



AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CAPTAIN CHRIS HUNT
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Program Updates SAMANTHA LEWIS
 - b. UASI 2024 SAMANTHA LEWIS
 - c. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo MICHELE RYAN
 - b. Regional Security Expenditures SAMANTHA LEWIS
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023.

Meeting Location:

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

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**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2023**

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

CATEGORY A

- Abe Cook
- Frederick Patterson
- Herb Simmons
- Jeff McCreary
- Joann Leykam
- Ryan Weber

CATEGORY B

- Bryan Whitaker
- Chris Hunt
- Kevin Scheibe
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- Michele Ryan
- Sarah Russell
- Warren Robinson

CATEGORY C

- Ben Perrin
- Brian Gettemeier
- Dennis Jenkerson
- Derek Rieger
- Greg Brown
- Jeremy Hollrah
- Kurt Frisz
- Nick Allen
- Zach Koch

FUSION CENTER

- Benjamin Granda
- SPECIAL VOTING**
- Nick Kohlberg
 - Roger Smith

NON-VOTING C

- Kyle Foerst
- Jerry Lohr
- Jocelyn Evans
- John Nowak
- Josh Wilderson
- Matt Tobben
- Mike Arras
- Tina Davis

EXOFFICIO

- Jim Wild

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ATTENDANCE:

Also in attendance were Patrick Brady (BNSF RR), Mark Newton (UP RR), Stephanie Norton (Franklin Co EMA), James Farmer (MO SEMA), Jason Campbell (Barnes-Jewish Hospital), and East-West Gateway Council of Governments & STARRS staff including Samantha Lewis, Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Himmer Soberanis, Kristen Capps-Jones, Brad Zoref & Brian Marler.

Members excused in advance from this month's Board meeting include Jeremy Hollrah.

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Attendance was recorded by sign-in and virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed by Staci Alvarez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Hunt requested approval of the September 2023 minutes which was motioned to approve by Joann Leykam and was seconded by Chief Jenkerson. The motion was carried

unanimously and was approved at 9:03 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROGRAM UPDATES

Jim Wild provided updates to the STARRS Board of Directors, including the introduction of Samantha Lewis as the new Executive Director of STARRS.

Samantha Lewis introduced herself and expressed thanks to the Board. Samantha provided updates to the Board including the introduction of George Koranyi as a new member of the STARRS Board of Directors from Madison County and referenced a number of upcoming STARRS THIRA/SPR meetings later in September. CCTA projects that have been underway this year did wrap up in August. Samantha also referenced that the Phase 2 component of the CCTA project, which includes a hunter-seeker exercise, was approved last month and planning will begin soon. The RCPG project completed the gap analysis report and is working on the training series for it. The region recently participated in Task Force 46 activities, including a visit to the Nashville exercise events in August and a local TTX in preparation for the TF46 exercise next summer. Sam also referenced outcomes from the IPP Workshop that occurred earlier in September, including ICS position specific courses, hazmat & USAR technical, communications and climate specific hazard and mitigation courses. Sam also referenced upcoming STARRS UASI processes.

Mark Newton from Union Pacific provided the STARRS Board of Directors with a presentation on Railroad based Hazardous Materials, including background information and response processes used by the St. Louis region. Mark explained that 888-877-7267 is the emergency phone number to reach UP RR to report issues, but that each RR has its own contact number for this. Mark stressed that pre-planning is of vital importance in the emergency management process, and that websites and apps are available to assist in preparedness and response for rail incidents. Patrick Brady from Burlington Northern Santa Fe also provided a presentation, demonstrating web sites and mapping layers available to responders. Following the presentation Jim Wild explained that today's presentations are an introduction for a larger focus the region will see on railroad hazardous materials incident planning/response in the coming year that will include exercise components in the upcoming TF46 events.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michele Ryan shared an Emergency Management update, focusing on the Nashville TF46 exercise in August and they are working on MOUs for cooperation between them. John Nowak shared that EMS was not able to meet in August. Chief Jenkerson shared that Hazmat did meet during the recent TF46 Tabletop. Nick Kohlberg shared that the HCC used the new HMAC structure in response to recent severe weather issues. Jason Campbell also shared updates including that they continue to look at ongoing project such as the EM Professional Academy, HPP workplan and the RCPG projects. Their next meeting will occur in October. Kyle Foerst shared that the Healthcare Preparedness subcommittee did cancel a recent meeting due to a real world emergency but that they are meeting again soon. Nick Allen shared that Public Health had to move their meeting recently and that they have participated in additional recent meetings. Ben Perrin shared

for the SLARCC that both sides of the river continue disaster case management activities associated with last year's flooding, and that they have an upcoming meeting. Derek Rieger shared a Training & Exercise update with the group. Brian Gettermeier shared that USAR staff is participating in Swiftwater training this week and additional trainings next month. They responded to Bolinger County for a flood and a tornado, another team had to rescue individuals on a bluff in St. Charles County. That event showed that they continue to need UTV because the team had to hike 2 miles on foot to reach the individuals. They also rostered medical techs and responded to a tent collapse in St. Louis City.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Michele Ryan shared information related to STARRS subcommittee membership additions and removals as described in the nomination memo. A motion and a second occurred. The motion carried unopposed.

REGIONAL EXPENDITURES

Samantha Lewis provided a summary of regional expenditures for the month, including an addition to a previously approved procurement. An additional component for the Recorded Future cybersecurity system will be procured, allowing the Fusion Center to locate and remove malicious cybersecurity threats for a cost of \$12,325 from the UASI grant program. Motion for approval was made by Michele Ryan and seconded by Derek Rieger. The motion carried unopposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is October 12, 2023. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Captain Chris Hunt



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: STARRS
Subject: Nomination of Committee Appointments
Date: October 12, 2023

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

The Nominating Committee recommends the following additions to STARRS subcommittees:

- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Susan Taylor, NHC Care Maryland Heights
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The Nominating Committee recommends the following removals from STARRS subcommittees:

- **Emergency Management Subcommittee** – Mary Kate Brown, Madison County EMA
- **Emergency Management Subcommittee** – Matthew Bogard, Madison County EMA
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Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Nominating Committee recommendations.



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: STARRS
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures
Date: October 6, 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 \$570,500.

ST. LOUIS FUSION CENTER:

FirstNET Mini Compact Rapid Deployable (MiniCRD) Device – Staff is seeking approval to purchase a FirstNET MiniCRD device for the St. Louis Regional Fusion Center. FirstNET is a federal government initiative providing a dedicated mobile voice/data network for first responders such as law enforcement, fire, EMS, and emergency management. The MiniCRD provides connectivity to Wi-Fi and FirstNET phones and other devices during large-scale emergency response incidents, when communications are often disrupted. The MiniCRD will stabilize communications environments, improve operable and interoperable communications capabilities for first responders, and is capable of working with communications satellites, helping to ensure that even in the worst possible scenario (where all local communications assets are disrupted) communications can still occur with those beyond the scene. As the MiniCRD is a small, deployable, ruggedized device, it can also be deployed at planned events to increase and help ensure available bandwidth for public-safety FirstNET mobile phones and devices. The total cost of the MiniCRD from Rescue 42 CRD in collaboration with AT&T Mobility FirstNET will not exceed \$35,000 from the UASI grant program.

REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS:

Tactical Vests - The regional tactical response teams, including law enforcement and emergency medical services tactical rescue teams, require new personal protective tactical vests to safely respond to high-risk incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, complex coordinated terrorist attacks, active shooter and similar incidents. The regional tactical response teams, which include members from all eight (8) counties in the region, have requested a total of 230 vests for an amount not to exceed \$535,500 from the UASI grant program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

- for the procurement of one (1) FirstNET Mini Compact Rapid Deployable (MiniCRD) Device from Rescue 42 of Chico, CA, in collaboration with AT&T Mobility FirstNET of Carol Stream, IL in an amount not to exceed \$35,000;
- for the procurement of 230 tactical vests for regional tactical response teams, which includes law enforcement and emergency medical services, from FirstSpear, LLC of Fenton, MO in an amount not to exceed \$535,500;

for a total amount not to exceed \$570,500 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

Expenditures for Equipment and Services
October 6, 2023

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Equipment				
Rescue 42 (Chico, CA) with AT&T Mobility FirstNET (Carol Stream, IL)	FirstNET Compact Rapid Deployable Device	St. Louis County	1	\$35,000
FirstSpear, LLC (Fenton, MO)	Tactical Response Vests	Regional	230	\$535,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 570,500

Total UASI Expenditures: \$570,500

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