

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2022

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Price, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Mark Powers, Joseph Perkins and Regina Hitchery  
EXCUSED: Stephen Rebelowski and Tony Buglione  
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Kevin Seery, Chief Mike Finkelstein, Lieutenant Mike Macek and Lieutenant Dana Jezierski

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Delegations

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to approve the special meeting minutes of November 18, 2021, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. IN FAVOR; Price, D'Angelo, Perkins and Hitchery. ABSTAINED; Powers. Motion passed 4-1.

4a. Appoint Chairman and Deputy Chairman

The Commission members made no changes; the chairman will remain Dan Price and the Deputy Chairman will remain Giancarlo D'Angelo.

4b. 2022 Meeting Schedule

MOTION (2)

Mr. Perkins MOVED to approve the 2022 meeting schedule of the East Lyme Board of Police Commissioners, as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Hitchery. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Lieutenants' Reports

Lt. Jezierski reported that the policy review continues to move forward and that they are currently reviewing Chapter 7. She reported that the two new officers should be coming off of field training, one around the middle of March and the other at the end of March, so she will begin adding them to the weekly schedule at that time. She confirmed that we have received the 30% reimbursement from the State for the body cameras; that was originally supposed to be a 50% reimbursement. Lt. Jezierski reported that they currently have an intern in house and expect a second intern to come on board at the end of the month. She reported that the town has received the 30% reimbursement from the State for body cameras. Lt. Jezierski stated that the dispatchers took a total of 58 calls in a very short period of time the afternoon of the fire at Midway Plaza; they did a great job and were as thorough and respectful on the very last call as they were for the first call that afternoon. The MOUs for re-certification have been signed off on and are being sent over to POST.

Lt. Macek reported that both finger printing machines are up and running at the new building, and the Draeger system is set up and ready to go in the prisoner processing area, which is pretty close to being complete. He stated that Waterford has agreed to go month-to-month until we can fully move out of their facility and into our own; Mr.

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Seery stated that although they are being accommodating, we are still paying them on a monthly basis so we will move as soon as we can. All of the new vehicles are moving forward and are in different phases of completion.

#### 6. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein reviewed his monthly report, attached hereto as Exhibit #1. He reported that the first two steps of the move into the new public safety building are complete, both dispatch and the police have successfully moved, and he thanked Star Computer for their IT support as this was a major part of the move. The final piece will be for the holding cells and evidence space to be ready. Chief Finkelstein reported that our two newest officers graduated the Academy at the end of December and are both doing well and currently satisfying their field training requirements. He reported that there are four officers eligible to retire, three of which are sergeants, and that there are two additional officers who are close. The Chief reported that one of the sergeants was injured during training and will require surgery so will be out for approximately six months. He reported that crime is up 135% since January 2021, and that the criminal arrests in 2021 were 20% higher than in 2020; our police force continues to do more with less. He reported that the overall closure rate for the State is 16%, and the closure rate for our officers in our town is 40%, so we are much higher than the state average. Chief Finkelstein stated that we are eligible for the yearly JAG grant through OPM for \$25,000, and he plans to use that grant money to start replacing the desktop computers.

#### 7. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price reported that both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance have taken tours of the new building; and he thanked the Chief and the Lieutenants for their hard work in making this move happen.

#### 8. Public Comment

There was none.

#### 9. Commission Response

There was none.

#### 10. Adjournment

MOTION (3)

Mr. Perkins MOVED to adjourn the February 10, 2022, special meeting of the East Lyme Police Commission at 6:48 p.m. Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

Exhibit #1

# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – January 2022



**CONTENTS**

**Section 1 : Noteworthy incidents/information**

**Section 2 : Community Outreach and Correspondence**

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## Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

Dispatch and Police Operations moved to new facility. Prisoner and Evidence portions are in the process of finalizing.

Thank you letter from the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots"

Card of thanks from out-of-Town resident thanking Officers for their professionalism and assistance.

Card of thanks from the Waterford Police Department for our Officers participation in their "Shop with a First Responder Event"

Letter of thanks from out-of-Town resident for our assistance to her and her friends that were stuck in a home during flooding.

## Section 2: Staffing

Officers Gries and Desjardens are entering the final phase of the FTO program with an anticipated end date of the end of March.

## Section 3: Administrative

### Accident Analysis

- 20 Accidents
- 4 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 3 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St

### Animal Control Division Activity

- 10 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

### Budgetary

- Total Budget – 60% Police, 61% Dispatch, 58% ACO
- Overtime – PD 65%, Dispatch 67%

### Emergency Committals

- 2 Emergency Committals
- 2 overdoses
- 2 Narcan use

### Crime Analysis

- 135% Increase in NIBRS crimes 2022 over 2021

**East Lyme Police Department in  
the news**

**East Lyme police  
K-9 nabs man  
inside parked  
boat**

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Published January 25, 2022  
1:47PM | Updated January 25, 2022  
9:00PM

By **Elizabeth Regan** Day staff  
write

**East Lyme police  
charge former  
Starlight Inn  
resident with  
abusing elderly  
mother**

**Elizabeth Regan, The Day,  
New London, Conn.**  
January 19, 2022 · 1 min read

# **Keeping ‘chaos under control’: East Lyme dispatchers work behind the scenes of emergencies**

Published February 04, 2022  
8:07PM | Updated February 05, 2022  
10:28PM

By **Elizabeth Regan** Day staff  
writer

# **First responders report drivers largely heeding warnings to stay off roads**

Published January 29, 2022  
2:44PM | Updated January 30, 2022  
8:25PM

By **Taylor Hartz** Day staff writer

# Police issue bulletin for missing East Lyme woman

Published January 02. 2022 7:56PM

## In Niantic, a backhoe rescues group of women from fl

Author: Tony Terzi

Published: 6:02 PM EST January 17,  
2022

Updated: 6:37 PM EST January 17,  
2022



**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
2021	1297												1297

*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	110												110
Alarms	60												60
Animal Incident	10												10
Assist Citizen/Complaint	65												65
Assist Other Agency	11												11
Disabled MV	15												15
Disturbance	13												13
Erratic Operation	9												9
Fraud/Ident Theft	3												3
Larceny	10												10
Lockouts	13												13
MV Accidents	20												20
MV Stops	77												77
Parking Complaints	30												30
Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	288												288
Pistol Permit Apps	24												24
Psych/Suicidal calls	2												9
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	20												24
Threatening	0												0
Trespassing	0												0
Untimely Death	2												2
Well Being Check	25												25
Vandalism	3												3

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