



# Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

## **Public Safety Sub-Committee**

September 19, 2019

7:00AM

Main Meeting Room, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **Call to Order**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Audience**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

- 1) June 20, 2019 Minutes

### **Updates and Reports**

- 1) Ambulance
- 2) Emergency Management
  - a) Hurricane and Severe Weather Preparedness Considerations
  - b) Eversource Response Time to Electrical Incident at the Commons
- 3) Fire
- 4) Police
  - a) Traffic Authority Related Items
- 5) Public Works
- 6) Board of Education
- 7) Farmington Valley Health District
- 8) Social Services
- 9) Ordinance to Prohibit the Public from Intentionally Feeding Wildlife and Possible Sub-Committee/Work Group
- 10) Other Updates

### **Adjournment**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Sean Askham** called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 7:00 A.M. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices, 933 Hopmeadow Street. Present were: **James Baldis**, Chief, Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department; **Nicholas Boulter**, Police Chief; **Kevin Kowalski**, Fire Marshal, Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department; **Burke LaClair**, Business Manager, Board of Education; **Karin Stewart**, Executive Director, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association; **Thomas Roy**, Director, Public Works; **Gary Wilcox**, President, Simsbury Fire District. Also in attendance were Michael Berry, Assistant Emergency Management Director, Simsbury Fire District; Maria Capriola, Town Manager; Kristen Formanek, Director of Community and Social Services; Mike Long, Police Commission; Sarah Nielsen, Simsbury Main Street Partnership; Nancy Scheetz, Visiting Nurses Association; and Karen Haberlin, Commission Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

No one spoke at Public Audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1) Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2019**

The Minutes were approved as presented.

**UPDATES AND REPORTS**

**1) Ambulance** - Ms. Stewart reported the Friends and Family CPR courses with Granby are finished. She added this provides good public awareness and they plan to continue the program on their own beyond the Rotary grant. She noted staffing is up and more volunteers are applying.

**2) Board of Education** - Mr. LaClair reported they have started interviewing for the new Director of Security and Safety position and thanked the Police for their part in that. He noted there are a number of improvement projects regarding safety and security going on this summer. Central School and Squadron Line will have new front vestibules with more security, as well as, the High School. He reported upgrades to the lock software have been made over the past six months.

**3) Emergency Management** - Mr. Kowalski reported there have been no major storms so far. He noted they have been working with McLean Home on their tactical response plan. Mr. Berry noted he will be taking two classes, Executive Emergency Management and the Master Planner Class, at the National Fire Academy. Mr. Kowalski noted he intends to retire after the first of the year and has been planning for the future with Ms. Capriola and Mr. Wilcox.

**4) Farmington Valley Health District**

Mr. Askham reported the FVHD came to a BOS meeting and educated members about why they have increased their budget and spoke about the core services, and unfunded mandates from the State. He added the mission of the Health District was restated about eight years ago. Ms. Scheetz noted she is part of a community assessment project with the Health District which will look at the current health needs

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and risks of the community and developing a strategic plan for the next four years. Ms. Capriola noted there are ten different areas in which the Health District should be providing service. She reported the new statutory requirements to provide services is a challenge for health districts.

**5) Fire** - Chief Baldis reported it has been a busy period and noted the recent significant mountain rescue. He remarked it was a great rescue recovery by all of the emergency services involved. It was an hour and ten minutes long recovery done by foot and by using a rope hauling system. Mr. Kowalski added the technology and training made this lift much faster. Chief Baldis expressed thanks for the financial support to get equipment, noting the new truck was used. He added they continue to focus on additional training. He noted the Fire Service will be involved in a number of standbys, including the concert series and circus coming up. Lastly, he noted there will be a BBQ Chicken Dinner in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Fire Company and the Fire District. More information about tickets is available on the website.

**6) Police** - Chief Boulter also thanked those involved for their assistance with the mountain rescue and noted there will be an investigation. He reported P.J. Gronski will be graduating from the Academy the end of this month and will be working starting between June 27-29. He noted there will be one more graduate at the end of September. He noted they have been working on the uniform change and sizing has been off. There will be a short video on why there is a uniform change and it is being led by Brad Chase. He noted the safe biking campaign which gives out tickets for free ice cream to kids wearing helmets. He reported on Narcan usage by Police for this fiscal year at 4, down from 10 last year. He reported motor vehicle thefts are also down at 1 so far this year. He noted Jeremy Cormier has elected to come out of the School Resource Officer position and is moving to the midnight shift. Laurel Harrington, who shadowed Mr. Cormier for the last three weeks of school, is going into the school position.

**a) Traffic Authority Related Items** - Chief Boulter noted they are still working on Ely Lane becoming a one-way road. Speed, stop signs, speed changes and reckless driving complaints are being addressed through enforcement education and numerous traffic surveys. Discussion followed about traffic calming. Mr. Roy noted the lane striping that is to be done this year will be at 11 feet versus the 12 feet done previously, which will change driver behavior. Further discussion followed about speed, cut-through roads and high-speed bicyclists.

**7) Public Works** - Mr. Roy noted there are constant requests for more signage. In the Pedestrian-Bicycle Master Plan it was reported there are a lot of signs. He noted education needs to be done. He noted a significant concern about bicyclist safety at the entrance to Ensign Bickford, adding two separate studies have been done for that area. He reported they will be meeting with EB in July to see what can be done. He spoke about the Community Connectivity Grant Program which will provide rectangular flashing beacons at four trail crossings and which will provide full ADA-compliant signals at two pedestrian heads along Route 10.

**8) Social Services** - Ms. Formanek reported they have been working with the FVHD on the Community Health Assessment. She also spoke about the Click it for an Ice Cream Ticket campaign with the Police. She reported the Community Forum planned with Community for Care and the BOE in May had over one hundred people participate and had a cross section of the community as audience members. It was moderated by a presenter from the Department of Justice. Issues that were identified will be looked at and the group will come back together to work on solutions. She also noted they are partnering with FVHD to offer a new veterans' coffee hour being held the first Monday of the month featuring different speakers.

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**9) Bear Population and Referral** - Ms. Capriola noted the bear population issue has been coming up quite frequently in the last year or so. She reported an updated analysis has been done, which shows a spike in nuisance bear activity, adding that bears have entered someone's home four times last year. She noted she met with DEEP officials last October, adding there is a 10-15% increase in the bear population in CT per year and the problem will keep growing. She noted DEEP has been advocating for policy changes at the State level for some time, resources are limited, and they would like to raise awareness. It was noted this is a west-of-the-river problem, which makes the problem hard to understand for those not in our area. Mr. Askham noted a concerted education campaign is the best route. Discussion followed about hunting, relocation, police response, other wildlife, what other towns are doing and locking trash barrels.

**MOTION:** Mr. Kowalski made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the community be educated about not feeding wildlife and other preventative measures in regard to bears and other wild animals. Mr. Boulter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**10) Other Updates** - Ms. Capriola reported the Town Budget passed about two to one, noting all three budgets passed, as well as, the capital project of the roof replacement at the High School. They are very busy now with labor relations, collective bargaining and economic development work.

Ms. Nielsen thanked the Fire Department and Mr. Kowalski for their assistance regarding the Fitzgerald's construction.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 A.M. Mr. Kowlaski seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Haberlin  
Commission Clerk

## **SEVERE WEATHER AND HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CONSIDERATIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES**

As Connecticut enters the time of year when we are most likely to experience a hurricane or similar tropical storm, with potential flooding, storm surge, wind damage, and power outages, state agencies, local communities, tribal nations, and the private sector have all been working to enhance our readiness and capabilities. The following recommendations are provided to help guide municipalities as they perform key preparedness activities:

- Meet with the local Unified Command team (including Police, Fire, Emergency Management, EMS, Public Works, Social Services and functional needs organizations, etc...) to review your local emergency operations plan (LEOP). The LEOP template contains 4 Emergency Phase Checklists to address preparation, response, recovery and mitigation actions. These checklists are located on page 88 of the LEOP Template under the heading GO Documents: Emergency Phase Checklists.
- Review procedures for opening, staffing and equipping your local Emergency Operations Center. Review response, communications, and coordination procedures. Test equipment, including back-up communications systems for local responders, with regional and state partners. Make sure that staff has refreshed their training on the use of Web EOC.
- Review the Local EMD/Municipal Officials Handbook (an updated version will be released shortly) which contains easy-to-follow checklists and a quick reference guide for local CEOs and EMDs.
- Review evacuation protocols for residential areas and critical infrastructure in areas in town that are susceptible to flooding or storm surge; coastal towns review storm surge (SLOSH) maps and make sure residents and visitors in flood-prone areas are aware of that fact and know their evacuation routes. The SLOSH maps are also available on the DEMHS website ([Click Here for Shoreline Evacuation Maps](#)).
- Communicate with residents and visitors about basic preparations, and review procedures and methods for communicating with them before an event, as well as back-up methods for communicating after a storm event if communications systems are disrupted. Test the systems. Some towns use town employees or officials to assist with this. Make sure you are able to communicate with diverse communities and those with functional needs.
  - Reinforce the message to local residents to **MAKE A PLAN** for their families and businesses; **GET A KIT** (with basic supplies such as food, water, and medications to be on their own for at least 3 days); **STAY INFORMED**, including having sufficient batteries and charging capabilities in order to be aware of warnings and possible evacuation notices, and; be ready to **CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS**.

- Review and update as needed your critical points of contact, including Red Cross and other volunteer organizations, energy and other utility liaisons, key vendors, businesses, transportation and community/social service partners. Review procedures for mutual aid, including communications with mutual aid resources if they are operating in your community.
- Review procedures/authorities for declaring local states of emergency, disaster damage and costs assessments, as well as methods to collect damage information from residents.
- Review and confirm prioritization of power restoration and road clearing in the event that roads are rendered impassable by fallen trees and debris.
- Review locations, staffing and supply plans, existing equipment, and communication methods with local community shelters and volunteer organizations.
- Review local commodities points of distribution and staffing plan to run these locations, and consider how your community will sustain logistics for recovery following a major event.
- Confirm who will take on the role of long term recovery coordinator (for example, town planner or other official) to lead the community's long term recovery if needed.



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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Title of Submission:** Ordinance to Prohibit the Public from Intentionally Feeding Wildlife and Related Work Group
2. **Date of Board Meeting:** September 9, 2019

3. **Individual or Entity making the submission:**  
Maria E. Capriola, Town Manager *Maria Capriola*

4. **Action Requested of the Board of Selectmen:**  
*Option A:* If the Board of Selectmen does not wish to discuss the possibility of an ordinance on this topic, then no action is needed this evening.

*Option B:* If the Board of Selectmen supports forming a work group to review the feasibility of establishing an ordinance to prohibit the public from intentionally feeding wildlife, the following motions are in order:

*Move, effective September 9, 2019 to establish a Board of Selectmen work group to review the feasibility of establishing an ordinance to prohibit the public from intentionally feeding wildlife.*

*Further move to appoint INSERT NAME and INSERT NAME to the work group.*

5. **Summary of Submission:**

As you know from data provided to you in your March 11, 2019 packet (and attached this evening), our Town is experiencing significant growth in calls for service related to bear activity. To help deter problematic bear and other wildlife activity, the Board of Selectmen passed a resolution on June 24, 2019 encouraging residents to:

- not use bird feeders, particularly during warmer months;
- not leave trash outside overnight or unsecured on the morning of trash pick-up;
- not intentionally feed wildlife.

The Public Safety Sub-Committee reviewed the bear population referral from the Board of Selectmen at their June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee supports the Board's efforts in educating the public about the negative impacts of unintentionally and intentionally feeding wildlife.

Staff from the Police Department will be assisting with a public education campaign regarding this topic later this year. Last fall, the Town distributed tips for preventing bears from rummaging through trash receptacles and our Animal Control Officer participated in a bear forum to educate members of the public on bear safety tips.



At your August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting, many residents spoke to the Board regarding concerns about coyote activity. Since that time staff has been working on:

- Developing information on coyote safety tips to be disseminated through our website and social media
- Determining the location of the referenced wood pile from public comment; if it is on town land, we will work to remove it. If it is on privately owned land, work with the property owner and encourage them to remove it
- Requesting a follow-up meeting with the Executive Director from DEEP. Consider a thoughtfully planned forum on wildlife, with expert panelists (including from DEEP) and a skilled moderator.
- Reaching out to residents in the affected neighborhood.

We will continue to share data and information regarding this topic and our bear population with the Farmington Valley Collaborative and DEEP officials as it becomes available. Senator Witkos is assisting with coordinating a work group of subject matter experts and stakeholders to review issues related to the bear population; our Animal Control Officer has been asked to participate in the work group.

If the Board of Selectmen wants to review the feasibility of establishing an ordinance to prohibit the public from intentionally feeding wildlife, I would suggest that a work group be established. If this work group is established, Chief Boulter, Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby and I will be the primary staff support. I have inquired with CCM to determine how many towns in Connecticut have such an ordinance, as well as neighboring states.

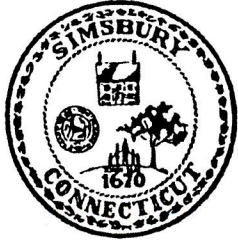
**6. Financial Impact:**

Staff time would be required to support the work of the group such as conducting research, drafting a possible ordinance, and preparing meeting materials.

**7. Description of Documents Included with Submission:**

a) Analysis on Bear Data, dated February 26, 2019





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*Maria E. Capriola - Town Manager*

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Richard A. Jacobson, Director of the State Wildlife Division, DEEP  
**From:** Maria Capriola, Town Manager; Nicholas Boulter, Chief of Police  
**Cc:** Board of Selectmen; Mark Rudewicz, Animal Control Officer  
**Date:** February 26, 2019  
**Subject:** Update to October 26, 2018 Summary of Bear Data Memo

*Maria E. Capriola*  
*Nicholas Boulter*

This memo serves an update to the *Summary of Bear Data* memo from October 26, 2018. That memo looked at internal data about black bear sightings from 2009 through October 23, 2018 as well as analysis of the data DEEP has on their website for black bear sightings state wide from October 11, 2017 through September 25, 2018. This update completes that analysis using full calendar year 2018 data from the Simsbury Police Department and DEEP's Black Bear Sightings website.

### Internal Data

The internal data from Simsbury's Police Department records showed that 2018 was the highest recorded number of bear sightings Simsbury has on record. Over the reporting period, the mean number of bear calls responded to was 280.9. This is an increase in the mean from the October memo when it was 275.8 bear calls a year. The median number of calls responded to was 255.5 and this value did not change when the 2018 data was updated to reflect the full calendar year. The lowest number of calls was seen in 2013 with 151 calls responded to by the Simsbury Police Department. 2018 has the highest recorded number of calls for black bears; officers responded to 576 calls. The previous high was in 2016 at 346 calls for black bear sightings. From 2017 to 2018 there has been a 69.9% increase in calls for black bears in town. This is up from 54.9% reflected in the October 26<sup>th</sup> memo. Simsbury is averaging a 17.8% increase in calls per year for black bears, which is also an increase from the 16.1% reported in the October 26<sup>th</sup> memo.

### External Data

In the October 26<sup>th</sup> memo we referenced the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection log of black bear sightings around the state from October 11, 2017 through September 25, 2018. That log has been updated to include values from January 10, 2018 through December 12, 2018. An analysis of that updated data is included as the third attachment to this memo. The highlighted towns are Simsbury and our neighboring communities. You can see that most of the sightings occur in our area of the state, with Simsbury having the most reported black bear sightings at 597. This is an increase from the previous reporting period of 171. A total of 8,935 black bear sightings were recorded in Connecticut during this reporting period which is an increase of 1,064 bears from the last report on the DEEP website. The mean number of bear sightings per town increased from 54 bears to 60 bear sightings with the median number of sightings increasing from 12 to 13. The 597 black bear sightings in Simsbury represents 6.68% of all the black bear sightings across the state of Connecticut.

## **Challenges**

In the October 26<sup>th</sup> memo we stated that we are facing a number of challenges related to the increase in amount of black bears in our area. They were:

1. In Simsbury we face an increasing number of bears entering homes. Our 2018 data shows we had 4 calls responded to for bears entering homes and Simsbury also had two properties where damage was caused by bears trying to gain entry. In December DEEP was called to two locations in Simsbury about bears living under the decks located on the properties. While the bears have not returned to these properties, that behavior does reflect the trends of the past year.
2. We are noticing a decreased sensitivity of bears to humans, vehicles and noise. There has been an increase in difficulty to move bears out of harm's way when they are obstructing traffic, when they enter homes, and when they are raiding trash.
3. Using our Police Department's records management system we were able to see that from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 we had a total of 576 calls listed as "Animal Complaint – Bear." On average 1.22 officers responded to these calls with an average total time per call of 23.43 minutes. This time includes the time dispatch was talking to the caller as well as officers responding. Using the standard hourly rate of a Patrol Officer First Class, which is \$42.64, we are able to estimate that Simsbury has used \$11,700.93 this year for calls related to bears (this estimate does not include benefits, indirect expenses or dispatcher salaries).
4. There has been an increase in interactions between people and bears when people are outside walking or engaging in other outdoor activities.
5. The increased bear presence around our schools is causing difficulties during pick-up and drop-off times via parents/guardians or school bus, and sporting events.
6. The frequency of bears raiding closed garbage receptacles and spreading litter and waste is causing public health concerns. On the front page of our website we uploaded a memo to provide our residents tips to keep bears away from their garbage. That memo is provided as attachment F.

## **Conclusion**

This memo serves as Simsbury's update to the original one presented to DEEP on October 26, 2018. The data presented demonstrates that during calendar year 2018 Simsbury saw a large increase in bear activity in our community and, based on trends, we should expect similar or greater numbers of bear instances for 2019.

Simsbury is seeking assistance from DEEP for a more active and direct approach to assist us with managing issues related to black bear interactions with our residents for 2019.

## **Attachments**

- A) Internal Bear Data
- B) Internal Bear Chart
- C) DEEP Statewide Data
- D) DEEP Statewide Chart
- E) Map of All 2018 Bear Calls for Service in Simsbury
- F) Managing Bears and Garbage in Simsbury Memo
- G) Simsbury Police Department Reported Call Type: Time Analysis Year to Date

## Town of Simsbury

Year	Calls responded to about Bears	Change Year to Year	Percent Change Year to Year
2009	239		
2010	167	-72	-30.126%
2011	267	100	59.880%
2012	207	-60	-22.472%
2013	151	-56	-27.053%
2014	273	122	80.795%
2015	244	-29	-10.623%
2016	346	102	41.803%
2017	339	-7	-2.023%
2018	576	237	69.912%

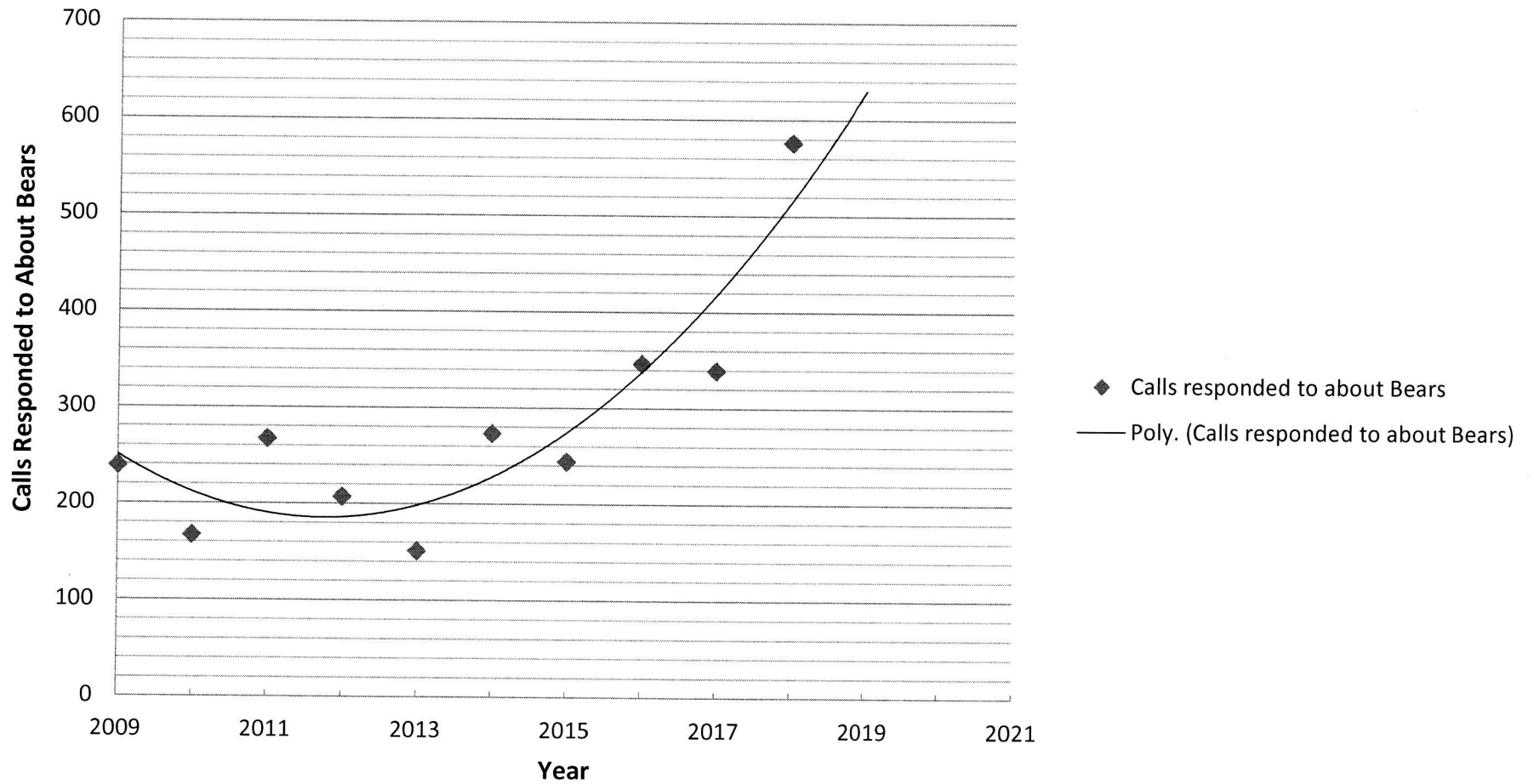
\*\* Green represents highest total, Red is lowest for that column

Mean	280.9
Median	255.5
Standard Deviation	115.490

Mean % Change Year to Year	17.788%
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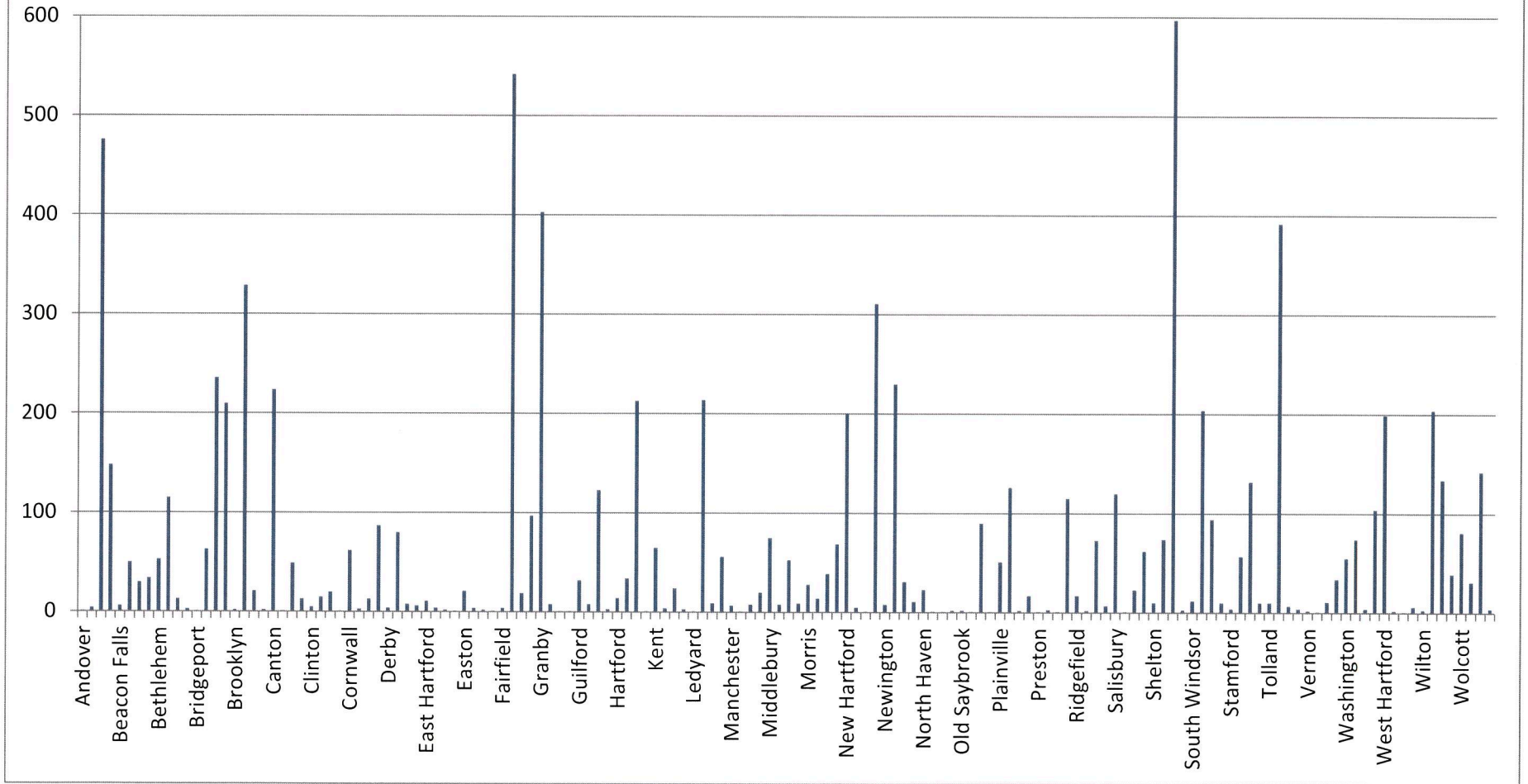
## Bear Data in Simsbury 2009-Present



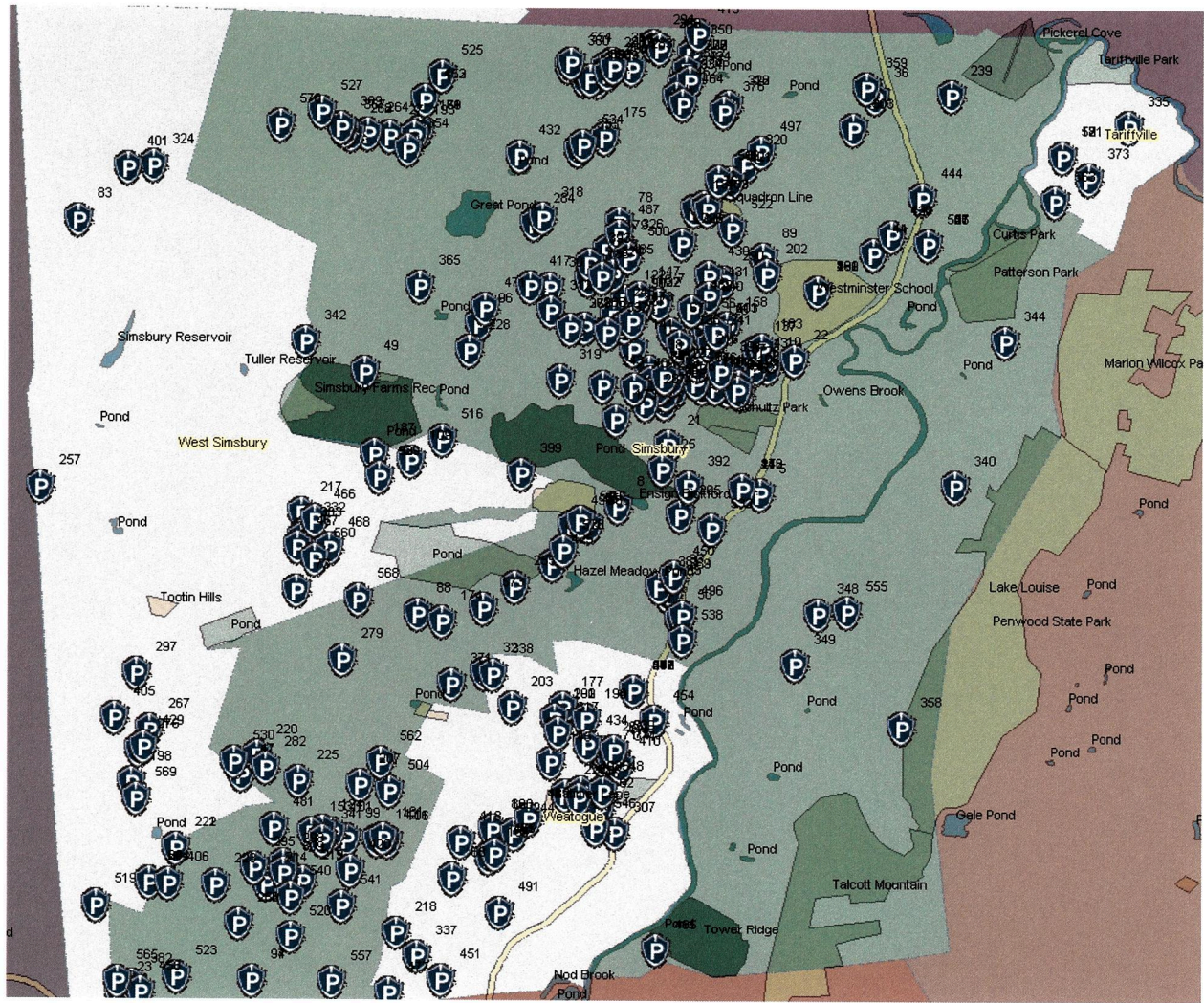
\*Data from <https://www.depdata.ct.gov/wildlife/sighting/bearsight.asp>

Town	Bear Sightings	Town	Bear Sightings	Town	Bear Sightings		
Andover	1	Greenwich	8	Portland	17	Mean	60
Ansonia	4	Griswold	1	Preston	1	Median	13
Avon	476	Groton	1	Prospect	3	Total	8935
Barkhamsted	148	Guilford	32	Putnam	1	% in Simsbury	6.68%
Beacon Falls	6	Haddam	8	Redding	115		
Berlin	50	Hamden	123	Ridgefield	17		
Bethany	30	Hampton	3	Rocky Hill	2		
Bethel	34	Hartford	14	Roxbury	73		
Bethlehem	53	Hartland	34	Salem	7		
Bloomfield	115	Harwinton	213	Salisbury	120		
Bozrah	13	Hebron	1	Scotland	1		
Branford	3	Kent	65	Seymour	23		
Bridgeport	1	Killingly	4	Sharon	62		
Bridgewater	63	Killingworth	24	Shelton	10		
Bristol	236	Lebanon	3	Sherman	74		
Brookfield	210	Ledyard	1	Simsbury	597		
Brooklyn	2	Litchfield	214	Somers	3		
Burlington	329	Lyme	9	South Windsor	12		
Canaan	21	Madison	56	Southbury	204		
Canterbury	2	Manchester	7	Southington	94		
Canton	224	Mansfield	1	Stafford	10		
Chaplin	1	Marlborough	8	Stamford	4		
Cheshire	49	Meriden	20	Suffield	57		
Chester	13	Middlebury	75	Thomaston	132		
Clinton	5	Middletown	8	Thompson	10		
Colchester	15	Monroe	53	Tolland	10		
Colebrook	20	Montville	9	Torrington	392		
Columbia	1	Morris	28	Trumbull	7		
Cornwall	62	Naugatuck	14	Union	4		
Coventry	3	New Britain	39	Vernon	2		
Cromwell	13	New Fairfield	69	Voluntown	1		
Danbury	87	New Hartford	201	Wallingford	11		
Derby	4	New Haven	5	Warren	34		
East Granby	80	New London	1	Washington	55		
East Haddam	8	New Milford	311	Waterbury	74		
East Hampton	6	Newington	8	Waterford	4		
East Hartford	11	Newtown	230	Watertown	104		
East Lyme	4	Norfolk	31	West Hartford	199		
East Windsor	2	North Canaan	11	Weston	2		
Eastford	1	North Haven	23	Westport	1		
Easton	21	North Stonington	1	Wethersfield	6		
Ellington	4	Norwalk	1	Wilton	3		
Enfield	2	Norwich	2	Winchester	204		
Essex	1	Old Saybrook	2	Windsor	134		
Fairfield	4	Orange	1	Windsor Locks	39		
Farmington	542	Oxford	90	Wolcott	81		
Glastonbury	19	Plainfield	1	Woodbridge	31		
Goshen	97	Plainville	51	Woodbury	142		
Granby	403	Plymouth	126	Woodstock	4		
		Pomfret	2				

## Town by Town DEEP Bear Sightings January 10, 2018 through December 12, 2018







Bear Calls for Service by SPD calendar year 2018



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Geographic Information System (GIS)



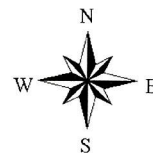
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### MAP DISCLAIMER - NOTICE OF LIABILITY

This map is for assessment purposes only. It is not for legal description or conveyances. All information is subject to verification by any user. The Town of Simsbury and its mapping contractors assume no legal responsibility for the information contained herein.

Approximate Scale: 1 inch = 1500 feet



- 41 Longview Drive
- 27 Simsbury Manor Drive
- 9 Redstone Drive
- 9 Lawton Drive



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## Managing Bears and Garbage in Simsbury

Bears are considered to be one of the most intelligent land animals in North America, and over time they have learned to view residents' trash barrels as a food source. Bears have also become aware of when trash is collected in specific areas of Town. One of the best ways to minimize the chance of human-bear interaction is to keep unsecured garbage away from bears and to take measures to make it as unappealing as possible when barrels are curbside.

### **Tips for keeping bears away from your garbage:**

- Do not put your trash barrel out at night; wait until the morning of trash collection to bring your barrel curbside
- When your barrel is not curbside, leave it secured inside a garage, shed, or out building
- Lock household doors and windows as unlocked or open doors and windows can allow bears to enter your home, garage, or shed
- Regularly wash your barrel with a strong disinfectant such as bleach or white vinegar; spray the inside of the barrel with ammonia between cleanings to discourage bears
- Fill a perforated bag, stockings, or thin trouser socks with moth balls and hang it inside the back of your trash barrel to discourage bears
- Freeze your food waste and put it into your trash barrel just before taking it to the curb
- Secure your trash barrel cover with bungee cords or a ratchet strap to help discourage bears; remove the bungee cord on your trash pick-up day

### **Additional tips for keeping bears away from your home:**

- Do not add meat or sweets to your compost piles
- Do not leave pet food outside of your house
- Make sure outdoor grills are cleaned of residual food and are securely covered
- Remove birdfeeders from areas near your house

Simsbury Police Department Bear Awareness Brochure

CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Black Bear Information

## Reported Call Type: Time Analysis

01/01/2018 00:00 Thru 12/31/2018 23:59

Call Description	Total # of Calls	Average # of Units	Average Time in Que Minutes	Average Travel Time Minutes	Average Response Time Minutes	Total Time All Units Hours	Average Time Per Call Minutes	Average Time Per Unit Minutes
911 Hangup Call	260	1.53	0.53	5.71	6.24	97.42	22.48	14.72
ADMIN. MEDICATION DROP BOX	37	1.65	0.27	0.80	1.07	9.33	15.14	9.18
Administrative	31	1.16	0.05	0.03	0.08	9.47	18.32	15.78
Aided Case	1570	3.58	0.12	3.59	3.71	4276.03	163.42	45.61
Alarm - Fire	232	1.27	0.60	5.97	6.58	91.75	23.73	18.72
Alarm - Intrusion	551	1.90	0.17	5.32	5.49	264.42	28.79	15.15
Alarm - Medical	100	3.43	0.16	5.07	5.23	160.70	96.42	28.11
Ambulance	375	1.88	0.09	9.65	9.74	942.60	150.82	80.34
ANCILLARY DUTIES	363	1.10	0.01	3.34	3.35	374.43	61.89	56.45
<b>ANIMAL COMPLAINT - BEAR</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>6.43</b>	<b>7.36</b>	<b>224.95</b>	<b>23.43</b>	<b>19.28</b>
ANIMAL COMPLAINT - DOG	313	1.22	1.49	6.64	8.13	149.82	28.72	23.59
ANIMAL COMPLAINT - OTHER	247	1.13	1.10	5.30	6.41	93.38	22.68	20.08
Arrest Warrant Served	53	2.26	2.81	3.37	6.18	118.68	134.36	59.34
Arrest Warrant Served - FTA	18	1.67	8.08	1.13	9.21	16.65	55.50	33.30
Assault	6	2.83	2.00	1.57	3.57	14.52	145.17	51.24
Assist Agency/Person	1490	1.60	1.17	4.42	5.59	1286.88	51.82	32.33
Background Investigation	14	1.07	0.86	6.73	7.59	4.37	18.71	17.47
Bad Checks	4	1.25	1.88	5.20	7.08	2.67	40.00	32.00
Burglary	18	3.17	2.47	1.43	3.91	64.58	215.28	67.98
CHILD CARSEAT INSPECTION	94	1.05	1.86	3.83	5.69	42.82	27.33	25.95
CIVIL COMPLAINT	4	1.00	6.00	9.75	15.75	3.18	47.75	47.75
COPS	1457	1.08	0.00	0.35	0.35	701.40	28.88	26.75
COPS / BICYCLE PATROL	100	1.16	0.02	0.10	0.11	66.10	39.66	34.19
Criminal Mischief	42	1.21	3.50	8.42	11.92	24.27	34.67	28.55
Death Investigation	2	5.50	1.50	0.00	1.50	11.27	338.00	61.45
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	23	3.22	0.89	1.41	2.31	49.37	128.78	40.03
DISPATCH RELIEF	367	1.03	0.04	11.46	11.49	380.60	62.22	60.57
Dispatcher Entry	7	1.00	51.57	0.00	51.57	1.07	9.14	9.14
DRUG NON-CRIMINAL	2	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.12	123.50	30.88
Drug/Narcotic Violation	6	1.83	1.42	2.89	4.31	7.90	79.00	43.09