

**AGENDA**  
**ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**ST. LOUIS CITY FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY DON FEHER, PRESIDENT

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2019 MEETING

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Directors Report

NICK GRAGNANI  
STARRS

B. Equipment Inventory Issues

LEAH WATKINS  
East-West Gateway Council of Governments

C. Sub-committee Reports

- Communications Core Group
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- ESF-8
- Hazardous Materials (Hazmat)
- Healthcare Preparedness
- Law Enforcement
- Mass Fatality
- Public Health
- St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of COADS
- Training and Exercise
- Urban Search and Rescue

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Nominating Committee Report

TONY FALCONIO  
Madison County, Illinois  
Emergency Management Agency

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2019**

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the City of St. Louis Fire Headquarters, 1421 N. Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, with attendance as follows:

**Directors Present**

Abe Cook  
Anthony Falconio  
Sarah Gamblin-Luig  
Brian Gettemeier  
Justen Hauser  
Chris Hunt  
Dennis Jenkerson  
Ryan Nicholls  
Lawrence O'Toole  
Vanessa Poston  
Derek Rieger  
Warren Robinson  
Bill Roche  
Herb Simmons  
Ryan Weber  
John Whitaker

**Ex Officio**

Jim Wild

**Excused**

Jon Belmar  
Greg Brown  
Gary Christmann  
Abe Cook  
Don Feher  
Jim Fingerhut  
Todd Fulton  
Joann Leykam  
Brian Naeger  
John Nowak  
Lynden Prange  
Dave Todd

**Absent**

Mike Arnhardt  
Mark Diedrich  
Les Crews  
Michele Tanton  
Cathy Vaisvil

Also in attendance were Derek Lohner, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and Chet Hunter, Washington University Emergency Management. STARRS / East-West Gateway Council of Governments staff that were present include Staci Alvarez, Nick Gragnani, Ky Kee, Leah Watkins and Brad Zoref.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Bill Roche, Vice President, called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2018 MEETING**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **Directors Report**

Nick Gagnani provided an update on the UASI grant funding. He advised the Board that the FY 2016 UASI budget will end on August 1, 2019; the FY 2017 UASI budget will end on August 1, 2020, and the FY 2018 UASI budget will end on August 1, 2021.

### **Equipment and Supplies Sub-Award Agreements**

Staci Alvarez advised the Board that beginning on January 1, 2019, the local jurisdictions and agencies that were approved to receive equipment or supplies from any of East-West Gateway's grant programs, including the UASI and ASPR grants, will be required to enter into a sub-award agreement with East-West Gateway. She stated that a local jurisdiction or agency will receive one sub-award for each grant that East-West Gateway receives (e.g. one sub-award for equipment purchased from the 2016 UASI grant); therefore, some jurisdictions and agencies will receive multiple sub-awards. A list of these jurisdictions and agencies, along with an estimated value for the sub-awards was provided in the Board memo regarding this issue. Staci said the sub-award agreements described in the list reflect the estimated dollar value of equipment and supplies that will be purchased by East-West Gateway and transferred to the local jurisdiction or agency and do not reflect the provision of any grant funds to these entities. She stated further that the sub-award agreements will govern the use, care, and maintenance of the grant-funded equipment and supplies and will describe the inventory, reporting, and other requirements for accounting for the grant-funded equipment and supplies.

### **Missouri All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update**

Jennifer Vuitel, East-West Gateway Planning staff advised that East-West is currently updating the St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Missouri portion of the region for the five year period 2020-2025. The plan addresses actions that local governments, special districts, and school districts can take prior to a natural disaster to reduce physical, financial, and social impacts and prepare residents. Jennifer advised this plan presents information about natural disasters, levels of risk, and strategies for local governments and school districts to take to reduce the adverse effects of natural hazards including tornadoes, severe winter or summer weather, drought, floods, earthquakes, dam failure, and wild fires. She stressed that the plan will include a summary of natural disasters in the last five years, mitigation actions local governments have taken during that same time, and recommended priority actions for the next five year period. Participation from the regional jurisdictions is critical to the success of the plan. Also important, local jurisdictions must adopt the plan in order to be eligible to receive mitigation funds from FEMA. Jennifer advised that if anyone has questions or would like to participate in the plan update to contact her at [jennifer.vuitel@ewgateway.org](mailto:jennifer.vuitel@ewgateway.org) or via telephone at 314-421-4220.

## **Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Program Update**

Althea de Guzman, Regional Program Coordinator from Hagerty Consultants, provided an update of CCTA activities to date. She began with presenting aggregated numbers of the program since August 2018. These numbers included a breakdown of total participation numbers by stakeholder group and by state. Additionally, she highlighted how the CCTA program has truly been representative of the region by having exercises and workshops hosted at several different locations throughout the region in both Illinois and Missouri. Both Fusion Center tabletop exercises have now been completed; the second one was held in the St. Charles County Emergency Operations Center. This tabletop exercise was also exemplary in nature for successfully bringing together Fusion Center representatives from Kansas City and Jefferson City, Missouri and the Illinois Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) in Springfield, Illinois, as well as federal partners and bi-state law enforcement representatives. Immediate next steps in the program include additional operational guide development workshops for functional areas in: Law Enforcement, Special Operations, EMS, Fire, Command and Control, and the newly created and much-needed Communications and Dispatch. The St. Louis CCTA program has been featured in The Telegraph and other local news for its panel at a Freightways Industry Forum.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

Tony Falconio summarized the Nominating Committee's STARRS Sub-Committee recommendations:

##### **New Subcommittee Applicants**

###### Hazmat

Mike Siegel, Assist Chief, Training Officer, Jefferson County, MO Hazmat  
Jeremey Hollrah, Fire Chief, Orchard Farm Fire Protection District

###### Healthcare Preparedness

Bradley Barton, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Parkland Health Center  
Damon Longworth, Chief Financial Officer, Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center

###### Law Enforcement

Lieutenant Matthew Brilllos, Deputy Commander, St. Louis County Police Department

###### Public Health

Karissa Hoffman, Public Health Planner, Franklin County Health Department

Urban Search and Rescue

Mike Digman, St. Louis County USAR Program Manager, Metro West Fire Protection District

Motion approving the recommendations was made. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made. Motion carried, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM.

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Anthony Falconio

Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Staff  
Subject: Nomination of Sub-Committee Appointments  
Date: February 7, 2019

The Nominating Committee offers updates to the Board Officers, appointments of STARRS' Sub-Committee representatives, the reaffirmation of existing Sub-Committee representatives and approval for the removal of Subcommittee members. The Committee met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 1:30 PM via telephone conference call and voted to present the following nominations to the Board. Those present for the meeting were Tony Falconio, Madison County Emergency Management and Committee Chair; Mark Diedrich, St. Louis County Police, Office of Emergency Management, Captain Chris Hunt, St. Charles County Police Department, Division of Emergency Management; and, Herb Simmons, St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency and 911 Coordinator.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### Officers

The STARRS Bylaws specify one-year terms for Board Officers; therefore, the Nominating Committee recommends the following nominations of new officers:

- **President** – Sergeant Bill Roche, St. Louis County Police Department and St. Louis Fusion Center
- **Vice President** – Warren Robinson, Director, Jefferson County, Missouri Emergency Management Agency
- **Treasurer** – Anthony Falconio, Madison County, Illinois Emergency Management Agency
- **Secretary** – Captain Chris Hunt, St. Charles County Police Department; Director, Division of Emergency Management.

**SUB-COMMITTEES**

Sub-Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments

<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
Communications Core Group	Greg Brown	Joann Leykem
Emergency Management	Mark Dietrich	Warren Robinson
Emergency Medical Services	Jim Fingerhut	John Nowak
ESF-8	Vanessa Poston	Gary Christmann
Hazardous Materials	Michael Arras	Matt Lavanchy
Healthcare Preparedness	John Whitaker	Michele Tanton
Law Enforcement	Jon Belmar	Dave Todd
Mass Fatality	Roger Smith	Kathleen Hargrave
Public Health	Justen Hauser	Nicholas Kohlberg
St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of COADS		
Training and Exercise	Derek Rieger	Josh Wilderson
Urban Search and Rescue	Brian Gettemeier	Michael Arras

Sub-Committee Category C Director Appointments

<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Voting Rep</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Communications Core Group	Greg Brown	Joann Leykem
Emergency Management	Mark Dietrich	Warren Robinson
Emergency Medical Services	Nick Harper	John Nowak
ESF-8	Vanessa Poston	Gary Christmann
Hazardous Materials	Dennis Jenkerson	Matt Lavanchy
Healthcare Preparedness	John Whitaker	Michele Tanton
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**SUB-COMMITTEE APPLICANTS, REINSTATMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS/REMOVALS**

The Nominating Committee recommends the following individuals for membership on a STARRS Sub-Committee:

### Emergency Management

**Michael Wiegand, Chief of Police, City of Eureka Police Department.** Chief Michael Wiegand has been in law enforcement for over 40 years; starting his career in Eureka in 1976. His supervision of the daily operation of the Eureka Police Department consists of 25 police officers, 2 part-time /reserve officers, and 3 clerks. He has served on the Eureka Chamber of Commerce as a Board Member for 18 years through a number of terms, including two terms as Chamber president in 2006 and 2007.

### Hazardous Materials

**Derek Reiger, Captain, City of St. Louis Fire Department.** Derek Rieger is a 15-year veteran of the St. Louis Fire Department, where he has earned the rank of Captain. His official title is Homeland Security & Special Operations Officer and serves on the Fire Chief's Command Staff. His duties include operational planning, intelligence sharing, emergency management, and is the Fire Department's liaison to all federal, state, and local agencies. Captain Rieger is attached to the St. Louis Fusion Center where he oversees the gathering, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence to the St. Louis Fusion Center's partners and stakeholders. Captain Rieger commands the STLFD's Tactical Medic Program where he regularly deploys with the SLMPD SWAT team on tactical operations. Captain Rieger is on the St. Louis FBI - JTTF Executive Board, and active member of the FBI's InfraGard community. Recognizing that cyber-attacks on the nations' critical infrastructure is rapidly becoming the most common attack methods for hostile actors, he is focusing his studies on cybersecurity at Maryville University. Derek is also a licensed paramedic in the state of Missouri, in good standing for the last 15 years.

### Public Health

**Jennifer Kret, Emergency Response Planner, St. Louis County Health Department.** Jennifer Kret joined St. Louis County as an Emergency Response Planner in October 2018. She has a Bachelors degree in Biochemistry from the University of Colorado-Boulder, and Masters in Public Health in Nutritional Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health. She completed the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)/Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Applied Epidemiology Fellowship (Class X, host site: District of Columbia Department of Health). Including the fellowship, she has six years of experience working at state and local public health agencies as an epidemiologist, which included working on surveillance and investigation of chronic diseases, maternal and child health, and infectious diseases. Regarding public health emergency response and preparedness experiences, she participated in planning for emergency preparedness activities and conducted bio-surveillance during high profile events on the National Mall in Washington, DC. In addition, Jennifer has helped to conduct a Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) as well as employed the Social Vulnerability Index to study chronic respiratory diseases in St. Louis County.

**Zachary Koch, Emergency Response Planner, St. Louis County Health Department.** Zachary Koch has a Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology and a Masters of Public Health from Saint Louis University where he concentrated on Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness and Epidemiology. In February 2017, Koch started as a Program and Policy Specialist with the Jackson



County Health Department in located in Independence, Missouri. He later transitioned to the department's Emergency Response Planner where he developed plans, conducted exercises, and built working relationships with others planners in the state. In October 2018, Koch joined the Saint Louis County Health Department as an Emergency Response Planners.

Request for Reinstatement to Sub-Committee

<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Hazardous Materials	Richard Siebold	Madison County, Illinois Haz-mat
Hazardous Materials	Timothy Dorsey	West County EMS and Fire Protection District

Request for Resignations/Removals

<b>Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Public Health	Cody Minks	St. Charles County Department of Health
Public Health	Andrea Kohring	Monroe County Department of Health
Public Health	Cindy Butler	Missouri Dept of Health and Senior Services
Public Health	Dylan Steigerwald	Jefferson County Department of Health
Urban Search and Rescue	Jeff Lane	St. Clair Special Emergency Services/Sauget FD

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