



Southwest Missouri Council of Governments

# 2014 Annual Report

*Enhancing the Quality of Our Communities through  
Regional Cooperation*

December 2014

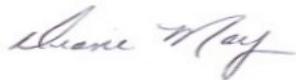
# Message from the Director

This annual report provides an overview of the services and programs delivered by the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments to its member communities and the southwest Missouri region over the 2013-2014 fiscal year. It has been my privilege to serve as SMCOG's Executive Director since its organization in 1989 and to have worked with so many truly committed staff and community leaders and officials to address the challenges faced by our communities and ever-changing region.

Our local communities continue to be challenged to meet their public service needs and to maintain and enhance the quality of life their citizens' desire. SMCOG staff remains committed to advancing the organization's mission to enhance the quality of our communities through regional cooperation. How can SMCOG best assist our communities and region as we move forward in this new environment?

Defining or redefining SMCOG's niche or role and focusing on the effective delivery of those services that will best assist our region and local communities in addressing their community and economic development and resource management needs is more essential than ever. For this reason, SMCOG completed a strategic planning process during the year and the Board of Directors adopted the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments 2014-2016 Strategic Action Plan in August 2014.

Staff looks forward to working with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors over the coming year on implementing the Strategic Action Plan. While there will always be challenges for the organization and our region, staff remain committed to making our region's future better and we thank you for your commitment of time and support for this effort.



Diane May, AICP  
Executive Director

# At a Glance

## Overview

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) is a voluntary organization of local governments serving the counties of Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster in southwest Missouri. Organized in 1989 pursuant to Chapter 251 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, SMCOG is one of the State's active regional planning commissions.

Regional planning commissions are extensions of local government, bringing together communities and resources to address issues of mutual concern as well as local needs. Missouri's regional planning commissions are each tailored to meet the needs of the local governments and communities they serve. Missouri's regional planning commissions also work together through a state association, the Missouri Association of Councils of Government, to share experiences and find ways to better serve our local constituencies.

### SMCOG'S MISSION

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH  
REGIONAL COOPERATION

We Achieve This By:

Providing staff expertise in planning and community development  
Creating networking opportunities to address issues of common concern  
Assisting governments in accessing resources  
Advocating for Southwest Missouri

## A Public Partnership

SMCOG is governed by a Board of Directors with representatives from each member local government and citizens representing private sector business and other public service organizations. The Board directs SMCOG's mission and establishes policy guidance for the organization's operations and services. The Board's Executive Committee is responsible for conducting business on behalf of the Board of Directors as may be necessary.

Since its organization in 1989, SMCOG has been administered through a unique public/public sector partnership with Missouri State University's Center for Resource Planning and Management. The University provides for staffing, administrative services and program delivery on behalf of SMCOG.

Funding for SMCOG's operation and program delivery comes from a variety of sources. City and county members contribute annual dues and some planning funds are provided by state and federal government grants. SMCOG also receives funding from local, state and federal governments for contract services provided to individual communities and the region.

## Services

SMCOG serves as a forum for local elected officials and community stakeholders to discuss issues of common concern. The Council provides for coordination of programs addressing issues and needs that cross political boundaries and that are of regional significance, such as economic development, transportation, and emergency management. SMCOG provides staff support that enables its members to access technical assistance, grant writing and administration, research, planning services, and linkages to funding and other resources for local project needs. Services available through SMCOG include:

### Technical Assistance Services

- Grant writing and administration
- Comprehensive plan development and updates
- Specialty planning studies
- Subdivision ordinances
- Zoning regulations
- Community surveys
- Geographic Information Systems and custom mapping
- Transportation Planning
- Parking studies, Traffic counts
- Hazard mitigation planning
- Economic development planning
- Environmental assessments
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Homeland security regionalization services

### Information Services

- State Census Data Center affiliate-provide census data and specialty reports
- Workshops and training sessions on topics of local/regional interest and state and federal programs
- Disseminate information on federal and state programs and funding opportunities
- Planning & Zoning Commission training sessions
- Data gathering and research
- Planning library
- Research on prospective funding for local projects
- Other services available on request

# Transportation Planning

SMCOG's transportation planning program is conducted through a cooperative agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Each year SMCOG provides transportation planning coordination for the areas within its ten-county area outside of the Springfield metropolitan area which is served by the Ozarks Transportation Organization. The transportation planning program conducted by SMCOG includes the development and maintenance of the jurisdiction's regional transportation plan, identification and prioritization of transportation system needs, coordination with MoDOT and dissemination of information on transportation issues to the SMCOG membership, and technical and advisory assistance to local governments.

## Transportation Input Initiative

In November 2013, MoDOT announced that a ¾ cent sales tax for transportation would go before Missouri voters. Missouri's regional planning commissions and metropolitan planning organizations were asked by MoDOT to meet with city and county officials as well as the general public in order to develop a comprehensive list of projects to be considered should the initiative pass. Similar to SMCOG's prioritization process, the Transportation Input Initiative process tasked local leaders to guide the production of a list comprised of projects in the multi-modal categories of: Road/Bridge, Bicycle/Pedestrian, Aviation, Transit, and Rail. Following two months of meetings with each county, the Transportation Advisory Committee met twice to prioritize the final SMCOG list. The results of those meetings by category included:

### Road and Bridge

- Route 60: Four-Lane Expressway from Monett to Republic
- Route 76: Complete Street and Capacity improvements from Lake Taneycomo to Branson West
- Route 65: Extend four-lane or install passing lanes from Buffalo to the county line
- Route 14: Install shoulders east and west sides of the OTO boundary in Christian County
- Route 160: Four-lane expressway from Nixa to the Stone County line
- 430<sup>th</sup> Road: Capacity improvements and intersection improvements at Route 83 and Oakland
- Route A: Capacity improvements including safety improvements on James River Bridge in Webster County
- Route 37: Four-lane expressway from Monett to the state line

### Rail

- From Route 65 to Industrial Park in Hollister: Rail Spur and Road Connector
- From Route 86 to Airport in Hollister: Rail Connection
- Through Billings: Quiet Zone
- Billings: Rail spur and depot
- Reeds Spring: Double track in areas to reduce conflict

- Webster: Route 60 rail intersection improvements
- Barry: Route BB rail intersection improvements

#### **Aviation**

- Monett: Relocate and extend runway 18/36 at Monett Municipal Airport, Acquire land for Runway, Rehabilitate North Apron, Access road, Auto parking and Construct Taxi lane
- Bolivar: AWOS (Aviation Weather Observation Station), 6' Perimeter fence for animal control, Runway expansion
- Taney: Lights and Apron Pavement at M. Graham Clark
- Mt. Vernon: Hanger, Apron and Taxiway expansion

#### **Transit**

- All Counties: Increased service for OATS. Includes all counties; the cities of Bolivar, Marshfield; and the "Way-to-Go" bus in Stone County
- All Counties: 10 County Transit Coordinator
- Rte. 76: Trolley System and Stops

#### **Bicycle/Pedestrian**

- Route 76: Lake Taneycomo roundabout to Shepard of the Hills complete street improvements in Branson
- Route 13: At the intersection of Hwy 13 and the Frisco Highline trail provide a grade separated crossing in Bolivar
- Route 160: Install shoulders to accommodate bicycle travel in Dade County
- Route 112: Pedestrian Accommodations on Bridge over Dry Holler Branch in Barry County
- Route 37 (Center Street): Complete street improvements in Monett
- Route 38: Shoulders to accommodate bike riders in Webster County
- Route H: Sidewalk improvements through Pleasant Hope
- Route 125: Sidewalks from Route 65 to Swan Street in Fair Grove
- Route 125: Safe pedestrian crossing at Chadwick School in Christian County

MoDOT's Southwest District also held a meeting in May 2014 to prioritize the transportation initiative multi-modal needs at the District level. Prioritized needs from this meeting included:

#### **Road and Bridge:**

- Route 60: Four-Lane Expressway from Monett to Republic
- Route 76: Complete Street and Capacity improvements from Lake Taneycomo to Branson West
- Route 49: Bella Vista Bypass
- Route 171/249: Upgrade intersection to interstate standards
- Route 52: Pavement improvements, add shoulders and improve striping
- Route 44: Corridor Study

#### **Aviation:**

- Barry: Monett Municipal Airport: Extend and relocate runway 18/36
- Jasper: Joplin Regional Airport: Add 10 T-hangers
- Newton: Hugh Robinson Airport: Rehabilitate and extend apron & runway; construct and extend taxiway

#### **Rail:**

- Jasper/Newton: Grade separated rail crossing at 32<sup>nd</sup> street and KSC railroad in Joplin
- Bates: Railroad bridge improvements on Rte. 52 at MNA railroad in Butler
- Newton: Grade separated railroad crossing in Seneca

- Webster: Various rail crossing improvements along Hwy 60

**Transit:**

- Expand OATS service in Southwest Missouri
- Jasper Newton: Sunshine Lamp Trolley: Add 3 Routes and 1 MAPS van
- Benton: School District Transit Center for Warsaw Schools
- Taney: Transit Improvements on 76 Country Music Boulevard in Branson

**Bicycle/Pedestrian:**

- Benton: Pedestrian, intersection, and bridge improvements on Route 7 in Warsaw
- Taney: “Complete Street” Improvements on Route 76 in Branson
- Barry: Pedestrian accommodations on Route 112 bridge over Dry Holler Branch in Cassville

## **Annual Planning Partners Meeting**

The MoDOT Southwest District hosted its annual planning partners meeting in January 2014 to prioritize regional and major transportation corridor needs. Staff from SMCOG, the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council, the Joplin Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission, and guests from each organization participated in the meeting. Unlike these meetings in prior years, which broke needs up into regional and major corridor categories, this year’s meeting brought all needs into one category. The highest priorities were identified as:

- Route 37: Corridor improvements on Route 37 from Arkansas to Monett
- Route 13: Corridor Study for Routes 7/13 in Clinton
- Route 65: Roadway improvements on Route 65 from Route 7 in Warsaw to Buffalo
- Route 54: Safety improvements on Route 54 at Route 254 in Hermitage
- Route 43: New corridor in the Joplin Metropolitan Area from north of Carl Junction to I-44
- Route 171: Capacity improvements on Route 171 from Kansas State Line to Fir Road
- Route 43: Capacity improvements on Route 43 from Joplin Regional Airport to Route 171
- Route 66: Center turn lane improvements on Route 66 from Route 249 to Route AA
- Route 60: Capacity improvements on Route 60 from Route 37 in Barry County to OTO boundary
- Route 60: Interchange improvements at Route 125 and outer roads from FR 213 to FR 247
- Route 76: Roadway improvements on Route 76 from Route 13 to Route 376

## **Traffic Counts**

SMCOG staff performed two traffic count studies during the year. At the request of the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), traffic counts were taken in OTO’s region along Highway 160, Route CC and Highway 14. Another study was completed in the City of Aurora at two points along Church Street.

## Homeland Security Regionalization Grant Program

SMCOG continues to serve as the fiscal agent for the Region D Homeland Security Regionalization Program for the 18 counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster. Funds received in September, 2013 from the FY13 grant increased slightly from the previous year to \$269,178.

As in the prior year, grant funds are now used to sustain equipment previously purchased with earlier grants, to provide training for response teams, and to complete projects that were split between fiscal years. The Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) allocated FY13 grant funds to continue communications sustainment; Incident Support Team, Structural Collapse and CERT training; and the refurbishing of equipment purchased previously for the Homeland Security Regional Response Teams. Remaining funds were budgeted for enhancing the capabilities of the Region D Bomb Squad. The RHSOC met quarterly to discuss various issues within the Region and the State, be advised of purchasing status and re-appropriate funding.

The FY11 Homeland Security Regionalization Grant closed out in June 2014 and the FY12 grant funds were 95% expended at the end of June. SMCOG also continued to host and maintain the RHSOC's website to further public awareness of the program and available regional assets.

Total funds for the Region D Homeland Security Regionalization Grant Program that have been administered by SMCOG from the inception of the program through the FY2014 fiscal year are summarized in the following table:

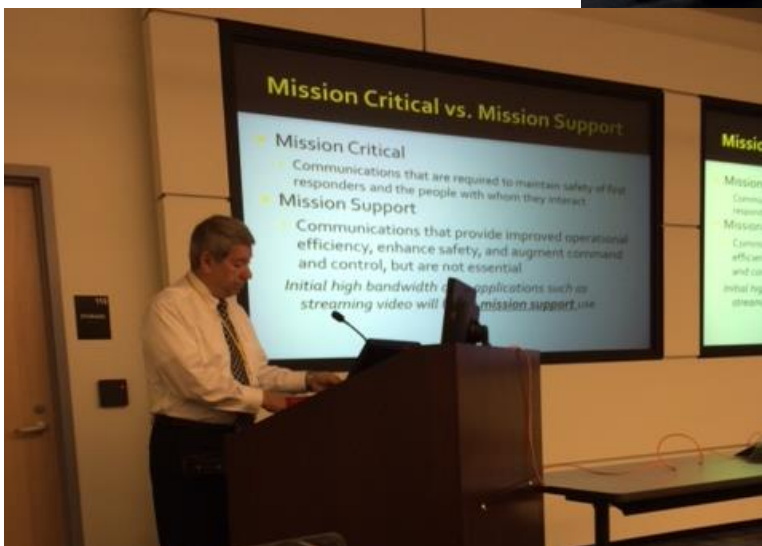
	<b>SHSP Funding</b>	<b>Funds Remaining</b>	<b>Funds Expended</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>M&amp;A</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
FY06	\$1,645,383.37	-	\$1,645,383.37	100%	\$50,886.96	\$1,696,270.33
FY07	\$895,559.29	-	\$895,559.29	100%	\$27,697.71	\$923,257.00
FY08	\$1,085,240.90	-	\$1,085,240.90	100%	\$30,434.28	\$1,115,675.18
FY09	\$895,559.29	-	\$895,559.29	100%	\$27,643.13	\$923,202.42
FY10	\$842,666.97	-	\$842,666.97	100%	\$35,110.48	\$877,777.45
FY11	\$307,105.17	-	\$307,105.17	100%	\$12,796.05	\$319,901.22
FY12	\$221,176.85	\$10,780.95	\$210,395.90	95%	\$9,215.15	\$219,611.05
FY13	\$269,178.07	\$112,614.47	\$156,563.60	58%	\$9,246.78	\$165,810.38
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,161,869.91</b>	<b>\$123,395.42</b>	<b>\$6,038,474.49</b>		<b>\$203,030.54</b>	<b>\$6,241,505.03</b>



## FirstNet Broadband Initiative

In January 2014, the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG) entered into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Public Safety as the lead agency for State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) administrative services for the Missouri Public Safety Broadband Network Initiative called FirstNet. FirstNet will be the first nationwide, wireless, high speed broadband dedicated to public safety.

MACOG subcontracted with the regional planning commissions to provide certain administrative and coordination services associated with the Initiative. SMOG is to host and administer five regional meetings intended to provide education and outreach to relevant stakeholders and users in the SMOG region that will be involved with the public Safety Broadband Network. The first meeting was held in May and there were 41 attendees. The remaining meetings for the FirstNet Initiative will be completed during the upcoming fiscal year.



FirstNet meeting held on May 13, 2014

## MoBroadbandNow Phase II Planning

During FY2014, SMCOG staff completed Phase II of the MoBroadbandNow regional strategic planning activities. A SMCOG healthcare topic team made up of stakeholders from the healthcare industry, internet service providers, and members of the SMCOG Phase I Regional Technology Planning Team (RTPT) addressed the current state of the industry and healthcare applications relating to broadband availability and adoption. An assessment of opportunities and trends helped identify problems or obstacles to implementing broadband based solutions in the field of healthcare. This effort resulted in the preparation of the *Southwest Missouri Council of Governments Broadband Healthcare Planning Report*. The report provides strategic solutions to increase broadband access and availability for telemedicine in the region. The Report is available at the homepage of the SMCOG website.

## GIS Structures

As part of the MoBroadbandNow Initiative, SMCOG entered into an agreement with the Missouri University Geographic Resources Center to survey Community Anchor Institutions' (CAIs) internet connectivity and review the correctness and attribution of a structures GIS database for all ten counties in the region. SMCOG received responses from 630 out of 900 CAIs across region. CAIs include public schools, higher education, local governments, police, fire, hospitals and clinics, and faith-based organizations. Broadband access data collection at these locations is imperative so that regional technology planning can be carried out to support development and extension of services.

The survey period began on July, 1 2013 and concluded on October 31, 2013. The review and updating of geospatial structures database for the SMCOG region began on January 31, 2014 and was completed on June, 30 2014. The MU Geographic Resources Center provided SMCOG with GIS data for every structure in the region extracted from 2008 Aerial Photos. All structures in the database were classified by occupancy or use such as, single family residential, commercial retail, wastewater treatment facility, communication tower, house of worship, etc. SMCOG staff reviewed the structures database for accuracy using Google Street view and other local information.

**The *Broadband Availability and Adoption Strategic Plan for the Southwest Missouri Region* is online at <http://smcog.missouristate.edu>**

## Hazard Mitigation Planning

Hazard mitigation planning is a proactive effort to assess risks and identify actions that can be undertaken to mitigate the impacts of disaster events on life and property. Federal statute requires that local governments develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to be eligible for certain federal disaster mitigation funding programs and it is required that these plans be updated every five years. During the year, SMCOG staff completed the multi-jurisdictional natural hazard mitigation plan updates for Polk County and Dallas County. Both plans were approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). SMCOG staff also worked to develop the initial multi-jurisdictional natural hazard mitigation plan for Dade County. This plan will be submitted for FEMA review and approval in the 2015 fiscal year.

- Polk County Hazard Mitigation Plan                      Expiration Date: September 27, 2018
- Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan                      Expiration Date: December 12, 2018

## CDBG Supplemental Disaster Planning

In FY2011, Greene County was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the region on behalf of SMCOG as the sub-applicant. The grant was awarded to provide technical assistance and planning activities to assist counties and communities in the decision making process to reduce future development in high hazard areas, to mitigate existing development in hazard areas, and to implement identified mitigation strategies developed through the hazard mitigation planning process. The goal of this initiative is to help communities become more resilient and reduce or eliminate property damages, injuries and loss of life from disaster events.

Services provided through this grant during FY2014 focused on the primary activity in the scope of services of providing technical assistance on planning for land utilization in high hazard areas by carrying out a land suitability conflict analysis.

### Land Suitability Conflict Analysis

During the year, SMCOG staff developed databases of suitability maps for agriculture, urban, and conservation land use for every county in the SMCOG region except for Greene County. In April 2014, SMCOG staff held a workshop with the Christian County Planning and Zoning Commissioners. At the workshop the Commissioners were asked to assign weights to map layers according to their values or preferences for the three land use categories using a modified Delphi pairwise comparison technique. Based on the preference and values of the Commission members, weights were assigned

to the various map data layers to a land use preference map locating the area suitable for the three broad uses of agriculture, urban and conservation use, and areas of conflict. The results of the scoring produced suitability maps for all three categories which were combined to identify areas of conflict between land use types. Conservation suitability included maps for hazard prone areas and water quality protection to help local jurisdictions investigate future land use decisions and provide a nexus between comprehensive planning and hazard mitigation.

Stakeholder meetings and preparation of final reports for each county will be completed during FY2015.

## Grant Writing Services

An application for Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits through the Missouri Department of Economic Development was prepared by SMCOG during the spring for the Marshfield Senior Center. The NAP program provides assistance to community-based organizations to implement projects in the areas of community service, education, crime prevention, job training and physical revitalization. The Marshfield Senior Center must relocate and the proposed project is the construction of a new center; the tax credit request was for \$500,000. SMCOG also prepared a \$250,000 CDBG application for the Marshfield Senior Center.

Also this spring, SMCOG aided the Chadwick R-1 School District with their CDBG Start Smart application. Through this program, the Department of Economic Development provides resources to support the development of new or the expansion of existing early childhood educational opportunities specifically directed at children of low and moderate income families.

Award decisions on these funding applications are expected in FY2015.

## Information and Advisory Services

SMCOG continues its efforts to create networking opportunities to address issues of common concern, to assist the membership in accessing resources, to disseminate information of interest, to provide educational and training opportunities, and to advocate for Southwest Missouri. A few examples of activities during FY2014 include:

- SMCOG hosted the annual Municipal Officials Training Workshop on July 25, 2013 at the Greene County Emergency Management Center in Springfield. This event continues to be quite popular with new municipal officials and those seeking to refresh their knowledge base. Richard Sheets, Deputy Director of the Missouri Municipal League, presented the workshop.
- SMCOG continued its agreement with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce to collect field data three times per year for the Cost of Living Index Price Reports and then to report

the information to the National Council for Community & Economic Research. This information is used to attract businesses and residents to the region.

- SMCOG is a member of the Missouri Association of Council of Governments (MACOG). to support the availability of community and economic development, transportation planning, hazard mitigation planning, and homeland security regionalization programs and funding to assist and benefit local communities and the region.
- SMCOG distributed information via email to the membership on federal and state funding opportunities, program changes and training/educational workshops and webinars.
- SMCOG continued a working partnership with the Ozarks Workforce Investment Board; SMCOG's Associate Director serves on the WIB and the Planning and Oversight Committee.
- Staff represented SMCOG and participated in local, regional, state and national conferences, grant program training, and professional development sessions.

## Revenue and Expenditure Report

### July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

<b>Revenues FY2014</b>	<b>FY14 Amended Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
SMCOG Membership Fees & Special Assessment	\$33,000	\$35,050
OA Planning & Development Grant	\$4,450	\$4,451
CDBG Disaster Planning Grant	\$98,000	\$70,104
FY14 MoDOT Transportation Planning Program	\$44,824	\$44,004
FY13 MoDOT Transportation Planning Program	\$22,222	\$22,222
Broadband Plan Phase 2	\$14,000	\$15,000
Broadband GIS Structures	\$14,000	\$5,000
FY12-FY13 Homeland Security Work Programs	\$20,750	\$24,883
FirstNet Broadband	\$0	\$2,850
Hazard Mitigation Plans	\$27,162	\$26,963
2010-2013 Homeland Security Programs M&A	\$17,914	\$22,305
Marshfield Senior Center Grant Writing	\$0	\$3,400
Springfield Chamber - Cost of Living	\$1,000	\$1,000
OTO Traffic Study	\$1,520	\$1,520
MSU- Grant Writing	\$1,086	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$1,155	\$1,155
Indirect Revenue Net	\$0	\$42,626
<b>Total Program/Project Revenues</b>	<b>\$301,083</b>	<b>\$322,533</b>
<b>Total Homeland Security Pass Through Revenues</b>	<b>\$338,097</b>	<b>\$443,507</b>
<b>Total Revenues FY2014</b>	<b>\$639,180</b>	<b>\$766,040</b>
<b>Expenses FY2014</b>	<b>FY14 Amended Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Salary & Wages	\$174,000	\$170,818
Fringe Benefits	\$48,925	\$48,372
Travel	\$10,000	\$7,482
Food Service Total	\$1,400	\$1,363
Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$1,100	\$327
Printing, Binding, Photos	\$1,000	\$1,233
Advertising	\$175	\$154
Telecommunications, Postage & Supplies	\$9,250	\$7,533
Memberships & Subscriptions	\$3,500	\$3,284
Facility Rental	\$100	\$75
Professional Services - Contracts	\$15,000	\$6,079
Indirect Transfer-MSU	\$17,000	\$51,778
<b>Total Program/Project Expenses</b>	<b>\$281,450</b>	<b>\$298,498</b>
<b>Homeland Security Pass Through Expenses</b>	<b>\$338,097</b>	<b>\$400,196</b>
<b>Total Expenses FY2014</b>	<b>\$619,547</b>	<b>\$698,694</b>

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John Hopkins, Polk County



**Region D  
Homeland Security Oversight Committee  
2014-2015**

Chair, Rance Duffy

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Principal Member</b>	<b>First Alternate</b>
Emergency Management	Bill Sexton	Ted Martin
Police	Matt Stewart	Steve Lisby
County Sheriff	Randee Kaiser	Mike Hall
Fire	David Hall	Michael White
County Health	Jeanne Beas	Position Open
HSRRS	Bruce Bjorge	Chris Berndt
Public Works	Ron Bailey	Eric Walters
Mayor/City Administrator	Rick Hess	Bob Stephens
County Commissioner	Randy Daniel	Dennis Wood
Industry/LEPC	Ryan Martin	Gregg Sweeten
Utilities	Tim McCracken	Kavan Stull
EMS	Bob Patterson	David Compton
911	Bonnie Witt-Schulte	Lori Sneed
Volunteer Groups	Greg Gaines	Linda Barger
Schools	Curtis Chesick	Darrell Rader
Agriculture	Michael Pfander	Mark Sconce
Hospitals	Russ Conroy	Morgan Young

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Visit our websites for information on programs and services, upcoming meetings, current news items, regional data and contact information for SMCOG members.

### **SMCOG Website**

<http://smcog.missouristate.edu>

### **Region D Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) Website**

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