



AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, June 14, 2024– 9:00 AM

**THIS MEETING IS
VIRTUAL ONLY**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SARAH RUSSELL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE MAY 2024 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Program Updates SAMANTHA LEWIS
 - b. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of Nominations KEVIN SCHEIBE
 - b. Regional Security Expenditures SAMANTHA LEWIS
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

**The next STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024.
The meeting location is anticipated to be the SLFD HQ.**

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**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2024**

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

CATEGORY A

- Abe Cook
- Frederick Patterson
- Herb Simmons
- Joann Leykam
- Michele Ryan
- Ryan Weber

CATEGORY B

- Barry Johnston
- Bryan Whitaker
- George Koranyi
- Jani Albright
- Kevin Scheibe
- Sarah Russell
- Warren Robinson

VOTING CAT. C

- Brian Gettemeier
- Dennis Jenkerson
- Greg Brown
- Jen Smith
- Jeremy Hollrah
- Kurt Frisz
- Nick Allen
- Stephanie Norton
- Zach Koch

FUSION CENTER

- Benjamin Granda

HCC

- Nick Kohlberg

MASS FATALITY

- Kelly Rogers

NON-VOTING CAT. C

- Gerald Lohr
- Jocelyn Evans
- John Nowak
- Josh Wilderson
- Mike Arras
- Mike Digman
- Kyle Foerst
- Sam Stephens

NON-VOTING EX OFFICIO

- Jim Wild

ATTENDANCE:

Also in attendance were East-West Gateway Council of Governments/STARRS staff including Staci Alvarez, Samantha Lewis, Leah Watkins, Saroja Schwager, Rachel Mazzara, Brian Marler, Jason Campbell (BJC BJH) and James Farmer (MO SEMA).

Members excused in advance from this month's Board meeting include Michele Ryan, Jen Smith, Barry Johnston, Kurt Frisz.

CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Russell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Attendance was recorded by virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed by Samantha Lewis & Staci Alvarez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sarah Russell requested approval of the March 2024 minutes which was motioned to

approve by Joann Leykam and was seconded by Greg Brown. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved at 9:06 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROGRAM UPDATES

Samantha Lewis shared an update on recent activities which included a meeting of the new STARRS Board of Directors Ad Hoc By Laws committee which met on April 9, 2024. Members of that Ad Hoc committee include Abe Cook (chairperson), Nick Kohlberg (vice-chairperson) Kelly Rogers, Joann Leykam, & Ben Granda. The group will review the bylaws and meet again in July for a possible recommendation to the board in August. The Regional Needs Ad Hoc committee has not yet met and is looking forward to an early fall meeting. That group is currently made up of Chief Greg Brown, Joann Leykam, Bryan Whitaker, Fred Patterson, Ben Granda, & Brian Gettemeier.

Other updates included information on the June 8th Mass Fatality exercise at Lambert Airport, the Hunter-Seeker exercise set for June 11-13th, the upcoming Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE) on June 27, and the RCPG Tabletop exercise on July 10th, and the Dense Urban Terrain (DUT) exercise July 14-18th with a final planning meeting on Monday. Additionally, the second annual HCC Summit is set to occur in the fall.

STARRS also has two new staff persons that started in April, including Rachel Mazzara and Saroja Schwager.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greg Brown shared that the Communications Core Group has started a review of the Intergovernmental Agreement and committee rules and bylaws. Warren Robinson shared that the EM DUT TTX occurred on Wednesday. Chief Jenkerson shared that the HAZMAT committee met to discuss upcoming exercises & sharing responsibilities for the events. Kyle Foerst shared that the HCC met April 19 and they continue to look at their upcoming HC Summit and are looking at Nov 7 at Mercy for the event and that they are targeting additional partners for the event. They also continue planning for the MRSE exercise meeting June 27 occurring between 9:00AM & NOON at SCCAD HQ, Kelly Rogers shared that the Mass Fatality group met yesterday and looked at the MRSE and Lambert exercises, as well as UASI grant procurements including the RapidDNA device that was delivered to the St. Charles County Crime Lab. Sarah Russell shared that this was discussed and that agencies may need MOUs between themselves and the SCC Crime Lab for access to it. Sarah & Joann provided additional feedback on the topic. Brian Gettemeier shared that the USAR teams rostered for flooding recently including the Deer Creek search in Maplewood and met recently for prioritizing IJs, Sam Stephens provided a SLARCC update on activities related to the DUT, collaborating with other committees and in bolstering group membership. Zach Koch shared that the Public Health committee met Monday and discussed UASI projects including Satellite Phone specification development & a scope of work for reformatting the Access & Functional Needs project to incorporate HCC as well.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Samantha Lewis shared information related to STARRS subcommittee membership additions and removals as described in the nomination memo. Joann Leykam motioned and was seconded by George Koranyi. The motion carried and was approved.

REGIONAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES

Samantha Lewis provided a summary of regional expenditures for the month. Procurements include the renewal of AT&T Mobility FirstNET services for Fusion Center and STARRS staff for an additional 24 months, the purchase of twenty (20) respiratory equipment masks for the region's law enforcement, and for the purchase of two (2) chemical identification analyzers for regional hazardous materials response teams. The total regional expenditure under the UASI grant for these purchases would not exceed \$295,495 with an additional \$8,250 being funded from STARRS hospital donations. Combined, the total regional security expenditure for May 2024 is \$303,745. A motion was made to accept the regional expenditures by Chief Greg Brown and was seconded by Joann Leykam. The motion passed without opposition.

UASI FY 2024 GRANT APPLICATION

Samantha Lewis provided a summary of the UASI FY2024 project funding recommendation as presented from the STARRS Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024. The committee met, reviewed project summaries and grant requirements, and after thorough review approved a recommendation for distribution of the anticipated \$3,410,728 FY 2024 UASI grant amongst proposed project applications submitted by STARRS subcommittees. The Finance Committee recommendation meets all requirements of the FEMA/DHS UASI grant including the required minimums associated with the Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Act (LETPA), the required National Priority Areas and other funding restrictions. Joann Leykam motioned and Warren Robinson seconded for approval. After a brief discussion the motion passed without opposition at 9:27AM.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Sarah Russell



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: STARRS Staff
Subject: Nomination of Committee Appointments
Date: June 14, 2024

The Nominating Committee has approved the following subcommittee nominations, offering the following for board consideration and approval.

SUB-COMMITTEES

The Nominating Committee recommends the following additions to STARRS subcommittees:

- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** – Matt Manley, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

The Nominating Committee recommends the following removals from STARRS subcommittees:

- **None**

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: June 6, 2024

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 \$250,200.

ST. LOUIS FUSION CENTER:

CLEAR PRO Renewal – In May 2023, the Board authorized EWG to purchase 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 cost for the second year of the license renewals for eight (8) users, which includes Law Enforcement Investigator Plus licenses and Criminal Justice License Plate Reader (LPR) technologies, increased by \$350 per month, and therefore additional funds are needed for the renewal of the software from West Publishing / Thomson Reuters. The total additional cost will not exceed \$4,200.00 from the UASI grant program.

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 of the software licenses from Carahsoft Technology Corp will not exceed \$138,500 from the UASI grant program.

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 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. The three software (3) licenses, in addition to dark web monitoring access will be renewed for a 12-month period. The total cost of the renewals from Penlink, Ltd. will not exceed \$107,500 from the UASI grant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

- for the additional costs associated with CLEAR PRO license renewals from West Publishing / Thomson Reuters of Eagan, MN in an amount not to exceed \$4,200;
- for the renewal of four (4) Recorded Future software licenses from Carahsoft Technology Corp of Reston, VA for an amount not to exceed \$138,500;
- for the renewal of three (3) CobWebs software licenses and dark web monitoring access from PenLink, Ltd. of Lincoln, NE for an amount not to exceed \$107,500;

for a total amount not to exceed \$250,200 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services
June 6, 2024**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Equipment, Planning, Training & Exercise (UASI)				
West Publishing / Thomson Reuters (Eagan, MN)	CLEAR PRO License Renewal Cost Increase	St. Louis County, MO	8	\$4,200
Carahsoft Technology Corp (Reston, VA)	Regional Cybersecurity Initiative Software Subscription - Recorded Future (4 licenses)	Regional	4	\$138,500
PenLink, Ltd. (Lincoln, NE)	Domestic Violent Extremism Initiative Software Subscription - CobWebs (3 licenses)	Regional	3	\$107,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 250,200

Total UASI Expenditures: \$250,200