



AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CAPTAIN CHRIS HUNT
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE MARCH 2023 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Program Updates JIM WILD
 - b. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo MICHELE RYAN
 - b. Regional Security Expenditures KRISTEN CAPPS-JONES
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023.

Meeting Location:

East-West Gateway Council of Governments
1 S. Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 Board Room
St. Louis, MO 63102

STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2023

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to via in-person & virtual conference call, with those in attendance check-marked:

ATTENDANCE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abe Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Hollrah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Ryan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Granda	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerry Lohr</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mike Arras</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Perrin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jim Wild</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Morris Taylor</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gettemeier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joann Leykam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Nick Allen</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Whitaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jocelyn Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Kohlberg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>John Miller</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Robert Wylie</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Jenkerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>John Nowak</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Rieger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Josh Wilderson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weber
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frederick Patterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Scheibe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Frisz	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tina Davis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Foerst	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren Robinson
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff McCreary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Kate Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Koch
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Matt Tobben</i>	

Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Derrick Phillips (SLFD), and East-West Gateway Council of Governments & STARRS staff including Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Himmer Soberanis, Kristen Capps-Jones, Brian Marler & Brad Zoref.

Members excused in advance from this month's Board meeting include Chief Dennis Jenkerson,

CALL TO ORDER

Captain Chris Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Attendance was recorded by sign-in and virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed by Staci Alvarez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Captain Hunt requested approval of the March 2023 minutes which was motioned to approve by Roger Smith and was seconded by Jeremy Hollrah & Chief Greg Brown. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved at 9:06 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROGRAM UPDATES

Brad Zoref shared an update related to an exercise at St. Louis Lambert Airport. The Emergency Managers of Lambert and American Airlines hosted a mass casualty exercise and STARRS and SMOC staff participated in the event.

Kristen Capps-Jones shared an update on the two current CCTA projects including the Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) program and the other Investigation, Reunification & Recover (IRR) program. Workshops are scheduled over the next few weeks for both sides of the river and focus on building operations guides, and online workshops related to the Notification, Reception & Reunifications Operations (NRRO) guide creation. Flyers and invitations for these events will be sent out. Kristen also shared that the RCPG project continues as well with upcoming scenario-based discussions and workshop planning.

Kristen shared thoughts on changes and improvements with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant process in future years. These changes included shifting the UASI process start to occur quickly after the THIRA/SPR process, adding many additional months in the process and an increased focus on use of the THIRA/SPR document with the creation of new grant projects.

Jim Wild shared that EWG reopened the search for a STARRS Executive Director position.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michele Ryan shared an update on the recent Emergency Management subcommittee meeting including discussion on upcoming full-scale exercises. Jeremy Holtrah updated the Board on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) subcommittee activity including a discussion on recent legislative activity related to body armor usage by EMS and Nick Harper's upcoming retirement. Nick Kohlberg shared that the Healthcare Coalition continues to work on a strategic plan for the region and on assessing logistics caches across the region to improve deployment and sustainability. Kyle Foerst shared an update from the Healthcare Subcommittee including their ongoing work on 2023 goals and associated focus groups, and they continue working with DHS on a regional health focused Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) dashboard. They also continue work on the Emergency Management Academy project. Roger Smith shared information related to a recent Mass Fatality training performed in cooperation with IEMA. Zach Koch shared an update on recent meetings of the Public Health subcommittee. Derek Rieger shared that the Training & Exercise committee continues building a roster of trainers for the region and shared information related to the weeklong IEMC course coming to the region this summer. Josh Wilderson shared an update from Urban Area Search & Rescue (US&R), sharing that they rostered all five teams multiple times recently for severe storms, including a deployment to southern Missouri where they performed a wide area search following a tornado and that they used their new SARCOPS GIS system to provide real time data to the Command Post. Issues seen in that remote area deployment included access issues (UTV needs), drone needs and communications issues.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Michele Ryan shared information related to STARRS subcommittee membership additions. Michele noted to the group that the subcommittee was identified incorrectly in the report, and that the one new member this month was for the Emergency Management subcommittee, not the Law Enforcement subcommittee as listed on the document. Greg

Brown made a motion to approve the nominating committee report with that correction, which was seconded by Derek Rieger. The motion was approved at 9:20.

UASI FY 2023 PROJECTS REPORT

Sarah Russell provided a overview of the funding recommendation approved by the STARRS Finance Committee last week, sharing that 24 projects were recommended for funding with 11 of those projects being supportive of the required National Priorities and 13 projects identified as Enduring Needs. Greg Brown made a motion to approve the recommendation, which was seconded by Zach Koch. The motion passed without opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is May 11, 2023. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Captain Chris Hunt



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: STARRS
Subject: New Appointments & Nomination of Committee Appointments
Date: May 11, 2023

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:

- **Mass Fatality Committee** – Brittany Smith, St. Louis Medical Examiner
- **US&R Committee** – Andy Stecko, Central County Fire Rescue

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following removals from subcommittees:

- **US&R Committee** – Chad Wagner, Lake St. Louis Fire Protection District

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: May 8, 2023

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 \$599,282.

ST. LOUIS FUSION CENTER:

CLEAR PRO Renewal - Staff is seeking a two-year renewal of the Fusion Center's subscription to the CLEAR PRO online investigation software. The CLEAR PRO system quickly gathers real-time and historical data for investigators from many sources, helping create a comprehensive view useful in investigations. The renewal for eight (8) users includes Law Enforcement Investigator Plus licenses and Criminal Justice License Plate Reader (LPR) technology, incorporating LPR data and imagery from across the nation into CLEAR reports. Total cost for the 24-month renewal with West Publishing /Thomson Reuters will not exceed \$145,650 from the UASI grant.

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVE:

Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator Position – 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-attacks. 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 to identify, triage, and secure local government information technology infrastructure, share cyber-related intelligence, and address emerging threats in the cyber domain.

Staff is requesting approval to enter into a sub-award agreement with St. Charles County to provide funding from the UASI grant to support the St. Louis Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator position within the St. Louis Fusion Center for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Total cost for the salary and benefits for the Cybersecurity Coordinator position will not exceed \$134,835.

REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS:

Respiratory Equipment Masks – Staff is seeking approval to purchase quantity twenty (20) Avon FM54 respiratory equipment masks for the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department. The masks provide protection against chemical and biological agents as well as toxic industrial materials with a chemical agent resistance of greater than 36 hours. In addition to offering respiratory protection, the masks allow tactical team members to communicate with each other during a response through electronics communications ports for integrated voice projection and radio communications. The total cost for twenty (20) respiratory equipment masks will not exceed \$24,432 from the UASI grant program.

Respiratory Equipment Systems – Staff is seeking approval to purchase nine (9) Avon respiratory equipment systems for the St. Louis County Police Department. The systems provide protection against chemical and biological agents with a chemical agent resistance greater than 36 hours, and include multi-positioned powered air purifying respirator modules, respirator masks, responder kits, and self-contained breathing apparatus. The respiratory equipment systems have the capacity to change levels of protection based on threat levels and are designed to integrate with combination unit respirators, allowing end users to switch between protection modes. The total cost of the respiratory equipment systems will not exceed \$135,785 from the UASI grant program.

Mass Spectrometer Chemical Detection System – Staff is seeking approval to purchase quantity two (2) handheld, portable high pressure mass spectrometer systems for the St. Louis County and Jefferson County Hazardous Materials Response Teams. The mass spectrometer detects and identifies trace-level chemicals, explosives, narcotics and other dangerous elements within seconds during incident responses and events, which is critical to safety, medical response and decontamination. The total cost of two (2) systems will not exceed \$158,580 from the UASI grant program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

- for the 24-month renewal of CLEAR PRO online investigation software for eight (8) users from West Publishing / Thomson Reuters of Eagan, MN in an amount not to exceed \$145,650;
- allow the Executive Director to enter into a sub-award agreement with St. Charles County, MO to support the Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator position for 12 months in an amount not to exceed \$134,835;
- for the purchase of quantity twenty (20) Avon respiratory equipment masks from Con10gency Consulting, LLC of Beaverton, OR in an amount not to exceed \$24,432;
- for the purchase of quantity nine (9) Avon respiratory equipment systems from Con10gency Consulting, LLC of Beaverton, OR in an amount not to exceed \$135,785;
- for the purchase of quantity two (2) handheld, portable high pressure mass spectrometer systems from 908 Devices, Inc. of Boston, MA in an amount not to exceed \$158,580;

for a total amount not to exceed \$599,282 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services
May 8, 2023**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Planning and Equipment (UASI)				
West Publishing / Thomson Reuters	CLEAR Pro Software License Renewal - 24-month	St. Louis County, MO	8	\$145,650
St. Charles County, Missouri	Sub-award Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator Position	St. Charles County, MO	1	\$134,835
Con10gency Consulting, LLC (Beaverton, OR)	Respiratory Equipment Masks	St. Clair County, IL	20	\$24,432
Con10gency Consulting, LLC (Beaverton, OR)	Respiratory Equipment Systems	St. Louis County, MO	9	\$135,785
908 Devices, Inc. (Boston, MA)	Mass Spectrometer Systems	Jefferson County, MO St. Louis County, MO	2	\$158,580
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 599,282

Total UASI Expenditures: \$599,282

EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

DIRECTIONS TO OUR OFFICE

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