



AGENDA
ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 11, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY WARREN ROBINSON
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Directors Report
GREGGORY FAVRE
STARRS
 - B. UASI Update
DALE CHAMBERS,
STARRS
 - C. Sub-committee Reports
 - *As Subcommittees have been engaged in COVID-19 response, they have not been meeting to discuss STARRS activity. Subcommittee reports will resume as COVID-19 operations lessen.*
5. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Bylaw Review Committee & Resolution
WARREN ROBINSON
STARRS Board President
 - b. Regional Security Expenditures
GREGGORY FAVRE
STARRS
6. OTHER BUSINESS
7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT
 - a. **The next STARRS Board meeting is currently scheduled for APRIL 8th, 2021.**
Given the fluidity of the regional COVID-19 response and the impact it has on this board, we will continue to evaluate the needs of the organization and our membership and will provide updates to the meeting schedule as needed.

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2021**

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:

Abe Cook
Bill Roche
Brian Gettemeier
Chris Hunt
Cody Minks
Dennis Jenkerson
Derek Rieger
Don Feher
Gary Christmann
Greg Brown
Gregg Favre
Herb Simmons
Jim Terry
Jim Wild
Joann Leykam
John Nowak
Josh Wilderson
Justen Hauser
Larry OToole
Michele Ryan
Nick Harper
Nick Kohlberg
Roger Smith
Tony Falconio
Vanessa Poston

Not Present:

Jani Albright
Kathy Vasivil
Kurt Frisz
Landen Prange
Lawrence Taylor
Lynn Perrin
Michele Tanton
Mike Arras
Ryan Weber
Tina Davis
Warren Robinson

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 0901 and Staci Alvarez took attendance and confirmed a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

Bill Roche requested approval for the January 2021 Board meeting minutes. Roger Smith motioned and Joann Leykam seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Directors Report

Gregg Favre shared information on the anticipated UASI 2021 grant. No additional movement related to the new UASI grant has been seen. Gregg also shared that the STARRS team provided feedback on the proposed changes to the UASI grant with DHS.

Gregg also shared information related to last month's requested Vislink helicopter upgrade procurement, sharing that the procurement was tabled at the East-West Gateway Board of Directors meeting for a month after discussion centering on the regional availability of the Metro Air Support aircraft.

Gregg also provided an update on the proposed addition of a cybersecurity position on to the STARRS Board of Directors. The proposal is for a new category E director to represent cybersecurity interests, similar to the category E representative of the Fusion Center. Further discussion will be needed in March for action in April. Gregg also shared that if members of the Board were aware of any other needed changes to the STARRS bylaws this is their opportunity for further changes.

In other updates, Gregg shared that the 2nd Elected Officials/Senior Leaders/Policy Makers event for the CCTA would occur in February and that Dale would send out a notification on this Monday. Gregg also shared that Samantha (Sam) Peterson would now be the staff-person assigned to the Training & Exercise committee, a duty previously held by Dale Chambers.

In further discussion Herb Simmons reviewed the discussion points brought up at the East-West Gateway Board related to the proposed January Vislink procurement, questioning whether Metro Air Support was actually a regional asset and requested that the STARRS Board take a closer look at this for its status. Joann Leykam provided a brief overview of the history and operation of the Metro Air Support unit, an entity primarily operated and funded by the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. Herb shared concern that the Metro Air Support helicopters are not available to St. Clair County. Kurt Frisz shared additional information on funding and operation of the Metro Air Support unit.

Training & Exercise Update

Sam Peterson shared an update related to the ongoing CCTA training exercises. As was previously mentioned the next policy workshop is February 17th and 48 are currently registered to attend. They also have a virtual tabletop exercise on March 2nd. Currently 21 are registered for that extended response operations which covers witness management, reunification and fatality management. Sam also shared that a virtual functional exercise occurs April 20th and focuses on communications, coordination, resource allocation and command structures following a CCTA. Sam also shared that a NIMS/ICS All Hazards Division Supervisor course would be occurring the 16th-18th at the Eureka training center. See the Missouri SEMA training website for details on this and other courses. Sam shared that STARRS remains committed to bringing training to the region and encouraged members contact her with questions or comments.

Bill shared praise on the ongoing CCTA training and exercises, encouraging agencies to participate in these upcoming events.

No subcommittee reports were offered.

ACTION ITEMS

Gregg Favre shared information on February Regional Expenditures, which includes an additional (separate) Vislink purchase providing upgrades to tower sites which will work in concert with last month's Vislink purchase request to improve streaming video quality. The other regional procurement for February is an additional/new Fusion Center Intelligence Analyst position to be added. Joann Leykam motioned for approval, Chris Hunt seconded, which was approved. Herb Simmons and Don Feher voted no on the Vislink procurement, and yes on the Fusion Center position. Following approval of both procurements, additional discussion occurred related to regional access to the Metro Air Support aerial capabilities and lines of communications related to Vislink availability and the Metro Air Support aircraft.

Chris Hunt shared the nominating committee report with the Board and requested approval of proposed officers and sub-committee membership changes. Vanessa Poston shared concern with the lack of healthcare representation on the Board of Directors officer nomination list. Discussion ensued and proposed changes to the nomination process were discussed for 2022. A motion was made by Justen Hauser and seconded, with the nominating committee report being approved without opposition.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Bill Roche shared that March 11th is the next Board meeting date.

Bill requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided and seconded. The motion carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59AM.

Bill Roche



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) Bylaws, adopted January 15, 2015, sets forth the manner of formation of ad-hoc committees; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the STARRS Bylaws states, “ad hoc committees must be designated through a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board.” and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the STARRS Bylaws further states “Article V, Section 3 of the STARRS Bylaws states, “The President of the Board will appoint the members to an ad hoc committee.” and

WHEREAS, the STARRS board bylaws have not been updated since 2015,

WHEREAS, it is a matter of good governance and strategic operation of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the ever changing landscape of federal, state and regional needs relative to the business of the organization warrant a regular review of bylaw language,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the President of the Board to establish an ad hoc Committee to review the STARRS bylaws and provide recommendations to the board for potential changes.

DATE PASSED _____

Warren Robinson, President of the Board



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures
Date: March 11, 2021

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 \$78,600

Bomb Suit Ensembles – Staff is seeking approval to purchase two (2) bomb suit ensembles for the St. Charles County Police Department and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Bomb Squads. The bomb suit ensembles are engineered to provide protection against the threats of an explosive blast, overpressure, fragmentation, impact and heat. This purchase will improve response capabilities for the emerging threat of multiple incident attacks, assist with interoperability between the regional bomb squads, and is a critical component in maintaining required bomb squad accreditation to ensure the region's ability to respond to improvised explosive device threats. Total cost will not exceed \$78,600.

Staff Recommendation:

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

- for the purchase of Bomb Suit ensembles and equipment from Safeware, Inc (Lanham, MD) in an amount not to exceed \$78,600;

for a total amount not to exceed \$78,600.

ATTACHMENT A
Expenditures for Equipment and Services
March 3, 2021

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Planning & Organization (UASI)				
Safeware, Inc. (Lanham, MD)	Bomb Suit Ensembles	St. Charles County, St. Louis City	2	\$78,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 78,600

Total UASI Expenditures: \$78,600