The Stop Cyberstalking and Harassment Task Force met in-person and virtually on August 20, 2026.

The following task force members were in attendance:
Mark Kurkowski, St. Louis City Family Violence Council

The following members participated virtually:
Tracy McCreery, State Senator
Bridget Walsh Moore, House of Representatives
Heidi Coleman, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
Catherine Vannier, MO Office of Prosecution Services
Shawn Ivy, Office of Administration
Lt. Adam Caupp, St. Charles County Police Department
Rhonda Stanley-Weber, St. Louis Counseling
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 the June 11, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Rhonda Stanley-Weber made a motion to accept the minutes and Heidi Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sub-committee Reports
Education, Prosecution, Judicial and Law Enforcement: No report.

Legislative Action: Will meet in response to the 2026 annual report that reflects what the Task Force would like to accomplish moving forward to see what legislation might be pre-filed for 2027.

Public Education and Awareness: Rhonda Stanley-Weber reported that the committee met on July 30. Shawn Ivy contacted the Dept. of Public Safety to discuss a centralized web page regarding a one-stop-shop with resources for cyberstalking, cyberbullying and safety planning. Jonathan Krueger had a meeting scheduled with the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to discuss creating and disseminating education resources and cyberstalking education awareness campaign but DESE had to cancel the meeting. It has not been rescheduled.

Resources to include on the website and how to vet those resources
Heidi Coleman feels like people on the Task Force have probably used a lot of different resources that would be shared and won't suggest a resource if they aren't comfortable with the service provided.

Heidi will distribute a list of potential resources to include before the next meeting for the members to review.

Challenges and vision for multi-jurisdictional group to prosecute cross-boundary stalking, cyber stalking, harassment and digital crimes.
Mark Kurkowski suggested one possible way to get this started is to engage statewide associations instead of looking for specific agencies at this time. Mark believes tapping into associations is a way to get other agencies involved without agencies feeling like they are mandated. Suggestions are:

- Law enforcement – MO Police Chiefs Association, Missouri Sheriffs Association
- Prosecutors – MO Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and Office of Prosecution Services, noted by Catherine Vannier
- Probation & Parole – Dept. of Corrections
- Judiciary – Office of State Court Administrators
- Victim Advocates - MO Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, noted by Heidi Coleman
- Higher Education – Campus Title IX resources like Mizzou's Partnership and Prevention (PIP) program. Could also include major universities around the state.
- Dept. of Health and Senior Services

While high-tech digital forensics exist, everyday "boots on the ground" investigations for stalking/cybercrimes primarily fall on local law enforcement agencies rather than strictly Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces. That's where the coordination needs to take place. Local agencies can lean on specialized regional task forces and state-of-the-art tools like Cellebrite and Magnet to analyze digital evidence. Thought would need to be given on how to divide the state into regions. There are 13 ICAC task forces, but the MO State Highway Patrol could also be an investigating agency. Mark suggested using the congressional districts as dividers. t

The group also discussed incorporating federal resources for cases crossing state lines. Contacts could include the regional FBI offices alongside U.S. Attorneys. Adam Caupp noted the Dept. of Homeland Security and FBI Task Force Officer (TFO) may be able to provide resources for handling issues like human trafficking

Mark suggested these groups could have local and regional meetings and once they get organized, statewide meetings.

Heidi Coleman asked for clarification on the vision – are we looking at this like a multidisciplinary team or a response team within regions? Mark believes it would be a response team as a whole. Initially we were looking just for law enforcement because so many times when different jurisdictions are involved, cases get dropped. Victims just don't know what jurisdiction to go to and they get fed up. Ultimately a multi-discipline approach would be best when working with victims. From an investigation standpoint, it would start with law enforcement or with victim advocate groups. Reporting could start with an advocate group, who would determine the outcome the victim is wanting and if there is a chance for it to be prosecuted, then law enforcement would get involved.

Mark also envisions these cases as being part of a major case squad. When multiple jurisdictions or multiple officers are involved, call out the major case squad. Catherine Vannier noted that there is money behind major case squads. Mark mentioned major case squads have fundraisers and they get a

lot of donations that way. We could create our own team such as a major case squad that would get together officers or detectives from the jurisdictions involved.

Heidi Coleman stated that advocacy programs are having to cut staff and shut down. She's worked for the last four years to build up a sexual assault response and is watching it just die on the vine right now due to lack of funding. They are looking at how to keep the essential functions going. She can't imagine asking them to build something new at this point.

Catherine Vannier mirrored Heidi's sentiment. She struggles on many fronts to get people to multidisciplinary teams, whether it's elder abuse, child abuse, sexual assault or domestic violence. The best we could do is start with one case and show how it works.

Open Discussion

Heidi Coleman thanked Judge Randazzo for coordinating a court advocacy roundtable talking about stalking and cyber stalking orders of protection. The advocates appreciated his guidance.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Senator McCreery made a motion to adjourn and Heidi Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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