



REGION I RHSOC MEETING
Thursday, July 21, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.
Meramec Regional Planning Commission
4 Industrial Drive ~ St. James, MO

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Tabitha Stanfast led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting at 1:03 p.m. She stated that although there was no quorum, the meeting would be held and voting done by email.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Flesher (P), Tabitha Stanfast (A), Debbie Halinar (A), and Adam Birdsong (P).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Cason (P), Randy Rowe (A), Keith Steelman (P), Chris Twitchel (A), Dan Cordova (A), Ron Long (P), Don Good (A), Deborah Baker (P), James Morgan (P), Gary Larson (P), Darrell Skiles (A), Tony Floyd (A), Bryan Lambeth (P), Linda Kerr (A), Michael Keen (P), Doug Yurecko (A), David Sewell (P), Joe Price (A), Brad Armstrong (A), and Wendy Squires (A).

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Tammy Snodgrass, and Linda Carroll (MRPC), Deborah Hobson (SMDH), Matt Griggs (City of Rolla), Jack Raetz (SEMA), Bryan Courtney (MO DPS), Bob Bloomberg (MPO DPS), Brett Hendrix (SEMA), Michelle Branson (DPS), Merlyn Johnson (St. James Schools), Kim Smith (Crawford Co. Health Dept.), Janie Jadwin (Dent Co. Health Dept.), Steve Davis (MSHP – Troop I), James Marlin (MSHP – Zone 6 Pulaski) and Ron Smith (City of Rolla Rural Fire and Rescue).

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA and MINUTES:

Larry Flesher made a motion to approve agenda of the May 19, 2016, HSOC meeting; seconded by Debbie Halinar.

OHS Updates/HSAC Other Initiatives:

Michelle Branson reported that all FY16 applications have all been received with the exception of one which just needs some additional changes.

AG UPDATE:

No report.

DNR UPDATE:

No report.

INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Bob Bloomberg reported FirstNet is moving forward. The RFP has closed and they are reviewing to bids. He noted that focus groups are being put together to advise on policies and stressed how important FirstNet is for first responders.

Bryan Courtney provided an update on the MOSWIN system. Points covered were:

- Although it is a VHF system it is suggested that agencies contact them before purchasing new radios to get clarification as to whether or not they need to be dual band.
- If anyone has technical questions they should call 855-4MOSWIN.
- Goal is to improve coverage, capacity, and connectivity. Antennas have been tweaked in various areas (Salem and Cherryville) and it's been determined that Steelville looks like a good candidate for a new site.
- There are currently 92 sites with 20 others in the pipeline within the state.
- Coverage on accessible roads is currently at 95% but they are continuing to build out to cover those other areas.

- A building site has been purchased in Steelville and they are in the process of getting permits, bringing in a building and they are hoping to have it ready by fall.
- The call channel is the basis for communication with the MOSWIN system and agencies are going to be asked to develop internal policies that will help their people, with MOSWIN capabilities, determine when to use this tool.
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It was suggested by Steve Davis with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, that the frequency packages be standardized on the MOSWIN radios.

MASS CARE/EMERGENCY HUMAN SERVICES:

No update.

MO STATE MUTUAL AID UPDATE:

No update – position vacant

SEMA REGION I AREA COORDINATOR UPDATES:

Brett Hendrix informed the committee that SEMA will be holding their Emergency Management Stakeholders meeting on September 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Lebanon. A Mass Care Exercise will be held August 22-25 in Springfield and on the 23rd a team from Region I would be sent to observe how a respite site operates.

RHSOC OLD BUSINESS

Staff provided the project status report handout for review (attached). Round 1 FY14 spending is at 95% while Round 2 funds are 97% spent. FY15 are at 47% and it is expected that these funds will be spent down by the August 31, 2017 deadline.

MRPC staff completed procurement for the Response Trailer for Rolla HSRT and trailer has been received.

The process of inserting and customizing the badging template into the Elliott system is continuing.

The group was asked to help recruit new members as there are several vacant positions.

RHSOC NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Flesher brought up some concerns regarding the MOSWIN radios granted to a local police department which currently uses VHF simplex. He's questioning if that was the best use of those grant funds. Deborah Hobson said that she believes one of the radios was going to be used as a base in dispatch and Adam Birdsong agreed. It was stated that if a radio was not provided to their dispatch, they would not be able to access MOSWIN. The group agreed it should be a requirement of the grant. Tammy Snodgrass will look into this issue and verify that was their intention.

Ron Smith brought up some equipment concerns now that we are 13 years into the program. Trucks and equipment are aging and he suggested the committee begin looking forward with regards to how these larger items will be maintained and replaced. Sustainment is a top priority. It was suggested that a list of sustainable items be compiled and a schedule drawn up as to when items need to be replaced and then begin replacing them on a rotating schedule.

Tammy Snodgrass said that as of ten years ago when the RCP's took over there is an inventory available. It would include both HSOC and non-HSOC purchased deployable equipment.

SCHEDULE MEETING DATES AND DEADLINES:

The next meeting for Region I RHSOC, will be October 26 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURN

Debbie Halinar made a motion to adjourn; Larry Flesher seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

