

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

December 3, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by: Decker Ploehn

Attendees were either present in person or via Zoom.

Attendees: Jason Cook, Chuck Gipson, Jim Hawkes, Alejandro Herrera, Tony Houdyshell, Keith Kimball, Chance Kness, Steve Knorrek, Dan Kruse, Kevin Lange, Al Loeffelholz, Molly Mckee, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Decker Ploehn, Troy Said, Tracey Sanders, Adam Sowell, and Jeffrey Yerkey

Guest Attendee: Diane Holst and Trish Burnett via Zoom.

### **Call to Order – Introductions**

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

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

Brian Payne motioned to approve the QCEPC October 29, 2021, meeting minutes; Mindy Meyers seconded the motion. All Ayes.

### **I-74 Bridge Project**

Decker Ploehn provided an update on the I-74 bridge opening. The Illinois bound lanes opened on the previous evening, December 2, 2021. Decker thanked Mindy Meyers for her efforts being the Incident Commander during the ribbon cutting. This line item will be removed from the agenda due to the bridge construction being completed.

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

Chance Kness, Clinton County EMA, advised they are renewed for Storm Ready until 2025. Looking at a training for late 2022 and working with Cedar Rapids task force.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island EMA, talked about upcoming training for 2022. Will be meeting in early 2022 reference a full scale exercise with the QC Maritime. Not sure where the event will take place for this full scale training. The other meeting will related to flooding, and more info coming out on this topic.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, held a G191 class recently. G191 is related to EOC and incident command within the community. Will be hosting ICS 300 and ICS 400 classes in March. Advised that there is a waiting list to attend this class. Discussed Alert Iowa and the benefit of this program within Scott County. Will be hosting an Exelon training later in 2022. Designing a task force with Scott County and Rock Island task force related to large animal rescue training. Provided an update on an incident between a train and barge in SE Iowa.

A few members held a discussion reference barge traffic parking near river banks and railroads.

Tony Houdyshell, Canadian Pacific, discussed that railroad company changes are coming. Advised that train traffic will rise in the coming years due within the Quad Cities due to the merger.

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

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, talked with the Haz-Mat leaders within Scott County. Going to be working through ESF-10 to start a workshop group to assist in training.

Continued discussion to take this topic off the agenda and make it its own group and meeting. Rock Island and Scott County agree that this is beneficial. This group was separate in the past.

#### **Communication Center Updates**

Tracey Sanders, SECC, advised that the hiring process has begun. The application period is live now. Will be hosting a career night for those interested. Gave a brief update on the radio project and the status of the project.

#### **Healthcare Coalition Updates**

Adam Sowell, Illinois Region, advised continuing to meet weekly with the hospitals in the region. Discussed COVID numbers within the hospitals in the Illinois region.

Both Al and Adam advised they have hired a replacement for Bethany. Will be setting up meetings to get him caught up.

#### **Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports/Public Health Reports**

Adam Sowell, Trinity, gave update on Trinity Hospital numbers related and unrelated to COVID. Seeing an uptick in patients within the emergency departments.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, talked about recent trainings that were postponed and will be coming up in 2022. Advised one of the trainings will be related to Exelon. Discussed COVID related numbers within the Genesis system. Looking at limiting elective surgeries due to the rise of COVID cases.

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

Kevin Lange, MEDIC EMS, talked about the Strategic planning meeting that was held in November within the association.

Chuck Gipson, MEDIC EMS, discussed the opioid crisis topic.

Adam Sowell, Trinity, discussed the SOG changes that will be coming within their system.

#### **Fire Service Reports**

Jeff Yerkey, Rock Island Fire, advised that fire chiefs from Rock Island County meet to discuss the new CAD program they'll be getting. Application period open for a grant from FEMA.

Steve Knorrek, Bettendorf Fire, mentioned that they'll be sending out a PSA related to space heaters and fires.

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

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police, thanked everyone for their parts within the ribbon cutting for the new I-74 Bridge.

#### **Education Update**

No report.

#### **Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports**

No report.

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

Tony Houdyshell, Canadian Pacific, stated they have set their 2022 meeting dates. Will be hosting a railroad training in early 2022. Would like to work with local fire departments to get them updated training related to trains.

**Other Items of Interest**

No report.

**Next meeting Friday, January 28, 2022 at 8:30 AM**

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.