



Region D Homeland Security Oversight Committee
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014
9:00 A.M.
Mt. Vernon Arts & Recreation Center
822 W. Mt. Vernon Blvd, Mt. Vernon, MO

Attendance:

RHSOC Members:

Rance Duffy, Chair
Greg Higdon, Police
David Pennington, Fire
Paige Behm, County Health
Bruce Bjorge, HSRRS
Ron Bailey, Public Works
Rick Hess, Mayor/City Administrator
Ryan Martin, Industry/LEPC
Bob Patterson, EMS (HSINConnect)
Bonnie Witt-Schulte, 911
Curtis Chesick, Schools
Jason Henry, Hospitals

RHSOC Alternates:

Bill Sexton, Emergency Management
David Hall, Fire
Jeanne Beas, County Health
Eric Walters, Public Works
Paul Carter, Industry/LEPC (HSINConnect)
David Compton, EMS
Lori Sneed, 911
Michael Pfander, Agriculture

Ex-Officios:

Douglas Baker, DHSS
Wendell Hall, DNR
Randall Willoughby, DNR
Denise Russell, SEMA

Open Meeting

Opening Comments/Pledge of Allegiance

Rance Duffy opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Introductions

Roll call was taken and self-introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

Bonnie Witt-Schulte moved and Bruce Bjorge seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the April 16, 2014 Region D RHSOC quarterly meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests/Visitors:

Chris Pickering, OHS
Joni McCarter, OHS
Merrel Breyer, MDA
Robert Dickson, Polk County EMA
Melissa Duckworth, Taney Co OEM
Greg Hickman, Newton County EMA
Lynn Hollandworth, Republic OEM
Bob Kitsmiller, Dade Co EMD
Tom Martin, Stone County OEM
Matt Stoller, Jasper County Sheriff
Brent Watkins, Bolivar OEM
Larry Woods, Greene County OEM
Chris Thompson, Carthage FD
Roger Williams, Carthage FD
Morgan Housh, Carthage FD
Zave Hartgraves, Cox College
Zim Schwartze, Spfd-Greene County 911
Eric Vought, Lawrence Co Sheriff's Auxiliary
Misty Clay, City of Bolivar

Staff:

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOG
Dave Faucett, SMCOG

Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2014 Region D RHSOC Annual Meeting

Bruce Bjorge moved and Bonnie Witt-Schulte seconded the motion to approve of the minutes of the January 15, 2014 Region D RHSOC annual meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

State Reports

OHS Update - HSAC & Other Initiatives – Chris Pickering

Mr. Pickering reported on the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN). He stated that there is a total of 687 agencies on the network, including 20 sheriff departments that have level one mission critical status. There still are some holes in the network so they have entered into contracts for six new radio towers at 700 MHz to be strategically placed to fill gaps across the state. Ultimately, there will be a total of nine new towers constructed. They are using multi-band radios because most of the 73 towers out there are VHF. These radios are necessary for successful communications with the new towers at 700 MHz.

Mr. Pickering gave an update on the First Net implementation planning program. Nineteen RPCs are hosting planning meetings across the state. First Net is a federal build-out of an interoperable intranet for first responders across the nation. There will be a total of 144 meetings designed for local input on network construction and desired capabilities. It will be based on LTE (Long Term Evolution) cell phone technology. There will be a meeting in Greene County on May 13.

Concerning the Kind & Typing initiative, Mr. Pickering stated that he had no specific briefing for Region D. There will be an Asset Inventory and Management (AIM) meeting at the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and it is hoped that the database will be built-in and fronted by WebEOC. He hopes the construction of the database is completed by the end of 2014. It can then be updated locally as needed.

THIRA Update-Chris Pickering

Mr. Pickering reported that the original timeline for revisiting the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) by June 30 was unrealistic. The Office of Homeland Security (OHS) is in the process of developing a template for the regions to make it easier for the disciplines to fill out. He said that he would email the template to the RHSOC chair and that it should be disseminated to as many people as possible. He plans on hosting a workshop on the process as soon as he gets the logistics worked out. There was an ongoing effort to make THIRA seamless across the agencies to eliminate redundancy. THIRA is a requirement of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) now. Recipients must work with their region to update the regional THIRA. Steps one through four are complete and that the purpose of the template is to refine based on the mission areas and POETE (Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, Exercises) what the regional needs are. This information is what goes to FEMA and DHS to show what Missouri needs to sustain its current capabilities and what projects are enhanced.

Miscellaneous initiatives:

- No information about the FY14 application process to date but he promised to conference call RHSOC chairs as soon as something is known.
- There is a Badging and Credentialing committee meeting on May 9. There is agreement that whatever is bought or built must be vendor agnostic.
- In light of the shooting in Kansas City, Mr. Pickering wanted to make everyone aware that there are Center for Education Safety (CES) workshops for any faith-based organizations. They have a template on line.

- WebEOC has been load tested to determine the robustness of the system, and it slowed down but did not break.
- The next Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting is July 31.
- An Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) from the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) will be coming to each region to put on a class to train people how to do Suspicious Activities Reports (SARs) for all disciplines.
- A tool called the Asset Protection and Response System (APRS) has been implemented. It is based out of Kansas City and is free for use by all first responders. It is web based.

Mr. Pickering was asked if there was going to be a repeat of the MOSWIN grant process for interoperable radios to go to local agencies so they can get on the system. He responded not at this time because 200 radios that were previously handed out have not been connected and may be reallocated.

Homeland Security Grants Update - Joni McCarter

Ms. McCarter reported that FY11 and FY12 grant cycles will close on August 31, 2014. FY11 was reimbursed 92%, FY12 at 52% and FY13 at 14%. These percentages were similar among all regions.

She provided an updated timeline for the FY14 grant application process to the RHSOC. The FY14 applications will be available in Webgrants this year, the same system used for the EMPG applications. Those already registered do not need to sign up. The online application should be available July 15, at which point there will be application workshops scheduled on the same day as the next RHSOC meetings. Applications will be due August 15. From August 15 to September 15 the grants will be peer reviewed and scored. This process has not been determined at this time. An award and compliance workshop will be held on September 15. David Hall asked for clarification if the applications will be filled out as a region or whether individual agencies should file separate applications. Ms. McCarter responded that applications must be completed by individual agencies. Mr. Hall asked if individual agencies would be grant recipients. She explained that the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) would be the recipient pass-through agency and the jurisdictions would not be considered sub-recipients.

Interoperable Communications - Bryan Courtney

Not present. Handout provided.

Rance Duffy asked Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren if there was a date for the Southwest Missouri Council of Government (SMCOG) area First Net meeting. She responded that it was set for May 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the Greene County Public Safety Center in Springfield.

DHSS Update

Nothing to report.

Agriculture Update-Merrel Breyer

Mr. Breyer reported that since the last HSAC meeting he had attended the Multi-State Partnership meeting in Kansas City. The Multi-State Partnership for AG Security is a group of Midwestern states that have agreed to share resources and reduce redundancies; one all hazards guide; one agricultural disease guide, etc. The Partnership is working on a long range plan and prioritization of existing funds.

He also attended the rapid response team exercise for food borne emergencies between the Missouri Departments of Agriculture and Health and Senior Services. The exercise and a tabletop exercise both

went off without a hitch and the feds were impressed and thought the team was ahead of the game compared to others.

The Office of Administration has agreed to use one of their warehouse sites for veterinary stockpile in case of animal disease outbreak. This includes the use of the building, personnel and equipment. There was work being done on a template to deploy stockpiles in the most efficient manner possible.

Mr. Breyer also attended an avian rapid response team training in Cassville. It is a yearly review on using the foaming machine in case of a poultry disease outbreak. The machine is used in depopulating affected buildings.

It was asked where other Multi-State stockpiles are located. He said they were mainly located in Colorado and some are in Kansas City. Another question was raised about how the stockpile would be distributed. Mr. Breyer explained that it would start with a call from the local veterinarian up to the State veterinarian. After assessment, if supplies were needed the State veterinarian would send out a request to the Federal veterinarian.

DNR Update - Wendell Hall

Nothing to report.

Mutual Aid/IST – Sherril Gladney

Not present. Handout provided. Bill Sexton noted that the dates for the Capstone Exercise were in error and should read June 16 – 20.

Mass Care Coordinator – Rebecca Estes

Not present. Handout provided.

New Business

Election of New Vice-Chair-Rance Duffy

Rance Duffy announced to the RHSOC that there was a need to elect a new Vice-Chair. Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren stated that eligible candidates must be a current or former primary representative for at least one year. Mr. Duffy asked for clarification of who was eligible. Ms. Wittorff-Sandgren responded that those eligible included:

Ted Martin
Greg Higdon
Mitch Shaw
David Pennington
Jeff Tucker

Todd Schubert
Jason Henry
Bonnie Witt-Schulte
Bruce Bjorge

Rance Duffy called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Bonnie Witt-Schulte moved and Greg Higdon seconded the motion to nominate David Pennington as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. Mr. Duffy called for a vote and motion carried unanimously.

Homeland Security Grant Procurement Updates-Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

FY11: Has been completed and final bill ready to be submitted to OHS.

FY12: \$22,736.23 is remaining.

FY13: \$117,239.41 is remaining.

State Committee Representatives Reports

Credentialing – Tom Martin

Mr. Martin said that Mr. Pickering covered most of his report already but recommended that everyone log into the HSIN website, go to Memberships, Missouri and on the lower left-hand side BCCPT. Click on the folder named Efforts in Missouri and review the material and give feedback to him before the May meeting. He would like feedback from as many disciplines as possible and would be sending out an email.

Exercise/Training – Melissa Duckworth

The Capstone exercise is on June 16-20, 2014. The Capstone regional planning team has worked to ensure that all EMPG grant recipients that need the credit of three exercises can use this exercise and the ones leading up to it for their credit. Each day of play will focus on specific core capabilities. Monday will be operational coordination and communications, Tuesday is public and private resources, Wednesday is public health and medical, Thursday is mass care, and Friday will be demobilization and long-term recover for State agencies only. The Region D Multi-Agency Coordination Center (DMACC) will be open Monday through Thursday in Monett.

Disciplinary Group Reports

Police - Greg Higdon reported that on March 29 the bearcat was deployed for barricaded suicidal support. The bearcat was shot in the bumper and only chipped some paint. He also reported on at the request of Matt Stewart that Joplin has a new Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle, and it is another option for a rescue vehicle in the region. Finally, he announced that Lt. Greg Wheelen with the Springfield Police Department would be the new representative for the HSRRS discipline group.

Other Business/Open Discussion

Chris Pickering encouraged everyone that had a deployable asset to have a legal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place or revisit what they currently have in place. For those that don't have anything, Sherril Gladney has a template for MOUs for shared assets detailing expectations for use and return.

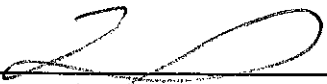
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren reminded everyone that if there are any questions as to meeting dates, etc., they can go to the RHSOC website (rhsoc-d.missouristate.edu). Melissa Duckworth is working on a calendar for training and exercises that could also be linked to the website.

Next Meeting Date

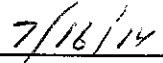
The next meeting is scheduled to be held on July 16, 2014 at 9:00 am. Location will be the Mt. Vernon Arts and Recreation Center, Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Adjourn

Bruce Bjorges moved and Bonnie Witt-Schulte seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.



Rance Duffy, Region D RHSOC Chair



Date Approved