

MINUTES
Region H
Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee

April 16, 2007
11:00 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Corey Sloan, Police Chief	Bob Vey, Private Industry/Public Utility
Rhonda Wiley, Emergency Mgmt Director	Mike Strong, Sheriff
Phil Rickabaugh, Fire Chief	Jay Ebersold, City/County Public Works
Don Moore, Mayor/City Administrator	Kenneth Warren, County Commissioner
Wally Patrick, Hospital Association	Susan Staashelm, 911
Karla Long, Volunteer Group	John Hesson, HSRT
Steve Groshong, Emergency Medical Services	Lisa Becton, Agriculture
Nassar Memarian, Elem./Sec. Schools	

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Drew Bontrager, City/County Public Works	Rodney Hummer, Private Ind./Public Utility
Jon Roe, Emergency Medical Services	Bill Brinton, Emergency Mgmt Director
John Gannon, Fire Chief	Mike Curran, HSRT

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Sgt. Eldon Wulf, Mo State Water Patrol	Sam Jameson, Mo Dept. of Agriculture
Stoney Bowers, Mo Division of Fire Safety	Tom Bliss, Mo-Kan Regional
Roger Wolken, Mo Dept. of Conservation	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jackie Spainhower, Mo-Kan Regional Council	Randy Railsback, Green Hills RPC
Tye Parsons, NW Regional Council	Steve Cheavens, SEMA
Jay Bosch, SEMA	Lance Rains, Green Hills RPC
Jackie Wolf, Mo-Kan Regional Council	O.J. Stone, OHS
Bill Bangerter, Midwest Mobile	Zada Farris, SEMA
Jeffrey Daise, MoANG	Dennis Haug, Haug Communications
Tyson Berry, Haug Communications	Ralph Bledsoe, Mo State Water Patrol
Charles McCrary, Mo State Highway Patrol	Christy Forney, Nodaway County EMD
Marshall White, St. Joseph News-Press	George Albert, City of St. Joseph
David Stover, Mo Veterans Home	Judy Hadley, MO Veterans Home
Gina Youtsey, Mo Veterans Home	Vicki Henson, Mo Veterans Home
Stephen Riley, Mo Veterans Home	Eddie Headrick, HSS

The meeting of the Region H Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee was held April 16, 2007 at the Ketcham Community Center, North Central Missouri College, 1322 Marble, Trenton, MO.

1. **Roll Call**-A silent roll call was taken.
2. **Approval of January 16, 2007 Minutes**-Don Moore made a motion to accept the minutes of January 16, 2007 as presented, seconded by Bob Vey. 15 yeas, 0 nay, motion approved.
3. **Chairman's Report**-Chairman Corey Sloan introduced new members: Dr. Lisa Becton, Premium Standard Farms, is the agriculture voting member and Wally Patrick, Heartland Health, is the Hospital Association voting member. The Agriculture sub-committee has named Bob Kelly from the University of Missouri Extension as Dr. Becton's alternate. The HSOC members are to continue looking for an alternate for Wally Patrick.

The 2006 Homeland Security Grant proposal which was submitted in January has been approved. Zada Farris will report in more detail about the approval.

Corey attended the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) on March 28.

Member Susan Staashelm briefed the committee on the State Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC). SIEC's plan calls for a statewide 700 mega hertz system. The final plan needs to be complete by November for the state to have access to federal funds, and it must be written according to federal standards. The next SIEC meeting is on May 15. Susan requested that HSOC members continue collecting communication surveys. This survey is now located on the Region H website.

4. Discussion of Additional HSOC Representatives-This issue was addressed at the January 16th meeting.

a. Agriculture

b. Hospital Association

5. FY06 Regionalization Grant Proposal, Award, and Acceptance-Zada Farris reported on the 2006 Homeland Security Grant which was approved with only a few minor issues; she is currently working with Karla Long to resolve these issues.

Farris discussed the NIMS Cast system which is a federal-level compliance reporting system for state and local jurisdictions. The state's level of compliance will impact how much money is received from the federal government in the future. It is suggested that this information be requested on future grant applications.

6. Statewide 9-1-1 Issues-The state of Missouri is currently the only state that does not have a wireless fee recovery system. Most 911 districts operate on a tariff, which is based on wire line services and sales tax. Two bills have been filed within the state legislature to address this issue. Another issue with 911 is that there are 21 counties in the state that do not have 911 coverage and only 22 to 24 that are Phase 2 compliant.

7. Pandemic Planning-Regional Working Group

Eddie Headrick from Department of Health and Senior Services, Emerging Infections Coordinator-Headrick presented that the US will have a pandemic based on trends and historical indicators. The last pandemic to affect the US was in 1968, and it is anticipated that the US is due for one in the near future. Vaccines will take six-eight months to manufacture. A major issue is the anticipated personnel shortages that will occur in the event of a pandemic.

Break for lunch. The meeting resumed at 1:00pm.

Addition to the Agenda

8. Membership-Some committee alternates have not been attending quarterly meetings, and there is a concern that they will not be properly prepared to step into the position of voting member. Working groups needs to contact these people and ask if they are willing to attend or if they wish to be replaced. If the alternate wishes to be replaced, this responsibility will lie in the hands of each respective working group.

Karla Long made a motion to work with Mo-Kan to identify the persons who have not been attending regularly and encourage working groups to contact the individuals, seconded by Susan Staashelm. 15 yeas, 0 nays, motion approved.

9. Introduction of Captain Jeff Daise, Military Anti-terrorisms Officer from Missouri Air National Guard-Captain Daise is the Air National Guard's liaison to local law enforcement and other emergency service providers; he has been in this position for four months. **Mike Strong made a motion to add Captain Daise as an Ex-**

Officio Member to the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee, seconded by Jay Ebersold. 15 yeas, 0 nays, motion approved.

10. **Office of Homeland Security Update by O.J. Stone from Office of Homeland Security-**An assessment survey will soon be distributed through the HSOC to gather training needs within the region. Survey packets should be out by May 15 with a 30 day turnaround.

Earthquake exercise will take place in June.

MERIS (Missouri Emergency Resource Information System) is a software program that will track emergency resources available throughout the state. The first component is ETEAM Crisis Management which consists of incident reporting and tracking, resource management, situation reporting, action planning, alert notification, GIS mapping, facility reporting, personnel reporting, shelter tracking and hospital status/bed availability.

The second component is a rapid response web portal which consists of day to day operations, inventory, resource and asset management, infrastructure and resource tracking via GIS, plans and procedures, alert notifications and private sector business response network integration for tracking donations, volunteers and private resources.

The state hopes to have this available by summer, and training will be required.

11. **FY07 Homeland Security State Application Process-**Jay Bosch discussed new deadlines for the FY07 application process. It is anticipated that Missouri's allocations will be announced sometime during the summer months. The needs have not changed significantly from FY06. SEMA hopes to enhance the projects and programs that were started in FY06. The anticipation date for investment justifications and regional allocation announcements is in the fall.

12. **Next Meeting Date/Location-**The next meeting will be held July 16, 2007 at 6:00pm at Red Cross, 401 N. 12th Street, St. Joseph, MO.

John Hesson made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Don Moore. 15 yeas, 0 nay, motion approved.

Closed Executive Session, per RsMO 610.021, Sub Section 18

Minutes for the closed executive session were recorded and are on file at the Mo-Kan Regional Council.

The HSOC withdrew from Executive Session.

13. Other Business

Need to appoint volunteers for the State Pandemic Planning Committee, Mike O'Neal and Kim Oaks have agreed to volunteer to serve on this committee.

Mike Strong made a motion to appoint Mike O'Neal and Kim Oaks from Region H to serve on the State Pandemic Planning Committee, seconded by Kenneth Warren. 15 yeas, 0 nay, motion approved.

16. **Adjourn-Karla Long made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Hesson. Meeting adjourned.**