

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

June 27, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

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

Attendees: Paul Andorf, Henry Bocke, Dennis Frisch, Jodi Freet, Pam Gettert, Bob Graft, Ashley Harrington, Adam Haut, Kris Johnson, Melissa Ketcham, Kevin Lange, Marion Lloyd, Greg Martin, Isaias Martinez-Garza, Bill McDonald, Molly McKee, Sara Meguffy, Patrick Newman, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Gary Robertson, Nick Rocca, Scott Ryckeghem, Keith Schneckloth, Doug Scott, Angie Sharp, Eli Soliz, Adam Sowell, Daniel Sterner, Richard Vermeer, Jennifer Warren, Todd Whitchelo, Jennifer Wilkes, and Patsy Willits.

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

The meeting began with introductions.

### **Approval of Minutes of the May 30, 2025, QCEPC Meeting**

Dan Sterner motioned to approve the QCEPC meeting minutes for May 30, 2025; Doug Davis seconded the motion—all Ayes.

### **Presentation**

Adam Sowell, Unity Point, gave a presentation on ChemPack to the group.

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

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, reviewed EMA's Mission, Vision, Values, and Recognition Program. The EMA Commission also approved hiring the Planning Specialist and posting the position after July 1, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed Senate File 594 to conduct a study to consolidate fire protection services.

Isaias Martinez-Garza, Rock Island Arsenal, stated that the Arsenal has increased security due to employees returning to work. Also noted was that the Davenport bridge will be closed, and people will need to use the Rock Island gate to get to the Island. A maritime training course will be held from July 29 to 31.

Angie Sharp, City of Bettendorf, stated that the next PIO meeting will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Bettendorf City Hall.

### **Communications Center Updates**

Scott Ryckeghem, QCOMM 911, stated they are staffed with 20 people, currently have 4 in training, waiting on two background checks, and still need to hire one more.

Melissa Ketcham, SECC, stated that three are in training. Infrastructure updates will be made over the next couple of months.

### **Healthcare Coalition Reports**

No updates.

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

No updates.

### **EMS Reports**

Kevin Lange, Medic, stated there wasn't an Association meeting this month. Also, Medic had site visits and accreditations 2 weeks ago, and no issues were found.

Adam Haut, Genesis Ambulance, stated that four EMTs have finished the paramedic course. They still have a couple of openings, but the staffing is good.

Ashley Harrington, AirCare, stated they have medics going through orientation this week.

### **Fire Service Reports**

Bill McDonald, Bettendorf Fire, stated that the RTF training has been very beneficial this past week and that it was very well put together.

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

Doug Scott, Bettendorf Police, stated they are preparing for the upcoming Fourth of July events.

### **Education Updates**

No updates.

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

No updates.

**Civil Air Patrol, Bi-State, CPKC, Barton Solvents, and NWS**

No updates.

**Other Items of Interest**

The committee canceled the July QCEPC meeting and will meet again in August.

**The next meeting will be on Friday, August 29, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.