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TO: Edgartown Planning Board

FROM: Chief Bruce McNamee

SUBJECT: Vineyard Haven Road Hospital Project

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When considering the impact of the operation of a medical facility of the size that is being proposed, it is worth noting that Edgartown Police Department ("EPD") personnel have traditionally played an active role in most of the emergency medical calls that have occurred within our community. Typically, at least one officer is dispatched to assist responding EMS personnel with providing patient care while also maintaining scene safety. Depending on the staffing of the nursing facility, in the event that EMS was summoned to provide emergency medical care to this at-risk population, there could be a significant impact upon the availability of remaining police personnel to respond for other calls for service.

In addition to the increase in activity stemming from medical calls, the employee housing units could also be a source for additional requests for our services. These calls could quite possibly emulate those often associated with dense apartment-style living conditions, and could involve such activities as domestic violence, larcenies, disturbances, etc.

As far as the impact on local vehicle traffic is concerned, I have reviewed the supplied documents and have noted a minor discrepancy relative to the number of reported motor vehicle accidents ("MVA's") at the proposed location. Page 10 of the Transportation Impact Assessment ("TIA"), states that no MVA's had occurred during the reporting period of 2013-2017. EPD records revealed however that during this period there were two MVA's in 2015, and that there has been two more MVA's after the reporting period (both in 2019). Though these #s are relatively low, with the addition of the TIA's estimated increase of 350+ daily vehicles to this location, increased traffic can only exacerbate these amounts.

If any members of the Planning Board should require anything further from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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