

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 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
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.

Members Absent

Robert Trentman, Excused

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. Easterley and seconded by Mr. G.W. Scott, Jr., to approve the Minutes from the April 20, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members to review.

A motion was made by Mr. Vernier, 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 6:03 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
April 2026 / May 2026

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. We continue to work with the vendor on nine (9) sirens that are having communication issues. During the most recent tornado warnings it was confirmed that even problematic sirens successfully activated. Additionally, EMA staff visited 23 sirens and collected logs for the vendor to review different alarms that were received over the previous month. We continue to work with the Siren Vendor and our Radio Vendor 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. The first 35 appraisals have now been approved by FEMA and the county contractor will begin working on Fair Market Value Purchase Offers to these home owners as the next step of the process.
12. Continue to conduct the Monday Morning Spotlight St Clair Episodes. These weekly shows have achieved greater than 743,000 total views in the various segments.
13. An EF-1 tornado struck a commercial property outside of Mascoutah on April 27, 2026. There were no injuries reported and the involved properties were insured.
14. St Clair County Mobile Command Post was deployed to support the Art on the Square event in Belleville.
15. EMA staff continues to attend planning meetings for Fair St. Clair.
16. EMA staff attended the kickoff meeting for the Indy Car Races at Worldwide Technology Raceway.