

Jefferson County Public Safety Commission
Jefferson County, MO
MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2021

The Jefferson County Public Safety Commission meeting was held on September 16, 2021 via phone and in person, hosted by Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management in Herculaneum, MO. The meeting was called to order at 13:31 by Warren Robinson. Attendance at the meeting was as follows:

Meeting called to order by Warren Robinson at 13:31

Members:

Tom Nahlik	Jefferson County 911	Not Present
Jeffery Broombaugh	Fire Protection Districts	Present via phone
Eric Hall	Public Representative	Not Present
Timothy Lewis	Municipal Police Departments	Present
Gary Higginbotham	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	Not Present
Kelley Vollmar	Jefferson County Health Department	Present via phone
Kurt Wengert	Department of Public Works	Present via phone
Warren Robinson	Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management	Present
Jamie Guinn	Ambulance Districts	Not Present

Recognition of Visitors and Guests

Jina Akins: Deputy Director, Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Warren Robinson to accept the agenda, seconded by Tim Lewis. All were in favor. Agenda approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes/no quorum by Jeff Broombaugh, seconded by Kelly Vollmer. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

Public Comment

None

OEM Director Report

- **STARRS Exercise Series (THIRA/SPR)** – STARRS is conducting a series of 5-regional virtual tabletop exercises during September and October. These exercises are designed to identify and address gaps within the region and are connected with funding that comes to the region. A handout has been sent and anyone desiring to have input by participating feel free to join the exercises, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/THIRASPR>
- **CERT** – Our office has restarted the CERT Training Program utilizing a Hybrid platform that incorporates online learning and an in-person practical format. There are about 20 enrollees and the course is about halfway through the online portion. The practical portion will be held on October 7th & 8th here at the OEM

Office. We have lost a few trainers over the last year so any trainers interested in participating please contact Jina Akins 636-797-6079 or jakins@jeffcomo.org we will be happy to have your expertise.

- **Local Sirens Report & NWS Warning Changes** – National Weather Service has announced a new way to utilize sirens in the region. The changes incorporate 3-Tiers of notifications for severe thunderstorm warnings, the biggest change is with the 3rd Tier warning, which is the most destructive, causing significant damage. Information should be pushed out publicly within the next week, the presentation is attached and was sent earlier with this month's agenda.

In addition, the county is looking at unincorporated areas of the county for warning sirens, the potential costs and where the funding might come should this be something that is feasible. A coverage study is the initial step being taken at this time.

- **PPE Kits** – The county is reactivating its "Community Awareness Protection Kits" for COVID by purchasing 43,000 kits for public use. It has not been determined at this time the best way to distribute the resource, the intent is to provide kits to every resident/household of the county, more information to come.
- **COVID AAR** – OEM has started a draft of the COVID response for 2020-present. If any department has notes and/or comments that would be relevant to being incorporated into the report please contact Warren Robinson. The report is projected to be compiled by 4th quarter 2021.

Commission Member Monthly Reports

Fire Protection Districts – No report at this time

Municipal P.D.'s - No report at this time.

Health Department – Kelly Vollmer reported that COVID updates are being sent out to public safety regularly, if anyone is not receiving these and wishes to please contact her. Significant increases in COVID cases are being seen due to the start-up of school and Labor Day. There are a significant increase to the younger age brackets raising to over 32% of cases within the county, this could be due to the lack of use of masks in various school systems. Vaccination status at this time is seeing that break-through cases of those vaccinated is low, (less than 20% of cases), while the majority of cases, (over 80%) are being seen in those not vaccinated.

Public Works – Kurt Wengert reports that the county currently is ramping up on several bridge projects, they are also in process on chip/seal projects and will be ordering salt and traction sand in preparation of the winter season.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Lewis, 2nd Warren Robinson, meeting adjourned 13:49.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2021 at 13:30, Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management in Herculaneum, MO.