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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

January 26, 2021

APPROVED

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via WebEx Meeting per Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s.20 signed and dated March 12, 2020.

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Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Chief Kevin Nord

Iain McGregor

Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

Peter Ostroskey, State Fire Marshal

Chief Michael Mansfield

Peter Jerusik

Russell Lewis

Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.

Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.

Undersecretary for Homeland Security,
EOPSS

Department of Fire Services

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Member of the Statewide Tech. Rescue Team

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

NONE

DFS Employees in Attendance:

Maribel Fournier, Deputy State Fire Marshal	Department of Fire Services
Steven Rourke, Esq.	DFS General Counsel and Legal Counsel to the TRCC
Glenn M. Rooney, Esq.	DFS Deputy General Counsel
David DiGregorio, Director	Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator	Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations

Other Attendees

Robert O'Brien	Region 1
Mark McCabe	Region 1
Neil Tuepker	Region 1
Lt. Francis Otting	Region 2
Matt Belsito	Region 3
Sean Smith	Region 3
Joe Landry	Region 3
Alan Sirois	Region 4
Daryl Springman	Region 4
Steve Chandler	Region 4
Robert Pensivy	Region 4
Mike Russas	MEMA

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Chief Kevin Nord, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 2:05 p.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 December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on December 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Iain McGregor. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was approved by unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

- a. Email regarding potential internet issues.
- b. Email from UASI are they will have information at the next meeting.
- c. Russell Lewis appointment to the vacant position.

4. **Old Business**

a. **Discuss and vote on budget Legislation.**

Add to the legislation to allow DFS to become the fiduciary. DFS was not specifically listed as a trustee to be the administrators. Currently the Treasurer's office is listed as the trustee. Further appropriation would be needed if it continues as is. With the addition of Section 2, it would allow the Department of Fire Services to act as trustee. FCAM is reviewing the legislation. PFFM has the addition. Table until next month so FCAM has time to review. The final date for legislation to be filed is the 3rd Friday of February. Undersecretary Benincasa will work with Chief Mansfield to get the legislation finalized and reviewed by all parties before the next meeting.

b. **Discuss and potential vote on budget documents.**

Iain McGregor discusses each column in the draft budget worksheet. This document is to begin the process with discussion. It does not include all budget items. Discussion on the proposed team size. The Sub-Committee teams with discuss the membership. Chair would like the information to go out to the Steering Committees. Need the regulations for funding through various different sources. The current Tech Rescue costs are not realized to the full extent because some regions are not funded. Pull some data on Technical Rescue Response to be able to estimate the cost of response as well. Table this to next meeting.

c. **Assignment of members to Subcommittees.**

All regions except region 1 need to figure out who they will assign to the Subcommittees.

d. **Discuss surveys distributed to the District Team Leaders.**

No new data since October/November.

5. **New Business**

a. **Overview from steering committees.**

Region 1 and 2 will not be presenting this month.

Region 3, Deputy Chief Sean Smith of Holden Fire presented the Region 3 Technical Region group.

Region 5, Captain Richard "Rick" Nelson of Reading Fire presented the Region 5 Technical Region group.

Region 4, Chief Alan Sirois of Agawam Fire presented the Region 4 Technical Region group.

b. Discuss amphibious vehicles.

Company would like to offer their amphibious vehicles to the Technical Rescue Teams. Work will be needed to update the appearance. There will be a maintenance cost for the teams if they want them. If any region is interested in looking at one for their team reach out to David DiGregorio to schedule a meeting with the company.

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

No discussion.

7. Future agenda items.

Iain and Chief Mansfield will work on the budget legislation.
Overview from steering committees.

8. Determination of future meeting date(s).

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2:00pm

Marshal Ostroskey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Chief Mansfield. Vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:47 p.m.