

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

**Thursday,
April 3, 2025, 8:00 AM
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order: 8:03 am
2. Members Present: Dan Thayer, CERT Team Leader; Karen Hocking, Peter DeBrino, Fire Chief David Lenart, and Interim EMD / Superintendent of Highways Todd Rolland.

Others in attendance: Kim Littig, Stephanie Levin, Matthew Cox, and Ray Stoval.

3. Old Business
 - a. Sanitarian: Nothing to report
 - b. Human Services: Please see the attached report.
 - c. Police: Please see the attached report.
 - d. Fire: On March 7th, we experienced the Growers Direct fire, which was the largest fire the town has experienced in over a decade. Spring fire season is upon us. The FD held Officer Training with MissionCIT. The Chief and staff are working on revamping the Cadet Program. The Chief requests that we develop town-wide hoarding standards so that all agencies work in unison. The FD is working to integrate the CERT team into more operations. The FD is developing a Drone Program. Somers residents are still not using the 911 system for emergencies. They prefer to call the station directly. We are performing outreach and sending out reminders to urge all people to use the 911 system for all emergencies.
 - e. DPW: DPW has transitioned from winter operations to spring operations. The Parks Department is in full athletic field installation, and the Highway Department is in full road paving preparations.
 - f. Schools: Members of DEMHS Region 3, BOE Administration, and Somers EM conducted a High School Security assessment on March 13. Region 3 will send out a report in four to six weeks. Stephanie, Sam, and Todd attended a CRCOG pre-K-12 EM planning meeting. The High School generator transfer switch is scheduled to be installed on April 14th.

- g. CERT: Somers CERT now has 26 active members. Leadership met with the Chief. They talked about ways of utilizing CERT in more planned events and incidents. CERT is working on getting all members to complete ICS 100, 700, 200, and 800. CERT plans to attend several training sessions at the Fire Department, including Human Trafficking and Traffic Incident Management. 2025's CERT Day is on June 7th.

4. New Business

- a. General Discussion:

- i. Todd is working with the DOC and DAS to move the purchase of the 3+ acres of property on Bilton Road forward. This sale was approved by the Legislator and signed by the Governor in August 2024. We plan to construct a two-way radio tower on that site.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Dan Thayer motioned to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes, Peter Debrino seconded, and there was no objection. The motion passed.

- 6. Adjournment: Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn, Peter Debrino seconded, and there was no objection. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m.



**Town Of Somers
Police Department**

Monthly Report – Somers Police – March 2025

Total Calls for Service: 965

Traffic Accidents: 24

Criminal Investigations: 8

Burglaries: 0

Larcenies: 1

Total Arrests: 6

Traffic Stops: 30

Planning - National Night Out ongoing – Aug. 5, 2025 5:00pm – 7:30pm at Field Road Park

1 Officer recertified thru POSTC – annual 3 year training

Ongoing plans with Police, Fire, Schools – Active Aggressor Training Days

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Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Status Report for Human Services

April 3, 2025

Police/Fire Department Referrals – several referrals about unsafe conditions, elder neglect, child endangerment, inappropriate use of 911 and police reporting.

Truancy Referrals – partnering with Somers Schools (middle and high school) to best support youth with excessive, chronic absences and tardies. Many involve abuse or other trauma.

JRB – most involve vaping THC obtained with allowance money and/or provided by/stolen from parents or older siblings. Vaping occurs at home, in the community, and at school. All have histories of abuse/trauma/neglect.

Teen Center at Somers Public Library – still going great guns with an average of 20+ daily attendance to participate in positive activities that do not involve screen time and focus on life skills, improving communication, teamwork, and leadership development. Human Services staff are onsite Monday through Wednesday.

Youth Voices Count Survey was administered on April 2, to 7th and 8th graders at MBA. 85.8% completion rate, which is very good. Data analysis by outside consultant will take place in the next several weeks. We are awaiting a survey date for the high school.

Launched early childhood parent education and free play program – Beans and Babies -- for parents and grandparents of toddlers in Somers. Weekly on Tuesdays at Kibbe Fuller. We have 30+ unique participants. While children play, adults talk about various topics on parenting.

National Drug Take Back Day at the fire department will occur on April 26.

National Night Out planning with the police department.