Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

December 1, 2023, 8:31 A.M.

Meeting Called to order by: Dave Donovan

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Henry Bocke, Mackenzie Briggs, Denise Bulat, Dave Donovan, Dustin Edwards, Rich Flies, Linda Frederiksen, Mikael Gibson, Robert Graff, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Keith Kimball, Kevin Lange, Marion Lloyd, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Patrick Newman, Travis Noyd, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson Troy Said, Margo Sparbel, Jamie Temple, Richard Vermeer, Todd Whitchelo, Bryce Stalcup, and Brian Seals.

Call to Order-Introductions

The meeting began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes of the October 27, 2023, QCEPC Meeting

Keith Kimball motioned to approve the QCEPC October 27, 2023, meeting minutes; Brian Payne seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Dustin Edwards, Rock Island County EMA, stated that the Constellation practice will be on January 30th and the evaluated exercise will take place on February 27th.

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA, stated that the first G 402: NIMS Overview for Senior Officials was on November 30th and the course went very well. EMA plans to teach this course year. ICS 300 will be held on January 17-19; ICS Interface G:191 will be held on February 16; and ICS 400 will be on March 25th-26th. The Save the Date for the Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference was announced and will be held at the Waterfront Convention Center on April 2nd.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that the LEPC will draft a BI-Law amendment in order to get the appropriate UEI number that we need to pursue certain Federal Grants. Also, stated was that LEPC will be focusing more towards Tier 2 Facilities.

Communications Center Updates

Margo Sparbel, QCOMM 911, stated that they are almost fully staffed and only short 1 person. On December 12th QCOMM 911 will be taking on three more Fire Departments.

Dave Donovan, SECC, stated that they are still short staffed and have 5 in training. They will be hiring an additional 3 people this month.

Education Updates

Jamie Temple, EICC, stated that the EMR class is a 60-hour certified course and can use for Fire Certificate. He also stated that he has a course looking for a home and a EMR course will be opening for winter.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

Brian seals, Scott County Waste Commission, stated that Kathy Morris has retired after 34 years. Bryce Stalcup has been appointed Director and Brian Seals has been appointed Deputy Director. Working on updating plans with Scott County EMA.

Other Public/Private Sector/ COAD Reports

No report.

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

Don Hahn, 41st Iowa Civil Air Patrol, stated that CPKC railroads are getting permission to share the railways. Making progress moving wing antenna to the tower. Realigning all communication across states.

Other Items of Interest

Rich Flies, John Deere, thanked everyone who participated and attended the Battery Training.

Jim Hawkes Scott County EMA, spoke about polls that were sent out to groups that were interested in kicking off IMT again. Poll had an overwhelming response. EMA's will discuss the steering committee and try to get his back up and going soon. Will try to have an IMT training if possible this year. The IMT Team will be self-Lead and EMA will be the support.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that at the end of December EMA will send out an annual IPAWS test. A Media release will be sent out once a day and time have been set.

Next Meeting Friday, January 26, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM