

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

January 10, 2022

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Virtual WebEx

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman

Chief John Dearborn

David Clemons, Director of Operations

Timothy Vamosi

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:

Nicholas Childs, Designee

Department of Environmental Protection

DFS Employees Attending:

Glenn Rooney, Legal Counsel

Maribel Fournier, Deputy Fire Marshal

David DiGregorio, Director

Timothy Gallagher, Deputy Director

Department of Fire Services

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DFS Employees Absent:

Korina Senior, Program Coordinator

DFS, Hazardous Materials Response

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► **Meeting Opening and Introductions – 10:03am**

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of November 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2021 was offered by Chief John Dearborn. The motion was seconded by Timothy Vamosi. No discussion. Roll call taken, unanimous vote.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Vote on team appointments and/or transfers.**

Director DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 4 State Hazmat Steering Committee appointing Benjamin Duzsa of the Chicopee Fire Department. Chief John Dearborn makes a motion to accept the district 4 member. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy, just joining the meeting. No discussion, roll call taken resulting in unanimous vote.

► b. Discuss COVID protocols.

Currently teams are still able to drill with the increase in COVID cases. Teams are following the DFS protocols as well as the town protocols as far as mask requirements and other COVID protocols.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Discuss the Academy Hazardous Materials courses.

Director DiGregorio states the Hazmat Technicians part A is taking place right now. The two-week Part B course starts February 28 and goes through first full week of March. Mr. Vamosi asks how long each course is and how many offerings will be available? The Hazmat Tech part A is 4 weeks and part B is a 2 week course. Looking at holding the Hazmat Tech course 2 times per year.

► b. Discuss JSMACCS.

DiGregorio states the PowerPoint and performance standards are done, most of the job aids are done. Pushing it out to the teams in early April. This year it is an introduction. Next year it will be a requirement like what JBTRS was. Hazmat office is looking at how to handle all the material. David Clemons asks when it will be with DPH for review. Director DiGregorio says one more job aid to do so probably this week as well as the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab.

► c. Discuss activation response criteria.

A lot of Fire Departments are not staffed enough to be able to send the Hazmat Techs to incident responses without question like they have in the past. Adjustments were made and

► d. Discuss stipend increase.

Director DiGregorio states at least half of the stipend increase went to the Fiscal Department. The delay in the stipend increase was figuring out how to process retired members. Jack McCarthy asks if they can submit a request to Fire Departments for their stipend payments. Mr. DiGregorio said to let them know the payments are on their way in January.

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

N/A.

Agenda Item #6:

► Next Meeting Date

Virtual meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 10:00am.

Agenda Item #7:

► Adjournment approximately 10:21 a.m.

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by Jack McCarthy. Adjournment seconded by Timothy Vamosi. No further discussion. Roll call taken, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.