

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

September 24, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by: David Donovan

Attendees: Andrea Bladel, Eric Bradley, Bethaney Conklin, Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Rich Flies, Linda Frederiksen, Dennis Frisch, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Tony Houdyshell, Keith Kimball, Kevin Lange, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Troy Said, Jordan Schneider, Joe Sisler, Adam Sowell, Tammy Speidel, Todd Whitchelo, Molly McKee, and Jeffrey Yerkey all via Zoom

Guest Attendee: Diane Holst via Zoom.

Call to Order – Introductions

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

Minutes of the August 27, 2021 Meeting

Don Hahn motioned to approve the QCEPC August 27, 2021, meeting minutes; Keith Kimball seconded the motion. All Ayes.

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig absent – No update.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, talked about Iowa Homeland Security approved updates on ESF 4, ESF 13, ESF 09, and ESF 10. Will be working to get this approved locally via the EMA Commission. Will be working on other ESF categories over the next year. Will be adding other plans starting October 2022. Will get the Winter Roads groups back together to start meeting and being prepared for the winter months.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island County EMA, talked about IEMA put out new guidelines reference PPE to schools and local departments. Preparing for the QC Marathon.

Dave Donovan, advised the group that September 14, 2022 there will be a full scale QC Maritime exercise.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Dave Donovan talked about QCLEPC continuing to be part of this group. Will get the Haz-Mat plan that was approved by Iowa Homeland Security to this group for the next meeting.

Communication Center Updates

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

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Bethaney Conklin discussed the COVID related numbers within the hospitals in the local Iowa Region. Talked about other trainings within the coming months. Discussed upcoming programs the region is coming up with.

Adam Sowell, Illinois Region, advised continuing to meet weekly with the hospitals in the region. Recently hired another Emergency Response Coordinator, and will provide contact information to those that need it. Discussed COVID numbers within the hospitals in the Illinois region.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports/Public Health Reports

Adam Sowell, Trinity, gave update on Trinity Hospital numbers related to COVID. Discussed that less people are coming into Trinity for tests. Thanked the PIO groups for pushing out the appropriate info related to COVID and testing. Will begin a campaign related to flu shots.

Andrea Bladel, Genesis, talked about COVID clinics and moving sites for the vaccine and testing. Provided COVID related numbers within the Genesis System.

Eric Bradley, Scott County Health Department, talked about the COVID Booster shot that was recently approved. Provided COVID numbers within the County. Working on trying to get more test kits in the community and will be working with partners to get that completed.

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.

Kevin Lange, MEDIC EMS, talked about the SCEMS and SC Fire Chief meeting that was held. Will be setting up a Strategic Planning session to map out the next couple of years. Discussed working on chart audits for the Rural agencies. Annual skills for EMS providers will be held the following week for those that need it.

Fire Service Reports

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, talked about a commercial recruitment for the rural agencies.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

No Report.

Education Update

No Report.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Tony Houdyshell talked about an upcoming training in October. Will be at the Rock Island EMA and sponsored by CP Rail. Concentrating training on subjects who work on or near the water ways. Will have a week long course next Spring that is related to training on the water ways.

Don Hahn, Civil Air Patrol, recently had an exercise on natural disaster.

Other Items of Interest

No report.

Next meeting Friday, October 29, 2021 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.