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## **Collection Information**

Abstract : Records relating to the Lincoln Police and Fire Departments, minutes of committees relating to public safety, traffic control, etc., and miscellaneous documents and financial records relating to aspects of public safety.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

Preferred Citation : Archives/Special Collections of the Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Municipal records, Town of Lincoln, deposited in vault ca. 1980s.

Note: Under Massachusetts statutes, municipal documents are property of the municipality and under the control of the municipal clerk or other official. Records are subject to Records Retention schedules, established by the Office of the State Secretary, and may not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of without permission of the State Secretary's Office.

MARC Access: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Officials and employees.  
Municipal employees and officials -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Fire departments -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Police -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Traffic flow -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Traffic engineering -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Speed limits -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Street lighting -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Traffic safety -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).  
Minutes -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat  
Financial records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat  
Local government records -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln. aat

Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Public Safety Committee.  
Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Lincoln Traffic Committee.

## **Historical/Biographical Notes**

A petition to the Governor and General Court in 1746 from the inhabitants of the easterly part of Concord, the westerly part of Lexington, and the northerly part of Weston requested to be set off from their respective towns in order to have a more convenient location for worship. A precinct was established, which gave the inhabitants authority to build a meeting house and hire a minister, the Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston. A subsequent petition led to the incorporation of the Town of Lincoln in 1754, encompassing approximately the area formerly the Second Precinct. Evolution of Town government over 250 years has increased the number and kind of municipal services provided by Towns in Massachusetts. Public safety officials were a part of Towns from the earliest settlement in the person of the Constable. Modern Police and Fire Departments arose in the late 19th century. With the development of automobile transportation in the 20th century a significant part of public safety is now traffic control.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection comprises minutes of meetings of the Public Safety Committee, 1985-1988; Lincoln Traffic Committee Report, 1995. Also included are miscellaneous bills, contracts, correspondence, and other documents relating to Town of Lincoln traffic control and accidents, Fire Department activities, and related public safety topics.

The collection is arranged topically.

## **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Minutes, 1985-1995. (2 folders)

Series 2: Traffic Accidents, 1930-1956. (1 folder)

Series 3: Traffic Control, 1940-1961. (1 folder, 5 items)

Series 4: Fire Department, 1930-1950. (3 folders)

Series 5: Miscellaneous, 1935-1955. (2 folders, 6 items)

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Series 1, Minutes

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.029.1.1	Minutes of meetings of the Public Safety Committee, with Selectmen's charge to the committee, 1985 : typescript.
1	2	2003.029.1.2	Minutes of meetings of the Public Safety Committee, 1988-1989 : typescript.
1	2	2003.029.1.3	Lincoln Traffic Committee Report : 9 p. / December 1995.

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Series 2, Traffic Accidents

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.029.2.1	Correspondence relating to traffic accidents in the Town of Lincoln, including town vehicles, and claims against the town : typescript, manuscript / 1930-1956.

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 Series 3, Traffic Control

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2003.029.3.1	Town of Lincoln, Traffic Rules and Regulations : pamphlet, 6 l. / Lincoln Board of Selectmen, 1940.
1	4	2003.029.3.2	Letter to Leslie M. Willard, Administrative Assistant, Town of Lincoln, from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, regarding placement of traffic signal : typescript / June 30, 1955.
1	4	2003.029.3.3-.4	Correspondence relating to placement of new stop sign, and changes in stop sign color : typescript / September 1955. (2 items)
1	4	2003.029.3.5	"Area around State House found to be jungle of illegal parking" : clipping, aqp, 2 p. / Boston Herald, March 8, 1961. (Photograph of Rep. James deNormandie of Lincoln.)

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Series 4, Fire Department

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2003.029.4.1	Correspondence and business, Lincoln Fire Department (includes letters, payroll records, bills and other financial records) : one bundle, bound / 1949-1950.
1	6	2003.029.4.2	Rules and regulations, Acts of the General Court, etc. relating to fire prevention and public safety : typescript / 1930-1931.
1	7	2003.029.4.3	Bills submitted to Fire Department, Town of Lincoln, with letter from Concord Selectmen relating to expenses incurred through Fire Department mutual aid : typescript, manuscript / 1930-1932.

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Series 5, Miscellaneous

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1	8	2003.029.5.1	Letter to Lincoln Board of Selectmen from Henry A. Grimwood, requesting appointment as Constable for the Town of Lincoln : typescript / March 4, 1935.
1	8	2003.029.5.2	Letter to Boston Edison Company from Lincoln Board of Selectmen requesting street light information : typescript / October 5, 1955.
1	8	2003.029.5.3	Letter to Lincoln Board of Selectmen from W. Rupert Maclaurin, requesting "Children Slow" sign on Trapelo Road, Lincoln : typescript / May 11, 1955.
1	9	2003.029.5.4	Letter to Lincoln Board of Selectmen from Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, Board of Standards, relating to standards for construction : typescript / August 4, 1955.
1	9	2003.029.5.5-.6	Correspondence between Lincoln Board of Selectmen and Registry of Motor Vehicles, relating to age of operators of municipal vehicles : typescript, March-April 1955. (2 items)