

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2020
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Price, Mark Powers, Joseph Perkins, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Tony Buglione, Stephen Rebelowski and Lisa Pellegrini

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Ex-Officio Member Mark Nickerson

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

3. Delegations
There were none.

January 17, 2020 AT 11:41 AM/PM
Brooke Brown ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

4. Approval of Minutes
MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Perkins to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 12, 2019, as submitted.
Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 5-0-1. Abstained; Rebelowski.

5a. Appoint Chairman and Deputy Chairman
MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Powers to nominate and appoint Daniel Price as the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (3)

Motion by Mr. Powers to nominate and appoint Giancarlo D'Angelo as the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners.

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

Mr. Price took a moment to introduce the Commission new member, Stephen Rebelowski. Mr. Rebelowski has lived in East Lyme for 60 years, and has served as a police officer, an officer with the DEEP, and has sat on the Law Enforcement Council. Mr. Rebelowski was appointed a member of the Board of Police Commissioners after the Board of Selectman voted to remove the First Selectman as a sitting member of the Commission. The First Selectman now acts as an Ex-Officio Member of the Commission.

6. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein briefly reviewed his report for December, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. He reported that the annual light parade was a success and went very well. Even though the event was postponed to the rain date, the Department received all of the mutual aid from other towns; thank you to those towns for being flexible and being able to send their officers in spite of the date change. The Chief reported that the police academy called and stated that the town became eligible for a seat in the class starting on January 10th. He announced that Philip Carrier was sworn in this week and will be attending the academy on the 10th and that between the academy and the required 400 hours of field training is anticipated to be on shift on his own in the fall or winter timeframe. He stated that the Town's other new officer, which is a lateral move, will be starting on February 17th; and he reported that she will be replacing an existing officer who is retiring. He reported that the part time ACO is doing a great job and is finished with training and working her own hours, and that the full time ACO is back to working a normal work schedule. The Chief reported that the Town did not receive the annual DUI grant this year, stating that the state changed their parameters to qualify for the grant and that our numbers did not meet those parameters. He stated that they are asking for an additional officer in this year's budget, and that officer will be solely

responsible for traffic patrol. It is expected that when the Board of Finance approves that officer position, the Town will be in better shape for the increase in incidents over the summer months. He noted that the community was very positive and supportive last year with the increase in police presence, which was due to the DUI grant monies. Chief reported that the Board of Selectmen approved the funding for a K-9, and that it will go before the Board of Finance next week for final approval. If approved they will begin the process to appoint a handler, then begin the search for a K-9. He stated that the Public Safety Building Vision Committee is very close to finalizing the drawings for the new police station, and that it will not be long before they hand the project over to the Town Building Committee. He stated that the Town recently received a waiver from the State Building Official on reinforcing the building, and also that they are working on a \$75,000 grant from FEMA. These funds together could add approximately \$300,000 to the funds available for this project.

7. Chairman's Report

There was none.

8. Public Comment

There was none.

9. Commission Response

There was none.

10. Executive Session

MOTION (4)

Motion by Mr. Powers to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and to include Chief Finkelstein and Ex-Officio Mark Nickerson.

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

The Commission entered executive session at 6:39 p.m. They returned at 7:07 p.m. and Chairman Price stated that no formal votes were taken.

MOTION (5)

Motion by Mr. Buglione to add an agenda item for the purpose of adding a Lieutenant position.

Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (6)

Motion by Mr. D'Angelo to add the position of Lieutenant to the East Lyme Police Department.

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

11. Adjournment

MOTION (7)

Mr. D'Angelo MOVED to adjourn the January 9, 2020, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:10 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 2019



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Marked vehicle order in process

Section 2: Staffing

Phil Carrier hired to fill academy seat starting January 10, 2020

Section 3: Administrative

Accident Analysis

- 27 Accidents
- 6 Flanders Rd
- 8 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

- 16 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$18,559
Police Department budget – 51%
Dispatch budget – 57%
Animal Control budget – 46%

Use of force

- No use of force

Emergency Committals

- 1 Emergency Committals
- 2 overdoses
- 0 Narcan use

Special Response Areas

- 2 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park (78 YTD)
- 37 Calls for service at hotels (347 YTD)

Fingerprinting

- 39 Residents (331 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	1785	1525	1472	1225	1264	16,966

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	105	66	63	43	60	741
Alarms	61	67	44	56	67	60	61	72	56	73	64	90	771
Animal Incident	20	14	21	15	14	26	27	22	20	21	14	16	230
Assist Citizen	54	51	56	42	37	51	74	64	48	54	37	39	608
Assist Other Agency	20	17	27	24	27	23	32	22	18	22	17	21	260
Complaint	18	25	20	32	13	12	18	17	11	13	15	15	209
Disabled MV	9	13	10	12	10	15	25	14	10	12	13	3	146
Disturbance	17	6	9	6	12	18	13	7	15	12	14	17	146
Domestic Dispute	10	4	5	5	4	3	3	1	3	2	5	7	52
Erratic Operation	7	7	9	11	13	17	14	16	9	8	14	10	135
FTOH Person	1	4	2	3	5	2	7	4	7	1	3	6	45
Fireworks Comp	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	7	0	2	0	2	22
Fraud/Ident Theft	5	5	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	27
Larceny	17	12	7	12	8	10	15	14	16	17	12	11	151
Lockouts	9	5	7	13	12	13	16	6	10	17	12	13	133
MV Accidents	11	16	16	16	17	24	39	30	20	15	17	27	248
MV Stops	142	143	147	133	241	326	151	239	108	52	66	70	1818
Parking Complaints	3	6	10	6	7	12	16	15	11	9	4	5	95
Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	110	87	64	79	101	126	249	276	221	222	182	191	1898
Pistol Permit Apps	13	2	15	14	8	5	3	2	1	6	8	2	79
Psych/Suicidal calls	3	2	1	1	4	1	5	4	2	6	4	0	33
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	37	30	26	30	30	26	19	24	32	36	25	29	344
Threatening	0	4	2	2	4	2	1	1	3	4	3	4	30
Trespassing	0	0	1	2	3	2	6	3	0	3	1	1	22
Untimely Death	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	19
Well Being Check	17	15	16	23	21	16	13	12	23	19	19	18	214

East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report

Vandalism	3	1	2	1	1	4	3	3	6	1	2	2	29
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****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	30	20	15	17	27	248

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	142	143	147	133	241	326	151	239	108	52	66	70	1818

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	3	7	7	3	6	59
Assault	3	3	2	2	3	4	3		2			3	25
Robbery				1									1
Narcotics	4	4	3	1		1	1	2			3	3	22
Larceny		1	3	2			3	3	4	3	1	1	21
Weapon		1											1
Prostitution													
DUI	1		4	2	8	6	7	6	4	1	3	1	43
Burglary	1				1	2							4
Vandalism			1			1							2
Totals 2019	15	15	16	12	15	18	22	14	17	11	10	14	153
Totals 2018	15	22	18	18	28	19	12	26	14	14	12	23	221