

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

August 27, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chair

Attendees: Eric Bradley, Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Robin Dunn, Rich Flies, Linda Frederiksen, Dennis Frisch, Jim Hawkes, Tony Houdyshell, Dan Howard, Leslie Johnston, Dave Kelly, Keith Kimball, Steve Knorrek, Jeff Koenig, Kevin Lange, Al Loeffelholz, Kate Meyer, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Decker Ploehn, Jacob Pries, Troy Said, Jeff Snyder, Adam Sowell, Corri Spiegel, Todd Whitchelo, Brian Wright, and Jeffrey Yerkey, Stephen Packer, and Randy Zobrist all via Zoom

Guest Attendee: Diane Holst, Harrison Wallace, A, Jill, Jim Jones, Jodee Murcia, Justin, Matt Shaw, Bob Beardsley, John Baker, and Cyndi all via Zoom.

Call to Order – Introductions

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

Minutes of the June 25, 2021 Meeting

Brian Wright motioned to approve the QCEPC June 25, 2021, meeting minutes; Keith Kimball seconded the motion. All Ayes.

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig gave an update on work being completed on the bridge. All the steel is up and installed for the whole bridge project. Decking and concrete pour are continuing on with this project. Projecting late November for an open date. Planning a Ribbon Cutting with multiple agencies included when bridge is closer to being completed.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, discussed and provided an update on Alert Iowa. Will be rolling out the program with assistance with County Wide mailers. Discussed a partnership that is assisting with the senior citizens of Scott County and Alert Iowa. Went over some classes that EMA will be hosting in the upcoming months. Scott County EMA applying for 3 grants to assist with funding on projects that are being planned.

Dave Donovan, Scott County EMA, talked about the QC Area Maritime Tabletop Exercise in September. Info continues to get pushed out by the Coast Guard and their partners. Dave Donovan advised that the exercise will include Cyber Security threats and Civil-Unrest within the area.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island County EMA, talked about the new mask mandate implemented by the Illinois Governor. Will be hosting a training at Lock & Dam 15 for those that have never gone through the lock. Will be looking at bringing in a drone training class to the area.

Dan Howard, Clinton County EMA, stated that RAGBRI stayed in Clinton County this year and had no major issues. Preparing for the QC Maritime Tabletop Exercise.

Brian Wright, Muscatine County EMA, is preparing for the QC Maritime Tabletop Exercise.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, advised that awhile back Scott County EMA and Rock Island County EMA combined LEPC with this group. Going to continue with this process and will be publishing the meeting dates for the public awareness. This agenda line will stay part of this group to update the group.

Communication Center Updates

David Donovan, SECC, gave an update on the Radio project and looking to be online later this year. SECC is going live with a new program called Phoenix USDD Alerting system for Davenport Fire Department. Planning on going live with this program later this calendar year.

Jeff Yerkey, Rock Island Fire, advised Jason Foy is the project manager for the new CAD system and he'll be reaching out to different agencies to discuss.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Adam Sowell, Trinity, gave an update on the Region 5 COVID-19 numbers, including hospital numbers. Seeing an increase in Postivie cases and decrease in available hospital beds. Accrediation was approved for the hospitals on the Illinois side. Still waiting on inspection visits for the Iowa side to get their Accrediation approved.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, provided hospital numbers for Genesis. Talked about the follow-up briefings from Bix and RAGBRI. Discussed an upcoming tabletop exercise coming up in September involving Active Shooter situations.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

Kate Meyer, Rock Island, gave out numbers for related COVID-19 illnesses. Provided an update to the mask mandate for the State of Illinois. Talked about the vaccine mandate that is for the State of Illinois. Still having vaccine clinics at various dates and times.

Eric Bradley, Scott County, still hosting pop-up vaccine clinics within the community.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Linda Frederiksen, MEDIC EMS, discussed that they still have isolation alerts active. Talked about their average dispatch numbers on a daily basis. Seeing an increase in their out of town transfers to no bed availability within the region. Continue to see an increase in overdose and cardiac numbers. Talked about the numbers and use of NARCAN.

Adam Sowell advised that the Illinois services are seeing an increase in their transports similar to MEDIC EMS. Continue to work on their SOG's.

Fire Service Reports

Steve Knorrek, Bettendorf Fire, talked about the events being planned for the anniversary of 9/11.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Jake Pries, Rock Island Arsenal, held an active shooter drill for the police department. If any local department needs a place to train to reach out to Jake as the Arsenal has places to use.

Education Update

No Report.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Tony Houdyshell, CP Rail, talked about different training and classes being held by the local CAER group.

Steven Packer, Civil Air Patrol, will be hosting a disaster response training in September.

Other Items of Interest

Jeff Yerkey, Rock Island Fire, wanted to congratulate Davenport Fire on their reaccreditation.

Next meeting Friday, September 24, 2021 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.