

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

January 31, 2020

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chair

Attendees: Joe Caffery, Bethaney Conklin, Terry Conklin, Dave Donovan, Robbin Dunn, Dennis Frisch, David Gass, Chuck Gipson, Adam Haut, Jim Hawkes, Tony Houdyshell, Keith Kimball, Chance Kness, Steve Knorrek, Dan Kruse, Al Loeffelholz, Nita Ludwig, Kate Meyer, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Jacob Pries, Ed Rivers, Jordan Schneider, Troy Said, Scott Starns, Amy Thoreson, Chris Varnes, Brian Wright, Jeff Yerkey, Mark Hanssen, Tony Woodruff, Eli Soliz, Brad Fugate, & Stephen Rashid.

Call to Order – Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the December 6, 2019 Meeting

Brian Wright motioned to approve the QCEPC December 6, 2019 meeting minutes and Steve Knorrek seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Dave Donovan shared that Scott County EMA as an all hazard safety officer class scheduled for July 2020. Flyers will be sent out. It is being facilitated by the Illinois Fire Service Training Institute.

Dave Donovan advised at the last CAER Group meeting there was discussion regarding merging the CAER Group with the QCLEPC, which could de-couple the LEPC community right to know meetings from the QCEPC. Goal is to reduce the amount of meetings, yet provide hazardous materials right to know the attention it deserves. Will need an official motion at a future QCEPC meeting to remove LEPC from QCEPC.

Dave Donovan expounded on the train derailment response in LeClaire. An after-action meeting was held on January 25, 2020 and after action report if forthcoming.

Dave Donovan shared that Scott County EMA, in collaboration with Genesis Health Systems, is pursuing a grant to look at water supply for the hospital in the event they should lose water supply from Iowa American Water. A grant application will be forthcoming in the near future. Also looking at water purification units to include in the grant application. EMA is pursuing a grant application with the Area Maritime Security Committee through the Coast Guard for the purchase of one or more drones.

Dave Donovan talked about an upcoming fact finding trip to Kansas City to learn more about their Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee.

Dave Donovan shared that on February 29, working with the City of Davenport, there will be a regional flood awareness fair.

Scott Starns advised that on August 11 & 12 there will be a full scale exercise at the Rock Island Arsenal. The scenario will be a F2/F3 tornado striking the west end of the Arsenal, across Rock Island, west through the island, going through Davenport & Bettendorf, and across I-74. Hoping for a 2 day event but might only be 1. Focus will

be on recovery. Would like outside participation. After discussion, it was determined that this conflicts with the FEMA evaluated radiological exercise scheduled for August 11, requiring participation by Rock Island, Whiteside, Clinton and Scott Counties. Both federal agencies are locked in on the dates.

Chance Kness advised that on February 19th - 21st there will be Active Threat Integrated Response training offered. On April 16th there will be a table top exercise with CP Rail

Tony Houdyshell advised that on September 16th & 17th there will be a full scale table top exercise, also in Clinton

Chance Kness advised that on May 20th there will be Field Sobriety Training the DNR will be teaching.

Chance Kness reported Clinton will be the end city for RAGBRAI.

Brian Wright advised that April 14th & 15th there will be a basic PIO class and on April 16th JIC Training. See Brian or the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department training site for more information.

Mindy Meyer advised that IEMA will be hosting Spring Flood meetings throughout the state. On February 20th they will be stopping at the American Red Cross from 1-3 p.m. Those present will be the Core of Engineers, FEMA, National Weather Service, local EMAs, & local elected officials.

Mindy Meyer advised on March 11th & April 1st they will hold their annual Weather Spotter training at the Moline Public Library from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Covered above.

Communication Center Updates

Dave Donovan reported that Scott County is now live with text to 911. Will be coordinating with ETSB and communication centers in Illinois for a public announcement. Have worked out logistics for transferring to Medic, Clinton, Muscatine, Cedar, & Johnson counties. Cannot transfer between two states due to structural system issues.

Dave Donovan advised that the radio system continues to move forward. Agreement has been reached for the last tower site, north and west of the Walcott truck stop. Will be brought before the SECC Board later this month for approval. All other tower locations are set. Waiting to be put on the agenda with the City of Princeton for the lease approval for that tower location. Rock Island County is continuing to work on their five tower sites. All towers are in the process of FAA & FCC approvals.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Bethaney Conklin advised that they are working on integrating from a 9 county to a 16 county service area beginning July 1st. Unity Point Health has applied for the Healthcare Preparedness Program Grant. Responsibilities will change come July 1st. Readiness & Response Coordinator/Healthcare Coalition Coordinator will be housed out of Unity Point Health, as well as the Clinical Advisor, and other support staff. Bethaney will be PHEP & EMS Coordinator. They want to focus on counties that do not have EMS coordination & Medical advisory systems in place. They will also be looking at pediatrics, burn, & surge plans next year.

Bethaney Conklin advised during a window of February 10th – 24th they will be conducting a Coalition Surge Test for Clinton, Jackson, & Scott County to evacuate a hospital, involving 7 hospitals. Will be a low notice/no notice. Looking for evaluators; 3 at each site.

Chuck Gipson advised they are working on first responder Naloxone training at EMS associations throughout the region.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

Nita Ludwig reported that there is a second case of the Coronavirus confirmed in the Chicago area. The report of a case in Rock Island County was false.

Nita Ludwig advised Rock Island County Public Health will be helping with the census in the next few months. Their clients are considered a hard population to count.

Kate Meyer advised that the Illinois Department of Public Health will be conducting a statewide full scale exercise, pandemic scenario October 26th-30th.

Kate Meyer advised they will be conducting MRC training the first two weekends in February.

Ed Rivers reported on the Coronavirus. The World Health Organization reported as of January 30th, 2020, there are 7818 confirmed cases of Coronavirus. 7736 of those cases have occurred in China; 82 of those cases are confirmed in 18 countries outside of China; only 4 have not had travel to China. The virus remains low in the USA. Number of flu deaths is much higher.

Decker Ploehn suggested possibly doing an update on Coronavirus to all elected officials via Bi-State.

Bethaney Conklin advised on March 19th Mary Greely Medical Center will host a National Ebola training with remote distance learning sites.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Adam Haut reported he attended a table top exercise along with others on January 30th at Augustana College in advance of their April 20th full scale exercise.

Chuck Gipson advised that the EMS Association for Scott County met last Thursday. Hands on CPR has increased. In 2018, 49% of patients in cardiac arrest receive bystander CPR and in 2019 it was at 53%.

Chuck Gipson advised that as of the first of the year 2,000 trainings for Stop the Bleed have been completed.

Chuck Gipson reported at their last meeting they held an election of officers. All positions remained the same except the Secretary/Treasurer position. Linda Frederiksen is the new Secretary/Treasurer

Steve Knorrek advised that the Iowa EMS on the Hill is February 13th from 2-5 p.m. Iowa EMS on the Hill promotes EMS as an essential service.

Decker Ploehn suggested they need to look at increasing township levy for the proposed legislation.

Dennis Frisch advised there is a proposed re-write of Iowa Legislature Chapter 132. Removing the use of aspirin for a cardiac event by first responders; to align with national standards.

Fire Service Reports

Steve Knorrek advised the Iowa Fire Marshalls Association & Iowa Professional Association of Fire Chiefs are keeping an eye on proposed legislation regarding fire districts and changes to fire districts.

Steven Knorrek reported on proposed changed to legislation regarding consumer firework sales that would take away local control. Steven also reported on proposed legislation for EMS that are part of tactical teams to carry weapons.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

None

I-74 Bridge Project

None

Education Update

None

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

None

Other Items of Interest

None

Next Meeting February 28, 2020 at 8:30 AM