

**MINUTES**

**What:** Region D WMD Committee

**When:** September 1, 2010; 1300 HRS

**Where:** Springfield – Greene County OEM Elected Officials Conference Area and Video Conference

**Attendees:** Please see attached list of attendees at Springfield – Greene County OEM. Listed below are attendees via Video Conference:

Attendees via Video Conference

Chris Berndt – Taney County

Robert Benn – Nevada

Bruce Bjorge - Western Taney County Fire

Jeff Hawkins - Taney County

Melissa Duckworth - Taney County

Tom Ryan - Barton County OEM

Robert Benn -Nevada Fire

Keith Wolfin -Stone County Fire

Matt Stewart – Joplin Police Department

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## **I. HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE NATIONAL GUARD**

### **A. Role of National Guard**

*Chief Hall:* There was a training a couple of weeks ago that brought in National Guard representatives from across the country including the National Guard Bureau from Washington D.C. and NorthCom from the Army. They came to discuss changes, from their perspective, in this field.

They want to make changes to support their goal of assisting with security issues within the United States. They want to add a new group for this endeavor.

### **B. Scenarios**

They identified five scenarios:

1. Detonation of a 10 kiloton bomb;
2. Sarin Attack;
3. Chlorine Tank Explosion;
4. Radiological Dispersant; and
5. Aerosolized Anthrax.

### C. Structure

These additions were first thought of as a replacement for the HSRRS.

- 7<sup>th</sup> CST is a full-time group with a response time with an approximate 3 hour response time.
- CERFP (*CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package*) is used for decontamination operations. There are 17 teams in the United States. Their response time is approximately 6 hours. When you call for their assistance, you do incur the cost for their services.
- *Homeland Response Force (HRF)* includes functions like EMS, Search and Extraction, Command and Control and Security Forces. This sounds a lot like HSRRS. Missouri hopes to have an operational team by 2012.

## 2. MISSOURI HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

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### A. Restructuring

There was a restructuring meeting last week about this program and the budget. The conclusions will have to be approved by the Governor's Counsel.

There are five state-wide deployable assets/regions. They are:

1. St. Louis UASI
2. Kansas City UASI
3. Region D – Southwest Missouri
4. Southeast Missouri (Sikeston area)
5. Jefferson City/Columbia Region

### B. Grants

Hannibal and Rolla are no longer part of the HSRRS. However, this year, they will be given \$25,000.00 to maintain their equipment and to be functional/operational .

Kansas City and St. Louis received over a million dollars because they are larger metropolitan areas with more assets to maintain.

Region D, Region E and Region F will receive \$150,000.00 for the HSRRS programs in their regions.

*Chris Berndt: Could someone explain the 80/20 percentage and identify what is state and what is local?*

20% is for state assets (e.g. Highway Patrol, MoDNR) that are CBRNE related through the Homeland Security Program.

80% of funds have to come from local jurisdictions. The local jurisdictions get to decide how to spend the money. This is why their recommendations are so important. They will ultimately be approved by the HSAC and the RHSOC.

Previously, every region received funding that had capabilities for a CBRNE response. Now that there are five teams with a broadened geographic scope, additional funding will be taken off the top from jurisdictions to support the larger regional teams.

Additionally, 25% of both the 80% and 20% funding sources will be used for law enforcement. This is separate from any RHSOC funding.

We will be receiving \$150,000.00 for our region. SEMA is no longer managing the grants and there is a new point of contact for the HSRRS. His name is Brett Hendricks. Instead of SEMA, we're going through the OHS.

A spending plan must be submitted before allocation. For example, we must identify how much funding we want to spend on training before we allocate the money for training.

*Chris Berndt – Do we use category or items?*

*Dorothy – It has to be items.*

#### FY06 and FY06 Supplemental

Region D is currently finalizing FY06 supplemental allocations. FY06 proper is finalized.

Joplin still has 14.1% - Matt reported that he spoke with the Fire Department and several purchases have been made but have not been submitted for reimbursement.

Branson/Taney County also reported making purchases without submitting documents for reimbursement.

*Chief Hall:* The grant expires 12/31 and if you do not submit your request for reimbursement soon, you will not receive it.

#### FY08 Funding

The spreadsheet shows that Branson/Taney County has not expended any funding. Chris Berndt reported that a little more than half of the funding has been spent but nothing has been submitted for reimbursement.

Joplin reported having 80% not yet turned in.

Springfield – Greene County is complete.

According to the USFG, all of these will expire June 30.

### FY09

Everyone is showing 0% because we're in the purchasing process.

*Chris Berndt* – We received \$100,000.00 for FY09. The new money should be a 50% increase. We need to talk about what to do with future money.

Chief Hall – This is part of Agenda Item #4 and we'll discuss it there.

## **3. RHSOC**

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### **A. Structure**

At the last RHSOC meeting, we discussed changing the subcommittees. It will be based upon the I.J. Proposals will be submitted to the subcommittees who will review and vote on the proposals. There will be one chair and four alternatives from other disciplines in the RHSOC who will vote on the justifications and make their recommendations to the RHSOC.

This means that for next year, any RHSOC requests must have a developed proposal and submit it for consideration by the end of October.

*Dorothy* – *This is a discipline, not a subcommittee, so you'll have an extra meeting as the subcommittee. You can have your meetings here, as usual, but then you'll have the second meeting.*

This process needs to be sent out to all RHSOC members.

Next month is the annual meeting where a vice chair/alternate representative will be elected. (E.G. Chief Hall will be done, Chris Berndt will take his place and someone needs to take his place).

*Dorothy* – *Annual Meeting Notes:*

- We had an annual RPC meeting with Homeland Security on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Paul Fennwald wants everything that was purchased with RHSOC funding/money to

be the there. (If there are three CERT trailers, all need to be there. This must be the big equipment not small items like scanners).

- Set-up will be by 10:00 a.m. and opened up at 11:00 a.m. for viewing
- Disciplines will meet first at 9:00 a.m.
- Quarterly meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Lunch will be after the quarterly meeting, followed by general session.
- October 20, 2010, is the date for the meeting.

*Chris Berndt* – Can we bring a small number of the larger items like the Elliot System? Can we coordinate this so there's not duplication?

*Dorothy* – He only wants stuff purchased with RHSOC funding, specifically.

*Lynn* – This doesn't show our response capability in its entirety; it's not practical.

*Dorothy* – If components or items for a trailer or vehicle were purchased with RHSOC funding, bring the whole thing. For example, the items inside the IST Command Trailer were purchased by RHSOC but not the trailer itself. The entire trailer needs to be there.

#### FY10/ RHSOC

*Dorothy* – \$877,000.00 will be received which is \$56,000.00 less than the previous year. M and A went from 3% to 4%. Approximately \$842,000.00 will be available funding.

*Dorothy* – There was an audit. The auditors were upset with how lax the financial system was. As a result, they now require the paperwork. If you purchase something, the receipt, bill of waiting or whatever you sign off on must be sent to me.

Additionally, there needs to be proof of "match in kind".

Personnel, we must get a lot more information, and bidding will occur for even purchasing. For example, Greene County cannot claim the CERT Coordinator Position, all counties will bid for it.

*Chief Hall* – There have been some problems with a proposal where an item has been requested for all counties, but not all counties are willing or able to maintain the equipment. The proposal process will allow each county to request what they need and

are capable of maintaining. In regards to HSRRS, we're going to have to make the decision for this group for RHSOC funding requests.

*Dorothy* – We will need AEL numbers and identify where it fits into the Strategic Plan.

*Chief Hall* – The AEL and strategic plan analysis should be in the proposal. This will be more advantageous than the previous process.

*Chris Berndt* – Could you explain the match in kind?

*Dorothy* – The state simply wants to see how much you, as a local jurisdiction, are spending to maintain the item. There's no required match; they just want documentation.

*Chief Hall* – This group will need to prioritize the funding requests to the committee.

#### **4. REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM**

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##### **A. Structure**

HazMat teams from LR and SFD have merged into a single HazMat team. We're operating accordingly even on regular HazMat response. LR is keeping equipment at Station 12 and we are training as a single unit.

Branson/Taney County operates the same way.

Springfield/Greene County has the HazMat/EMS/Tactical Capable/EOD Components.

Branson/Taney HazMat, EMS, Tactical Components.

Joplin – Tactical Component Only.

##### **B. Training**

We need to be judicious with the funding from the HSRRS is not buying equipment with exorbitant sustainment costs. The equipment must also meet our needs. One way we've been identifying our needs and assessing our needs has been training. We've been able to tie this altogether, funding and training, in the After Action Reports.

The primary responsibility is maintaining current equipment (sensors, medical stuff, gear and equipment that must be replaced). The secondary priority is filling gaps. The tertiary priority is training.

We've spent a lot of money on equipment because we needed it. Now that we are equipped, we need to train and exercise. This training should also be extended

regionally. In the past, we've kept it local. We need to train regionally because we're expected to deploy as a region, not as an individual agent or jurisdiction.

*Dorothy* – Paul Fennewald wants requests for exercise and training.

*Chief Hall* – Interoperability is a big gap. We have the technical capability to be interoperable, but we don't know how to tie it together and make it work.

*Candy Adams* – Would you consider a large exercise like Nevada.

*Chief Hall* – I'm not big on a huge exercise like that.

*Chris Berndt* – We mobilize so much and it costs so much that we don't get a lot out of it. The exercise should be tailored (e.g. functional not full scale).

*Bill Spence* - EOD wise there needs to be more training with HazMat groups outside of LR and Springfield.

*Matt Stewart (Joplin)* – Smaller training exercises would be more effective.

*Chief Hall* – Disciplines should also train together (e.g. SWAT and HazMat).

### **C. Funding Allocations**

*Chief Hall* – How do we want to allocate funds for HSRRS? Last year we did it based upon a percentage basis. Do we want to repeat this process or change it to allocate based upon needs instead of task force groups?

*Chris Berndt* – It is easier to do task force allocations.

*Matt Stewart (Joplin)* concurs.

*Steve (Barton County)* – Lets go by discipline regionally than specific jurisdiction.

*Chris Berndt* – Let's leave it the way it was by task force.

*Matt Stewart (Joplin)* concurs.

*Chief Hall* – Get within the task forces and decide how you would spend portion of money, send the requests to me, and I'll turn it into the State. I'll send out the percentages for each of the groups to facilitate it expeditiously.

### **D. Funding**

There is a spreadsheet on funding for each of the identified grant years that Chief Hall will send out.

*Dorothy* – RHSOC/HSRRS Funding Update:

All purchase agreements are in except for Springfield, which will be passed on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Joplin should be sending it in the mail ASAP. All of the pricing is in and the AHURA has been ordered.

*Chris Berndt* – Anything on the Elliot printer?

*Dorothy* – They didn't find any problems. We'll need to get offline about this.

*Matt Stewart (Joplin)*– Dorothy, can you cc me on emails sent to the chief? I'll make sure it'll get done.

## **5. TASK FORCE AND COMPONENT REPORTS**

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**A. Branson /Taney County Update:** Nothing to report.

**B. Springfield/Greene County:** Nothing to report.

**C. HazMat:** Springfield/LR have been running a lot of calls and working on cost recovery for upcoming ordinance (e.g. spiller pay and push at state level). Chris Berndt has ongoing training but nothing else to report.

**D. EMS:** Bob Patterson – St. John's has been actively training with Springfield SRT tactical medics (3 doctors). Our weakness is training with fire, but we're working on it. EMS in Taney County – training is ongoing.

**E. SWAT:** Joplin, Springfield and Branson have nothing to report.

**F. EOD:** There have been a lot of calls but everything is standard.

## **6. OPEN DISCUSSION**

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*Dorothy* – We have to come up with our own annual report. The State used to complete it. If you're using equipment or going on calls, send the information to Dorothy by October or November. They want report demonstrating equipment is being used.

There is not a preferred format but include the general information for Dorothy to put in paragraph form. This applies to RHSOC equipment only.

*Chief Hall* – Is there anything else to discuss?

*Matt Stewart (Joplin)* - Is there a list showing what equipment was bought with the funds?

Dorothy has a list and will send it.

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 p.m.