

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2026

The Emergency Readiness Committee met in the County Board Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Asst. Chairman C. Richard Vernier.

Members Present:

C. Richard Vernier, Asst. Chairman
Susan Gruberman
Ken Easterley
Robert Trentman
Jana A. Moll
G.W. Scott, Jr.

Members Absent

Bob Allen, Chairman - Excused

Others Present:

Mark Kern, County Board Chairman
Bryan Whitaker, 911/EMA

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 Mr. Easterley to approve the Minutes from the August 24, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly EMA report was distributed to members, and a discussion was led by Mr. Whitaker.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Moll, and seconded by Mr. Trentman to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 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
August 2026 / September 2026

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. Monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens were completed. Ongoing maintenance continues to ensure the integrity of the system. Two amplifiers were replaced under warranty this month. One on a Belleville siren and one on a Freeburg Siren.
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 responded to a hazardous material explosion in Sauget IL. There was one employee who suffered no life-threatening injuries and there was no further threat to the general public.
14. EMA staff functioned as the safety officer for the Enjoy Illinois 300 Weekend with NASCAR at Worldwide Technology Raceway.
15. Staff began negotiations with Motorola on the renewal of our 10-year radio contract which is scheduled to expire in March 2027.
16. EMA staff participated in multiple Emergency Preparedness activities in partnership with Scott Air Force Base as part of the preparedness month.