

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee
August 30, 2019

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chairman

Attendees: Katrina Andybur, Andrea Bladel, Jeff Bladel, Eric Bradley, Bethaney Conklin, Terry Conklin, Dennis Coon, Tara Cullison, Dave Donovan, Robbin Dunn, Dennis Frisch, Chuck Gipson, Jim Hawkes, Joe Heim, Dan Howard, Darin Keith, Steve Knorrek, Kevin Lange, Al Loeffelholz, Nita Ludwig, Amber MacGrath, Bruce McKee, Kate Meyer, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Decker Ploehn, Ed Rivers, Tracey Sanders, Brenda Schwarz, John Showalter, Jeff Snyder, Peter Speck, Scott Starns, Chris Varnes, Chris Webster, Patsy Willits, Brian Wright, Jeffrey Yerkey

Call to Order – Introductions

In honor of Ty Arp, a moment of silence was held.
Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the June 28, 2019 Meeting

Dave Donovan motioned to approve the QCEPC June 28, 2019 amended meeting minutes and John Showalter seconded the motion.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT

Brian Payne introduced Jim Hawkes. Jim accepted the Scott County Emergency Management Planning Specialist position. Brian shared he is requesting to bring an All Hazard Training Disaster Training Class and Search & Rescue Course to Scott County. Brian shared they have completed a flow chart and are now ready to move forward with any city that is ready to come on Salamander.

Brian Wright reported an Introduction to Continuity of Government Planning for Rural Jurisdictions has been scheduled for September 21, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center. The training is offered at no cost.

Mindy Meyers reported FEMA did damage assessments on over 500 structures August 15, 2019 through August 19, 2019 to see if there was enough damage to warrant a request by the governor for a presidential disaster declaration. On August 29, 2019 Governor Pritzker filed a disaster declaration.

Scott Starnes shared their Bi-Annual Full-Scale exercise date has been moved to August 12, 2020. The exercise will be a tornado scenario with a large response piece.

John Showalter shared the AMSC drill is scheduled for September 24, 2019.

Peter Speck shared Dave Donovan and Jerry Shirk will be speaking about the flooding event at a meteorologist gathering at the National Weather Service. Peter asked anyone that has any thoughts, ideas or improvements needed by the NWS to pass the comments on to Dave or Jerry.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Dave reported they are doing their annual review of ESF 10 Hazardous Materials.

Communication Center Updates

Dave shared they have been short dispatchers. They currently have six trainees in process. Three of the trainees will be graduating to the floor in the Fall. Dave reported Annie Nugent left SECC in July to take

a position with Johnson County. They are anticipating having an Administrative Assistant replacement in September.

Jeff Yerkey shared Dubuque Fire will be hosting a demonstration on Phoenix G2 on September 6, 2019 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Bethaney Conklin reported July 1, 2020 the Coalition service areas will be realigning to merge 5A and 5B. The new service area will include 16 counties. Bethaney also reported on the coalition surge test that is being planned for. This exercise will simulate the evacuation of 10% of the region's hospital patients.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

Al Loeffelholz reported he attended the Iowa Trauma Conference. He shared St. Luke's, Cedar Rapids did a presentation on 15 'til 50. It is an exercise designed to enable hospital staff to receive a surge of 50 or more patients within 15 minutes of notification of a mass causality incident. Al will be working to bring this exercise to Genesis. Lastly, Al shared Brian Payne did an outstanding job as the closing speaker at the TEDCON Conference in Peoria.

Kate Meyer shared they will be attending the Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness Course in Alabama.

Denny Coon reported the Iowa Department of Public Health is sending warnings in regards to severe respiratory illness among persons with a history of vaping. Denny shared the Health Department radios were reprogrammed to include the Iowa Department of Public Health ISICS talk groups.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Kevin Lange shared Lorna Bimm with the Scott County Health Department has been conducting Stop the Bleed training in the nonpublic schools.

Chuck Gipson reported there has been a slight decrease in Opioid administration. Chuck added they will be delivering Opioid training to First Responders. The State will be present during the trainings and will deliver Naloxone for the responders to put into service.

Fire Service Reports

Steve Knorrek reported Davenport and Bettendorf Fire Departments have entered into an Automatic A Agreement for confirmed structure fires on the eastern part of Davenport and western part of Bettendorf.

Jeff shared Labor Day weekend the Rock Island Grand Prix will be having a festival event, which will include road closings.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Jeff Bladel shared they are in the process of doing the training to carry Naloxone in their squad cars.

Education Update

Chris Webster shared Black Hawk College has a tentative Paramedic Refresher course scheduled for January 9, 2020 thru January 12, 2020.

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig gave a bridge construction and traffic update. Jeff had no major traffic concerns but noted beginning August 26, 2019 there will be daily lane closures on eastbound 7th Avenue between 19th street

and 23rd Street, weather permitting. The lane closures are needed to allow contractors to construct a retaining wall. The lane closures will take place for approximately two weeks.

Denny added the Iowa Transportation Department will be expanding the Highway Helper to the Davenport area on September 9, 2019.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Amber MacGrath shared they are preparing for hurricane response.

Katrina Andybur explained United Way has made the decision to discontinue the 2-1-1 call line that covers Rock Island, Scott, Clinton and Muscatine counties by September 30, 2019. Instead, they will promote a new free, smartphone app called One Eighty to fill the need of community connection at 2-1-1 previously filled. Katrina shared she has since begun a new business adventure, Blueprint Consulting. Katrina explained she has created a 10 Principle Operational Excellence Plan, which includes emergency preparedness.

Other Items of Interest

Next Meeting September 27, 2019 at 8:30 AM