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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
 COORDINATING COUNCIL
 April 27, 2022
 APPROVED**

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a hybrid meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through WebEx videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

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| Iain McGregor, Chair | Professional Fire Fighters of Mass. |
| Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair | Fire Chiefs Association of Mass. |
| Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe | Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS |
| Maribel Fournier | Deputy State Fire Marshal |
| Chief Matthew Belsito | Fire Chiefs Association of Mass. |
| Jason Saunders | Professional Fire Fighters of Mass. |

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:
 Vacancy Representing the Technical Rescue Team

DES Employees in Attendance:

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| Glenn Rooney, Legal Counsel | Department of Fire Services |
| John H. Dean, Deputy General Counsel | Department of Fire Services |
| David Clemons | Director of Operations |
| David DiGregorio, Director | Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations |
| Korina Senior, Program Coordinator | Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations |

Other Attendees

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| Rob O'Brien | Region 1 |
| Mark McCabe | Region 1 |

Administrative Services • Division of Fire Safety
Hazardous Materials Response • Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

Shawn Simmons
Michael Pavone
Francis Otting
Michael Winn

Region 1
Region 2
Region 2
Fire Chiefs Association

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:02 a.m. The Chairman introduced himself, followed by the introductions of the Council members, Department of Fire Services' employees, and public members in attendance.

2. Approval of February 23, 2022. Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair, Chief Michael Mansfield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on February 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier. Chief Belsito and Jason Saunders abstain from the vote, unanimous roll call vote.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

The Chair brings up the two letters of resignation from Chief Nord and Peter Jerusik. We received a third resignation from Russell Lewis as well, his replacement is with the Governor for review.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Equipment – Chief Mansfield states the equipment subcommittee plans to have a document with a list of equipment quantities, types of equipment, etc. for each region at the next meeting.
- b. Policy – Chief Belsito states there is no movement since the Policy Chair, Peter Jerusik resigned. The Council needs to appoint another member. To be done later in this meeting.
- c. Joint Subcommittee meeting with the Training and Membership Subcommittees. Letter of recommendations dated March 21, 2022, sent to the council. Deputy State Fire Marshal asks about the 2nd bullet regarding training requirements. The training requirements will be voted on by the Council. Motion to accept the letter of recommendations as written in the letter dated March 21, 2022, was made by Chief Belsito. The motion was seconded by Jason Saunders. Unanimous roll call vote.

5. Old Business

- a. **Waiting for data matrix recommendation from Policy Subcommittee.**
Policy was not able to meet. Chair McGregor noted that one of the breakout groups that the membership training subcommittee group is working on team size.

6. New Business

- a. **Council member disclosure guidance.**
Message for new members to show how there may be some overlap with other

employment. There is a portal with the Attorney of the Day program to call and disclose may be required to cover any appearance of common threads to your appointing authorities.

Chair Iain McGregor encourages council members to call and talk to the Attorney of the Day.

The Attorney's help classify your personal and work relations and how they could be a conflict.

b. Assign Policy Subcommittee Chair.

Chair McGregor recommends Chief Belsito as the Policy Chair. The chair of each subcommittee is a Council member to be able to relay the information to the Council. Work can always be assigned to other Policy members. Chief Belsito accepted the Policy Chair position.

c. Tasks/Assignments.

- Feedback for tasks and assignments and benchmarks that need to be set to organize the next step.
- Appoint a Membership Chair at the next meeting.
- Provide full overview for the new council members so they have a better understanding of where the council stands.

d. Discuss Homeland Security Project justifications.

- Missing part to getting the program running is response numbers and style. What equipment needs to be upgraded and why it is needed, how it is used.
- Data matrix of how many calls. Specific data is needed from the subcommittees to represent data from each region to present to the Governor's office for funding. If it is a needed asset for the state, there is no stopping the funding.
- Rob O'Brien – Chief Winn asked regions to start putting together Tech Rescue call outs. How many full team callouts are avoided because some Fire Departments can handle it at the local municipal level?

7. Future Agenda Items.

The open meeting law allows us to meet virtually until July 15, 2022. Any meeting after July 15th will be in person at this time. Scheduling emails and polling next meeting date does not violate open meeting law. If you receive the agenda, be mindful to reserve conversations and email for the meeting.

8. Determination of future meeting date(s).

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Jason Saunders has a conflict and will not be able to attend. The majority can attend.

Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa made a motion to adjourn. Chief Belsito seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:54 a.m.