

Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at 1:30 pm
Cole County Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City, MO

Attendees:

HSOC Primary Members

Gary Woodson, Chairman
Dave Severson, Vice Chairman
Rich Green
Kris Bayless
Rich Daniels
M.B. Jones
Jane Hubbs
Jim Jones
Greg White
Melissa Friel
Tom White
M.L. Cauthon
Mike Rackers

Representing
Fire Agencies
Police Agencies
Industry/Private
Emergency Management
County Governments
Agriculture
Public Health
Education
Sheriff
Volunteer
911
Public Works
HSRT

HSOC Alternates

Melanie Hein
Debby Lancaster
Chuck Witt
Lisa Jordan
Michelle Kidwell
Doc Kritzer
Bob Bishop

Public Health
Municipal Government
HSRT
911
911
Callaway County Commissioner
EMD, Montgomery County

Ex-Officio Members/Other

CPT Theresa Wagner
Mark Maples
Zada Farris
Denise Russell
Mike McNeill
Steve Shaw
Sherril Gladney
Scott Olsen
Jim Lundsted
Jaclyn Neylon
Lisa Binkley
Steve Myers
Sarah Williams
Paul Fennewald
Diedre Wood
Bryan Norman
Bill Farr
Mike Pickerel
Bob Cynova

7th CST-MOARNG
Lake Ozark PD
SEMA
Camden Co EMA
Amalfi Group
Audrain Medical Center
Div of Fire Safety
Boone County Fire Dist.
DPS
MHA
RHSOC
Fulton PD
Public Health
Homeland Security
Columbia/Boone Health Dept.
MO Dept of Health
EMA Cole County
RHSOC
Jefferson City PD

Gayla Weber
Ed Siegmund
Lee Ann Jestis

SEMA
MMRPC
MMRPC

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Gary Woodson, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. Fourteen of fifteen disciplines were represented with a primary or alternate representative.

Agenda Item II. Review and Approval of Agenda

Melissa Friel motioned to approve the Agenda. MB Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item III. Review and Approval of Minutes

Melissa Friel motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Rich Green seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item IV. Region F RHSOC Grant Activities

a. Interoperability Communication Study Status

Ed Siegmund announced to the committee that Kimball and Associates are drawing near the end of the study. A few responses are still anticipated and Siegmund suggested that the committee entertain the motion of an absolute deadline for these responses. Tom White motioned to set the deadline for entering data for the communication study at July 31, 2008. Debby Lancaster seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Regional Training Exercise Recap

Conne Burnham gave a short recap of the Regional Training Exercise that took place on June 26, 2008. There were 364 participants from 13 counties, including 6 new Emergency Management Directors. A draft of the final report will be ready on August 11 with the final due on August 26, 2008. Burnham suggested that one training idea that might come out of this exercise would be a training program for new Emergency Management Directors. She also noted that Mike Pickerel and Gayla Weber were extremely helpful during the planning and execution of the exercise. Several people gave their comments on how well they thought the exercise went or what they were able to take away from it for their city or county. Burnham also noted that each county received a map of Region F for them to keep.

c. Mass Care Trailers and Supplies

Ed Siegmund gave an update regarding the Mass Care Trailers and Supplies. The trailers are currently being stored at the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission office in Ashland. The supplies will be shipped to the old Scheppers warehouse in Jefferson City (located at 1736 Southridge Drive) on July 29-30. The trailers will need to be picked up and taken to Jefferson City for loading on July 31-August 1. A contact for each county should be designated by July 18, 2008. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be sent to each county contact prior to the pickup date for review and appropriate signatures. Contact Mike Pickerel at 573-228-0088 or pick45@gmail.com or Lisa Binkley at 573-881-1980 or lbink@socket.net for further instruction.

d. Reallocation of FY06 funds

Ed Siegmund announced to the committee that because of low bids and some trouble getting approval for proposed training, there will be up to \$200,000 left in remaining funds from the FY06 grant cycle. Discussion regarding how to utilize these funds followed. Chuck Witt suggested that since the next item on the FY06 proposal ranking list dealt with training and strengthening the Incident Support Teams (IST), that the committee might consider using these remaining funds to purchase a trailer and supplies needed for these teams. Mike Rackers motioned to designate up to \$200,000 towards the IST's and to assign a sub-committee to prepare a budget and bring it back to the committee for approval on Friday, August 8, at 1:30 pm at the Cole County Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City, Missouri. MB Jones seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. The committee will consist of Mike Rackers, Chuck Witt, Scott Olsen, Sherril Gladney, Tom White, and MB Jones.

Agenda Item V. Office of Homeland Security Updates

Paul Fennewald presented many updates regarding the Office of Homeland Security. The FY09 grant cycle is being discussed in the legislature levels at this time. It is still not known if a possible match (up to a 25%) will be required for these funds.

The ERIP system in MERIS has been going well. At this time, first responders should contact the schools in their areas and make sure that the information that needs to be available is online and useable. Fennewald gave a list of schools that are currently participating at any level. Any assistance in getting all schools in Region F to participate as much as possible would be helpful in securing the safety of the schools.

There is a SEMA conference on August 14 and 15, 2008, entitled "2nd Annual Missouri Conference on Coordinated School and College Safety and Security." It will be held at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel. Please see www.schoolsafetyconference.com.

Agenda Item VI. Interoperable Communications/PSIC Update

Jim Lundsted gave an update regarding Interoperability Communication and PSIC (Public Safety Interoperable Communications). The PSIC funding was approved for \$17.5 million in Federal money and a state match was secured for a total of \$35M for the state of Missouri. There is a total of \$21M in spending authority, with the remaining \$14M designed for spending at the state level. The federal money came from the Commerce department from the sale of television spectrum. The investment justifications are still to be approved by Congress, with a third set of revisions recently submitted. If everything goes as planned, this money will be available after September 1, 2008. Of the \$14M designated at the state level, there are three programs that will be given portions of this amount. \$1.5M will be allocated for training on communications gear at the state level, including all regions and the two USASI's. \$1.35M of the grant will be designated for strategic technical reserve, specifically restoring communications after a disaster. The remaining approximate \$10M will be allocated for the deployment of MTAC (Missouri tactical channel).

A \$50M Interoperable communications grant by Department of Homeland Security was announced. The grant deadline is July 21, 2008. There is no equipment in the grant, it is strictly for promoting SOP's (state operating procedure) and regional training.

The state has also announced the funding for the building of a state hybrid trunk communication system. The legislation has approved and the bid process is currently underway. Under a very aggressive schedule, plans to start building will commence in 2009. The goal is to have 95% mobile coverage. It will probably take 36-60 months to build. Local and county governments will have the option to buy equipment through the contract for at least five years. Anyone interested in being involved in this planning or commenting on this project, please contact Jim Lundsted at 573-522-6273 or jim.lundsted@dps.mo.gov.

Agenda Item VII. SEMA Grant Updates/NIMSCAST

Zada Farris announced to the committee that the deadline for spending for Region F for the FY06 grant cycle has officially been extended to December 31, 2008. The FY07 grant application has been approved to proceed. Currently, the FY08 grant process has been pushed back until August or September of 2008. This may push deadlines for budget proposals to January or February of 2009, and other deadlines may be pushed back as well, to accommodate the delay.

Farris also asked the committee to consider a new concept of conducting the NIMSCAST at a regional level. It was suggested that since the funding is based on the region, maybe the NIMSCAST should be regional as well. After discussion weighing both sides and pros and cons of each, Melissa Friel motioned to continue to conduct the NIMSCAST on a county by county basis, not regionally. Greg White seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VIII. Selection of State Exercise Group Representative

Zada Farris asked the committee to assign a representative to serve as the State Exercise Group liaison for the committee. Mike Rackers motioned to make this a function of the chair, which would make Gary Woodson the committee liaison to the State Exercise Group. Rich Green seconded this motion and it passed. Dave Severson abstained from voting.

Agenda Item IX. Announcements

Dave Severson announced that alternate 1 (one) for the Police discipline will be Steve Myers, Fulton Police Department. Alternate 2 (two) will be Mark Maples, Lake Ozark Police Department.

The terms for the disciplines of 911, Agriculture, Fire, HSRT, Industry/Private, Municipal Government, Sheriff, and Volunteer will be completed on September 30, 2008. The first alternate will become the discipline representative at the next quarterly meeting on October 14, 2008. Both the outgoing and incoming representatives are encouraged to attend this meeting. Also, at that time, Gary Woodson will retire as chair, Dave Severson will become the new chair, and a new vice chairman will be selected. The following disciplines are strongly encouraged to have first and second alternates by the meeting on October 14: Agriculture, Education, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Health, Industry/Private, Municipal Government, Public Works, Sheriff, and Volunteer.

Mike Pickerel announced that there will be a training for EMD's regarding the State EOC on August 18. Please contact Mike at 573-228-0088 or pick45@gmail.com for more information.

Chuck Witt asked for a document that clearly spells out the allowed usage for the Region F Radio Cache that is currently being housed in Jefferson City, Columbia, and Camden County. The Regional Planning Commission committed to having a draft version of such document for the committee's approval at the August 8 meeting.

The next RHSOC meeting will be on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 1:30 pm at the same location, Cole County Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City, MO. The next quarterly meeting of the RHSOC will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 1:30 pm, Cole County Fire Station #4.

Agenda Item X. Adjournment

Rich Daniels motioned to adjourn. The motioned was seconded by Melissa Friel. The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.