

Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
8:00 A.M.  
Meeting Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order by Deputy Emergency Management Director Todd Rolland at 8:01

**II. Members present** Trooper Justin Preuss, Superintendent of Highways Todd Rolland, CERT Team Leader Karen Hocking, Communications Manager Dan Thayer, Ann Cournoyer, and Peter Debrino.

Also in attendance were Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Fire Officer Lt. Ray Stovall, and Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin.

**Members Absent:** Fire Chief John Roache and Superintendent of School Dr. Samuel Galloway.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Sanitarian/Health/COVID: Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano – Nothing new to report for April.

Human Services: Director Matthew Cox - H.S. has been busy. Human Services had three referrals from other departments in April. Staff members attended Narcan and suicide prevention training. April 22, National Drug Take-Back Day, resulted in 30 pounds of liquids and 47.2 pounds of medications/vaping devices and liquids being recovered for destruction.

Police: Trooper Justin Preuss & Administrator Kim Littig – Report Attached – 1,355 calls for service in April. The year-to-date is 5,061. April had 61 traffic stops, with 203 so far this year. Three Officers are conducting their recertification training. Pistol Permit applications continue to be high. Officers are conducting enhanced speed enforcement with funding from a Speed Enforcement grant.

Fire: Lt. Ray Stovall – Call volume continues to be high. Trinity Health announced plans to put a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance and crew at Johnson Memorial Hospital beginning July 1.

DPW: Director Todd Rolland – 2022/2023 winter recap. We had 18 events, which was less than our average of 22. No emergency response events in April to report. DPW is in full spring operations. Still waiting on the wiring harness for the Fire Department Generator. We are working on the Aya-Po improvements.

Schools: Stephanie Levin – the phone system (when dialing 911) is being completed and should be completely operational very soon. Automatic Transfer Switch for the High School generator - had an electrician install a manual switch to allow operation. It must be activated manually. Looking to fund an automatic transfer switch through CIP. Emergency Response - BOE is conducting internal emergency preparedness training with administrative staff and School Resource Officers. Once all staff are comfortable, we will move on to combined training with all First Responders and support staff.

CERT: Team Leader Karen Hocking – Marches Basic CERT class was successful. Somers CERT has grown to 29 members. Another basic CERT class is being held in June for Town Staff at Town Hall from 8:00 AM to Noon over four days, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. At April's meeting, we talked about cyber security and preparedness.

#### **IV New Business**

Deputy Director Todd Rolland announced that Ann Cournoyer accepted the role of Director of Emergency Management. Ann officially begins on May 8. The EMD's office will be at the Public Works Department. Ann said she is looking forward to working with everyone.

#### Upcoming Events:

- a. Saturday, May 6, Paintcare @ Recycling Center,
- b. Saturday, May 6, Annual Farmers Market @ Four Town Fairgrounds,
- c. Saturdays, 1:00 PM, Concerts on the Green, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3,
- d. Week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fill-A-Public Works Food Drive @ Kibbe Fuller,
- e. Saturday, May 27, 8:30, Veterans' Coffeehouse @ Town Hall
- f. Saturday – Sunday, June 3-4, Annual Paul Bowers Lacrosse Tournament @ School/Park Complex,

#### **V Approval of Minutes:**

Dan Thayer motioned to approve the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes, and Peter Debrino seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **VI Adjournment**

Peter Debrino motioned to adjourn, and Dan Thayer seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 A.M.

**The minutes will be official once approved at the next meeting.**

# Monthly Report:

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Total Calls for Service

**1355**

Total Calls This Year

**5061**

	April	YTD
Accidents	6	35
Criminal Investigations	5	36
Burglaries	0	
<b>Larcenies</b>	0	2
Non Reportable Matters	1280	4760
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>

## Calls For Service:

City	Month	YTD
Ashford	101	471
Cove tTy	16	134
EL GTON	848	3706
<u>MA SEFIELD</u>	1078	3342
Somers	1355	5061
Stafford	713	3352
Tolland	692	2990
Union	129	616
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WI LINGTO	284	1242
<b>Total</b>	<b>5399</b>	<b>21854</b>

## Motor Vehicle Enforcement

Total Traffic Stops	61	203
Onsite DUI's	0	2
Arrests		2
<b>Misdemeanor Summons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Infractions	21	42
Written Warnings	23	94
Verbal Warnings	16	62

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