



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

April 15, 2015

9:00 A.M.

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

Attendance:

RHSOC Members:

Rance Duffy, Chair
Bill Sexton, Emergency Management
Matt Stewart, Police
David Hall, Fire/Vice Chair
Jeanne Beas, County Health
Chris Berndt, HSRRS
Ron Bailey, Public Works
Rick Hess, Mayor/City Administrator
Ryan Martin, Industry/LEPC
Bob Patterson, EMS (HSIN)
Bonnie Witt-Schulte, 911
Michael Pfander, Agriculture
Russ Conroy, Hospitals

RHSOC Alternates:

Steve Lisby, Police
Michael White, Fire
Kermit Hargis, County Health
Paige Behm, County Health (HSIN)
Gregg Sweeten, Industry/LEPC
Paul Carter, Industry/LEPC
Mark Sconce, Agriculture

Ex-Officios:

Wendell Hall, DNR
Randall Willoughby, DNR
Jeff Johnson, MSHP

Guests/Visitors:

Bruce Clemonds, OHS
Scott Davis, OHS
Jonathan Ayres, Greene County OEM
Merrel Breyer, Mo Dept of Agriculture
Melissa Duckworth, Taney County OEM
John Elmore, Greene County OEM
Lynn Hollandworth, Republic OEM
Chet Hunter, Greene County OEM
Bob Kitsmiller, Dade County EMD
Tom Martin, Stone County EOM
John Perdue, Americorps St. Louis
Zim Schwartz, Spld/Greene Co 911
Keith Stammer, Joplin/Jasper Co EMA
Julie Stolting, American Red Cross
Eric Vought, Lawrence Co Sheriff's Aux
Brent Watkins, Bolivar OEM
J.R. Webb, Spld/Greene Co 911

Staff:

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOG
Dave Faucett, SMCOG

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 Consent Agenda

Russ Conroy motioned to approve the consent agenda and Jeanne Beas seconded. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

State Reports

OHS Update - HSAC & Other Initiatives – Bruce Clemonds

Bruce Clemonds reported that the State funding allocation for FY15 will remain the same as the previous year, \$3,978,000, and the St. Louis Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) will receive \$3,000,000. However, the Kansas City area will not receive UASI status this year so as before, it will become a region, which will reduce the amount of funding for the other RHSOCs. Eighty (80) percent of the allocation will go towards local programs. The amount for the local programs will be \$2,386,000 and the established formula will be used for allocation. Of that amount, \$200,000 will be allocated to regional planning commissions (RPCs) for the Work Program and another \$200,000 will be reserved for exercises and training. Anticipated allocation will be \$1,986,000 to be distributed to the RHSOCs. David Hall asked what the anticipated funding level for Region D would be. Mr. Clemonds responded that it would be \$216,179.21.

The FY15 application process will start in July and will be open for 30 days, probably around the 15th. They can hold the application workshops concurrent with the RHSOC meetings or if preferred, at a separate schedule in front of the 30 days if some meetings fall in the middle of the timeframe. After the 30 days, OHS will perform an administrative review and return applications to the RHSOC for peer review in September. The funds should be available to the RHSOC in mid-October. The FY15 grant period has been changed back to a three-year period. Mr. Clemonds stated that this will be up for discussion. They may keep it as a two-year period for projects, but then there will be time for extensions if necessary. David Hall asked if there would be a requirement, as with EMPG, for applicants to participate in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process. Mr. Clemonds responded that there will not be such a requirement, however, local jurisdictions should participate in the process and be aware of the THIRA so that their potential projects align with it. There was discussion as to whether regions could include a weighting mechanism for jurisdictions that participate in the THIRA during application scoring. Mr. Clemonds responded that participation in the THIRA could be addressed either as an eligibility criteria or in the peer review process by including a question corresponding to a plus or minus in the application score. That is something that needs to be discussed between now and the peer review process.

David Hall asked if the State was considering pulling funds from the RHSOC allocations for statewide projects. Mr. Clemonds responded that that would be a result of what the statewide working group comes up with. The State would then have to come back to the RHSOC chairs for approval of any such funding. He added that the 20% that goes to the State is used to operate OHS and pay for the personnel. They also have had to cut with the decreased funding.

Scott Davis distributed a handout from Frank Coats with information regarding the Missouri 1 Plan for schools.

THIRA Update – Scott Davis

Scott Davis reported that he facilitated the March THIRA meeting in Springfield and that the regional THIRA was on track and proceeding well with the leadership of David Hall. The committee was still looking for a date for the next meeting. The statewide THIRA was being facilitated by Jim Charrier with SEMA and they anticipate to have it completed by June 1. This is the same timeline for the regional THIRA and all regional THIRAs and the statewide THIRA will be consolidated for the application process. There is a new format for the THIRA document that has cleared up some of the questions from the previous year. Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren is working on putting that together for Region D. The new format will allow a document to be printed out as a report instead of going through all of the spreadsheets. Both Region D and the State were on a good path in completing the THIRA and producing a usable document.

Homeland Security Grants Update – (OHS Representative)

No report.

Interoperable Communications – Bryan Courtney

Not present. No report.

DHSS Update – Jeanne Beas

Jeanne Beas reported that she had spoken with Douglas Baker and he informed her that Ebola was still being monitored. There are five designated flights to five locations in the U.S. and anyone coming from the countries with Ebola have to be on one of those designated flights. Influenza B is starting to wane down. Lastly, they have been given information on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for public health for statewide.

Agriculture Update - Merrel Breyer

Written report in handouts. Merrel Breyer stated that the H5N2 Avian Influenza had infected turkeys at a grower facility in Jasper County and also Barton County and that the quarantine has been lifted. But the two sites will still be under surveillance until later this year. Unfortunately, the migratory birds that probably brought the influenza have gone north, and they don't know what to expect when they migrate south this fall after mingling with other birds. So far the strain does not pass to humans. Mr. Breyer added that when previously asked what he thought was a priority for the THIRA, he usually would have said Foot and Mouth Disease, but this year it could end up being the Avian Influenza. They just don't know right now. Minnesota has 14 detected cases where many of the birds have landed. Finally, he reported that Michigan has developed a module that goes behind firetrucks and works as a foamer. They have been used to help depopulate the poultry barns. They can also be used to put out hay bale or grain bin fires, anything that has to be smothered instead of using water. There will be a conference call with the company that developed this either later this month or the first of next month. Two units cost \$5,000 and this may be a project to think about when requesting RHSOC funds.

DNR Update – Randall Willoughby

Nothing to report.

Mutual Aid/IST – Sherril Gladney

Not present. Written report in handouts.

Old Business

THIRA Committee Report – David Hall

David Hall reported that the committee has had three meetings. The committee looked at the greatest threats and developed scenarios based on those. The scenarios are based on specific threats of tornado, a hazmat incident at a chemical facility, a bomb at a large event, a cyber-attack on the electrical grid system, and two additional threats of an animal disease outbreak and a mass shooting at a school. He reported that 11 work groups have been established to look at core capabilities. Any discipline that may be impacted by these scenarios needs to be involved in the appropriate group(s). The next THIRA meeting is on May 7, 9:00am at the Greene County Office of Emergency Management. This will be a work group working session to develop desired outcomes for each scenario and identify gaps to reach the desired outcomes. Mr. Hall emphasized the importance for any jurisdiction requesting RHSOC funds for FY15 to be at this meeting in order to ensure that their potential projects align with identified gaps developed at the meeting.

Sustainment/Enhancement Guidance Committee Report – Michael White

Michael White reported that the committee met with Joni McCarter and Bruce Clemonds. He stated that the meeting went well and it was beneficial to have them at the meeting to articulate some of the concerns shared by the committee. There may be issues with changing HSAC guidance but the drafting of a guidance document will proceed knowing that there may be changes. Mr. White remarked that it was good to get back to a reliable process for scoring during the last funding round with everyone in the same room with presentations and Q and A. He felt this was a good process to start documenting.

New Business

Report on 2015 SEMA Conference by Scholarship Recipients – Gregg Sweeten

Gregg Sweeten reported on the SEMA conference. He was very impressed with Beth Freeman and Dana Bowman as speakers. He noted that two sessions, crude oil and active shooter school bus, were two of the best classes he has ever attended. Mr. Sweeten expressed gratitude to the RHSOC for the scholarship.

Results of 2nd Round of FY14 Funds – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren presented the results from the scoring of the second round of funding for FY14 conducted on March 16 at the Greene County OEM.

Title	Organization	Score Round 2	Sustainment Enhancement	Amounts	Available Funds
MO Region D Communications Support Vehicle/Command Post Sustainment	Greene County EMA	41	S	\$23,290.00	\$91,891.60 \$68,601.60
Hazmat Monitor Repair Training	City of Springfield Fire Dept	40.33	S	\$5,150.00	\$63,451.60
Springfield-Greene County HSRRS Law Enforcement SCBA Cylinder Sustainment	Springfield Police Dept	40.17	S	\$22,002.50	\$41,449.10
Bomb Vests and Helmets	City of Springfield Fire Dept	40.02	S	\$9,344.75	\$32,104.35
Hazmat Monitor Warranty	City of Springfield Fire Dept	39.42	S	\$3,800.00	\$28,304.35
MOCERT1	Christian County EMA	34.91	S/E	\$30,010.00	\$(1,705.65)
Southwest Missouri Incident Support Team MOSWIN Capable Radio Request	Southwest Missouri Incident Support Team	31.63	E	\$57,909.50	\$(59,615.15)
Mobile Medical Hospital Communications Tower	Taney County Ambulance District	27	E	\$12,089.00	\$(71,704.15)
Mobile and Portable Radio System Grant	Stone County Sheriff's Office	19.06	N P	\$407,840.70	\$(479,544.85)
Sustainment of Outdoor Warning Sirens	City of Webb City EMA	10.8	S	\$52,795.62	\$(532,340.47)

She received the signed agreement increasing the funding for FY14 this week. Once it is in the system she will be able to start purchasing the additional items, probably next week.

Homeland Security Grant Program Procurement Updates – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

FY13: Financials in handouts. \$41,592.58 remaining. FY13 projects costs are still coming in, so reallocations haven't been purchased yet. Doesn't anticipate any issues.

FY14: Financials in handouts. \$283,424.01 remaining. Amounts will change once the additional funding has been processed.

State Committee Representative Reports

Credentialing – Tom Martin

Tom Martin handed out draft copies of Identification/Credentialing Card Appearance Standards developed by the Missouri Badging and Credentialing Collaborative Planning Team. He reported that the work group has had several meetings. An issue that comes up time after time is the administration of a central database for credentialing used across the state. The work group has met with several state agencies to determine which agencies have the technology and capability to manage the database. There has been a big discussion among the vendors on how to go about this. The goal was adopt a system that was not vendor specific as different systems are in use across the state. Ideally, there would be a state-controlled credentialing database that could be accessed by multiple systems. The work group has unanimously decided to make it non-vendor specific and has recommended how the card should be laid out. The remaining issue right now is trying to decide who has the capability and who is willing to control the data. A big problem is the funding.

Chris Berndt stated that it seemed like the work group was trying to eat the whole elephant all at once and asked if there was any thought given to just adopt the appearance standards in terms of badge layout and color coding prior to settlement on credentialing database management. In that way, maybe the cards aren't credentialed, but at least responders will recognize them. Mr. Martin replied that that is the recommendation from the work group and they hoped the appearance standards would be adopted by the individual RHSOCs. They also recommended that coded into the card is the individual's state driver's license number. That will be the identifying number used once a central data base has been developed.

After much discussion, Ryan Martin moved that Region D RHSOC take the lead by adopting the Identification/Credentialing Card Appearance Standards developed by the Badging and Credentialing Collaborative Planning Team. David Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

David Hall recommended that the RHSOC chair propose to HSAC that these standards be used as a requisite for funding non-proprietary systems. Rance Duffy concurred.

Exercise/Training – Melissa Duckworth

Written report in handouts. Melissa Duckworth said that the handout included upcoming training from now to the next RHSOC meeting. Some are almost full, so anyone interested in attending needs to register through training.dps.mo.gov. Anything that is marked as Local Only is not reimbursable. She has also been working with Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren and Jack Raetz at SEMA to approve attendance for Incident Support Team (IST) members at trainings previously approved in the grant. The biggest thing is the cancellation of last week's SMESO meeting. It was supposed to be a regional workshop for the regional exercise program. All of the dates for the regional exercises have been changed. The regional workshop will follow the next SMESO meeting on July 8, the regional tabletop will be August 12 at the Greene County Public Safety Center and the regional functional exercise will be held on September 16. She is also updating the training calendar on the RHSOC website.

Center for Education Safety Planning Team – Linda Barger

Not present. No report.

Disciplinary Group Reports

Agriculture – Mike Pfander reported that there was a new strain of canine influenza affecting canines in the Chicago area, an Asian strain. There is no evidence that it spreads to people, but it is highly contagious to dogs and can affect cats. Dr. Pfander stated that it could be a good case study for a pandemic outbreak.

They do not know if the current vaccine will give any protection against it. The vaccine is also now in short supply. There is a five to ten percent mortality rate. It will be interesting to see if it spreads with the mobility of dogs.

Emergency Management – Bill Sexton reported that the SMESO meeting had been cancelled due to severe weather that was projected and that information about exercises has been sent out.

Other Business/Open Discussion

Bob Kitsmiller informed the RHSOC that the Dade County commissioner was not able to attend the FY14 second round scoring on March 16 and was not aware that there would not be an opportunity for online scoring later because that was not specifically stated at the January meeting. He sent Mr. Kitsmiller in his place to gather information and bring it back for him to vote online. Mrs. Wittorff-Sandgren responded that it was not in the minutes and when she listened to the recording, it was not stated that if you are not able to attend you could not vote. Mr. Duffy said that it will be clarified before the next scoring session.

Bruce Clemonds informed the RHSOC that, in terms of FY15 applications, the only State projects that they know of right now that will show up for regional scoring are applications from the Department of Agriculture and the Civil Air Patrol.


Rance Duffy informed the RHSOC that there were two bills in the Missouri legislature that were very important for 911. HB 714 and SB 409 deal with the inclusion of funding from wireless communications providers for 911. He asked attendees to reach out to representatives. Missouri is the only state without wireless funding. Mr. Duffy also announced that Bonnie Witt-Schulte had been recognized as 911 Director of the Year for the State at the 911 Communications Conference.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on July 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be the Mt. Vernon Arts and Recreation Center, Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Adjourn

David Hall moved and Jeanne Beas seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



Rance Duffy, Region D RHSOC Chair

7/15/15

Date Approved