

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

December 7, 2023

10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Virtual WebEx

Board Members Attending:

Jon M. Davine, State Fire Marshal	Department of Fire Services
Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Chief John Dearborn	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Captain Timothy Vamosi	Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
Cathy Kiley, Designee	Department of Environmental Protection

DFS Employees Attending:

Rachel Pearlman	Legal Counsel to the Board
Maribel Fournier, Deputy Fire Marshal	Dept. of Fire Services
David Clemons	Dept. of Fire Services, Director of Ops
Jeffrey Winn	Dept. of Fire Services, Director of HazMat Div.
Timothy Gallagher	Dept. of Fire Services, Dep. Director of HazMat Div.
Stephanie DeMarco	Dept. of Fire Services

1. Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM.
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on:
 - a. October 19, 2023
 - i. Motion – Chief Dearborn, Second – Captain Vamosi. Motion Passed to accept the minutes.
3. New Business
 - a. Introduction: New Hazardous Material Response Director – Jeffrey Winn
 - b. Voting in of any new Hazmat Technicians
 - i. No new members to vote on at this time.
 - c. AP4C Hand-held chemical detectors delivery to response vehicles scheduled for mid-January.
 - i. Additional training will be offered for each district in January. At the completion of the training, detectors will be assigned and delivered.
 - d. Cradlepoint (internet) upgrades on TOMs scheduled to be complete mid-December.
 - i. All Cradlepoint upgrades have been completed in the TOMs, except for one. Upgrades were completed 12/7/23.
 - e. New iPads purchased for all TOMs, Squads, and CAT Bags (waiting for cases).
 - f. New Team Member Application
 - i. The HazMat Office and DFS Legal have reviewed and updated the Technician Application.
 - ii. Motion to accept application – Captain Vamosi, Second – Chief Dearborn. Motion passed to accept the new application.
 - g. Event Coverage: Army/Navy game at Gillette Stadium December 9th.
 - i. Coverage will include a HazMat Response, State Police Bomb Squad, and National Guard.

4. Old Business:
 - a. Hazmat Technician course Part 25B completed December 1st with 31 students completed the course.
 - b. Hazmat Requal course (on-line) and one day at MA Fire Academy Stow scheduled for Tuesday December 19th.
 - i. 24 Students Registered
 - c. Successful Hazmat support of the 2023 Plymouth Thanksgiving Parade.
 - i. HazMat Coverage at a Tier 1 with District 1 and JHIRT responding. All went well.
5. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.
6. Next Meeting Date – TBD.
7. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn – Captain Vamosi, Second – Chief Dearborn. Motion passed.
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 10:21.