

# BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT - TRAINING DIVISION

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## MONTHLY TRAINING REPORT

April 2021

Training for the month of April was vehicle stabilization and extrication with a new technique for side resting vehicles. A review of stabilization equipment was covered for rescue jacks / struts, cribbing and grip hoist tools. All personnel were able to stabilize a side resting vehicle using a reverse tension buttress technique. This technique gives a much improve stability to side resting vehicles and allows for full access to the roof side of vehicle for extrication and patient packaging. Vehicle extrication was also completed for wheel resting and roof resting vehicles. Special thanks to Webster's auto for the vehicles to perform this training with.

Personnel from Tower 1, Engine 1 and Engine 4 performed patient packaging and removal from an elevated position utilizing the upper deck of the training facility. Proper patient packaging while securing the patient into the Stokes lifting basket and securing the lifting basket to a ground ladder enables a rapid removal from elevated locations.

The annual fire apparatus driver / operator check-off program continued during the month of April. This increase in apparatus driver check offs will help with emergency callbacks and staffing for drivers in the future.

Bristol Fire department's OSHA Hazard communication right to know stations and Safety Data Sheet binders have been completed and fully represent the materials located within Bristol Fire Department. I would like to recognize the work by Lt. W. Mason, Lt. M. Minella and FF. P. Bekstrom on light duty and administrative assistant L. Wilson in completing this lengthy update.

Recruit J. Miller and C. Richardson continue with strong performances at CFA recruit class 67. Both recruits successfully completed live fire training evolutions and fire department company operations training this month. The recruits have also earned higher marks for performance by the CFA instructor staff on firefighting skills and physical performance.

Lieutenants' Plourde, Cutler and Barnosky earned passing scores on their Fire Service Instructor 1 certification and are now certified FSI. All three lieutenants are now preparing for Fire Officer 1 certification written exam.

The second round of training of the 2018 assistance to firefighters grant is beginning with 14 BFD firefighters electing to participate in this certification class on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

I responded to 4 incidents as safety officer during the month.

### Seminars/Meetings/Classes

- CFA recruit live fire evolution
- CFA company operations day
- Webinar on Discipline in Fire Service

### Vehicle report

- 24.0 gallons fuel

Respectfully submitted,  
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