

# 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

August 5, 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
<b>Guest:</b>  Tina Molè - Chairwoman	Elizabeth Defalco - Reporter Jillian McCarthy - Daily Star Alex Wilson - Sheriff's Association

### **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 meeting notes from July and will stand as submitted.

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

Mr. Hood stated that there has been a lot of fires in the county and most are related to electrical issues. Mr. Hood said that they now have 5 investigators in the county now because Maggie just got certified. Mr. Hood stated that when a call goes out normally get a couple investigators and then have apprentices that help.

Mr. Hood stated that the land owner in Trout Creek is still looking for an attorney. The fire department is now starting to look for other locations that are road side. This would cut the cost down in half due to not having to build a road.

Mr. Hood stated that they are getting ready for the fair and will be pushing stuff about the alarm law.

Mr. Hood stated that Tyler Technologies will be here this week and the week after fair to complete training with staff. The plan is to go live August 28, 2024.

Mr. Hood stated that they have a micro site for the arena fire station but it is not covering some people due to living outside of the county. The Town of Hardenburg does have an obligation to cover but FCC does not allow to project outside of the county due to interference with other county services. Mr. Hood stated that they could do a propagation before they build a tower site to see how or where might be the best spot as there is fiber all the way in the valley.

Mr. Hood stated that they have had buildings at the Tower sites crack again as well. Mr. Hood stated that 3 of them are under warranty but they are pushing for them to come back and fix the others as well. The issues are not due to moisture because building is not hot enough.

Supervisor Cetta was approached because of the mass casualties within the county and did not have radio service. Supervisor Cetta stated that if had a deployable repeater might have helped with a lot of communication. Mr. Hood stated that cannot put a repeater on a simulcast system because the repeater just repeats back out. The system was built to get 95% of coverage with mobile radio and we are close to that percentage. Mr. Hood stated that might have to run command from mobile radio instead of handheld radios.

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

Mr. Glueckert stated that it has been a busy month.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he had 1 staff member approach him stating that they are most likely going to look to retire next year. Mr. Glueckert stated that he has requested to get a test scheduled for next year. Mr. Glueckert stated that due to the longer training period and cost he is going to have to significantly increase his training budget for next year.

Mr. Glueckert stated that Raise the Age was submitted last month.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he will have a Resolution for the end of the month for the Drone purchase and staff are very excited about this and to get out training. IT seems to be on board with getting it quickly.

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

Mr. Glueckert stated that there were 21 arrests for the month of July which was a really good month.

Total this year: 120

Last year this time: 110

Refusals: 5 (elevated number again)

Personal Injury: 2

Property Damage: 3

Mr. Glueckert stated that State Police had quite a few arrests last month with 10 arrests out of Margaretville barracks.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he had 12 attendees from Delaware County for the Victim Impact Panel.

Mr. Glueckert stated that some judges are allowing people to take victim impact panel online but the only person able to allow/choose how people take this course is the Stop DWI Coordinator. Mr. Glueckert stated that he does not like the online approach. Mr. Glueckert stated that there will be another Victim Impact Panel in November in Oneonta. He did have a few staff members help out and they check everyone that comes in, and again after lunch. Mr. Glueckert stated that he did not have anyone come under the influence this time. If they do show up under the influence it's a violation of probation and they take this matter very seriously.

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

Mr. Downin was absent from the meeting.

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

Sheriff introduced Alex Wilson who is Associate Counsel for the Sheriff's Association. Alex has been instrumental with the lobbying and setting up meetings.

Mr. Wilson stated that he represents management not labor, but they help with everything and everyone within the individual Sheriff's Offices. Mr. Wilson stated that he helps with legal guidance and training but is in charge of the lobbying.

Mr. Wilson stated that this last session was quiet because of the upcoming election. Once next year hits it's a new year. Mr. Wilson stated that they want what is best for the Sheriff's and to provide them as many resources as possible. Mr. Wilsons stated that he believes the legislature will be more active regarding criminal justice in 2025. Mr. Wilson stated that the legislature continues to push for decarcerating, however, it is the Sheriffs believe that violent people should be held not let out. The Association also continues to push for civil service reform and making the hiring process easier and more streamlined.

Sheriff stated that each time that he contacts any of the Attorney's at the Sheriff's Association they are all very responsive and have saved the county a lot of money and help with a lot of issues we deal with.

#### Jail Revenue

Month: \$152,900

Total: \$1,122,190

Sheriff stated that we graduated 5 new cadets last month in the Corrections Academy.

Sheriff stated that right now there has been a lot of training with new CAD system.

Sheriff stated that the part time Deputy has resigned due to some personal issues.

Sheriff stated that we are getting ready for the Delaware County Fair and staying busy with that coming up.

Sheriff stated that we have been busy with more DWIs recently.

Sheriff stated that we have a minimum staffing level for the jail from Commission of Corrections so might as well fill the beds with federal inmates.

Supervisor Faulker asked Mr. Wilson if there is anything that Supervisors could do to assist at the County level. Mr. Wilsons stated that

continuing to voice opinions surrounding bail reform and encouraging legislatures to continue to tweak the program until they get it right.

Mr. Wilson stated that the low hanging fruit might be the issues with the civil service reform. This is still a very important topic though, as we need to make these jobs more attractive to younger people.

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Chairman Gladstone ended the meeting around 12:30 PM, noted the next meeting will be on September 9, 2024 at 11:30 AM, and held in the Public Safety Building 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, NY 13753.