

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 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
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 Mrs. Moll, to approve the Minutes from the February 17, 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 Mrs. Moll, to approve the EMA report. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Vernier and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 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
February 2026 / March 2026

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. We received reports of no audible activation from a siren in Lebanon and a siren in Collinsville. The vendor was notified and they sent a technician to investigate on 3/16/26.
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 522,000 total views in the various segments.
13. A EF-1 tornado struck just outside the Village of St Libory. EMA staff responded to assist and coordinated efforts through the National Weather Service and the local utility vendor.
14. EMA staff were asked to present on the Benefits of Social Media in Emergency Management to a regional group of Emergency managers.