

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

March 29, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was Called to order by Jim Hawkes

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Mariah Bryner, Dennis Frisch, Thomas Gibbs, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Al Loeffelholz, Marion Lloyd, Molly McKee, Patrick Newman, Pierre Nkundabemera, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Terry Smith, Todd Malone, Pam Gettert, Justus W., and Patsy Willits.

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

The meeting began with introductions.

### **Approval of Minutes of the February 23, 2024, QCEPC Meeting**

Don Hahn motioned to approve the QCEPC February 23, 2024, meeting minutes; Al Loeffelholz seconded the motion—all Ayes.

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

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA, stated that the graded FEMA exercise went well. Lessons were learned, and minor changes will be made. The FEMA report hasn't come back yet from the exercise. In September, there will be another FEMA-evaluated exercise over the RRRR. ICS 400 was this week and the class was successful. The Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference is on Tuesday, April 2; 175 people have signed up.

Marion Lloyd, Rock Island Arsenal, said they will have an active shooter drill in April. Also, he stated that they will have other exercises, including a Hazmat Tabletop and a Coast Guard exercise, in September.

### **Communications Center Updates**

Patsy Willits, SECC, stated that Courtney Pershall, the Training Manager for SECC, nominated their team for the Dispatch Team of the Year Iowa APCO and won the Team Telecommunicator of the Year award. SECC will send 8 dispatchers and shift supervisors to Des Moines on April 8<sup>th</sup> to receive their award in person. Recruitment is on pause, and we will start recruiting in the fall. 4 dispatchers are still in training, and one will be released in June. The SECC director position had 21 applicants. Human Resources will have 2 panels to narrow the applicants down by May.

### **Healthcare Coalition Reports**

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis Health, stated that there will be a regional chemical drill on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, there will be education on chempack in Region 2, and March 26-28, Region 2 will host a CHEC class.

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

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis Health, stated that Ron Burchette will discuss dry Decon with hospitals. Also, Nicole Glass from Clinton has given notice and will go to Unity Point in Dubuque, Ia. The BIX meetings will start soon, and concerns arise about where the setup will be because of the construction on the Arsenal Bridge.

Tiffany Petersen, Scott County Health Department, said they have closely watched measles in our area. No cases in Scott County. The Health Department is preparing for an active shooter tabletop in June with their team.

### **EMS Reports**

No updates.

### **Fire Service Reports**

No updates.

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

Thomas Gibbs, Scott County Sheriff's Office, stated that the FEMA exercise was successful and everyone did a great job.

### **Education Updates**

No updates.

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

No updates.

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

Don Hahn, Civil Air Patrol, stated they have been facing hurdles getting the repeater moved to the tower. Mission Impact Life is helping transport blood. Also, April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Eclipse, and we joined with NASA to put Cadets on a 6 ½ hour mission to take data on the field.

**Other Items of Interest**

**The next meeting will be on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 A.M.