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## MEMORANDUM

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October 17, 2014

To: Michael Behrendt, Town Planner  
From: Dave Kurz, Chief of Police  
Re: Lodges @ West Edge

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I understand that the Lodges at West Edge are coming before the Planning Board to add an additional 26 beds onto their already approved bed count. If I understand this proposal appropriately there is no structural change to the facility but essentially a realignment of bedrooms and/or space.

At first blush the Planning Board may be concerned about this proposal due to an increase in the number of beds on the property. However, I wanted to convey to the members of the Planning Board that the Police Department has been very engaged with the Lodge's management team offering suggestions and recommendations as they commenced business within the Town. The Lodges have been very receptive to the addition of added security resources during the opening of the UNH academic year. We have provided training to their staff so that there is an understanding of issues they should be mindful of and when they should contact the police department rather than deal with matters on their own.

During this busy UNH opening period, there have only been three (3) requests for service for the entire complex. I believe the Lodge's management team has done an exceptional job with maintaining a quiet atmosphere and working proactively by setting an expectation of responsibility of their tenants.

I have long believed that the Durham Police Department should be as forthcoming with positive attributes as we may be with criticism. In this regard the Lodges at West Edge have been a good corporate partner and a positive contribution to the Durham community. If you have any questions for me regarding these and any other comments, please feel free to contact me.