

Town of Boscawen
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – Draft
August 18, 2026

Present: Police Chief Killary, Fire Chief Kenney, Penacook Rescue Chief Brechtel, Chair Kevin Sullivan, Gary Waters, Ex-Officio Matt Burdick, Barbara Randall

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Chief Killary motioned to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Chief Kenney. All in favor.

Police Updates:

- Officer Rivers begins Police Academy August 24th.
- The Department has been dealing with more patrols on the newly paved Water St, homelessness situations, and drug arrests.
- They have received funding toward an E-bike program from Franklin Savings Bank and Central NH Bicycling Coalition.
- The policy program is moving along with its updates.
- Boscawen PD was represented in a recent charity golf tournament for Special Olympics.
- Chief Killary explained that the cameras at the round about were placed by NHDOT. They are for traffic counting purposes only.

Fire Updates:

- There have been 218 calls to date which is on par with last year.
- They are looking at purchasing a new truck.
- Through Mutual Aid, the department helped with a house fire in Salisbury, a business in Loudon, and a drowning in the Merrimack River.
- Due to young people moving, work obligations, and aging, the department is looking at a 16-17 decrease in personnel.
- Discussion ensued regarding certification and recruitment.
- The fire station addition is waiting on an engineering study to be done.

Rescue:

- Call volume is steady; just under 800. Boscawen's volume is higher than surrounding towns.
- Looking toward to the future, thought has to be given to the number of new homes being built, as well as a 90 plus additional beds for assisted living at the County Nursing Home and how it all will impact the Town's emergency services.
- Chief Brechtel has been applying for several grants and is receiving one from Franklin Savings Bank.
- Staffing is good currently ("Knock on wood.")

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- The new ambulance should arrive in September.

Emergency Management:

- Chief Killary will reach out to Boscawen Elementary Principal Jeff Drouin regarding hosting a safety assemble for the students sometime in September. Police, fire, and rescue will all be present for the assembly.

Due to work and personal obligations, Sean Goldman tended his resignation to the committee via letter. Chair Sullivan thank him for his contribution to the committee.

Chief Killary and Chief Kenney will have an informational table at Welch Park during Old Home Day. Chief Killary hopes to gather names and email addresses of people willing to be contacted through an email blast when the Town needs volunteers for events.

Matt Burdick motioned to adjourn at 7:28PM. Seconded by Chief Kenney.

Next meeting: October 13th, 6:00PM, at the fire station