



City Council Study Session Agenda
April 14, 2025 - 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Presentations**
 - a. Presentation from Police Chief McCloud regarding "You Are Not Alone" Suicide Prevention Signs.
 - b. Presentation on I-280/Casino West Development.
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Adjourn**
 - a. Motion: Motion to Adjourn.
VV Voice vote is needed.

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**MEMORANDUM
Police Department**



TO: Todd Thompson, City Manager
FROM: Timothy J. McCloud, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: YOU ARE NOT ALONE Suicide Prevention Signs

Number: 25-25
Date: 03/24/25

On March 19th, 2025, a 53-year-old male attempted to take his own life by jumping off the Centennial Bridge. Fortunately, the subject survived, however he sustained significant injuries including a collapsed lung, broken ribs, and hypothermia.

As you are undoubtedly aware, this was not an isolated incident, but rather just the latest example of subjects in mental health crisis who have turned to one of our two Mississippi River bridges in an attempt to commit suicide. Since 2009, the Rock Island Police Department has responded to 154 calls of suicidal subjects on the Centennial Bridge. In 2024 alone, we responded to suicidal subjects on the Centennial Bridge an average of once a month, including one instance in which three officers struggled to pull a subject back over the railing who was actively trying to jump.

According to the most recent data from the CDC, suicide rates have increased almost every year, with 2022 once again reaching the highest level recorded.

Following what many municipalities around the country have implemented, I am proposing erecting YOU ARE NOT ALONE suicide prevention signs at the base of the Centennial Bridge and the entrance to the Arsenal Bridge viaduct. It is my hope that these signs can provide one more moment of intervention for those considering ending their life.

The sign that I am proposing will display 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number, which provides free, confidential support through calling, texting, or chatting, 24 hours a day. The sign will also display the Mental Health Resources QR code that takes users to the Rock Island Library's Community Information webpage and provides a list of local and national mental health resources. This QR code mirrors the ones that are currently on the back of every Rock Island squad car.

I have also coordinated with Davenport Chief Jeff Bladel, who would like to join in our efforts on the Iowa side of the bridges.

The cost for two suicide prevention signs would be minimal, as our Public Works Department has the ability to create the signs in house.

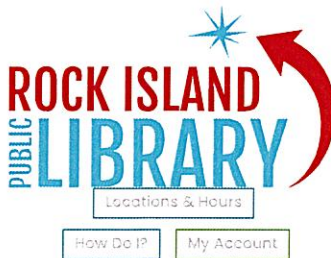
This endeavor is a simple, cost-effective first step towards providing subjects in crisis at our bridges with a visible and viable rescue option. Future considerations could include installing 988-only bridge phones, depending on location, logistics and funding.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. McCloud".

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy J. McCloud, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: Todd Thompson, City Manager



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988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

There is hope. Providing 24/7, free and confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress works. Call or Text.

Phone Number

[988](tel:988)

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Christian Care Center

Nonprofit men's homeless shelter, local warming and cooling center, and free daily community meal site.

Address

2209 3rd Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[\(309\) 786-5734](tel:(309)786-5734)

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Christian Care Martha's House

Nonprofit women and children's shelter.

Phone Number

[\(309\) 786-5734](tel:(309)786-5734)

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Clock, Inc: LGBT+ Community Center

Nonprofit providing a non-judgmental, safe, and reliable community center for LGBT+ individuals to reduce any feelings of discrimination or isolation. Services include counseling, training, and clothing swaps.

Address

4102 45th Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[\(309\) 558-0956](tel:3095580956)

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Community Home Partners

Local organization that assists community members obtain housing and find rental assistance.

Address

Community Home Partners
227 21st St.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[309-788-0825](tel:3097880825)

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Family Resources

Free, confidential services to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, human trafficking, homicide, and other violent crime:

- Counseling and Therapy
- Emergency Crisis Assistance 24-Hour Phone line
- Sheltering and rapid rehousing
- Medical and legal advocacy
- Safety planning
- Employment assistance
- Education/Awareness/Mentoring

Address

1414 W. Lombard St.
Davenport, IA 52801
United States

Phone Number

[309-797-1777](tel:3097971777)

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FindHelp.org

Search by your zip code to find free or reduced-cost resources like food, housing, financial assistance, health care, and more.

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Heart of Hope Ministries

Nonprofit offering food pantry, local resource delivery to seniors, clothing ministry, youth outreach, and computer assistance.

Address

1740 9th Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[\(309\) 428-4752](tel:3094284752)

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Humility Homes & Services

Nonprofit emergency shelter serving the local area.

Address
1016 W 5th St.
Davenport, IA 52802
United States

Phone Number
[\(563\) 322-8065](tel:(563)322-8065)

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Milan Christian Food Pantry

Local food pantry serving local residents.

Address
225 1st St. East
PO Box 333
Milan, IL 61264
United States

Phone Number
[\(309\) 278-3400](tel:(309)278-3400)

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Narratives QC

Narratives QC serves the mental health needs of:

- Any young adult who has "aged out" of foster care or youth services
- Young adults who lack social capital – supportive relationships that provide guidance
- Young adults struggling to balance mental health issues with the tasks of daily adult living
- Any young adult needing assistance to successfully make the transition from youth to adulthood

Address
Narratives QC
2623 5th Ave, Suite 101
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number
[309-585-3311](tel:309-585-3311)

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National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) Greater Mississippi Valley

NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with mental health conditions and their families. We empower them toward recovery and behavioral health. NAMI does not provide treatment or counseling; rather the organization focuses on education, advocacy and support.

Address
1035 W Kimberly Rd Suite 4
Davenport, IA 52806
United States

Phone Number
[563-386-7477](tel:563-386-7477)

[More Information](#)

National Helpline

Free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year substance abuse and mental health treatment referral and information service.

Phone Number
[1-800-662-HELP \(4357\)](tel:1-800-662-HELP(4357))

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ProjectNow

Nonprofit agency assisting community members with housing, utility assistance, homeless services, senior services, food and nutrition programs, and transportation vouchers. Free public phone and faxing available during open hours.

Address

418 19th St.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[309-793-6391](tel:309-793-6391)

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River Bend Food Bank

Nonprofit providing food pantries in both Illinois and Iowa.

Address

4010 Kimmel Dr.
Davenport, IA 52802
United States

Phone Number

[\(563\) 345-6490](tel:563-345-6490)

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Robert Young Center

Local mental health services and assistance through Unity Point.

Address

2200 3rd Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[\(309\) 779-2094](tel:309-779-2094)

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Rock Island Township Office

Free notary & faxing, voter registration, warming & cooling center, evening meal site.

Address

2827 7th Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[\(309\) 788-3417](tel:309-788-3417)

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South Rock Island Township Office

General community assistance, Senior Food Relief Program, free notary, printing, laminating, voter registration, etc.

Address

4330 11th St.
Rock Island, IL 61201
United States

Phone Number

[\(309\) 788-0496](tel:309-788-0496)

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