



REGION D RHSOC ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 9:00 A.M.
Mt. Vernon Arts & Recreation Center
822 W Mount Vernon Blvd.
Mt. Vernon, MO

Attendance:

RHSOC Members:

Chris Berndt, Chair
Melissa Duckworth, Emergency Management
Charla Geller, Emergency Management
Eric Schmitt, Police
William Davis, Police
Matt Stoller, Sheriff
Lynn Hollandworth, Fire
Jim Furgerson, Fire
David Pennington, Fire
Jessica Wagner, County Health
Scott Allen, County Health
Travis Trent, HSRRS
Bryan Newberry, HSRRS
Ron Bailey, City/County Public Works
Brad Gray, Mayor/City Administrator
Tim Selvey, County Commission
Hank Smythe, County Commission
Shea Lane, Industry/LEPC
Brent Watkins, Industry/LEPC
Paul Carter, Industry/LEPC
Cassie Cunningham, Utilities
David Compton, EMS
Lori Sneed, 911
Linda Barger, Volunteer Groups
Julie Stolting, Volunteer Groups
Steve Verheyen, Schools
David Hall, Schools
Jason Henry, Hospitals
Russ Conroy, Hospitals
Neil Slagle, Cybersecurity
Shannon McNurtrey, Cybersecurity

Ex-Officios:

Wendell Hall, DNR
Carl Harris, DNR
Denise Russell, SEMA

Guests/Visitors:

Christian Strozier, OHS
Kim Kinder, Dade County EMA
Scott Moore, Battlefield Fire/IST
Keith Stammer, Jasper County EMA
Larry Woods, Greene County EMA
Chris Doer, Hickory County LEPC
Brian Athen, Springfield Fire
Nick Mercer, Purdy Fire
JR Webb
Paige Behm
Angie Robinson, MO OHS

Staff:

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOG
Thomas Cunningham, SMCOG

Open Meeting

Chris Berndt

1. Opening Comments/Pledge of Allegiance
 - Meeting began at 9:25 AM
2. Roll Call/Introductions
 - Attendance was taken. Most were connecting via zoom, but some were attending in-person
3. Approval of Consent Agenda and minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion from EMS and second from Fire to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Fire moved to approve minutes from previous meeting, Public Works seconded the motion. No further discussion was had and the motion passed unanimously.

RHSOC Membership Changeover

Chris Berndt

1. Introduction of New Members

- New primary for Emergency Management (Melissa Duckworth), Sheriff (Randy Foster), Fire (Jim Furgerson), County Commission (Hank Smythe), Hospital (Russ Conroy), and Cybersecurity (Shannon McNurtrey)

Committee Reports

1. RHSOC Chair Meeting Chris Berndt
 - No update to provide at this moment.
2. Exercise/Training Report Melissa Duckworth
 - In person trainings have been postponed. Virtual exercises were attempted, but the state told them they cannot do it in the way they had planned on.
3. TICP/WebEOC Working Groups Jonathan Ayres
 - Jonathan was not present, but his report was sent out beforehand.
4. Strategic Plan Working Group Ted Martin
 - No report to give at this time. Ted had spoken with Chris before the meeting about what projects RHSOC should prioritize and what direction they should move in. More discussion will follow.

Old Business

1. SHSP Procurement Updates Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
 - Summary sheet was sent to all RHSOC members.
 - FY18: \$5,665.60 left after completing all purchases. IST had returned all their money so this left us with a surplus. This extra money will be sent back
 - FY19: Over half of the funds have been spent. Requisition for a bomb suit will be completed
 - FY20: Risk assessment has been done completed for everyone. Waiting on cybersecurity to be completed before sub-agreements can be issued and money can be spent.
2. Inventory Disposition Requests Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
 - Only one request at this time: New radios were acquired for Greene County Communications vehicles, so the old radios were traded in. Waiting on RHSOC approval so the radios can be removed from the inventory. EMS motioned to accept the disposition, Fire seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

New Business

1. Region D RHSOC By-laws Addition Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
 - Formal action is required to add an amendment to the RHSOC by-laws to include Cybersecurity, which brings us up to 18 disciplines. Motioned from Utilities and seconded by Fire. Motion passed unanimously with further discussion.
2. 2020 THIRA Chris Berndt
 - Questionnaire was sent to RHSOC members. Members were requested to complete the questionnaire and email back to Dorothy by the end of November 2020. Extra emphasis was placed on the importance of completing the questionnaire and turning it in. Chris and Dorothy explained that it would be a requirement for participation in RHSOC.
 - Neil Slagle brought up concerns regarding a lack of cybersecurity details within the THIRA. What can we do to provide broader protection/coverage for the entire region? Angie Robinson offered to get together with Shannon, Neil, Brad Grey, and anyone else involved in cybersecurity for further discussion.

Federal/State/Regional Partners

1. OHS/HSGP Updates Chelsey Call
 - Christina Strozier provided updates on OHS staffing (Chelsey was on maternity leave). OHS is currently looking to fill their Regionalization Grant Specialist position. Any questions in the meantime can be directed to Christina Strozier or Michelle Branson
 - Application corrections are underway. Be on the lookout for an email regarding any corrections that need to be made. Also, in order to receive funding for FY20, the National Cybersecurity Review must be completed by December 15th. Finally, Fire Safety must approve any requests for transfer of fire safety equipment, no matter what agency is receiving it.
2. Interoperable Communications Bryan Courtney

- No representative present at the meeting. Email update was sent out regarding new sites that are being planned for 2021.
3. Cybersecurity Angie Robinson
 - October is National Cybersecurity Month. Focus has been on election cybersecurity issues. Angie will be hosting a webinar on October 28 about the county commissioner's roll in cybersecurity. ESF14 for cybersecurity for the state has been finalized and submitted to SEMA. Angie also requested that anytime anyone receives a phishing email to contact her immediately.
 4. DHSS Update Douglas Baker
 - No update. Doug has retired.
 5. DNR Update Wendell Hall/Carl Harris
 - No update
 6. Agriculture Bill Pittenger
 - Bill couldn't make it in person, but he did send his report via email.
 7. Mutual Aid Kevin Virgin/Eric Hartman
 - No update
 8. Incident Support Team Scott Moore
 - Representatives were in Jeff City assisting with COVID response. A partnership was developed with Region C IST to help facilitate this response. The NIMS advisory group is planning to get back together sometime in the next couple of months. Recently, SEMA has been providing funding for training courses – the hope is that they will continue to do so moving forward.

Annual Reporting

Chris Berndt

- Chris reiterated the importance of each disciplinary group providing up-to-date reporting on all aspects of their work. This helps us secure funding at the state and federal level. If there is any confusion on what is required in those reports, please contact Chris Berndt.

Disciplinary Group Reports

1. Emergency management – Election held for new positions.
2. County Health – Majority of time/resources spent on responding to COVID.
3. Utilities – Reminder that CARES Act money is available.
4. 911 – Geocom is conducting a statewide evaluation of each county's GIS capabilities in order to get the entire state ready for next gen 911.
5. Hospitals – continue to hit record numbers with regards to COVID cases.
6. Cybersecurity – Cybersecurity team will meet with Angie Robinson.

Other Business/Open Discussion

- Dorothy announced that she is moving to part time. She will still continue some of her RHSOC responsibilities, but Thomas Cunningham will be the new main SMOG representative. She greatly enjoyed her time working with this group and will miss everyone dearly 😊

Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting scheduled for January 20th at 9am.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 11 am.



Chris Berndt, Region D RHSOC Chair

1-20-2021

Date Approved