Bristol police cracking down on distracted driving

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BRISTOL — Lt. Patrick Krajewski with the Bristol Police Department said that there will be a greater effort this April to cut down on distracted driving. “The mission statement of the Bristol Police Department is ‘To protect and serve the community with integrity and professionalism.’” said Krajewski. “Motor vehicle enforcement plays an integral part of our commitment to serve the community in an effort to reduce motor vehicle accidents. More specifically, our officers recognize that distracted driving related crashes kill and injure countless people across the country every year and these types of incidents are preventable.”

Krajewski said that, over the past decade, distracted driving has become one of the leading causes of vehicle crashes on U.S. roads.

“When any moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using or manipulating electronic devices while driving,” said Krajewski.

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BRISTOL — City True Value Hardware & Rental surprised Brian’s Angels Homeless Outreach with a donation of more than $12,000.

Joe Engleit, owner of City True Value, and Kris Squires visited Brian’s Angels and presented them with a donation of money collected from a food and clothing fundraiser. The foundation, held to honor the memory of Lt. Dennis Donован and Sgt. Alex Haney, raised $12,455.52 for Brian’s Angels Homeless Outreach.

“This was made possible by the generousness of Laura DeMotte and Katie Scott-Hamuy who honored their husbands by giving back as they had done so many times before,” said Joe Engleit, owner of City True Value Hardware & Rental.

“Pat Strobain, founder of Brian’s Angels, receives the check from City True Value Hardware & Rental and Kris Squires.”

UConn returns home to celebrate championships

STORRS — UConn coach Dan Hurley let the moment envelope him Tuesday on the 40-mile ride from Bradley International Airport back to campus watching the fans who hung signs from highway overpasses and lined the streets leading into Storrs.

More than 7,000 people gathered inside Gampel Pavilion.

“Anyone who enterprise means more to us than you do,” Hurley said Tuesday.

The NCAA Tournament is a big deal. Playing in the Final Four is a big deal.

“Any time you’re in the Final Four, it’s a big deal,” Hurley said.

UConn’s Donovan Clingman, from Bristol, is greeted by fans as the team arrives for a rally at Gampel Pavilion. In honor of UConn’s NCAA men’s Division 1 basketball championship Tuesday night.