

## **Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee**

February 26, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chair

Attendees: Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Rich Flies, Chuck Gipson, Nicole Gonner, Don Hahn, Keith Kimball, Chance Kness, Steve Knorrek, Jeff Koenig, Kevin Lange, Laura McDonald, Terry McMaster, Mindy Meyers, Decker Ploehn, Tracey Sanders, Brian Wright, Jeffrey Yerkey, and Scott Ryckehem, all via Zoom

### **Call to Order – Introductions**

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

### **Minutes of the January 29, 2021 Meeting**

Steve Knorrek motioned to approve the QCEPC January 29, 2021, meeting minutes; Jeff Yerkey 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. Will be closing the Grant Street exit on the Iowa side.

### **Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop**

Dave Donovan provided an update for Scott County. A grant from Coast Guard Port Security will be opening up with a short deadline. The Well project with Genesis and Iowa American water is continuing and making great progress. EMA and National Weather Service working together to make a new application for NWS and weather spotters. Bi-State Commission assisting with the Hazard Mitigation plan.

Mindy Meyers from RICO provided an update for their EMA. Continuing to help the Health Department with vaccinations at their various locations. Bi-State is also assisting RICO EMA with their Hazard Mitigation plan. Received a large donation of cat and dog food and having been handing those items out.

Chance Kness from Clinton County provided their report. Will be updating their radio system. Working with the State to be on their system which is called the ISICS system.

Brian Wright from Muscatine County provided their report. Have been helping the Health Department with their vaccine clinic. Said the National Weather Service is projecting minimal flooding this year but will continue to watch the situation.

Dave Donovan gave the report for the PIO group. Continue to meet weekly to give updates. Working with multiple groups from the community to get them the best information regarding vaccinations.

### **QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise**

Dave Donovan gave the QCLEPC report. Stated that companies and their facilities have been sending updated reports on the hazards they have located in their buildings. Will be a training later this year regarding Civil Unrest. Look for more information on that at a later date.

### **Communication Center Updates**

David Donovan provided pictures of the status of the radio towers for the new radio system.

Tracey Sanders discussed that SECC has started in-person training and are loosening restrictions on visitors, floor arrangements, and food deliveries. Said that we are looking to hire the next 3 people off our current list in either June or July. Gave a short update on her parts with the new radio system.

Terry McMaster from QCOMM gave updates on their staffing and NexGen 911. Will be going to Dubuque, IA to see how their dispatch center uses Phoenix to dispatch out their fire departments.

### **Healthcare Coalition Updates**

No Report.

### **Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports**

Mindy Meyers from RICO stated that they are moving to a Mobile Vaccine Clinic and plan on doing 1,000 doses of the vaccine a day. Discussed that the State will be providing news on a mass vaccine clinic in the area.

### **EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis**

Chuck Gipson from Medic EMS talked about the use of Narcan and how its been used less in recent reports. Stating that it could be related to new prevention measures that have been placed.

### **Fire Service Reports**

No Report.

### **Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports**

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police, discussed that they have been issued their new radios to go with the new radio system that is being developed. Most of their officers that wanted the vaccine have received the 1<sup>st</sup> dose. Discussed the Lock It Down QC Campaign that was started. Stated that with the stolen vehicles there are other crimes being committed with the stolen vehicles.

Mindy Meyers from RICO talked about the Scott Law Update. Said that 10 troopers have been hit in Illinois so far this year. Discussed a new bill for Public Safety in the State of Illinois.

### **Education Update**

No Report.

### **Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports**

No Report.

### **Other Items of Interest**

No Report.

**Next meeting Friday, March 26, 2021 at 8:30 AM**

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.