

## **Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee**

February 23, 2024, 8:34 A.M.

Meeting Called to order by: Decker Ploehn

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Mariah Bryner, Dustin Edwards, Jim Hawkes, Keith Kimball, Kevin Lange, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Kate Meyer, Patrick Newman, Pierre Nkundabemera, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Scott Ryckeghem, Troy Said, Tracey Screechfield, Eli Soliz, Bryce Stalcup, Jamie Temple, Richard Vermeer, Todd Whitchelo, Matt Lawson, and Terry Smith.

### **Call to Order- Introductions**

The meeting began with introductions.

### **Approval of Minutes of the January 26, 2024, QCEPC Meeting**

Keith Kimball motioned to approve the QCEPC January 26, 2024, meeting minutes; Jim Hawkes seconded the motion. All Ayes.

### **Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop**

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA, stated that FEMA's graded exercise will be on February 27, 2024. Also, June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> the Department of Interior will be having a 3- day exercise. EMA submitted a grant to replace Mobile Command and also will be getting 25 new deployable cameras through the grant. Jim and Brian taught G191 on Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> and it was a successful class. Also, they will be teaching ICS 400 at the end of March.

Dustin Edwards, Rock Island County EMA, stated that they have been preparing for the graded FEMA exercise that is on Tuesday.

### **Communications Center Updates**

Scott Ryckeghem, QCOMM 911, stated that they will be hiring for 3 spots. Also, on February 7<sup>th</sup> hosted a Citizens Police Academy and about 30 people attended.

Tracey Screechfield, SECC, stated that there are 4 people in training right now. Also, that the Director position will close on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Healthcare Coalition Reports**

No updates.

### **Other Hospital/Healthcare/Public Health Reports**

Kate Meyer, Rock Island County Health Department, stated that there has been a lot of turn over in the Health Department. No other updates.

Tiffany Petersen, Scott county Health Department, stated that they are still in the process of updating their COOP and Communication plans.

### **EMS Reports**

No updates.

### **Fire Service Reports**

Troy Said, Bettendorf Fire, stated that the next planning meeting for RTF training will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The RTF training will take place from June 10<sup>th</sup> -June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Todd Whitcelo, Davenport Fire, stated that Station 3 was up and running. Will set up a time for the QCEPC group to tour.

### **Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports**

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police, stated that the final piece of the I-74 Bridge has been taken down. No other updates.

### **Education Updates**

Jamie Temple, EICC, stated that there are 55 EMT students this semester and 16 paramedics. Also, the Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference will be taking place on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Waterfront Convention Center.

### **Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports**

No updates.

### **Other Public/Private Sector/ COAD/ Waste Commission**

No updates.

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

No updates.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Pierre Nkundabemera, American Red Cross, stated that the National Sounding Alarm will take place in East Moline on March 9<sup>th</sup> and they will be going to homes to see if they need fire alarms to be replaced.

**Next Meeting Friday March 29, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 A.M.