

# Delaware County Sheriff's Office

**Craig S. DuMond**  
*Sheriff*

**Kim S. Smith**  
*Undersheriff*



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

### Delaware County Public Safety Meeting Notes

January 8, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Delaware County Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Gladstone at 11:30 A.M. in BOS Conference 111 Main Street, Delhi, NY 13753 the following individuals were in attendance:

#### **Supervisors**

Wayland Gladstone, Chairman	Town of Andes
Allan Hinkley (Absent)	Town of Roxbury
Betty Scott	Town of Masonville
<b>Guest:</b>	Vicky Klukkert- Daily Star

#### **Departments**

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

Chairman Gladstone asked Supervisor Scott if she had any concerns or questions about the meeting notes, but due to no quorum notes were not approved and will be back on the table at February meeting.

**Emergency Services ---- Steve Hood, Director**

Mr. Hood stated that the tower in Masonville/Trout Creek the land owner had flagged out where he wanted the road to be. Once the surveyor came and mapped the road found out a part of it went into the neighbors property so will have to move the road 10-15 feet back off their property.

Mr. Hood stated that Verizon is working on getting on the Pine Hill tower still, but they are fully active on the Grand Gorge tower.

Mr. Hood stated that ambulance numbers for December are staying about the same as previous months. Mr. Hood stated that collections have gone up a little but still staying steady. Mr. Hood will plan on doing a presentation for the Board Meeting on 01/24 about the ambulance.

Chairman Gladstone and Supervisor Scott advised to give an overall picture of what the summary was that the ambulance has done since they have had it in place. For instance, what the program cost verse what we receive in revenue, total number of calls, and average reimbursement per call.

Mr. Hood stated that they have had two more tower buildings along with the Davenport building with water issues. These two they were able to divert the water away from the equipment so no equipment was ruined. VFP the company that manufactured the buildings is coming to inspect the buildings and see what is going on, as they have done several buildings throughout the Northeast and never had this issue happen. They are thinking it could be condensation in the buildings because there is not enough equipment to keep the building warm to have the HVAC system work properly, but they are going to inspect to find out what is causing it this week.

Mr. Rossley state that the VPN devices have been installed for the new CAD system. There will continue to be on going meetings and phone calls throughout this process. They are going to start building process at the end of the month for the Sheriff's side. Mr. Rossley stated that 1 week a month from now until end of summer will most likely have a building phase or a training phase.

Mr. Rossley stated that they hired 2 new people in the 911 center and had 1 resignation. That leaves them with 1 Full Time Position to still fill.

Mr. Hood stated that Governor Hochul denied Margaretville Hospital funding. With her denying this funding it could potentially shut down

Margaretville Hospital and the Nursing home. Mr. Hood stated that he prepared a resolution to be presented at the Board Meeting to help get this money reinstated. Margaretville Hospital helps cover that end of the county with ambulance calls and transports. This would be a major loss to the County and Communities.

Mr. Hood stated that right before Christmas the State put out a Volunteer Fire Fighter equipment grant. They are trying to help recruit and retain volunteers and their equipment. The grant is for 20 million for infrastructure projects and 5 million for equipment. Mr. Hood states that hopefully all the local departments will apply as it has a 3-year time frame to get the work done. It is based on a points system for scoring to decide how much is given, but they also include the poverty level, which will help add points for us.

**Probation ---- Scott Glueckert, Director**

Mr. Glueckert stated that he received information from the State that they are going to provide \$68,000 to Probation to help offset the cost of pre-trial services. Mr. Glueckert must submit a report for spending overview, but waiting for more guidance on what they are looking for exactly.

Mr. Glueckert stated that at any given time he has about 35 pre-trial cases going.

Mr. Glueckert stated that with the State Director of Probation at DCJS retiring everyone is still trying to figure out who is supposed to answer what.

Mr. Glueckert stated that later this month a couple Probation Directors will be meeting with Assembly Member Kellis, as she is trying to remove pre-trial services from probation and give it to a non-profit organization. Mr. Glueckert stated that that will not work for most counties in NYS. Mr. Glueckert stated that at this meeting they are going to try to explain to Assembly Member Kellis about why it would not be in the best interest to change this.

Mr. Glueckert stated that they are in the final training for their software to be fully transferred over to the remote housed. The Officers will have access to it on their phones so that they can see files and information right from the field. This is going to help a lot when report writing and looking up information.

Mr. Glueckert stated that still waiting to hear guidance from the State on the Clean Slate act. Everyone is just holding on to everything until get more direction on how to go about this.

**Stop DWI ---- Scott Glueckert, Coordinator**

Mr. Glueckert stated that there were 164 arrests for 2023, with an average of 15 a month for the first 9 months then dropping off slightly the remainder of the year. Mr. Glueckert stated that the Sheriff's Office had the highest with 31 arrests.

Mr. Glueckert stated that there were 56 arrests due to personal injury or property damage. This is the seconded highest he has seen over the last several years. Hoping for that number to go down next year, but understands it is hard when not enough personnel to do the extra time.

Mr. Glueckert stated that there were 41 refusals which was about 25%.

Mr. Glueckert stated that fine revenue was \$38,523 but has not received the last quarter. He budgeted \$50,000 and should just make that quota.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he is waiting to hear back from the College about catering a Law Enforcement Appreciation breakfast.

#### **Code Enforcement ----- Dale Downin, Director**

Mr. Downin stated that DPW is now moving into their new building and Planning should be moving in at the end of the month.

Mr. Downin stated that the Bloomville building will be the next one done, and then the Walton one will be last.

Mr. Downin stated that whenever someone works on a tower site such as the pine hill, or court house square they have to receive a permit. Mr. Downin stated that they charge \$2000 a permit and they do this so they know exactly what is being done to the tower and in order to ensure everything is done accordingly.

Mr. Downin stated that in the new building DPW and Planning both have new board meeting rooms that can be utilized as well.

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

Sheriff reported on a press conference on Friday about the stand off in Delhi. Sheriff stated that more of these incidents are happening in the area. Sheriff stated that it was handled well, as officers were patient and deliberate about their execution of the plan. Chairman Gladstone asked if the emergency trailer was needed. Sheriff said it was not needed for this particular incident but it is going to be needed in the future.

Sheriff stated that there will be a Press Conference Friday 01/12/24 at 11 AM in the County Board Room about a major felony drug and weapons arrest that our office recently executed. Again, there were ghost guns which are untraceable guns associated with this arrest as well.

Sheriff stated that we are planning the annual Awards Ceremony for sometime in February. Announcement of the date is forthcoming.

Sheriff stated that the Annual Report should be ready to presented at the March Board meeting.

Jail Revenue

Month: \$152,960

Total for 2023: \$826.940

Sheriff is hoping these numbers continue with our contract with the federal government.

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Chairman Gladstone ended the meeting around 12:20 PM, noted the next meeting will be on February 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM, and held in the Public Safety Building 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, NY 13753