

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

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DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **280 Phoebe Lane Suite #1** **Delhi, New York 13753**

Delaware County Public Safety Meeting
Notes

November 4, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Delaware County Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Gladstone at 11:30 A.M. in Multi-Purpose Room 280 Phoebe Lane, Suite One Delhi, NY 13753 the following individuals were in attendance:

Supervisors

Wayland Gladstone, Chairman	Town of Andes
Allen Hinkley	Town of Roxbury
Betty Scott	Town of Masonville
Glen Faulker	Town of Middletown
Joseph Cetta	Town of Walton
Guest:	Elizabeth Defalco - Reporter Tina Molè - Chairwoman

Departments

Emergency Services	Steve Hood -Director Mark Rossley- 911 Coord.
Probation	Scott Glueckert- Director
Stop DWI	Scott Glueckert- Director
Code Enforcement	Dale Downin, Director (Absent)
Sheriff's Office	Craig DuMond- Sheriff Kim Smith - Undersheriff

Chairman Gladstone introduced the notes from October's meeting, notes were approved and will stand as submitted.

Emergency Services ---- Steve Hood, Director

Mr. Hood stated that the ambulance numbers for October are staying consistent. Mr. Hood stated that the August and September billing are right on point with what we have been receiving.

Mr. Hood stated that they have spent 2-3 weeks installing cameras for the tower sites for increased security. It is one camera installed but has 4 different views. Mr. Hood stated that they are notified if someone opens the door to the shelter, but cannot see who it is. Mr. Hood stated that they do not have any major problems but this will help continue to not have any issues. Mr. Hood stated that cameras are cloud based so that they can be accessed from anywhere even on phones. Mr. Hood stated that the cameras have AI technology built into them so the search capabilities are advanced. Supervisor Faulkner asked if signs were going to be posted to advise about camera. Mr. Hood stated that they did not right now but could to notify people that there are cameras at the properties.

Mr. Hood stated that Bill Boyle finished the road work at Pisgah and Grand Gorge to satisfy the DEP requirements. He finished them last week. Mr. Hood stated that have to finish 2 other sites but most likely going to wait until spring time for those.

Mr. Hood stated that Houck Mountain the water goes around the back and has heaved the fence right out of the ground. Coon hill is in rough shape and will need to have someone fix that as well.

Mr. Hood stated that they found an issue with the capital line that was not there anymore. Mr. Hood stated that they have not funded the Capital line over the last couple of years but now that balance is zero. After speaking with Christa and Kathy they are going to adjust budget to put \$250,000 in that line because going to need that money to build the tower site in trout creek.

They are also going to put another \$250,000 in the general maintenance line to fund the road work that is going to be needed to be done at the sites as well. Mr. Hood stated that cannot pay maintenance costs out of the capital costs.

Mr. Hood stated that over in the Arena area they did some testing on the road way to see where dead spots might be. Mr. Hood stated that the issues are when they are at their homes that are outside of the county. They have now set

them up with IM responding and set them up so they should all have pagers and seem to be getting decent coverage now. They are receiving the activation calls.

Mr. Hood stated that the newer Motorola pagers receive a lot better coverage than the ones that were first bought with the grant. Mr. Hood stated that when cell phone service is down will need a pager or no way of getting ahold of people.

Mr. Hood stated that Town of Hardenburg has not made a decision where they are going to locate their 1 or 2 tower sites yet but once they decide we will do testing to see if it will have accurate coverage. A good portion of Arena Fire Department live in the Town of Hardenburg.

Mr. Rossley stated that they will be doing some more on-site training with the new CAD system this month.

Mr. Hood stated that the Fire Department grant was given to 4 different departments within Delaware County. Each department new about it that it was for voluntary fire departments only.

Probation ---- Scott Glueckert, Director

Mr. Glueckert stated that the Drone was received and staff have been out at least 1 time a week using it to train on. Mr. Glueckert stated that they will continue doing this as long as the weather stays decent.

Mr. Glueckert stated that the pre-trial bill that has been circulating is now off the table. Mr. Glueckert stated that he does not believe it will be in the budget unless they slip it in there.

NYSAC reached out to the Counsel of Probation Administrators to provide budget information to them so that they could take them to the state Division of Budget to hopefully help offset probation costs for the counties. This is not guaranteed and do not know if it'll be even approved. Mr. Glueckert stated that the cost that the state has funded has been significantly reducing over the years, leading to most of the expense on the County now.

Mr. Glueckert stated that Raise the Age money the state cannot promise will receive either.

Stop DWI ---- Scott Glueckert, Coordinator

18 Arrests for the Month of October

15% increase from last year to this year

YTD 2024: 169 YTD 2023: 144

Refusals have gone down there has only been 28 this year compared to 40 last year.

Mr. Glueckert stated that the ADAC prior executive director is filling in right now but once they have someone new going to try to get into schools and more involved in community.

Mr. Glueckert stated that Delhi School asked to use the impairment goggles.

Code Enforcement ----- Dale Downin, Director

Mr. Downin was absent from the meeting.

Sheriff's Office ----- Craig DuMond, Sheriff

Sheriff stated that he has had 3 more school districts ask for School Resources Officers. Sheriff stated that Special Patrol Officers (SPO) have to be retired police or peace officers. Sheriff stated that a lot of people that are retiring do not want to get back into Law Enforcement. NYSSA continues to address the issue with SPOs with the State because they do not allow employees from their own agency to be rehired as SPOs without imposing a salary cap.

Sheriff stated that he has talked to several Superintendents, and they are reporting the need for a SPO to be in the school for the safety and security of the children, staff and facilities.

Sheriff stated that the schools pay the funding of that position to be in the school.

Sheriff stated that state Sheriffs are taking the lead on trying to get the schools on a consistent reporting a response program for all schools state-wide. It would be beneficial to schools and first responders to have each school in their county on the same system and plan.

Sheriff stated that Deputy Lucas Elmore had passed the first phase of DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) School. He was getting ready to head to Pennsylvania for phase 2 which would be more hands on experience.

Sheriff stated that Halloween went well and was pretty quiet for the most part.

Sheriff stated that the federal government prevailed on the legal action relative to granting all inmates to have free phones calls. It will most likely effect our 2026 budget and will be around \$30,000 cut to our revenue line.

Jail Board Ins:

Month: \$152,495

YTD: \$1,590,100

Chairman Gladstone ended the meeting around 12:10 PM, noted the next meeting will be on December 2, 2024 at 11:30 AM, and held in the Public Safety Building 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, NY 13753.