

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2017
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Daniel Price, Thomas Gardner, Joseph Perkins, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Mark Powers and Tony Buglione

Also in Attendance: Chief Mike Finkelstein

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Delegations
There were none.

4. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of September 14, 2017

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Gardner to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2017.
Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Old Business

a. Continue discussion regarding Tip411 software

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Perkins to authorize Chief Mike Finkelstein to enter into an agreement with the Citizen Observer, LLC, for a subscription to their "tip411 PRO" software program, utilizing the following guidelines:

- 1) The program will be implemented as soon as possible, but no later than January 1, 2018;
- 2) The subscription will be for two (2) years;
- 3) The cost of the subscription will be \$3,000 per year for a total of \$6,000 for two years;
- 4) An additional amount of \$500 is authorized for the printing of educational materials to launch the program;
- 5) The cost of the subscription, as well as the cost of printing, will be expensed directly from the East Lyme Police asset forfeiture account;
- 6) That the asset forfeiture account will not fall below \$3,500 for two years;
- 7) Any additional costs over and above the \$6,500 must be brought to the attention of the Commission for review and approval;
- 8) The Chief will collaborate with the Superintendent of Schools to determine the most effective and efficient way to inform and educate students on the use of the program; and
- 9) Nearing the end of the two (2) years, the Chief will prepare a recommendation, with accompanying data, for review by the Commission.

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that he called numerous police departments, within Connecticut and other states, to get feedback on this application and found that everyone he spoke to supported the purchase and use of this application, and specifically the PRO version. The Chief noted that not only is the tip application a great tool, but the versatility and usefulness of the full application

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will bring a lot of positive support to the police department and the community. For example, this application will balance the Department's social media applications such as Facebook; and it also offers crime mapping which is easily accessed by our community. The Chief feels that this is a good use of the asset forfeiture fund and supports this purchase. Mr. Gardner noted that as part of the fees, Citizen Observer will provide all of the tools and manpower necessary to assist us in getting the application up and running.

Mr. Nickerson stated that although it appears to be a great application, he does not feel that this is a good time to be spending money; and he reminded the Commission that all other Town departments are on a spending freeze until further notice and have been advised not to add any services, noting that the Police Department operates slightly different especially with the asset forfeiture fund.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 6-1. In Favor; Messrs. Price, Buglione, D'Angelo, Powers, Perkins and Gardner. Opposed; Mr. Nickerson.

6. Executive Session

MOTION (3)

Mr. Price moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters.

Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 7-0.

The Commission members entered into executive session at 6:20 p.m., joined by Chief Finkelstein. They returned at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Price stated that no formal votes were taken.

7. New Business

a. Discussion regarding policies and guidelines

The Commission discussed various policies, procedures and guidelines, and sent feedback and suggestions to the subcommittees to work on final documents for discussion at a future meeting.

8. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein gave a summary review of the September Monthly Report, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

9. Chairman's Report

There was none.

10. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Perkins reported that beginning at the next home football game and going forward, the police department will be assigning two (2) officers to work at each home game in partnership with the ELHS Security team. Mr. Perkins then inquired about the use of the pickup truck, and Chief Finkelstein stated that the truck has been taken off of patrol, but that if they need it, it will go into service as a patrol vehicle as this was what it was purchased for and intended for.

11. Communications

MOTION (4)

Mr. Perkins moved to add a second meeting per month to the Police Commission schedule.

DISCUSSION: It was agreed to add an additional meeting as a special meeting, as needed, instead of changing the filed meeting schedule. 2018 meeting schedule will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 7-0.

12. Public Comment

There was none.

13. Commission Response

There was none.

14. Adjournment

MOTION (5)

Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn the October 12, 2017, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 8:30 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

EXHIBIT 1

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – September 2017



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

On September 22 & 23rd the Town of East Lyme hosted the East Coast Watercross Jet Ski event off Amtrak Beach. This event brought competitors from around the country and was supported by the East Lyme/Waterford Police Regional Marine Patrol. The event was extremely successful and resulted in no incidents.

The East Lyme Police Department initiated the Challenge Program in the ELMS on September 25, 2017. Officer Hull, who is assigned to this program, will be available/responsible for response to all school related incidents. This includes planning, problem solving, prevention, education, liaison, and investigation. Also have meet with Superintendent of Schools on a regular basis and he is very happy with the enhanced relationship between the East Lyme Police Department and our schools.

The Officer deployed as a member of the US Coast Guard Reserves has returned to duty after being released from Texas. A second Officer, a member of the US Naval reserves as a Criminal Investigator, was deployed for a week of training by his unit.

With the return of the Patrol Sergeant who was on light duty assignment, the East Lyme Police Department is now at full strength.

On October 3, 2017 I took part in a press conference at Yale New Haven Health Lawrence & Memorial Hospital to announce partnership with area Police Departments to provide narcan. ELPD was the first agency provided the new narcan in the programs second year, with higher dosage narcan to be received shortly. The Town of East Lyme has had 8 narcan saves in 2017.

As part of rebranding, working with local vendor to re-design cruisers with traditional "Black & White style". This also results in cost savings.

Human Trafficking report as required by PA 17-29 has been completed and submitted.

Planning meeting has been conducted for the Community Enhancement Task Force. Officer assignment should take place in the very near future.

As directed by Commissioners, 2 Police Body Camera vendors were hosted by the ELPD to demonstrate their product(s). Awaiting quotes and possibly demo units.

Tips 411 continues to be examined. Quote received and agency references have been checked, all with very positive feedback.

The new "Viper" 911 system was installed at dispatch and is up and running with no issues. This system provides increased functionality.

Movie shoot held in Town and at the ELPD lobby October 4th & 5th.

I attended the Brian Dagle foundation 5th annual forum on September 28th at ELHS.

Participated in the East Lyme Youth Coalition fundraiser basketball game against the Harlem Wizards at ELHS on September 23rd.

Officers responded to a sunken vessel on October 4, 2017 during which two individuals were rescued safely.

Quote for "Livescan" applicant AFIS received (\$9,899).

Sale of unusable CSP radios was large success, which will allow us to avoid using Town funds to continue effort to upgrade ELPD radios.

Project underway to complete project to install Waterford PD radio at East Lyme Dispatch Center to provide patching/interoperability.

One asset forfeiture vehicle has been sold to the Town, others are being marketed.

Dispatch computer work stations being upgraded through money from the East Lyme Ambulance Association.

Saturday November 11, 2017 "Vikes for Vets 5K" will be held starting at McCooks. Same route as several other 5K events held.

Notes of thanks

Production Coordinator for the "braking AIDS ride" sent letter of thanks for our agencies support of their ride through the region over the September 8th-10th weekend.

Section 3: Administrative

Administration & technology Officer met with two vendors of body worn cameras to Examine their product(s).

Police Training—September, 2017

- Less lethal – Impact munitions instructor recertification
- USCG active shooter/vessel boarding training
- TSA Active shooter training
- SE CT Financial Crimes Detective meeting
- Taser recertification
- DOT DUI grant workshop
- COLLECT recertification
- Monthly K9 Training

Accident Analysis—September, 2017

- 12 Accidents occurred in September
- 1 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 3 Crashes on Boston Post Rd
- 1 Crashes on Pennsylvania Ave
- 2 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St

East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 426 Calls received on 911 – July
- 485 Calls received on 911- August
- September statistic pending

Animal Control Division Activity—September, 2017

- 26 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

- Total Budget – 29%
- Overtime – 23%

Use of force

- No use of force incidents

Special Response Areas

- 5 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park
- 19 Calls for service at hotels

**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							1867	1765	1426				5058

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							64	52	36				116
Abandoned Vehicles							6	4	4				10
Alarms							73	61	82				134
Animal Incident							41	46	26				87
Assaults							7	6	3				14
Assist Citizen							53	53	49				106
Assist Other Agency							31	23	30				54
Boating Stop							12	7	1				19
Building check							65	68	41				174
Burglary							2	3	1				6
Canine Use							4	4	5				13
Complaint							44	34	39				157
Disabled Motor Veh							14	11	11				36
Disturbance							20	21	15				56
Domestic Dispute							13	5	7				25
Erratic Operation							26	22	25				73
ETOH Person							11	3	9				23
Fireworks Complaint							26	4	2				32
Fraud/Identity Theft							6	5	4				15
Larceny							21	25	9				55
Lockouts							19	12	12				43
Lost/Found Property							10	15	24				34
Noise Complaints							16	5	8				29
MV Accidents							27	24	12				63
MV Stops							134	200	95				429
Parking Complaints							17	11	4				32
Patrol/Bank Checks							231	209	223				663
Pistol Permit Apps							4	9					13
Psychiatric calls							3	2					5
Suicide Attempts/Threats							3	0	2				5
Suspicious Incident							17	17	14				48

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Suspicious Pers/Veh							29	19	20				68
Trespassing							18	6	10				34
Untimely Death							1	0	0				1
Well Being Check							19	31	20				70
Vandalism							3	8	6				17

****Selected areas of CFS only****

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017							27	24	12				63

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017							134	200	95				429

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses							5	3	4				12
Assault							5	3	3				11
Narcotics							5	4	7				16
Breach of Peace							3						3
DUI							3	2	2				7
Weapons							3						3
Disorderly Conduct							1		1				2
Larceny							1		1				2
Forgery							1						1
Vehicle Theft								1					1
Intimidation								1					1
Totals 2017							27	14	18				59