

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2018
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Daniel Price, Thomas Gardner, Joseph Perkins, Mark Powers and Tony Buglione. Giancarlo D'Angelo arrived at 6:28 p.m. Mr. Nickerson left at 6:50 p.m.

Also in Attendance: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein

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

3. Delegations

Fredicka Gunther, 123 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, and Gail Sanjuan, 16 Joanne Street, Niantic, spoke in favor of agenda item #6a to put a crosswalk at the intersection of Joanne Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, citing safety concerns because there are no sidewalks in that area; and it is noted that it is the only side street in that area without a crosswalk.

4. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of November 9, 2017

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 9, 2017.

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

FILED

5. Old Business

There was none.

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

6. New Business

a. Receive information and take possible action regarding a crosswalk request for Joanne Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein stated that he understands completely the need for a crosswalk at this location, but explained that lack of money in the budget for this project is going to be the biggest hurdle. This was discussed and it is the understanding of the Chief that the State may approve the crosswalk but that they will not fund the project; the Town would need to come up with the money. Mr. Nickerson stated that it is not the Town's jurisdiction to make a decision on putting the actual cross walk in, but simply to endorse the possibility and direct the Public Works Director to send a letter to the State DOT. Since everyone is in agreement that it would be a good idea to put a crosswalk at that intersection, it was decided to move forward and see what the options are.

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Buglione to support the possible installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Joanne Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and to direct the Public Works Director to send a letter of request to the State of Connecticut DOT.

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

b. Receive information and take possible action regarding a request for no parking signs on Fairhaven Road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson reported that Fairhaven Road is the road that connects and is used as a cut through from West Main Street to the Crescent Beach area. This situation has arisen because a homeowner on that road has been using the Town's right-of-way to park their large landscaping equipment, and it is causing dangerous sightline issues. Mr. Nickerson stated that this homeowner/business owner has been the subject of blight issues in the past. During this past storm, the plows had a difficult time maneuvering around the equipment. It is requested that no parking signs be put in on the Town piece of property to prevent non-Town equipment and vehicles from being parked there.

MOTION (3)

Motion by Mr. Gardner to approve the installation of parking signs on a piece of Town property on Fairhaven Road. The property will be surveyed by the Chief of Police and the Public Works Director, and the number of signs necessary and the locations of such signs will be determined and installed per their recommendation.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 6-0.

c. Update on upcoming Police Union negotiation process by First Selectman.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson gave a brief summary of what the Commission members should expect from the contract negotiation process. He stated that the Commission should bring any questions/issues they might have to him, and he will in turn take it to negotiations if appropriate.

d. Discuss staff needs.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gardner stated that he has done a risk threat assessment and is asking that the Commission approve two additional dispatchers plus an increase in police officers based on a staffing analysis based on population versus number of officers. Mr. Price noted that the upcoming budget proposal does include two additional dispatchers, and that we should hold off on adding officers until next budget cycle. Everyone agreed that adding officers would be good, and it was decided that doing a thorough analysis taking all factors into account should be done; Mr. Gardner agreed to put together that report for a future meeting.

7. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein gave a summary review of the December 2017 Monthly Report, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price stated that the commission should set up a special meeting in the near future to begin budget discussions. After discussion, a special meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th at 6pm in Conference Room 1 at Town Hall.

9. Subcommittee Reports

There was none.

10. Communications

There was none.

11. Public Comment

Jim Levandoski, East Lyme Police Department, stated that he would like the Police Commission to put the police pickup truck back in use for patrol. He stated that he performs tasks with the truck, which also serves as his office, that the cruisers cannot do; i.e., evidence transport and the transport of range equipment. Mr. Levandoski stated that all training for officers that is in the budget is mandatory and that the training budget cannot be cut.

12. Commission Response

There was none.

14. Adjournment

MOTION (4)

Mr. Gardner moved to adjourn the January 11, 2018, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:28 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – December 2017



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

The East Lyme Police Department App & Tips411 are live and fully operational. This was covered by a pre rollout spot on NBC30, New London Day article on release and social media announcement. Will be working with Superintendent on increasing school awareness.

The Chief continues to meet regularly with the Superintendent of Schools to review and improve upon the relationship between our two organizations. This has included recent steps to streamline Officers access into schools in both emergent and non-emergent situations.

One of the two new East Lyme Police Cruisers is nearing completion at the PWD facility and should be on the road within a few weeks. The second will be undergoing equipment install immediately following the completion of the first. In December, one vehicle was involved in a minor car vs deer accident and is currently out of service while undergoing repair. Another unmarked SUV has also been removed from service. The PWD continues to work with a vehicle wholesaler to liquidate several of the Asset forfeiture vehicles.

The East Lyme Police light parade was held with great success. East Lyme Officers, along with Officers from 8 Southeastern Connecticut Police Departments, provided event security and traffic control.

Notes of thanks

The East Lyme Police Department received a tremendous outpouring of notes of thanks from the community during the holiday season. We are extremely grateful for our partnership with our residents and look forward to improving upon that in 2018.

Section 3: Administrative

Police Training—December, 2017

- LEC Recertification
- Monthly K9 Training

Accident Analysis—December, 2017

- 23 Accidents occurred in December
- 5 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 5 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
- 770 Calls received Sep 14-Oct 16 * *Statistics Changed with new system*
- Busiest 2hrs period – 9am-11pm (125 calls)

Animal Control Division Activity—December, 2017

- 29 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

- Total Budget – 55%
- Overtime – 53%

Use of force

- No use of force

Special Response Areas

- 0 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park
- 31 Calls for service at hotels- 150 YTD

Fingerprinting

- 2017 – 107 Pistol Permits processed
- Year to date – 196 Residents

**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	1532	1364	1356	9,310

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

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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	33	28	31	274
Abandoned Vehicles							6	4	4	6	4	8	28
Alarms							73	61	82	104	86	77	483
Animal Incident							41	46	26	37	23	29	202
Assaults							7	6	3	2	2	0	20
Assist Citizen							53	53	49	34	55	47	291
Assist Other Agency							31	23	30	17	32	30	163
Boating Stop							12	7	1	0	0	0	20
Building check							65	68	41	10	17	6	207
Burglary							2	3	1	0	5	2	13
Canine Use							4	4	5	2	4	3	22
Complaint							44	34	39	26	23	17	183
Disabled MV							14	11	11	17	16	16	85
Disturbance							20	21	15	15	19	16	106
Domestic Dispute							13	5	7	10	5	6	46
Erratic Operation							26	22	25	10	6	14	103
ETOH Person							11	3	9	2	8	3	36
Fireworks Comp							26	4	2	1	0	0	33
Fraud/Ident Theft							6	5	4	4	5	0	24
Larceny							21	25	9	11	10	14	90
Lockouts							19	12	12	14	8	10	75
Lost/Found Prop							10	15	24	15	10	7	81
Noise Complaints							16	5	8	4	1	6	40
MV Accidents							26	24	12	24	16	23	125
MV Stops							134	200	95	97	106	186	818
Parking Complaints							17	11	4	4	2	6	44
Patrol/Bank Checks							231	209	223	200	197	164	1,224
Pistol Permit Apps							4	9	0	2	7	5	27
Psychiatric calls							3	2		6	3	1	15
Suicide Attempts/Threats							3	0	2	1	3	2	11
Suspicious Incident							17	17	14	15	15	10	88
Suspicious Pers/Veh							29	19	20	17	26	18	129
Threatening							4	3	4	8	8	3	30
Trespassing							18	6	10	0	2	0	36
Untimely Death							1	0	0	1	4	2	8
Well Being Check							19	31	20	15	14	18	127
Vandalism							3	8	6	1	5	3	26

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

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MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017							26	24	12	24	16	23	125

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017							134	200	95	97	106	186	818

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses							5	3	4	8	7	0	27
Assault							5	3	3	2	3	1	17
Narcotics							5	4	7	5	4	0	25
Breach of Peace							3					1	4
DUI							3	2	2	3	2	1	13
Weapons							3						3
Disorderly Conduct							1		1			1	3
Larceny							1		1			3	5
Burglary										2			2
Forgery/Fraud							1			2			3
Vehicle Theft								1					1
Intimidation/Restraining /Protection Order								1				2	3
Totals 2017							27	14	18	22	16	9	106