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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**
January 25, 2023
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, January 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Chief Matthew Belsito	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Michael Pavone	Representing the Technical Rescue Team

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.

DFS Employees in Attendance:

Glenn Rooney	General Counsel
Maribel Fournier	Deputy State Fire Marshal
David Clemons	Director of Hazardous Materials Response
Korina Senior	Program Coordinator

Other Attendees

Mark McCabe	Region 1
Francis Otting	Region 2
Paul Morrison	Region 2
Jonathan Martin	Region 3
Pham Sang	State of MA Technology

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Michael Pavone, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at approximately 10:04 a.m. The Vice Chair introduced himself, followed by the introductions of the Council members, Department of Fire Services' employees, and public members in attendance.

2. Approval of November 30, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Chief Belsito made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, November 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Chief Mansfield. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote was completed.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

No Correspondence.

4. New Business

- a. Discuss and Vote on Draft SOGs/Policies.
 - Recommendation to wait until Iain McGregor and Jason Saunders are available.

5. Subcommittee Reports

a. Equipment – First draft of equipment list for the cache. Send to the council members for review. Hazardous Materials section appears to be less than normal because the state Hazmat Response team would handle any HazMat related needs. Only requesting basic entry equipment. No update to report. We will have a list ready to go for the next meeting. Same situation for medical needs.

6. Regional Reports

- a. Region 3 – Jonathan Martin mini MOBEX to be held in Devens, waiting on final date in April/May. Only activation in District 7 was for a horse rescue. Question: How is it being funded? The mini MOBEX is being funded through a Homeland Security funding. They submitted a justification letter to hold the training.
- b. Region 2 – Michael Pavone discusses the need for data links for first responders. Persistent independent system allows the ability to maintain comms, data, etc during large events. Marshal recommends this topic is discussed at a higher level to collaborate the needs. Francis Otting states the funding has been decreased significantly for tech rescue training and they are focusing on requesting an increase for training.
- c. Region 4 – no report
- d. Region 5 – no report

7. Old Business

a. Discussion on DFS Staffing.

Marshal states we are still moving forward and making progress in the Deputy Director position.

8. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair. None.

9. Future Agenda Items.

10. Determination of future meeting date(s).

The next meeting will be February 22, 2023, at 10:00am.

Marshal Peter Ostroskey made a motion to adjourn. Chief Belsito seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:43 am.