from another Engine Company. It is also my belief that Company response areas need to be reviewed and updated as the current map book is now more than several decades old. Calls for Service breakdown is as follows:

- **Fire – 56 (6.41%)**

These incidents include a response to all building fires, vehicle fires, brush fires, electrical fires, cooking fires, appliances, and heating equipment fires.

- **RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENTS – 230 (26.32%)**

These incidents include a response to all motor vehicle accidents both with and without injuries, motor vehicle accidents with extrication, vehicles versus pedestrians, vehicles versus buildings, utility poles, and trees. Other incidents include rescues from elevators, medical entries, removal of victims from machinery, wooded areas, and water.

- **FALSE ALARMS AND FALSE CALLS – 236 (27.0%)**

These incidents include all responses to both Residential and Commercial Fire Alarm activations as well as all malicious activations. Incidents in this category often involve notifying other agencies and property owners. Restoring of all fire alarm systems would also fall into this category (i.e. alarm resets).

- **SERVICE CALLS – 129 (14.76%)**

These incidents include a response to all residential and motor vehicle lockouts. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detector replacements. Knox Box installations, forcible entry, public relations, walk in or phone incidents not otherwise included in other categories.

- **GOOD INTENT CALLS – 100 (11.44%)**

These incidents include calls for assistance to the general public which do not require an emergent response from the Fire Department.

- **HAZARDOUS CONDITION WITH NO FIRE – 121 (13.84%)**

These incidents include a response to calls for service including hazardous materials, carbon monoxide incidents, oil and gas equipment, and fluids from motor vehicle accidents. I also include electrical hazards in this category such as communication lines that are low hanging or disconnected and blocking vehicle traffic. Power lines during storms that affect the public by being taken down from trees, branches, etc. Causing unsafe conditions to the general public while navigating main roads, sidewalks, driveways, and private properties where other agencies need to be notified to clear unsafe conditions.

COMPANY PERSONEL

Engine Company #5 saw only minor personnel changes to its roster during the year of 2025. The year saw the return of Firefighter Stephanie Barry after a prolonged injury leave. Firefighter Barry was injured during a Structure Fire in the previous year and was cleared to return to full and active duty. Firefighter Barry was transferred to Headquarters on C Group during the last quarter of 2025.

Firefighter James Pavelchak was transferred to Engine Company #5 on C Group to replace Firefighter Stephanie Barry.

Lieutenant Nathan England served as the temporary Acting Training Captain during the year for approximately 90 days. His position at Station #5 was filled by Lieutenant Michael Valenti during his absence. Lieutenant Valenti was moved from C Group Engine #2. Fortunately for Station #5 he was able to be provided the opportunity to stay on C Group permanently here at Station #5 as Lieutenant England took advantage of the opportunity to become the permanent officer assigned to Engine Company #1 on C Group. Station #5 is lucky to have Lieutenant Valenti here permanently.

All other shifts and crews remained the same for the entirety of the year 2025.

Current roster for Engine Company #5 is as follows:

A Group – Lieutenant Adrienne Plourde, Firefighter Dory Greger, Firefighter Alec Madden

B Group – Lieutenant Charles Judd, Firefighter Ryan Cianci, Firefighter Anthony Bentivengo

C Group – Lieutenant Michael Valenti, Firefighter Chris Hayden, Firefighter James Pavelchak, Service Dog Molly

D Group – Captain Brian D’Amato, Firefighter Kyle Dunn, Firefighter Eric Ouellette

APPARATUS

Engine Company #5 saw a rather up and down year during 2025. The long-awaited new Engine #5 was able to finally be put into service in January. Unfortunately, it was only in service for a short time. During a response to a rolled over Propane Bobtail Engine #5 was involved in a collision with the vehicle due to icy road conditions. All three personnel were transported to Bristol Hospital for injuries sustained during the collision. Thankfully all personnel were evaluated and released for minor injuries the same day. Engine #5 sustained significant damage to both the front end and driver side. Due to the extensive nature of the damage Engine #5 was Out of Service for approximately six months. Fortunately, all repairs were successfully made and the Engine was able to return to service as a front-line apparatus. Some minor items still remain pending by the FET at this time which arose just out of the initial break in period for the vehicle. Items that need to be addressed are the Mobile radio, hose bed dividers, emergency light replacement, hose bed cargo net buckles. All items are non-critical in nature and do not affect the day-to-day operations of the apparatus. At the time of this report Engine #5 remains in a full operational state of readiness.

Engine #8 was used as a front-line apparatus for the six months that Engine #5 was out of service. Engine #8 held up for the entire time. One major issue was the continued lack of AC in the cab which was fortunately addressed and repaired. Also, at the time of this report Engine #8 remains in a full operational state of readiness both as a spare and front-line apparatus.

EQUIPMENT

Since the arrival of new Engine #5, we have converted to the continuing trend in the Fire Service of using battery operated tools. There is no generator on the apparatus so as the equipment that Engine Company #5 now carries is exclusively battery powered. All equipment is brand new as part of the Engine purchase and they hold up extremely well. No issues have arisen with lack of power or power loss. These tools have come along way over the years and appear to be here to stay. Tools are much easier to store on the apparatus and are much more user friendly. They

should serve this Engine Company well for many years and require less maintenance. Looking forward to seeing the entire department converted over. The only corded equipment left on the apparatus is the electric pump for basement pump outs.

SURVEYS

All Groups at Station #5 did an excellent job getting out in the public and becoming familiar with as many property types and occupancies in Engine #5 first due response area throughout the entire year of 2025. This response area is full of challenging occupancy types of all kinds, shapes, and sizes. From Commercial, Residential, Educational, and Elderly Housing. Monthly surveys continue to be an important, necessary, and valuable function on a day-to-day basis. All Company members participate and do a great job of obtaining such things as: Property Owner contact information, proper utility locations, proper access codes for properties that require them, Knox Box locations, alarm panel locations, obtaining the proper keys from owners, and just getting to know names and faces in the community. This information is always circulated to all station members and posted in the apparatus cab as needed. I am confident that all Groups will continue to perform this valuable function throughout the New Year.

NON – EMERGENCY ON DUTY WORK PERFORMED BY STATION #5 PERSONNEL

All Station #5 members have always and will continue to keep the station a clean and safe work environment both inside and out. They take great pride in the community for which they serve. This is a neighborhood Fire Station that receives a great deal of visitors on a yearly basis. All members are always available to the public. They will spend time with the area children who visit with their parents or guardians. They will spend time with all visitors who just need something simple such as directions around town. They go above and beyond to support any organization that does fundraisers out in front at the intersection. They go out of their way to support our Little League neighbors in any way possible or necessary. I know that Little League appreciates it as do I. During the Regional Tournaments for both Softball and Baseball, the members have a great time meeting visitors and guests from all the different States. They are eager and willing to spend time with anyone who wants to stop in and chat. As always Molly is a big fan favorite for all the dog walkers and visitors who stop by. Last but not least this Company steps up whenever asked to support the local charities such as Salvation Army and Brian's Angels with hot meals for the citizens who need it the most. I am very proud of my members.

OFF DUTY ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY STATION #5 PERSONNEL

Station #5 members participate in a variety of events during the course of a year and 2025 was no different. They participate in such things as the annual Stair Climb in Hartford, assisting Little League, planning and organizing the BFD Local 773 Christmas Party, participating in the extremely important Angel Tag program run by the Salvation Army, running in the Mum a Thon 5k, running in various other charity 5K road races, volunteering as guest readers in the schools. These are just some of the functions these members participate in. These events are done on their own time and they all deserve credit for their efforts and for being truly committed to the Bristol Fire Department and the City of Bristol. I know that they will continue to rise up to any occasion or event where their help and donations are needed.

PERSONAL

Once again, I would like to close my Year End Report on a personal note. I will be forever grateful to this City and the Bristol Fire Department for giving me the opportunity to fulfill a career goal. From day one I knew that this is how I would eventually like to end my career here. That is being the Station #5 Captain. This has been a wonderful experience to this point because of the Officers and Firefighters I get to share this time with. I am incredibly proud of "My Guy's" for all that they do for this Engine Company. I will forever be THANKFUL.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CAPTAIN BRIAN D'AMATO

**CITY OF BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
YEAR END REPORT
2025**



TO: City of Bristol Fire Board Members
FROM: Kristopher Lambert, Fire Marshal
SUBJECT: Year End Report –2025

INCIDENTS

There were two thousand eight hundred sixty-eight (2,868) incidents for the year 2025 requiring computer-generated reports being transmitted to the State Fire Marshal's Office. A total of thirty-seven (37) fire investigations having monetary losses were conducted during the year by the Bristol Fire Marshal's Office.

There were two hundred sixty (260) incidents where a loss occurred, with an estimated cost of \$2,636,766. The estimated value of the property and contents involved in these incidents was \$3,005,487. This represents an approximate eighty-seven percent (87%) save rate among property and contents where fire has been reported.

There was one (1) incident(s) with losses valued at or over \$50,000 that occurred on the following date(s):

80 Melrose Street April 20, 2025

There were zero (0) civilian fatalities, and zero (0) civilian injuries, along with seventeen (17) Firefighter injuries reported during the year (Fire Fighter injuries reported were for the purpose of exposure tracking).

A copy of the cumulative yearly Fire Service Incident report, as well as the annual inspection review/permits report for the year 2025 accompanies this summary.

REVIEWS, MEETINGS, MISC.

- Three hundred sixty-six (366) plans were reviewed for new construction, change of occupancy and renovations, fire protection systems, and mechanicals.
- Coordination and consultation on plan reviews with the Building Department is on-going.
- Personnel from the Fire Marshal's Office attended approximately three hundred twenty-one (321) site plan reviews/meetings that dealt with Fire Marshal related business.
- Approximately one hundred sixty-five (165) visitors were received at City Hall to speak with or had meetings with the Fire Prevention Bureau Personnel.
- Approximately fifteen hundred (1500) Fire Prevention Bureau business related calls were generated/received. The average is approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) calls per month.
- Fourteen (14) blasting permits were issued during 2025.
- The "Hap" Barnes Fire Safety Trailer (HBFST) was utilized this year to relay our fire prevention message and training to the children of the City of Bristol.
- During this challenging year, the Fire Marshal's Office, were able to inspect three hundred eighty-three (383) Apartment Buildings that consisted of one thousand six hundred seventy-four (1674) units.
- The Fire Marshal's Office continues to be active in shaping fire prevention efforts to promote positive behavioral change regarding fire and life safety. Fire Inspector Jeremy Robotham oversees the State Fire Safety Poster Contest for 4th and 5th graders, sponsored by the Connecticut FAIR Plan. ESPN and Spare Time participate in promoting, judging, and awarding prizes to the contestants. The local winners are eligible to be considered at the state level.

TRAINING CLASSES

This past year, the employees of the City of Bristol Fire Marshal's Office were able to accrue some of the required training hours online, however, due to our challenging schedule we were not able to conduct our usual in service training at locations throughout the state. The sponsors of this training include the International Association of Arson Investigation, CFI Trainer.net, the Connecticut State Fire Marshal's Office, the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, and the Connecticut Office of Education and Data Management. The credits are cumulative, and count toward the mandatory minimum of ninety (90) credits every three years in order for each employee of the Fire Marshal's Office to retain certification as a Fire Marshal/Fire Inspector.

****** 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 remain compliant with the current inspection requirements, I strongly recommend increasing the number certified personnel in this office to eight (8).

F.M.O. 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 Equipment Technician.

BRISTOL FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
2025 MONTHLY INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS/PERMITS

Description	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Apartment Buildings	27	17	39	27	33	22	40	37	32	23	50	36	383
Number of units	108	67	122	104	112	61	121	109	119	333	288	130	1674
Assembly occupancy	2	3	6	7	6	8	15	8	10	7	7	2	81
Automatic sprinkler	6	8	10	4	10	3	13	8	12	19	13	6	112
Blasting permits	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	14
Business occupancy	8	4	16	9	10	20	14	10	11	14	18	5	139
Carnival/Amusement/Special Amuse	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Day care	2	5	1	3	0	0	1	6	5	2	0	0	25
Fire alarm systems	15	10	12	6	9	9	12	15	10	23	12	4	137
Fire works	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Food truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Gasoline stations	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	0	16
Industrial (manufactory) occupancy	0	3	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	1	1	27
Hood and duct	6	2	6	2	6	4	2	4	9	6	4	7	58
Liquor license inspections	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	11
L.P.G. Point of Sale / Bulk	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Mercantile	5	2	2	2	2	4	8	2	6	5	7	2	47
Miscellaneous/Hotel/Motel/Dorm	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nursing home/health care/group home	0	1	6	3	3	5	3	3	1	7	15	2	49
Plan reviews	27	22	32	38	31	35	48	19	26	30	33	25	366
Recreation/Summer camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential board and care	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
Educational	4	5	3	2	2	3	0	9	0	1	0	0	29
Site plans / meetings	20	29	29	26	33	27	33	33	29	19	23	20	321
Storage	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Tanks (above/underground)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tent inspection (incl.mobile/food prep	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	8
Complaints	15	15	11	12	10	10	12	8	8	8	12	5	126
Fire Investigations	6.00	2.00	4.00	4	2	6	3	0	2	4	2	2	37
Total	146	136	171	138	167	171	178	167	164	173	201	126	1938

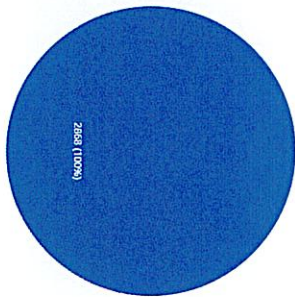
Note: The number of units for apartment buildings are not included in the totals.

Report Type
Response Breakdown

X Date Interval X



Total (2868)



Not Mapped

Incident Type Series

- This report evaluates Dispatch records and provides a breakdown by their associated NEMS Incident Type Series.
- Associations are mapped by the user in Dispatch Incident Type, and any unmapped Dispatch Incident Type will be categorized as 'Not Mapped'.
- Because Dispatch records are counted, there may be a difference between the result here and your incident count based on Incident Reports.

All Data



BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT – TRAINING DIVISION

ANNUAL TRAINING REPORT

2025

Summary

The BFD Training Division underwent a busy and productive year in 2025. The retirement of the Training Captain resulted in two interim officers for the majority of the calendar year. Both did a reputable job in keeping the department on track with its mission to provide skilled and competent members. The year included development, instruction, and completion of all mandated annual refresher training to meet compliance requirements and support the knowledge base of our members. Training officers delivered programs reflecting the department's suppression, rescue, hazardous material, and specialized hazard responses. The department was awarded multiple AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grants). Through these allocated funds, members benefited from certification classes that support their endeavors for growth within the department. The classes produced 16 new CT state certified Fire Instructors and 13 new CT state certified Fire Officers. These educational opportunities not only enhance the individual firefighter, but add to the quality of service our department provides to our community. The pool of certified instructors within the department was beneficial in completing the delivery of many subject area classes throughout the year. Partnered with the interim leadership in the training division, the department was able to continue providing necessary and valuable opportunities. The training facility continues to provide our members with scenario-based opportunities for both practical and cognitive objectives. The facility continues to be used by intercity and outside agencies, providing necessary practical and classroom instruction. I was appointed to the Training Division in October. It is my priority to continue the delivery and instruction to our members that this division prides itself in. Entering the new calendar year, quarterly, mid-year, and annual objectives have been set. Incorporation of our *First Due* software for record keeping and training logs is a priority of this division going forward. Our service is a reflection of our training. With that, the BFD Training Division is committed to providing our members with the most current and relevant training available. New standards and service-wide initiatives are initiated regularly throughout the profession. It is the goal of this division to provide our members with the opportunity to embrace these initiatives and bring them forward through our service.

Training Highlights

Rescue

- Cold Water Rescue and Boat Operation
- Vehicle Stabilization and Extrication
- FF bailouts and self-rescue
- Technical Rope Rescue Review

Driver/Operator

- Driver Training
- Pump Operations
- Aerial Operations
- New Apparatus Orientation (E1, L2)

Medical

- Bloodborne Pathogen Refresher
- Patient packaging / Rescue
- EMR/EMT refresher accommodation
- Pulmonary Function Testing
- CPR

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

- Air bottle filling station/compressor review
- SCBA Facepiece Fit Testing
- Confined Space air cart/ SCBA review
- Various search and suppression drills revolving around air management

Ladder 2 Orientation

Company level competency on operation and use of L2

Pneumatic Lifting Bags

Use and capabilities of equipment to stabilize and extricate patients. This was a review of equipment that the BFD already operates; instruction was on the latest model edition added to our inventory on L2.

Fairfield County Trauma Response Team / Peer Support

Delivery of program by FCTRT. Emphasized the role of support systems and clinicians within the realm of first responders and emergency services. A comprehensive overview of services available and the avenues to employ them.

BFD Peer Support team representatives (DC Correll, Capt. Scully) gave an overview of the team including its capability and availability. Instruction was given on how to document traumatic and psychological exposures within our records in the *First Due* software.

Confined Space Training

Use and capability of confined space equipment for technical rescue scenarios. The BFD partnered with ESPN to provide our members with an optimal space to complete their training. ESPN continues to be a supportive partner in our mission to train and improve our department's capabilities.

Fire Service Instructor 1

Fourteen members completed their certification as CT State Fire Service Instructor 1. Members completed 48 hours of classroom instruction and participated in a practical and written examination. This was a class provided by the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters) grant. BPD was kind enough to provide their training classroom for the day of the written examination due to an already scheduled class at the BFD training classroom. This certification serves as an important prerequisite and will allow the members to continue in their aspirations for fire officer development.

Fire Officer 1

Thirteen members completed their 72-hour classroom obligation towards their certification as CT State Fire Officer 1. This was a class provided by the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters) grant. This certification serves as an important prerequisite and will allow members to continue in their aspirations for fire officer development.

Probationary Firefighter Orientation

PFF Nicholas Boswell began his orientation and service to the BFD. PFF Boswell comes from Torrington Fire Department and brings an enthusiastic attitude towards his future BFD career. Each shift, PFF Boswell and his assigned company (currently C-Shift) visit the drill field and partake in various fireground applications and skill development exercises. PFF Boswell will undergo various training evolutions and evaluations throughout his probationary period. Evaluation and instruction will be provided by the Training Division with guidance from his company officers and shift commanders.

Miscellaneous Drills/Classes

- Rapid Intervention (RIT)
 - FF Safety and Survival
 - Elevator Rescue
 - Cold Weather Emergencies
 - Facility Tours (ESPN, Clean Harbors, BOE facilities)
 - First Due Application
 - Confined Space Technician (AFG class)
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Facility Utilization

Training Classroom – The classroom continues to serve both internal (BFD, Contracted Instructors) and external (private instruction, BPD, CERT, etc.) logistical needs. Updates to the classroom included two 75-inch smart televisions to accommodate presentation during classroom instruction. Future plans include hard-wiring the classroom to eliminate consistent Bluetooth connectivity issues with the computer and screens.

Training Grounds – The consistent rotation of disabled vehicles for companies to train on continues to be an asset for the department.

The Training Division will soon be taking delivery of a hose bed simulation prop to use during hose advancement drills. This was a generous donation made by the Cheshire Fire Department.

Challenges

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

Fire Equipment Technician Assistance – Several hours per month are consistently spent assisting the mechanical division with logistics regarding fleet movement for vehicle maintenance.

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 – With a budget of \$10,000, the Training Division is tasked with allocating the funding in ways that will not sufficiently cover our member's continuing education. Quality training of 86

sworn members does not align to a budget with those constraints. This challenge is a priority of the Training Division in the coming year.

Looking Forward ...

Instruction

- A schedule/guide (attached) has been developed for the upcoming year with quarterly, mid-year, and end-of-year reviews.
- PFF Tomlin and PFF Janick to begin CFA Recruit Training (February 2026)
- BCHS Internship – Work Cooperation Program
- Implementation of a Probationary Firefighter Assessment/Task Guide
- Implementation of an Officer Training/Development Program

The Training Division of the Bristol Fire Department is committed to bringing the most current and relevant training opportunities to our membership. In an effort to provide the best quality care to our citizens, firefighters train daily and continue their education both on and off duty. This division will continue to support all efforts of our members to improve their skillset and implement professionalism at incident scenes and through community relations. This report reflects the effort put forth by our members throughout the year and the aspirations for our continued success. Special thanks to all partnering city departments, the Board of Fire Commissioners, and the city administrators for their continued support of our members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Derek K. Freimuth

Captain, Bristol Fire Department Training Division