STARRS
St. Louis Area Regional Response System

AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, August 11, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY WARREN ROBINSON

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE JUNE 2022 MEETING

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

   a. Program Updates — SAM PETERSON

   b. Subcommittee Reports — SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

4. ACTION ITEMS

   a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo — SARAH RUSSELL

   b. Regional Security Expenditures — SAM PETERSON

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2022.

The Meeting can be accessed virtually by using the link below:
Webinar Link: https://meet.goto.com/MeetingHost4/starrs-bod-08112022
Phone: +1 (571) 317-3112 **Access Code:** 898-474-125

STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 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:

☒ Abe Cook	☒ Herb Simmons	☒ Matt Tobben
☒ Ben Granda	☒ Jason Campbell	☐ Michele Ryan
☐ Ben Perrin	☐ Jeff McCreary	☐ Mike Arras
☒ Brian Gettemeier	☐ Jerry Lohr	☐ Nick Harper
☒ Bryan Whitaker	☒ Jim Wild	☐ Nick Kohlberg
☒ Chris Hunt	☒ Joann Leykam	☒ Roger Smith
☐ Chris Johnson	☒ John Nowak	☒ Ryan Nicholls
☒ Dennis Jenkerson	☐ Josh Wilderson	☒ Ryan Weber
☐ Derek Rieger	☒ Justen Hauser	☐ Sarah Russell
☐ Greg Brown	☒ Kevin Scheibe	☐ Tina Davis
☐ Gregg Favre	☒ Kurt Frisz	☒ Warren Robinson

Also in attendance were Jeremy Hollrah (SCCAD), STARRS / East-West Gateway Council of Governments staff Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, 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 9:01AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren requested approval of the May 2022 minutes. The motion was made and was seconded. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved at 9:04 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

THIRA/SPR KICK-OFF
Samantha Peterson shared an update on the 2022 THIRA/SPR process, this process and the resulting document is a requirement from the Homeland Security grant process. The importance of this document continues to grow. Guides will be distributed to different stakeholders prior to the meetings, for conversation and refinement in the meetings. Workshops will occur in the fall, with the THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment) workshop in September and the SPR (Stakeholder Preparedness Report)

workshop in October. Samantha thanked participants in advance for their participation in the project.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
John Nowak (EMS Committee) shared that they continue to work on membership and attendance challenges with their next meeting occurring next week. Ryan Nicholls (Healthcare Coalition) shared they will shift to every-other month meetings after this month's meeting and that they continue to work on their MAC concept. Jason Campbell (Healthcare Sub-Committee) shared their next meeting will be July 13th. Roger Smith (Mass Fatality Committee) shared they met in May and had a good discussion with STARRS members present, plus discussed an inventory of Mass Fatality resources.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
Samantha shared that there are two new committee member applications for STARRS sub-committees, and two removals of a sub-committee member. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation. The motion passed at 9:13AM.

REGIONAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES
Samantha Peterson shared a summary of the three UASI purchases this month, including the purchase of 138 tactical headsets for the region's law enforcement teams and the renewal & expansion of services for mobile phones & MiFI devices from AT&T FirstNET for an additional 24-months by staff from the Fusion Center & STARRS. Total expenditure for the UASI grants is $181,750 and $7,200 from the STARRS Hospital Donations. Joann motioned and was seconded to approve the expenditure with no opposition, the motion passed at 9:16AM.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Nowak from Medstar provided an update on the weekend NASCAR race in Madison County, stressing the importance of STARRS participation and STARRS purchased assets and their benefit at this and other events.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is August 11, 2022. Warren requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 AM.

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Warren Robinson

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Gregg Favre, Executive Director

Subject: Nomination of Committee Appointments

Date: August 11, 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:

- **EM Committee** – Mary Kate Brown, Madison Co EMA
- **EMS Committee** – Brody Eller, South City Hospital

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following removals from subcommittees:

- **EM Committee –** Chris Johnson, Madison Co EMA

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: August 8, 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. Attachment A summarizes the purchases, totaling $232,350.00.

ST. LOUIS FUSION CENTER:

Kaseware: Staff is seeking approval to renew the Kaseware case management, team management and document management system software licenses for use by Fusion Center Investigators and Analysts. The Kaseware renewal, which includes 15 full user licenses and seven (7) SocialNet licenses, will allow Fusion Center personnel to work with peer agencies and contribute to the exchange of investigative information and material in support of counterterrorism efforts. The total cost for the 12-month renewal will not exceed $22,550 from the UASI FY 2019 and FY 2021 grants.

REGIONAL CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVE:

Recorded Future Renewal – Staff is seeking the 12-month renewal of four (4) software licenses for the Recorded Future cybersecurity intelligence software for use by the Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator and Analyst, as well as other investigators and analysts in support of the Regional Cybersecurity Initiative. The software provides cybersecurity related intelligence and analysis of a unique nature to include threat, brand, vulnerability and geopolitical intelligence. The total cost will not exceed $119,800 from the UASI FY 2019 and FY 2021 grants.

DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMISM:

CobWebs Renewal - Staff is seeking the renewal of the Cobwebs online threat identification, social media analyst, and alerting tool for use by the Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator and Analyst, as well as other investigators and analysts, in support of the Homeland Security Grant Program's Combating Domestic Violent Extremism priority area, which is a required priority area by the U.S. Department of

Homeland Security / FEMA in the UASI 2021 grant. The Cobwebs platform allows the Fusion Center personnel to identify online threats and threat actors and contributes to the exchange of investigation information and capabilities with Fusion Center peers. Three software (3) licenses, in addition to dark web monitoring access, will be renewed for a 12-month period. The total cost will not exceed $90,000 from the UASI FY 2019 and FY 2021 grants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

- for the renewal of 15 full user and seven (7) SocialNet software licenses from Kaseware, Inc. of Denver, CO for an amount not to exceed $22,550;
- for the renewal of four (4) software licenses from Recorded Future of Somerville, MA for an amount not to exceed $119,800;
- for the renewal of three (3) software licenses and dark web monitoring access from Cobwebs America, Inc. of New York, NY for an amount not to exceed $90,000;

for a total amount not to exceed $232,350.00 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

Expenditures for Equipment and Services
August 8, 2022

Vendor	Description	Jurisdiction/Agency	Quantity	Cost
Emergency Response Software (UASI)				
Kaseware, Inc. (Denver, CO)	Fusion Center Software Subscription (15 full user and 7 SocialNet licenses)	Regional	22	$22,550
Recorded Future (Somerville, MA)	Regional Cybersecurity Initiative Software Subscription (4 licenses)	Regional	4	$119,800
CobWebs America, Inc. (New York, NY)	Software Subscription - Domestic Violent Extremism (3 licenses)	Regional	3	$90,000
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$ 232,350**

Total UASI Expenditures: $232,350