

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

December 6, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

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

Attendees: Henry Bocke, Denise Bulant, Mariah Bryner, Jesse Doty, Robbin Dunn, Owen Farrell, Dennis Frisch, Matt Fults, Pam Gettert, Jim Hawkes, Melissa Ketcham, Keith Kimball, Matt Lawson, Marion Lloyd, Al Loeffelholz, Isaias Martinez-Garza, Bill McDonald, Molly McKee, Kate Konecky, Patrick Newman, Travis Noyd, Breanna Pairrett, Brian Payne, Courtney Pershall, Troy Said, Eli Soliz, Daniel Sterner, Adam Sowell, Jamie Temple, Patsy Willits, Jerry Sottos, Mark Huggins, and Tracy Czekalski.

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

The meeting began with introductions.

### **Approval of Minutes of the October 25, 2024, QCEPC Meeting**

Troy Said motioned to approve the QCEPC meeting minutes for October 25, 2024; Matt Lawson seconded the motion—all Ayes.

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

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that the Flyer and registration for ICS 300, 400, and G191 have been sent; sign up before classes fill up. Also, the All Hazards IMT Class will be May 12-16 at Bettendorf Station #4. This will be a free class. EMA has made an offer to fill the Deputy Director position. Working on a Nuclear Power Plant project to get subareas in Scott County for more agile planning. Brian also reported on warming centers in Scott County. EMA does not have staff warming centers, and RedCross will not open a shelter for cold weather. We encourage people to go to public places.

### **Communications Center Updates**

Melissa Ketcham, Scott Emergency Communications Center, stated that 3 new dispatchers are in training. Also reported on December 10, 2024, Racom will be upgrading the firmware, and there will be limited coverage during that time.

Tracy Czekalski, QCOMM 911, reported that QCOMM is down 1 dispatcher and is looking to hire someone soon.

### **Healthcare Coalition Reports**

Adam Sowell, UnityPoint, reported that the mid-year report is coming up on December 15. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, a tabletop exercise revolved around a natural disaster. If anyone is interested in helping plan the tabletop exercise, feel free to send an email. The assessment plan wrapped up in October. There will be an HCC meeting on the first Tuesday in February.

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

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis Health, stated that on December 10, there will be a Constellation Radiological exercise at the the Silvis location. Also, working on updating the reunification plan.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, stated that the CMS full functional exercise was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. It went very well, and 25 facilities participated.

#### **EMS Reports**

Matt Fults, AireCare, stated that AirCare opened at the Davenport airport on November 20, 2024. We are in the process of building out a location. No issues have been raised since opening day.

#### **Fire Service Reports**

Troy Said, Bettendorf Fire, stated that RTF training will be held at the Arsenal this year, sometime in April or June. Also, announce that Travis Noyd will be retiring in January 2025.

Travis Noyd, Moline Fire Department, reported that Jerry Sottos will take over as Chief.

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

No updates.

#### **Education Updates**

Jamie Temple, EICC, reported that Jim Hawkes was hired as an EMS educator at the college. They also stated that Beth has retired. An EMR class in Long Grove will be held in January; it is 60 hours long and does not have clinical or ride time.

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

Robbin Dunn, Davenport Public Works, reported that their snow teams are ready. They will also start planning for flooding at the end of January.

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

No Updates.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Denise Bulant, BiState, reported that grants under a presidential order must have a climate change review in the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**The next meeting will be on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 A.M.