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**Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC)**  
**May 31, 2017, 1:30 p.m.**  
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**Opening Remarks / Council Members Roll Call:**

OHS Director Mike Dierkes called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. The following HSAC Members were present:

Mike Dierkes..... Homeland Security Director, Designated Chair representing DPS  
Merrel Breyer.....Department of Agriculture, representing Chris Chinn  
Paul Eisenstein..... Department of Economic Development, representing Mike Downing  
Cory Jorgensen..... Department of Health & Sr. Services, representing Dr. Randall Williams  
Jeremy Knee.....Department of Higher Education, representing, Zora Mulligan  
Lisa Bryan.....Department of Mental Health, representing Mark Stringer  
Dept. Dir. Dru Buntin & Brian Allen ..... Dept. of Natural Resources, representing Carol Comer  
Theresa Fromell ..... Office of Administration, IT, representing Sarah Steelman  
Natelle Dietrich.....Public Service Commission, representing Daniel Hall  
Pete Groce.....Dept. of Social Services, representing Jennifer Tidball  
Chris Engelbrecht,.....Department of Transportation, representing Patrick McKenna  
Tim Bean.....DPS, Fire Safety  
Lt. Mike Watson .....DPS, Highway Patrol, representing Col. Sandra Karsten  
MAJ Shannon Holaday ..... DPS, Missouri National Guard, representing Gen. Stephen Danner  
Ron Walker ..... DPS, State Emergency Management Agency, representing Ernie Rhodes  
Harold Bengsch..... Governor’s Appointee (County Commissioners)  
Kevin Ahlbrand..... Gov.’s Appointee (Missouri Fraternal Order of Police) (via Teleconference)

Dale Chambers..... UASI Representative  
David Hall..... Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee Chair-of-Charis

Not Available:

Drew Juden .....Department of Public Safety

**A Quorum is present.**

*Note: This meeting was also available by conference call and HSIN Connect*

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bryan Allen; seconded by Merrel Breyer and  
**APPROVED BY ALL.**

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the February 2, 2017 minutes was made by Merrel Breyer, seconded by Ron Walker and **APPROVED BY ALL**.

## **PROGRAM, PROJECT, AND SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

### Interoperability and Communications

FirstNet (Bob Bloomberg) is the Federal Government sponsored Public Safety Broadband Network. The contract was awarded to AT&T on March 27, 2017. “Draft” plan terminology has been changed to “Executable” plans with details for AT&T, FirstNet, and Governors so that each state can know what to expect. States may move forward as soon as they receive those plans as early as July 1, 2017. The final plans will arrive to the Governor by October 1, 2017. Governors must choose to opt-in or opt-out by January 1, 2018. States that choose to opt-in will be able to access the network immediately. Missouri’s current hardware will work immediately on FirstNet, we don’t have to wait for band 14 deployment. We don’t know if Missouri will even get band 14, so that equipment is unnecessary at this time.

The difference in the preemption offered through FirstNet and priority provided through a “GETS” card. Priority means you are moved to the front of the line, but there will still be a wait in time of disasters. Preemption will move other customers off the network in order to get first responders on-line.

The state plan will be reviewed by the Governor, Director Juden, and the SEIC. They would like approximately 15 minutes before or after the next RHSOC meetings to talk about FirstNet and get feedback from stakeholder communities. Mr. Bloomberg will contact Chairs to arrange these meetings.

MOSWIN (Bryan Courtney) would like to compliment everyone on their use of interoperable services during recent floods. All new antennas are, or will soon be, on the air. Because responders may need to assist out of their home regions, radios must be able to communicate on any of the networks in the state.

The Missouri Field Operating Guide basic communications plan is now available.

Communication Technicians Train-the-Trainer class is going to be offered Oct. 16-20, 2017. Travelers can stay in the MSHP Academy dormitory for that training for \$55.

Volunteers are needed to help put together the Statewide Interoperable Communications Plan. This plan feeds into the state THIRA that is used to determine funding from DHS.

MoSWIN is a blended VHS & 700/ 800 channel system. The RHSOCC will be presenting a recommendation that all radios purchased with HSGP funds be both VHF and 700 compatible radios. Justification 71 sites in the state are still VHF but all mobile command vehicles are 700 compatible. Dual band is the only way to guarantee interoperability at any location in the state.

### **Missouri Information Analysis Center – Connie Farrow**

MIAC has been working on both training and outreach activities including offering 4 ILO courses. The spring ILO Conference was postponed due to the flooding event.

Cyber security is a concern. Analysts are taught to catch attacks and they have a CJIS specialist who has received training on the darknet and bitcoin.

The secure room has been reduced in size significantly. DHS reduced what can be done in the secure room including forbidding removable media; all analysts have laptops at this time.

Human Trafficking and the Solar Eclipse are topics being closely followed at this time.

### **Missouri Data Exchange(MoDEX) – Theresa Huhn**

A brief overview of the program and history was presented. It is primarily an investigative tool but it also interfaces with the National Data Exchange (N-DEX). Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice ORIs can have access to the national system. At this time, only LE agencies can participate in MoDEX. The program is working toward opening the system to include the Criminal Justice ORIs as well. Participating in the system does not cost the local agencies to participate, they will be asked to sign a sharing agreement though. At this time, access is granted to the data through the Missouri Highway Patrol CJIS division. Fifteen agencies are waiting for available funding to join the system at this time.

The program is overseen by the Office of Homeland Security, the data is housed at the Highway Patrol, and the funding is administered via the POST commission.

Jail management data is sent out to the MOVANS system but not N-DEX. Conservation Department is going to be providing addresses and demographics available through hunting and fishing permits. This information also would not go into the N-DEX system but would be available as a tool for Missouri Law Enforcement.

Fire Safety and DNR expressed interest in participating in the program. If they already have a law enforcement ORI they can get into the system now. If they have a criminal justice ORI, they will need to wait until the user agreement is rewritten.

## **MEMBER UPDATES**

### **Agriculture – Merrell Breyer**

Agriculture participated in the Injection Pathway Exercise around the nuclear plant. They would like to express their appreciation to SEMA for their assistance in recent flooding.

### **Health and Senior Services – Cory Jorgensen**

HSS also participated in the Injection Pathway Exercise, a program that happens once every 8 years. It involves locals, counties, cities, states, hospitals, and 21 evaluators from all over the country. It evaluates response in 170 different criteria in 17 different locations. There was one small issue and it was an easily fixable activity. Two years of focused training in the counties seemed to pay off. DHSS scored the drill with high marks.

### **Higher Education – Jeremy Knee**

DHE submitted their update in the print initiative report.

### **Mental Health – Lisa Bryan**

DMH is gathering data for a crisis counseling grant. Finding repetitive flooding in the same areas are an issue.

### **Natural Resources – Brian Allen**

DNR is offering pesticide collection sites and dates throughout the state. Staff is engaged in flooding response. They have not seen a large volume of hazardous materials collection in the flooding. Drinking water is satisfactory for now but some rivers hit record stages. DNR is in planning for the Solar Eclipse and participating in the Biosecurity Working Group.

### **ITSD – Theresa Frommell**

While “Wanna Cry” ransomware is in the news, no incidents have been reported in Missouri yet. Some attempted cyber-attacks have been reported, but none were successful.

### **Public Service Commission – Natelle Dietrich**

Wes Henderson has retired and new designee will be named. July 11<sup>th</sup>, PSC will be offering a workshop for cybersecurity and infrastructure for utilities planning.

### **Social Services – Pete Groce**

DSS also participated in the Callaway Injection Pathways Exercise. With the flooding, they are working on providing replacement food stamps. Additionally, the summer food for children project is expected to serve 1800 children in two counties.

### **Transportation –Chris Englebrecht**

MoDoT has identified around 405 damaged roads due to flooding. Sixteen of those roads are still closed and 3 are expected to be long term closures. Approximately 80,000 labor hours have been attributed to flooding costing somewhere around \$20 million has identified as damage so far. They are expecting a large transportation issue with the Solar Eclipse in August and are working with state and national organizations in preparation. A TSA multimodal exercise is being planned for September.

### **Fire Safety – Greg Carrell**

Matt Luetkemeyer was re-introduced as the Fire Mutual Aid coordinator. Matt will be representing Fire Safety in flood response and eclipse planning.

### **Highway Patrol – Lt. Mike Watson**

The Highway Patrol is participating in eclipse planning. Training is being attended for Civil Defense Standards Workshop sponsored through the National Institute of Justice in Washington DC. The group is looking at equipment and training to be unified nationwide as civil unrest continues to be an issue.

### **Missouri National Guard – MAJ Shannon Holaday**

The cyber unit has participated in Cyber Guard and Cyber Shield national exercises. CBRNE units are working to stay prepared in case of emergency. During flooding events approximately 720 troops responded. The COOP exercise is on track for August. SEMA and ESFs are helping to rewrite their Communications Plan. They attended an all-hazards response activity in April to identify gaps. They will also be presenting information available at the SEMA conference in August.

### **State Emergency Management – Ron Walker**

Flooding request included 46 counties for approximately \$58 million, 37 counties have requested individual assistance for \$28 million, and 6-10 counties are expected to request Public Assistance funds. The FEMA teams are expected to arrive any day. ESFs are updating their plans to reconfigure it to a more effective model. Eclipse plans are underway. There is a central repository on WebEOC for the eclipse to coordinate statewide. The SEMA conference will begin the day after the eclipse.

### **County Commissioners – Commissioner Harold Bengsch**

The eastern and southern infrastructure flood damage is extreme, bridges are simply gone. West Plains also lost their fire station. Less than \$50,000 damage has been identified in Greene County. Significant funds spent on mitigation payed off. Greene County also participated in a cyber activity. Sixty-eight went to Emmetsburg for training. They were expecting a cyberattack, but the scenario was a cyberattack during a natural disaster. The exercise also attacked their social media access to their population. It is a highly recommended training.

### **Fraternal Order of Police– Sgt. Kevin Ahlbrand**

The FOP has recently purchased a second disaster trailer. The trailer was not deployed during the flood because there was no centralized location due to the widespread flooding territory. They are confident they can now feed 1000 1<sup>st</sup> responders per day.

### **St. Louis UASI– Dale Chambers**

Flooding is being examined for after action investments and coordination efforts. ICS Incident Classes for City Officials has been offered at night and it has been very successful. 55 attendees have signed up through the end of the month. Their healthcare exercise “Coughing Cardinal” has been postponed due to the flood until sometime in June. Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack training will be offered in August. They have been in touch with LSU to arrange a class on Critical Decision Making. A pre-assessment was also conducted for the Integrated Emergency Management Class. Cybersecurity was identified as a major piece of potential coordinated attacks.

### **Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee Chairs Report – David Hall, Region D**

As THIRAs have now been put on a 3 year cycle, about half of the RHSOCs have continued to work on them annually to identify any gaps that may arise. Grant applications have been received and are being prioritized. Sustainment of equipment is continuing to be an issue. The RHSOC Chairs voted to authorize \$125,000 of regional money for statewide training in addition

to forming a small group to study how to reduce travel costs without losing participation in courses.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Status/Update of OHS Grants – Jeff Barlow**

A handout of grant funding balances was distributed. The “Notice of Funding Opportunity” for FY17 is expected very soon. LETPA grant funds awarded to the Missouri Sheriffs’ Association was de-obligated and redistributed to purchase a bomb suit and to the Missouri Police Chiefs’ Association program that will be open to Sheriffs. Local applications for FY17 grants will be distributed to the regions for review soon. They are doing a high-level (rather than detailed) review of the applications for the regions at this point. After grants are prioritized by regions, a detailed review will be performed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion regarding HSAC Membership and Subcommittees–Mike Dierkes**

As a commission established through executive order, procedures for establishing and dissolving subcommittees was set by those orders. Historically, while many subcommittees have been created, none have ever been dissolved. The group needs to examine these groups and officially dissolve or renew each group to narrow and define our focus. There is also an issue of members being added by the committee throughout the years that were not established by executive order. At the next meeting, we will be going through these issues and potentially requesting an executive order to request membership for those we believe are important stake-holders. A slideshow of open committees was presented for consideration.

### **Interoperable Radio Standards - David Hall**

The Chairs of the RHSOCs have unanimously agreed to ask the HSAC to make the following rule in regards to purchasing radios with HSGP funds.

- **Anytime RHSOC funds are expended for radios, those radios must be VHF, 700, and 800 capable.**

The motion to accept the recommendation and create the rule was made by Ron Walker and was seconded by Tim Bean. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation

## **NEXT MEETING**

A next meeting date of August 30, 2017 was agreed upon.

## **ADJOURN**

The motion to adjourn was made by Merrell Breyer, seconded by Tim Bean, and **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**