



Region D Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2016

9:00 A.M.

Mt. Vernon Arts & Recreation Center

822 W Mount Vernon Blvd

Mt. Vernon, MO

Attendance:

RHSOC Members:

David Hall, Chair
Keith Stammer, Emergency Management
Michael White, Fire
Jeanne Beas, County Health
David Compton, EMS (HSIN)
Lori Sneed, 911
Julie Stolting
Michael Pfander, Agriculture
Russ Conroy, Hospitals

RHSOC Alternates:

Steve Lisby, Police
Lynn Hollandworth, Fire
Chris Berndt, HSRRS
Paul Carter, Industry/LEPC
Linda Barger, Volunteer Groups

Ex-officios:

Douglas Baker, DHSS
Wendell Hall, DNR
Carl Harris, DNR
Jeff Johnson, MSHP
Denise Russell, SEMA
Diane May, SMCOG

Guests/Visitors:

Michelle Branson, OHS
Tom Charrette, MIC-MoDPS MoSWIN
Chet Hunter, Greene County OEM
Phil Amtower, Christian County EMA
Kim Kinder, Dade County EMA
Melissa Duckworth, Taney County OEM
Tom Martin, Stone County OEM
Linda Watts, Webster County EMA
Amber Brand, Webster County EMA
James Furgerson, Joplin Fire
Kimberly Scritchfield, Barry County Health Dept
Darwin Boston, American Red Cross

Staff:

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOG

Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments/Pledge of Allegiance

David Hall 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 Consent Agenda

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren noted that on the last page of the April 27 meeting minutes under the 911 report it should say "is the only state that does *not*." In addition, on the last page of the May 27 meeting minutes all votes should show yes. The "no" was in error. Jeanne Beas moved and Julie Stolting 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 there was nothing new to report except that the process was completed and the THIRA sent in to Scott Davis. Chief Hall sent all the sign-in sheets to Ms. Sandgren for those that need copies of them for credit. He also reported that at the last Chair and HSAC meetings, it was noted how many participants we had and how impressed they were. He felt this was reflected in how much better the THIRA was.

New Business

Transfer Ownership of RHSOC Equipment – David Hall

Chief Hall stated that the Taney County Ambulance District was giving up the communications trailer due to the fact that it no longer had the technical ability to maintain it and was offering it out to the region. Both Stone County and McDonald County wished to take it over. McDonald County Commission sent a letter indicating that their area had limited local equipment capacity and the equipment would improve communications. They would maintain and secure the trailer, and it would be available to whomever may need it. Stone County would also maintain and secure the trailer and it would continue to serve the same area as originally identified by the RHSOC. Chris Berndt noted that the trailer had been well maintained but that all three trailers needed Missouri Statewide Wireless Interoperable Network (MOSWIN) radios.

Chris Berndt moved and David Compton seconded the motion that the communications trailer be transferred to Stone County. Following questions raised and discussion, roll call vote was taken on the motion as shown below. Motion passed.

<u>RHSOC Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>RHSOC Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Keith Stammer	Yes	David Compton	Yes
Steve Lisby	No	Lori Sneed	Yes
Michael White	No	Julie Stolting	No
Jeanne Beas	Yes	Michael Pfander	Yes
Chris Berndt	Yes	Russ Conroy	Yes
Paul Carter	No		

Darwin Boston from the American Red Cross said that it can no longer keep up maintenance of the shower trailer and requested to transfer the trailer to Convoy of Hope, one of their partner organizations. They have the facilities to house it and the means to haul it. The trailer would be kept in the region. When asked about the condition of the trailer, Mr. Boston said that everything worked, it just needed propane. Concerns were raised from some members that thought the trailer should stay with a local governmental entity.

Steve Lisby moved and Paul Carter seconded the motion to table the transfer of the shower trailer to allow time for Convoy of Hope representatives to attend the next RHSOC meeting and make a presentation. Motion carried.

Homeland Security Grant Program Procurement Updates – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

FY14: Financials in handouts. Approximately \$8,000 remaining. Half of it was remaining M&A costs and the rest was for Communication Vehicles fees, Taney County HSRRS Sustainment costs and WebEOC training. Approximately \$600 may have to go back to OHS because of an IST member not being able to attend a class because of family issues. Still waiting to hear on that.

FY15: Financials in handouts. \$205,420.84 remaining.

Discussion on Remaining Balance of FY16 Funds – David Hall

After all the FY16 projects had been submitted, there was a balance of approximately \$4,100. David Hall said that there was some issue with the water rescue projects concerning certain requirements from the Federal Grant Guidance, particularly regarding the boats and motors. If these weren't taken care of, some of that money may go back to reallocation. In addition, the helicopter project is being withdrawn due to the high cost. There will be about \$45,000 or a little more to reallocate. The grant application period will need to reopen and the RHSOC needed to decide when and how. Chief Hall asked Michelle Branson with OHS when these decisions needed to be made. Ms. Branson explained that when the contract comes out, the remaining funds will not show up in the budget. She said the sooner the better, hopefully before the first of the year. She stated that there were some sustainment projects that didn't get submitted because of the water rescue projects and she wanted to make sure that they get addressed and applied for. Chief Hall proposed that the grant period reopen from August 15 to September 15. The next meeting in October could be held at the Greene County Emergency Operations Center where the RHSOC would use the facilities to score the projects before the start of the Annual Meeting. He asked Ms. Branson if that would work for them and she replied that was fine but she was concerned if that would give everyone enough time so there wouldn't have to be a second reopening. Chief Hall replied that he was hoping there would be enough projects submitted so that they would already be prioritized and what didn't get funded will be funded with any savings as has been done in previous years. The RHSOC had no objections to the timeline.

Committee Representatives Reports

Exercise/Training – Melissa Duckworth

Written report in handouts. Ms. Duckworth wanted to emphasize the National Mass Care Exercise. The full-scale will be on August 24 in Webster County at the Diggins Apostolic Church. It will be a little different in that those not contacted by MoCERT1 or the planning team will be an evacuee. But everyone will still get their exercise credit. This exercise is to test the process. Please register on the SEMA website.

David Hall added that there was an Intelligence Liaison Officer class scheduled for September 29 in Springfield. He suggested each agency send one or two people to the training. There is a national push for the "See something, say something" campaign and this training helps with that. Information on the training is on the RHSOC website.

State Reports

OHS Update - HSAC & Other Initiatives – Michelle Branson

All applications were sent back for corrections and returned. She plans to review them after the RHSOC meetings in the state are over. If she needs additional information, she will let the applicants know. Her goal is to get the budget information entered into Webgrants before the contracts are signed. She also reported that Bruce Clemonds has been replaced by Jeff Barlow, who is in training this week.

Homeland Security Grants Update – Michelle Branson

Ms. Branson reported that everything was moving along and she would get with Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren on the remaining unobligated FY14 funds.

Interoperable Communications – Tom Charrette

Written report in handouts. Mr. Charrette wanted to remind everyone if they use radios during exercises, they need to submit a communications plan to the State. He also noted that any agency that

received a radio in the last Missouri Statewide Communications Assistance Program (MOSCAP) grant cycle had a deadline of August 4 to turn it on and talk to the State on the MO I/O 3. If anyone needs to do a radio test on state-wide there is always someone around with a portable radio during the day. He also wanted to remind everyone that they don't need to have dual band radios. Some counties are fully functional with VHF only. Dual band is needed though if agencies need all the coverage when crossing the State. Only 700 MHz towers can be added in and they are hoping to add three and possibly five this year. Lampe is on the list for the next tier down. He will do another round of regional trainings for new radios in late August or early September and is also available to conduct a training for any agency that needs it.

FirstNet – Tom Charrette

Written report in handouts. Mr. Charrette just wanted to point out that a meeting will be held in Osceola, Iowa. He added that FirstNet is moving at its own pace.

DHSS Update – Douglas Baker

Focus on communicable diseases has moved from Ebola to the Zika virus. Currently, a lot of screening is going on. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been recommending that areas that are high risk for mosquitoes that carry the virus look at their emergency plans and treatment areas. Our region is considered capable of harboring that mosquito.

Agriculture Update - Merrel Breyer

Not present. No report.

DNR Update – Wendell Hall

Nothing to report.

Mutual Aid/IST – Michael White

Michael White reported that the Division of Fire Safety is in the process of screening applicants to fill the Mutual Aid position with the hope of filling the position within the next three to four weeks. The Incident Support Team (IST) has a retreat set up for September 12-15. There is a Planning Section Chief training sponsored by SEMA in August in Springfield.

Disciplinary Group Reports

Health – Jeanne Beas reported that an Ebola training and exercise was held in Osceola with three counties participating.

911 – Lori Sneed reported that the Senate dropped the 911 bill so it will be pursued again next year. Regionally, several centers are looking at going to a 911 telephone system and there will be some virtual consolidation there.

Volunteer Groups – Julie Stolting said that they were working on the National Mass Care Exercise.

Emergency Management – Keith Stammer reported that they recently had their Southwest Missouri Emergency Support Organization (SMESO) meeting, Four Corners was coming up and the WebEOC group is occupied with the upgrade and classes.

EMS – David Compton announced that the Missouri EMS Expo is in Branson on July 26-29, with an active shooter class on July 26.

Hospitals – Russ Conroy announced that the central region will hold an Alternate Care exercise on August 12 at the JQH Arena with the help of Red Cross and others.

HSRRS - David Hall talked about the increase in number of bomb calls that the bomb squad receives. Some are crank calls which waste their time, but several have been actual bombs such as pipe bombs. He said it looks like they may get 100 calls this year. Chris Berndt announced that HSRRS will meet at the end of the RHSOC meeting.

Other Business/Open Discussion

Dave Hall reported that there was a Federal grant through Homeland Security on Countering Violent Extremism that is getting released. There is about a \$10 million set aside. He will get the information distributed out to everyone.

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren noted the disciplinary primary representatives rotating off the RHSOC Committee in October are Emergency Management, Police, Sheriff, County Health, County Commissioners, Agriculture and Hospitals. Please plan on finding the new alternates before the meeting.

Linda Barger reported that MoCERT1 received FY15 funding to hold a search and rescue class. Six counties participated and 50 people were trained. Several of them went on to take a wide-area search.

Next Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on October 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Proposed location is the Greene County Public Safety Center, Springfield.

Adjourn

Jeanne Beas moved and Julie Stolting seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.



David Hall, Region D RHSOC Chair

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Date Approved