

**EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 17, 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:**

Herb Simmons, Director 911/EMA  
Mark Kern, County Board Chairman  
Ken Sharkey, County Board  
Lonnie Mosley, County Board  
Corey Ellis, SCSES  
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. G.W. Scott, Jr., to approve the Minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

A motion was made by Ms. Gruberman and seconded by Mrs. Moll, to approve the EMA report. Motion passed unanimously.

Corey Ellis provided a special services update.

A motion was made by Mrs. Moll and seconded by Mr. Vernier, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Allen, Chairman  
Emergency Readiness Committee

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**Herbert Simmons**  
**EMA Director**

**St. Clair County**  
**Emergency Management Agency (EMA)**

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Report of Activities  
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee  
January 2026 / February 2026

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed a report of a siren in Belleville not activating occurred. The installer checked and found a faulty control board. This replacement was under warranty and a new board is on order.
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 which is currently awaiting the appraisal process.
12. Continue to conduct the Monday Morning Spotlight St Clair Episodes. These weekly shows have achieved greater than 391,000 total views in the various segments.
13. EMA Warning Bus deployed to assist Hollywood Heights Fire Department with a multiple alarm fire.
14. EMA staff responded with equipment and assistance to a water rescue in the New Baden area. A two day search was conducted by water rescue teams from throughout the state.
15. EMA staff was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Access and Functional Needs and attended the first meeting this month.

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**St. Clair Special Emergency Services**

**2025 Statistics**

**Calls for service in 2025: 27**

K9 Calls – 10

HazHat Team Calls – 0

HazMat Duty Officers Calls – 10

Rescue Team Calls – 4

Rescue Duty Officers Calls- 2

RMERT Calls – 1

**107 Members responded to these calls**

**70 ½ Hours members spent on these calls**

**Agencies Special Services Responded To Assisted in 2025:**

Fire Departments - 19

Police/Sheriffs – 4

Coroner – 1

Eureka SAR – 2

Other Agency – 1

**Attendance for training, meeting, and events:**

**229 members attended**

**2,398 members' hours**

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**High Lights from some of the meetings, and trainings in 2025:**

STARRS Committe Meetings Attended: UR&R (Rescue) and MazMat – 3

St. Clair/Monroe County Fire Chiefs & MABSA 32 Meetings

SES Trained for other Departments in HazMat and Rope Rescue

Trainings with Madison County TRT (rescue)

St. Clair County Emergency Readiness Committee Meetings

St. Clair County Corners

NDMS Federal Coordinating Center Exercise

JHAT Trainings (FBI, ATF, ISP)

Coast Guard Regional Meetings

Bio Watch Meetings

***Community Events SES Assisted in 2025:***

Illinois State Police Youth Camp

Millstadt Police Youth Camp

Boy Scott Events

NASCAR

Indy Car

Belleville Marathon

**336 Members total responded to calls, trainings, events, & meetings**

**2,468 Hours total responding to calls, trainings, events, & meetings**