

The Stop Cyberstalking and Harassment Task Force met in-person and virtually on February 5, 2026.

The following task force members were in attendance:

Mark Kurkowski, St. Louis City Family Violence Council

Rep. Bill Irwin, House of Representatives

Patrick Sublette, Missouri State Highway Patrol

The following members participated virtually:

Tracy McCreery, State Senator

Lt. Adam Caupp, St. Charles County Police Department

Heidi Coleman, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Jonathan Krueger, BJC Behavioral Health

Brenda Sites, Safe at Home, Secretary of State's Office

Rhonda Stanley-Weber, St. Louis Counseling

Catherine Vannier, MO Office of Prosecution Services

Crime Survivor Guest

The following guests were in attendance in-person or virtually:

Emily O'Laughlin, Chief of Staff for Senator McCreery

Bob Klausmeyer, K-12 Safety & Center for Education Safety

Connie Berhorst, Department of Public Safety, Director's Office

Judy Murray, Department of Public Safety, Director's Office

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mark Kurkowski. The first item on the agenda was to welcome attendees.

Minutes from December 4, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Patrick Sublette made a motion to accept the minutes and Rep. Bill Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the correction of the spelling of Jonathan Krueger's name.

Heidi Coleman gave an overview of the 2025 Annual Report.

Mark Kurkowski suggested that each member participate in at least one of the committees because it's important to have everyone's input. The task force attempted to form three committees at the end of last year, but the committee members were not established. Members are asked to reach out to Heidi Coleman who will compile a list of volunteers for each committee and note who volunteered to be the lead for each one.

The frequency of the task force meetings was discussed. It was decided the full task force would meet every other month but the three committees would meet on a monthly basis. The committee leads will make a report at each full task force meeting.

Mark Kurkowski mentioned that a number of legislative bills have been introduced dealing with AI. Emily O'Laughlin let the members know that Sen. McCreery is working on compiling a piece of legislation that will include all of the legislative items from the task force's annual report. The bill filing deadline is Feb. 26 this year. The bill is still being drafted by legal staff in the Senate and will likely be filed as is because it's so late in the legislative process. Rep. Irwin believes a companion bill can be introduced in the House. Emily said the legislation includes a definition for cyber stalking that

is digital technology or other electronic devices. She would like for prosecutors to look at the language to make sure it covers unmanned aircraft/drones.

An advocacy agency out of the state of California, No Peace, No Quiet, reached out to Mark Kurkowski to see if the task force would be interested in collaborating with them. No Peace, No Quiet has a white paper on their website called Bridging the Gap. The task force members reviewed the white paper and noted some inconsistencies. It was decided that No Peace, No Quiet should be vetted before a relationship is formed.

The crime survivor guest knows of numerous others who are experiencing cyber harassment. The guest asked if there was a way for others to contact the task force. Mark Kurkowski suggested that others can email Connie Berhorst or Judy Murray. Mark also mentioned he's heard of a case in Missouri where a person was stalked by a drone. Using drones as a way of stalking is not covered statutorily. Rep. Irwin commented that the House recently listened to a bill on drones and it's a big issue because there are so many factors to consider that deal with national security and Missouri security.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Mark Kurkowski made a motion to adjourn and Patrick Sublette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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