

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **Synthetic Drug Forum Set at Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center**

The newest fad to hit the streets of Bristol and the surrounding area is bath salts and a lot of people think that our youth are just talking about taking a hot bubble bath. Captain Charlie Thomas of the Bristol Police Department is urging residents to attend an upcoming forum on synthetic drugs. "This forum will benefit residents who do not realize synthetic drugs are a problem, it will help those who recognize the problem, but are unsure of the best way to respond or what the signs of usage are," said Thomas. The use of the synthetic hallucinogenic drug known as bath salts is raising concern among health and law enforcement agencies.

In an effort to create awareness among the community as a whole, a forum has been scheduled by the Sullivan County Office of the District Attorney General. The forum is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012 in Bristol Regional Medical Center's Monarch Auditorium from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

For more information on the forum, please contact the Bristol Tennessee Police Department at 423-989-5568 or District Attorney General Barry Staubus at 423-279-3278.

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