

Meeting January 11, 2024

**REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RHSOC)
SCOCOG CONFERENCE ROOM**

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RHSOC members present:

Sector	Primary	Present	Alternate	Present
Mayor or City Administrator				
	Beverly Hicks (Willow Springs)	X	Brent Collins (Thayer)	X
County Commissioner				
	Brad Loveless (Douglas County)	X	Terry Newton (Ozark County)	X
Private Industry/Public Utility				
	Myles Smith (Howell-Oregon Electric)		Dustin Madden (Thayer)	X
Emergency Medical Service				
	Daniel Marshall (S H Co. Ambulance)		Ken McKenzie (Thayer)	
#911				
	Curtis Ledbetter (Ozark County)	X	Nate Franks (Howell County)	
Director of Emergency Management				
	Stephen Monticelli (West Plains)		Mark Bushong (Mountain Grove)	
Chief of Police				
	Danny Bledsoe (Mountain Grove)		Brian Bunch (West Plains)	X
County Sheriff				
	Chris Degase (Douglas County)		Cass Martin (Ozark County)	
Chief of Fire				
	Mark Arnold (Thayer) Chair	X	Robbie Smith (Texas County)	X
County Health				
	Michelle Walker (Carter County)		Chris Gilliam (Howell County)	X
Homeland Security Response Team				
	Kurt Wilbanks (West Plains)	X	Chris Sterner (West Plains)	X
City of County Public Works				
	Stacey Monter (Cabool)		Shayne Eades (West Plains)	X
Agricultural Sector				
	Joe Marsillo (Texas County)	X	Vacant	
Volunteer Sector				
	Julie Stolting (Red Cross)		Michael Schiff (Red Cross)	
Education Sector				
	Tonya Woods (Thayer)		Melonie Bunn (Richards)	
GIS				
	Daniel Franks (West Plains) Vice-Chair		Vacant	
	Charles Rader		South Howell County Ambulance	
	Frank Vogel		Summersville Fire	
	John Case		DNR	
	Crosley Welch		DNR	
	Will Pierce		Mountain View EMD	
	Phil Gildea		Lanton VFD	
	Nick Heavrin		City of Mountain View	

	Melissa Forester	Region G K-9		
	Mike Burgess	Region G K-9		
	David Marley	Twin Bridges Fire Department		
	Stetson Schwien	Mountain View P.D.		
	Alan Lewis	Willow Springs Fire & Police Dept.		
	Kent Edge	SEMA		
	David Jens	Howell County GIS		
	Roger Strope	MOSWIN (phone)		
	Kristin Kayser	OHS (phone)		
	SCOCOG Staff Present:			
	Melanie Barnett	Community Development Specialist		
	Angie Ball	Communications and Marketing Coordinator		
	Trent Courtney	Executive Director		

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The roll of voting members was taken and there was a quorum.

At this time, Mark stated that the agenda needed to be amended to add under Grant updates, FY2023.

Beverly Hicks moved to approve the amended January 2024 agenda. Brian Bunch seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Robbie Sterner moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting. Terry Newton seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

RHSOC Committee Status

Mark said in regard to the Emergency Medical Service Sector, Ken McKenzie needs to be moved to the primary position leaving the alternate position open at this time. In regard to the Volunteer Sector, Julie Stolting has taken another position. Melissa Forester will be added as an Alternate and Michael Schiff will be moved to Primary. Mark noted that Mark Bushong retired in December 2023 he would like to add Mike Coldiron as an Alternate in the Director of Emergency Management Sector. The Agriculture Sector Alternate position is currently open. Mark stated that David Jens will fill the Alternate position in the GIS sector.

Grant Updates: FY2020 – FY2021 – FY2022 – FY2023

Melanie said that in regard to FY2020, the final reimbursement has been submitted for the Licking radios. In regard to FY2021, the HOCLEPD radios have been purchased, and the final Raymondville camera has been ordered. She said that the waiver papers have been sent to SEMA for the West Plains drone. In regard to FY2022, she is waiting on guidance on the K-9 drone waiver papers, and the West Plains PD radio has been ordered. The FY2023 grants have been awarded and she has the subaward

agreements for recipients to sign. She said for FY2023 grant recipients not to order anything yet.

Mark added that we had to turn back money this year, approximately \$8,000. He advised those present to start looking now at needs in order to apply for FY2024 grants. The grant process is not open yet but advised all to start talking to vendors. He said that he did not want to see monies left on the table again. This is a red flag at the state level.

Region G Training & Exercise

Kent said that the January and February classes were cancelled due to not getting enough participants. These are always available online too. He said that after February, six classes are scheduled, and the next regional coordinators meeting is going to be held March 14, 2024 in West Plains.

Mark added that there will be a vehicle fire fighting class in northern Reynolds County, and the upcoming propane class is open to everyone in the region. There will be a winter fire school the first week in February.

New Business

OHS

Kristin said that a vote needs to be conducted on the RHSOC Committee status positions that were discussed earlier. Melanie said that Kristin said that drones cannot be purchased from China, and if a drone cannot be found, funds can be moved elsewhere. In regard to FY2023, she is working on applications. In regard to FY2024, the funding amount is yet to be determined. She said perhaps she would know something in a month. She hopes to open them in April.

At this time, motion was made by Beverly Hicks to accept the aforementioned RHSOC committee changes. Brian Bunch seconded the motion and the motion carried.

HSAC

THIRA – Updates

Interoperable Communications / MOSWIN – DPS

Mark said a paper was available with updates from them. It also had a section addressing the upcoming eclipse.

Agency Updates

SEMA

Kent said that he sent out an email regarding the weather tomorrow, as well as about the warming centers in the area. He said that he sent out information about how to put

warming center information on the DHSS website. If anyone had any questions about the 24-hour shelters, let him know.

DNR

DNR representatives said that if there are any questions about open burning, handouts are available, and advised those present not to burn tires or shingles, and if there are any questions, to contact them.

DHSS

DFS

Kurt said that he has been emailing all fire chiefs, but also has some outdated information. Mark said that in order to hold a fire class, you have to be registered. Mark also said that if anyone is going to Surplus Properties, you have to be registered with them as well. Mark also added that if there are any changes in administration, mayors, etc. this needs to be updated.

DOA

Options for showcasing RHSOC equipment

Melanie said that at the last meeting discussion was held about having a showcase for the RHSOC equipment. She said she discussed that with the other planners and some suggested sending letters instead of holding events. She asked those present what they would like to do. Beverly and Kurt agreed that a letter is a great idea. Mark asked those present to get pictures of equipment to Melanie.

Melanie said she had a copy of the annual report, which is 98 pages and everything looks good. She asked those present to please send pictures and reports on any equipment used as this goes to the governor and he needs to see that we do a lot for the region.

Beverly introduced Alan Lewis, the new Fire Chief and Assistant Police Chief. He started January 1, 2024.

FYI and Other Items

Any other items that may come to the Board

Announcements

The next quarterly meeting date is April 11, 2024 at SCOCOG at 1:00 p.m., with the option to call in for guests only.

Kurt Wilbanks made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Robbie Smith. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Approved for content
Mark Arnold