

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

January 26, 2024, 8:34 A.M.

Meeting Called to order by: Decker Ploehn

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Andrea Bladel, Mariah Bryner, Dennis Frisch, Mikael Gibson, Jim Hawkes, Keith Kimball, Al Loeffelholz, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Patrick Newman, Pierre Nkundabemera, Travis Noyd, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, John Quast, Nick Rocca, Scott Ryckeghem, Troy Said, Tracey Screechfield, Margo Sparbel, Bryce Stalcup, Todd Whitchelo, Justus W., and Terry Smith.

Call to Order- Introductions

The meeting began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes of the December 1, 2023, QCEPC Meeting

Brian Payne motioned to approve the QCEPC December 1, 2023, meeting minutes; Keith Kimball seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA, stated that EMA held ICS 300 and it was a full class. G191 will be held on February 16th and ICS 400 will be on March 25th and 26th. The IMT survey has been sent out. Planning an Active Shooter Exercise in June 2024 with North Scott School.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that the PIO Committee will be meeting in February and will be updating ESF 15 during the meeting. The REP dress rehearsal is on January 30th and the graded exercise is on February 27th. IPAWS test on December 30th went well. The next IPAWS test will be in April or May. Terrorism grant is due, and the EMA commission approved purchase a new Mobile Command through grant.

Communications Center Updates

Tracey Screechfield, SECC, stated that SECC will be sending a couple of their staff members to the national conference that is coming up. 3 new hires will be starting on January 31st and will begin recruiting in the summer. Working with Medic through CAD system.

Scott Ryckeghem, QCOMM, stated that the flare of activity in Moline has settled down. They are down 1 person at this time.

Healthcare Coalition Reports

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis Health, stated that they are planning a Chemical Annex for hospitals in the Quad Cities Area; February there will be a workshop and March 5th will be the tabletop.

John Quast, OSF Healthcare, talked about the chemical surge exercise. Procedures for ChemPak in place. Tailgates and Tallboys event this summer. Tedcom will be in Peoria August 22 & 23.

Adam Sowell, Region 5 HPP, stated the hospitals have been meeting planning for the Flu/ COVID and RSV season this work continues every other week throughout the season. We are working with region 7 on PED's beds no real issues yet. We are working on this year's grant required Chemical Annex. Tabletop is March 5th, 2024. Please reach out if you need a save the date and registration for the event, Committees are starting work on preparedness and response plan.

Other Hospital/Healthcare/Public Health Reports

Andrea Bladel, Genesis Health, stated that on March 9th there will be a Two Wheel Trauma Class at Genesis Heart Institute. This fall there will be a Level 3 Trauma Verification and also this fall there will be a save the date coming for the Trauma Conference.

Adam Sowell, Unity Point, stated that construction continues at the new clinic in Muscatine. This will be ongoing for the next year. The Bettendorf CT machine replace has started and should end middle to end of February 2024. We have portable CT there on site and rerouting of traffic has been posted. The flooring replacement at the Rock Island Campus is going well.

EMS Reports

Denny Frisch, Durant Ambulance, stated that EMS day will February 24th at the Muscatine Education Center.

Fire Service Reports

Troy Said, Bettendorf Fire, stated that June 10-14 there will be Rescue Task Force Training in Bettendorf. Bettendorf Fire used Mobile Command for a structural fire to keep warm and takes breaks. QCOMM taking lead on rescue procedure.

Todd Whitchelo, Davenport Fire, stated that Station 3 should be occupied by February 12 or 13th.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police, stated that there has been talk about a bill in Illinois that could take encryption away, but the bill has not passed yet. The U.S. Secret Service is hosting a free 2-hour school violence prevention training on March 8th, May 8th, and July 11th.

Nick Rocca, Iowa DNR, stated that they hired 2 seasonal employees to patrol the water from May-August. They will be able to write civil citations if needed.

Education Updates

No Reports.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

No Reports.

Other Public/Private Sector/ COAD/ Waste Commission

Bryce Stalcup, Scott County Waste Commission, stated that there will be construction at the landfill this Spring for materials during disasters. Also, if anyone needs soil or clay reach out to the Waste Commission they have it available at no cost.

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

No reports.

Other Items of Interest

No reports.

Next Meeting Friday, February 23, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 AM