EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 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

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. Vernier and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., to approve the Minutes from the June 22, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

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

A motion was made by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Moll, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee
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1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. As part of the continual engineering review of the siren system, four sirens were identified to possibly need replacement radio equipment. ATI Solutions sent a test unit which will be installed temporarily on each unit to determine if it corrects the communication warnings. If it does, replacements will be sent and installed permanently.
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 continues to attend planning meetings for Fair St. Clair.
14. St. Clair County Mobile Command Post deployed to support the St. Clair County Sherriff Dept, Illinois State Police, St Clair County Coroners Office, St Louis City Police and the FBI with an investigation.
15. The EMA Bus was deployed to Touchette Elderly Apartments to assist with displaced residents from a power outage.