

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2025

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

Members Present:

C. Richard Vernier, Asst. Chairman
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Robert Trentman

Members Absent

Bob Allen, Chairman, Excused
Susan Gruberman, Excused
Ken Easterley, Excused

Others Present:

Herb Simmons, Director 911/EMA
Mark Kern, County Board Chairman

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 Mrs. Moll and seconded by Mr. Trentman, to approve the Minutes from the August 11, 2025 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. Trentman, to approve the EMA report. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Moll and seconded by Mr. Trentman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 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
August 2025 / September 2025

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. During the initial test a fail was indicated. A subsequent test was initiated two minutes later and it was successful. ATI Engineers investigated and determined it was related to an automatic windows update that had been installed on the computer. The engineers disabled the automatic updates and will only manually install the updates once tested in their test environment.
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. Staff attended the quarterly regional meeting for Illinois Emergency Management.
9. Attend monthly meeting of the Long Term Recovery Division of our County COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster).
10. Command Post Deployed to the Songs for Soldiers event in Columbia, IL.
11. Command Post deployed to Oktoberfest in Belleville, IL.
12. Staff served as event safety officers for NASCAR Enjoy Illinois 300 weekend.
13. Conducted the bi-monthly meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
14. Conducted public meeting with Gonzalez Engineers and City of Belleville regarding the Belleville Flood Study. Subsequent sewer smoke testing was conducted and the results are being reviewed by Gonzalez Engineers.