



Bristol Police Department  
Traffic Division

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To: Deputy Chief Morello  
From: Lieutenant Krajewski  
Date: 9/6/23  
RE: August Monthly Traffic Division Statistic Report

Traffic Officer Assignments:

The Traffic Division officers are tasked with the daily maintenance of the fleet, child car seat installations as well as assisting other divisions within the police department and throughout the city.

In August, several traffic officers assisted an outside vendor to install new laptops, docks and printers in every Patrol, Traffic and School Resource officer's vehicle. This task requires attention to detail and monitoring, as the fleet consists of forty vehicles of various vehicle years and models, many with different interior setups due to the year, make and model of a particular vehicle.

Several Traffic Division officers attended the New Britain Police Academy for three days to train new recruits from various police departments in appropriate motor vehicle stop tactics.

As the start of school neared, traffic officers utilized our sign message trailers to place around various schools around the City to remind drivers to travel safely, that schools are going back in session.

On Saturday, 8/26/23, traffic officers assisted in the DK Movement road race, where they were given several traffic posts within the City to stop traffic so the runners can pass safely. As a majority of the runners passed a traffic post, they would then leave to go to another post.

The second shift traffic officers have been directed for "Zero tolerance" for parking violations occurring at Rich Farms. They have spent considerable amount of time in the area, checking every fifteen minutes from 1815hrs to approximately 2030hrs. As of this writing, four parking tickets have been issued.

Traffic Administration Assignments:

Late April, a trial run was started to bring back the AAA club for towing vehicles. We ceased the use of AAA over a decade ago due to billing issues or dispatching time frames involving the clubs dispatch methods. Recently, I was given assurances from Territory and Contract Marketing Managers, that we can contact AAA wreckers directly for an immediate response. I have conducted a review of various AAA wrecker requests and have worked with the administration to update the police department's towing policies for AAA, light and heavy duty wrecker services. New language is included with the Wrecker addendum.

I have been tasked to look into modifying the City's special event permit application and to create a section for the police department, which explains to the applicant that they are responsible for their event planning, safety planning, etc and that any extraordinary costs shall be paid for by the event coordinator. I have attached another addendum labeled Special Event addendum.



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Traffic Division Traffic Stops:

Directed Patrols/Enforcement Patrols: 42  
Motor Vehicle Stops: 98  
Motor Vehicle Arrests: 7  
Motor Vehicle Infractions: 18

Traffic Complaints:

Officers have been conducting enforcement at various locations within the City;

- Lake Avenue – Speed
- South Street at Mellen Street - Speed
- Gridley Street - Speed
- Woodland Street at Oakland – Stop signs
- John Avenue – Speed
- Mix Street at Lochaven – Speed
- Camp Street - Speed

Serious Traffic Accidents:

Open Cases:

1. Case #22-37216 (10/29/22) – A westbound vehicle on Pine Street struck a pedestrian that began to cross Pine Street in a southerly direction. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at Bristol Hospital. The report is under supervisor review.

Sign approval requests:

I have several addendum pages, requesting to add regulatory signs and traffic box art;

1. Traffic Box Art
2. Bonnie Acres traffic circle

Addendum pages attached:

1. Wrecker addendum

## **Wrecker addendum**

### **Suggested language;**

- Add language regarding a heavy duty wrecker list maintained by the City of Bristol, as approved by the Chief of Police or his designee.
  - The light duty wrecker list shall be comprised of no more than six (6) towing companies having the capacity for standard towing.
    - 1. Standard tows are those motor vehicles having a gross motor vehicle weight of less than 10,000 pounds.
  - The heavy duty wrecker list shall also be comprised of no more than four (4) towing companies having the capacity for heavy-duty towing.
    - 1. Heavy-duty tows are those motor vehicles having a gross motor vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds.

### **Additional language giving at scene officers the ability to deviate from rotations under certain situations;**

- If a motor vehicle (light or heavy duty) is disabled at the scene of an accident or is broken down and is owned or operated by a firm, which maintains its own towing facilities or agreement with a third party, it shall be permissible to summon the firm's wrecker vehicle, provided such wrecker vehicle is available without unreasonable delay. This shall be at the discretion of the at-scene officer or their supervisor.
- In the case of an emergency or reasonable exigent circumstances the Bristol Police Department and its agents, servants, officials and employees reserve the right to disregard the list in obtaining the services of a tower.
- It is understood that there are unique situations where an officer's discretion is necessary due to roadway and public safety to deviate from any wrecker rotation list. Such reasoning shall be documented in the investigating officer's reporting.

### **Additional language to limit business owners having multiple places on a wrecker rotation;**

- Each wrecker service shall be entitled to one place on the City's wrecker lists, irrespective of the number of wreckers owned by it. This shall apply to both light and heavy duty wreckers.
- It is prohibited for a wrecker service conducting business at one location to receive multiple places on a wrecker rotation by utilizing a different or a fictitious name for wrecker services out of the same location or by utilizing the same named wreckers out of different locations within the City.
- Multiple businesses with the same business owner shall be only have one place on each wrecker rotation list.

**Change language to the Patrol Division Manual, page 12, stating that AAA Tows are allowed and the procedure for calling AAA for a disabled motor vehicle.**