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**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF FINANCE  
**FROM:** MICHAEL A. SPERA, CHIEF OF POLICE  
**SUBJECT:** MARINE PATROL  
**DATE:** 5/29/2015  
**CC:** MARINE STRATEGIC PLANNING FILES



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I have requested a joint meeting of the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance to discuss the Marine Patrol Program.

As you may be aware, at the urging of some members of the Board of Finance, an independent survey was conducted of the police vessel. Based on those results, the vessel was deemed unsafe to be placed into service in its current condition. Safety repair estimates exceed current appropriations. Therefore, the police vessel is currently out of service.

I am extremely concerned that the Department is not providing law enforcement services on the water as we have done for decades. I feel strongly that the marine community deserves our services. I am troubled that at the current time the Department has no marine asset to respond to a law enforcement incident that may occur on the Connecticut River and/or Long Island Sound.

Attached I have provided several items for your review. In the booklet entitled "Marine Strategic Planning Committee Vessel Status Report" you will find a Current Vessel Survey Report, Two Repair Estimates, and Three Lease Proposals that would provide an asset for this season.

It is the Department's desire to present and discuss these documents with you at the June 2, 2015 meeting. I am hopeful that we can have meaningful discussion and work together in the best interest of our community to develop and implement a short term solution to our current crisis and develop a long term solution that is operationally sound, safe, and fiscally responsible.

I look forward to meeting with all of you on Tuesday.

Have a safe weekend.