

2021 Bristol Homecoming Thank You

I would like to thank the community and all attendees for a successful 2021 Bristol Homecoming festival. This year marked the 138th year of the Bristol Homecoming festival as one of the longest-running festivals in the state of Indiana.

As I meet with other Police Chiefs from many other cities and towns, I often hear them discuss the concerns of overall gun violence in their community and specifically violence that occurs at their summer events. The evening news reveals many examples of these senseless acts of violence that erupt during summer festivals and the overflowing tensions that arise. It is a pleasure to serve in this Town, especially during our Bristol Homecoming festival. We have so many great people that make up this community that we do not encounter on a routine basis in our daily police duties.

The Bristol Police Department experienced no police calls for service relating to violence this year during the festival. This says a lot about the great people who attended over the three days. The Bristol Homecoming Committee continues to promote this summer festival as a family event that everyone can attend and enjoy. We historically have not had this kind of cooperation from the attendees, and it is truly refreshing to see people come together and enjoy themselves in a safe and positive environment.

It is a testament that over 12,000 people can come together in a weekend, and all enjoy themselves and the company of others to make lasting positive memories. I am thankful to the many people who approached me and thanked me and our officers for their service, dedication, and commitment to continued community safety. I have passed this information on to all the officers and the many volunteers who assisted in making this festival successful. Additionally, I would like to thank the New Life Christian Center volunteers who assisted with traffic control and positive interaction with the many people who attended.

Respectfully,

Mike Albin, Marshal
Bristol Police Department