



AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.

*** VIRTUAL MEETING - CALL IN INFORMATION ***

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY SGT. BILL ROCHE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JANUARY 2021 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Directors Report
GREGGORY FAVRE
STARRS
 - B. Training & Exercise Update
SAMANTHA PETERSON
STARRS
 - C. Sub-committee Reports
 - *As Subcommittees have been engaged in COVID-19 response, they have not been meeting to discuss STARRS activity. Subcommittee reports will resume as COVID-19 operations lessen.*
5. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Regional Security Expenditures
 - b. Nominating Committee Report *(if applicable)*
CHRIS HUNT
St. Charles County Police Department
6. OTHER BUSINESS
7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT
 - a. **The next STARRS Board meeting is currently scheduled for MARCH 10th, 2021.**
Given the fluidity of the regional COVID-19 response and the impact it has on this board, we will continue to evaluate the needs of the organization and our membership and will provide updates to the meeting schedule as needed.

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2021**

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. via telephone conference call, with attendance as follows:

On Conference Line:

Bill Roche
Brian Gettemeier
Chris Hunt
Derek Rieger
Gary Christmann
Greg Brown
Gregg Favre
Jim Terry
Joann Leykam
John Nowak
Josh Wilderson
Justen Hauser
Kurt Frisz
Michele Ryan
Nick Harper
Warren Robinson
Dennis Jenkerson
Larry O'Toole
Cody Minks

Not Present:

Abe Cook
Don Feher
Herb Simmons
Jani Albright
Jim Wild
Kathy Vasivil
Landen Prange
Lawrence Taylor
Lynn Perrin
Michele Tanton
Mike Arras
Nick Kohlberg
Roger Smith
Ryan Weber
Tina Davis
Tony Falconio
Warren Robinson

Also in attendance were STARRS / East-West Gateway Council of Governments staff Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Gregg Favre, Dale Chambers, Brad Zoref, Samantha Peterson and Brian Marler

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Hunt called the meeting to order at 0900 and Samantha Peterson took attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

Gregg Favre requested approval for the November 2020 Board meeting minutes. Joann Leykam motioned and John Nowak seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Directors Report

Gregg Favre shared information on anticipated changes to the UASI 2021 grant. Changes referenced included a required increase in spending on National Priority projects, increases in the

importance of project scoring and outcomes, and the justification of projects via the THIRA/SPR. It is also anticipated that the entire UASI 2021 grant will now be fully competitive, and it may allow many additional cities. Some cities may see a decrease in their grant award accordingly. A NOFO is anticipated in late February with specifics.

Gregg also shared that the first of several CCTA policy workshops for elected leaders occurred on Tuesday with higher participation than expected. Attendees reported finding it valuable and Gregg asked the Board of Directors membership to assist in directing officials to the second event. Gregg also requested committees begin reporting changes to membership to STARRS staff for inclusion in the February Board of Directors Packet and that a Case Study would be developed related to covid-19 response in the St. Louis region.

Captain Derek Rieger provided a cybersecurity update to the Board, providing information about a local cybersecurity vulnerability discovered on the Dark Web and the collaborative process used to resolve it. Gregg shared that staff is looking at increasing the size of the STARRS Board of Directors to accommodate a cybersecurity-specific Board seat. The group also discussed the creation of a cybersecurity specific work group made up of cybersecurity representatives from local jurisdictions and partners to assist with the cybersecurity collaborative process.

Covid/HCC Update

Brad Zoref shared a Covid-19 update with the Board, sharing that Dr. Alex Garza now attends the region's SMOC meetings on Monday mornings and provides updates related to the Pandemic Task Force. Dr Garza has shared with that group that census numbers from hospitals continue to decline however they still remain high. About 15 days remain in the possible surge window created by the holidays. Brad also discussed the Covid-19 variants now being seen around the world, and shared that the vaccines do seem to work with them.

Brad also shared discussion related to the emergency authorization vaccinations and that Long Term Care facilities are receiving vaccinations for staff and residents. These are generally being performed by CVS and Walgreens. The PTF has been working on a bed availability tracking system to assist with load balancing and the smooth transfer of patients, with a trigger of 95% loading at a hospital to activate its usage. This is in response to reports of ambulances having to take care of patients for hours outside of EDs. The region also has developed a draft document for vaccination planning in phases 2 & 3, and plans for 1B are also near finalization.

CCTA/HSPG Update

Dale Chambers shared that the CCTA is moving into sustained response and recovery modes. The first of two policy workshops occurred this week with positive feedback and high participation as reported earlier by Gregg. Additional CCTA work is beginning on ongoing response activities and family reunification processes. Discussion occurred on increasing outreach to elected and other officials in preparation for the upcoming workshop and in continuing the outreach process and training to elected officials beyond the date of the 2nd workshop. Gregg also shared that they continue looking at avenues to increase policy officials participation in these and future events.

ACTION ITEMS

Gregg requested a regional expenditure of UASI funds for the VISLINK helicopter upgrades project. Motion to approve was made by Joann Leykam and seconded by Nick Harper. The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

No subcommittee reports or other business were offered.

A discussion occurred related to the nomination of new members to the Law Enforcement Committee.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Gregg Favre shared that February 11th is the next Board meeting date.

Gregg requested a motion to adjourn, Gary Christmann motioned to adjourn and Justen Hauser seconded.

The motion carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49AM.

Bill Roche



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures
Date: February 11, 2021

Staff is requesting authorization to expend funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities. Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program

Vislink Streaming Site Upgrades – Staff is seeking approval to upgrade the Vislink streaming video IT equipment installed at sites across the St. Louis region. The sites are used to receive and process the streaming video received from Metro Air Support aircraft, and then retransmit the best quality stream from all of the sites to viewers of the system across the region. This project will work in concert with the previously requested Vislink Helicopter upgrades project to provide a higher quality video stream from the aircraft for viewing by the region's end users. These upgrades will also open the door to greater access and usage to the Vislink streaming system by others in the region. Sites included in this project include: Collinsville, Wentzville, Hillsboro, O'Fallon and Ballwin. The total cost will not exceed \$76,000.

Fusion Center Intelligence Analyst - This position is crucial to the function of the St. Louis Regional Fusion Center, which analyzes information and identifies trends to share timely law enforcement intelligence data with federal, state and local law enforcement entities. Duties of an Intelligence Analyst include, but not limited to: Researching tactics, techniques and procedures of domestic and international terrorist groups, developing Safety Alerts and Bulletins for St. Louis regional law enforcement agencies, answering daily requests for information from private sector, local, state and federal sources, interaction and research with other Fusion Centers around the country to develop timely and accurate intelligence products, analysis of received federal law enforcement data for determination of relevance for the St. Louis region, interaction, analysis, and dissemination of cyber-crime threat information. We are requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Chesterfield Police Department to provide funding to support an Intelligence Analyst position in the St. Louis Fusion Center. The total cost for salary and benefits for the Intelligence Analyst position will not exceed \$150,000 for the period of March 1, 2021 through Feb 28, 2023.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the expenditure of funds as follows:

- for the purchase of equipment and services from Integrated Microwave Technologies (IMT) associated with the Vislink systems within the region's microwave tower sites and related facilities in an amount not to exceed \$76,000;
- for a sub-award to the Chesterfield Police Department for an Intelligence Analyst position in an amount not to exceed \$150,000;



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Gregg Favre, Executive Director
Subject: Nomination of Sub-Committee Appointments
Date: February 11, 2021

The Nominating Committee offers updates to the Board Officers, appointments of STARRS' Sub-Committee representatives, and the reaffirmation of existing Sub-Committee.

The Committee motioned, seconded, and voted over the week of February 8th, 2021. The committee voted to forward the following slate of officers and subcommittee nominations to the board for approval.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

The STARRS Bylaws specify one-year terms for Board Officers; therefore, the Nominating Committee recommends the following nominations of new officers:

- **President** – Warren Robinson, Director, Jefferson County Missouri Emergency Management Agency
- **Vice President** – Anthony Falconio, Madison County Illinois Emergency Management Agency
- **Treasurer** – Captain Chris Hunt, St. Charles County Police Department; Director, Division of Emergency Management.
- **Secretary** – TBD, vote pending

Sub-Committees

Please see the lists on the following pages.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Sub-Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments

Sub-Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Communications Core Group	Greg Brown	Joann Leykem
Emergency Management	Michele Ryan	Warren Robinson
Emergency Medical Services	Jim Fingerhut	John Nowak
Hazardous Materials	Michael Arras	Vacant
Healthcare Coalition/ESF8	Shawn Icenhower	Nick Harper
Healthcare Preparedness	Jason Campbell	Cody Minks
Law Enforcement	Kurt Frisz	Jerry Lohr
Mass Fatality	Roger Smith	Kathleen Hargrave
Public Health	Justen Hauser	Nicholas Kohlberg
St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of COADS	Tina Davis	Warren Robinson
Training and Exercise	Derek Rieger	Josh Wilderson
Urban Search and Rescue	Brian Gettemeier	Michael Arras

Sub-Committee Category C Director Appointments

Sub-Committee	Voting Rep	Alternate
Communications Core Group	Greg Brown	Joann Leykem
Emergency Medical Services	Nick Harper	John Nowak
Hazardous Materials	Dennis Jenkerson	Vacant
Healthcare Coalition/ESF8	Shawn Icenhower	Nick Harper
Healthcare Preparedness	Jason Campbell	Cody Minks
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St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of COADS	Ben Perrin	Vacant
Training and Exercise	Derek Reiger	Josh Wilderson
Urban Search and Rescue	Brian Gettemeier	Michael Arras

SUB-COMMITTEE APPLICANTS, REINSTATMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS/REMOVALS

The Nominating Committee recommends the following individuals for membership on a STARRS Sub-Committee:

Emergency Management

Michael Wiegand, Chief of Police, City of Eureka Police Department. Chief Michael Wiegand has been in law enforcement for over 40 years; starting his career in Eureka in 1976. His

supervision of the daily operation of the Eureka Police Department consists of 25 police officers, 2 part-time/reserve officers, and 3 clerks.

Law Enforcement

Kile Bay, Detective Sergeant, St. Charles County Police Department. Sergeant Bay has been deputized by the FBI as a Special Federal Officer and operates within the St. Charles County Cyber Crime Task Force. Previously Detective Sergeant Bay was a Task Force Officer of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration assigned to the St. Louis Field Division.

Adam Caupp, Sergeant, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Special Operations Division, St. Charles County Police Department. Sergeant Caupp has served the St. Charles County Police Department for nearly 15 years and currently serves as the Assistant Team Commander for the St. Charles County Regional SWAT Team. Previously Sergeant Caupp served on the Bureau of Field Operations.

Curtis Sullivan, Lieutenant, Administrative Services, St. Charles County Police Department. Lieutenant Sullivan has served the St. Charles County Police Department in many roles over the last 10 years and currently serves as the Deputy Bureau Commander of Administrative Services. Previously Lieutenant Sullivan served on both the St. Charles County Cyber Crimes Task Force and on the St. Charles County Regional Drug Task Force.

Request for Addition to Sub-Committee

Sub-Committee	Name	Agency
Emergency Management	Chief Michael Wiegand	Eureka Police Department
Law Enforcement	Kile Bay	St. Charles Co Police Department
Law Enforcement	Adam Caupp	St. Charles Co Police Department
Law Enforcement	Curtis Sullivan	St. Charles Co Police Department

Request for Resignations/Removals

Sub-Committee	Name	Agency
Training & Exercise	Jason Campbell	Barnes-Jewish Christian

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Nominating Committee recommendations.