

TOWN OF EAST LYME
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023
MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Price, Regina Hitchery, Tony Buglione, Joseph Perkins and Stephen Rebelowski

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mark Powers and Giancarlo D'Angelo

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Mike Finkelstein

Caio M. Mello
TOWN CLERK

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

2. Delegations

Mr. Sudhir & Mrs. Bharti Kadian, 1 Darrows Court, East Lyme

Mr. Rajesh Kumar, 17 Peach Lane, East Lyme

Mr. Ashak Maheshwari, 55 Spring Rock Road, East Lyme

These residents spoke regarding recent break-ins in the Darrows Ridge neighborhood, as well as an uptick in break-ins in general. They communicated their concern for their safety and the safety of the general public and requested that the police department provide all available resources to solve these crimes. Chief Finkelstein reported that Detective Comeau is actively working on this matter, and that the evidence collected has been sent out for forensics and that sometimes takes some time. The neighbors are going to look into organizing a Neighborhood Watch program.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2023, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. IN FAVOR; Price, Hitchery, Rebelowski and Perkins. ABSTAINED; Buglione. Motion passed 4-0-1.

MOTION (2)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to approve the special meeting minutes of July 27, 2023, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Buglione. IN FAVOR; Price, Hitchery, Buglione, Rebelowski and Perkins. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (3)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2023, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Buglione. IN FAVOR; Price, Hitchery, Buglione, Rebelowski and Perkins. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION (4)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2023, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Rebelowski. IN FAVOR; Price, Hitchery, Rebelowski and Perkins. ABSTAINED; Buglione. Motion passed 4-0-1.

MOTION (5)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to approve the special meeting minutes of October 26, 2023, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Buglione. IN FAVOR; Price, Hitchery, Buglione, Rebelowski and Perkins. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Lieutenants' Reports

There was no report.

5. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein reviewed his monthly report, attached hereto as Exhibit #1. He reported:

- Deb Levandoski has retired as of October 31, 2023, and she will be staying to train the new Admin, Lee Ann Santos, who will be starting on November 13th.
- Sargent reviews are complete, and promotions will be announced after the contract is ratified.
- One of the recently hired officers has resigned; the Chief stated that they are working on filling that open position.
- The DOT Exit 74 construction is moving along and the overtime schedule for our officers has been working well. This project is scheduled to take a total of approximately 4-1/2 years to complete.

6. Communications

There was none.

7. Chairman's Report

There was none.

8. Public Comment

There was none.

9. Commission Response

There was none.

10. Adjournment

MOTION (6)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to adjourn the November 9, 2023, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Police Commissioners at 6:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

Exhibit #1

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – October 2023



CONTENTS

Section 1 : Noteworthy incidents/information

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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

Debra Levandoski retired October 31st. LeeAnn Santos will become the new Administrative Assistant November 13th

Sergeant/Detective testing and interviews took place

Officer Matthew Willett will be promoted to Sergeant, Officer Mark Wildman (Lateral from Wethersfield PD, and Nadia Banever will be sworn in Monday November 13, 2023

Section 3: Administrative

USE OF FORCE REVIEW

October 2 Reviews (13 for year)

PURSUIT REVIEW

October 1 (5 for year)

TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Assign and review of monthly Sergeant review of BWC use per policy

Crime Analysis

- 10.3% increase in NIBRS crime YTD 2023 over 2022

Training

Crime Scene Processing – Off Bergantino and Turcotte

Crisis Negotiator- Off Turcotte and Desjardins

LEC Recertification – Detective Jean Babcock

East Lyme Police Department in the news

Woman to get probation after stealing \$70,000 from East Lyme school board account

October 12, 2023 7:35 pm

By **Greg Smith**

Day Staff Writer

Drug Take Back Day 2023: East Lyme, Old Lyme Participating

Here's where and when you can drop off unwanted prescription drugs in East Lyme and Old Lyme this year.

Chris Rhatigan, Patch Staff

Posted Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 9:41 am ET

Hate group banners seen lashed to Norwich, East Lyme overpasses

October 09, 2023 7:51 pm

By **John Penney**

Day Staff Writer

Updated: East Lyme man charged with stalking and gun charges

Elizabeth Regan, The Day, New London, Conn.

October 23, 2023·2 min read

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
2023	1280	1160	1229	1241	1432	1405	1563	1500	1347	1372			13,529

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	49			990
Alarms	36	51	35	51	36	38	47	23	39	56			412
Animal Incident	14	15	16	19	28	28	22	25	25	23			215
Assist Citizen/Complaint	94	82	90	100	132	160	149	131	113	127			1,178
Assist Other Agency	25	21	18	28	50	21	20	29	24	23			259
Disabled MV	11	13	16	11	16	11	19	20	17	16			150
Disturbance	14	9	15	15	21	35	20	21	12	18			180
Erratic Operation	8	7	11	16	15	11	11	10	18	10			117
Larceny	12	13	12	9	11	7	10	11	13	7			115
Lockouts	9	10	5	3	10	5	2	8	6	5			52
MV Accidents	17	11	16	9	36	21	15	18	22	19			187
MV Stops	138	111	149	108	98	88	156	157	139	143			1,187
Parking Complaints	6	8	6	3	9	10	16	15	9	15			97
Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	209	155	206	202	197	188	211	238	145	147			1,898

East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report

Psych/Suicidal calls	4	2	5	4	3	5	6	3	4	5			41
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	24	15	16	33	28	19	13	30	20	20			218
Untimely Death	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	2	3	0			14
Well Being Check	26	20	19	23	23	32	36	30	19	19			247
Vandalism	1	2	6	2	1	3	5	2	1	4			27

****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	19			187

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	143			1,187

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	9			130
Assault	2	1	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	1			14
DUI	8	4	3	1	4	3	6	2	12	3			46
Failure to Appear	3	2	1	10	17	3	1	5	2	2			46
Larceny	2	2	2	1	1	3	5	2	1	3			22
Narcotics	1	6	2	4	4	3	0	5	3	2			30
Robbery	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0			5
Totals 2023	28	24	18	27	45	41	27	30	26	20			286
Totals 2022	20	16	26	24	31	25	23	44	22	21			252