

AGENDA
ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, June 11, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

*** VIRTUAL MEETING - CALL IN INFORMATION BELOW ***

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SGT. BILL ROCHE
2. ROLL CALL STACI ALVEREZ
3. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES SGT. ROCHE
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Directors Report GREGGORY FAVRE
STARRS
5. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Regional Security Expenditures GREGGORY FAVRE
STARRS
 - B. Subcommittee Reports (if needed)
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. The next STARRS Board meeting is currently scheduled for July 9th, 2020. Given the fluidity of the regional protest activities and the COVID-19 response, we will continue to evaluate the needs of the organization and our membership and will provide updates to the Board meeting schedule as needed.

MEETING CALL IN INFORMATION:

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Code: 193547

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2020**

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. via telephone conference call, with attendance as follows:

On Conference Line:

Larry O'Toole
Jim Terry
Josh Wilderson
Landen Prange
Roger Smith
Derek Rieger
Brian Gettemeier
Bill Roche
John Nowak
Kurt Frisz
Jim Wild
Greg Brown
Nick Kohlberg
Chief Jenkerson
Gary Christmann
Justen Hauser
Michele Tanton
Joann Leykam
Chris Hunt
Cody Minks

Not Present:

Abe Cook
Tony Falconio
Herb Simmons
Warren Robinson
Ryan Weber
Don Feher
Michele Ryan
Nick Harper
Ben Perrin
Vanessa Poston
Cathy Vasivil
Mike Arras

Also in attendance were STARRS / East-West Gateway Council of Governments staff Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Gregg Favre, Dale Chambers, Brad Zoref, Samantha Peterson and Brian Marler

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Roche called the meeting to order at 0900.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY & APRIL MEETING

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the February and April 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Directors Report

Gregg Favre shared information related to the STARRS response to the Covid-19 crisis, explaining that this type of operational stance is a new role for STARRS. Gregg asked for guidance from the group on how STARRS might improve their response for future events and recurrences, asking Board members reach out to him outside the meeting with feedback.

Gregg also shared that the St. Louis UASI 2020 grant application was completed, sent to the State and has now been sent on to the Feds for processing.

Gregg shared that cyber threat and intel needs have risen during the Covid-19 crisis, stressing that these areas will likely continue to increase in priority for the region and for future UASI grants as well. The strategic plan will be updated later this year to move us forward with these escalating threats and the likely corresponding focus in grant funding deliverables.

Gregg shared that tomorrow at 1800 he will be leaving on active duty orders. Gregg will be on military orders for a few weeks. Gregg shared that in his absence members should reach out to Jim Wild for any issues with STARRS administratively, to Dale Chambers for any STARRS programmatic/project issues, and that all procurement related questions or issues should be directed to Staci Alvarez. Gregg will send an email to Board members with contact details.

Sub-grant Award Process

Staci Alvarez shared updates on the sub-award processes. Updates included the completion of the UASI 2017 subaward process, with the final 2017 procurements occurring now. Staci also shared that questionnaires related to the UASI 2018 sub-award process have recently gone out and that eighteen sub-awards would need to be processed for the 2018 grant.

CCTA Update

Dale shared updates on the St. Louis Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) program. The CCTA program will “restart” in June with new virtual-format meetings and annex validation workshops. Meeting groups may be smaller due to the new virtual format, but the process will remain the same with annexes and other documents being created and vetted remotely rather than in-person. The CCTA Focus Group will begin meeting again as well to facilitate and oversee the changes and restart process. Dale also that the CCTA grant now allows extensions, and that the grant will now extend in to 2021, and that the addition of UASI funds should continue the CCTA project until 2022.

Joann commented that the CCTA process had been very well done, and that she and the region were confident that the project would continue to move forward with these new meeting methods.

Sub-committee Reports

- Communications Core Group – No report
- Emergency Management – No report
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – No report
- Hazardous Materials – No report
- Healthcare Coalition –No report
- Healthcare Preparedness – No report
- Law Enforcement – No report
- Mass Fatality – No report.
- Public Health – No report.
- St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of COADS – No report.
- Training and Exercise – No report
- Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) – No report

ACTION ITEMS

Regional Security Expenditures

Greg Favre summarized staff's recommendation of the following expenditures, totaling \$294,785. The expenditures will be funded from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program.

Action	Description	Amount
Renewal	Thomson Reuters Clear Pro	\$56,385
Purchase	Churchill Navigation Overlay Mapping System	\$238,400

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Greg Brown shared his thanks with the STARRS team on its assistance with the setup and operation of the region MAC during this crisis.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made. Motion carried, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 AM.

Bill Roche

Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures
Date: June 11, 2020

Staff is requesting authorization to expend funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities. Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Attachment A summarizes purchases totaling \$605,778.

We are requesting approval to enter into sub-grant award agreements with St. Louis and St. Charles Counties, and the City of St. Louis, Missouri to fund the following three positions within the St. Louis Fusion Center – Terrorism Early Warning Group:

St. Louis Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator – The St. Louis Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator position addresses gaps and deficiencies in St. Louis regional cybersecurity, reducing the region's threat landscape, enhancing the overall security posture, and improving response, mitigation, recovery, and resiliency to cyber-attack. Additionally, the Coordinator works closely with cybersecurity specialists within the Missouri Office of Homeland Security, FEMA cybersecurity advisors, the United States Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Therefore, we are requesting approval to enter into an agreement with the city of St. Louis to provide funding to support the St. Louis Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator position within the St. Louis Fusion Center. Total cost for the Cybersecurity Coordinator position will not exceed \$183,268 for the period of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022. Funding will come from the UASI 2019 grant.

Critical Infrastructure (CI) Key Resource (KR) Coordinator - The CI/KR Coordinator facilitates emergency planning and preparedness activities among key resource (KR) and critical infrastructure (CI) sites within the region. The overarching goal of this position is to provide information on hardening security at vulnerable facilities and provide guidance on how to deter a terrorist attack to the region's susceptible critical infrastructure. One of the key roles of the CI/KR Coordinator is to work with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in providing regional CI/KR data. DHS uses this data to determine the region's Threat, Vulnerability and Consequence to a terrorist attack. The Coordinator participates in quarterly DHS conference calls on critical infrastructure and key resource identification. Because Homeland Security grant funding is tied to the region's existing critical infrastructure and key resources, these DHS data calls are critical to keeping the region's infrastructure data up to date. This has allowed the region to maintain a level of grant funding which is critical as intelligence bulletins to local police, fire, public health and related health care agencies. Therefore, we are requesting approval to enter into an agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri to provide funding to support the CI/KR Coordinator position within the St. Louis Fusion Center. Total cost for the Critical Infrastructure Coordinator position will not exceed \$135,016 for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021. Funding will come from the UASI 2018 grant.

Intelligence Analyst – This Intelligence Analyst position is a core function of the St. Louis Regional Fusion Center, analyzing information and identifying trends to share timely law enforcement intelligence data with federal, state and local law enforcement entities. Duties include researching tactics, techniques and procedures of domestic and international terrorist groups, developing Safety Alerts and Bulletins for St. Louis regional law enforcement agencies, responding to requests for information from private sector, local, state and federal sources, working in collaboration with Fusion Centers from around the country to develop timely and accurate intelligence products and analyzing federal law enforcement data for determination of relevance for the St. Louis region. Therefore, we are requesting approval to enter into an agreement with St. Charles County, Missouri to provide funding to support the Intelligence Analyst position within the St. Louis Fusion Center. Total cost for the Intelligence Analyst position will not exceed \$62,844 for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021. Funding will come from the UASI 2018 grant.

In addition to the above subaward agreements, we also seeking approval for the following Special Teams equipment purchases:

Special Teams Communications Equipment – We are seeking approval to complete a 2017 project updating the region’s seven HAZMAT teams with compatible communications equipment. This purchase will provide interface equipment and throat microphones for team members allowing communications from within protective equipment and will be made from Visions of Video of Northridge, CA for an amount not to exceed \$40,518.

Special Teams Night Vision Equipment – We are seeking approval to complete a 2017 project equipping LE special teams in Franklin and St. Charles Co with helmet mounted night vision monoculars. This equipment will support the safety and operation of teams in night-time operations. This purchase will be made from Ed Roehr Safety Products of St. Louis, MO for an amount not to exceed \$65,550.

Special Teams Extrication Equipment – We are seeking approval to complete purchases begun in October 2019 for the Franklin and St. Louis Co USAR teams, and the City of St. Louis team. This purchase includes hydraulic cutting equipment, spreading and ram tools from Sentinel Emergency Solutions of Arnold, MO for an amount not to exceed \$53,792.

Special Teams Protective Equipment – We are seeking approval to complete a 2017 project equipping the City of St. Louis HAZMAT team with chemical protective equipment suits. This purchase supports the St. Louis region’s capabilities in response to all CBRNE events. This purchase will be made from Banner Fire of Roxana, IL for an amount not to exceed \$20,220.

Special Teams Airbag Lifting Kits – We are seeking approval to complete purchases begun in October 2019 for City of St. Louis USAR team. The purchase includes heavy lifting cushions and airbags from Sentinel Emergency Solutions of Arnold, MO for an amount not to exceed \$44,570.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the expenditure of funds as follows:

- For a sub-award to the City of St. Louis, Missouri for the Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator position in an amount not to exceed \$183,268;
- For a sub-award to St. Louis County, Missouri for the Critical Infrastructure / Key Resource Coordinator position in an amount not to exceed \$135,016;
- For a sub-award to St. Charles County, Missouri for the Intelligence Analyst position in an amount not to exceed \$62,844;
- for the purchase of ninety-eight (98) throat microphones from Visions of Video, Northridge, CA for an amount not to exceed \$40,518;
- for the purchase of nineteen (19) night vision monoculars from Ed Roehr Safety Products, St. Louis, MO for an amount not to exceed \$65,550;
- for the purchase of extrication equipment from Sentinel Emergency Solutions, Arnold, MO for an amount not to exceed \$53,792;
- for the purchase of fifteen (15) protective dry suits from Banner Fire, Roxana, IL for an amount not to exceed \$20,220;
- for the purchase of one (1) airbag lifting kit from Sentinel Emergency Solutions, Arnold, MO for an amount not to exceed \$44,570;

for a total amount not to exceed \$605,778 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services
June 9, 2020**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Planning & Organization (UASI)				
St. Charles County (MO)	Intelligence Analyst Position (8/1/20 - 7/31/21)	St. Charles County	1	\$62,844
St. Louis County (MO)	Critical Infrastructure Position (8/1/20 - 7/31/21)	St. Louis County	1	\$135,016
City of St. Louis (MO)	Cybersecurity Coordinator Position (10/1/20 - 3/31/22)	St. Louis City	1	\$183,268
Visions of Video (Northridge, CA)	Throat Microphones	Madison County, St. Clair County, Franklin County, Jefferson County, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, St. Louis City	98	\$40,518
Ed Roehr Safety Products (St. Louis, MO)	Night Vision	Franklin County (15), St. Charles County (4)	19	\$65,550
Sentinel Emergency Solutions (Arnold, MO)	Extrication Equipment	Franklin County, St. Louis City, St. Louis County	various	\$53,792
Banner Fire (Roxana, IL)	Drysuits	St. Louis City	15	\$20,220
Sentinel Emergency Solutions (Arnold, MO)	Airbag Lifting Kit	St. Louis City	1	\$44,570
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 605,778

Total UASI Expenditures: \$605,778