



**AGENDA**  
**ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY WARREN ROBINSON
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE AUGUST 2022 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Program Updates SAM PETERSON
  - b. RCPG Update KRISTEN CAPPS-JONES
  - c. Executive Director Search JIM WILD
  - d. EWG Policy Update for GFES STACI ALVAREZ
  - e. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo SARAH RUSSELL
  - b. Regional Security Expenditures SAM PETERSON
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

**The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022.**

**The Meeting can be accessed virtually by using the link below:**

**Webinar Link:** <https://meet.goto.com/MeetingHost41/starrs-bod10132022>

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**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 11, 2022**

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to order at 9:01 a.m. via virtual conference call, with those in attendance check-marked:

**ATTENDANCE:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abe Cook         | <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Simmons                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Matt Tobben</i>              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Granda       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Campbell    | <input type="checkbox"/> Michele Ryan                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ben Perrin                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff McCreary                | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mike Arras</i>               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gettemeier | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerry Lohr</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Harper          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Whitaker   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jim Wild</i>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Nick Kohlberg</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Hunt                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joann Leykam      | <input type="checkbox"/> Roger Smith                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Johnson               | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>John Nowak</i>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Nicholls        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Jenkerson | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Josh Wilderson</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weber                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Rieger     | <input type="checkbox"/> Justen Hauser                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Russell                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Brown       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Scheibe                | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tina Davis</i>               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gregg Favre</i>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Frisz        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Robinson      |

Also in attendance were Scott Geary, and East-West Gateway Council of Governments & STARRS staff including Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Luke Miller, Samantha Peterson, Kristen Capps-Jones, & Brian Marler. Members excused in advance from this month's Board meeting include Michele Ryan, Sarah Russell, and Josh Wilderson.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warren Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Staci Alvarez took attendance and could not confirm a quorum at 9:01 AM. At 9:22 AM a quorum was confirmed by Staci Alvarez with the addition of several members to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warren requested approval of the June 2022 minutes which was motioned to approve by Greg Brown and seconded by Abe Cook. The motion was carried unanimously and approved at 9:22 AM.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**PROGRAM UPDATES**

Samantha Peterson shared an update of STARRS programs including that Missouri received a disaster declaration from recent flooding, making public assistance available for individuals and organizations within specific areas of the region. These include assistance with response and infrastructure costs. Sam thanked all the stakeholders that assisted in the response & recovery. Sam also requested that Board members let us know if STARRS funded equipment was used in recent responses to help capture successes in grant reporting. Starting in September the STARRS Board Meeting will begin meeting in-person again and information will go out soon on this. The September meeting is also planned to include a review of STARRS programs and funding. Jim Wild shared that with turnover on the Board of Directors, EWG/STARRS thought it would be good to refresh everyone's memories and provide background on STARRS and its processes. STARRS staff also continues to investigate the creation of a STARRS Summit in the coming year, gathering for a deep dive into the activities and functions of STARRS committees, projects and processes.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Greg Brown shared that the next meeting of the Communications Core Group will be in October. Warren Robinson shared that Emergency Management is still involved in response activities in the region. Ryan Nicholls shared that the HCC meets again next week, and that they continue to look at the HMAC concept and other subcommittee projects. Jason Campbell shared that the last Healthcare subcommittee meeting was in July and that Kyle Foerst is now a co-chair for the committee. They also launched a new initiative related to hyperbaric chambers in the region and investigated new Joint Commission regulations. Nick Kohlberg shared that the Public Health committee met in July and plans to meet again in September and that they are working with the monkeypox response. Derek Rieger shared that their last meeting was earlier this week and that they have almost full representation from STARRS sub-committees. They are working on a document to explain and guide the Training & Exercise approval process. The IPPW meeting is to occur next month, and Derek reminded the group to watch for the new T&E newsletter. Brian Gettemeier shared that USAR has been very busy with the recent water rescues.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Samantha shared that there are two new committee member applications for STARRS sub-committees, and one removal. A motion was made by Nick Harper and seconded by Greg Brown to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unopposed at 9:24 AM.

##### **REGIONAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES**

Samantha Peterson shared a summary of the UASI purchases this month, including the renewal of licenses for Kaseware, Recorded Future and Cobwebs systems for the region's Fusion Center. The total requested expenditure is \$232,350. Greg Brown motioned, and Warren Robinson seconded a motion to approve, the motion passed without opposition at 9:27 AM.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is September 8, 2022. Warren made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Greg Brown. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 AM.

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Warren Robinson



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: STARRS  
Subject: New Board Appointments & Nomination of Committee Appointments  
Date: October 13, 2022

Two new appointments have been made to the STARRS Board of Directors. These include:

- **Category A** - Fred Patterson for Madison County, IL
- **Category B** – Mary Kate Brown for Madison County, IL

The Nominating Committee has approved the following subcommittee nominations and removals and offers the following for board consideration and approval.

#### **Subcommittees**

The Nominating Committee recommends the following additions to subcommittees:

- **EM Subcommittee** – Hagedorn, Gerald – City of Hazelwood FD
- **EM Subcommittee** – Patterson, Fred – Madison Co EMA
- **EM Subcommittee** – Stephens, Sam – City Emergency Management Agency
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Elizabeth Puzniak – Barnes-Jewish Hospital
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Hollie Thomas – CenterPointe Hospital
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – James Haalboom - CenterPointe Hospital
- **Mass Fatality** – Michael Tarticchio – St. Louis Co, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- **Mass Fatality** – Melissa Gronemeyer – St. Louis Co, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

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

Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Staff  
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures  
Date: October 10, 2022

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 Area Security Initiative (UASI) and Regional Catastrophic Preparedness (RCP) grant programs. Attachment A summarizes the purchases, totaling \$737,520.

#### **ST. LOUIS REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS (UASI):**

**Metro Air Support Unit** – The Metro Air Support unit is a multi-agency collaboration that operates five (5) helicopters for the St. Louis region. These aircraft are operated by law enforcement and provide first responders and others in the region with an aerial platform capable of providing situational awareness for monitored soft targets and critical infrastructure facilities, to transmit streaming video to responders on the ground, and escort/pursue mobile high value assets/targets.

In order to improve the capabilities of the unit, staff is seeking to add one (1) thermal imaging digital moving map system to the crew's fleet. The moving map is an in-flight mapping system that overlays map information such as street names and addresses on to the crew's visual view of the ground. This overlay enables the flight crew to quickly identify street addresses, buildings and other visual markers around them, supporting greater speed and accuracy in identifying and communicating subject location information to those on the ground. We are seeking authorization to purchase overlay moving mapping systems for one (1) helicopter in the Metro Air Support Unit. The total cost will not exceed \$124,000 from the UASI FY 2020 grant.

#### **REGIONAL CATASTROPHIC PREPAREDNESS (RCP)**

**Regional Planning, Training and Exercise Project** – Staff is seeking to hire a consultant that will assist and support a focused regional planning, training, and exercise project for the RCP grant program to improve the resiliency of healthcare supply chains during complex incidents in collaboration with the whole community. The consultant will work with Council staff and regional partners in achieving the

program's goals and objectives through the development of a regional logistics and supply chain plan that will integrate into regional stakeholder emergency operations plans and provide guidance and support to regional agencies and private partners, while addressing gaps in logistics and supply chain management that were identified in the St. Louis Regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment / Stakeholder Preparedness Review. The plan will be developed and shaped using scenario-based workshops and training, and tabletop exercises will be utilized to validate processes and planning, building upon existing collaborative efforts as well as bringing together regional Healthcare Coalition members, private industry representatives, and healthcare supply chain subject matter experts. The total cost will not exceed \$613,520 from the RCP FY 2020 grant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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

- for the purchase of one (1) thermal imaging digital moving map system from Shotover Systems (formerly Churchill Navigation) of Boulder, CO from the UASI FY 2020 grant for an amount not to exceed \$124,000;
- allow the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. (IEM) of Research Triangle Park, NC to assist and support a focused regional planning, training, and exercise project for the RCP FY 2020 grant program in an amount not to exceed \$613,520;

for a total amount not to exceed \$737,520 from the UASI & RCP grant programs.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services  
October 10, 2022**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<b>Emergency Response Equipment (UASI)</b>				
Shotover Systems (Boulder, CO)	Thermal imaging digital moving map system	St. Louis County	1	\$124,000
<b>Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Planning (RCP)</b>				
Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. (Research Triangle Park, NC)	RCP planning, training, and exercise project	Regional	1	\$613,520
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>\$ 737,520</b>

**Total UASI Expenditures: \$124,000**

**Total RCP Expenditures: \$613,520**