

MINUTES
Region H Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee
Quarterly Business Meeting with Zoom Option
St. Joseph, MO 64501
Wednesday, July 12, 2023 @ 13:30

PRIMARY/VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 14

Bill Lamar (A): SJFD EM (Vice-Chair) - <i>Fire</i>	
Kelli Hillerman: Grundy Co Health Dept. – <i>County Health</i> (Z)	
Adam Perry: Buchanan County - <i>HAZMAT</i>	
Jerry Gill (A): Buchanan Count Public Works – <i>City or Public Works</i>	
Bruce Lundy (A): City of Savannah – <i>City Administrator/Mayor</i>	
Dan Hegeman: Evergy – <i>Public Utility/Private Industry</i> (Z)	
Blake Rudel: Andrew Co Ambulance – <i>EMS</i> (Z)	
Rhonda Wiley: Atchison County – <i>9-1-1</i>	Jason Strong (A): St. Joseph PD – <i>9-1-1</i>
Jill Voltmer: Missouri Western Police Chief – <i>Schools</i> (Z)	
Bill Brinton: Volunteer Org. (Chair) – <i>Volunteer Org</i>	
Marcus Casady (A): Holt Co EMD - <i>Agriculture</i>	
Allie Behymer: Mosaic Life Care – <i>Hospitals</i> (Z)	Keri Barclay (A): Harrison County Community Hospital – <i>Hospitals</i> (Z)

OTHERS PRESENT: 4

Roger Strobe – State Interoperability Office (Z)	
Kathy Hahn: Mo-Kan Regional Council	
Kristin Kayser: OHS	
Houston Roberts: Mo-Kan Regional Council	

*(A) Alternate
*(Z) Zoom

The regular quarterly meeting of the Region H Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee was held on July 12, 2023 at the Region H Hazmat Building, 312 W. Colorado Ave., St. Joseph Mo., 64504 and via Zoom.

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Bill Brinton called the meeting to order at 13:45. A verbal roll call was taken. Fourteen (14) primaries/alternates from different disciplines attended in person or via Zoom. There was a quorum.
2. **Approve agenda:** Chair Bill Brinton asked if there were any corrections/additions to the agenda. Rhonda Wiley made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Jerry Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Chair Bill Brinton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2023. Marcus Cassady made a motion to accept the minutes, Rhonda Wiley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Reports:**
 - **OHS Update:** Kristin Kayser informed everyone on updates on upcoming and open grant opportunities. The Soft Targets and Crowded Places funding opportunity which has an award maximum of \$15,000 and closes July 18th. The Counter-Terrorism Officer funding opportunity has an award maximum of \$7,500 and also closes July 18th. The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevent Activity (LETPA) funding opportunity will open in August after all of the regional RHSOC Q3 meetings have concluded. That funding opportunity is available for law enforcement as a secondary funding source if they have a project under the RHSOC process that is not funded or not fully funded. The project has to have been previously submitted in the fiscal year though and made it into the

RHSOC committee review process. The Election Security funding opportunity should tentatively open in August, and the Cybersecurity funding opportunity will open in either late August or early September. Finally, there will be another round of ARPA funding opening sometime between August-September. OHS believes there will not be a project funding cap on this round of ARPA funding, and that each grant will require a 50% match. It is not yet clear if match requirements will be for in-kind or local cash match.

- **MOSWIN & Interoperability:** Roger Strobe reported that the new sites installed that were installed with MOSWIN in Region H in Langdon and Rosendale have just come online and running some traffic. A new site will be brought online in Lathrop in the next several months. DPS has a project in Jefferson City to create a simulcast cell in MOSWIN that AT&T is augmenting first for coverage in Jefferson City. This will directly impact users in Region H DPS as there will be as sections of Regions A and H will be carved out to create a new Zone 5 on MOSWIN. This will provide for more space for more consoles and radio sights in the system course. There will be some disruptions as that goes forth but they are planning on that being on a site by site basis, like scheduled maintenance. This will take place in about a year.

There was a Comm L class scheduled in July for Park Hills by St Francois County EMA that has been rescheduled to September. There will also be a Comm L class scheduled for August in Jefferson City that is being coordinated by Cole County EMA. Reach out to Roger if you need contact information on either of these trainings. There is a SAFECOM Nationwide Survey that is circulating from CISA open until July 21st.

- **Region H SEMA:** None
- **Local/Regional Efforts & Initiatives:** Bill Lamar asks if anyone got a survey about broadband critical infrastructure from the Bureau of EMS? Bill says that Bureau of EMS said this was being used to measure underserved areas to inform upcoming funding opportunities. Roger Strobe that the survey originated from the Department of Economic Development. Houston Roberts that clarified that the Office of Broadband Development is conducting outreach to inform plans they have to submit back to the federal government demonstrating a plan for how funding broadband infrastructure funding the state has received will be prioritized and allocated for spending and funding opportunities.
- **Chairperson's Report:** Nothing to report.

5. **Regional Grant Updates:** Houston Roberts, Mo-Kan Regional Council, highlighted grant updates:

- **FY2020:** All claims have been submitted and reimbursed.
- **FY2021:** Balance of \$4,520.16 in Region H M&A, and \$12,137.27 in Region H Work Plan. Buchanan County Communications Vehicle has had all claims submitted and has been closed out. EMA Badging supply orders were finally received and there is a balance of \$918 that will need to be vote on for reallocation.; St. Joe's EMA Incident Support Trailer has a remaining balance of \$1 will need to be vote on for reallocation. Caldwell County EMA generator finally received EHP clearance, and Doug Ottinger is working on procurement. The state contract for the generator that was in use when the application was awarded has expired, we are currently waiting on the new contract to be published. An extension is being requested for this project.
- **FY2022:** Balance of \$6,370.07 in Region H M&A and \$25,000 in Region H Work Plan. Gower Fire Department is finally registered on SAM.Gov with their Unique Entity ID (UEI). The project requires a that a waiver letter be sent to FEMA. Houston is working with Doug Ottinger on this letter. This project has a balance of \$41,935.00. Buchanan County EMA Communications Vehicle has a balance of \$8,088.00. The vendor has been paid, we are just awaiting verification. Buchanan County EMA Badging has a balance of \$8,300.00. Holt County EMA Radios has a balance of \$18,794.39. Missouri Western State University PD Radios has a balance of \$43,914.04. All projects have entered their procurement and purchasing phase.

6. **Committee Review / Vacancies / Updates:**

- Bill Brinton said he spoke with Buchanan County Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson on filling the vacancy for the County Commission Primary Contact and called for a motion to nominate Commissioner Nelson. Jerry Gill motioned for the nomination and Adam Perry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Bill Lamar notes that Phil Rickabaugh has retired, so a new primary will need to be appointed once the fire group determines who would be the best fit. Jace Pine is the interim at the Maryville Fire Department and it was suggested that he might be a good fit.
- Marcus Cassidy notes that a process had begun to continue to check with the RHSOC members to ensure that they had the availability to make meetings and continue to serve. Rhonda Wiley notes that until April she did not realize she was the 9-1-1 Primary Contact. Bill Brinton volunteers to check with the current RHSOC list to verify they are able to serve, and if not, then to talk to that discipline group about finding a replacement to represent them.

7. New / Other Business:

FY2023 Applications Vote

- Discussion on how to score ensued and Bill Brinton explained the RHSOC has funded projects based on how they scored, from highest to lowest scores, with high scoring projects receiving full funding and lower scoring projects receiving partial funding until the money is spent. The maximum score a project can receive is 50 points. It is estimated that there will be \$135,302.25 in funding for FY23, and there were \$220,439.34 in funding requests for projects. Bill discussed that the committee should be able to fully fund nearly all of the projects, except for the Body Worn Camera Counter Terror Project from the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, but that they should be able to partially fund the project and then that project could apply for the LETPA grant to fund the remaining portion.
 - **Region H MCI Disaster Cache (NTA Ambulance District)** – Keri Barclay abstains, but otherwise project is approved for full funding.
 - **BCSO Communication Vehicle (Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency)** – Project is approved for full funding.
 - **Region H RHSOC Salamander Renewal (Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency)** – Project is approved for full funding.
 - **2023 Region H Homeland Security Grant – Salamander (Atchison County Emergency Management Agency)** – Rhonda Wiley abstains, but otherwise the project is approved for full funding.
 - **Interoperable Communications (Rock Port Police Department)** – Discussion about how the portable radios requested under this SHSP application are not allowable costs because they do not have repeaters to be paired with that are owned by the agency. Only the mobile unit radios qualified as an allowable cost. In order to meet interoperability requirements, the portable radios should be applied for with a requested purchase for repeaters to pair with it, potentially with a pelican case. It was suggested that the Rock Port Police Department apply for the LETPA grant in August to fund the portable radios.

Rhonda Wiley abstains, but otherwise the project is approved for partial funding at \$20,487.23.
 - **Body Worn Camera Counter Terror Project (Buchanan County Sheriff's Office)** – Project is approved for partial funding of \$37,602.07.

Score	Title	Organization	Requested Funds
48.60	Region H MCI Disaster Cache	NTA Ambulance District	\$8,088.00-fully fund
45.38	BCSO Communications Vehicle	Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency	\$8,300.00-fully fund
42.67	Region H RHSOC Salamander Renewal	Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency	\$43,914.04- fully fund
40.75	2023 Region H Homeland Security Grant-Salamander	Atchison County Emergency Management Agency	\$41,935- fully fund
33.38	Interoperable Communications	Rock Port Police Department	\$20,487.23- partially fund
30.33	Body Worn Camera Counter Terror Project	Buchanan County Sheriff's Office	\$37,602.07 partially fund

- **Equipment Transfer:** None

8. **Next Meeting:** The date for the next meeting is October 18, 2023, at 13:30.

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 15:00.