

Department Spotlight

Name of Department:

The East Hampton Police Department

What do you do?

The East Hampton Police Departments goal is to provide efficient and professional service as well as address crime trends in a proactive manner to reduce crime and fear of crime and enhance quality of life for residents and visitors.

It is the mission of the East Hampton Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people of East Hampton; to reduce the fear of crime through vigilant prevention efforts while enhancing public safety; we will work with and among our community partners to improve the quality of life for our citizens. We will serve East Hampton with honor and integrity and at all times while conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to foster and maintain the trust of our community.

How do you do it?

Our Patrol division provides their services 24 hours a day and respond to medical calls, quality of life issues as well as routine service calls and investigate crime-related incidents.

The Patrol division providing high-visibility enforcement, DUI and seatbelt checkpoints, radar, surveys, conduct special enforcement at high incident locations; provide traffic safety education and assist other Town departments in roadway design and engineering to ensure efficient traffic flow.

Our department works with family services and school officials to contend with underage drinking, conduct Neighborhood Watch Block Programs, provide school/child safety presentations at elementary schools.

Our administrative staff, greet citizens, answer phones, and conduct local background checks. They are responsible for maintaining personnel and training records, payroll and accounting, providing logistical support, preparing reports, maintaining records and initiating Internal Affairs Investigations and respond to all citizen complaints.

Accomplishments?

- Responded to medical emergencies, and provided lifesaving medical care
- Responded to routine service calls, crime-related incidents and quality of life issues
- Conducted preliminary investigations, collection of evidence and arrested offenders
- Worked with neighboring police agencies in solving crime and sharing information
- Developed and implemented a new “Standard Operating Procedures” for the entire agency
- Developed and implemented a professional development program and improved upon our customer service
- Developed a strategic five year plan which will focused on four key areas: Equipment and Technology, Staffing, Professional Development and Facilities
- Worked with school officials on improvements to school security and grant applications
- Established an “electronic bridge” between our dispatch center and the police department increasing efficiency and enabling officers to spend more time on the road
- Ranked as one Top 25 Safest Cities in Connecticut by *SAFEWISE*

Investigatory Accomplishments

- Provided service to the community that ensured professional and thorough follow-up of reported criminal acts
- Conducted a high level of self-initiated criminal investigations
- Conducted under-cover investigations
- Served search and arrest warrants
- Participated in county wide arrest warrant “round-up”

Traffic Safety Accomplishments

- Obtained a grant to fund speed enforcement and speed enforcement equipment (tow lasers)
- Obtained and installed (grant funded) electronic citation system for police cars
- Speed monitor-placement on town roads for high visibility to assist traffic calming efforts
- Provided high-visibility enforcement (Route 66, Route 151 Middle Haddam, Smith Street, Main Street, North Main Street and White Birch Road)
- Conducted special enforcement at high accident rate locations
- Provided traffic safety education to students
- Assisted Other Town departments in roadway design and engineering to ensure efficient traffic flow
- Collaborated with community members to address neighborhood traffic issues
- Used unmarked (Chief’s vehicle) for speed and DUI enforcement

Crime Prevention Accomplishments

- Conducted Neighborhood Watch Block programs
- Provided school/child safety presentations at elementary schools
- Conducted tours of the Police Station for schools and civic organizations
- Reduced the incidence of false burglary and robbery alarms
- Strengthened relations between the Police Department and the public

- Coordinated a variety of crime prevention programs, conducted security inspections and coordinated volunteer activities
- Training for bank employees concerning robberies
- Established a CRIME TIPS Hotline

Who can we find in your department?

Chief Sean Cox

Administrative Division: Jennifer Magro and Beth Shepard

Sergeants: Tim Dowty, Paul Battista and Jerry Boynton

Officers; Kevin Wilcox, Mike Salafia, Mark Pekar, Jason Wishart, John Wilson, Matt Hanlon, Adam Brault, Dave Gionfriddo and Hardie Burgin

Department hours & location:

We are currently located at 20 East High Street, East Hampton directly below the Town Hall.

Our Patrol division is composed of three shifts of uniformed officers that provide their services **24 hours a day**.

Our office hours are as follows:

Monday:	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday:	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday:	8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other miscellaneous information:

Fingerprinting hours are as follows:

Monday:	6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday:	4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

2014 Fun Facts

Our department took possession of the 1996 Humvee from the United States Military through the 1033 Military Surplus Program. The purpose for that procurement was to make possible police, fire, and EMS personnel to respond to calls for service during extreme weather conditions. Before we acquired the Humvee, patrolmen had to use their personally owned vehicles to respond to medical calls due to extreme weather conditions.



We had our first Annual Awards Ceremony last December at the East Hampton Volunteer Ambulance Bay to honor Police Officers who demonstrated exceptional service in the line of duty. The ceremony also honored two "Good Samaritans" who aided our officers in critical situations. Award winners received medals and certificates from East Hampton Town Manager Maniscalco and Police Chief Sean Cox.

Stats for Fiscal Year 2014

Medical Calls	-	656
Identity Theft	-	53
Larceny	-	104
Motor Vehicle Contacts	-	918
Alarms	-	401
Property Checks	-	2,676
Fingerprints	-	236
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	183
Fatalities	-	3