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## Regional Homeland Security Oversight Chairs Committee (RHSOCC) Meeting

May 31, 2017 10:00 am

Approved via unanimous vote September 5, 2017

The Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee Meeting was called to order by Director Drew Juden.

#### **RHSOCC Voting Representatives Roll Call:**

Region A – Rural	.Gloria Brandenburg – Chair (via Teleconference)
Region A – Urban	.Erin Lynch – Chair
Region B	.Mike Kindle – Chair
Region C	.Chief Mike Cherry – Chair
Region D	.David Hall – Chair
Region E	.Jeff Stackle – Chair
Region F	.Doug Westhoff –Chair
Region G	.Steve Gleghorn – Chair
Region H	.Wally Patrick –Chair (via Teleconference)
Region I	.Tabitha Stanfast –Chair
St. Louis UASI	.Dale Chambers

#### A Quorum is present.

The meeting was also made available to members and guests via teleconference and HSIN/Adobe Connect web-conferencing.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The motion was made by Mike Kindle to approve the agenda as presented; it was seconded by Doug Westhoff and **APPROVED BY ALL**.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The motion was made by David Hall to approve the February 2, 2017 minutes as presented; it was seconded by Jeff Stackle and **APPROVED BY ALL**.

## **UPDATES/REPORTS**

#### **Interoperability and Communications – Bryan Courtney**

<u>FirstNet</u> (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 online

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.

Question: Can devices only connect to AT&T towers or will they roam? Answer: AT&T must have a sharing agreement for roaming. They are talking to AT&T engineers about current substandard 4G coverage in some areas.

Question: What is the timeline if Missouri opts-out of FirstNet?

Answer: Missouri has 180 days to complete an RFP State Plan. Once bids are submitted, they have to be approved by the FCC, NTA, and finally FirstNet to get approval. If AT&T has a deadline for getting first responders signed up on a network that works, they will incur a fine.

<u>MOSWIN</u> (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.

<u>The SIEC</u> reminds regions that new equipment purchased with grant funds need to be "good stewards" with funds and they are strongly recommending purchasing dual band radios. Even if you are a VHF area, the back-up equipment will be 700 capable, so it is really not a responsible option to purchase single band radios.

October 16-20, 2017, at the Highway Patrol Academy, a course will be offered by the Office of Technical Assistance for training and trainers underwritten at the federal level. Information and signup will be provided through Jack Raetz at SEMA.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the state training plan for communications ASAP.

Question: Regions asked for specifics on the requirements on the radios. Answer: There are recommendations at this time, not requirements for SHGP grants. Any requirement set will likely align with the "Digital Radio Requirements for JAG and/or LLEBG Grants" detailed at <a href="http://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/documents/radio-guidelines.pdf">http://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/documents/radio-guidelines.pdf</a>.

## Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) – Connie Farrow

Secure Space at the MIAC is now significantly smaller and will receive the final inspection in June. Currently the CJIS analyst is working on cybersecurity. The MIAC has been targeted a few times. Alerts are going out as quick as they can be verified.

MIAC has been requested to assist an agency with human trafficking and gathering information from other fusion centers.

One analyst position is open at this time for a Department of Corrections analyst.

E-mails will be switching over to a new Outlook next week, so please call if you get something (or don't get it) that looks different.

#### 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.

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.

#### **RHSOC Chair Updates**

- Region A Rural (via RPC Randy White) recently got their FY15 budget amended and approved, equipment is being ordered. They did a quick review of the region's THIRA and made no changes. Jack Raetz has been contacted about training schedule identifying gaps.
- Region A Urban is working on recovery from area tornados identifying lessons learned in addition to the large fire in Overland Park that required significant mutual aid. Feedback was positive including the deployment of Tech Rescue. Sustainment prioritization is being considered. There have been significant leadership changes in the area, most visibly the retirement of the KCPD Chief. A focus has been made to keep procedures and coordination continues while leadership transitions.
- Region B has a new RPC in place and they are working to stay on track.
- Region C is spending down funds and arranging training. The southern half of the region has had multiple weather events and is entering the recovery phase at this time.
- Region D is reviewing and updating their THIRA. They have started a strategic plan using the THIRA and prioritizing sustainment to create a 5-10 year plan.
- Region E is also reviewing and revising their THIRA. Flooding was an issue but they are in the recovery stage at this time. Grant funds are being spent down and deployable

- assets are being prioritized. They recently hosted a CHEM-PAC exercise and are preparing for the eclipse.
- Region F is working with their RPC to complete spending down grant funds. They too are reviewing their THIRA and establishing priorities.
- Region G has been working on flood recovery and thanks OHS for extending the grant deadline for applications so they could complete the process. They are not working on the THIRA this year because they believe it is up-to-date.
- Region H has not made updating their THIRA a priority either. They are working on spending down grants and prioritizing sustainability.
- Region I reports that spending is on track for all grant funds. They are letting the THIRA rest this year as well. They have one training event scheduled and another in planning stages.
- St. Louis UASI is also working on flood recovery and offering training. They will be hosting an emergency management course on an invitation basis. Pre-assessment results were positive. They have been offering the G-402 course for elected officials and have found it very successful. They attribute their success to offering it in the evenings. The UASI will have to do the THIRA this year and is waiting on federal guidance at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Office of Homeland Security (OHS) Updates: Status of 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 deobligated 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.

Question: In the FY18 proposed budget, a 25% state match is being discussed.

Answer: We need to wait and see until congress passes the budget.

Question: Is the scoring sheet changing for grant reviewing?

Answer: No, but we are looking at splitting out grants that combine more than one project. Only one application has that issue this year and staff is reviewing it.

### **Training and Funding** – Jack Raetz /Jeff Barlow

Travel costs were reviewed. It is important to continue the Contractual course offerings in order to fulfill OA requirements for limits on payment for instructors. Separating the course cost (\$79375) from travel costs (\$154700) we can see where the bulk of funding is being spent. Training funds are subtracted from the total state award before the regions receive their percentage.

Impressions are that a 50 mile radius is too small, but the participants need to attend the closest course. They considered offering direction on requiring the attendees to go to the closest training. Regions do not have any oversight to ensure students from their region actually meet the training needs set up within their region. Some regions can't afford to host training so the statewide approach has value. A motion to increase the travel police to a 100 mile radius for

FY18 but was later withdrawn until Chairs had an opportunity to discuss it with regional members.

- > Motion (David Hall): 2 Chairs and OHS Staff will study travel cost by the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Cherry. The motion carries by unanimous acclamation. Mike Cherry, Doug Westhoff, Jeff Barlow, and Jack Raetz will be assigned to this study.
- ➤ Motion (David Hall): The RHSOCC chairs recommend increasing training funds to \$150,000 with reducing travel costs. The motion was seconded by Mike Cherry. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.
- > Motion (David Hall): The RHSOCC chairs recommend increasing training funds to \$125 and reducing travel costs. The motion was seconded by Steve Gleghorn and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Sustainment of Long-Term Assets** - Steve Gleghorn

The group is looking for more direction from the HSAC chair. Mike Dierkes will discuss this with Director Juden and get back to the committee.

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

> Motion: Anytime RHSOC funds are expended for radios, those radios must be VHF, 700, and 800 capable.

The motion was seconded by Steve Gleghorn. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Requested By-Law Change - Gloria Brandenburg

Per Article 11 By-Laws Modifications, the proposed changes are being brought to the attention of the RHSOC chair of Chairs and most importantly the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). The proposed changes to Article 9 –Election and Term Limits merely lift unnecessary restrictions of the officers of RHSOC Chair and Vice Chair allowing the slate of those offices to come the entire membership of RHSOC. Below are the requested changes to Article 9 in RED.

Request that is proposed change be addressed in upcoming RHSOC Chairs Meeting and the follow-on HSAC May 3, 2017. Thank You in advance for your consideration.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - ELECTION AND TERM LIMITS**

At the first meeting of the RHSOC, after the start of a new year (October 1), the RHSOC will elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the RHSOC from their primary membership. In order to be considered eligible for either of the positions, nominees must have served as the Primary Voting Member of a discipline for a period of no less than one year. Additionally, the Presiding Chairman of the RHSOC Chairs will be elected at the first meeting of the new year (October 1). The RHSOC Chairs will elect a Presiding Chairman, from one of the nine current Chairs, to represent them. In order to be considered eligible for the position, nominees must be currently serving as the Chair of RHSOC. The Presiding Chairman of the Regional RHSOC is a voting member of the HSAC.

A year is defined as October 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

A term is defined as two years unless otherwise noted.

Specific seat terms are as follows:

Chair Two-(2) year term
 Vice Chair Two-(2) year term
 Primary Discipline Representative Two-(2) year term

Alternate Discipline Representative Two-(2) year term
 Presiding Chairman of RHSOC Chairs One-(1) year term

If the Primary Voting or Alternate Voting Member is no longer a member of their discipline or no longer works within the region for whatever reason, they will resign their position on the RHSOC. If the Primary Voting Member leaves and more than one year remains in the term, the Alternate will take their place, completing the term and the working group for that discipline will elect a new Alternate. If the Primary Voting Member leaves and less than one year remains in the term, the Alternate will take their place, complete the remaining term and then serve as the Primary Voting Member for a full term. If the Alternate leaves and there is no second Alternate to take on the position, the working group for that discipline will elect a new Alternate. All Primary and Alternate members shall attend at least fifty-(50) percent of the RHSOC meetings during the year.

If for any reason the RHSOC Chair leaves their position, the Vice Chair will take their place, completing the term and the RHSOC will elect a new Vice Chair for the remainder of the term. At the first meeting of the RHSOC, after the start of a new year (October 1), the RHSOC will elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the RHSOC from their Primary Voting Members.

Due to the time limit for the meeting and need for local conversations, the discussion was tabled by the chair until the next meeting.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

None

#### **Future Meetings**

The proposed next meeting was very close to the date of the eclipse. The alternate date was chosen: August 30, 2017.

• The meeting date was later postponed until September 5, 2017 due to the Chairman's schedule.

#### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by David Hall; seconded by Mike Cherry, and **APPROVED BY ALL**.