

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2026

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
Robert Trentman
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.

Members Absent

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Debra Moore, Director of Administration
Ken Sharkey, Member, County Board

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 July 13, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Gruberman, and seconded by Mrs. Moll, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 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
July 2026 / August 2026

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. Ongoing maintenance continues to ensure the integrity of the system.
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. Conducted the bi-monthly meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
11. Continue to work with IEMA/FEMA on the Belleville and East Carondelet Flood Studies along with the Flood Buyout Program. Our engineering firm is beginning the process of developing the fair market value offers for the first 35 homes to be presented to the owners.
12. Continue to conduct the Monday Morning Spotlight St Clair Episodes.
13. EMA staff participated in the Public Safety and Operations portions of Fair St. Clair. We are happy to report there were 0 law enforcement incidents and 4 medical responses through the duration of the event. Staff participated in the After Action review and begin the planning for Fair St Clair 2027.
14. EMA Staff responded to a hazardous material fire in Sauget IL. The results were the shelter in place order initially for 3,400 residents and was ultimately expanded to 5,900 residents. This lasted for a period of approximately 5 ½ hours. The scene is now under the control of the IL EPA while cleanup efforts continue.
15. EMA staff is participating in the planning for operations at the NASCAR Enjoy Illinois 300 weekend.