

TOWN OF EAST LYME
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF October 12, 2023

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Price, Stephen Rebelowski (by phone), Mark Powers, Joe Perkins and Regina Hitchery

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Giancarlo D'Angelo, Tony Buglione

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Mike Finkelstein and Lt. Dana Jezierski

1. Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Delegations

There were none.

3. **MOTION (1)** At 6:05 p.m. R. Hitchery moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting job interviews. Seconded by M. Powers. Motion passed 4-0. J. Perkins joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The Executive session included the Chief and Lieutenant and closed at 7:11 pm with no formal votes taken.

MOTION (2) Upon re-entering the regular session R. Hitchery moved to rank candidates A, B, and C in number 1, 2 and 3 preference order and to authorize Chief Finkelstein the authority to recruit the candidates in that order. M. Powers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. Lieutenants' Reports

Lt. Jezierski reported on the recruiting and interviewing process over the past month resulting in the presentation of the three candidates interviewed by the Commission. The department continues to be responsive to a significant volume of Freedom of Information requests.

6. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein provided highlights of the department's work during September.

- NIBRS crime increased 8.92% YTD 2023 over 2022 through August, an extension of the trend seen throughout 2023.
- The Exit 74 construction project has continued to progress smoothly. The heavy ELPD shift coverage was supplemented by Montville police officers for some of the September shift assignments.
- Officer Bowyer retired effective August 31 and Officer Haynes was sworn in on October 9. Officers Xu and Kelly remain on Field Training.
- Open space on the second floor of the East Lyme Public Safety building was effectively used during the month for a regional training event.

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7. New Business
There was none.

8. Chairman's Report
There was none

9. Public Comment
There was none.

10. Commission Response
There was none.

11. Adjournment
MOTION (4) J. Perkins moved to adjourn the September 14, 2023, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Police Commissioners, at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by D. Price. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Hitchery
Police Commissioner

Attachment #1: Chief's Monthly Report-September 2023

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – September 2023



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

Exit 74 project is well underway and to this point, communication has been outstanding with the companies involved and State DOT. Blasting has had minimal impact on traffic.

Section 2: Staffing

Officer Bowyer retired effective August 31st.

Officer Haynes sworn in

Officers Xu and Kelly remain on Field Training

Section 3: Administrative

Crime Analysis

- 8.92% increase in NIBRS crime YTD 2023 over 2022

Training

Basic Crash Investigation – Off Ryan Gries

Finding Words Sexual Assault Training – Off Taylor Desjardins

Hosted Drug Recognition training -Officers VanOverloop & Baldino

LEC Recertification – Detective Mark Comeau

East Lyme Police Department in the news

The Day, New London, Conn.

East Lyme man charged after launching trooper candidate off the back of his pickup

Greg Smith, The Day, New London, Conn.

September 12, 2023 · 1 min read

One hospitalized after car crashes into tree in East Lyme, police say

Jessica Bravo, Staff writer

June 25, 2023

K-9 Cooper back on the beat in East Lyme



East Lyme Police Officer Chris Dube poses for a portrait with his K-9 partner Cooper at the East Lyme Public Safety Building on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023. (Sarah Gordon/The Day)

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Hit-And-Run Crash At Bank Reported: East Lyme Police

Police are investigating the crash and are asking for assistance in solving the case.

Brian McCready, Patch Staff

Posted Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 11:52 am E

Man Arrested For Stealing From Town Of East Lyme: Police

A man has been charged with stealing more than \$20,000 in equipment from the Town of East Lyme, according to police.

Chris Rhatigan, Patch Staff

Posted Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 10:24 am ET

East Lyme, Town of Groton police departments announce POST accreditation

September 14, 2023 7:10 pm • Last Updated:
September 14, 2023 8:00 pm

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	
2023	1280	1160	1229	1241	1432	1405	1563	1500	1347				12,157

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	107	84	67	91	141	154	158	78	61				941
Alarms	36	51	35	51	36	38	47	23	39				356
Animal Incident	14	15	16	19	28	28	22	25	25				192
Assist Citizen/Complaint	94	82	90	100	132	160	149	131	113				1,051
Assist Other Agency	25	21	18	28	50	21	20	29	24				236
Disabled MV	11	13	16	11	16	11	19	20	17				134
Disturbance	14	9	15	15	21	35	20	21	12				162
Erratic Operation	8	7	11	16	15	11	11	10	18				107
Larceny	12	13	12	9	11	7	10	11	13				108
Lockouts	9	10	5	3	10	5	2	8	6				47
MV Accidents	17	11	16	9	36	21	15	18	22				168
MV Stops	138	111	149	108	98	88	156	157	139				1044
Parking Complaints	6	8	6	3	9	10	16	15	9				82
Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	209	155	206	202	197	188	211	238	145				1751
Psych/Suicidal calls	4	2	5	4	3	5	6	3	4				36
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	24	15	16	33	28	19	13	30	20				198
Untimely Death	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	2	3				14
Well Being Check	26	20	19	23	23	32	36	30	19				228
Vandalism	1	2	6	2	1	3	5	2	1				23

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

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	20	11	16	9	36	21	15	18	22				168

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	138	111	149	108	98	88	156	157	139				1044

East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses	10	9	9	6	15	28	15	16	12				121
Assault	2	1	3	2	4	1	0	0	0				13
DUI	8	4	3	1	4	3	6	2	12				43
Failure to Appear	3	2	1	10	17	3	1	5	2				44
Larceny	2	2	2	1	1	3	5	2	1				19
Narcotics	1	6	2	4	4	3	0	5	3				28
Robbery	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0				5
Totals 2023	28	24	18	27	45	41	27	30	26				266
Totals 2022	20	16	26	24	31	25	23	44	22				231