

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

August 25, 2023, 8:33 A.M.

Meeting Called to order by: Decker Ploehn

Attendees: Mariah Bryner, George Carizey, Robin Dunn, Dustin Edwards, Rich Flies, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Alejandro Herrera, Darin Keith, Steve Knorrek, Kevin Lange, Al Loeffelholz, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Kate Meyer, Ricky Newcomb, Patrick Newman, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Nick Rocca, Scott Ryckeghem, Margo Sparbel, John Stephens, and Todd Whitchelo

Call to Order- Introductions

The meeting began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes of the June 30, 2023, Meeting

John Stephens motioned to approve the QCEPC June 30, 2023, meeting minutes; Brian Payne seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA, mentioned two events that are coming up. The first event is the Be Ready QC Emergency Resource Fair that will be held at the Watermark Convention Center on September 9, 2023 from 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM. Also, the Quad Cities Regional Disaster Readiness Conference will be coming back this Spring on April 2, 2024. Jim stated that on August 24, 2023 Emergency Management received a Level 2 Energy Emergency Alert. EMA held a briefing with partners in the County to inform them of this alert for situational awareness.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that Dave Donovan will be retiring on December 15th, 2023. On August 17th EMA held a PIO workshop with County PIO's to discuss gaps and to help update ESF 15. Brian also stated that EMA will be moving forward with the Strategic Plan to help guide us for what the next 3-5 years looks like.

Communications Center Updates

Scott Ryckeghem, QCOMM, participated in the Airport Drill. Mambas dispatched during the drill. Also, participated in the Rescue Task Force training and watched the Incident Command portion of the training.

Healthcare Coalition Reports

Adam Sowell, Area 5 Healthcare Coalition, had in person meeting on August 15th and did a kickoff for the FY 23-24 grant year. There was a lot of good information and a great turnout. This year will be chemical focused, and will start meeting next month with anyone wanting to work on the Annex and TTX outline.

Other Hospital/Healthcare/Public Health Reports

Adam Sowell, UnityPoint Health, stated that they have been busy with the heat this week. Big news was the airport drill, thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this happen in the heat. Outside work going on at all campuses.'

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, stated that TEDCON conference for Region 2 was last week. FBI spoke on Human Trafficking and the closing speaker was Steve Berry. Genesis also participated in the Airport exercise. On August 30th in Dewitt there is a full-scale exercise with Constellation and FEMA. There will be a Decon drill

Kate Meyer, Rock Island County Health Department, stated that on September 12th there is a walk-in clinic for flu shots. Also, free gun safety locks can be picked up Monday-Friday from 8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M. at the Rock Island County Health Department. Staff from the Rock Island Health Department volunteered as a patient at the Airport Drill.

Tiffany Peterson, Scott County Health Department, stated that they have been revising procedures. Also, will be giving a presentation at the Library in September.

EMS Reports

No reports.

Fire Service Reports

Chief Knorrek, Bettendorf Fire Department, state that they participated in the Rescue Task Force training and also the Airport Drill.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

No Reports.

Education Updates

No Reports.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

Robin Dunn, Davenport Public Works, stated that the PIO's attended a workshop at Scott County EMA.

Other Public, Private Sector, and COAD Reports

No reports.

Civil Air Patrol, Bi-State, and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Reports

John Stephens, Civil Air Patrol, stated there will be an open house on September 9th from 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. There are 30,000 cadets that belong and have 1 in training.

Other Items of Interest

Rich Flies, John Deere, stated that there will be a training for batteries on electric vehicles on October 5th from 9:00 A.M- 12:00 P.M in East Moline, IL. The training will provide ways to respond to events of thermal batteries catching fire. More information to come.

Next Meeting Friday September 29, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.