

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2022

The Emergency Readiness Committee met in the County Board Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Bob Allen.

Members Present:

Bob Allen, Chairman
C. Rick Vernier
Susan Gruberman
Robert Trentman
Jana A. Moll
Ken Easterley

Members Absent

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments or Questions asked at this Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Easterley and seconded by Ms. Moll to approve the Minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review. It was discussed that just under 100 radios were purchased and being programmed now. The importance of the upcoming Scott Air Force Air show was discussed, this will involve Director of Military Affairs, Kimberly Huth.

A motion was made by Ms. Gruberman and seconded by Mr. Vernier to approve the EMA report. Motion passed.

Upon no further business, motion was made by Ms. Moll and seconded by Mr. Vernier to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Report of Activities Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee November 2022 / December 2022

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed with no new reported problems.
3. Continue to attend the monthly Hospital/EMS COVID 19 Conference Calls
4. Attend the bi-weekly Conference call with IEMA Director regarding COVID-19
5. Attended the Monthly Starcom 21 Committee Meeting
6. Conducted monthly informational briefing on Facebook.
7. Attended the STARRS Board Meeting.
8. Attended the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee Meeting.
9. Attended the Statewide 9-1-1 Next Generation 9-1-1 planning meeting.
10. Attended meeting of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board..
11. Attended the monthly meeting of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services.
12. The FEMA Federal Disaster Declaration was received for the July 2022 Flooding.
Disaster Resource Centers have opened in East St Louis and Caseyville. The Deadline to apply was extended to December 22, 2022. To date, more than 8,000 have applied and 21 million dollars of assistance has been provided.
13. The first delivery of materials for the outdoor warning siren project has arrived.
14. Staff attended a planning meeting for the 2023 air show at Scott Air Force Base.
15. Staff attended a meeting with Ameren executives to discuss their emergency response capabilities.
16. Many departments are receiving their deliveries from the bulk radio purchase and programming is underway.
17. Two town hall meetings were conducted with FEMA and IEMA to discuss final questions and assistance for residents.
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