

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

**Thursday, April 02, 2026  
8:00 AM at the Fire Station**

1. Call to Order:
  - EMD Todd Rolland called the meeting to order at 08:01.
2. Members' Present:
  - Dan Thayer, CERT Team Leader, Karen Hocking, Fire Chief Ray Stovall, Peter Debrino, Resident Trooper Matthew Burzdak, Superintendent of Highways/EMD, Todd Rolland.
3. Non-Members Present:
  - DEMD Frank Poirier, Police Administrator Kim Littig, BOE Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin, Director of Human Services Matthew Cox, CFO Brian Wissinger, Fire Captain Ray Stovall, FF, Deputy Fire Marshal Brian Langan.
4. Old Business
  - a. Human Services – See report.
  - b. Police – See report
  - c. Fire - See report
  - d. Board of Education – Graduation is June 10, the last day of school is June 17, and the staff's last day is June 18. The high school backup generator transfer switch is scheduled to be wired in on April 13.
  - e. CERT – CERT's March monthly meeting was held on March 25. The training covered fire safety and the use of fire extinguishers, including practical training with a fire pan.
  - f. DPW – See report
5. New Business
  - a. General Discussion
  - b. The group participated in a tabletop exercise involving a chemical spill.
6. Approval of the January 2026 Meeting Minutes.
  - Ray Stovall motioned to approve the January Meeting Minutes. Peter Debrino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.
7. The next meeting is on May 07, 2026.
8. Adjournment.
  - Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:32. Ray Stovall seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Human Services Report

April 2, 2026

Key activities during the month of March included:

- Provided training to the community on Narcan and Suicide Prevention.
- Completed Year 4 site visit for the Drug Free Communities program.
- Healthy Futures program growing with referrals from middle school and parents (nicotine and cannabis cessation program, centered on personal responsibility with youth creating their own “quit plan.”
- Provided truancy support to multiple families with complex or complicated needs.
- The Teen Center remains popular with 25 to 50+ participants daily, M-F.
- Continued intensive case management for seniors, including those with safety issues, self-neglect, MH challenges, or dementia.
- Provided ongoing case management to families.
- Provided emergency financial assistance to 28 households.
- Started planning the National Night Out event with police and fire departments (August 4).
- Upcoming National Drug Take Back event with police and fire departments on Saturday, April 25 – 10am to 1pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Cox  
Director of Human Services



## **EPAC Report for March 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> , 2026**

Service Calls: 622

Traffic Accidents Investigated: 6

Alarms (Business & Residential): 17

Investigations: 14

**3/06/26** – State Animal Control conducted an on-site inspection of the dog pound – Inspection passed

**3/12/26** – attended a ceremony at the Police Academy in Meriden for Somers Police achieving the State’s Tier 3 Accreditation certification. Tier 3 awarded by the CT Police Officer Standards and Training Council recognizes departments for meeting comprehensive standards in management, operations, and policy. It requires compliance with 322 total standards across Tiers I, II, & III to enhance accountability, transparency, and public trust.

**3/16 – 3/20** – One Police Officer completed a required 3 year POSTC recertification class and testing

**3/28/26** – “No Kings Event” planned by Town resident: No issues reported by police patrol officers



## **Upcoming Events:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. SRO's & Resident Trooper – career day at SHS

April 25<sup>th</sup>. Prescription Drug Take Back at Fire Dept, 400 Main St, from 10 am – 1 pm, Somers Police, Fire, and Human Services Departments

May 17<sup>th</sup>. Soapstone Trail Race which crosses Gulf road

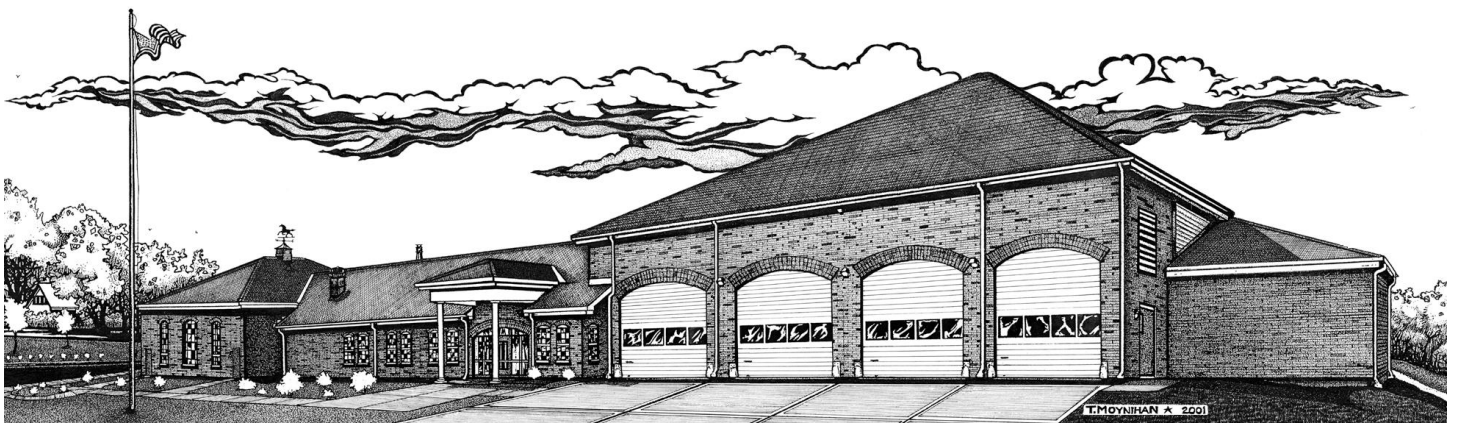
August 4<sup>th</sup>. National Night Out, Field Road Park

Respectfully,

Kim Littig – Police Administrator

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## Fire Chief's Monthly Report to EPAC

Date: April 13, 2026

Reporting Period: March 2026

### Call Volume & Distribution

Total calls: 163

Woodcrest: 19 calls (11.66%)

Osborn Correctional: 18 calls (11.04%)

Cybulski: 4 calls (2.45%)

### Mutual Aid Activity

Total mutual aid responses: 39 calls (24%)

Stafford: 18

Ellington: 17

Enfield: 3

East Windsor: 1

### EMS & Fire Response Levels

2nd EMS calls: 26

3rd EMS calls: 4

4th EMS calls: 1

2nd alarm fire calls: 13

3rd alarm fire calls: Minimal (approx. 3%)

### Operational Issues

Ongoing ambulance reliability issues

Department operated with one in-service ambulance for over one week

Anticipated return to two operational ambulances early next week

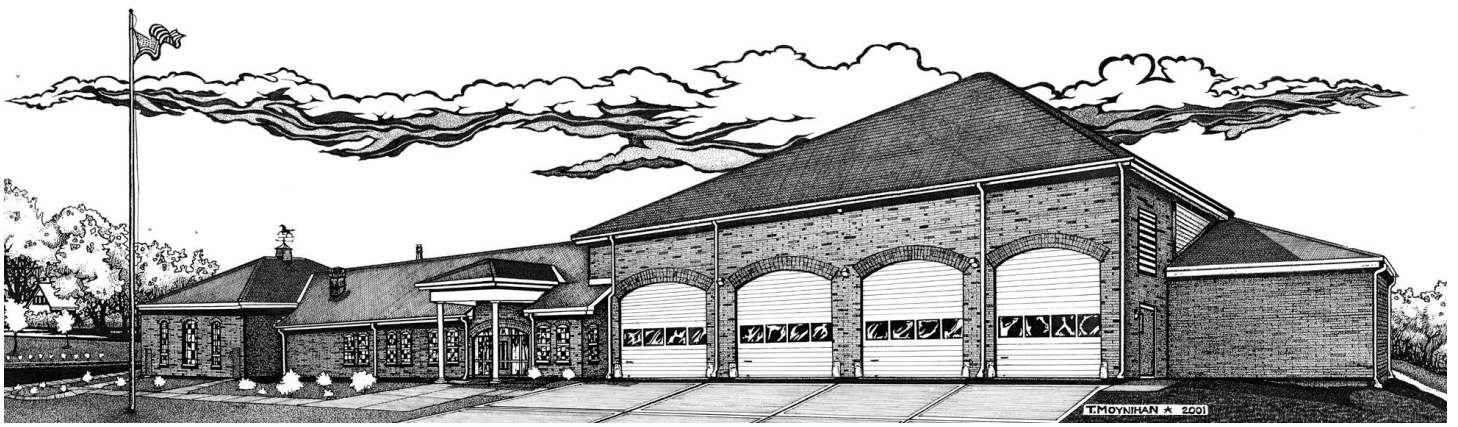
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## Training & Preparedness

Scheduled training: Arizona Vortex Technical Rescue System

Dates: Upcoming Saturday & Sunday

Location: Somers Public Schools

Please let me know if you need any additional information or clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Stovall  
Fire Chief / Fire Marshal  
Somers Fire Department

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## Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council Department of Public Works Report

April 02, 2025

### Traffic/Emergency Response/After-hours Callouts:

Date	Storm / Problem	Start	End	Day of Week	Description
1/1	2" light snow	5:00	13:00	Thursday	2" snow
1/4	Dusting	5:00	9:00	Sunday	Overnight dusting of snow
1/7	Freezing Rain/Rain	5:00	10:00	Wednesday	Freezing rain to rain
1/8	Overnight Freeze	5:00	9:00	Thursday	Icing
1/9	Overnight Freeze	5:00	8:00	Friday	Black Ice
1/17	Snow	5:00	19:30	Saturday	4" - 5" snow all day
1/18	Snow	8:00	12:30	Sunday	Dusting - 2"
1/18	Snow	19:00			
1/19			10:00	Monday	6" snow
1/20	Overnight Dusting	4:30	8:00	Tuesday	Dusting / Trees dropping snow
1/21	Dusting - 1"	19:00	20:00	Wednesday	Roads covered
1/22	Snow	4:00	10:00	Thursday	2" - 3" snow
1/25	Storm Fern	9:00		Sunday	
1/26	Storm Fern		17:00	Monday	24" Snow
1/27	Clean Up			Tuesday	Clean up School Lots
1/28	Clean Up			Wednesday	Clean up / Pushback around town.
2/7	Snow & Winds	4:00	17:00	Saturday	2.5" - 4" Snow. High of 14
2/11	Snow	3:30	8:00	Wednesday	1" - 2" snow
2/18	Rain/Freezing Rain			Wednesday	
2/19	Rain/Freezing Rain	4:00	7:00	Thursday	
2/22	Storm Calvin	17:00	0:00	Sunday	
2/23	Storm Calvin	0:00	18:00	Monday	Blizzard-like conditions, 14" snow
2/24	Calvin Clean up	4:00	10:00	Tuesday	
2/25	Snow	8:00	11:00	Wednesday	1" - 2" snow
3/3	Snow/Sleet/Freezing	15:00	17:30	Tuesday	Light Snow to Sleet to Freezing Rain
3/4	Freezing Rain/Rain	5:00	10:00	Wednesday	Overnight Freezing Rain
3/5	Freezing Rain/Rain	6:00	9:00	Thursday	Freezing rain to rain
3/6	Freezing Rain/Rain	5:00	9:00	Friday	Freezing rain to rain
3/16	Rain & Wind	18:00		Monday	1" - 2" locally
3/17	Wind Damage		10:00	Tuesday	10 Roads closed with trees in wires

### Bilton Road Transmitter Site:

As it stands, if we want the parcel to build a two-way radio system for the Fire Department to remove our primary equipment from Johnson Memorial Hospital's roof, we will have to pay the parcel's fair market value of \$126,500.

We submitted testimony to the Government Oversight Committee, which held a public hearing on Wednesday. They are considering our request to change the sale from fair market value to no-cost, with a deed restriction stating that if the town ever stops using the property for an EM communication tower, it will revert to the state.

Operation:

- DPW is in full spring operations.
- The Highway crew is finishing the work on the south side of the landfill for the solar project. Verogy has begun installing the solar infrastructure.
- Phases 2 of road resurfacing will commence this summer. The list of roads to be resurfaced is:

<b>Street Name</b>			
SCHNEIDER RD	MALLARD CIR	PARSON RD	POND CIR
BRADLEY RD	BLUNT CIR	COLTON RD	PHEASANT RUN
GRIST MILL TER	BLUNT CIR - Circle	PINE KNOB RD	MAPLE RIDGE DR
ROSEHAVEN RD	NOAH CHAPIN DR	HERON DR	MICHELE DR

Facilities:

- Senior Center expansion: We received an initial cost estimate of \$4.5m. The committee wishes to proceed. We are working with our architects on proposals for 3D drawings and a project cost estimate.
- The Village Players building. We have an RFP with a draft lease agreement ready to send to all interested parties. The newly reseeded Special Project Committee will review all responses and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Long-term Projects:

- Sidewalks project, Phase 1, Vision Blvd, Field Road to Rt. 83, Geissler's to Lake Drive. This project's cost estimates have come in \$900k above the initial estimate. We requested a funding increase from CRCOG's LOTCIP committee. They agreed to the request. We have sent it to DOT for consideration. We are having a public hearing in the town hall auditorium on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM to receive public input.
- Hurds Lake Dam. The Topographic and wetlands delineation work is complete. This project is on hold pending funding.
- Rt. 190 & 83 roundabout in the center of town. DOT is working on the final design. This project is scheduled to go out to bid in 2028.
- 19 Field Road, Brownfield. This project is on hold pending funding.
- Windwood Circle Bridge. The design is complete and has been accepted by DOT. We held a public TEAMS meeting on March 26. Public comment was minimal. The project moves on to the final design phase. The project has a target construction date of spring 2028 and is estimated to take 8 months.
- Maple Street Bridge. This design has been sent to DOT. They responded with their comments. The design is being updated. We anticipate holding a public hearing this year.
- Kibbe Grove bridge. DOT sent us their report. Their testing revealed deterioration on both sides of the bridge. I have asked Michael Brady at GM2 Engineering to determine whether this bridge qualifies for federal funding. Michael is researching that.