

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee
June 28, 2019

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chairman

Attendees: Mark Beckwith, Andrea Bladel, Bethaney Conklin, Tara Cullison, Dave Donovan, Robbin Dunn, Brian Eppers, Adam Haut, Keith Kimball, Chance Kness, Steve Knorrek, Jeff Koenig, Al Loeffelholz, Gayle Lundeen, Bruce McKee, Kate Meyer, Mindy Meyers, Brian Neurohr, Brian Payne, Jordan Schneider, Brenda Schwarz, Jeff Snyder, Scott Starns, Chris Varnes, Chris Webster, Todd Whitchelo, Patsy Willits, Brian Wright, Jeffrey Yerkey

Call to Order – Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the May 31, 2019 Meeting

Brian Wright requested a correction to the minutes to read, “They are currently working with the city and county officials.” instead of “They are currently working with the County attorney.”
Brian Payne motioned to approve the QCEPC May 31, 2019 amended meeting minutes and Chance Kness seconded the motion.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT

Mindy Meyers shared the Southern Baptist Relief volunteers are helping those affected by flooding with cleanup. The service is limited to residents affected by flooding and is at no cost to the resident.
Brian Payne reported the teamwork in response to the flood has been incredible.
Brian discussed a tabletop/workshop exercise that has been scheduled for the end of July for the CMS facilities.
Dave Donovan shared the FEMA event period for flooding has been extended through the middle of June for Scott County.
Brian Wright shared Muscatine County has federal public assistance funds available for individuals.
Chance Kness added they have federal public assistance funds available as well for individuals.
Scott Starns shared due to the flooding the fireworks for Red White & Boom will be shot from Arsenal Island this year on July 3, 2019. The Arsenal is inviting the public to come on post. Davenport CitiBus will be providing a free shuttle service.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Dave Donovan shared the QC Area Maritime Security meeting will be July 16, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Rock Island County Emergency Management EOC.
Scott Starns explained they will have a full-scale exercise in May 2020. It will be a large scale event.
Brian Payne reminded the group the Quad City PIO group will meet on July 11, 2019 at the East Moline School District Professional Development Center, East Moline. Rich Kenney will be giving a presentation on Warning Coordination and Dave Donovan will be giving a flooding press conference overview.
Chance Kness and Bethaney Conklin reminded the group of the Iowa Service Area 5A sponsored Salamander Training on July 23, 2019 at the Scott County EOC.

Communication Center Updates

Dave Donovan reported the radio project continues to move forward and project managers have been identified for Rock Island and Scott counties.

Dave added they have recently deployed the RapidSOS system at SECC.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Bethaney Conklin updated the group on the PHEP grant close out and detailed the pediatric emergency planning requirement for the new grant cycle.

Al Loeffelholz added Andrea Bladel has accepted the role of the Clinical Advisor for Region 5A.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

Andrea Bladel noted the A-Z Trauma Conference is scheduled for November 1, 2019.

Kate Meyer reported the Rock Island County Health Department will hold walk-in immunization clinics on Thursdays 9 .am. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The walk-in clinics will start July 11, 2019 and run through August 29, 2019.

Patsy Willits shared UnityPoint has utilized some grant funding to train their staff on how to defend themselves.

Al Loeffelholz

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Bethaney shared MEDIC has accepted an opioid grant; the grant will help first responders and hospital clinicians get additional resources for opioid users.

Adam Haut reported Genesis ambulance will launch a new computer system July 1, 2019, which includes charting and billing. Adam shared that Genesis ambulance, OSF, MEDIC and the University of Iowa will be meeting in September to discuss Project Austin, which teaches emergency responders about children with special healthcare needs that have unique histories and require special medical treatment.

Fire Service Reports

Steve Knorrek shared with the police department they are currently training on rescue task force and emergency rescue unit jointly with the school.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Keith Kimball reported they took advantage of the IDPH initiative to equip law enforcement with free naloxone nasal spray.

Education Update

Mary Briones will be retiring as the Director of EMS Programs for Scott, Clinton and Muscatine Community Colleges on June 28, 2019.

Chris Webster reported NCCP EMT – Basic Refresher will be offered at Black Hawk College on August 16, 2019 – August 17, 2019.

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig reported beginning in July, they will begin widening the top of Grant Street/U.S. 67 (Exit 4) ramp to allow two lanes of traffic from the Iowa-bound bridge. Jeff shared they continue to put the message out while work is being completed, motorist should slow down, watch for changing traffic patterns and continue to zipper merge when there are backups.

71st CST

LTC Matt Dial, Commander and Matt Shroyer, First Sergeant gave a presentation on the 71st Civil Support Team.

CST Mission

- Support civil authorities at a domestic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, & high explosive (CBRNE) incident site by
 - ✓ Identifying CBRNE agents/substances,
 - ✓ Assessing current and projected consequences,
 - ✓ advising on response measures, and
 - ✓ assisting with requests for additional state & federal support
- On Call 24/7/365 for Local, State and Federal Agencies for On Scene assistance, hot-zone entry, sample screening, operational support, or telephonic SME reach back.
- Every 7 months, each CST rotates into National Alert Cycle.
 - ✓ Bronze, Silver, Gold
 - ✓ ADVON deploys within 90 minutes.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Gayle Lundeen shared the Salvation Army did an outstanding job assisting with the flood donation center.

Other Items of Interest

Next Meeting August 30, 2019 at 8:30 AM