

# BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT - TRAINING DIVISION

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## MONTHLY TRAINING REPORT

December 2020

All Bristol Fire personnel were able to be fit tested for 3M Aura N-95 particulate masks during the month of December. With cooperation from the Connecticut Fire Academy's N-95 testing personnel, testing supplies were made available to allow all of Bristol Fire personnel to be fit tested using the Bitrex testing platform. These successful fit testing are good for a year period for N-95 particulate masks usage. N-95 particulate masks allow for a higher level of protection when responding to potential Covid-19 positive incidents.

A written evaluation for Hazardous materials operational refresher was administered during the month of December. This concludes hazardous materials training for the year. This written evaluation covers emergency response to hazardous materials, eight step process for handling hazardous materials incidents, labeling and placards, chemical definitions and Bristol Fire department's SOP's on hazardous materials incidents.

Both recently graduated recruits, J. Terrier and A. Bentivengo completed firefighter safety and survival training for emergency bail out procedures. This training was completed utilizing the Gemtor emergency bail out harness and Sterling F-4 decent devices. Each recruit performed 8 emergency bailouts from the training facility second floor windows. These devices allow for rapid exit from an immediate dangerous to life and health environment.

Fire department training was held for a newly hired dispatcher for Bristol Central dispatch. Fire department overview, station visits and fire department response procedures were covered during this training. Bristol Fire department's supplemental first responder state application was updated and issued during the month of December. I was able to write a Covid-19 mask policy for the department along with a step by step guide for closing and reopening of a fire station affected by Covid-19. Bristol Fire training was able to assist Bristol water department with policy changes for their State of Connecticut confined space entry notification policy. I responded to 4 incidents as safety officer during the month. Bristol Fire department and Bristol Burlington health department held a vaccination clinic on 12/24/20 which enabled approximately 30 personnel of BFD to receive the first round of Covid-19 vaccinations.

I would like to wish a Happy New Year to the members of the Fire Commissioners, Mayor E. Zoppo and the administrative staff of Bristol Fire department.

### Seminars/Meetings/Classes

- ESPN campus updates FD access
- Confined space entry policy update with Bristol Water Department
- Co-First responder packet update
- Anchor strap rope industries demo
- Staff Meeting

### Vehicle report

- 24.0 gallons fuel

Respectfully submitted,

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