

**TOWN OF SOMERS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday,
August 7, 2025, 8:00 AM
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order: Todd Rolland called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.
2. Members Present: Dan Thayer, Fire Chief, David Lenart, Peter DeBrino, Trooper Justin Preuss, and Superintendent of Highways Todd Rolland.

Others in attendance were DEMD Frank Poirier, Police Administrator Kim Littig, BOE Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin, and Human Services Director Matthew Cox.

3. Old Business

- a. Human Services: Please see the attached report.
- b. Police: Please see the attached report.
- c. Fire: The high call volume at the prisons continues to be an issue. The Fire Department sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting assistance with this matter. As of July 1, 2025, we now have at least two medical personnel staffed 24/7, one medic and one EMT. The FD received funding for EMS training. At the end of September, the FD will hold a training on how to handle lithium-ion batteries. There will be a 9/11 remembrance on September 11 in the Fire Department memorial area.
- d. BOE: The teachers return on August 8, and the students return on September 2nd & 3rd. There will be CPR training for staff on August 26 at the Fire Department.
- e. CERT: We held a shelter tabletop training on July 23rd and received good feedback. CERT attended the National Night Out at the Park on August 5th, with 11 members participating. The August meeting will be our annual picnic.
- f. DPW: DPW had five after-hours callouts for trees down. DPW will attend the Four-H Fair Touch-A-Truck Event in August. We are working with a vendor to replace the underground oil tank at the Fire Department.

4. New Business

a. General Discussion:

- i. Todd announces that Fire Chief David Lenart has been seated as the new Emergency Management Director, and Frank Poirier has been seated as the new Deputy Emergency Management Director, effective August 5, 2025.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Dan Thayer motioned to approve the minutes of the July 2025 meeting, and Peter Debrino seconded. There were no objections. The motion passed.
 6. The next meeting is on September 4, 2025.
 7. Adjournment: Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn, Peter Debrino seconded, and there was no objection. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Status Report for Human Services

August 7, 2025

Back to School – the Back-to-School fundraising campaign has raised nearly \$5,000, a new high. We will serve between 40 and 50 children in need with gift cards for clothing and a voucher for shoes to DSW

National Night Out – Great event this past Tuesday. Terrific turnout!

Social Services – \$8,377 in emergency financial assistance was provided (housing, utilities, food); 40 community members received case management or follow up.

Senior Services – gearing up for the new energy assistance season and working to plan for significant increases in requests for help.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Cox

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**Town of Somers
Police Department**

**Monthly Report
July 2025**

Calls for Service:	940
Accidents:	11
Case Reports:	13
Burglaries:	0
Larcenies:	1 (Stolen Motor Vehicle)
Onsite DUI's:	0
Arrests:	4

08/05/25 – Another Successful National Night Out for 2025

08/07/25 - Super "Hero" Day for Summer Camp with Drone & K9 Demo

09/11/25-09/14/25 – Officers Assigned to the Four Town Fair & Parade

08/15/25 – Participating at the Active Shooter Tabletop & Decision Making Exercise at the Town Hall from 0800-1200 hours

08/16/25 – Participating in the 4-H Fair Touch-A-Truck Event at the Four Town Fairgrounds from 1000-1400 hours

Issued New 3-Year ID's to all CERT Members, which also act as a Key Fob

Tactical Helmets & Plate Carriers Arrived – Waiting on Plates

New Portable Radio Arrived at NORCOMCT to be Programmed

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