

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

**Thursday,
March 7, 2024
8:00 AM
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order – 8:08am
2. Members Present – Todd Rolland, Justin Preuss, Karen Hocking, Dan Thayer, John Roache, Anne Cournoyer

Other Guests: Stephanie Levine, Andrea Vitrano, Kim Littig

3. Old Business
 - a. Sanitarian COVID -19 Update – CDC now only recommends a 24-hour quarantine symptom free without medication and 5 days to follow with a mask.
 - b. Social Services – See attached
 - c. Police – Calls for service 763, Accidents 8, DWI's 0, Case Reports 10 Burglaries 1, Larcenies 2, Arrests 1. TIMS training is coming in April. Upcoming Active Aggressor Training. Received E-citation machines for all cruisers. Still utilizing ARPA funds for speed enforcement. Got new ID machine. National Night Out will again happen on the first Tuesday in August. Police provided a display of all different kinds of Vapes. Also warned that scams are rampant in town and elsewhere.
 - d. Fire – 170 calls for service. Currently short staffed. Vehicle exhaust system already in need of repairs. Generator switch ordered. Radio system match was cut.
 - e. DPW – There were four winter events. Ground is very wet. Looking to replace roof on fire station this summer. Working on getting a 3 acre land conveyance from the DOC over by the prisons on Bilton Road. Currently being taken up at the legislature. A playground in honor of the four children that died in the tragic fire is being proposed in Somersville by the father of the children called “Where angels play”

- f. Schools – Ellington and Rockville had swatting events. Somers has not yet been the victim of such an incident. Currently updating emergency plans and there is a lockdown scheduled for next month.
- g. CERT- training and recert for CPR and First Aid. It is the 15 year anniversary of CERT for Ellington, Vernon and Somers. Would like to recognize the original members Todd Rolland and Ann Levesque.

4. New Business

a. General Discussion

Dan Thayer (Communications) – Must file every other year with the FCC to maintain broadcasting license. The University of Hartford has still not paid the bill.

- 5. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the February minutes was made by Dan Thayer 2nd by Todd Rolland.
- 6. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn meeting made by Todd Rolland and 2nd by Dan Thayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:47am.