

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

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Delaware County Public Safety Meeting Notes

May 5, 2025

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:	Tina Molè – Chairwoman Elizabeth DeFalco – Reporter May Hungerford – Head Waters

Departments

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

Chairman Gladstone stated that there was an agenda change to discuss the local ambulance compensation.

Supervisor Faulkner wanted to follow up on the concept about the ambulance contracts or consideration of existing services in the county. Supervisor Faulkner stated that they have ALS support in Margaretville but was looking to see if there was any compensation to help continue that service.

Supervisor Faulkner stated that AMR presented the concerns about Middletown ambulance and if Middletown could not continue to run their ambulance AMR would have to look at putting another ambulance in service which would approximately cost the county \$500,000. Supervisor Faulkner was just wondering if there was a better solution to help better sustain services.

Supervisor Faulkner stated that Margaretville is struggling to maintain it as second ambulance due to staffing and cost. If extra funding was available that would definitely help to offset the cost of the ambulance.

Supervisor Faulkner and Supervisor Vernold are concerned for their towns also were that their towns are paying two taxes when they aren't really using the county ambulance compared to other towns that are using them constantly.

Everyone agreed that AMR is a backup option only and that the service is needed as it has helped significantly with response times. AMR is dispatched at same time to get wheels rolling to help continue to lower those response times and cancelled if another crew can take their call.

Supervisor Scott stated that AMR is similar to the Sheriff's Office just because local towns have Police Departments doesn't mean that they do not want to pay for the Sheriff's Office to help respond or respond if no one is available.

Mr. Hood stated that the grant that Westchester Medical Center provided through Margaretville Hospital has helped pay the costs of training for all the volunteers for EMS Trainings. So that the county can provide free training to all departments for EMS.

May Hungerford Director of Operations from Head Waters in Stamford seconded Supervisor Faulkner's concerns with getting funding to help off set their costs as well.

Supervisor Cetta stated that this is not going to happen over night and is going to take a lot of discussion and planning to figure out what the best options are and how to go about those options.

Mr. Hood and Supervisor Cetta stated that the fire service is not far behind and that this ambulance plan is going to be the model for when the fire service is needed.

Mr. Rossley stated that no department/service is going to make money on the ambulance side when responding to 911 calls. AMR bills to get funding back but still the county must pay a portion of the contract, but this service is providing appropriate care to the citizens for Delaware County. The ambulance service is never going to pay for itself.

Committee agreed to continue this discussion moving forward.

Emergency Services ---- Steve Hood, Director

Mr. Hood stated that he handed out the numbers for April for the ambulance. Mr. Hood stated that they seemed to go down a little bit. Transports have stayed pretty steady, but cancelations and number of activations are both down. Mr. Hood stated that now that have found what works best has helped with the number of cancelations.

Mr. Hood stated that the State released the money for the 2024 **NG 911 Grant**. This money has to be used for next generation 911 equipment for the 911 center. This will be used to upgrade different technology within the 911 center. Mr. Hood stated they are reviewing and looking to spend the money that was received. They have to outline a plan for spending the money and apply to physically receive the money. This is for a 5 year performance period. This is only a 1 time grant right now but will continue to watch and see if it comes out again. Mr. Hood stated they are still reviewing equipment with the vendors; everything will be off the state contract as they have all what is needed to purchase for the grant and then do not have to worry about anything else. Mr. Hood stated that they do not own a backup 911 center, which is something they were looking into.

Mr. Hood stated that tower inspections will be coming up shortly and Blue Wing will be coming out to go through every tower site and inspect the buildings and equipment. Mr. Hood stated that he believes there is roof damage at some of the sites but not to the point it is leaking into the building yet.

Mr. Hood stated that the generator people will be coming out to do their yearly inspections and are only back up solutions.

Mr. Hood stated that they have a draft copy of the RFP to be released on July 11th. This RFP is identical to the last one with only a few minor changes. Mr. Hood will bring a copy to the committee meeting next month to have it approved.

Probation ---- Scott Glueckert, Director

Mr. Glueckert stated that he has a Probation Officer that has advised they will be retiring either April or May of next year. Mr. Glueckert stated that the test is scheduled for next month. Mr. Glueckert increased his training budget a little this year and will increase his training budget next year as well to help cover the cost of the 9-week training that a new person will have to go through. Mr. Glueckert is going to contact Personnel next week to see what kind of response they had to take the test.

Mr. Glueckert stated that there is still no State Director of Probation. They have interviewed 4 candidates but still have not selected anyone. The interim State Director Matthew Charton does not want the job.

Mr. Glueckert stated that it would be helpful to have a State Director to help resolve issues that are going on with Probation Departments. Mr. Glueckert currently is struggling with his case management software system.

Stop DWI ---- Scott Glueckert, Coordinator

April arrest totals: 19

YTD: 69

Mr. Glueckert stated that this year-to-date total has increased over the last 4 years.

There were no refusals for the month of April and only 3 personal/property injuries.

Mr. Glueckert stated that fine money is down and still struggling to get people to pay their fines. Total for 2024 was \$50,862

Mr. Glueckert stated that they are continuing to dispense the impairment goggles and have only 5 sets to give out, but he has directed his probation officer that is going around with these not to just provide them to anyone as he doesn't want them just to miss placed and not used.

Mr. Glueckert stated that Alcohol and Drug Counsel has asked about using the pedal carts again, and he advised them that he would need 2-3 weeks' notice so that he could arrange transportation of these carts.

Code Enforcement ----- Dale Downin, Director

Mr. Downin was absent from the meeting.

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

Sheriff stated that summer activities and events are lining up and we are looking forward to making those appearances at the events.

Sheriff stated that Deputy Lucas Elmore received the State Award for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. We are very proud of the work he has been doing as a Drug Recognition Expert and on patrol.

Sheriff stated that this week we will be having in service training; Reality based training, and legal issues training by the District Attorney. Safe Against Violence will also be coming in to provide training as well.

Sheriff stated that our annual awards ceremony will be held Wednesday May 7th at 1 PM, and everyone is invited to attend.

Sheriff stated that the Jail continues to do inmate work details with cleaning up garbage on sides of the roads. They also recently went to visit one of the animal shelters to help fill in potholes.

Sheriff stated that we received a Technology grant from the State to help fund different equipment related to technology for our Office. Sheriff stated that this helped us purchase body cameras for the Jail staff. All officers are now equipped with a BWC. This significantly protects the agency from false and frivolous claims.

Jail Revenue

Month: \$137,240

YTD: \$538.460

Chairman Gladstone ended the meeting around 12:30 PM, noted the next meeting will be on June 2, 2025 at 11:30 AM, and held in the Public Safety Building 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, NY 13753.