

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 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
C. Richard Vernier, Asst. Chairman
Susan Gruberman
Ken Easterley
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Robert Trentman

Members Absent

Others Present:

Herb Simmons, Director 911/EMA
Mae Brown, Citizen

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. Vernier, to approve the Minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed for both January/February and February/March to members to review. Mr. Simmons also discussed FEMA money and that the outdoor warning sirens did a great job during the March 14th and 15th storms.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Vernier and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee
January 2025 / February 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.
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 and change order. Progress continued slowly this month due to weather.
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. CENCOM East 9-1-1 Center was closed for updates and all staff are operating out of the CENCOM West Facility. These renovations are scheduled to be completed by 6/29/25.

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Report of Activities
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February 2025 / March 2025

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed and one siren had a problem in Fairview Heights and it was fixed by the manufacturer.
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 and change order. Progress continued slowly this month due to weather.
9. The BRIC Application was filed by the deadline of 2/28/25.
10. Attend monthly meeting of the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
11. Three tornados struck St. Clair County on Friday 3/14/2025. An EF-1 tornado began in Monroe County and continued into rural Millstadt before lifting near Lower Saxtown Rd. An EF-1 tornado began in Northern O'Fallon and did substantial damage to the Parkview Trailer Park on Scott Troy Rd. An EF-2 tornado began in northern Mascoutah and continued into Clinton County and did substantial damage to farm properties in the area. All of the areas were surveyed by EMA staff and information was relayed to IEMA regarding damage assessment. The greatest majority of properties were insured and repairs are underway. The new outdoor warning siren system functioned as designed and activated for 3 different warnings during the period and only activated those sirens within the polygon system. Substantial outreach was done prior to the storm striking utilizing social media along with the County Code RED system. This pre-warning allowed residents to be prepared to act upon the arrival of the storm. More than 1,500,000 people were reached utilizing the social media platforms.