

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 27, 2017
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Price, Mark Nickerson, Thomas Gardner, Joseph Perkins, Tony Buglione.

EXCUSED: Giancarlo D'Angelo

Also in Attendance: Chief Michael Finkelstein and Sgt. Michael Macek

Mr. Nickerson left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

There was no meeting on July 13, 2017, due to no quorum. Notice was filed of no quorum so there were no minutes to be approved.

4. Executive Session

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Perkins, Seconded by Mr. Gardner to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion security initiatives. Motion passed 6-0.

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. They returned at 6:06 p.m. and Mr. Price stated that no action was taken.

5. New Business

- a. Move to approve a Police Mutual Aid Agreement.

MOTION (2)

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein stated that this agreement has been in place for a long time, and allows us to share resources with surrounding towns for special events. This is an updated agreement from the last one signed, and the Chief has reviewed both and is comfortable with the updates.

Motion by Mr. Nickerson. Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 6-0.

- b. Move to approve a Community Enhancement Task Force Agreement.

MOTION (3)

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein stated that this is a regional task force which allows sharing of information, assets and is comprised of people with specialized talents and specifically deals with drug enforcement in the region.

Motion by Mr. Gardner. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 6-0.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding parking issues on Shore Road.

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that there has been a lot of conflict over the no parking signs being put up on Shore Road. He asked that we discuss this matter at a future meeting to give him more time to review the situation.

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Aug 7, 2017 AT 3:50 AM/PM
[Signature]
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

6. Old Business

There was none.

7. Chief's Report

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

8. Chairman's Report

- a. Move to appoint Chief Finkelstein as the Agent for the Traffic Authority.

MOTION (4)

Motion by Mr. Gardner. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 6-0.

- b. Public Act 17-225 concerning camera and recording devices used by police.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Price opened up discussion regarding this act and noted that this act now includes guidelines for data storage as it relates to FOIA. Chief Finkelstein advocates the use of body cameras by our police officers. It was decided that this matter would be reviewed further and discussed at a future meeting.

c. Mr. Price stated that there has been discussion about the Police Department pickup truck. This vehicle is not designed for patrol, and there are a number of options of what to do with it going forward; i.e., using it for road work assignments or swapping vehicles with either Public Works or with the Fire Marshal. This matter will be open for discussion at a future meeting.

9. Communications

MOTION (5)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Price stated that the By Laws of the East Lyme Police Department need to be amended to change the monthly Commission meeting day to the second Thursday of each month. That change was discussed and approved at a recent Police Commission meeting, but a vote was not taken to actually approve the modification of the By Laws. The By Laws will be updated by the Secretary and submitted to the Town Clerk.

Move to approve the by-laws, as amended

Motion by Mr. Gardner. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 6-0.


11. Adjournment

MOTION (6)

Mr. Gardner moved to adjourn the July 27, 2017, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:25 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra A. Anderson for Mark C. Nickerson

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – July, 2017



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents

On July 1, 2017 at 0000 hrs the East Lyme Police Department made the successful transition from the Resident State Trooper program to an independent Police Department.

Fourth of July –

This year's Fourth of July Holiday arrived with beautiful weather and large amounts of visitors to the Niantic section of Town. In all, we had 18 Officers scheduled to work portions of the day. This included Patrol, Beach, Traffic, neighborhood, and Marine Patrol(s). In all, the Department handled 94 Calls for service that Day/Eve. This includes a drug overdose with narcan save and water rescue just outside of East Lyme waters.

During the Fourth of July weekend members of the East Lyme Fire Marshal's Office, the State Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit and the East Lyme Police Department seized approximately 200 pieces of fireworks from multiple locations.

Celebrate East Lyme Day –

This year's celebrate East Lyme day was a very successful event. Tens of thousands of people came to Niantic for your celebration and fireworks. This year we incorporated increased security to guard against vehicle access to Main St. We also utilized significant mutual aid assets to help make the event successful and secure. This included 12 mutual aid Officers from Law Enforcement Council Departments (Waterford, Montville, New London, Norwich, Groton City, Ledyard, Stonington, and Amtrak) . We also received assistance from 2 New Haven Police Officers and their Mobile Communications Vehicle. This, combined with our regions vehicle, provided an enhanced level of monitoring during the event. We also established a forward command post at the East Lyme Police Department to run direct dispatch and logistical functions, while also providing a walk in area for citizens. In all, the large scale event resulted in two criminal incidents (Assaults) with one arrest.

Notes of thanks

The City of New London Acting Police Chief send letter of thanks for the mutual aid East Lyme Officer assigned to the City for the Sailfest Fireworks.

E-mail Messages

From: Tiffany Jones <tiffanyjones719@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Matthew Roland
Subject:

Officer Roland,

My name is Tiffany and I was in a car accident on Friday on Colman St in New London. (I was driving the jeep cherokee) I need to say thank you for helping me. I didn't remember who you we're but thank you for stopping and talking to me. There are good people in this world and you definitely are one of them. Maybe someday I'll get to meet you in person. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

-Tiffany Jones

Section 3: Administrative

Police Training—July, 2017

- All Officers participated in qualifying rounds with new duty weapon

Special Overtime

- Boat – 93hrs
- Foot/Beach – 101.5hrs
- Parks & Rec Beaches - 65

Accident Analysis—July, 2017

- 34 Accidents occurred in July
- 9 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 6 Crashes on Boston Post Rd
- 3 Crashes on Pennsylvania Ave
- 3 Crashes on Main St

East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 426 Calls received on 911

Animal Control Division Activity—July, 2017

- 34 Animal Incident Calls

Budgetary

- Payroll – 9%
- Operations – 1%

Use of force

- No use of force incidents reported

Rocky Neck Responses

- 22 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park

Section 4: Statistical Activity Summary

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE- ELPD Dispatch

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017							1468						1468

Note: Includes miscellaneous calls that may not be listed under the call analysis section

CALLS FOR SERVICE—DETAILED

Calls for Service - Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
911 Abandon/Hang Up							57						57
Abandoned Vehicles							6						6
Alarms							51						51
Animal Incident							34						34
Assaults							5						4
Assist Citizen							40						38
Assist Other Agency							21						21
Boating Stop							11						11
Building check							52						49
Burglary							2						2
Canine Use							4						4
Complaint							39						39
Disabled Motor Veh							10						10
Disturbance							16						16
Domestic Dispute							13						13
Erratic Operation							22						22
ETOH Person							10						10
Fireworks Complaint							24						24
Fraud/Identity Theft							6						6
Larceny							16						16
Lockouts							15						15
Lost/Found Property							10						10
Noise Complaints							12						12

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MV Accidents							34										33
MV Stops							99										98
Parking Complaints							17										17
Patrol/Bank Checks							193										193
Pistol Permit Apps							4										4
Psychiatric calls							3										3
Suicide Attempts/Threats							2										2
Suspicious Incident							14										14
Suspicious Pers/Veh							25										25
Trespassing							16										16
Untimely Death							1										1
Well Being Check							12										12
Vandalism							3										3

Selected areas of CFS only

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017							34						33

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017							99						98

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses							5						
Assault							5						
Narcotics							5						
Breach of Peace							3						
DUI							2						
Weapons							2						
Disorderly Conduct							1						
Larceny							1						
Forgery							1						
Totals 2017							25						