EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 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
Susan Gruberman
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Robert Trentman

Members Absent
C. Richard Vernier, Asst. Chairman, 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 Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Moll, to approve the Minutes from the December 8, 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 Ms. Gruberman, to approve the EMA report. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Trentman and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., 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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Herbert Simmons
EMA Director

Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee
December 2025/ January 2026

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 observed.
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. Have had segments with Animal Control, Intergovernmental Grants Dept, St Clair County Fairgrounds, Highway Dept, Health Dept, St Clair County Transit District, Illinois Emergency Management, Belleville Optimist Club, Anna's Shriners Feztival of Trees, Swansea Winter Wonderland, Chairman Kern, Shiloh Mayor Bob Weilmuenster, LEPC Chairman Samantha Roland, IT Director Jeff Sandusky and Fire Chief Tom Elliff. These weekly shows have achieved greater than 176,000 total views in the various segments.
13. Deployed EMA resources to assist with a large fire in Chester Illinois in which St. Clair County EMA was contacted to provide one of our heating buses for the first responders on scene.
14. Assisted Village of Millstadt with large fire at Wastewater Treatment Plant. EMA provided assistance with locating and deploying equipment and handled messaging through the CODE Red System.
15. End of the year number were finalized for dispatching services. In total, 147,912 9-1-1 calls were received for 2025. St. Clair County CENCOM answered 95,312 of the calls (64.19%), while Belleville answered 28,678 (18.95%) and O'Fallon answered 23,922 (16.86%)
16. St. Clair County CENCOM processed 163,263 total events through the center including 9-1-1 calls, self-initiated activities from Police/Fire/EMS agencies, and non-emergency telephone calls. Of those activities 84.6% were for Police Agencies, 12.6% for EMS agencies and 2.8% for fire agencies.