

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

July 26th, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was Called to order by Decker Ploehn at 8:31 A.M.

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Greg Behning, Mackenzie Briggs, Mariah Bryner, Pam Gettert, Stacy Houzenga, Melissa Ketcham, Keith Kimball, Marion Llyod, Al Loeffelhloz, Todd Malone, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Kate Meyer, Mindy Meyers, Ricky Newcomb, Patrick Newman, Pierre Nkundabemera, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Nick Rocca, Troy Said, Brian Seals, Margo Sparbel, Daniel Sterner, Kevin Takacs, and Courtney Pershall.

Call to Order- Introductions

The meeting began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes of the June 28, 2024, QCEPC Meeting

Keith Kimball motioned to approve the QCEPC meeting minutes on the June 28, 2024, meeting; Al Loeffelhloz seconded the motion—all Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that Jim Hawkes was at the Train the Trainer course in Maryland. Brian also stated that EMA hopes that the flood and storm damage can be merged into 1 event and that Scott County will receive public and individual assistance. The July storm damaged multiple homes, including many low-income homes. The Be Ready Emergency Resource Fair will be held on August 17, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Waterfront Convention Center.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island County EMA, stated that on August 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, there will be a Volunteer Reception Center Training at the Rock Island County EOC.

Marion Lloyd, Rock Island Arsenal, stated that there was a change in command between the Major and Colonel.

Communications Center Updates

Margo Sparbel, QCOMM 911, stated that they are currently staffed at 22, but by the end of the week, they will be down to 21. They have 3 in training and are hiring 2 more.

Melissa Kecham, SECC, stated they are down 7 dispatchers and will begin recruiting on August 1st. They will post the open on the website. Also, they are moving forward with the parking lot project.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island County Sheriff's Office, will be at full staff soon, and they lost a girl 2 weeks before she was on her own.

Healthcare Coalition Reports

Mackenzie Briggs, Genesis Health, stated that they finished up last year's budget and met with the State to plan the five-year budget.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, stated that the TEDCON Conference is on August 22nd—23rd.

Other Hospital/Healthcare/Public Health Reports

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, stated that the Bix Medical tent will be going up today and that the race is on July 27th. There will be a wet and dry decon training involving different EMS volunteer agencies. There will be a Constellation Training in October at Silivis, Dewitt, and Davenport locations. The hospital had to have an out-of-state generator hooked up to keep floors powered with electricity after the July storm.

Dan Sterner, Durant Ambulance, stated that the 7th floor of the Infusion Center is being constructed in Rock Island. On August 6th, there will be radiation decon training.

Kate Meyer, Rock Island County Health Department, stated that the Health Department had a booth at the Rock Island Fairgrounds. They passed out 150 gun locks, 72 Narcan, and 144 Covid tests.

Tiffany Petersen, Scott County Health Department, stated that the July storm caused many power outages. They will be checking many restaurants for food safety. They also had ICS training with their staff this past week.

Mariah Bryner, Scott County Health Department, stated that a 4 Health Department staff assisted EMA with Damage Assessments after the July Storm.

EMS Reports

Kevin Lange, a Medic, stated that the EMS reunion was well attended. Also, a person was in Cardiac Arrest at Target, and an employee helped save the patient by using the AED. He stated how important it was for people to take CPR training and that it makes a difference. Also, he is hoping to get the School bus policy protocol accomplished.

Kevin Takacs, Medforce, said they will have an aircraft at Genesis during the bix.

Fire Service Reports

Troy Said of the Bettendorf Fire Department stated that Chief Davis will be taking over as Chief of the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Greg Behning, Davenport Police, said there was a great response to the shots fire call at Northpark Mall.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island County Sheriff, stated that the Tugfest is from August 8-10th. Red, White, and Boom will take place on September 6th.

Education Updates

No Updates.

Public Works/Secondary Roads/Waste Commission Reports

Brian Seals, Scott County Waste Commission, stated that once flood waters reach 19.5 ft, the backup location for compost is used. A press briefing for flood debris will be sent out. It will include information about collection dates and how to sort debris.

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

Ricky Newcomb, Bi-State Regional Commission, stated they have wall mats if anyone needs them.

Henry Bocke, U.S. Coast Guard, stated that Mission Mighty Mississippi will be held in September at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Other Items of Interest

Pierre Nkundabemera, American Red Cross, stated that today would be the last day for water distribution. They are still working through the aftermath of the July storm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 A.M.