

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

June 28, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was Called to order by Decker Ploehn at 8:34 A.M.

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Greg Behning, Mariah Bryner, Owen Farrell, Dennis Frisch, Pam Gettert, Jim Hawkes, Randy Heisch, Stacy Houzenga, Keith Kimball, Matt Lawson, Al Loeffelhloz, Isaias Martinez-Garza, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Kate Meyer, Patrick Newman, Travis Noyd, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Nick Rocca, Scott Ryckeghem, Troy Said, Tracey Screechfield, Terry Smith, Kevin Takacs, and Dan Vosatka.

Call to Order- Introductions

The meeting began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes of the May 31, 2024, QCEPC Meeting

Brian Payne motioned to approve the QCEPC meeting minutes on the May 31, 2024, meeting; Keith Kimball seconded the motion—all Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA, stated that the Active Shooter Exercise at North Scott High School went very well and thanked everyone involved.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that the Department of Interior's Train Vs. Barge exercise went well. On Tuesday and Wednesday, 50-60 people were in the EOC, and they found different pathways through the training. Brian also stated that the Mississippi River is flooding and requested that Scott County be added to the Declaration and requested public assistance. The Be Ready Emergency Resource Fair will be held on August 17, 2024, from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the Waterfront Convention Center.

Randy Heisch, Rock Island County EMA, stated that Mindy Meyers is the county's EMA Coordinator.

Communications Center Updates

Scott Ryckeghem, QCOMM 911, stated that there are 3 in training and hired 2 more.

Tracey Screechfield, SECC, stated that 1 dispatcher was released out of training, and 3 are still in training. We will begin recruitment in the fall. Melissa Ketcham was chosen as the new SECC Director. Her start date is scheduled for July 1st. The SECC parking lot will be repaired, and the project needs to be completed by September.

Healthcare Coalition Reports

Adam Sowels, UnityPoint, stated that the hospitals have been meeting to plan upcoming spring /summer projects and drills. The hospital receiving grant money will do a Decon exercise over the next few months. We are closing out end-of-year grant requirements for HHS and federal partners. We have received the next project period contract and will state it on July 1st.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, stated that the TEDCON Conference is on August 22nd—23rd. Al also noted that over 200 patients were treated in the medical tent at the Soulshine festival. There will be HSEEP training on October 8th -9th at OSF.

Other Hospital/Healthcare/Public Health Reports

Adam Sowells, UnityPoint, stated that construction continues for the new clinic at the Muscatine location. This will be ongoing for the rest of this year. Moline infusion center work has started, and this will be a 4-phase project. Summer projects have started, so please look for outside work during summer/fall. Please check out our website for more information.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, stated that Dewitt and Davenport facilities are in the new fiscal year and will apply for grant dollars for wet decon supplies. Wet decon and shower will be put on hold for now.

Kate Meyer, Rock Island County Health Department, stated that Narcan is available for pick up at the Department from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Narcan will also be given out at the Rock Island County Fair if needed.

Tiffany Petersen, Scott County Health Department, stated the department had their Active Shooter TTX, which went very well. They will also be doing NIMS training in July.

EMS Reports

Richard Vermeer, Scott County Medical Director EMS, stated that Medic had a reunion from the 80s.

Denny Frisch, Durant Ambulance, stated that the paramedic practical will no longer exist after June 30th. The practical will be incorporated into the written exam, while the practical for EMTs will remain.

Fire Service Reports

Troy Said, Bettendorf Fire Department, stated that the June active shooter drill went well and was well organized. The drill gets better every time they do it. Planning for next year's drill will begin soon.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Owen Farrell, Davenport Police Department, stated that the Rescue Task Force active shooter exercise went very well. Also, the QC Law Enforcement Camp for Youth is July 8-12.

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police Department, talked about the active shooter training at Central High School.

Nick Rocca, Iowa DNR, stated that if we need boats for the flooding, we should contact the DNR; they have available ones.

Kevin Takacs, MedForce, stated that they can fly over the flooding on the River to get an overview if we need them to. He also noted that they have a new fleet of aircraft. Illinois and Iowa use two different systems—they work with Racom to get information encrypted.

Education Updates

No Updates.

Public Works/Secondary Roads/Waste Commission Reports

No updates.

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

No Updates.

Other Items of Interest

No updates.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 A.M.