

Town of East Lyme  
Board of Police Commissioners  
June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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*Concurrence*

Members Present: Tony Buglione, Regina Hitchery, Joe Perkins, Stephen Rebelowski,  
Resa Spaziani and Paul Vincenti

Members Absent: Dan Price

Staff Present: Acting Chief Macek, First Selectman Dan Cunningham and  
Recording Secretary Leanne Santos

1. Vice Chairman J. Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Delegations: Administrative Sergeant B. Babcock addressed members regarding his role as Administrative Sergeant, and provided an update related to the Detective Unit.
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. **MOTION:** Made by S. Rebelowski, seconded by T. Buglione to approve the April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes  
**VOTE:** 6-0-0 (all in favor)
  - b. **MOTION:** Made by S. Rebelowski, seconded by T. Buglione to approve the April 29, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes  
**VOTE:** 6-0-0 (all in favor)
  - c. **MOTION:** Made by S. Rebelowski, seconded by T. Buglione to approve the May 13, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes  
**VOTE:** 6-0-0 (all in favor)
4. New Business:
  - a. Discussion: Rules of Conduct – Board members and Acting Chief Macek briefly discussed Rules of Conduct.
  - b. Discussion: Police Chief Application Review – Human Resource Manager, S. Konakowitz updated board members on the receipt of applications for the position of Police Chief, the posting closes on June 18, 2025.
5. Acting Chief's Report – See attached, Exhibit 1 (ACO report included)
6. Commissioner Report(s) – There was none.

7. Public Comment: J. Elkin formerly of 35 Cedarbrook Lane, East Lyme read a statement of support for Acting Chief Macek in his role as Chief of Police.
8. Commissioners' Response – The Commission thanked Mr. Elkin
9. Adjournment:  
**MOTION:** Made by R. Hitchery, seconded by S. Rebelowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.  
**VOTE:** 6-0-0 (all in favor)

Submitted by,  
Leanne Santos  
Recording Secretary

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# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – Apr/May.  
2025

Chief of Police (*Acting*) Michael K. Macek

East Lyme Police Department

## **EAST POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the East Lyme Police Department is to serve the public in a professional manner. We take on the responsibility of making our community safe for all those that live, work or pass through here. We also strive to make our roads safe for motorists and pedestrians alike. It is our responsibility to work with other agencies and with the public we serve and treat everyone with respect and dignity.

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## **Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents**

- Retired Sergeant Joseph SanJuan passed away. Officers assisted the family by providing rotating members stand watch during the wake.
- 05/20 K-9 Officer Dube and K-9 Cooper assisted the Waterford police department with a larceny that occurred at the Home Depot. K-9 Cooper was able to track and locate the suspect hiding in thick brush behind a chain-link fence.
- Received access to the Gate's Correctional Facility grounds for the regional K-9 teams to conduct training. Continue to foster a positive relationship with our neighbors.
- DRE call-out for Officer Hanna to assist with East Haven police department with a fatal motor vehicle accident. He was able to achieve total compliance which greatly assisted the EHPD in their investigation on 05/26.
- 04/21 We received a call from the Veteran's Hotline about a suicidal male in the north end of town. Out of precaution, ELHS was notified and went into lockdown. A Day newspaper article followed the incident.

## **Section 2: Community Events/Previous and Upcoming**

Memorial Day Parade

National DEA RX Take Back scheduled for 04/26/2025

Touch-A-Truck 05/03/2025

Summer concert series

July 4<sup>th</sup>

East Lyme Day 05/19

## **Correspondence**

Letter of appreciation to the following officers Sergeant Willett, Off. Hanna, Off VanOverloop, K-9 Off. Dube for their service during the wake of Ret. Sgt. SanJuan

Notice to officers for promotion of Sgt Cutillo

Numerous requests for mutual aid for summer events as well as town associations that request coverage from us.

Department of Transportation for the sign removal on Main Street (LTA)

Department of Transportation Project Authorization Letter – Speed limit signs on Local Rural Roads

### **Section 3: Division Reporting**

#### **Police Training—**

- See Lieutenant's Report for Dept. Training

Training I attended over the past two months

- Traffic Incident Management (TIM), 04/02/2025 POST-C Credit- CTDOT HQ, Newington, CT
- Real Practices in Resilience for Police, Dr. Jeff Thompson, CT Police Chief's Association Spring Meeting/Training, Plantsville, CT 04/17/2025- POST-C Credit
- Creating and Maintaining the High Reliability Organization, Gordon Graham, CT Police Chief's Association, Plantsville, CT 05/14/2025- POSTC-C Credit
- Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA) Executive Training, Mohegan Sun Uncasville, CT Police and the Law, Atty. Michael Rose, Leadership, (2 day trng) 05/20/2025- POST-C Credit
- Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA) Executive Training, Mohegan Sun Uncasville, CT Improving Personnel, Dr. Lewis Schlosser, (2 day trng) 05/20/2025- POST-C Credit
- Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA) Executive Training, Mohegan Sun Uncasville, CT Leadership, Dr. Jack Enter, (2 day trng) 05/21/2025- POST-C Credit

#### **Animal Control Division Activity—**

- See attached ACO monthly report for April and May 2025

#### **Detective Division—**

Det. Turcotte- see attached

Det. Bergantino- see attached

Marine Division-

- Received the required competitive quotes for the Maritime Skiff trailer replacement
- The regional Vessel is in the Water. I have been speaking with Sgt. Firman as far as capital improvement projects are concerned for this upcoming year on the vessel between East Lyme and Waterford.

Section 4: Statistical Activity Summary

Total Arrests for April= 14 May= 13

Citations April= 67 May = 36

Total MV accidents April= 16 May= 27

Reportable CFS April= 1356 May= 1496

DRE callouts - Jan=3, Mar=4, Apr=1, May=1, Assisted with ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) course Waterford PD, Assisted with USCG Sector LIS, Station New London

K-9 use May Dom= 5  
Cooper=1

\*See attached Monthly Stats Report

**Section 5: Department Updates/Administrative/LTA**

- 04/02- Attended DOT TIM training in Newington./
- 04/03 Staff meeting
- 04/09 SRT training at Monoco Ford Building- WTNH minor news clip
- 04/10 Hartford CT- Board of Firearm Permit Examiners hearing
- 04/14 Police Commission Meeting
- 04/17 CT. Police Chief's Assoc. meeting/training
- 04/18 Jason Deeble (BOS) met with me at the police department
- 04/19 Niantic Bay Boardwalk 5K race
- 04/23 Law Enforcement Council (LEC) meeting



- 04/26 DEA National Take Back
- 04/28 Board of Finance Public Hearing East Lyme High School
- 05/03 Annual Touch-A-Truck McCooks'
- 05/06 Formed Radio Committee held meeting in EOC
- 05/08 SRT Chief's meeting and interview panel for Team Leader and Assistant Team Leader positions. Lt. Winkleman of Groton City, Sgt. Priest of East Lyme
- 05/12 Town Meeting
- Met with Officer Watson and Sergeant Holt.
- 05/13 Police Commission special meeting, FTO extension meeting
- 05/14 Ct Police Chief's Assoc. meeting/training
- 05/15 Power DMS demo
- 05/15 K-9 Training, was able to get the teams access to Gate's property
- 05/19 Freedom of Information Hearing in Hartford with the First Selectman
- 05/20 and 05/21 CT. Police Chief's Association Executive training Uncasville
- 05/26 Memorial Day parade
- 06/03 Freedom of Information Commission Hartford with First Selectman
- 06/06 Safe Futures Light the Way Breakfast/presentations Waterford CT
- Radio Committee
- Looking at policy correct recommendations from Daigle Law group, more specifically what was recommended in the IA report. I have contacted DLG.

#### LTA Matters-New and Old Business

- Main Street Signage- 05/08/2025 CTDOT Division of Traffic Engineering conducted a review of route 156 (Main Street) signs that we had proposed removal of. They are in concurrence and created work orders for the removal or existing and placing the required Handicap parking signs. There is no date for the start or completion of the project, only that time, weather, and materials will be the driving factor.
- Road Closure requests: We have received 10 road closure request forms for this season.
  - Crescent Beach association: 06/28, 07/12, 07/26, 08/09
  - Attawan Beach Association: 05/24, 06/21, 07/26, 08/16, 09/01
  - Seebeck: 07/12
- Golf Carts: Approximately 75

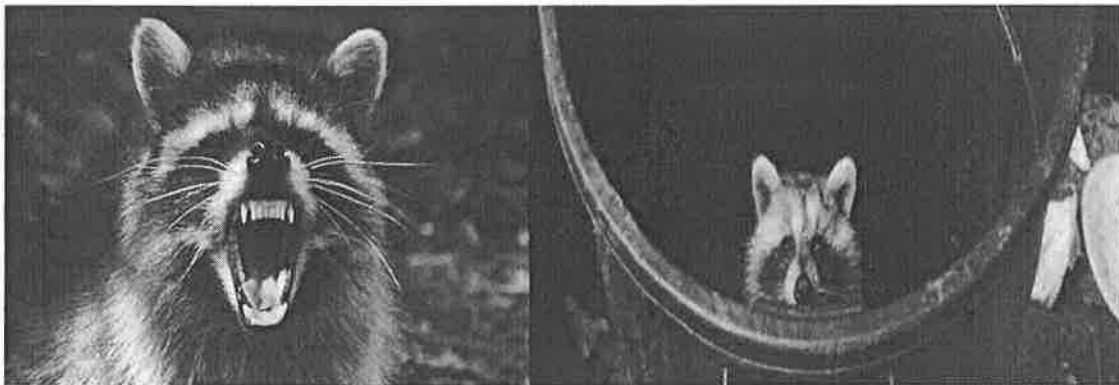
#### Reader's Notes:



## Monthly Report April 2025

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	69	64
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	4	6
TICKETS ISSUED	1	0
WARNINGS ISSUED	0	1
DOG BITES	5	1
ANIMALS REDEEMED	9	5
ANIMALS ADOPTED	2	0
ANIMALS DOA	1	1
EUTHANIZED	0	0
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	12	6
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 240.00	\$ 20.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 120.00	\$ 5.00

- 1) Numerous assist citizens with their dogs, 2 untimely deaths, 1 arrest and 1 owner sent to hospital, animal control responded and took dogs in for safe keeping until owners or family members can come get the animals, this is a service we provide to our citizens at no cost.
- 2) AACO Ryan completed a training class on dangerous dog handling and OC spray and bite stick (that's what they call collapsible batons for animal control) this will give her some much needed tools and skills to do our job.
- 3) Spring time is here, and so are the wild animals, we have been inundated with calls from citizens concerned over raccoons being out in the day time. A nocturnal animal out in the day time is not necessarily a sign of rabies, many of them are just coming out of hibernation and looking for girlfriends and something to eat. However, because the state DEEP won't respond, our animal control officers respond to every call to determine if there is an issue indicating rabies, if there is, the animal is euthanized and removed from the ecosystem in an effort to stop the spread of the disease.



- 4) Two injured owls were assisted and brought to a wildlife rehabilitator after being struck by vehicles and injured. One had to be euthanized but the other is recovering.



- 5) Animal control investigated a severe cat attack at a local vet office, the cat was brought into the vet by its owner and became violently fractious, scratching and biting the vet, the vet tech and the owner severely. The cat had to be pinned down and tranquilized. The cat is currently in quarantine at animal control as it was not current on its rabies shots. On a side note, I would rather deal with an angry pit bull over an angry cat any day!





## Monthly Report May 2025

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	78	60
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	4	4
TICKETS ISSUED	0	0
WARNINGS ISSUED	1	1
DOG BITES	4	1
ANIMALS REDEEMED	9	5
ANIMALS ADOPTED	0	4
ANIMALS DOA	1	1
EUTHANIZED	0	0
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	10	10
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 100.00	\$ 70.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00

- 1) Kitten season is here! Animal control currently has 4 separate litters of kittens that are currently or soon will be up for adoption. Animal control doesn't typically take in cats, however, when kittens are found and are unable to care for themselves, we step in to care for them until they can be adopted. Many times these kittens are so young they need to be bottle fed, in those cases, ACO's take the kitten's home and bottle feed them, they need to eat every few hours.



Kitten  
It's ~~Spring~~  
Season!

- 2) AACO Ryan and Percy attended public outreach events at the East Lyme touch a truck event, the Earth Fest and several sessions meeting with the kids at the East Lyme Middle School. Also Percy celebrated his third birthday! Here he is helping bottle feed kittens.



- 3) 05/25/25, animal control responded to a report of an injured juvenile bald eagle, we were able to get it to a wildlife rehabber to give him the best chance at survival. Bald Eagles don't get their distinctive coloring until after age 2.



- 4) 5/26/25, the ELPD responded to a welfare check on a citizen and in the course of their investigation located a deceased puppy in a trash bag. There were some inconsistencies and questions with the owner's explanation on how the dog died, animal control sent the dog to UCONN for a full necropsy in an effort to determine the time and manner of death which may lead to animal cruelty charges.



