



AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - 9:00 AM

MEETING LOCATION:

St. Louis Fire Department Headquarters
1421 N Jefferson Ave, St. Louis, MO 63106

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SARAH RUSSELL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE AUGUST 2024 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Program Updates SAMANTHA LEWIS
 - b. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
 - c. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Regional Needs JOANN LEYKAM
 - d. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Bylaws ABE COOK
 - e. Fusion Center Update KYLE FOERST
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 of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024. The meeting location will be the SLFD HQ.

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**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

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

CATEGORY A

- Abe Cook
- Fred 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

CATEGORY C

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

FUSION CENTER

- Benjamin Granda
- SPECIAL**
- Nick Kohlberg
 - Kelly Rogers

**CATEGORY C
NON-VOTING**

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

**EX OFFICIO
NON-VOTING**

- Jim Wild

Present for Quorum = 20

Needed for Quorum = 13

ATTENDANCE:

Also in attendance were East-West Gateway Council of Governments/STARRS staff including Staci Alvarez, Samantha Lewis, Rachel Mazzara, Saroja Schwager, Leah Watkins, and Brian Marler, in addition to Kevin Mountain (St. Louis Fusion Center) and Jim Farmer (MO SEMA).

Members excused in advance of this month's Board meeting include LTC Jerry Lohr, Josh Wilderson, Kelly Rogers, Zach Koch and Ben Granda.

CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Russell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Attendance was recorded by in-person and virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed by Brian Marler and Samantha Lewis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sarah Russell requested approval of the June 2024 minutes which was motioned to approve by Fred Patterson and was seconded by Jani Albright. The motion was carried

unanimously and was approved at 9:01 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

REMEMBERENCE OF THE FALLEN

Samantha Lewis led the group in a moment of silence honoring the recent loss of Assistant Fire Chief Matt Tobben (Union Fire Protection District), and Fire Captain James Cova (Affton Fire Protection District).

PROGRAM UPDATES

Samantha Lewis shared regional updates from STARRS, including discussion of the Ad Hoc committees established by the STARRS Board of Directors earlier in the summer. Meeting dates were established for meeting dates for those committees. Meeting dates are set for Monday August 19th, and Wednesday September 4th. These are in-person meetings. Sam also shared an update on the hiring processes for two additional STARRS staff positions, with action expected in coming weeks/months. Sam also shared info on the anticipated After-Action Reporting (AAR) process related to the Dense Urban Terrain (DUT) exercise that occurred last month. A meeting date/time is still being setup for a local AAR event. An approved FY2024 UASI Approved Project list was shared with the STARRS Board of Directors recently, and updates on other additional open grants are expected soon. Sam also shared that the STARRS website continues to be updated with cleanup processes and the addition of new information. Several Request for Proposals (RFPs) and Request for Bids (RFBs) have been posted to the East-West Gateway website for upcoming procurements.

WELCOME PACKET, IPP and THIRA/SPR PRESENTATION

Saroja Schwager shared an update on the upcoming STARRS New Member Welcome Packet, the THIRA/SPR Workshop, and the IPP Plan. The STARRS New Member Welcome Packet will be distributed to new committee members and others to help explain the purpose and processes of working with STARRS. Saroja also provided an update on the status of the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP), which focuses on training needs for the region. The finalized IPP will be submitted to the States of Missouri and Illinois by the end of August. The THIRA/SPR workshop is set for September 12th at the St. Louis County EOC. This process begins the funding process for projects that will request anticipated UASI FY2025 grant funds. Representation for this meeting is underway, however some subcommittees have a low number of representatives attending and Saroja encouraged additional attendance from those groups. Saroja shared that additional information for this event will be sent out to registrants as the date approaches. Samantha and Saroja stressed the importance of including information about projects in this document in order to receive grant funding.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jeremey Hollrah shared that the EMS Committee meets next week, and that they did receive most of their deliveries for the Moulage project. Kyle Foerst shared that the Healthcare Subcommittee has several upcoming meetings and that their governance documentation for their new HSIN dashboard was approved and they are now testing access in preparation for the upcoming PGA event. Members of the Mass Fatality committee. Communications Core Groups provided a brief update. Brian Gettemeier

from Urban Search and Rescue shared a committee update, including that they rostered for a number of recent events and an activation. Brian also shared that several of the teams STARRS boats are no longer functioning, that their next meeting is in September, and thanked the group for honoring the recent responder losses. Stephanie Norton from the SLARCC shared that they have an upcoming quarterly meeting and that they continue working on an upcoming FY2025 project. Nick Kohlberg shared an HCC update, including a summary of the recent MRSE event which added 70 or more new participants in the HCC processes. They continue finalizing the HCC Summit in November and have a number of upcoming meetings, some focusing on the new five-year plan. Rachel Mazzara shared information on the award ceremony that is being added to the HCC Summit. Jen Smith shared an update from the Training and Exercise committee, including summaries of their previous and next meetings. Sam Lewis also shared a summary from Nick Allen that the Hospital Subcommittee would be participating in the upcoming Region 7 BURN disaster exercises, and Jocelyn Evans shared that the Public Health committee continues working with STARRS on their AFN and satellite phone projects.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Kevin Schiebe shared information related to STARRS subcommittee membership additions and removals as described in the nominating committee memo. Jen Smith motioned, and Michele Ryan seconded. The motion carried and was approved at 9:20AM.

REGIONAL EXPENDITURES

No regional expenditure approval was needed for August.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fred Patterson inquired related to a possible Emergency Management subcommittee's DUT Tabletop exercise After Action Process. Nothing definitive was available regarding this and it was decided this would be followed up on later.

NEXT MEETING and ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024. A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Jenkerson and seconded by Brian Gettemeier. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Sarah Russell



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: STARRS Staff
Subject: Nomination of Committee Appointments
Date: October 8, 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:

- **Emergency Management Subcommittee** – Michael Vacca, Washington University
- **Hazardous Materials Subcommittee** – Bernard Thebeau, St. Clair Special Emerg. Svcs.
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Tracy Stieren, St. Louis Children’s Hospital
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Amanda Kayser, SSM Health (St. Clare Hospital, Fenton)
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Keith Bleile, BJC St. Peters/Progress West
- **Mass Fatality Subcommittee** – Elizabeth Puzniak, Barnes Jewish Hospital
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Abbey Muniz, City of St. Louis Dept. of Health
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Barry Johnston, Franklin County Health Dept.
- **Urban Search & Rescue Subcommittee** – Matt Ham, Rock Community FPD
- **Urban Search & Rescue Subcommittee** – Ernie Rhodes, Clayton FD
- **Urban Search & Rescue Subcommittee** – Bernard Thebeau, St. Clair Special Emerg. Svcs.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following removals from STARRS subcommittees:

- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Robbyn Roth, Kindred Hospital
- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** - Captain Norman Mann, St. Louis County PD
- **Urban Search & Rescue Subcommittee** – Stephen Rinehart, Maryland Heights FPD
- **Urban Search & Rescue Subcommittee** – Kevin Wingbermuehle, Rock Community FPD
- **Urban Search & Rescue Subcommittee** – Gary Graf, Pacific FPD

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Nominating Committee recommendations.