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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE  
 COORDINATING COUNCIL  
 August 24, 2022  
 APPROVED**

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

**Present** at the meeting were the following Council members:

Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Maribel Fournier, Designee	Deputy State Fire Marshal
Chief Matthew Belsito	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Michael Pavone	Representing the Technical Rescue Team

**Absent** from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.

**DES Employees in Attendance:**

John 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**

Rob O'Brien	Region 1
Neil Tuepker	Region 1
Shawn Simmons	Region 1
Paul Morrison	Region 2
Francis Otting	Region 2
David Randolph	Region 2
Alan Sirois	Region 4
Daryl Springman	Region 4
Brent Lefebve	Region 4
RJ Pensivy	Region 4

### **1. Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:05 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. Iain McGregor welcomes Mike Pavone appointed by the Governor to fill the Technical Rescue Team member seat. He is a voting member of the Council and will be representing all members of Technical Rescue.

### **3. Approval of July 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Chief Matt Belsito made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, July 27, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jason Saunders. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote was completed.

### **4. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.**

Council appointments are with the Governor for review.

### **5. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Membership/Training – Jason Saunders stepped forward to the Membership Chair. Stepped forward to gather data for MFIRS reporting. Emails are still going around requesting team data to compile an organized spreadsheet. Geographical data to justify the number of responders based on geography and call data. Collecting information from other states, recently received information from Illinois and the work group will be reviewing their data.
- b. Policy/SOG – Meeting productive held August 23<sup>rd</sup>. MTRCC Chair appointed Jonathan Martin as Region 3 policy/SOG representative. The subcommittee plans to hold additional meetings to get things moving forward. At the next Council meeting the plan is to have three to four policies for review. Safety Officer was done previously. Plan to have Team Leader, Accountability and After-Action policies for the next meeting.
- c. Equipment – No update to report.

## **6. Regional Reports**

- a. Region 5 – CCG drill in September and October drill in CCG
- b. Region 4 – Request for service last month. Responding team members from the department handled the request.
- c. Region 3 – Planning mini MOBEX the beginning of April 2023.
- d. Region 2 – Region service water training 4 days 9 towns. Looking to upgrade the training with rapid divers.
- e. Region 1 – Dive activations this summer and live animal responses in the Plymouth region. Ongoing training within the region. Question regarding MFIRS coding: Request receiving the data monthly to code the data properly.

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Review Tech Rescue Data.**

Chairman Iain McGregor discussed region 3 has provided data. Francis Otting will be facilitating and reaching out to obtain data from the regions. Determine where some of the calls should be classified as. Francis Otting is happy to help facilitate the data collection. There will be more discussion regarding the MFIRS data and properly recording Tech Rescue responses.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Reappointment of current MTRCC members Matthew Belsito and Jason Saunders.
  - Matthew Belsito was sworn in this morning.
- b. Tabled - Discuss and vote on Equipment Subcommittee list.
  - Table again for next meeting. Chair will ask for all council members to receive a draft version before the next meeting.

**9. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.** None.

**10. Future Agenda Items.** SOG/Policies to send to Council for review. Statewide MOBEX

**11. Determination of future meeting date(s).**

The next meeting will be held virtually on September 28, 2022, at 10:00am.

Chief Belsito made a motion to adjourn. Jason Saunders seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:31 am.