

**Public Safety Collaborative
Minutes
October 21, 2004**

1. Meeting was called to order at about 9:00 a.m. by Joye McElwee
2. Attendance listing is available at Attachment 1.
3. Summary of the meeting:
 - a. **Minutes** of the July 15, 2004 meeting minutes were accepted as written. Motion made by Don Kocian and seconded by J.R. Webb.
 - b. **Law Enforcement Tax Initiative II:** Commissioner Coonrod presented the following:
 - 1) Process in developing the Initiative before taking it to voters. White Papers are being collected from municipalities and organizations on what needs they envision exist in their communities and organizations. Commissioner Coonrod used the city of Republic's Paper as example of what items are being identified and the costs being projected. The city of Republic projected out to 2015. Republic sees an impact of over \$35M between now and 2015.
 - 2) Communities still needing to submit White Papers include Ash Grove, Springfield, and Battlefield.
 - 3) The needs identified in the White Papers will be used to build an Initiative platform for discussion among participants and the community. From those discussions will evolve the referendum presented to voters. A lot of work needs to be completed before it goes to voters. Commissioner Coonrod stressed how important it is that this Initiative be done right. Our goal is to have something ready the beginning of next year that we can use to open a public dialog.
 - 4) The Initiative is expected to have a sunset.
 - 5) While discussing the Initiative, the important need to fix the impact 911 operations is having on general revenues of Springfield, Republic, and Greene County was also highlighted. Whether the 911 issue will be addressed as part of the Law Enforcement Initiative is yet to be determined. Ways of solving the problem are still being evaluated.
 - 6) A White Paper was requested from Emergency Management to ensure the issue of Storm Warning Sirens in the county could be considered.
 - 7) Parity on distribution of any Law Enforcement Initiative revenues is a concern.

c. Grants:

- 1) Joye explained that the following grants have been approved and are being executed:
 - a) City \$792,760
 - b) County \$201,440
 - c) Teams \$300,000. We have two WMD Teams within Greene County.
 - d) Citizen Corps Council \$40,800

Note: All grants expire November 2005 so we have a year to complete them.

- 2) Sheriff Merritt discussed how he needed to get \$124,000 on the 2004 WMD Grant for Greene County reallocated since he no longer needed the money for the purpose it was requested. It would still be used to improve the mobile data system used by Greene County. He will be making a proposal for reallocation that must be reviewed by the Commission and the Homeland Security staff that approved the original request.

d. Regional Planning:

- 1) Communications: Communications interoperability planning continues among the WMD Regional Teams and the State Emergency Interoperability Committee effort being lead by Al Campbell, 911 Director in Dallas County. Joye explained that he had provided J. R. Webb copies of communications agreements and other documents received from Mr. Campbell.

The State was approached at the September 22, 2004 Homeland Security Region D Seminar regarding funding support for an 800 MHz tower somewhere between Springfield and Joplin so the 800 TRS in those two areas could be linked. The State cannot support purchasing of land. They can build towers and purchase hardware and software. J.R. Webb explained the Highway Patrol has been purchasing towers and may allow 800 TRS equipment to be used on the tower for that interface. Joye asked if Don, Roger, and J.R. could look at the Patrol towers and see if any would work for that purpose.

Don Kocian discussed how they are looking into the possibility of placing control stations on the 800 TRS in neighboring 911 centers. One of the issues is whether we need to change the 800 TRS license or have subject 911 Centers apply for the 800 TRS license. Don believes the best approach is changing the license

on the 800 TRS.

- 2) WMD Planning: The Regional Planning Committee continues to meet monthly. There is a concern currently regarding Tim Daniel and his push for super WMD Teams for the State. The concern resides in the fact that stockpiling capability in 3 or 4 super teams means that equipment is in a warehouse waiting for a terrorist incident. As things now stand we have 28 teams that cover most of the State. These teams use the equipment they have for daily support to emergency response and the benefits of having it are present today, tomorrow, and thereafter if sustained. That means citizens are receiving benefit from the resources everyday and not only when a terrorist event occurs.
4. The next PSC meeting is planned for January 20, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Office of Emergency Management EOC.

Respectively Submitted,

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1. Attendance Listing

Joye G. McElwee

Attachment 1

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Don Kocian	City Utilities
Roger Brogue	City Utilities
Michael C.S. Hughes	St. John's EMS
Joye McElwee	Office of Emergency Management
Jack Merritt	Greene County Sheriff's Department
Shelia Wright	Springfield Councilwoman
Darrell Decker	Greene County Commission
J. R. Webb	911 Communications
Dave Coonrod	Greene County Commission
Capt. Jim Barber	Greene County Sheriff's Department
Bill Deal	City Utilities
Richard Berry	SMSU