



**Region D Homeland Security Oversight Committee  
Scoring Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2017  
9:00 A.M.  
Greene County Public Safety Center  
330 West Scott Street, Springfield, MO**

**Attendance:**

**RHSOC Members:**

Chad Eutsler, Police  
Kermit Hargis, County Health  
Chris Berndt, HSRRS  
David Brock, Public Works  
Collin Quigley, Mayor/City Administrator  
Paul Carter, Industry/LEPC  
Kavan Stull, Utilities  
Jeff Hawkins, EMS  
JR Webb, 911  
Shea Lane, Volunteer Groups  
Chris Bauman, Schools  
Mark Sconce, Agriculture

**Ex-officios:**

Jason Ray, SMCOC

**Guests/Visitors:**

Carolyn Ream, Hickory County EMA  
Terry Lane, Dallas County EMA  
Melissa Duckworth, Taney Count OEM  
Jonathan Ayres, WebEOC

**Staff:**

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOC

**RHSOC Alternates:**

Joe Moore, Police  
Matt Stoller, Sheriff  
Lynn Hollandworth, Fire  
Jim Furgerson, Fire  
Kimberly Scritchfield, County Health  
Gregg Sweeten, Mayor/City Administrator  
Linda Barger, Volunteer Groups  
Russ Conroy, Hospitals

**Open Meeting**

***Opening Comments***

Chris Berndt opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

***Roll Call***

Roll call was taken and there was a quorum for scoring.

***Approval of Agenda***

JR Webb moved and Lynn Hollandworth seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the November 28, 2017 Region D RHSOC Scoring Meeting. Motion carried.

**New Business**

***FY17 Second Round Applications Q & A***

Chris Berndt stated that they were here to allocate the remaining FY2017 funding of approximately \$71,000 with a second round of applications. He wanted to remind everyone that they could not score projects if they had conflicts of interest. This means that if a project is submitted by a jurisdiction that you

are part of, for example the City of Springfield, then no one who works for the City as police, fire, etc. can score that project. Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren said that when a project is opened for scoring, there should be a question that asks if this is a conflict of interest and you hit yes.

Ms. Sandgren pointed out comments by OHS concerning the Bomb Squad Remote Firing Device. This piece of equipment is not allowed at this time. However, a request can be made to obtain a federal waiver if the bomb squad meets all of the requirements of IB 419, which is being worked on. The RHSOC still needs to score it. Also, OHS said that the Deputy Security Equipment for Dallas County Sheriff is a new project and not eligible for funding for this round since it is sustainment only. Members need to score it with all zeros. Chris Berndt went through each project and said to feel free to ask questions as we cover each one.

***FY17 Second Round Applications Scoring***

***Bomb Squad Remote Firing Device, \$26,000 – Springfield Fire Department***

This device is to replace one that the bomb squad already has but part of which is broken. It provides the second remote firing capability to allow to split the team and to fire multiple shots at a single target to reduce the effect.

***Command Post Vehicle Sustainment, \$11,724.94 – Greene County Sheriff***

This project is to provide funding to maintain voice and data communications equipment for the Region D Mobile CommandPost Vehicle. The application also contains requests funding to replace aged and failing equipment, specifically the cellular data modem.

***HSRRS General Sustainment, \$8,710 – Taney County EMA***

The HSRRS Command vehicle is equipped to perform the role of research and reach back on a deployed CBRNE incident. The capability for internet connectivity was provided by a satellite service installed with FY2003 funding. The technology is outdated and unreliable. The current satellite network is unavailable and unsupported. The cellular internet connectivity provided through a case will allow the current capability to be maintained and restore internet connectivity in the field. Also, the Tactical MedKits for the Law Enforcement component of the Taney County/Branson HSRRS contain supplies with a shelf life which has ended. This purchase will sustain the current standard.

***SWAT SCBA, \$19,422 – Joplin Police***

In 2003, the Joplin SWAT team received funding for 18 SWAT Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This increases its ability to respond to critical incidents or to provide security after the initial incident, including events that would include a hazmat issue. There is also the potential to be required to respond to a Mobile Field Force incident in which a chemical agent has been introduced. The air tanks have a 15 year shelf life and will expire in 2018. In order to maintain this ability the SCBAs must be replaced.

***Water Rescue, \$9,154.25 – Joplin Fire***

We were recently awarded a grant for the development of a Type II Swift Water Rescue Team in the Western part of Region D. We need to fund equipment for 5 additional personnel to ensure that we have adequate numbers to respond should an incident occur. When we first submitted the grant we only funded 5 personnel and have found we do not have enough PPE. We are requesting funding equipment for two 5 person teams to be able to respond.

***MO Region D Communications Support Vehicle Sustainment, \$19,070 – Greene County OEM***

This project will sustain this resource by replacing several pieces of older equipment at the end of life in order to maintain interoperable communications capabilities.

*Bomb Squad Robot Radio Assembly, \$44,068 – Springfield Fire*

This project provides for the replacement of the existing radio transmitter for the Remotec F6B bomb disposal robot that was provided through the RHSOC. Originally purchased in 2010, the current radio system has declined in effective capability over the past several years of operation. This project would replace outdated technology similar to a wifi system (which does not meet the current standards) with a radio system which incorporates the use of FCC licensed dedicated transmission frequencies.

*HSRRS Personal Air Purifying Respirator, \$23,029 – Taney County EMA*

The Law Enforcement component of the Taney County/Branson HSRRS initially purchased Personal Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR) with FY2002 funds. These respirators have reached the end of life and need to be replaced to sustain the capability the team has had since inception.

*HSRRS Bracing Materials, \$35,000 – Taney County EMA*

Blocking and Bracing Materials were added as a capability of the Taney County/Branson HSRRS with the purchase of original equipment in the supplemental round of FY2003 funding and expanded in FY2005 funding. The manufacturer of the equipment/tools purchased is no longer in business or supporting the items. To sustain the capability and ensure reliable response the equipment needs to be updated.

*Bomb Squad EOD Bomb Suit, \$31,501 – Springfield Fire*

The primary piece of safety equipment for a Bomb Tech is the bomb suit. The suit is designed to protect the wearer from blast injuries caused primarily by overpressure and fragmentation. While the manufacturer does not specify an exact expiration date, the accepted industry standard is that a bomb suit has a maximum service life of approximately 10 years. One of the required bomb suits is near the end of its useful service life. Having a manufactured date of February 2008, the suit should be removed from service in approximately 6 months. To maintain the current level of service a new bomb suit is required. The Med Eng EOD-10 is the current recognized standard for bomb suits in North America

***FY17 Second Round Homeland Security Grant Funding Scoring Results***

The scoring results were presented as follows:

Title	Organization	Score	S/ NP	Budget w/ Adjustments	Funds
					\$71,093.83
Comm Support Vehicle Sustainment	Greene County EMA	29.20	S	\$19,070.00	\$52,023.83
Bomb Squad Robot Radio Assembly	City of Springfield FD	28.91	S	\$44,068.00	\$7,955.83
HSRRS General Sustainment	Taney County EMA	28.71	S	\$7,955.83	(\$0.00)
Water Rescue	Joplin FD	28.33	S	\$9,154.25	(\$9,154.25)
HSRRS Personal Air Purifying Respirator	Taney County EMA	28.21	S	\$23,029.00	(\$32,183.25)
Command Post Vehicle Sustainment	Greene County Sheriff	27.93	S	\$11,724.94	(\$43,908.19)
SWAT SCBA	Joplin PD	27.80	S	\$19,422.00	(\$63,330.19)
HSRRS Bracing Materials	Taney County EMA	27.50	S	\$35,000.00	(\$98,330.19)
Bomb Squad EOD Bomb Suit	City of Springfield FD	27.47	S	\$31,501.00	(\$129,831.19)
Bomb Squad Remote Firing Device	City of Springfield FD	24.50	S	\$26,000.00	(\$155,831.19)
Deputy Security Equipment for Dallas County Sheriff Office	Dallas County Sheriff	0.00	N	\$14,449.52	(\$170,280.71)
Total:				\$242,128.71	

**Review and Decisions on which FY17 Second Round Applications to be Funded**

Chris Berndt observed that funding fully covered the first two projects with partial funding going to the HSRRS General Sustainment. He stated that there is always savings so chances are it will end up being fully funded. He asked if there was any discussion on the results. There were questions on clarification of where the savings will go. The last project will get fully funded and then the next unfunded project is funded and then so on down the line.

**Approval of Allocations of FY17 Second Round Homeland Security Grant Funding**

Lynn Hollandworth moved and Russ Conroy seconded the motion to fund the projects in scoring order and to use any reallocated monies and savings from FY16 and FY17 to the remaining unfunded projects in order as established today.

Roll call vote was taken as shown below and motion passed unanimously.

RHSOC Member	Vote	RHSOC Member	Vote
Chad Eutsler	Yes	Kavan Stull	Yes
Matt Stoller	Yes	Jeff Hawkins	Yes
Lynn Hollandworth	Yes	JR Webb	Yes
Kermit Hargis	Yes	Shea Lane	Yes
Chris Berndt	Yes	Chris Bauman	Yes
David Brock	Yes	Mark Sconce	Yes
Collin Quigley	Yes	Russ Conroy	Yes
Paul Carter	Yes		

**Other Business**

Matt Stoller requested if he could change the line items on the FY16 Jasper County Communications Trailer project from 3 mobile radios to 2 mobile radios and one portable. Motorola has moved to a 4-way radio which can pick up MOSWIN, the local Joplin Police Department and UHF, which is used in Branson and some neighboring Kansas agencies. The prices have also gone down. He feels getting 2 mobiles and a portable is a better use of funding. Shea Lane moved and JR Webb seconded the motion to change the Jasper County Communication Vehicle project line item from 3 mobile radios to 2 and add a line item for a portable radio. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Mark Sconce moved and Lynn Hollandworth seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

  
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David Hall, Region D RHSOC Chair

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Date Approved