

# TOWN OF LEDYARD

*741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511*



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Monday, September 16, 2024**

**3:30 PM**

**Mayor's Office**

## Public Safety Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Holyfield called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Mayor's Office.

Chairman Holyfield welcomed all to the Meeting. He welcomed Councilor Anthony Saccone and Mayor Fred Allyn, III.

**II. ROLL CALL****III. MEMBER COMMENTS****IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting held 6/17/24.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** John Rich

**SECONDER:** Joshua Beaulieu

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Police department radio update

\*Chief Rich reports ongoing discussion with the State regarding encryption, which they recommend. LPD is revisiting their channel lineup.

BOE/Schools public safety update

\*None - BOE not present.

Fire / EMS Radio Project Update

\*Steve Holyfield reports we finally received correspondence 8/21/24 and are sending a programming code plug for review. Discussion regarding the DHS Civil Rights evaluation tool for FEMA grant recipients.

Any Old Business proper to come before the Committee

\*None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Emergency medical dispatch

\*Chief Erhart is looking for a review of the current EMD practices. Steve Holyfield mentioned there is still a disconnect with LECC using Powerphone and Groton and Norwich using Medical Priority. Josh Beaulieu is happy to assist on the American side. Steve also expressed some concerns with the last review and implementation of the current EMD program, specifically

some resistance in the use and implementation with some of the LECC staff. Also a disconnect between the level of service the fire companies are providing, which adds complexity to the EMD process (i.e. one company responds to lift assists and one doesn't). Josh remarked that he and his crews much prefer additional assistance and more than just the 2 on duty EMS providers on lift assists.

Any New Business proper to come before the Committee

A. Discussion regarding AEDS. Steve has been servicing and replacing batteries on several units. They are in great shape. Refurbishment was suggested.

B. Steve Holyfield reported that EMS call volume is trending significantly, with appx 125 calls per month as opposed to around 100 per month prior to this trend.

C. Councilor Saccone spoke regarding ARPA money and is looking for one project per department in case the allocated funds aren't spent in time.

D. Steve Holyfield asked the Fire Chiefs to begin thinking of ideas for the AFG program, as it will be open soon.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 4:00pm

This was Approved and so declared.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Jeff Erhart

**SECONDER:** Jon Mann