

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee
Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Discipline Representatives:

Name:	Representing:
Tom White	911
MB Jones	Agriculture
Doc Kritzer	County Government
Not Represented	Education
Bob Bishop	EMD
David Colbert	Emergency Medical Services
Scott Frandsen	Fire
Not Represented	Public Health
David Edwards	HSRT
Mike Rackers	Public Utilities and Industry
Not Represented	Municipal Government
Bob Cynova	Police
Mary Ellen Lea	Public Works
Dwight Franklin	Sheriff Agencies
Bill Anthony	Volunteer

Ex-Officio, Alternate Representative, and Others:

Name:	Representing:
Lisa Binkley	Region F RHSOC Mass Care
Bill Farr	Cole County
Doug Keeney	JCPD
Joni Botkins	OHS
Jay Bosch	OHS
Paul Davis	Cooper County Commission
Susan Rockett	Mexico DPS
Zim Schwartze	Columbia/Boone Co EMD
Mike Shirts	EMS
Kevin Payne	Audrain Ambulance District
Steve Shaw	Audrain EMA
Andrea Rice	Osage County 911/EMA
John Fortman	J&J Veterinary Clinic
Gayla Weber	SEMA
Sherril Gladney	Division of Fire Safety
Gary Jungermann	Callaway County
Merrel Breyer	MO Dept Ag
Greg White	Sheriff
Chuck Witt	Columbia Fire
Ed Siegmund	MidMO RPC
Lee Ann Jestis	MidMO RPC

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Chairman Doc Kritzer called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

Agenda Item II. Roll Call

Attendance was taken to determine representation for each discipline. Please note the list above for names of these representatives.

Agenda Item III. Review of Agenda

David Edwards motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Rackers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

David Edwards motioned to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2011 meeting and the June 22, 2011 conference call, special meeting. Mike Rackers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item V. Region F Budget/Grant Update

Lee Ann Jestis reported on grant updates and budget. The FY08 reallocated funds have been allocated into four projects. Equipment is being ordered. These funds have to be spent and reimbursed by the grant by August 31, 2011. The deadline should be met with no problems. Purchases for the FY09 grant have been suspended at this time to re-submit the FY10 applications (due as soon as possible) and work on submitting the FY11 grant applications (turned in on June 30). Grant awards for the FY11 grant cycle should be made in October.

Agenda Item VI. Office of Homeland Security – Paul Fennewald

Paul Fennewald gave an update for the Office of Homeland Security.

- Fennewald explained that the Kansas City UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) lost that status and is not being considered in the same pot of money for grants as all of the other RHSOC areas. Instead of grant money being split into portions for nine RHSOC, it will now be ten.
- Fennewald explained that there will probably be grant funding cuts in the FY12 grant cycle.
- Fennewald also introduced the new HSIN (Homeland Security Information Network). This online portal can be used for information sharing and resource tracking, as well as a online connection for meetings. The Missouri Emergency Resource Information System (MERIS) will no longer be available and HSIN will take its place.
- The Office of Homeland Security will be compiling one annual report for the entire state instead of each region like last year.
- Fennewald also led a discussion from the group regarding several positions (agriculture, mutual aid, mass care coordinator) that are being funded at the state level on behalf of all the regions. Clarifications regarding grant guidance that spells out that the regions receive at least 80% of grant funding were explained that this funding can be spent at the state level *on behalf of* the local areas. Discipline representatives expressed concern that these state level positions would be more effective at the regional level and might be more suited to one region or another.

Agenda Item VII. Department of Public Safety – Steve Devine

Steve Devine was unable to attend the meeting. Paul Fennewald gave a brief update for Devine. Matt Nutt is the grant specialist at the Office of Homeland Security in charge of the Interoperable Communications grants. Compliance for narrowband is January 1, 2013. It looks like Missouri should be on track to be complaint before the mandate.

Agenda Item VIII. Area F Reports/Activities

a. Mass Care Coordinator Update – Lisa Binkley

Lisa Binkley gave an update on her position as Mass Care Coordinator. Much of her recent work has been in response to changes in guidelines for functional needs (previously known as "special needs") at shelters. Training is being done at the state and regional levels to help volunteers understand the federal mandates that have been made regarding the treatment of these functional needs of people that visit a shelter in the event of a disaster.

Binkley also announced an initiative that she created (that has been followed and replicated in other areas) called Safe Sunday. This regional awareness effort is Sunday, September 11, in correlation with National Disaster Preparedness Month and the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Churches and other faith based organizations will distributed materials and promote disaster preparedness.

Agenda Item IX. RHSOC New Business

a. FY10 Review of Current Allocations

With the recent cut in grant funding, Chairman Kritzer asked the committee to review the allocations for the FY10 grant cycle. A fifteen minute break was given for disciplines to meet to discuss this topic. After a brief discussion, the following proposal: If the committee were to cut the Communications Tower project to two towers, it would save \$44,000. If the Thermal Camera project was cut to one per county it would save \$49,465. There was approximately \$42,000 in funds left un-allocated. This savings would allow the committee to add the Air Trailer project from FY11 for \$85,000 and the Prime Mover project from FY11 for \$32,000. Tom White motioned for the committee to make these changes to the FY10 budget. Mike Rackers seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously by a roll-call style vote.

Agenda Item X. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Interoperability Advisory Sub-Committee Update – Doug Keeney

Doug Keeney gave an update on the Interoperability Advisory Sub-Committee. Our region had a 95% response for the National Emergency Communications (NEC) survey. The committee adopted the Interoperability Plan and it is pending approval from the state.

Agenda Item XI. Public Comment

Chairman Kritzer mentioned that the committee might want to consider a change in by-laws that would make the Chairman a non-voting member. This would allow that person to concentrate on being the Chair only and not have to concentrate on being the discipline representative as well.

Agenda Item XII. Announcements

Doc Kritzer gave an update regarding disaster declarations and flooding along the Missouri River. Water needs to recede before assessments can take place. Daily conference calls for counties along the river are taking place. The Area F call in number is 866-903-1314, password 49541724.

Effective October 1, 2011, there will be a change in the travel reimbursement policy for Office of Homeland Security trainings. Individuals were previously reimbursed for lodging and meals if they traveled at least 50 miles, but the mileage is now 75 miles.

Agenda Item XIII. Set date of next RHSOC meeting

The next RHSOC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 1:00 pm in the Cole County Emergency Services Building, 1736 Southridge, Jefferson City. An equipment showcase will be available from noon to 1 pm and again after the meeting.

Agenda Item XIV. Adjournment

Doc Kritzer adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.