

Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, April 6<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 8:00

**II. Members present** Fire Chief John Roche, Trooper Justin Preuss, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Samuel Galloway, CERT Team Leader Karen Hocking, and Communications Manager Dan Thayer.

Also in attendance were: First Selectman Tim Keeney, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, and Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin.

**Members Absent:** Ann Cournoyer and Peter DeBrino.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Sanitarian/Health/COVID: Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano – No report for March.

Human Services: Director Matthew Cox - H.S. has been busy. The Drug-Free Communities grant program is active. Staff members attended training and will roll out lessons learned to Somers Comes Together. Girls on the Run is back this year for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8th-grade Girls. They'll have a 5k run cap-off on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Police: Trooper Justin Preuss & Administrator Kim Littig – Report Attached – 1,373 calls for service in March. The year-to-date is 3,796. Sixty-three traffic stops in March, with 142 so far this year. The Trooper's Office is working on accreditation with a goal of compliance in 25/26. Received a speed enforcement grant and implemented enforcement efforts. April 22 is Drug-Take-Back Day. Being held at Kibbe Fuller.

Fire: Chief Roache – With Captain Glenn Reynolds's resignation, advertising to fill his position. Paramedic staffing has been challenging, with two of our four Medics out sick. The remaining two are working 24 on and 24 off. The State has determined that existing fire suppression foam systems are environmental hazards and are no longer approved for use. All existing foam systems and equipment must be taken out of service and not used. In cooperation with Osborne Correctional staff and Enfield Fire, Somers Fire conducted fire training at Osborne to good effect. Additional exercises are planned.

DPW: Director Todd Rolland – Two snow events and two winds events in March. DPW is in full spring operations. Road sweeping starts next week. Parks have ramped up for spring sports season. Paintcare kicked off last Saturday at the Recycling Center.

Schools: Dr. Samuel Galloway & Stephanie Levin – Phone system (when dialing 911), the vendor still has not fixed the problem. Dr. Galloway will send a letter insisting that this is rectified or a workaround is implemented. The Automatic Transfer Switch for the High School generator; still waiting for the new one to come in. The vendor states it is back-ordered. Looking for alternatives. BOE will conduct a tabletop training for staff members and first responders in June.

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. At last month's meeting, we talked about financial preparedness.

#### **IV New Business**

Communications Manager – Dan Thayer, Gave an overview of the Town's Low-Power M transmitter station.

Tim Keeney – The Town has several vacancies we are working to fill. The Stafford – Somers Emergency Services Agreement has been finalized and adopted. The Board of Finance voted not to set the referendum vote on the Senior/Community Center in May. Instead, they prefer to wait until November to include a bond request from the Board of Education for any school HVAC projects.

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

Dan Thayer motioned to approve the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes, and Justin Preuss seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **VI Adjournment**

Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn, and Karen Hocking seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 A.M.

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

# Monthly Report:

March

Somers



\* For December numbers use "December Monthly Report"

Total Calls for Service: 1373  
 Total Calls This Year: 3796

	March	YTD
Accidents	8	30
Criminal Investigations	10	31
Burglaries	1	1
Larcenies	2	2
Non Reportable Matters	1284	3569

Total Arrests: 2      15

# Calls For Service:

City	Month	YTD
Ashford	124	375
Coventry	43	124
ELLINGTON	1020	2921
MANSHFIELD	1111	2348
Somers	1373	3796
Stafford	815	2657
Tolland	821	2328
Union	196	499
VERNON	241	764
WILLINGTON	313	973
<b>Total</b>	<b>6057</b>	<b>16785</b>

# Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Total Traffic Stops	63	142
Onsite DUI's	0	2
Arrests	0	1
Misdemeanor Summons	0	3
Infractions	17	21
Written Warnings	33	71
Verbal Warnings	12	46