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Regional Homeland Security Oversight Chairs Committee (RHSOCC) Meeting
September 5, 2017 10:00 am
Approved November 1, 2017

The Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee Meeting was called to order by OHS Director Mike Dierkes.

RHSOCC Voting Representatives Roll Call:

Region A – RuralGloria Brandenburg – Chair (via Teleconference)
Region A – UrbanErin Lynch – Chair (via Teleconference)
Region BMike Kindle – Chair (via Teleconference)
Region CChief Mike Cherry – Chair
Region DDavid Hall – Chair
Region GSteve Gleghorn – Chair
Region HDarrell Wright – Designee (via Teleconference)
Region I.....Tabitha Stanfast –Chair (via Teleconference)

Not able to attend this meeting

Region E.....Jeff Stackle – Chair
Region F.....Doug Westhoff –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 Darrell Wright to approve the agenda as presented; it was seconded by Mike Cherry 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 Mike Cherry and **APPROVED BY ALL.**

UPDATES/REPORTS

Interoperability and Communications – Bryan Courtney

FirstNet (Bob Bloomberg) - All regions have been visited and questions have been gathered and forwarded to FirstNet. Missouri has issued an RFP for a statewide project that will interface with the national broadband

network. Those are due today and will be reviewed tomorrow. Information sharing with regions will be limited while the RFP process is completed. The final state plan for FirstNet will be done by September 19, 2017. Currently there are 20 Jurisdictions, 18 States, and 2 Territories opting-in to FirstNet. Illinois and Missouri are still deciding. All other border states have opted-in.

MOSWIN (Bryan Courtney) - New antenna sites are going up in Thayer, Bagnal Dam, Maryville, Bolivar, Dexter, Bennet Springs, Liberal, Neosho, West Plains, and Vandalia. These are all 700 MHz sites. There is one VHS antenna site going up in Bates County. All sites are being built with redundancy of phone lines for resiliency. Eighty-six of Missouri's 911 Control Centers were provided upgrades to their firmware, checked programming and installation, and trained centers on interoperability operations and patching policy. The 86 training events were provided just in the months of June and July.

In the talk-groups for interoperability, EMS3 will now be EMD for in-region EOC coordination during activation. The radio will still read EMS3 until they are manually changed.

Last quarter, regions were asked to adopt the MoSWIN Regional Pursuit Policy for Communicators. When initiating a pursuit, begins on region IO-1. When pursuit moves out of the region, it becomes Missouri-IO. No agency is required to adopt the policy. Regions are asked to adopt the policy and encourage agencies to use the policy.

It is recommended that investments be made so that agencies can patch into the state SEOC. The Cost is approximately \$1500. Concern was expressed that the patch would allow agencies to bypass the local EOC. The patches are an electronic solution, standard-operating procedures will require follow-up.

Training will be provided in Joplin for Mobile Communications Vehicles tomorrow with Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. On September 14th, they will begin discussing a standard for encrypted talk groups. The planning will begin with law enforcement communities. September 20-22nd, they will be supporting the Missouri Public Safety and Communications Conference. Sessions will be offered on FirstNet and ESF-2 regarding state declared emergencies. The State Communications Interoperability Update will be presented to each RHSOC and UASI.

Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) – Capt. David Hall

- The MIAC worked closely with SEMA and local emergency management directors in preparation for the solar eclipse.
- Two analysts were deployed to Springfield for the Presidential visit in late August. One was stationed with the Springfield PD in their Crime Analysis Unit and the other was at the Region D MSHP Headquarters.
- The Hell's Angel Run was held in the Lake of the Ozarks area. One staff member and three analysts were deployed to work with ATF and local agencies.
- Upon indication that the Stockley verdict is eminent, the MIAC plans on deploying at least 2 analysts to the St. Louis Fusion Center. One may be deployed to the Real-Time-Crime Center at the St. Louis Police Department.
- MIAC is paying attention to civil unrest throughout Missouri and the country as a whole. If anyone knows of events happening in their area, please let the MIAC know.
- The next advisory board meeting is October 11th at 10 a.m. at the MSHP Troopers' Association. Members of RHSOCs are always welcome.

- There are currently around 675 trained Intelligence Liaison Officers in the state. Let the MIAC know if you would like to host a training event for your RHSOC. The ILO will be held September 27th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ike Skelton Training Center. Additionally, an interstate meeting was held between Arkansas and Missouri ILOs. The MIAC intends to schedule more activities of this sort in the future.

Missouri Data Exchange (MoDEx) – Theresa Huhn

- MoDEx has now started collecting funds and spending on the new fiscal year including renewing vendor contracts and around 203 agency agreements. The Niche RMS agencies of the Springfield area are working on getting connected to the system. The Rolla area RMS is almost completely loaded into the system as well.
- New agencies are still welcome and the Sharing Agreement is currently being re-written to also include Criminal Justice ORIs. This will open it up to prosecutors and corrections. The new director of the Department of Corrections is very supportive of information sharing.
- The Department of Natural Resources Park Rangers have been given a demonstration and will now be accessing and contributing data.
- A demonstration was given at the Police Chief's Conference on the use of C-TAC Mobility's application used to query MoDEx data.
- Department of Conservation data is now being uploaded into the data core.
- Training for the usage of the system continues to be provided by the Highway Patrol.

RHSOC Chair Updates

- Region A Rural - They have purchased a great number of radios with FY15 and FY 16 funding. The FY15 funds have had 3 extensions, but should be almost all allocated now.
- Region A Urban – The Kansas City area experienced localized flooding and has deployed their Tech/Rescue to Texas for Hurricane Response. MARC served as the coordinating entity for Eclipse activities with EOCs and Hospitals in the greater Kansas City Area. They have recently deployed the “PulsePoint” application (<http://www.pulsepoint.org/>) that connects those having a cardiac emergency with citizens trained in CPR. Grant funded purchases are being finalized and bills are being paid.
- Region B – The region was able to fund all the applicants who applied this year for FY17 funds.
- Region C – The region was not able to fund all applicants, but recipients have been chosen.
- Region D – Grant applications were evaluated and funding allocations chosen. They are working on closing out. They are frustrated with their Water Rescue Training Grant because the federal level approvers rejected the specialized equipment because they didn't consider it directly applicable to the nexus of terrorism. Proposals should be written with a focus on terrorism.
- Region E – Unable to attend
- Region F - Unable to attend
- Region G – The region lost one boat in recent flooding. They also had to replace a motor on another boat. They are still dealing with FEMA regarding spring flooding. There are many unhappy citizens with the individual assistance side of FEMA's response. A historic community may not have the ability to rebuild. FY17 applications have been reviewed and recipients chosen. Many projects were denied due to lack of funds.
- Region H – No report
- Region I - They are completing the FY15 grants. FY17 recipients were chosen. Region I received more requests than they were able to fund.

- St. Louis UASI – Unable to attend

OLD BUSINESS

Office of Homeland Security (OHS) Updates: Status of Grants – Jeff Barlow

The FY17 summary chart was presented. It is \$16,000 less than we received last year. The official FEMA award is still pending but expected any day. Among other mistakes by FEMA staff, our submission was accidentally sent back twice. The LETPA working group has not been able to meet as of this date so funding is left blank for now.

September 1, 2017's release of FY17 National Data for SHSGP and EMPG grants were presented so members can see how Missouri compares to other states.

FY15 LETPA funds reallocated some funds. The Sheriff's Association was not finding their project successful so funds were reallocated to purchase a bomb suit and to the Police Chief's Association project. MPCA is purchasing license plate readers and LiveScan devices and providing training. Both Sheriffs and Police Chiefs are eligible for this project. MPCA has been given an extension to fully administer this grant.

FY 16 LETPA funds have been reallocated to the Missouri Interoperable Center due to the sale of a Capitol Police Vehicle.

There is a current balance in FY15 funds but they were obligated by the end of August. Many claims are still pending so balances look deceptively large.

Regions were reminded that FY15 funds don't have to be 100% expended before FY16 is started.

In 2014 the group approved any de-obligated funds would be spent on MOSWIN Radios.

Congratulations were offered to both St. Louis and Kansas City on their awarded Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Grants.

A regional meeting on THIRA and SPR was attended in Chicago. The federal agency level will be sending someone to help with training. Plans were canceled due to Hurricane Harvey Response. The meeting will be rescheduled. Missouri's THIRA needs to be streamlined and focused so it can be more of a workable guidance document.

Training and Funding – Jack Raetz

The only other state agency that pays for local's training is the State Courts. They have already moved to a 75 mile radius qualification for room and board. They also have a few trainings that are not covered at all. Follow-up will be forwarded to regions when it is available.

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 1st thru September 30th of the following year.

A term is defined as two years unless otherwise noted.

Specific seat terms are as follows:

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| • 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.

Discussion: This action gives regions (specifically A-Rural) they need because the chair doesn't get to vote unless there is a tie. Some decline nomination because they don't want to leave their jurisdiction unrepresented. Regions who have plentiful candidates can still give weight to experience but this allows smaller regions flexibility they require.

Mike Cherry moved that the RHSOC Chairs request the by-law change as stated by adopted by the Homeland Security Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by David Hall and **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

OPEN DISCUSSION

WebEx Teleconferencing was presented. The advantage to the system is the "call me" feature works around long distance phone charges. Unfortunately, it was discovered that if Chairs have an extension, the program will not work. Those with PBXs will need to dial the meeting directly. This will eliminate long distance charges for some, but unfortunately not all our members.

Captain Hall presented the schedule for the ILO Conference.

Jeff Barlow added that normal administration reviews have begun. The RPCs will be getting emails this week from Michelle Branson but they cannot make the award until we get official notification from DHS. Additionally, compliance training was held last week and the division will begin publishing podcasts on topics for training.

Departing Chairs were thanked for their years of service.

Future Meetings

The proposed next meeting was very close to the date of the eclipse. The alternate date was chosen: November 1, 2017 with a back-up date of November 8, 2017.

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