

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

June 25, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chair

Attendees: Eric Bradley, Bethaney Conklin, Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Linda Frederiksen, Dennis Frisch, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Leslie Johnston, Keith Kimball, Chance Kness, Jeff Koenig, Al Loeffelholz, Decker Ploehn, Troy Said, Jordan Schneider, Michelle Simms, Jeff Snyder, Adam Sowell, Chris Varnes, Corri Spiegel, Brian Wright, and Jeffrey Yerkey all via Zoom

Guest Attendee: Diane Holst

Call to Order – Introductions

The meeting began by reviewing those on the call via virtual roll call.

Minutes of the May 28, 2021 Meeting

Keith Kimball motioned to approve the QCEPC May 28, 2021, meeting minutes; Al Loeffelholz seconded the motion. All Ayes.

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig gave an update on work being completed on the bridge. Provided the group of the upcoming traffic changes that will occur on both the Iowa and Illinois side. Expecting traffic flow on both sides of the bridge around Christmas time. Started working on the bike trail structure. On the Illinois side roads will start opening as most work is being completed. In Bettendorf finishing up the deck pours and will cause road closures.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Brian Wright, Muscatine County, spoke about Alert Iowa and State of Iowa PPE requests. Maritime Security Exercise later this year.

Chance Kness, Clinton County, also spoke about Alert Iowa and starting to plan for RAGBRI, that will be staying in their county in late July. Discussed the 4th of July in Grand Mound.

David Donovan, Scott County, said that they held a dress rehearsal for FEMA Radiological test the day prior. Was scheduled to happen last year, but due to COVID was postponed to this year. Working on implementing Alert Iowa. Hosted a FAA Drone training class for individuals and looking to host another class later in the year.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

David Donovan advised that there was a QC Area Maritime Training exercise later this year. Will be a combined training with some civil unrest included. Continue to meet regularly to discuss the exercise.

Communication Center Updates

Jeff Yerkey gave an update for the Illinois side of Communication Centers. Discussed the purchase of Phoenix that was awarded by GTSB for the local PSAP's.

David Donovan, SECC, stated that they are working on implementing the Phoenix system. Gave an update on the Radio project and looking to be online later this summer. RACOM is deploying the last of the radios to the local agencies. Continue to finish work on the dispatch consoles at SECC.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Bethaney Conklin discussed what they are working on in Region 5. Working on Active Shooter planning sessions for the region and trying to do a full scale exercise. Working on PIO trainings within the region. Discussed COVID numbers and reporting of COVID.

Adam Sowell is working on finishing up a grant for the coalition group on the Iowa side.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, discussed that there are CemPacks available for use and advised that this is a yearly reminder they are available. Would be sending out a presentation for the group. Test Iowa will be closing July 16th at 4 p.m. At Genesis Incident Command is still active, but continue to look at making changes within the hospital. Vaccination clinics still open for patients to receive the vaccine. Setting up multiple medical tents at Bix to provide space for the runners. Will also be setting up a medical tent at RAGBRI in Dewitt. Trying to set up a table top exercise for active shooter. Will be reaching out to their partners to get that set up and completed for local first responders.

Adam Sowell, Trinity, has multiple outdoor activities going on at all 3 facilities. Discussed COVID numbers being down at this time. Continue to update Policy and Procedures within the hospital system. Will be having a Joint Commission Accreditation site visits in the upcoming days or weeks. Will be providing medical out at the John Deere Classic at the beginning of July.

Chris Varnes, Scott County Health Department, advised that the SEARS site is being demobilized. Will be opening a walk-in clinic at the Scott County Admin Center.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Linda Frederiksen, MEDIC EMS, discussed that they still have isolation alerts active. Talked about NARCAN and the amount used.

Dr. Vermeer discussed that they are continuing to track Cardiac Arrests within the area. Notice of an increase in Opioid use.

Adam Sowell, stated they continue to work on their SOG's for Trinity ambulance.

Dennis Frisch, Durant, talked about bills being discussed in legislation. There was a raise in the volunteer tax credit.

Fire Service Reports

Jeff Yerkey, Rock Island, talked about the chemical fire in Northern Illinois. MABAS was activated and this region had 2 tasks within the division. Was able to fulfill one of the tasks.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf, advised everyone that there is uptick in violent/shootings within the area. Vehicles continue to be stolen within the Quad Cities and used for crimes.

Education Update

No Report.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Don Hahn, Civil Air Patrol, working on drone program. Would like to work with Scott County EMA on their drone program. Will be working at Camp Dodge with Cadets to get them trained.

Other Items of Interest

No meeting in July.

Next meeting Friday, August 27, 2021 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.