

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

April 29, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by: Decker Ploehn

Attendees: Jason Cook, Matt Desmyter, Dave Donovan, Linda Frederiksen, Dennis Frisch, Don Hahn, Alejandro Herrera, Keith Kimball, Steve Knorrek, Kevin Lange, Al Loeffelholz, Molly Mckee, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Nick Rocca, Troy Said, Jamie Temple, Todd Whitchelo, Jeffrey Yerkey, Zack Musall, and Steve Regenwether.

Guest Attendee: Chris Hoffman

Call to Order – Introductions

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

Minutes of the March 25, 2022, Meeting

Jeff Yerkey motioned to approve the QCEPC March 25, 2022, meeting minutes; Al Loeffelholz 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

This topic was removed from the agenda due to having its own group and meetings.

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. SECC is currently in the process of recruiting future dispatchers. Looking to have them start later this year.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Al Loeffelholz advised that the end of the fiscal year is coming up. Continue to meet within the region.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports/Public Health Reports

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, talked about the different trainings and exercises that Genesis is taking part of. Advised that FEMA will be on site for the Radiation training that is being held later this year. Bix medical meetings will start in May, as Bix will be held again in July.

Tiffany Peterson, Scott County Health, stated that Scott County Public Health department is going through a restructure within its departments. The department still has funds available to spend towards the promotion of vaccines.

Matt Desmyter, Rock Island EMA, advised that the Health Department has closed their outside vaccine clinics.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Kevin Lange, Medic EMS, said that Scott County has recently released their Protocols related to EMS. Talked about the procedure for the pedestrian walkway of the new I74 Bridge.

Fire Service Reports

Todd Whitchelo, Davenport Fire, advised that Davenport will be breaking ground for their new station. Station 3 will move their once completed.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police, talked about coming up with Protocols, Procedures, and Responses for Civil Unrest situations.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that meetings are being developed regarding Barges vs Train incidents. More information to come on this topic.

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

Jamie Temple reported that Eastern Iowa Community College will be hosting an 8 week accelerated EMT course over the summer months.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

No Report.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

No Report.

Other Items of Interest

No Report.

Next meeting Friday, May 27, 2022 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.