

**MINUTES**  
**Region H Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee**  
**Quarterly Business Meeting with Zoom Option**  
**St. Joseph, MO 64501**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 13:30**

**PRIMARY/VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 14**

Blair Shock: Clinton Co EMD – <i>Emergency Management</i>	David Roll (A): Daviess Co EMD – <i>Emergency Management</i>
Bill Lamar (A): SJFD EM ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> ) - <i>Fire</i>	
Kelli Hillerman: Grundy Co Health Dept. – <i>County Health (Z)</i>	
Adam Perry: Buchanan County – <i>Hazmat (Z)</i>	Mike O’Donnell (A): Cameron FD - <i>HAZMAT</i>
Blake Rudel: Andrew Co Ambulance – <i>EMS (Z)</i>	
John Olszowka (A): SJPD – <i>9-1-1</i>	
Jill Voltmer: MWSU Police Chief – <i>Schools (Z)</i>	
Bill Brinton: Volunteer Org. ( <b>Chair</b> ) – <i>Volunteer Org</i>	
Ruben Bulgin: Lifeline Foods - <i>Agriculture</i>	Marcus Casady (A): Holt Co EMD - <i>Agriculture</i>
Allison Behymer: Mosaic Life Care – <i>Hospitals (Z)</i>	Keri Barclay (A): Harrison Co. Comm. Hospital - <i>Hospitals (Z)</i>

**OTHERS PRESENT: 8**

Michael Booth: Region H SEMA	Paul Stickler: Midwest Mobile
Kathy Hahn: Mo-Kan Regional Council	Christian Virts: Cameron FD
Kristin Kayser: OHS (Z)	
Kristie Miller: Andrew Co Health	
Houston Roberts: Mo-Kan Regional Council	
Nicholas Saravara – DPS/OHS	

\*(A) Alternate  
\*(Z) Zoom

The regular quarterly meeting of the Region H Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee was held on January 18, 2023 at the Region H Hazmat Building, 312 W. Colorado Ave., St. Joseph Mo., 64504 and via Zoom.

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Bill Brinton called the meeting to order at 13:30. A verbal roll call was taken. Fourteen (14) primaries/alternates from different disciplines attended in person or via Zoom. There was a quorum.
2. **Approve agenda:** Chair Bill Brinton asked if there were any corrections/additions to the agenda. Marcus Cassady made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, and John Olszowka seconded.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Chair Bill Brinton asked for a motion to approve the October 19, 2022, minutes. Houston Roberts was unsure if the minutes had been sent out to the Committee, so the motion was tabled.
4. **Reports:**
  - **OHS Update:** Kristin Kayser informed everyone that OHS was still in the process of getting FY22 projects posted to the WebGrants portal. While grantees are free to get updated quotes for their projects, they cannot make any purchases until the projects are posted on the portal and OHS has given the go-ahead to begin purchasing.  
Bill Lamar asked if there any update on the timeline on approval for the ARPA Homeland Security grants that were submitted back in November and December. Kristin said she only knew there over 1,000 applications submitted across the different grant categories, but there were no further updates available at this time.
  - **OHS/DPS Cyber:** Nicholas Saravara announced that starting February OHS would be launching their Cyber Intelligence Partner Program (CIP). There would be two free course offerings: a “basic” course, and an “intermediate” course that delves into how to craft cyber policies for your organization. Nicholas encouraged

interested jurisdictions to reach out to him to register for either of the courses. OHS continues to monitor the dark web for leaks of credentials for Missouri based organizations and will notify any organization or jurisdiction if anything is discovered that would present a cybersecurity risk.

- **Local/Regional Efforts & Initiatives:** Houston Roberts reported that the THIRA project had been completed and submitted in October. All disbursements for the project budget are complete.
- **Chairperson's Report:** Bill Brinton stated he had nothing to report as the new chair and invited Blair Shock to give any final reports from the end of his term as chair, to which Blair had nothing to report.

5. **Regional Grant Updates:** Houston Roberts, Mo-Kan Regional Council, highlighted grant updates:

- **FY2019:** One open project- Work Plan FY19, final claim submitted and approved in November.
- **FY2020:** One open project- NTA Ambulance FY20- purchasing an additional radio with partial funds from NTA. Project had been extended until January 1<sup>st</sup>, but final claims were submitted in December.
- **FY2021:** Three open projects- Buchanan County EMA Badging (Incorrect supply order received for disposable equipment, waiting on receipt of correct order); St. Joe's EMA Incident Support Trailer (remaining balance of \$1 will need to be transferred to another project); Caldwell County EMA generator (waiting on EHP clearance)

Mike O'Donnell requested more information on what an EHP issue was with the Caldwell County Generator project. Houston Roberts clarified that the Environmental & Historic Preservation clearance issue stemmed from the fact that generators were going to have electrical connections installed in the County Courthouse and a local church in Caldwell County, so clearance was needed for those aspects of the project. Photo guides had to be resubmitted in September, and we were currently awaiting feedback on clearance. Mike clarified that his question concerned why the clearance was needed if the generator was a deployable unit. Committee members clarified that the project wasn't just for the generator, but for the connection to the building as well, which is why EHP clearance was required.

6. **Committee Review / Vacancies / Updates:**

- Bill Brinton noted that RT Turner was no longer able to represent Evergy on the committee. Houston Roberts noted that Hayley Howard had communicated with Dan Hegeman and he would be replacing RT in his role on the committee.

7. **New / Other Business:**

- **Equipment Balances:** Clarification from Kristin Kayser and Houston Roberts that the FY21 Buchanan County Communication Vehicle was actually spent down and there was not remaining funding to be transferred over.
- **Equipment Transfer:** Clarification was provided on the status of the portable radio transfer from the Trenton Police Dept. to Trenton Fire Dept. Committee did vote in October to transfer the radios and it was clarified that a vote is required anytime equipment is transferred between organizations even within a district.

8. **Next Meeting:** The date for the next meeting is April 26, 2023, at 13:30.

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 14:03.