

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2019  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Marc Powers, Joseph Perkins, Tony Buglione and Lisa Pellegrini  
EXCUSED: Daniel Price and Giancarlo D'Angelo  
Also in Attendance: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Administrative Sergeant Mike Macek

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

3. Delegations

There were none.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Perkins to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 18, 2019, as submitted.

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

5a. Part-Time Animal Control Officer

Chief Finkelstein reported that the job description has been updated per last meetings discussions, and the new job advertisement will be running in this weekend's paper.

5b. Revenues

Chief Finkelstein reported that are looking into current revenue as well as future and anticipated revenue. He estimates about \$13,900 in revenues from vendor permits, golf cart registrations and reports/records; and another approximately \$6,000 for pistol permits. We currently do not charge for finger printing services but this is something that should be looked into. Sgt. Macek reported that the state may make it mandatory to use a state contractor for finger printing in the future, and will need to be revisited. Anticipated timeline for this switchover with the State is within the next year, and our police department will be required to have a full sized finger printing cabinet unit by that time. Mr. Nickerson noted that the IT expenses should fall under the Town's main IT budget for general IT items such as desktop computers, monitors, etc. They will continue to sort out revenues and report back at the next meeting.

6a. Fairhaven Road

It was noted that the agenda stated "Fairview Road"; and the correct road is Fairhaven Road. Chief Finkelstein explained that there have been a lot of complaints about a resident of Fairhaven Road parking landscaping equipment on the side of the road, and that he met with Public Works Director Joe Bragaw on this parking issue. If the vehicles and equipment are being parked completely off of the road, a street parking violation cannot be enforced, and It was agreed that this matter will be on next month's agenda, and that letters will be sent out to residents in that immediate area inviting them to attend and speak at the meeting.

7a. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein summarized the monthly report for July 2019, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Chief reported that, sadly, K-9 Jimo passed away since our last meeting, after 8 years of service to East Lyme. K-9 Knox, who is the same age as Jimo, is also aging and will be retired as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Town will need to consider the future of the K-9 program in East Lyme going forward. Mr. Nickerson inquired as to opportunities to regionalize; do we have equipment or a specialty that another department might be interested in. The Chief stated that he would look into it, but most departments have state of the art equipment so that is not likely, but he agrees that we should always be looking at ways in which we can regionalize.

Chief reported that the Public Safety Vision Committee has chosen Silver Petrucelli as the architect for the police department, and he will have another update on project status at our next meeting. Celebrate East Lyme was a huge success with zero incidents reported. The police department will be switching over to a ".org"

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email domain as some agencies require that over a “.com” domain. He reported that they have three vehicles in the queue at MHQ, but that we are pretty far down the line; he suggests that we really revisit the current policy and try to come up with a better plan of action for vehicles. Three major construction projects around town are starting, and there will be some intermittent road closures and detours through town. The DOT announced that they will be removing the flashing light at Boston Post Road and Stone’s Ranch Road due to the fact that it is obsolete.

Chief Finkelstein reported that the emergency system that our first responders use, IMC, is becoming obsolete and that the Police, Fire Departments and Ambulance Association are all working together to work with the Town to get this system replaced and updated.

He reported that the budget year finished at 99% expended.

#### 8. Chairman’s Report

Mr. Nickerson reported that he had a lot of residents expressing concern about traffic and speeding issues, so they held a community forum at town hall for residents to come in and openly discuss the issue. He stated that it was a very positive meeting and the residents that were in attendance feel empowered to spread the word about obeying rules and respecting fellow drivers. They talked about getting community service messages out via maybe channel 22 or other social media outlets. All-in-all the meeting was positive and productive and he expects to receive an update from the citizens at which time he will report back.

#### 9. Subcommittee Reports

There were none.

#### 10. Public Comment

There was none.

#### 11. Commission Response

There was none.

#### 12. Executive Session

##### MOTION (2)

Mr. Powers MOVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and to include the Commission Members and the Chief of Police. They entered into executive session at 7:05 p.m. They returned at 7:45 p.m. and Mr. Nickerson stated that no formal votes were taken.

##### MOTION (3)

Mr. Powers MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to enter into communications with the Police Union regarding a second in command position.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 4-0.

#### 13. Adjournment

##### MOTION (4)

Mr. Perkins MOVED to adjourn the August 8, 2019, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:47 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

EXHIBIT 1

# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – July 2019



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## Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Passing of K9 Jimo, served ELPD for 8years
- The East Lyme Vision Committee selected Silver/Petrucci
- Celebrate East Lyme
- Switch e-mail domain
- Vehicle order
- 74 ramp detours
- RT 1 @ Lovers Lane and Niantic River Bridge work Fall 2019
- Note of thanks for Officer Favalora
- Letter of thanks from New London Police Department

## Section 2: Staffing

Nothing significant to report

## Section 3: Administrative

### Accident Analysis

- 39 Accidents
- 8Flanders Rd
- 5 Boston Post Rd
- 11 Main/West Main

### East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,616 phone call volume for the month, which does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –2pm (124), 12pm (119), 3pm (111)

### Animal Control Division Activity

- 27 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

### Budgetary

- FY 2019 finished 99% expended.
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$13,545

### Use of force

- No use of force

### Emergency Committals

- 2 Emergency Committals
- 3 overdoses

- 1 Narcan use

Special Response Areas

- 24 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park
- 44 Calls for service at hotels (187 YTD)

Fingerprinting

- 30 Residents (208 YTD)

**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
2019	1284	1171	1224	1222	1450	1623	1751						9725

*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	39	37	45	42	42	71	128						404
Alarms	61	67	44	56	67	60	61						416
Animal Incident	20	14	21	15	14	26	27						137
Assist Citizen	54	51	56	42	37	51	74						365
Assist Other Agency	20	17	27	24	27	23	32						160
Complaint	18	25	20	32	13	12	18						138
Disabled MV	9	13	10	12	10	15	25						94
Disturbance	17	6	9	6	12	18	13						81
Domestic Dispute	10	4	5	5	4	3	3						34
Erratic Operation	7	7	9	11	13	17	14						78
ETOH Person	1	4	2	3	5	2	7						24
Fireworks Comp	0	0	0	0	1	2	8						11
Fraud/Ident Theft	5	5	2	3	3	1	1						20
Larceny	17	12	7	12	8	10	15						81
Lockouts	9	5	7	13	12	13	16						75
MV Accidents	11	16	16	16	17	24	39						139
MV Stops	142	143	147	133	241	326	151						1283
Parking Complaints	3	6	10	6	7	12	16						51
Patrol/Bank	110	87	64	79	101	126	249						816

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/Building Checks														
Pistol Permit Apps	13	2	15	14	8	5	3							60
Psych/Suicidal calls	3	2	1	1	4	1	5							17
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	37	30	26	30	30	26	19							198
Threatening	0	4	2	2	4	2	1							15
Trespassing	0	0	1	2	3	2	6							14
Untimely Death	1	3	3	2	2	1	1							13
Well Being Check	17	15	16	23	21	16	13							121
Vandalism	3	1	2	1	1	4	3							15

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

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY**

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	11	16	16	16	17	24	39						139

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	142	143	147	133	241	326	151						1283

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses	6	6	3	3	3	4	8						33
Assault	3	3	2	2	3	4	3						20
Robbery				1									1
Narcotics	4	4	3	1		1	1						14
Larceny		1	3	2			3						9
Weapon		1											1
Prostitution													
DUI	1		4	2	8	6	7						28
Burglary	1				1	2							4
Vandalism			1			1							2
Totals 2019	15	15	16	12	15	18	22						101
Totals 2018	15	22	18	18	28	19	12	26	14	14	12	23	221

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