

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

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Delaware County Public Safety Meeting
Notes

February 3, 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:	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
Sheriff's Office	Craig DuMond- Sheriff Kim Smith - Undersheriff

Chairman Gladstone introduced the meeting notes from January and they will stand as submitted. Chairman Gladstone stated that Mr. Glueckert asked for executive session at the end.

Emergency Services ---- Steve Hood, Director

Mr. Hood stated that Maggie is working on the ambulance numbers for the past month. She is also working on presentation about the ambulance contract and how it has been beneficial to the county. Mr. Hood stated that they plan on doing a dry run through at next Public Safety Meeting and then presenting it to the Board.

Mr. Hood stated the numbers are staying pretty steady.

Mr. Hood stated that the contract with AMR is going to end in December. He does not foresee substantial changes in the contract, as there has not been any hiccups in service and no days that were not fulfilled the contract. Mr. Hood stated that we cannot provide the same service that they are providing. Mr. Hood stated that there are a lot of calls for the nursing home but someone has to take care of them. Mr. Hood stated that have had to send Pinder's Corners ambulance over before to cover the nursing home. Mr. Hood stated that everyone is getting a piece of the pie and everyone backs up each other. Mr. Hood stated that Hancock will come to Walton and help, and Margaretville will go to Roxbury and help as well. Mr. Hood stated that people are now getting the care and ambulance that is needed within a reasonable time frame.

Mr. Hood stated that we are financially around where we expected to be. Mr. Hood stated that 80% of the people calling for ambulance are either on Medicaid or Medicare which the state sets the fees for how much can be collected.

Mr. Hood stated that we pay AMR a monthly fee based on the contract amount that was agreed upon. They are collecting between \$50,000 and \$70,000 a month in billed services. In 2023 they are only lacking approximately \$160,000 for the whole year for revenue recovery. Mr. Hood stated that all the billing mechanics and everything that is included in billing is within the contract. Mr. Hood stated that the law changed in January that they can bill the insurance company directly for the services instead of checks going to the people themselves and trying to recoup that money from them.

Mr. Hood stated that the new Dodge truck has been received for Mark and the old one is going to go to maintenance. This truck will help with towing the trailers that already have as some are pretty heavy.

Mr. Hood stated that have received an offer from that State Flood Mitigation offering equipment to be kept at our facility. This equipment would

be able to be used at our degression, but the State would maintain ownership and if the State needed they would be able to come get it. Mr. Hood had Jerney review the MOU with that State and said that he approved of it. Mr. Hood listed server items the State is willing to provide and all equipment is brand new, we would have to maintain the equipment.

Supervisor Faulkner stated that he has been contacted about the Mountain Jam Festival that is now being moved to Belleayre. Mr. Hood stated that Ulster County has been in contact and hopefully will invite us to the meetings when planning for the event. It is supposed to happen around end of June.

Probation ---- Scott Glueckert, Director

Mr. Glueckert stated that last week he was in Las Vegas at the American Probation Conference. Mr. Glueckert stated that he attended a lot of the sessions on Officer retention recruitment, Officer wellness, and Officer safety. Mr. Glueckert stated that there is another conference down in NYC at the end of August he is going to try to attend as well.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he is working with NYSAC to change the ignition interlock rules that are including people under parole as well. Mr. Glueckert stated that parole did not want to it so it got pushed to probation departments. Mr. Glueckert stated that there is nothing that they can do because they have already served their time. Mr. Glueckert stated that probation departments continue to push this and hopefully resolve this year.

Mr. Glueckert stated that the State Governors budget has come out but there is nothing directly influencing Probation Departments. Mr. Glueckert stated that they still did not increase the amount of funding they are providing to Probation Departments. Mr. Glueckert stated that they are trying to push until final budget comes out.

Stop DWI ---- Scott Glueckert, Coordinator

Mr. Glueckert stated that the annual report from last year isn't finalized because the TSLED report is not working.

January arrests 19

Property Damage 5

Personal Injury 0

Refusals 1

Mr. Glueckert stated that he has started to distribute the goggles to the schools.

Mr. Glueckert stated that he will be looking to get committee approval soon to distribute money out to schools for after prom programs. Mr. Glueckert will be sending out letters this month and should get funding requests by next month.

Code Enforcement ----- Dale Downin, Director

Mr. Downin stated that there is a bunch of new code officers and he is helping them out in the field and stuff.

Mr. Downin stated that he is going to have to have surgery on his knee and Josh Morgan is going to help out with Code Enforcement during that time.

Mr. Downin stated that it is getting hard to find people that want to do Code Enforcement and has suggested that multiple towns go together and pay 1 person full time to do the work.

Mr. Downin stated that County Code Enforcement is hard because of the consistency of work. Mr. Downin stated that sometimes there is a tone of work and other times there is not. But having 1 full time person for multiple towns would lead to more consistent code enforcement in those towns.

Supervisor Faulkner stated that FEMA was awarding technically assistant team grant program that would cover 3 years and training and salary for a code enforcement officer. Supervisor Faulkner stated that that would be great for those 3 years but what happens after those 3 years.

Mr. Downin stated that there is 10 County wide Code Enforcement Officers right now. He stated the biggest thing not keeping people is the salary as there is a lot to the job and a lot of changes happening.

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

Sheriff stated that we launched our brand-new website. The site has a lot of information and really looks great. Website: Dealwarecountysheriff.gov

Sheriff stated that three of our Deputies received recognition as Deputies of the Year from the State Sheriff's Association. We also received a Dispatcher of Telecommunication of the Year award as well.

Sheriff stated that we will be working on doing our annual report and annual awards ceremony in the upcoming months.

Sheriff stated that our armored vehicle has outlived its useful life. Sheriff stated that he went to look and possibly obtain a vehicle from Otsego County because they just bought a new one. He stated that this one is old as well but will suffice for now. We are going to have to look at possibly getting a new vehicle in the near future. Sheriff stated that the base cost is between

\$200,000 and \$250,000. There are grant programs out there life federal grants that help with the cost. The state has restricted access to obtaining military vehicles that have been declared surplus. This significantly hinders NYS agencies from receiving this free equipment from the feds.

Sheriff stated that the NYS Legislature is doubling down on more criminal oriented legislation. The state is trying to end all pre-text stops, and equipment violations. These instances are not only vital to traffic safety but also give probably cause to rids our roads of drunk/drugged drivers. Sheriff stated that this will significantly increase the amount of fatal accidents.

Sheriff stated that the office will be initiating our community outreach for 2025 beginning with Coffee with the Sheriff around the county.

Jail Revenue

January: \$133,550

YTD: \$133,550

Sheriff stated that we are donating the used mattress from the jail that can no longer be used to local animal shelters.

Chairman Gladstone ended the meeting around 12:16 PM, noted the next meeting will be on March 3, 2025 at 11:30 AM, and held in the Public Safety Building 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, NY 13753.

Chairman Gladstone asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. Supervisor Scott made motion to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by Supervisor Hinkley.

Supervisor Hinkley made motion to come out of Executive Session and it was seconded by Supervisor Cetta.