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Bristol CT Police Memorial in the works;
donations sought to honor fallen officers



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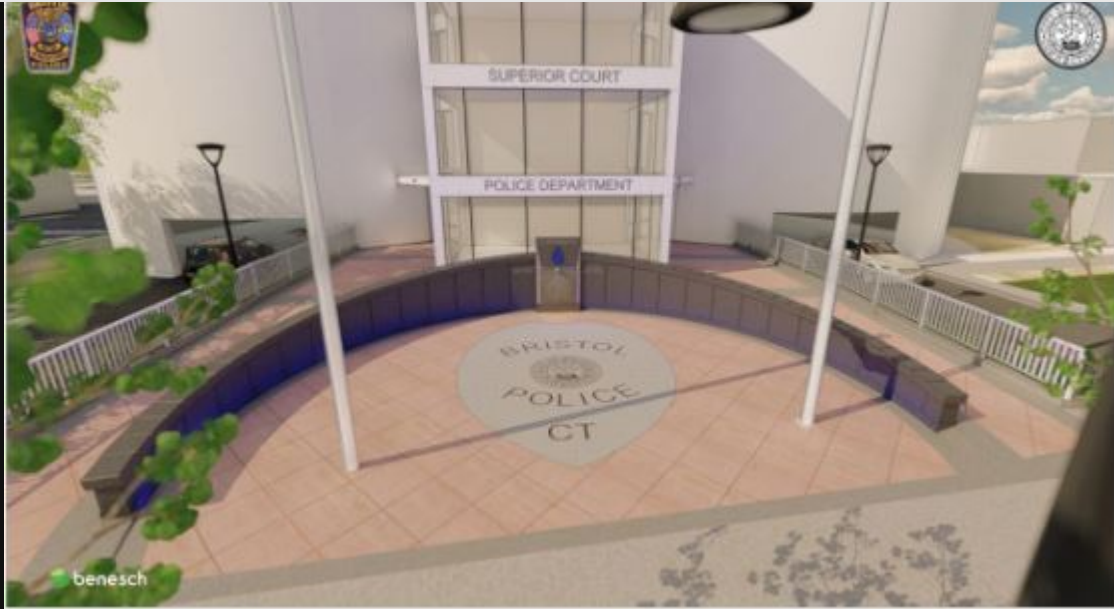
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This is a rendering of the Bristol Police Memorial. The Bristol Police Benevolent Association is working with the city and the Main Street Community Foundation on the project for which they seek donations.

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BRISTOL — The city and its police are asking for donations to build a memorial to honor fallen Bristol officers.





The memorial would be built in front of the police station at 131 N. Main St., where members of the community left flowers and notes on a parked police car to honor Lt. Dustin DeMonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy last year after the officers were fatally shot in an Oct. 12 ambush. It didn't take long for every inch of the cruiser's hood, roof and trunk to be covered.

“The memorial will serve as a permanent reminder of the ultimate sacrifice that was made by the officers named on the wall, as well as a memorial for people to visit and pay their respects to,” the police department said in a Facebook post.

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The Bristol Police Memorial Committee, through the Bristol Police Benevolent Association, will oversee the memorial, police said, and the Main Street Community Foundation will manage donations. The Bristol Police Memorial Fund will only be used for the creation, construction and future maintenance of the memorial, they said.

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A rendering provided by police and the foundation shows a short, arching wall facing the road. It will have the names of fallen officers etched on it.

To be a sponsor of the project, people or organizations are asked to contribute \$1,000. Bronze-level donors would give \$5,000; silver, \$10,000 and gold would contribute \$25,000.

The address of the Main Street Community Foundation is 120 Halcyon Drive, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06011-2702. The phone number is 860-583-6363.



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