

Disaster Committee Minutes 08/11/2026

On Call: Joe Miller, Jill Pietrusinski, Bruce Matthews, Jill Pietrusinski, Aur Beck, Wayne Gerlock, Jeff Thornton, David Antelo, Mark Bearth, Cathy Stoltz

Joe opened the meeting at 7:30

We have our training session at Grand Tower scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at 1pm at the boat ramp for training. Currently, 9 members are registered. Jill will send out another email and post. David Antelo from Hydrovolt was present. Jill helped Cathy and Jeff register. Cathy is looking for a carpool option. David will bring the "suitcase" filtration system as well so we can see how it works. Jill shared we have had some requests for a "manual". The previous version is all that is available now and David will email us a copy. The system is a generator, a pump system, a filtration system and a reverse osmosis system component. The FEMA mandates limited the ability of a water purification system provided by anyone other than the government. That mandate has now been changed to allow us to use this system. There is an option for that water to then be chlorinated if desired. RO with carbon block allows the water to be safe for distribution. The certification process by NSF or state as an option utilizing water quality testing.

Jill reported for the District Conference we have a confirmed breakout session. Jeff will reach out to the St. Clair Co EMA to see if she can help. Brian Burgess has agreed to present with the focus on partnering in the community with Rotary and your EMAs for preparedness as well as response. The Charities board meeting will be in the morning. Jill is requesting the financials from Charities to update our Candid certification back to Platinum. Jeff will follow up.

Aur asked if we were part of Crime Stoppers fair at the Carbondale Civic Center Sept. 26 2-4p. We will have the Disaster trailer present. Jill will provide some marketing materials for the provisional disaster club to gather leads of potential members.

Wayne asked if we've had any response from our drill as requested to update the "job descriptions" and the graphics from Brian. No responses have been received so we will need to follow up.

Next Call September 8 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully
PDG Jill Pietrusinski