

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2018  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Price, Mark Nickerson, Joseph Perkins, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Tony Buglione and Lisa Pellegrini. Marc Powers arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Also in Attendance: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Sgt. Mike Macek

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced Lisa Pellegrini, newly appointed Police Commissioner. Lisa is the Director of Developmental Services in Westerly, Rhode Island, and a proud resident of East Lyme since May of 2017. Lisa served as the First Selectman of Somers, Connecticut for almost four terms before taking her position in Westerly. In Somers they operate under the State Resident Trooper program, so she brings with her a great deal of experience in running a town and running a police department.

3. Delegations

There were none.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 14, 2018 and Special Meeting minutes of June 28, 2018, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. In Favor; Price, Nickerson, Perkins, D'Angelo and Buglione. Abstained; Pellegrini. Motion passed 5-0-1.

5. Old Business

Mr. D'Angelo inquired as to why the parking ordinance had changed slightly from the version that the Police Commission sent to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Nickerson explained that the attorney's made minor changes to put it in line with the Town's standard ordinances. Also the Board of Selectmen made the decision to get rid of the triple fine if not paid, so the most the fine will go up is double. The fine was also raised to \$50 as the \$25 fine in the end is lower than paying to park at the beach and they didn't feel that was enough of a deterrent to keep people from parking on Main Street if they are going to the beaches. Attorney Ronald Stevens is the Appeals Officer.

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Price to include in the Executive Session that they will also be discussing building/property matters.

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

6. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action – request for stop sign at Shore Road and South Drive

Mr. Price reported that he, Chief Finkelstein and Public Works Director Joe Bragaw went and surveyed the area and there are some concerns with the placement of a stop sign there. It was decided that this matter should go to the Oak Grove Beach Association for their consideration and if they decide as an association that a stop sign is needed they will bring that forth to the Police Commission. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

**FILED**

Aug 10 2018 AT 3:45 AM/PM  
*[Signature]*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

b1) Parking Study

Mr. Price explained that a subcommittee should be created to look at parking regulations and parking signage around town. Mr. Nickerson stated that this subcommittee will partner with Niantic Main Street and a merchant or two, possibly Holly Cheeseman on behalf of the Children's Museum, and work together to get some regulations in place for Main Street. Chief Finkelstein reported that the DOT is scheduled to pave in September, but that the lines won't be painted until springtime so there is time to really evaluate this and have a good plan in place before it's time to paint lines. It was agreed that a parking subcommittee would be created and will consist of Mark Nickerson, Lisa Pellegrini, Joe Bragaw, East Lyme Police Department, Niantic Main Street, and a merchant or two to be determined.

b2) Building Study

The inception of this possible committee will be discussed at a future meeting.

b3) Staffing Study

Mr. Price stated that this is a very important committee to organize as we have some staffing concerns coming up in the future and we need to get on top of a long-term plan sooner than later. This committee will address all staffing needs, not just the upcoming retirements. This committee will consist of Tony Buglione, Joe Perkins and the Chief or his designee.

7. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein summarized the monthly report for July. Both June and July reports are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 respectively. Mr. Powers inquired as to if there is an alarm ordinance in place, and it was confirmed that there is but that it has never really been enforced and needs to be reviewed.

MOTION (3)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to establish a subcommittee to review the Town's Alarm Ordinance. This subcommittee will consist of Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Price and Mr. Powers.  
Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 7-0.

Chief Finkelstein shared several letters of appreciation sent to the Police Department.

8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price had nothing to report for this meeting.

9. Subcommittee Reports

There were none.

10. Communications

There were none.

11. Public Comment

There was none.

12. Commission Response

There was none.

13. Executive Session

MOTION (4)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion personnel matters and building/property matters, and to include Chief Finkelstein.

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

They entered at 6:47 p.m. They returned at 7:45 p.m. and Mr. Priced stated that no formal votes were taken in executive session.

14. Adjournment

MOTION (5)

Mr. Perkins Moved to adjourn the August 9, 2018, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

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## **Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information**

The Chief has continued meeting with Chief's of the Waterford and New London Police Department's to establish a regional Accident Reconstruction Team, as well as other regional cooperative efforts.

The Chief was contacted by a citizen involved in a motor vehicle accident, who reported he was very happy with the services provided by Officer Jezierski.

## **Section 2: Staffing**

One Patrol Sergeant remains on Light Duty due to an illness/injury.

## **Section 3: Administrative**

### Accident Analysis—June, 2018

- 29 Accidents
- 9 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St
- 5 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 5 Boston Post Rd

### East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,765 phone call volume for the month (9,355 TYD) this does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours – 1pm (136), 4pm (136), 8am (132)

### Animal Control Division Activity—June, 2018

- 56 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

### Budgetary

- Total Budget – 99%
- Overtime – 100%
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$9,493

### Use of force

- No use of force

### Emergency Committals

- 10 Emergency Committals
- 0 Narcan uses

Special Response Areas- June

- 6 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park (18 YTD)
- 38 Calls for service at hotels (207 YTD)

Fingerprinting

- Year to date – 179 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  |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 2018              | 1330 | 1102 | 1351 | 1256 | 1395 | 1460 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 7894 |

*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      | 26  | 27  | 28  | 43  | 54  | 57  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 235 |
| Abandoned Vehicles       | 8   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 9   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 28  |
| Alarms                   | 65  | 50  | 72  | 60  | 60  | 60  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 367 |
| Animal Incident          | 16  | 13  | 21  | 35  | 53  | 56  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 184 |
| Assaults                 | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 10  |
| Assist Citizen           | 42  | 40  | 43  | 43  | 55  | 61  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 284 |
| Assist Other Agency      | 22  | 19  | 21  | 18  | 38  | 37  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 155 |
| Complaint                | 12  | 14  | 15  | 11  | 20  | 26  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 98  |
| Disabled MV              | 34  | 10  | 21  | 13  | 15  | 18  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 111 |
| Disturbance              | 14  | 8   | 18  | 17  | 11  | 15  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 83  |
| Domestic Dispute         | 6   | 5   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 6   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 32  |
| Erratic Operation        | 10  | 8   | 3   | 12  | 20  | 18  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 68  |
| ETOH Person              | 4   | 3   | 4   | 2   | 2   | 7   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 25  |
| Fireworks Comp           | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3   |
| Fraud/Ident Theft        | 0   | 3   | 3   | 5   | 4   | 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 18  |
| Larceny                  | 15  | 21  | 15  | 11  | 17  | 15  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 94  |
| Lockouts                 | 9   | 4   | 12  | 7   | 9   | 12  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 53  |
| MV Accidents             | 15  | 18  | 15  | 13  | 26  | 29  |     |     |     |     |     |     | 116 |
| MV Stops                 | 71  | 94  | 134 | 135 | 142 | 104 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 680 |
| Parking                  | 19  | 2   | 22  | 0   | 15  | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |     | 66  |





# East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report

# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – July 2018



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## **Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information**

Celebrate East Lyme was a very successful event which resulted from months of strategic planning between agencies. The event which brought thousands to Niantic, was kept safe with the assistance of 16 mutual aid Police Officers, supplementing the full complement of East Lyme Officers. During the event, only a single medical call and one verbal disturbance occurred.

The Fourth of July was another busy day in the Town of East Lyme. While the East Lyme Police Department responded to 100 calls for service, all were minor in nature.

The Chief and First Selectman met with the East Lyme Counsel of Beaches on June 27, 2018 to discuss Policing for the upcoming summer. Outstanding dialogue occurred and positive feedback has been received to date. To address concerns with unregistered golf carts in Black Point, letters were proactively sent out to owners of past registered carts. This resulted in increased registrations and Officers assigned to Black Point have made enforcement/education a priority.

On July 19, 2018 the East Lyme Police Department took part in "Operation Praying Mantis", a statewide warrant operation. In total, 324 arrests occurred with the East Lyme/Waterford/Parole team serving multiple warrants. A letter from Waterford Police Department Lieutenant Tim Silva to Sgt Joseph San Juan commending him on his excellent work in this operation was received.

On July 24, 2018 a letter was received from Groton City Police Department Chief Michael Spellman thanking this agency for the work of Officer Holmes who was assigned to the Thames River Fireworks

On July 23, 2018 a letter was received from Superintendent Jeff Newton thanking the East Lyme Police Department for the wonderful partnership that has developed and the "spectacular" work of Officer Don Hull, who is assigned to the schools as Challenge Officer.

On July 25, 2018 a letter was received from the New London Police Department thanking us for our assistance with their 2018 Sailfest Fireworks.

## **Section 2: Staffing**

The East Lyme Police Department is currently at full staffing

### **Section 3: Administrative**

#### Accident Analysis

- 32 Accidents
- 10 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St
- 7 Crashes on Flanders Rd

#### East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,964 phone call volume for the month (11,319 TYD) this does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –4pm (158), 5pm (141), 3pm (127)

#### Animal Control Division Activity

- 30 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

#### Budgetary

- Total Budget – 15%
- Overtime – 10%
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$9,493

#### Use of force

- No use of force

#### Emergency Committals

- 10 Emergency Committals
- 1 Narcan uses

#### Special Response Areas

- 32 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park (50 YTD)
- 43 Calls for service at hotels (250 YTD)

#### Fingerprinting

- 33 - Year to date – 212 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 | YT   |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 2018              | 1330 | 1102 | 1351 | 1256 | 1395 | 1460 | 1727 |     |     |     |     |     | 9621 |

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          | 26  | 27  | 28  | 43  | 54  | 57  | 62  |     |     |     |     |     | 297   |
| Abandoned Vehicles           | 8   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 9   | 9   |     |     |     |     |     | 37    |
| Alarms                       | 65  | 50  | 72  | 60  | 60  | 60  | 87  |     |     |     |     |     | 454   |
| Animal Incident              | 16  | 13  | 21  | 35  | 53  | 56  | 30  |     |     |     |     |     | 214   |
| Assaults                     | 2   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 0   |     |     |     |     |     | 10    |
| Assist Citizen               | 42  | 40  | 43  | 43  | 55  | 61  | 75  |     |     |     |     |     | 359   |
| Assist Other Agency          | 22  | 19  | 21  | 18  | 38  | 37  | 37  |     |     |     |     |     | 192   |
| Complaint                    | 12  | 14  | 15  | 11  | 20  | 26  | 18  |     |     |     |     |     | 116   |
| Disabled MV                  | 34  | 10  | 21  | 13  | 15  | 18  | 33  |     |     |     |     |     | 144   |
| Disturbance                  | 14  | 8   | 18  | 17  | 11  | 15  | 17  |     |     |     |     |     | 100   |
| Domestic Dispute             | 6   | 5   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 6   | 8   |     |     |     |     |     | 40    |
| Erratic Operation            | 10  | 8   | 3   | 12  | 20  | 18  | 15  |     |     |     |     |     | 83    |
| ETOH Person                  | 4   | 3   | 4   | 2   | 2   | 7   | 3   |     |     |     |     |     | 28    |
| Fireworks Comp               | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 6   |     |     |     |     |     | 9     |
| Fraud/Ident Theft            | 0   | 3   | 3   | 5   | 4   | 3   | 0   |     |     |     |     |     | 18    |
| Larceny                      | 15  | 21  | 15  | 11  | 17  | 15  | 13  |     |     |     |     |     | 107   |
| Lockouts                     | 9   | 4   | 12  | 7   | 9   | 12  | 10  |     |     |     |     |     | 63    |
| MV Accidents                 | 15  | 18  | 15  | 13  | 26  | 29  | 32  |     |     |     |     |     | 148   |
| MV Stops                     | 71  | 94  | 134 | 135 | 142 | 104 | 132 |     |     |     |     |     | 812   |
| Parking Complaints           | 19  | 2   | 22  | 0   | 15  | 8   | 19  |     |     |     |     |     | 85    |
| Patrol/Bank /Building Checks | 196 | 140 | 117 | 172 | 121 | 118 | 302 |     |     |     |     |     | 1,066 |
| Pistol Permit Apps           | 13  | 3   | 4   | 7   | 6   | 4   | 6   |     |     |     |     |     | 43    |
| Psych/Suicidal calls         | 9   | 7   | 6   | 2   | 2   | 7   | 4   |     |     |     |     |     | 37    |
| Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident | 36  | 38  | 42  | 31  | 30  | 20  | 34  |     |     |     |     |     | 141   |
| Threatening                  | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 4   |     |     |     |     |     | 18    |
| Trespassing                  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 3   | 6   | 8   |     |     |     |     |     | 19    |
| Untimely Death               | 1   | 3   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 8     |
| Well Being Check             | 15  | 13  | 13  | 16  | 15  | 24  | 18  |     |     |     |     |     | 114   |

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|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|----|
| Vandalism | 4 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 37 |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|----|

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

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY**

| <b>MV Accidents</b> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2018                | 15  | 18  | 15  | 13  | 26  | 29  | 32  |     |     |     |     |     | 148 |

| <b>MV Stops</b> | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2018            | 71  | 94  | 134 | 135 | 142 | 104 | 132 |     |     |     |     |     | 812 |

| <b>Criminal Arrests by Month</b> | Jan       | Feb       | Mar       | Apr       | May       | Jun       | Jul       | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD        |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| <b>All other offenses</b>        | 4         | 8         | 5         | 8         | 9         | 12        | 6         |     |     |     |     |     | 42         |
| <b>Assault</b>                   | 1         | 2         |           |           | 1         | 2         | 1         |     |     |     |     |     | 5          |
| <b>Narcotics</b>                 | 6         | 4         | 6         | 4         | 8         | 2         | 2         |     |     |     |     |     | 30         |
| <b>Larceny</b>                   |           | 2         | 2         |           | 3         | 2         | 2         |     |     |     |     |     | 9          |
| <b>Weapon</b>                    |           | 0         |           |           | 1         |           |           |     |     |     |     |     | 1          |
| <b>Prostitution</b>              |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |     |     |     |     |     | 1          |
| <b>DUI</b>                       | 3         | 4         | 2         | 6         | 5         | 1         | 1         |     |     |     |     |     | 21         |
| <b>Burglary</b>                  | 1         |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |     |     |     |     |     | 2          |
| <b>Vandalism</b>                 |           |           | 2         |           |           |           |           |     |     |     |     |     | 2          |
| <b>Totals 2018</b>               | <b>15</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>12</b> |     |     |     |     |     | <b>132</b> |