

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

**Thursday,  
September 5, 2024  
8:00 AM  
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order – 8:05am
2. Members Present – Justin Preuss, Karen Hocking, Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, Anne Cournoyer, David Lenart

Also in attendance: Stephanie Levine and Kim Littig

3. Old Business
  - a. Sanitarian – Nothing to report
  - b. Human Services – The annual Back-to-School fundraiser and distribution of backpacks, school supplies, and gift cards helped 47 local school children in need. National Night Out – a collaborative event with the Somers Police Department was postponed due to rain on Tuesday, August 6th; we welcomed about 300 people instead on Tuesday, August 27. Various programs for seniors took place, including Renters' Rebate.
  - c. Police – 8/27 NNO hosted approximately 300 residents and had a number of different K-9's Drug, bomb and therapy dogs. There was a traffic seat belt machine, a police boat and other police vehicles on site. Raffle prizes from both Sonny's and Board and Brush were donated to raffle off at NNO. The speed enforcement grant is still being utilized to manage excessive speed in town. 8/5 Hero Day at the park hosted approximately 70 children. 8/17 Touch a Truck at the Fairgrounds has approximately 1,000 people attend. Others activities include School Resource Officer search, bus stop reviews, traffic studies and range requalification.  
Total calls for service – 1034  
Traffic accidents – 5  
Investigative Reports -6

DUI's - 0  
Burglaries – 0  
Larcenies – 1  
Arrests - 7

- d. Fire – 1500 Calls for service so far this year. St. Francis is pulling the blood supply program because it is not being utilized enough. Currently trying to hire for full time positions, having little luck getting any candidates, but have had some candidates for part time positions. Mutual Aid agreement has ended with Stafford. Rope equipment has been ordered and working on getting a new radio system. New roof should be in motion soon, then the bay floors.
- e. DPW – Summer operations coming to a close. Roof project for the fire station to start this month. Wi-Fi/Internet now at Camp Ayapo. Hope to have more A.C.O. and police presence there to monitor activities. Possible park host for the future.
- f. Schools – School began September 3<sup>rd</sup>. DEMHS will be coming into the High School to conduct a vulnerability assessment which are done bi-annually.
- g. CERT –CERT had a table at the NNO event and assisted with traffic. There was a great turnout of volunteers. Annual Picnic was held at Ann Levesque's home on 8/28. Training on 9/28 meeting will be conducted by the Red Cross regarding shelter operations. Other CERT teams will be invited to attend.

#### 4. New Business

- a. General Discussion  
No new business

- 5. Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve the minutes made by Todd Rolland and seconded by Dan Thayer, no objection. motion passes.
- 6. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Dan Thayer, seconded by Todd Rolland, no objection, motion passes. 8:40am.

**Next meeting October 3, 2024 8:00am**