

### **WMD Regional Committee Meeting**

**Conducting:** David Hall

**Location:** 1405 S. Scenic (Springfield Fire Station #8)

**Date:** September 23, 2009

**Time:** Commenced at 1:00 p.m.; Concluded at 3:15 p.m.

**Agenda:**

1. RHSOC Meeting: October 21, 2009;
2. RHSOC Elections;
3. Budget Projections and Future Projects;
4. Training; and
5. Miscellaneous.

**RHSOC Meeting**

David Hall: There is an RHSOC meeting on October 21, 2009, at the Fair Grounds in Springfield, Missouri. Each committee/department is being asked to bring their “toys” to the Fair Ground so spectators (media representatives and legislative government representatives) can view the apparatus, ask questions and see what RHSOC funding is providing. Set-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. and spectators will be allowed in around 10:00 a.m. After lunch, break out meetings are scheduled for committees at 1:00 p.m. Our committee will meet during that time to elect our officers. All equipment can return home after lunch.

What are you all able to bring?

- Kevin T.: May bring Rapid Response and trailer component of the mobile hospital;
- Springfield Fire: The Bomb Squad Unit Vehicle;
- Mitch (Joplin): Joplin does not know what apparatus they will be bringing.
- Lt. Higdon: SPD will bring “TLC” and trailer with SCBA.
- Logan-Rogersville Hazmat: Trailer
- Steve Lisby: Will bring smaller items (e.g. truck) or trailer that has tents to set up.
- Chris Berndt: Deacon Truck and Trailer will likely be available from Branson.
- OEM: Communications Vehicle

Bolivar has a trailer; the committee will see if it is available.

David Hall: Plan your time for traveling, setting up and the meeting. Additionally, there may be different caches of C.E.R.T. trailers.

**RHSOC Elections**

Chris Berndt: RHSOC wants all committees to elect their representatives and chairs at the October 21, 2009, meeting.

David Hall: I will not likely be the chair in the future due to a lack of time. Please think about becoming the chair if you are interested. We will discuss the position requirements at the meeting next month.

Mitch (Joplin): Joplin will be dropping out of the HSSRT program per the Chief’s decision. We will likely drop out between January 1 and June 30. We will still participate in the meetings, but we are dropping out because it is not financially advantageous.

## **RHSOC Funding**

David Hall: Limiting the number of state enhanced teams may increase the funding for the existing teams and deploy those teams as needed. The items acquired by the teams that are no longer in function would be allowed to keep their equipment as long as they maintain it. Funding is getting cut this year. From the federal level to the state level, Homeland Security funding is being cut five percent. We will have approximately \$1 million for RHSOC and \$105,000 for this committee to spend next year.

Chris Berndt: We need to decide how we would like to spend the money and prioritize what we'd like to do before we submit our requests.

David Hall: I want to not throw money at equipment. I'd also like to each committee to have members that participate in other committees for a variety of opinions and perspectives. This may also help when we try to pass a request for funding because they would know the purpose of an apparatus. What are some big ticket items that we'd like?

Lt. Higdon: I'd like to get a Bearcat. It is armored personnel carrier that is resistant to rifle fire and has the ability to be CBRNE compatible. It can withstand 50 caliber rounds. It is truly bullet proof, not bullet resistant. It is approximately \$270,000 and can fit approximately 15 people inside.

Kevin T.: I'd like support for the EMS group when they ask for big ticket items.

Haz-Mat Items: Biological testing equipment is needed. An Ohura is also needed.

Chris Berndt: We do not need an area ray.

Travis (L-R Fire): We could replace some of the monitors for the Greene County HazMat team.

David Hall: Sustainment costs may not be covered. I will do more research, but this is what may occur (attached letter was distributed).

## **Training**

Steve Lisby: Instead of bringing our equipment out for an exercise, I think we need to have some training. All we do are exercises, which are designed to test training that we haven't had.

David Hall: Maybe we could coordinate some training up at Fort Leonard Wood.

Lt. Higdon: It might be nice for us to set up the equipment just for our committee. There is a lot of stuff I'm not familiar with and it'd be nice to see what we have and what we can do.

David Hall: Each agency provide costs for a one day training and a two day training. Include personnel costs, travel costs, fuel costs. The destination will be Fort Leonard Wood because it will likely be the furthest we can go. Plan on it being a 12 hour day training. Please email me the figures by October 7, 2009.

## **Miscellaneous**

David Hall: One other thought I've had is contracting an individual to oversee the RHOSC. This person would go to all committee meetings and oversee things with Dorothy and the grant process. Thoughts?

The group all thought this was a good idea and something worth pursuing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Recorder: Carly E. Crocker (OEM)

Chair: David Hall (SFD)

**Attendees**

David Hall	Springfield Fire Department
David Pennington	Springfield Fire Department
Chris Berndt	Taney County EMA
Billy Downs (?)	St. John's EMS
Kevin T.	?
Mitch	Joplin Fire Department
Travis	Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District
Greg Higdon	Springfield Police Department
Steve Lisby	Branson Police Department
Carly Crocker	OEM