

# TOWN OF SOMERS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 2, 2023

8:00 AM

Fire Station

1. Call to Order – 8:10am
2. Members Present: Trooper Justin Preuss, Superintendent of Highways Todd Rolland, CERT Team Leader Karen Hocking, Communications Manager Dan Thayer, EMD Anne Cournoyer, Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano, Human Services Director Matthew Cox, Police Administrator Kim Littig, Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin, Dan Thayer.  
  
Absent: Peter DeBrino
3. Old Business
  - a. Sanitarian – Nothing to report.
  - b. Social Services – Human Services to now provide services at schools. We are getting a number of referrals from local first responders. Seminar on Ryan’s Story about online bullying and suicide being offered to students. Currently hiring for a substance abuse prevention coordinator position. Conducted DEA Drug Takeback Day.
  - c. Police – DEA Drug Takeback collected 26.1 lbs of drugs from 30 people.. Everbridge blast will be sent out. This fundraiser historically serves over 80 families in need. Calls for services 1176, Traffic Accidents 7, DWI’s 1, Case Reports 7, Burglaries 1, Larcenies 0, and Arrests 9.
  - d. Fire – No Report
  - e. DPW – DWP will have a presence at Town Hall for the November 7<sup>th</sup> elections. Beginning to get quotes on equipment in response to legislation mandating safety equipment and supplies to mitigate cancer causing exposure. Beginning winter operations.
  - f. Schools – Conducted first lockdown drill. School Security and Safety Plan was submitted November 1<sup>st</sup> to the State. Board of Finance has approved a new transfer switch for the generator.
  - g. CERT – Conducted a shelter drill at the high school. Many CERT members attended. This was a good learning opportunity but there were limited outside volunteers likely due to the parking lots being full with other activities and limited access. Would like to see more formal training and instruction to CERT members.
4. New Business
  - a. Holiday festival will be December 9<sup>th</sup> on Battle Street. Will be conducting a joint presentation with DOT about 83/190 intersection. State Siting Council will conduct a presentation as well.

- b. Police will be running a Special Olympics Coin Drop fund raiser on December 8<sup>th</sup> 8-12pm in front of Dunkin. “Stuff a Cruiser” toy drive will commence 11/20 -12/8
  - c. General Discussion – no discussion.
5. Approval of Minutes: October 5, 2023 -Dan Thayer made a motion to approve minutes, Todd Rolland seconded. Motion carried.
  6. Adjournment – At 8:55am, motion to adjourn made by Dan Thayer, Todd Rolland seconded. Motion carried.