

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

May 31, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was Called to order by Decker Ploehn at 8:33 A.M.

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Andrea Bladel, Mariah Bryner, Dennis Frisch, Pam Gettert, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Keith Kimball, Matt Lawson, Marion Lloyd, Molly McKee, Ricky Newcomb, Patrick Newman Breanna Pairrett, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Scott Ryckeghem, Troy Said, Tracey Screechfield, Terry Smith, Bryce Stalup, Richard Vermeer, Isaias Martinez-Garza, and Daniel Sterner.

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

The meeting began with introductions.

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

Keith Kimball motioned to approve the QCEPC meeting minutes on the April 26, 2024, meeting; Brian Payne seconded the motion—all Ayes.

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

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA, requested a Unified Command Evaluator for the Active Shooter Exercise at the end of June.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that June is a busy month for our office. Several exercises are coming up, including the Department of Interior's exercise, the Active Shooter exercise, and the Air Show. Brian also stated that there was a Wapsi River flood emergency due to the large amounts of rain we received. Secondary Roads put up flood protections to keep the water from covering the south bridge. Governor Reynolds included Scott County in the Disaster Proclamation to support the needs and resources for this emergency. Brian gave an update on the 911 landline phone outage. The impact was massive on the community; landlines are back online now.

### **Communications Center Updates**

Scott Ryckeghem, QCOMM, stated that QCOMM is hiring 2 more dispatchers and has 3 in training. They currently have 28 dispatchers. Additionally, Margo has been working with Stacey from SECC on Rapid SOS, so additional information can be shared on all the screens.

Tracey Screechfield, SECC, stated that Michelle and Paul have been working together on a CAD to CAD solution to combine SECC and Medic on the same CAD. This will allow automations and be more efficient. Currently have for 4 dispatchers in training and one of them will be done with training in June and the other 3 will be done in October. Will recruit 3 more in October. Still down 3 dispatchers. Tracey also informed the group of the landline outage that occurred yesterday. SECC staff was impacted and

the hardest part of the outage was not being able to transfer calls. She said some calls worked and some didn't. Communication with partners was hard and day to day operations were hard to work around.

### **Healthcare Coalition Reports**

Adam Sowell, UnityPoint, stated that the hospitals have been meeting planning for upcoming spring /summer projects and drills. Hospital receiving grant money will be doing Decon exercise throughout the next few months. Committee has been working on the response plan and will approve next business meeting. That said we are closing out end of year grant requirements for HHS and federal partners. We are reviewing and planning on some activities for the next five year period.

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

Adam Sowell, UnityPoint, stated construction continues at the new clinic in Muscatine. This will be ongoing for the next year. Moline infusion center work has started this will be a 4-phase project. Summer projects have started so please look for outside work ongoing through summer / fall. Please check out our website for more information. [www.unitypoint.org](http://www.unitypoint.org)

Andrea Bladel, Genesis, stated that GVI went live over a year ago. Penetrating trauma injury is down 19.3% and gunshot injury is down 15%.

Dan Sterner, Durant Ambulance, stated there is ramp up in cancer treatment. They are adding 4-8 infusion rooms. Also, all inpatient rooms are getting new flooring.

Tiffany Petersen, Scott County Health Department, stated accreditation is due June 21<sup>st</sup> and they are wrapping up plans and policies. Also, Tiffany stated they have a training in July.

### **EMS Reports**

Paul Andorf, Medic, stated they are revisiting bus refusal with schools. Also, stated that Davenport schools have a policy that if a school bus gets clipped they need to call 911. Also, Paul stated that Medcom issues phone outages 1-2 times a year and that with the landline outage processes went smooth with staff. Everyone worked well together. Will do an AAR report. Tested the CAD-CAD and it was working fine.

### **Fire Service Reports**

Troy Said, Bettendorf Fire Department, stated that the RTF drill will be June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. All agencies have done a great job with the planning of the event. Also, announced that after 28 years Terry Smith will be retiring on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

No updates.

### **Education Updates**

No updates.

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

Bryce Stalup, Waste Commission, stated they are finalizing the disaster debrief plan. Reminded everyone about how fast waste can accumulate. Also, expanded the landfill in case there is an emergency and will have somewhere to put the waste. Bryce stated that the Waste Commission plans to come to an EMA Commission meeting to educate the Mayors on the Waste Commission.

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

Don Hahn, Civil Air, stated that in April and May they were tasked to go out to Colorado and Greenfield to get an aerial view of where the Tornadoes had hit. They also did 3D imaging. Don also stated that there will be a new Wing and Region Commander.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that the strategic plan has been modified and approved and he will send it out to the team.

**The next meeting will be on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.