

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

June 30, 2023, 8:31 A.M.

Meeting Called to order by: Dave Donovan

Attendees: Mariah Bryner, Dave Donovan, Dustin Edwards, Dennis Frisch, Don Hahn, Tony Houdyshell, Darin Keith, Keith Kimball, Kevin Lange, Marion Lloyd, Al Loeffelholz, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Ricky Newcomb, Patrick Newman, Travis Noyd, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Jacob Pries, Jonathan Quast, Jerry Shirk, Eli Soliz, Todd Whitchelo, James Siuzdak, John Stephens, and Robert Andersen.

Call to Order- Introductions

The meeting began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes of the May 26, 2023, Meeting

Don Hahn motioned to approve the QCEPC May 26, 2023, meeting minutes; John Stephens seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Jerry Shirk, Rock Island County EMA, introduced Dusty Edwards the new Rock Island County EMA Coordinator.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that as of 0800 the Scott County Burn Ban has been lifted. Also, stated that it has been an eventful month with many disasters and events taking place. Plan to redevelop the EOC setup and demobilization process and discuss roles and responsibilities with partners. Hoping to have discussion with Rock Island County EMA about relaunching the IMT and discuss long term goals for that team. EMA plans to teach ICS 300/400 every January and February, but evaluating the opportunity to teach the courses for a 2nd time in the year for Scott and Rock Island County partners.

Dave Donovan, SECC/Scott County EMA, stated that EMA wants to start pushing for the public and partners to start calling the Duty phone when reporting or responding.

Communications Center Updates

Dave Donovan stated that SECC is nearing the end of the radio project. Continue to work through issues and resolutions with the manufacturer, as they were not able to deliver reliable firmware. The firmware fixed one problem but created a new one, which deteriorated the confidence of the end user. Racom has a little work left to do. Also, law enforcement is working with schools to get radios installed. SECC is short staffed and down 9 dispatchers and have 3 going through training right now.

Healthcare Coalition Reports

Adam Sowell, Health Care Coalition, emailed his report stating that the Last fiscal year ends today, and announced that they meet all requirements by the state and the federal government. All supporting documentation has been submitted for review. Next year starts tomorrow, will be sending out the HCC HVA on Monday we ask anyone in the HCC please take a few minutes to answer the questions. Big 4-hour HCC meeting with training and BP5 kick off Tuesday August 15th at Johnson County EMA at. More information to come.

Jonathan Quast, OSF Healthcare, stated they will be doing a emergency chemical exercise this year. They were deployed to Summerfest this year and treated over 400 patients. August 17th-18th there is a TedCon conference in Peoria with speakers and breakout sessions.

Other Hospital/Healthcare/Public Health Reports

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, confirmed there will be an airport exercise coming up. Brought up concerns about air quality issues during The Bix and Ragbrai and the affect it may have on workers, runners, and responders.

Adam Sowell, UnityPoint Health, emailed his report and stated that they are preparing for the JDC this coming week and have a great turn out for medical volunteers. Summer parking lot work continues off and on at all campus. Groundbreaking and construction has started at the Muscatine campus for new medical building addition. Working on preparation for our annual DNV survey in early Fall.

Tiffany Peterson, Scott County Health Department, stated that they are working on their After-Action Report.

EMS Reports

Kevin Lange, Medic, stated that the Association spent money on CPR/AED's, LeClaire and Blue Grass will be hosting equipment. Medic EMS will be transitioning to a Scott County Department on January 1st, 2024 and still discussing where Medcom will live.

Fire Service Reports

Travis Noyd, Moline Fire Department, stated that they are working on the RTF drill that is coming up at Vibrant Arena.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police Department, stated that oxycodone numbers have been high and overdose is on the rise.

Education Updates

No report.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

No report.

Other Public/Private Sector/ COAD Reports

No report.

Other Items of Interest

John Stephens, Civil Air Patrol, stated that Air show had a great turn out with approximately 50,000 people who attended on Saturday and 25,000 on Sunday. Show was very successful and will be returning next year. 3 people at the show needed medical attention.

Tony Houdyshell, CPKC Railroad, stated that a train derailed on Tuesday night off of Concord Street in Davenport. 18 cars derailed and no sign of spills or leaks There will be a boat operation training on July 29th. The location will be on the Mississippi River near Albany. 12 Departments will be involved.

Marion Lloyd, Rock Island Arsenal, stated that they have a new team member. Also, that they are a new alarm system that is able to set off the weather sirens.

Next Meeting Friday, August 25th, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.