

# **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD**

**September 20, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED MINUTES  
Hotel 1620 Plymouth, MA  
Room 402**

**Board Members Attending:**

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman  
Chief Bob Czerwinski  
Designee David Clemons  
Robert Rooney  
John McCarthy

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts  
Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts  
Department of Fire Services  
Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts Association of Hazardous  
Materials Technicians

**Board Members Absent:**

Designee Nick Childs

Department of Environmental Protection

**DFS Employees Attending:**

David DiGregorio  
Timothy Gallagher  
Korina Senior  
Travis Rebello

Director, Hazardous Materials Response  
Deputy Director,  
Program Coordinator  
Education and Training Coordinator

**Guests Attending:**

Ryan Sweder  
Robert Ljunggren  
Jon Davine  
Neil Myers  
Michael Comora  
Kevin Galligan  
David Meagher  
David Curran  
Andy Breen  
Randy Stein  
Michael Kelleher  
Richard Swartz  
Peter Lemieux  
Tim Nelson  
Andy Stephenson  
Marc Smorczewski  
Bill Hallinan  
Pat Evans  
Jon-Randel Quarles  
Jim Heath

District 2 Training Coordinator  
District 3 Training Coordinator  
District 4 Training Coordinator  
District 5 Training Coordinator  
District 6 Training Coordinator  
District 1 Assistant Training Coordinator  
District 2 Assistant Training Coordinator  
District 3 Assistant Training Coordinator  
District 4 Assistant Training Coordinator  
District 5 Assistant Training Coordinator  
District 1 Team Coordinator  
District 2 Team Coordinator  
District 3 Team Coordinator  
District 4 Team Coordinator  
District 5 Team Coordinator  
District 6 Team Coordinator  
District 2 Assistant Team Coordinator  
District 3 Assistant Team Coordinator  
District 4 Assistant Team Coordinator  
District 5 Assistant Team Coordinator

## **Monthly Board Meeting**

### **Agenda Item #1:**

#### **► Call to Order and Introductions – 10:04 a.m.**

Chief Bailey began opened the meeting and introductions were made by attendees stating their capacity.

### **Agenda Item #2:**

#### **► Approval of June 18 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2018 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by David Clemons. No discussion. All were in favor.

### **Agenda Item #3 New Business:**

#### **► a. Vote to appoint new HazMat Technicians to fill team vacancies.**

DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 3 steering committee recommending Jonathan Martin of Auburn Fire Department.

A motion to accept the new member was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

DiGregorio states we received a letter from District 6 steering committee recommending 3 new members. The three members are: William Schellbach of the Chelmsford Fire Department; Daniel Brown of Newburyport Fire Department; and Jeff Martin of Lawrence Fire Department.

A motion to accept the new member was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 2 steering committee recommending 2 new members. The two members are: David Ball of Melrose Fire Department and Christopher Gibbons of Arlington Fire Department.

A motion to accept the new member was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

DiGregorio states we received a letter from District 1 steering committee recommending 3 new members. The three members are: Michael Wainwright of the Wrentham Fire Department; Jarrod Driscoll of Abington Fire Department; and Kevin Lavigne of Taunton Fire Department.

Robert Rooney abstained from the vote since he is a member of the Taunton Fire Department. A motion to accept the new member was made by Jack McCarthy. Motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski. No discussion. All were in favor.

#### **► b. Vote on Current Technician transfers.**

DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 3 steering committee for the transfer of Kelly Manning from Southbridge Fire to Westborough Fire. Both Departments are in the same Hazmat District and agreed upon her transfer. Request to keep Kelly Manning on the District 3 Hazmat team.

A motion to accept the transfer request was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 2 steering committee for the transfer of Jonathan Tibbo from Nahant Fire to Winchester Fire. Request to keep Jonathan Tibbo on the District 2 Hazmat Team.

A motion to accept the transfer request was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

**► c. Vote on Stipend appeals.**

DiGregorio states there are several members requesting to appeal their nonpayment of stipend for various reasons.

1. Paul Morrisette D4: Request to appeal nonpayment of stipend. He attended a duplicate drill in D5 not realizing it was the same topic he already attended in D4.

A motion to accept the appeal request and pay the training stipend was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

2. Donald Minion D6: Request to appeal nonpayment of stipend due to child care and other reasons. Rooney made a motion to accept. Jack McCarthy second. Discussion started by David Clemons. These reasons could be from anyone in the room. He does not make a reference to try to cover the hours in other districts to try to get the hours covered. Marc Smorzewski D6 Coordinator has to agree he did have an opportunity to take care of some of it. He is a good Tech. Can't set precedence need to make them accountable. Rooney withdraw the motion. Bailey states the motion is withdrawn. A motion to not pay the stipend made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

3. Andrew White D3: JBTRS requirement not met. Then took the JBTRS and passed.

A motion to accept the appeal request and pay the training stipend was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

4. Tony Campbell D5: Request to appeal nonpayment of stipend due to medical related reason. DiGregorio had a discussion on medical vendor process.

A motion to accept the appeal request and pay the training stipend was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

5. Dan Eaton D6: Request to appeal nonpayment of stipend due to several extenuating circumstances.

A motion to accept the appeal request and pay the training stipend was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

6. Michael Murphy D3: Request to appeal nonpayment of stipend due FMLA leave.

A motion to accept the appeal request and pay the training stipend was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

**► d. Vote on waiver request for applicants.**

1. Walter Sikora requested a waiver of the hazmat requalification class due to teaching the Hazmat Requal course in June.

A motion to accept the waiver request and waive the requal class requirement was made by David Clemons. Motion was seconded by Robert Rooney. No discussion. All were in favor.

2. Ciro Sansossio requested a waiver of the hazmat requalification class due to teaching the Hazmat Requal and Technician courses from October 2017 through May 2018.

A motion to accept the waiver request and waive the requal class requirement was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski. No discussion. All were in favor.

3. Samuel Baral requested a waiver of the hazmat requalification class due to teaching the Hazmat Requal and Technician courses from March 2018 through May 2018.

A motion to accept the waiver request and waive the requal class requirement was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. All were in favor.

Discussion started from Peter Lemieux: When Paul gives the hours does he know if when they teach the class they know what they are teaching? DiGregorio states there is a discussion regarding the individuals with Paul Betti the Hazmat Training Coordinator.

**► e. Medical Directive.**

1. Hazmat now has a medical directive from Emerson hospital for the administration of Narcan.
2. Hazmat is currently working on a medical Directive for the DuoDote Auto Injector as we have typically had with DPH in the past.

**Agenda Item #4 Old Business:**

**► a. Newly appointed Technicians.**

DiGregorio states the new members from District 5 are all officially members of the District 5 Hazmat team.

**► b. Status of District 6 members.**

DiGregorio states a member of district 6 has missed 13 opportunities to get a physical and is not current on his training hours. We have given him plenty of opportunity to get it done. Marc Smorczeski states we have tried to help out. Motion to support the recommendation of removing Matthew Kowalski from the team has been made by Jack McCarthy. Motion was seconded by Robert Rooney. No discussion. All were in favor.

**► c. Discuss changes on the requalification of prospective Hazmat team applicants.**

DiGregorio reiterates the discussion with the Hazmat Training Division to create a portion of the requalification / reentry class online and the other 1-2 days a classroom portion. This would help the Fire Department's budget concerns for enforcing the annual requalification process to remain on the waitlist. The requalification will remain an annual requirement. Once the curriculum is finalized it will be presented to the Chiefs.

**► d. Fentanyl Issue**

Director DiGregorio states it continues to be an ongoing issue. We are cataloguing results.

- i. Narcan David DiGregorio states we will be getting 6 doses of Narcan on the Technical Operations Modules and Squads once the members have acknowledged.

**Agenda Item #5 Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

1. Chief Czerwinski stated this is Andy Stephenson's last meeting. He is retiring from Pittsfield Fire Department.

**Agenda Item 6:**

**► Next Meeting Date**

Monday, November 19, 2018

**Agenda Item #7:**

**► Adjournment 10:25 am**

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by Robert Rooney. Seconded by Chief Czerwinski. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Prepared by:**

**Korina Senior**

**November 14, 2018**