

MEETING AGENDA

Androscoggin County Commissioners
 2nd Floor Conference Room
 June 16, 2021 - 5:15 p.m.



This meeting is open for public attendance.
 Zoom directions are provided at: androscoggincountymaine.gov

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** Time:
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call** Commissioners Absent: _____
- IV. **Employee Recognition**

A	Deputy Andrew Levesque Commendation	
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- V. **Accept and Approve with a Waiver of Reading the Minutes**

A*	Meeting Dates: June 2, 2021	
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- VI. **Review and Approval of All Warrants**

A*	Warrants: Manual, Payroll, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2139J, 2140J, 2141J.	
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- VII. **Reports** **Notes:**

A	Maine County Commissioners Association M.C.C.A.	
B	Central/Western Maine Workforce Board	
C	Treasurer's Report	
C	Administrator's Report	
- VIII. **Comments from the Public**

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- IX. **New Business** **Notes:**

A	Actions on Rescue Fund	
B	Video Conferencing Policy (Comm. Lary)	
- X. **Discussion Items (Commissioners Only)**

A	American Rescue Plan	
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- XI. **Future Agenda Items (Commissioners Only)**

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- XII. **Adjourn** Time:

* Action Required

Next Commissioners' Meeting: July 21, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in 2nd Floor Conference Room



ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2 TURNER ST. UNIT 9
AUBURN, ME 04210
207-753-2500

ERIC G. SAMSON
SHERIFF

WILLIAM GAGNE
CHIEF DEPUTY

May 25, 2021

Deputy Andrew Levesque
Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office
2 Turner Street
Auburn, Maine 04210

RE: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Deputy Levesque,

I received the attached letter from Sergeant Matthew Elie of the Auburn Police Department describing your heroic actions on the morning of May 15, 2021. It is apparent that your quick and heroic actions likely saved the lives of the occupants of 248 Turner Street.

On behalf of Sheriff Samson and the rest of the administrative staff I want to commend you for a Job Well Done! Congratulations!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Gagne".

William Gagne,
Chief Deputy

CC: Sergeant Lovering
Personnel file



Auburn Police Department

Jason D. Moen | Chief of Police

Timothy A. Cogle | Deputy Chief of Police

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60 Court Street | Auburn, Maine 04210

May 20th, 2021

Chief Deputy Gagne,

On 05/15/2021 at approximately 0050 hours, Auburn Police and Fire were dispatched to 248 Turner Street (a four-unit apartment building) for a report of a structure fire. The South side of this building was nearly fully engulfed, with thick, black smoke filling the interior and billowing out of multiple windows and entryways. I arrived within seconds of receiving this call, as I had only been a few blocks away, and so I was surprised to see an Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department police vehicle already on scene upon my arrival.

As I ran towards this building, I observed approximately four to five individuals running South on Turner Street, away from the fire. I briefly stopped them and asked if they lived in the building (248 Turner Street). They stated they did. I then asked if they knew if anyone was still inside, and they informed me there were people still inside. I continued to run towards the fire and as I made my way up the front porch steps of 248 Turner Street, observed multiple people begin to exit the building, with an Androscoggin County Sheriff's Deputy, Deputy Andrew Levesque, following behind them. He was the last one out, and while coughing heavily, told me that it would be impossible for us to re-enter the building at this time due to the severity of the smoke.

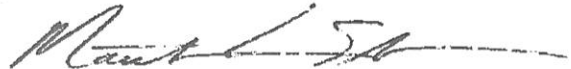
I made my way over to the parking lot of Fortin's Funeral Home, located directly across the street, which was where the occupants of 248 Turner Street had fled to after escaping the fire. I was then able to locate an individual from each of the four apartments within the building and confirm that everyone who resided with them in each of their apartments was present and accounted for.

A few hours later, I was speaking with one of the tenants, Michael Treadwell, who lived in the second-floor apartment of 248 Turner Street with his wife and four children. During this conversation, he stated, in substance, "Thank God for that officer. If it hadn't been for him calling out and shining his flashlight around, I'm not sure we would have been able to find our way out, because I couldn't see anything due to all of the smoke."

Based on my own observations at the scene of this structure fire, as well as my conversation with Mr. Treadwell, I firmly believe that had Deputy Levesque not rushed into the building as he did, without hesitation,

multiple lives could have very well been lost, due to smoke inhalation or otherwise. Therefore, I would like to personally recommend Deputy Andrew Levesque be commended for performing above and beyond expectations due to his rapid response and selfless actions in evacuating the occupants of this building. Deputy Levesque was not equipped with any special clothing or breathing apparatus to protect himself from exposure to fire or smoke inhalation, yet he still put the well-being of others before his own personal safety.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew N. Elie", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sergeant Matthew N. Elie

Patrol Supervisor, Patrol Team B

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