

**Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Friday, November 7, 2014
8:00 AM
Fire House**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Kradas at 0800 hours.

Members present: LT Jose' Claudio, Mr. Peter DeBrino, EMD Tim Kradas, PWD Todd Rolland, Supt. Maynard Suffredini, and Dan Thayer.

Members absent: Mrs. Karen Hocking, Fire Chief Gary Scheissl, Mr. Joseph Tolisano

Also present: Deputy EMD Jeff Bord, Mr. William Boutwell, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone, Mrs. Paula LaFrance, Ms. Kim Littig, and Town Clerk Ann Logan.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A draft of the September 12, 2014 Minutes was distributed prior to the meeting. The reading of the minutes was waived by voice vote. A motion to accept the minutes as drafted was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The Minutes were passed by voice vote.

Somers CERT Update

Mr. Pete DeBrino provided a brief update of CERT activities since the September meeting.

ID Card System

EMD Tim Kradas reported that the I.D. system has been delivered. The system is to reside at the Resident Troopers Office, and it was agreed that three members of the Resident Troopers Office will be trained in the operation of the system. Once the training is complete we will begin issuing ID cards to town employees and members of CERT / Emergency Management.

LPFM Station

EMD Tim Kradas recommended that a meeting be scheduled between Mr. John Ramsey and town representatives to discuss a timetable and needs for the LPFM station. Supt. Maynard Suffredini reported that this meeting should take place after the upcoming holidays as Mr. Pete Stone will be retiring. EMD Tim Kradas will be working to set up a meeting date in the near future. A source of funding for this project will also be discussed as it has yet to be determined.

New Business

Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Todd Rolland reported that electrical and audio-visual upgrades have been made to the EOC conference room. Also, a wall is to be erected to secure the EOC conference room area and main office from the rest of the building. Mr. Thayer reported that antenna installation for the radios in the EOC was also made in October.

2014 EMPG

Mr. Kradas reported that the process for the 2014 EMPG is now underway according to State of Connecticut DEMHS. An official notification from DEMHS will be forthcoming, hopefully by the end of the month.

Shelter Drill

Mr. DeBrino reported that a shelter drill was conducted at the Somers High School on Wednesday evening, 11/05/14. The drill was well attended by CERT members and also unveiled best practices and lessons learned. EMD Tim Kradas appointed Ms. Ann Logan as the new Somers Shelter Manager with the departure of Ms. Amy Sada.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn, which was passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM

Timothy Kradas
Chairman

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