



# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## Bristol Police Chief Announces Promotion

Bristol Police Chief Blaine Wade has announced the promotion of Captain Matt Austin to Police Operations Major. The promotion is effective immediately.

Austin was promoted to the position of Major upon the retirement of long time BTPD Major Walt Musgrove. Major is second highest rank in the department. Major Austin, who joined the Police



Department in 1991, will be overseeing all daily operations of the Police Department. He is a former Administrative Captain with the department. He has also served as a uniform Patrol Officer, a member of the SWAT team, a Narcotics Investigator, School Resource Officer, General and Child Abuse Investigator, Patrol Shift Sergeant, Shift Lieutenant and Patrol Captain.

Austin attended the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, VA and served as the Tennessee State Chapter President of the F.B.I. National Academy Associates. Austin has served as instructor and taught classes including Child Sexual Abuse, Building Searches, Chemical/Less Lethal weapons, Taser and Police Ethics.

“This is an exciting and rather humbling time in my career, and one that is shared by many people who have supported me throughout my career in law enforcement. I appreciate the Chief’s confidence in my abilities,” said Austin. “Matt will work tirelessly, just as he has for the past 22 years with the force, as we continue to work towards attaining our shared goal of a safe and livable community,” noted Chief Blaine Wade.

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