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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.

ment 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.

"At any given moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using or manipulating electronic devices while driving," said Krajewski.

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The door of a Bristol police car.



Pat Stebbins, founder of Brian's Angels, receives the check from City True Value Hardware & Rental and Kris Squires.

City True Value Hardware & Rental surprised Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach with a donation

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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 Englert, owner of City True Value, and Kris Squires visited Brian's Angels and presented them with a donation of money collected from a hoodie and t-shirt fundraiser. The fundraiser, held to honor the memory of Lt. Dustin Demonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy, raised \$12,451.02 for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach.

"This was made possible by the graciousness of Laura DeMonte and Katie Scott-Hamzy who honored their husbands

by giving back as they had done so many times before," said Joe Englert, owner of City True Value Hardware & Rental.

Pat Stebbins, founder of Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach, said that she was in "total shock" when she received the donation.

"I couldn't be more grateful," she said. "I will be putting this donation toward an emergency fund for the homeless. We have already used this fund to provide a \$1,000 donation to help get one person back on the road who would have otherwise ended up homeless."

Englert said that he and Squires toured Brian's Angels and was given a run down of their daily operations. "The dedication by the

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'Wonder of Women' event to have guest speaker

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BRISTOL - This year's "Wonder of Women"

event, which benefits the Women & Girls Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation, will feature comedian

Christine O'Leary as a guest speaker.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer at the Main Street Community Foundation, said that O'Leary is a nationally recognized and award winning comedian.

"Christine is a Connecticut resident and has worked with the top comedians in the business, including Gilbert Gottfried, Joy Behar, Chevy Chase, Sinbad, Tracy Morgan, Janeane Garofalo, JB Snoove, Margaret Cho, and Maria Bamford," said Rajotte. "According to Christine, she is a self-proclaimed 'Joy Junkie', whose mission is to make a difference and make you laugh until you cry."

Rajotte said that O'Leary is also a stand-up comedy workshop teacher, comedy mentor, corporate comedy coach, producer, host, personality, influencer, undercover roaster, keynote and philanthropic auctioneer.

"Often referred to as a 'comedian's comedienne', Christine takes immense pride in being known as

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Christine O'Leary.

Samantha Rajotte

UConn returns home to celebrations, vandalism

PAT EATON-ROBB ASSOCIATED PRESS

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,

Connecticut's home arena, to greet the team Tuesday afternoon with raucous cheers and standing ovations in a celebration of Monday's win over San Diego State. It was the program's fifth NCAA title in the last 24 years — the most of any program in college basketball.

"This is a big deal," Hurley said. "The NCAA Tournament is a big deal. Playing in the Final Four is a big deal.

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UConn's Donovan Clingan, 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 I basketball championship Tuesday night.

