

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

**Thursday,
July 11, 2024
8:00 AM
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order - 8:03am
2. Members Present – Anne Cournoyer, Todd Rolland, Dave Lenart, Dan Thayer
Justin Preuss, Karen Hocking
 - Also in attendance – Stephanie Levine, Matthew Cox, Ray Stovall
3. Old Business
 - a. Sanitarian – Monkey Pox cases are up throughout the State. Affects typically 20-50 year olds and is not deadly. Vaccines are highly recommended for those at risk.
 - b. Human Services – Looking to solicit public donations for back to school supplies. Working with other leaders in town in preparation for the National Night Out where Human Services will have a table. The Angel fund is now complete and a judge will now look to disperse the funds to the victims of the tragic fire in January. Follow up will happen regarding the new playground that is being discussed in the children’s honor (Where Angels Play)
 - c. Police – The Somers Police are organizing the National Night Out event at the park on 8.6.24. This is a free community event to build partnerships and relationships with the police and the community, flyer attached.

On 6/6 the Resident State Trooper’s office announced that they conducted an unannounced compliance check of local businesses selling tobacco and electric cigarettes to ensure they were not selling to minors. 6 of the 8 businesses were in compliance, press release attached.

Total calls for service: 856, traffic accidents: 11, Investigative Reports: 11, Onsite DUI's: 3, Burglaries: 2, Larcenies: 2, Arrests: 7.

d. Fire – Welcome Fire Chief Dave Lenart

- Calls for service: 198
 - Woodcrest Prison 28, Woodcrest 15, Mutual Aid 56
 - Notable were a grass fire, a propane equipment fire, house fire in Stafford and 10 MVA, 3 with injuries
 - Training included vehicle extrication, ladder training, and EpiPen for EMP/EMR
 - Repairs: Roof replacement later this summer
- e. DPW – Summer ops. Firehouse roof will be stripped and re-shingled later this summer. Solar panels will need to be removed and re-installed at the completion of the roof project. Bay floors will be next. HVAC at the Fire Department is also an issue. Trailer at Camp Ayapo is being worked on. Electricity, HVAC and furnishings. The back part of the Police station roof needs to be replaced.
- f. Schools New High School principal has been hired. Transfer switch for generator is due to arrive in November. Summer school and tutoring is going on now. First student bus company is working with the schools to consolidate stops for older students. There is an HVAC project at the elementary school. Received a grant to begin ventilation project to get air conditioning for that school. Teachers return to school on 8.25 and students return 9.3.
- g. CERT – Participated in the 6.12 EPPI, CERT Day, the Bradley Airport Drill. Will also participate and have a table at the Nation Night out on 8.6. CERT conducted a major exercise at Camp Ayapo that included training on CPR, knots, trail safety, stokes baskets, first aid. Hoping to get some local media coverage about it.

4. New Business

- a. General Discussion – Discussed cooling center activation, not necessarily due to power outage, but for those who do not have AC, (Senior Center) given the high heat and humidity we have been experiencing. The general consensus is that the identified cooling center is already open during the day and is readily available should people need a break from the heat. It is felt that people without AC have other places to cool off such as public stores, cars and workplaces.

5. Approval of Minutes Motion to approve minutes by Dan Thayer, 2nd by Todd Rolland. No objection, motion passes.
6. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Todd Rolland, 2nd by Dan Thayer. No objection, motion passes.

Next EPAC Meeting: August 1, 2024