



## AGENDA

### ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 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 OCTOBER 2024 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Program Updates SAMANTHA LEWIS
  - b. Subcommittee & Ad Hoc Reports CHAIRPERSONS
  - c. Fusion Center Updates FUSION CENTER REP.
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, February 11, 2025.  
The meeting location is the SLFD HQ.**

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**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 8, 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
- Norman Mann

**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 in Meeting = 16  
Needed for Quorum = 13*

**ATTENDANCE:**

Also in attendance were East-West Gateway Council of Governments/STARRS staff including Samantha Lewis, Kara Rosenkranz, Bridget Farengo, Rachel Mazzara, Saroja Schwager, Staci Alvarez, and Leah Watkins.

Members excused in advance from this month's Board meeting include Ben Granda, Barry Johnston, Norman Mann, Jen Smith, Brian Gettemeier, George Koranyi & Josh Wilderson.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sarah Russell called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Attendance was recorded by virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed by Samantha Lewis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sarah Russell requested approval of the August 2024 minutes which was motioned to approve by Greg Brown and was seconded by Abe Cook. The motion was carried

unanimously and was approved at 9:07 AM.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Samantha Lewis shared regional updates from STARRS, including the arrival of two new STARRS employees, Kara Rosenkranz and Bridget Farengo. Sam then shared an update on the FY2025 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) processes that have begun as well as updates on the DHS required THIRA/SPR process that is wrapping up. Sam explained that the two processes are closely related. Sam also shared information about the upcoming STARRS subcommittee leadership reelections and subcommittee membership cleanup processes.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Zach Koch shared a brief update from the Public Health subcommittee, as did Chief Greg Brown for the Communications Core Group. Michele Ryan shared an update from the Emergency Management subcommittee, including that they met recently and will meet again soon to discuss the UASI grant process. Jeremy Hollrah shared an EMS Subcommittee update, including info that they meet again in about a week and that six EMS Strike Teams recently to cover for funerals, and that they are monitor resource deployments to the east coast. Mike Arras shared an update from the HAZMAT subcommittee including that they met recently and will meet again in November to review possible UASI project applications. Nick Allen shared an update from Healthcare Preparedness, including info on the finalization of their BURN MCI ANNEX which will integrate into a larger area. They also continue to integrate SMOC operations into the HMAC system. Chief Frisz shared a Law Enforcement subcommittee update, including that their subcommittee meets next week. Kelly Rogers from the Mass Fatality subcommittee shared that they created a selection committee to review possible procurements and meets in November. Stephanie Norton shared for the SLARCC subcommittee that they meet next in November in a hybrid format to vote for leadership and continue existing business. Stephanie Norton also shared that the Training & Exercise subcommittee met yesterday, and they will meet again in November. Kyle Foerst provided a Healthcare Coalition update, sharing that they recently activated their HMACS related to supply chain impacts due to the hurricane response. Information from this activation was shared upward through the state. They have a Healthcare Coalition Summit in November and continue work on other projects. Sam Lewis shared a USAR subcommittee update shared prior to the meeting, which included that they just met and discussed UASI project applications and that they recently participated in Chesterfield Mall exercise events, which also included coordination with the IST.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – REGIONAL NEEDS**

Joann Leykam provided an update on the Ad Hoc committee working on Regional Needs. Joann shared that she had been elected chairperson for the group, and that the group would meet in a few weeks.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – BYLAWS**

Abe Cook provided an update on the Ad Hoc committee working on Bylaws. Abe shared

that the group has met multiple times recently and are looking at another meeting date approaching. They are looking at the elements and differences between the STARRS Board & subcommittees and the STARRS non-profit registered with the state. Abe believes that a STARRS Charter with additional/associated Addendums will likely be required to separate the different needs. Abe also shared that the Ad Hoc committee had discussed multiple times the need for a collaborative tool like SLACK for this process, and that they have tried Microsoft 365 (Teams) without significant success. Abe requested that STARRS staff investigate available options for regional collaboration tools and that such a tool could benefit usage like this, and the system could be used in normal subcommittee business as well.

### **FUSION CENTER UPDATE**

Kyle Foerst shared a Fusion Center update, which included their participation in the recent PGA tournament, working with the FBI on threat assessments, and they hosted a recent corporate partners symposium with over fifty partners present. They also participated in a Missouri Unified Cyber training focusing on cryptocurrency and participated in regional Fusion Center meetings in addition to analyst training. The Fusion Center is also recommending increased vigilance associated with the upcoming election process.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Kevin Scheibe shared information related to STARRS subcommittee membership additions and removals as described in the nominating committee memo. Discussion occurred related to a particular name on the subcommittee removal list. After further discussion by Michelle Ryan, Joann Leykam, Fred Patterson, Sam Lewis and Sarah Russell, Joann motioned and was seconded by Michele that removals be tabled until verification of their accuracy is confirmed but that additions be approved. The motion carried and was approved at 9:25AM.

### **REGIONAL EXPENDITURES**

Samantha Lewis provided a summary of regional expenditures for the month. Procurements are documented in the regional expenditure memo and spreadsheet. Sam asked for a motion to approve expenditures which were provided by Michele Ryan and Joann Leykam. The motion passed without opposition at 9:28AM.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Wild shared an update on the upcoming East-West Gateway Annual Meeting occurring in November and let those present know that they would be receiving an invitation.

Abe Cook asked STARRS staff to investigate possible non-profit access to the SLACK application for use in the region for regional collaboration by committees.

## **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024. A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Ryan and seconded by Fred Patterson. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

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Sarah Russell



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: STARRS Staff  
Subject: Nomination of Committee Appointments  
Date: January 14, 2025

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:

- **Hazmat Subcommittee** – Brian Donley, St. Clair Special Emergency Services
- **Hazmat Subcommittee** – Jeremy Paschall, Madison County HAZMAT Team
- **Hazmat Subcommittee** – Luke Schutzenhofer, St. Louis Fire Department
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Rolando Carter, Stonebridge Senior Living
- **Healthcare Subcommittee** – Heather Denochick, St. Louis Children’s Hospital
- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** – Brandon DeSherlia, Metro-East SWAT
- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** – John Pfanstiel, St. Louis County PD
- **St. Louis Area Coalition of COADS** – Milton (Toby) Tucker, MO Baptist Disaster Relief
- **St. Louis Area Coalition of COADS** – Kasi Meyer, St. Clair R-XIII School District
- **Urban Search and Rescue** – Luke Schutzenhofer, St. Louis Fire Department

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
- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** – Brian Ludwig, formerly St. Louis County PD
- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** - Pete Morrow, St. Louis County PD
- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** – Eric Wagner, Franklin County Sheriff’s Dept.
- **Mass Fatality Subcommittee** – Dennis Nichols, formerly St. Clair Co Coroner’s Office
- **Mass Fatality Subcommittee** – Kelly Nicholson, formerly City of St. Louis M.E.
- **Mass Fatality Subcommittee** – Dan Witts, formerly St. Clair Co Coroner’s Office
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Bridget Farengo, formerly St. Clair Co Public Health
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Kara Rosenkranz, formerly St. Clair Co Public Health

- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Scott Geary, City of St. Louis Dept. of Health
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Jessica McHugh, St. Charles Co Dept. of Public Health
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Charne Rainey, East Side Health District
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Gregg Kocher, St. Louis Co Department of Health
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Vickie Kehrer, formerly Monroe County Public Health
- **SLARCC Subcommittee** – Sam Stephens, formerly St. Louis City EMA
- **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.

Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Staff  
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures  
Date: January 14, 2025

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 \$400,000.

**REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS:**

**Bomb Robot for Regional Bomb Response Team** - Staff is seeking approval to purchase quantity one (1) Remotec Andros Spartan bomb robot for the St. Charles County bomb response team. The robot's platform would allow for bomb technicians to maintain a safe standoff distance while evaluating and performing render safe operations on an explosive device, securing soft targets and crowded places. The total cost of one (1) bomb response robot from Peraton, Remotec, Inc. will not exceed \$400,000 from the UASI grant program.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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

- for the purchase of one (1) Remotec Andros Spartan bomb response robot for the St. Charles County bomb response team from Peraton, Remotec, Inc. of Clinton, TN in an amount not to exceed \$400,000;

for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the UASI grant program.



**ATTACHMENT A**

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services  
January 14, 2025**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<b>Emergency Response Equipment (UASI)</b>				
Peraton, Remotec, Inc. (Clinton, TN)	Bomb response robot	St. Charles County, MO	1	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>\$ 400,000</b>

**Total UASI Expenditures: \$400,000**