

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025

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
Susan Gruberman
Ken Easterley
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Robert Trentman

Members Absent

C. Richard Vernier, Asst. Chairman, Excused

Others Present:

Herb Simmons, Director 911/EMA
Brian Donley, Deputy Chief, SCSES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Easterley and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., to approve the Minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

A motion was made by Mrs. Moll and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., to approve the EMA report. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Donley provided data on St. Clair Special Emergency Services Association 2024 Response and Training Summary.

A motion was made by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Gruberman to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Herbert Simmons
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Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee
December 2024 / January 2025

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed and no problems were noted. Areas that had issues the previous month were monitored and all confirmed to be working properly.
3. Attended the Monthly Starcom 21 Committee Meeting
4. Attended the STARRS Board Meeting.
5. Attended the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee Meeting.
6. Attended meeting of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board.
7. Attended the monthly meeting of the St. Clair Special Emergency Services.
8. Siren vendor continues to work on punch list items. Progress was slowed this month due to snow/ice limiting their ability to place poles. During that time they have begun installation of secondary controllers in communities that requested them, they anticipate contacting all requesting communities this month.
9. Bi-weekly meetings continue with the FEMA BRIC Staff to develop the project application for St. Clair County and the 11 eligible communities. The application deadline is February 28, 2025.
10. Attend monthly meeting of the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
11. Working with IEMA and FEMA to continue the buyout program. St Clair County has received the notice to proceed with the grant award of \$2.3 million for the first 37 properties in the program.
12. EMA staff assisted with communities and public notifications for the Winter Storms that occurred during the week of January 6th-11th. Social media was heavily utilized to communicate with county residents and provided for 2,066,041 views during the time frame. Additionally, CODE RED warning system was utilized to communicate with the county employees and all citizens which sent over 184,000 Calls/Texts/Emails with the updates.