

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

February 25, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by: Decker Ploehn

Attendees were either present via Zoom or In-person.

Attendees: Evan Bledsoe, Dave Bowman, Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Robin Dunn, Rich Flies, Dennis Frisch, Chuck Gipson, Nicole Glass, Jim Hawkes, Alejandro Herrera, Tony Houdyshell, Dan Howard, Keith Kimball, Rich Kinney, Chance Kness, Steve Knorrke, Dan Kruse, Kevin Lange, Al Loeffelholz, Molly Mckee, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Nick Rocca, Troy Said, Jordan Schnieder, Joe Sisler, Jeff Snyder, Adam Sowell, Dan Vosatka, Chris Jasper, Zack Musall, Mitchell Meador, Steven Regenwether, and Jeffrey Yerkey

Guest Attendee: None

Call to Order – Introductions

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

Minutes of the January 28, 2022, Meeting

Keith Kimball motioned to approve the QCEPC January 28, 2022, meeting minutes; Steve Knorrek seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, gave updates on Alert Iowa, a future radiological exercise, an exercise that will occur in September 2022, and CMS is starting back up and will meet quarterly along with a yearly exercise with this group.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island EMA, stated that they will be having a Weather Spotter training in April. Also discussed multiple training courses that will occur in 2022.

Dan Howard, Clinton County EMA, talked about their recent CERT Training. Advised the training was related to Crisis Intervention and had 28 attendees. Looking to have a Ground Search training in October 2022.

Chris Jasper, Muscatine County EMA, stated that they have a disaster training within their county on February 26th. Will be hosting a storm training in March.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

David Donovan and Brian Payne, advised that this group and meeting acts as the QCLEPC group. QCLEPC is a group where they discuss Haz-mat and community right to know discussions. Continue to look to separate this group so there can more of a discussion related to these issues. Would keep this as standing agenda item so the talks continue and provide updates from those QCLEPC meetings.

David Donovan advised that Tier II reports are starting to come in. Will be working on updating ESF 10 with these reports.

Communication Center Updates

David Donovan, gave an update on the radio project. Advised that testing is going on now with members of law enforcement and fire departments. Looking to start transitioning agencies to the new radio system starting February 28th. Going to take a few weeks to get this completed. Will be training and transitioning Bettendorf Fire to Phoenix dispatching.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Adam Sowell, RMCC5, provided an update for this region. He stated that the emergency proclamation is ending and that IDPH will be reporting weekly instead of daily for COVID numbers. Resources are starting to become more readily available as Covid numbers decrease. Hospitals within the region have stopped meeting on a regular basis.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports/Public Health Reports

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, provided more and discussed upcoming trainings within Genesis during 2022. Those trainings being a radiological exercise with Exelon, 2 active shooter trainings which include table top discussions, human trafficking training, and a training related to smoke/fire barrier doors within the hospital system. Advised that Genesis is moving towards an endemic with COVID.

Adam Sowell, Trinity, stated that incident command is no longer active. Will be doing a tabletop related to recovery from COVID.

Nicole Glass, MercyONE, advised the the ED construction is still moving along. Will be moving to the newly renovated part of the ED soon, so that the current area can be completed.

Tiffany Peterson, Scott County Health, stated that Scott County Public Health department is going through a restructure within its departments. Test Iowa kits still being handed out for COVID testing. Still providing communication to the area related to COVID.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Chuck Gipson, Medic EMS, discussed the opioid crisis and nexlon use within the area. Advised that Washington County is now caring nexlon in its first responder vehicles.

Fire Service Reports

Jeff Yerkey, Rock Island Fire, talked about the new CAD system that QComm is going to. Currently doing train the trainer on the new Fire RMS program.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police, stated that there is a discussion with the local chiefs regarding Civil Unrest training.

Education Update

No report.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

Robin Dunn and Brian Payne discussed that they will be hosting a Debris Management and Damage Assessment training. More info to come on this course.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Tony Houdyshell, Canadian Pacific, advised that railroad companies are going on high alert with Cyber Attack information. April 19th and 20th CAER group will be hosting a training related to boat and water safety. Discussed briefly the merger of two railroad companies and the local impact.

Other Items of Interest

No report.

Next meeting Friday, March 25, 2022 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.