

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

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

Meeting called to order by: Decker Ploehn

Attendees were either present via Zoom or In-person.

Attendees: Andrea Bladel, Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Linda Frederiksen, Dennis Frisch, Nicole Glass, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Alejandro Herrera, Chance Kness, Steve Knorrek, Dan Kruse, Al Loeffelholz, Nita Ludwig, Molly Mckee, Kate Meyer, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Nick Rocca, Troy Said, Jordan Schnieder, Jerry Shirk, Adam Sowell, 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 February 25, 2022, Meeting

Jeff Yerkey motioned to approve the QCEPC February 25, 2022, meeting minutes; Don Hahn seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, gave updates on Alert Iowa, advised that Scott County has the most registered residents in the State of Iowa. Talked about doing a Public Relations campaign regarding getting more residents on Alert Iowa. Talked about upcoming trainings that they are hosting over the next few months. Scott County and Rock Island County were certified Storm Ready Communities. Will be having a ceremony at a later date.

Jerry Shirk, Rock Island County EMA, talked about the upcoming Radiological trainings that they are having. Discussed briefly how QC Ready App is going.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Held a brief discussion about separating QCLEPC from QCEPC and having their own meetings. They then would bring that information back to this group. Rock Island County and Scott County are recognized as one group for QCLEPC by both Iowa and Illinois.

Linda Frederiksen motioned to remove QCLEPC from the QCEPC. Steve Knorrek seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion approved to remove QCLEPC from the QCEPC.

Dave Donovan discussed adding new members to the Scott County Roster related to QCLEPC.

Steve Knorrek motioned to add the new members that Dave Donovan read off to the group. Dave Donovan seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion approved to add the newest members to QCLEPC.

The next QCLEPC meeting date will be May 20, 2022 and will meet quarterly after that.

Communication Center Updates

David Donovan, gave an update on the radio project. All towers are completed and up and running. Agencies are starting to transition to the new P25 radio system. The Davenport Police station, Scott County Courthouse and Jail, and the Scott County Admin building are in the process of having BDA's installed or plans made to be installed. Working with government agencies and fire departments to set fire codes for businesses and BDA's in their buildings. Currently testing and trying to bring Bettendorf Fire onto the USDD Phoenix dispatch.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Adam Sowell, RMCC5, provided an update for this region. Hospitals moving to a monthly meeting. Talked about recovery plans, best practices, and policies and procedures. Gave an update on bed availability within the region. Discussed a burn surge table top exercise with a date coming at a later time. There is a PIO class later next week if anyone is interested.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports/Public Health Reports

Adam Sowell, Trinity, working on recovery and visitor policies. The rehab facility in Moline is being finished up and looking to open in May. Continue to work on various drills and training within the hospital system.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, talked about an upcoming Burn Surge training taking place within the Quad City hospital systems. Provided upcoming trainings that Genesis will be hosting or taking part in over the next couple of months. Talked briefly about an Active Shooter incident that happened at Genesis West. Will be retiring from Genesis at the end of April. Everyone congratulated Al for his time with this group and other committees.

Andrea Bladel, Genesis, talked about incidents involving pedestrians being hit by vehicles. Will be taking this information to the CARS Group that meets monthly. Iowa Donor Network will be hosting a training.

Tiffany Peterson, Scott County Health, stated that Scott County Public Health department is going through a restructure within its departments. Talked about upcoming events for accreditation.

Kate Meyer, Rock Island County Health, discussed COVID cases within their county. Vaccine clinics still open on certain days, however seeing a smaller amount of the community receiving the vaccine.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Linda Frederiksen, Medic EMS, talked briefly about the recent Scott County Fire and EMS Association meeting. Talked about potential policy changes within the EMS System. Gave an update on Narcan use within the region.

Adam Sowell, Trinity EMS, advised going live with a new app for protocols.

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. Discussed some movement with leadership related to MABAS.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Don Hahn, Civil Air Patrol, started training for some open positions they've had come available. Brief discussion with the group about Drones and Drone pilots.

Education Update

No report.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

Brian Payne advised that he is working with all the Public Work Departments and Secondary Roads within Scott County to compile a list of equipment available if needed for a disaster.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

No Report.

Other Items of Interest

Dave Donovan talked about setting up a Sub Committee related to Cyber Security.

Next meeting Friday, April 29, 2022 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.