

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

September 27, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was Called to order by Decker Ploehn at 8:32 A.M.

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Mariah Bryner, David Cowlin, Owen Farrell, Pam Gettert, Jim Hawkes, Rich Kinney, Melissa Ketcham, Keith Kimball, Kevin Lange, Matt Lawson, Marion Llyod, Al Loeffelholz, Greg Marin, Brian McDaniel, Bill McDonald, Sara Meguffy, Kate Myer, Patrick Newman, Brian Payne, Courtney Pershall, Decker Ploehn, Troy Said, Tracey Screechfield, Jerry Shirk, Margo Sparbel, Daniel Sterner, Todd Whitchelo, and Patsy Willits.

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

The meeting began with introductions.

### **Approval of Minutes of the August 30, 2024, QCEPC Meeting**

Keith Kimball motioned to approve the QCEPC meeting minutes for August 30, 2024; Brian Payne seconded the motion—all Ayes.

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

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, reports on the TTX workshop with AMSC IC/EOC with RI. Sixty-two people attended, including the Coast Guard, RI Arsonal, River Operations, HAZMAT, and EPA, with a unified command. They had a great turnout. Next spring, a Scott County TTX will be held with Senior Officials and Elected Officials. LEPC – email sent to tier two organizations with twenty-five engaged industries. The next meeting will be planning, needs, and bridging gaps. FEMA's Disaster Recovery helped forty-two families, with \$200,000 allocated to Scott County residents and the community.

Jim Hawkes stated that the IMT Steering Committee met to discuss future needs. I appreciate Robin Dunn and Chief Troy Said for accepting Chair and Co-Chair responsibilities. Chief Said stated that it was a good meeting and that we need buy-in from all agencies involved to develop policies, procedures, and plans for the community.

### **Communications Center Updates**

Melissa Ketcham, Scott Emergency Communications Center, stated that the center plans to be fully staffed by 2025. SECC is looking at a new training program. She reminded everyone of the Sara upgrade with core replacement.

### **Healthcare Coalition Reports**

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis Health, stated that the Region 2 HPP grant is posted for Illinois. Illinois Hospital Association to be involved with the Annual Regional Exercise in February 2025.

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

Dan Sterner, Unity Point Health-Trinity, stated the Infusion Center construction is completed. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a TTX evacuation drill with all Unity Point.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis Health, stated that there is a reunification TTX at the Aledo hospital. Also, an Exelon Radiological training at Davenport East with FEMA to evaluation the radiation training.

Kate Meyer, Rock Island Health Department, stated flu clinics are underway, with walk-ins on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a variation of the COVID vaccine is being offered.

### **EMS Reports**

Region 5 grants would include an EMR class and a new board and straps. We will have NARCAN available to leave behind if the person refuses treatment and helps educate.

Greg Marin, Aire Care, stated that AirCare is purchasing another aircraft that needs paint and configuration. This will help accommodate the new base in the region.

Mariah Bryner, Scott County Health Department, reported that the Scott County Opioid Steering Committee recommends more school education as part of the Opioid settlement. They will be recruiting for a new coordination position.

Dan Sterner, Durant Ambulance, reminded the group of Durant Ambulance's 50-year anniversary and the festivities that will be held.

### **Fire Service Reports**

No updates.

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

Keith Kimball, Bettendorf Police, stated QC Bank Security Group held a panel discussing scams, cryptocurrency, and ATM bitcoin Kiosk.

### **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**

U.S. Coast Guard reported back to normal operations.

Rich Kinney, National Weather Service, stated he attended an Emergency Preparedness Podcast hosted by Al Loellfelz, Chris Perrin, and Mike Hartley.

Jim Hawkes, Scott County EMA Deputy Director, stated that this would be his last QCEPC meeting. He thanked the members and said it was a pleasure working with all. Decker Pheoln extended his appreciation.

**The next meeting will be on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.