

**Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 1:30 pm**  
**Jefferson City Police Training Classroom, Jefferson City, MO**

Attendees:

HSOC Primary Members

Mike Rackers, Chairman  
Tom White  
M.L. Cauthon  
Melanie Hein  
Victor Pittman  
Mike Shirts  
Rich Green  
Melissa Friel  
Greg White  
Susan Green  
Karen Miller  
John Landwehr  
M.B. Jones  
David Lineberry

Representing  
HSRT  
911  
Public Works  
Public Health  
Police Agencies  
Emergency Services  
Industry/Utility  
Volunteer Agencies  
Sherriff's Agencies  
Emergency Management  
County Governments  
Municipal Governments  
Agriculture  
Education

HSOC Alternates

Chuck Witt  
Jane Hubbs  
Lisa Jordan  
Michelle Kidwell

HSRT  
Public Health  
911  
911

Ex-Officio Members/Other

Vernon Dougan  
David Earney  
Doug Keeney  
Andrea Rice  
Aaron Winslow  
Bryan Norman  
Larry Lehman  
Ray Wadley  
David Finch  
OJ Stone  
Hans Huenink  
Gabe Craighead  
Doc Kritzer  
Zada Farris  
Jaclyn Neylon  
Gayla Weber  
David Boyle  
Bill Albus  
John Shearman  
Ed Siegmund  
Reece Rose

MSHP  
MSHP  
Jefferson City Police  
911 Osage Co.  
DHSS  
DHSS  
MDNR  
Mo. Dept. of Ag  
Missouri Homeland Security  
Missouri Homeland Security  
MSWP  
Callaway County Commissioner  
Callaway County Commissioner  
SEMA  
Pantheon/Hospitals  
SEMA  
7<sup>th</sup> WMD CST  
MO Div. Fire Safety  
Callaway County  
MMRPC  
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**Agenda Item I. Call to Order**

Chairman Mike Rackers called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**Agenda Item II. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Rackers asked if anything needed to be added or amended on the agenda. No one responded, the agenda was kept as presented.

**Agenda Item III. Review and Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Melissa Friel to approve the minutes. Mike Shirts seconded this motion. Motion carried.

**Agenda item IV. Sub-Committee Updates****A. State Interoperability Executive Committee**

Tom White introduced Doug Kenney, Records Supervisor with Jefferson City Police to present regarding this committee update. Doug attended a conference in Los Angeles, hosted by the National Governor's Association, regarding the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant. This is a one-time grant opportunity to enhance interoperable capabilities with respect to voice, data, and/or video and encourage the use of innovative cost- and spectrum-efficient technology solutions. NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) was given authority to expend \$1B of spectrum auction revenue on public safety interoperability. Each state is required to submit a plan. Plans must be submitted by November 1, 2007 (Draft plans due September 30, 2007). The plan must have a 700 MHz interoperability component, include tribal agencies (not applicable in Missouri), and include non-profit public safety. Doug clarified that this grant will support legacy systems (VHF Conventional) with a path to a 700 MHz Interoperable System, encouraging future growth into a Statewide 700 MHz system.

**B. Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program**

Greg White reported that they have not met since the last RHSOC meeting. There is nothing new to report.

**C. Missouri Emergency Command Systems**

Susan Green reported that they have not met since the last RHSOC meeting. There is nothing new to report.

**Agenda Item V. FY06 Regionalization Grant Proposal, Award, and Acceptance**

Zada Farris announced that the Region F - FY06 Regionalization grant proposal was approved as submitted, with the exception of some wording on the Business Emergency Planner Grant (this will be worked out with Rich Green). The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission will be working with the discipline chairs to process RFQ's, purchasing and transfer agreements. Zada also announced the following upcoming dates:

- Homeland Security Advisory Council meeting on June 6, 2007, from 9 am-Noon, with RHSOC Chairman meetings in the afternoon. (Mike Rackers will attend)
- LETPP (Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program) Grant open until April 30, 2007
- Fire Grant open until May 4, 2007, see [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com) for more details
- CEDAP (Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program) Grant open until May 29, 2007- see SEMA ([sema.dps.mo.gov](http://sema.dps.mo.gov)) or MMRPC ([www.mmrpc.org](http://www.mmrpc.org)) website for more details.

Zada also handed out a sheet about National Incident Management System Capability Assessment Support Tool, or NIMSCAST. See <http://fema.gov/emergency/nims/faq/compliance.shtm> or contact Chuck May at [chuck.may@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:chuck.may@sema.dps.mo.gov).

## **Agenda Item VI. FY07 State Application Process Update**

The state of Missouri FY07 Homeland Security funding application has been submitted to FEMA. The state anticipates a response around May 1. This funding process will probably follow a similar timeline as last year. The 2007 grant will be a three (3) year grant. Fifteen investment justifications were submitted. Each discipline's input on these justifications will be taken into consideration. More details to follow via email regarding gathering this input.

## **Agenda Item VII. Other Business**

### **A. Pandemic Planning-Regional Working Groups**

Aaron Winslow, Emergency Response Coordinator, with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), presented regarding Pandemic Planning and alternate care sites (ACS). In preparing for the threat of a pandemic, plans for such an event, need to be flexible, fluid, and consistent, especially since pandemics can vary, there is not currently a vaccine, and there is a limited supply of anti-viral medications. Alternate care sites are critically important because the health care system is stressed daily and would be even more so in such an event. Alternate care sites would be used as a primary triage point, a community-focused ambulatory care clinic, and a low-acuity patient care site. Involvement from multiple disciplines from the RHSOC committees would be ideal in participating in pandemic planning. This planning should involved determining ownership, command, and control of the ACS, plus deciding whether, when, and where an ACS should be opened and who operates the site.

### **B. Critical Infrastructure Working Group**

O.J. Stone asked that we nominate a couple of people to appoint this working group to help with the regional assessment of sites/equipment. We had already appointed Susan Green and Tom White to this group.

### **C. ERIP and MERIS Update**

O.J. Stone, Special Assistant, with Missouri Office of Homeland Security, presented an update on the Emergency Response Information Plan (ERIP). The vision of this plan is to provide every school in Missouri with an all-hazards preparedness system that will help public and private schools and their public safety stakeholders better prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from critical incidents through integrated planning, training and access to tactical response information. This is a secure, fully customizable, web-based tool that is NIMS compliant, accessible through MERIS, and will be available, FREE OF CHARGE, to all schools in Missouri this July. See <https://dhss.safepplans.net> (changing to [www.erip.dps.mo.gov](http://www.erip.dps.mo.gov) in the near future) for more information. Gayla Weber, SEMA, asked about alleviating fears about internet security. David Finch addressed this issue by clarifying that it is a web-based tool from a secure server and not available to all internet users.

David Finch, Special Assistant, with Missouri Office of Homeland Security, presented an update on Missouri Emergency Response and Information System (MERIS). The challenge during an emergency event is that local resources can be used up quickly. State and Federal agencies are usually unaware of needs during the initial response phase of an

emergency. MERIS will be available for responders to have access to resources and communicate needs. There are many features that will be useful and resourceful. See <http://www.dps.mo.gov/HomelandSecurity/MERIS/MERIS.htm> for more details.

### **Agenda Item VIII. Announcements**

David Boyle, 7<sup>th</sup> WMD CST (Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team) introduced himself and offered his assistance to the RHSOC.

Ray Wadley, Department of Agriculture, passed out copies of disks containing Risk Communications Material developed by the Department of Agriculture. The intention of copying and distributing these were for the other disciplines to use a tool to develop their own communications materials similar to these, as needed or desired.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 1:30 pm, in the Jefferson City Police Training classroom at 401 Monroe Street. Chairman and one year chair terms will expire on September 30, 2007. Vice Chair Gary Woodson will become the Chair, voting for a new Vice Chair, and rotation of one year chair terms will occur at the first meeting following September 30, 2007.

### **Agenda Item IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Greg White to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Friel seconded this motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.