



AGENDA
ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

*** PLEASE CONTACT STARRS FOR CALL INFO ***

1. CALL TO ORDER BY WARREN ROBINSON
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE MAY 2022 MEETINGS
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. THIRA/SPR Kick-Off SAMANTHA PETERSON
 - b. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo SAMANTHA PETERSON
 - b. Regional Security Expenditures SAMANTHA PETERSON
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2022.

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2022**

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 (absent are unchecked):

ATTENDANCE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abe Cook | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herb Simmons | <input type="checkbox"/> Lynden Prange |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Granda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Campbell | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Tobben |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Perrin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff McCreary | <input type="checkbox"/> Michele Ryan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gettemeier | <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Lohr | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Arras |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Whitaker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Wild | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Harper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Hunt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joann Leykam | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Kohlberg |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> John Nowak | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Jenkerson | <input type="checkbox"/> Josh Wilderson | <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Nicholls |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Rieger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justen Hauser | <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Scheibe | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Russell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregg Favre | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Frisz | <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Davis |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry O'Toole | <input type="checkbox"/> Warren Robinson |

Also in attendance were STARRS / East-West Gateway Council of Governments staff Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Luke Miller, Samantha Peterson, Kristen Capps-Jones, Brad Zoref & Brian Marler.

CALL TO ORDER

Warren Robinson called the meeting to order at 0900. Staci Alvarez took attendance and confirmed a quorum at 9:03AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren requested approval of the April 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Joann Leykam and was seconded by Nick Harper. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved at 9:04 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DIRECTORS REPORT

Gregg Favre shared an update on the FY2022 UASI grant process, confirming that 28 apps were received requesting 9.5 million dollars. Staff has categorized and scored the projects and EWG admin is now looking at available funding to fulfill the requests. The Finance committee will meet later this month to review and make recommendations for project funding, followed by a special Board of Directors meeting to approve projects for

funding and UASI submission. The region has been awarded an Integrated Emergency Management Course; a course only provided to about five cities per year. Gregg also shared that the Fusion Center has a new director, Ben Granda, who replaces Bill Roche in the position. Ben has been a long-time member of the St. Louis County PD. Gregg shared that STARRS is looking at returning to in-person STARRS Board of Directors meetings and will provide advanced notice for that change. Gregg shared the importance of meeting the quorum level for the special meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors later this month to approve the UASI FY2022 funding levels.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nick Kohlberg shared that the Healthcare Coalition (HCC) has a meeting next Friday and that they are working on their charter and that they submitted a project application for UASI funding for their HMAACC concept. Jason Campbell shared the Healthcare Sub-Committee (HCS) met yesterday. They continue outreach for a new vice chair. They also initiated a project on the region's hyperbaric capabilities and are looking at the upcoming burn/surge TTX. Kurt Frisz shared that they submitted their Law Enforcement project applications for grant funding a few weeks ago. Roger Smith shared that Mass Fatality will have their first in-person meeting soon since the start of the pandemic.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Gregg shared that there are four new committee member applications for STARRS sub-committees, and two removals of committee members. A motion was made and seconded by Abe Cook and Roger Smith to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation. The motion passed at 9:16AM.

REGIONAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES

Gregg shared a summary of the four UASI purchases this month, including the renewal of an online system for the region's Fusion Center, and three equipment purchases for regional response teams. Joan motioned to approve the expenditures and Nick Harper seconded. The motion carried unopposed at 9:19AM. Herb Simmons shared a question on the allocation of headsets in the region, which Gregg Favre addressed.

APPROVAL OF HCC SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTER

Jason Campbell shared information on updates to the Healthcare Sub-Committee Charter. The charter has recently been updated to strengthen governance and the voting process. Jason submitted the updated charter to the Board for review and requested approval. A motion to made to approve by Nick Harper and was seconded by Warren Robinson. The motion carried and the updated charter was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board will be a special meeting related to the UASI approval process. This special meeting will occur May 26, 2022, at 9:00AM. The next normally scheduled meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is June 9, 2022. Warren requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Warren Robinson

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2022**

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 (absent are unchecked):

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Also in attendance were STARRS / East-West Gateway Council of Governments staff Leah Watkins, Samantha Peterson, Kristen Capps-Jones, Brad Zoref & Brian Marler.

CALL TO ORDER

Warren Robinson called the meeting to order at 0900. Gregg Favre took attendance and confirmed a quorum at 9:05AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gregg Favre shared thanks with the group for the quantity and quality of Project submissions for this year’s UASI grant application process, extending thanks to the larger STARRS community for their participation throughout the year in support of the required THIRA/SPR and other processes that occur to support the grant application. Gregg also shared thanks with the Finance Committee members and STARRS team members for their work in preparing, reviewing, and pushing the grant application process forward.

ACTION ITEMS

UASI FY2022 GRANT APPLICATION

Ryan Weber shared an update on recent activity by the STARRS Finance Committee,

sharing that they met Tuesday and unanimously voted to approve the recommendation by STARRS staff on project funding specifics. Warren Robinson requested a motion to approve the recommendation. Joann Leykam motioned to approve the Finance Committee recommendation and Nick Harper seconded. The motion carried without opposition, the Finance Committee funding recommendation for the FY2022 UASI grant was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gregg Favre shared that he will be deployed by the U.S. Navy for most of the summer. Gregg also shared that STARRS Board of Directors meetings are expected to move to in-person meetings beginning with the September 2022 meeting.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board will be June 9, 2022. Warren requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.

Warren Robinson



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Gregg Favre, Executive Director
Subject: Nomination of Committee Appointments
Date: June 8, 2022

The Nominating Committee has approved the following subcommittee nominations and removals and offers the following for board consideration and approval.

Subcommittees

The Nominating Committee recommends the following additions to subcommittees:

- **Law Enforcement** – Robert Peter, Jefferson Co Sheriff's Office
- **Mass Fatality** – Dennis Nichols, St. Clair Co Coroner

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following removals from subcommittees:

- **Healthcare Sub-Committee** – Cody Minks, SSM Healthcare
- **Healthcare Coalition** – Cody Minks, SSM Healthcare

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

Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures
Date: June 9, 2022

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 Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program as well as STARRS Hospital Donation funds. Attachment A summarizes the purchases, totaling \$188,950.00.

ST. LOUIS FUSION CENTER and STARRS:

AT&T Mobility FirstNET Equipment and Services - Staff is seeking approval for the expansion of AT&T Mobility FirstNET equipment and services for the St. Louis Fusion Center. The FirstNET voice/data network is a Federal government initiative to provide a dedicated mobile voice/data network for first responders such as law enforcement, fire, EMS, and emergency management. As FirstNET is dedicated to first responder usage, FirstNET has priority over all other mobile phone users. FirstNET users have priority in mobile congestion scenario, and provides 5G connection speeds for data in the St. Louis region, which is imperative to the anti-terrorism functions of the St. Louis Fusion Center as staff must be reachable at all times to assist Federal, State and Local law enforcement entities with investigations and information / data collection and dissemination. The expansion includes the procurement of seven (7) mobile phone devices and 13 hotspot devices, and 24 months of service for five (5) existing hotspot devices, eight (8) new hotspot devices, and seven (7) new mobile phone devices, for an amount not to exceed \$30,530 from the UASI 2019, 2020 and 2021 grant programs.

In addition, Staff is requesting to renew the services for the six (6) FirstNET mobile phone devices currently utilized by STARRS staff. The devices allow STARRS staff to perform work-related functions away from the office environment, as they are able to utilize them in the field, when working from local Emergency Operations Centers, or performing duties outside of the region. The total cost for renewal of services for 24 months will not exceed \$7,200. Funding will come from STARRS Hospital Donation funds.

REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS:

Tactical Headsets - Staff is seeking approval to purchase quantity 138 tactical headsets for the regional tactical teams, including the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department (quantity 25), St. Charles County Police Department (quantity 50), St. Louis County Police Department (quantity 35) and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (quantity 28). The headsets allow response team members to communicate with clear, ambient listening capabilities while helping to provide protection from hazardous steady-state and impulse noises. The total cost of 138 headsets will not exceed \$151,220. Funding will come from the UASI 2018 and 2019 grants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

- For the purchase of seven (7) mobile phone devices and 13 hotspot devices, and 24 months of service for five (5) existing hotspot devices, eight (8) new hotspot devices, and seven (7) new mobile phone devices for the St. Louis Fusion Center from AT&T Mobility FirstNET of Carol Stream, IL in an amount not to exceed \$30,530;
- For the purchase of 24 months of services for the six (6) FirstNET mobile devices utilized by STARRS Staff from AT&T Mobility FirstNET of Carol Stream, IL in an amount not to exceed \$7,200;
- for the purchase of 138 tactical headsets from Visions of Video of Northridge, CA for an amount not to exceed \$151,220;

for a total amount not to exceed \$181,750.00 from the UASI grant program, and \$7,200 from STARRS Hospital Donation funds.

ATTACHMENT A

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services
June 9, 2022**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Equipment & Software (UASI)				
AT&T Mobility FirstNET (Carol Stream, IL)	Fusion Center Equipment & Services (mobile phone and hotspot devices)	Regional	various	\$30,530
AT&T Mobility FirstNET (Carol Stream, IL)	STARRS Mobile Phone Services	Regional	6	\$7,200
Visions of Video (Northridge, CA)	Tactical Headsets	Jefferson County (25), St. Charles County (50), St. Louis County (35), City of St. Louis (28)	138	\$151,220
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 188,950

Total UASI Expenditures: \$181,750

Total STARRS Hospital Donation Fund Expenditures: \$7,200