



**Region D Homeland Security Oversight Committee
Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2016

9:00 A.M.

**Mt. Vernon Arts & Recreation Center
822 W. Mt. Vernon Blvd, Mt. Vernon, MO**

Attendance:

RHSOC Members:

David Hall, Chair
Keith Stammer, Emergency Management
Matt Stewart, Police
Michael White, Fire
Jeanne Beas, County Health
Travis Trent, HSRRS
Gregg Sweeten, Industry/LEPC
David Compton, EMS (HSIN)
Lori Sneed, 911
Michael Pfander
Russ Conroy, Hospitals

RHSOC Alternates:

Lynn Hollandworth, Fire
Kermit Hargis, County Health
Chris Berndt, HSRRS
Ron Bailey, Public Works
Paul Carter, Industry/LEPC
Zim Schwartz, 911
Julie Stolting, Volunteer Groups
Shea Lane, Volunteer Groups

Ex-Officios:

Wendell Hall, DNR
Larry Forgey, MDA

Guests/Visitors:

Bob Bloomberg, MIC-MoDPS MoSWIN
Chet Hunter, Springfield/Greene County OEM
Larry Woods, Springfield/Greene County OEM
Erin Hedlun, Springfield/Greene County OEM
Kim Kinder, Dade County OEM
Melissa Duckworth, Taney County OEM
Tom Martin, Stone County OEM
Charla Geller, Newton County OEM
J.R. Webb, Springfield/Greene County 911
Darwin Boston, Red Cross
Jenny Solomon, Red Cross
Samson Porter, Cox Health
Tara Bradshaw, Lawrence County Health
Kimberly Scritchfield, Barry County Health
David Rybolt, MDA
Jim Furgerson, Joplin Fire
Randy Foster, Greene County Sheriff
Matt Buydos, Elliott Data Systems
Brenden Ourth, Midwest Card & ID Solutions

Staff:

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOG
Dave Faucett, SMCOG

Open Meeting

Opening Comments/Pledge of Allegiance

David Hall opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Introductions

Roll call was taken and self-introductions were made.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Jeanne Beas noted that on page two of the annual meeting minutes that there was an "as" that needed to be removed from the first paragraph of the annual meeting minutes. In addition, Paige Behm's first name was misspelled on page 3 and Zim Schwartz's last name was misspelled on page 1. Jeanne Beas moved and Russ Conroy seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda with corrected minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

THIRA Committee Report – David Hall

David Hall stated that many there attended the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) meetings and he appreciated their input. The process went very well this year and the THIRA document will be very good. Unfortunately, he was not able to get the THIRA completely assembled at this time. The RHSOC will need to vote to approve it at the special May meeting. The process was very time consuming, and he hopes that in the next couple of years they will only need to look at document and make adjustments. Chief Hall added that search and rescue capabilities, specifically water rescue type II teams, were inadequate to address the threat based on recent flood events that had occurred during the development of the THIRA. He asked the RHSOC if it would object to including these capabilities to fill the gap. After no objections, Jeanne Beas moved and Ron Bailey seconded the motion to table a vote on approving the updated THIRA until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Sustainment/Enhancement Committee Report – Michael White

Michael White reported that the guidelines presented at the October 21, 2015 annual meeting had been edited by Bruce Clemonds at OHS. He agreed with the changes and asked the RHSOC to review the revised guidelines. Jeanne Beas moved and Gregg Sweeten seconded the motion to approve the revised RHSOC Region D Sustainment and Enhancement Guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Election of Vice Chair Replacement – David Hall

David Hall stated that due to the retirement of Bill Sexton, a new vice chair has to be elected by the RHSOC. The person will still represent their discipline. They just need to fill in for the Chair when they aren't available to attend meetings. Eligible nominees for the Vice Chair must have served as a primary member for at least a one-year period. He opened the floor for nominations. Jeanne Beas nominated David Compton as Vice Chair of the Region D RHSOC. No other nominations were made. David Hall stated that nominations cease. Matt Stewart seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

Homeland Security Grant Procurement Updates – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

FY14: Financials in handouts. Approximately \$24,000 remaining. It includes remaining M&A costs, fees for Communication Vehicles and Taney County HSRRS Sustainment costs.

FY15: Financials in handouts. \$249,722.34 remaining.

FY16: Funding to be the same as FY15.

Committee Representative Reports

Exercise/Training – Melissa Duckworth

Written report in handouts. Ms. Duckworth added that a regional workshop for the National Mass Care Exercise would be conducted at the current location following the RHSOC meeting, starting at 1:00 pm. David Hall mentioned the listed Intelligence Liaison Officer class and said that he would like to see it promoted more. He believes that it would be very beneficial for the disciplines to get more familiar with the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) and sharing information. Russ Conroy added that it has been very helpful on the hospital side after sending someone to the class.

Product Discussion on Credentialing Criteria – Tom Martin

Tom Martin stated that the credentialing committee met several times to determine how to approach credentialing at the State level. Issues are cost and who would be supporting and maintaining the

database that would be consistent and verifiable. Several of the disciplines already have some sort of credentialing and the databases are already there. The idea is to pull them all together in one database so that a responder's certification can be easily verified when going to an event in another area. The card template was approved by the Region D RHSOC as well as the majority of the RHSOCs in the State. The committee also agreed that it should not be vendor specific. David Hall added that when the standard was approved and adopted by the RHSOC Chairs, the adherence to being non-vendor specific was necessary for funding. Two vendor presentations with questions and answers followed.

Brenden Ourth from Midwest Card & ID Solutions presented information for the Salamander system. He stated that the Salamander system would not read cards created outside of the system, however, the data in the system would belong to the RHSOC. He demonstrated a web-based tool named Salamander Live from which all responders on scene could be tracked through an incident. He said that Missouri Regions C, A and H and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) region use it. David Compton asked if this system meet the Missouri standard. Mr. Ourth responded that it does meet the standard. Julie Stolting asked if the system came with a mobile application. Mr. Ourth responded affirmatively and added that the application was included at no cost. Jeanne Beas stated that St. Clair and Hickory Counties were on the system in Region D. She added that it had a new command functioning system. Russ Conroy asked that if the National Incident Management System (NIMS) standards were changed would the system be updated at no cost. Mr. Ourth responded affirmatively. David Hall asked if the system could read a variety of cards. Mr. Ourth replied that the data system in Salamander was patented and the card system was proprietary. Ms. Stolting asked if the evacuee tracking system came at additional cost and if it could be integrated with Client Assistance Network System (CANS). Mr. Ourth responded that the evacuee module came with an additional cost but the CAN system could be integrated with an application programming interface (API). David Hall asked if the interoperability problem could be addressed through an API and Mr. Ourth replied that it could not. Michael White asked what the cost was of implementing the system in Region D. Mr. Ourth stated that it would be a \$2,400 annual investment.

Matt Buydos presented information on Elliott Data Systems. Mr. Buydos said that they have several projects where the cards aren't only used for visual id and accountability but also for facility entry and computer log in. For that reason, they suggest a vendor-agnostic approach. Elliott does work with other accountability products in other states. Russ Conroy asked if there would be added costs to integrate data from other vendors. Mr. Buydos stated that this was typically the case, however, the system can read any card and can be customized to the systems that needed to be integrated. David Hall added that there was some concern about the price and reliability of Elliott systems. Mr. Buydos stated that there was a problem with the earlier equipment that was housed in a complete case. The most common problem was that the operating system would not be updated in the interim period when the system was not in use. The PCs had to be upgraded like any other computer. Also, the original systems had liquid cool processors that weren't maintained. Elliott doesn't use that system any more. Many clients just use their own equipment and purchase the Elliott software. Julie Stolting asked if there was a mobile application for the system. Mr. Buydos responded that there is and it has a concurrent licensing cost. He added that Elliott does not require an annual licensing fee. But it does encourage the purchase of the software maintenance agreement. David Compton asked if this was a web-based program. Mr. Buydos said that it uses both online and offline technology. Jeanne Beas asked if it still costs to do the data sharing as before. Mr. Buydos said that they no longer charge for that as long as the county keeps up with the software maintenance agreement, which costs about \$450. Concurrent licensing is the only cost for web-based program. The region could purchase a number of licenses for the whole region. David Hall asked who owns the data and Mr. Buydos replied that the users do.

Tom Martin explained that the State committee has the problem of trying to come up with a way to not tie a system into vendor specific standards as evidenced by the two previous presentations. There is a need for consensus and someone in authority to dictate the standard and this decision has not been made. Recommendations have been approved by each RHSOC but without funding nothing can be implemented. Michael White added that border agencies are waiting for the federal government to come up with a consistent process as different state agencies respond, and it doesn't make sense to spend any funds until it has been done. Mr. Martin stated that the recommendation of the committee is if funds are spent, it is not to be vendor-specific.

David Hall asked if the RHSOC would like pressure to be put on the state to take action. Matt Stewart moved and Jeanne Beas seconded a motion that the RHSOC chairs recommend to the state that standards be set with full funding and implementation. Motion carried unanimously.

Break

A short break was taken at this time.

State Reports

OHS Update - HSAC & Other Initiatives – Joni McCarter

Not present. No report.

Homeland Security Grants Update – Joni McCarter

Not present. David Hall reported that there has been a delay in completing the administrative review for the FY16 applications. They won't be completed until May 13. Because of that, a special meeting needs to be set up for scoring. Scorers need to be set up by May 6. The meeting needs to be held by June 3.

Interoperable Communications – Tom Charrette

Not present. Written report in handouts. Bob Bloomberg added that EMA radios were delivered at the SEMA Conference last week and work was moving forward to add a 700 MHz site in the Springfield area.

FirstNet - Bob Bloomberg

Bob Bloomberg reported that the representatives from Washington D.C. were at the SEMA Conference and will continue to go out and talk about FirstNet in the field for the coming year. They will be at the EMS Conference in June. The request for proposals will close on May 31. The bid should be awarded by the end of the year. Chris Berndt asked if there were to be more 700 MHz sites in the region and Mr. Bloomberg replied not at this time.

DHSS Update – Douglas Baker

Not present. Jeanne Beas reported that there were four cases of Zika virus in the state, all traveled in.

Agriculture Update - Merrel Breyer

Not present. Written report in handouts.

DNR Update – Wendell Hall

Nothing to report.

Mutual Aid/IST – Sherril Gladney

It was reported that Sherril Gladney had taken a new position.

Disciplinary Group Reports

Fire – Michael White stated that this spring was a busy fire season and there was work towards funding the addition of more water rescue crews.

Police – Matt Stewart stated that there were changing training requirements for the State and different proposed legislation.

Agriculture – Mike Pfander reported that there were no new cases of avian influenza as was anticipated with the return migration this spring.

Emergency Management – Keith Stammer announced that emergency managers were continuing to promote the area wide siren policy and working with the National Weather Service and its Integrated Weather Team (IWT) concept. It will begin holding smaller area meetings with media and emergency management about weather safety and the concept. Weather briefings have also been discontinued due to the low number of users. Steve Reynolds with NWS is working on a matrix for prioritization as to when to send out events and how large an area.

911 – Lori Sneed announced that the 911 Legislative Bill for wireless funding passed the House and has gone to the Senate. This is the furthest that it has ever gotten. Missouri is the only state that does not provide wireless funding for 911.

Health – Jeanne Beas reported that the State Ebola training and exercise was held this month and she will conduct a similar training and exercise on May 16 at the Health Department in Osceola in St. Clair County.

EMS – David Compton will send out a report concerning legislature for EMS.

Other Business/Open Discussion

David Hall announced that the Region D RHSOC strategic planning will restart in September now that the THIRA is nearly complete.

Next Meeting Date

The scoring meeting is scheduled to be held on May 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be the Greene County Public Safety Center, Springfield, Missouri.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled to be held on July 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be the Mt. Vernon Arts and Recreation Center, Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Adjourn

Jeanne Beas moved and Matt Stewart seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



David Hall, Region D RHSOC Chair



Date Approved