

**Higher Education Subcommittee  
of the Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2012**

**Members Attending**

Paul Banta	St. Louis Community College-Meramec
Tim Baysinger	Missouri State Highway Patrol
Diana Bryant	University of Central Missouri
Tim Casey	Wentworth Military Academy
Mike Ceperley	Northwest Missouri State University
Paul Fennewald	MO Center for Education Safety
Jeffrey Hartle	Park University
Eddie Hedrick	Department of Health and Senior Services
Shelley Honse (for Chris Pickering)	Department of Public Safety
Monica Hoy	Department of Mental Health
Joel LaReau	Ozarks Technical Community College
Joan Masters	University of MO, Partners in Prevention
Bernard McCarthy (phone)	Missouri State University
Bob Ronkoski	St. Charles Community College
Don Strom	Washington University
Jon Kelley	Missouri Western State University
Chuck Witt	Columbia Fire Department

**Guests Attending**

Eric Evans	MU Fire, Rescue and Training Institute
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**Staff Attending**

Bill Thornton	Department of Higher Education
Angelette Prichett	Department of Higher Education

**Welcome and Introductions**

Bill Thornton called the meeting to order. Members present and on the phone introduced themselves. Lt. Mike Ceperley introduced as a new member from Northwest Missouri State University. Jerry Wilmes resigned from the committee due to change in job duties. Jeff Hartle from Park University indicated that this will be his last meeting representing Park University. Paul Fennewald has retired as Homeland Security Coordinator with the Department of Public Safety and is now Director of the Center for Education Safety. Shelley Honse introduced as the representative for Chris Pickering, who is now the Homeland Security Coordinator for Department of Public Safety.

## **Fusion Centers**

Lt. David Hall from the Missouri Information and Analysis Center (MIAC) provided information about fusion centers. A fusion center is a collaborative partnership between local, state, federal, public and private entities to provide resources and information to the center regarding possible criminal and terrorist activity. There are 77 fusion centers across the United States and its territories, with Missouri housing three (Jefferson City, Kansas City and St. Louis). Services provided by MIAC include:

- The Missouri Statewide Police Intelligence Network (MOSPIN) is a database service managed by the MIAC that houses information that is searchable by every police officer in Missouri.
- Terrorism Screening Center
- Simultaneous notification regarding common investigative targets

Future projects for the MIAC include: geospatial intelligence and statewide records management for emergency response (e.g. MODEX, sharing arrest records, etc.).

One question for Lt. Hall asked whether there were training opportunities for higher education. The response indicated that there are no plans in place at this time, but there has been a conversation with Columbia College regarding a possible degree program for analysts. However, the MIAC would like to work with higher education to provide additional training opportunities as intelligence analysts are the largest growing occupation in the FBI.

Lt. Hall provided two brochures to the group: *Fusion Centers and Information Sharing* and *APRS: Heart of America Asset Protection and Response System*. His contact information for additional information is: (866) 362-6422.

## **Duties, Roles, Responsibilities**

Bill Thornton led the discussion regarding what the committee feels are its roles and responsibilities. He reported on the short survey that was distributed to HES members in advance of the meeting. Basic responses from the survey indicate that:

- Committee members want to be proactive and not reactive
- Whatever they do they need to be successful.
- Asking for someone outside of the group to do something will not necessarily be successful without a plan, especially given that this group is unfunded
- Work should have added value for constituents

The attached information represents a diagram that was presented and a list of ideas from a flip chart list.

Issues and concerns raised by the group include:

- Who sets the direction for the group...is it the Commissioner, or does the group determine? And, should the direction be based upon emergency management, safety and security, fire safety, etc? Bill clarified that the Commissioner's goal is to keep campuses safe and the Homeland Security Advisory Council is looking for advice and advisement from the HES regarding what they need to do to meet that goal. Other comments included the need for the group to develop a mission statement or purpose statement.
- Once the Center for Education Safety was established, the HES went by the wayside. One response to this issue indicated that the CES is more K-12 focused, but they need someone to provide appropriate higher education direction.
- What are the real-time issues we are facing today?
  - Clery Act changes
  - Prescription drug abuse
  - Suicide
  - Military/veterans' issues
  - Quarterly resource vetting (MIAC, mental health issues, health issues)

Bill Thornton and Angelette Prichett will work to pull common themes out of the information from this meeting to present and move forward on strategy and future projects at the next HES meeting.

### **Meeting Schedule**

After a lengthy discussion, the HES decided to meet quarterly, two face-to-face meetings and two conference call/teleconference meetings. Additional meetings will be called as necessary to address issues as they arise. Angelette will work with members to arrange future meetings for the end of January (call), April (face-to-face), July (call), and October (face-to-face).