



## Region C RHSOC Annual Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011, 10:00am

Eureka Firehouse #1

- **Opening Comments:** RHSOC Chair Alan Wells welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:05am.
- **Roll Call:** RHSOC Chair Alan Wells conducted roll call. A quorum was established to conduct business.
- **Motion to Accept Agenda:** Larry Shroth made a motion to accept the tentative agenda. The motion was seconded by Mike Daniels. A voice vote was unanimous.
- **Overview of Missouri's Homeland Security Program:** Missouri Homeland Security Coordinator, Paul Fennewald, recapped the year. He began by thanking the RHSOC and RPC, especially for coming together north and south. Paul restated that Homeland Security is not about money but rather, it's about providing security for our citizens. He cited summer flooding and tornadoes in Joplin and St. Louis as examples where coordination and cooperation were much more important than just dollars. Paul also stated that media perception of the disasters in Missouri were positive as opposed to the slant given New Orleans. This was due to many reasons including planning, equipment, leadership, and collaboration and our ability to come together when crisis dictate. He also mentioned that HSIN is up and running and is ours to use for free. It will eventually include GIS overlays. Paul also plugged the Center for Education Safety School Coordinators who are holding a policy forum October 25<sup>th</sup>. Speakers will include C.J. Huff, Superintendent of the Joplin School District and Thad Allan, New Orleans' Disaster Relief Coordinator. Looking forward, Paul stated that funding will continue to drop and that the St. Louis UASI may be dropped in FY12 meaning that Region C would be divided into Urban and Rural sections. Funds will be reduced because we will have to share with the Region C Urban area. Paul summarized by again thanking us for being engaged because local jurisdictions are the key to success for Homeland Security in Missouri.
- **Current Issues & Challenges**
  - Grants – Present and Future: Grant Specialist Joni Botkins reviewed the status of open grants. FY08 is closed. FY09 must be completed by July 2012, FY10 by July 2013. She stated that the FY11 grant award will take place in Jefferson City on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The FY2012 grant will kick off in the November – January time frame.
  - Interoperability Communication – Steve Devine stated that the state-wide radio network (PSAP initiative) that is providing control stations for all 24-hour emergency responder agencies in each region will be sending letters of concurrence within the next couple month to all receiving agencies. While the cost of the equipment is provided by the state, the receiving agencies must concur and agree to provide space and antennas. Included is 100 feet of feed cable. This will provide five Regional Talk Groups comprised of multi-



agencies and multi-disciplines to facilitate state-wide interoperability. Steve also reminded everyone that January 1, 2013 is the deadline for compliance of Narrow band mandate and March 1 2012 is the deadline for Fire Mutual Aide and Police Mutual Aide narrow band radios. Steve said that the Sheriff's Net will also go narrow band at the same time but that there is no deadline or penalty.

- Other Initiatives – Joni Botkins stated that the OHS training and exercise planning workshop will take place November 9 and 10. She encouraged everyone to complete the survey that was sent. Questions may be addressed to Debbie Cheshire. Mark Potratz of Mineral Area College is our representative to the meeting. Alan Wells will also be in attendance. We can send another person comp. Mike Daniels stated he went two years ago. No action was taken to select a second representative.
- **Election of Officers** – It was determined that current officers, having been elected mid-year, had agreed to serve until the annual meeting held during October 2012. That being the case, a motion was made by Mike Terry and seconded by Jim Holloway to elect the current slate of officers to serve until the next annual meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.
- **Adjournment** – RHSOC Chair Alan Wells thanked the team for a great year and asked for a motion to adjourn sine die. The motion was made a seconded and the meeting adjourned.
- **Working Lunch – Courtesy of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission 30 Minutes**
- **General Session With Introduction of Newly Elected Representatives** - Chair Alan Wells called the meeting to order at 12:30pm with a quorum still present.
- **IJs for FY2012** – Paul Fennewald spoke briefly regarding IJs which have not been announced. He suggested that Regional Collaboration, new in FY11, seemed to cover much ground and that Interoperability was also a big hitter. He suggested we think of possible IJs for FY12 and be prepared to discuss which IJs to adopt when asked something in the future. Alan asked the team if they had any comments... none were received. Alan asked everyone to keep a regional mindset when thinking about the IJs.
- **RHSOC Old Business**
  - Review 2009 – 2010 Project Status – Mark Cunningham and Christopher Michael reviewed the project status sheet and asked about FY09, R1, Equipment, Citizen Corps. This was placed on hold at the April 27<sup>th</sup> RHSOC meeting so that it could be used to cover overruns in other areas, most likely radios. Since these funds were approved as CERTs, some felt the funds should be used for backpacks and other CERT supplies since the backpacks are given to the volunteers who frequently do not return them. Mike Cherry put forward a motion to let the funds ride until the CERT people can meet, determine how to spend the money, and bring their suggestions to the next meeting, probably a budget meeting in early 2012. No budget modification were required at this time.



- TIC Plan Update – Sheriff Korte reminded everyone that the CASM online training is scheduled for October 18, 19, and 20.
- Inventory Update - Mark and Chris reviewed progress on the inventory which we must submit along with our FY2012 grant applications. As soon as the new field headings are firmed up Mark will send all those listed as contacts a spreadsheet which they are to review and correct or amend as necessary. Paul Fennewald stated that the most important pieces of data are the 24 hour contacts and alternates. It was mentioned that Region E uses Goggle Earth to position their inventory.
- Other Items – Alan Wells brought up the issue of the Elliot Badging System being used only for badging. At some point credentialing capability will be added which means that the system will access a database of credentialed personnel to authenticate their badges.
- **RHSOC New Business**
  - Discuss Communication Plan for 2011 Accomplishments – Chris and Mark suggested that they are considering using the state’s annual report as a template to build a press kit for Region C media and political subdivisions which could be distributed during a press conference, on a website, or via mail. Suggestions are welcome.
  - Review Vehicle MOU – Sample agreement was distributed and the team informed that these MOUs will begin to stream out to those with licensed vehicles.
  - Merrel Breyer of the Department of Agriculture stated that he has assumed the position of security person for the Department. They are working with MFA to stockpile serum to be used for animal epidemics such as Avian Flu. MFA has the facilities across the state to stockpile the vaccine. Also working with the Volunteer Veterinarian Corps to develop a process for administering the vaccine.
- **Other Business as Necessary / Open Discussion:** RHSOC chair
  - It was agreed to set up an additional C-North meeting to begin discussing FY2012 projects and to firm up what type of narrow band radios to procure for FY11.
  - Alan Wells suggested that Region C develop a better or more uniform network with the St. Louis UASI. Some counties seem to do a better job than others at keeping up to date with the UASI initiatives.
  - Alan Wells suggested all those interested in looking at a rescue ATV check out the one outside the back door of the training room. It was provided by American Rescue Vehicles out of North Carolina.
- **Set Date of Next Semi-Annual Meeting:** This was left open since we will need to schedule a special budget meeting sometime late this year or early in 2012.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote. Chair Alan Wells adjourned the meeting.

**Handouts:** Project Status Worksheet, Vehicle MOU, Inventory Database, Roster