

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

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Delaware County Public Safety Meeting
Notes

March 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:	Tina Molè - Chairwoman Vicky Klukkert- Daily Star Elizabeth Defalco - Reporter

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

Mr. Gladstone introduced the meeting notes from February's meeting and will stand as submitted.

Emergency Services ---- Steve Hood, Director

Mr. Hood advised that February's ambulance numbers has seemed to drop about 100 calls, which this is a big decrease from previous months. Mr. Hood stated that they did see a good increase in January's collections. Mr. Hood stated that numbers have been staying pretty steady for the most part.

Mr. Hood stated that 40% of the calls in Delhi are for the nursing home and the Delhi volunteers most of the time let County Ambulance handle those calls and will only go if they are not available.

Mr. Hood stated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of fire calls are going to the college for false alarms on campus. Because the alarm had been activated. The Fire Department must go and watch them reset the alarm to ensure it has been reset properly. EMS does not deal with the college very often.

Mr. Hood stated that they are still waiting for the homeowner to figure out his property lines to get the survey fixed for the road to be built.

Mr. Hood advised that Tyler Technologies is working closely with Mr. Rossley regarding the new CAD Build. Part of the multi-purpose room is being set up for training aspects of the building process.

Mr. Hood stated that he is going to bring up that OSHA is totally rewriting their Fire session and going to mention this at the Fire Advisory Board Meeting. Mr. Hood stated that this is really going to affect Volunteer Fire Departments because it is going to be a whole new stress of having to provide certain things under their guidelines. This is going to cost departments a significant amount. Mr. Hood stated that it is out for public comment right now but must be very cautious.

Supervisor Cetta asked about still receiving text messages about calls. Mr. Hood stated that they have changed and they send one email to the IM Responding software that then sends the message to everyone in the software. The software is managed by the local departments Chiefs. The reason for this is because trying to send all the messages out was causing the county server to overload and then no other communication could happen because that was tied up. Most departments have the IM Responding Software, and Mr. Rossley and Mr. Hood are working with the departments that do not currently have it. The software is not expensive.

Probation ---- Scott Glueckert, Director

Mr. Glueckert stated that he finally received the reimbursement for Raise the Age period of April 2022 – March 2023 of \$158,000. Mr. Glueckert stated that Personnel advised him to still submit in contract for the open position so that have it if it needs to be filled. Mr. Glueckert advised right now he does not need to fill the position. Mr. Glueckert is hoping that it is not going to take as long to receive funding for this 2023-2024 period.

Mr. Glueckert stated that received a recent memo regarding the change in probationary periods for new hires. Mr. Glueckert stated that he normally needs to hire someone provisionally, after which they must take the civil service test which in turn takes several months to obtain the results. Now the regulation stated the probationary period starts when they are hired, which does not give a justifiable time frame to evaluate someone. There is also a 9-week training period they must fulfill within 1 year of being hired. The state also says you cannot send someone out into the field without training. Mr. Glueckert stated that normally what used to happen is the person was given a case load and sent out into the field for a couple months with another Officer as they await attending training. Personnel is forwarding Mr. Glueckert's concerns to the civil service to see what they have to say about it.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he has one Officer going out on medical leave, but had one come back from maternity leave so they should be good to cover the caseloads.

Stop DWI ---- Scott Glueckert, Coordinator

Mr. Glueckert advised there were 14 arrests for January and 13 for February totaling 27 for the year so far. 5 of those arrests were from accidents and 3 were refusals.

Mr. Glueckert stated that there was a total of 164 arrests for last year which is a decent number and is about average.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he has a meeting with Catholic Charities because they are the ones that put the Victim Impact Panel on and organize everything. Mr. Glueckert stated that he sends staff to breathalyzes people before the meeting and then when coming back after lunch break. Mr. Glueckert stated that Governors Traffic Safety wants an official contract drawn up so that there is documentation. Mr. Glueckert is going to work on an MOU with Catholic Charities. Most of these meetings are held in Oneonta or here in Delhi.

Code Enforcement ----- Dale Downin, Director

Mr. Downin was absent from the meeting.

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

Chairman Gladstone acknowledge the employee awards ceremony that Sheriff held for the agency. Sheriff stated that he appreciated everyone's attendance and is thankful that he can do this to acknowledge the excellent work of his employees and the contributions they make to make Delaware County a better place.

Sheriff stated that the Corrections Academy is underway. Sheriff stated that we have seen some applications come in for Corrections and will be working our way through them to hopefully fill some more vacancies.

Sheriff stated that we have a Sergeant on Road Patrol being processed for the State Police. Sheriff stated that we have a couple people already on an eligibly list that could potentially have the opportunity to be promoted to a Supervisor position.

Sheriff stated that the amount of overdoses are a problem and concerning. Our deputies are doing their best to handle all these situations.

Sheriff stated that he did a Radio show with WGY Radio out of Albany regarding policing in NYS.

Sheriff stated that he will be in Albany tomorrow all day to meet with the staff of the Governor's Office about pending legislation. Sheriff stated that they are lobbying for deputies to carry and administer epi-pens and have been lobbying for this for a couple of years.

Sheriff stated that the annual report is finished, and will be posted on the County Website as well.

Jail Revenue:

Month: \$154,660

YTD: \$315,720

Supervisor Faulkner mentioned that Brian Perazone provided MTC with an active shooter training that was outstanding and very beneficial.

Chairman Gladstone ended the meeting around 12:10 PM, noted the next meeting will be on April 1, 2024 at 11:30 AM, and held in the Public Safety Building 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, NY 13753