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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
 COORDINATING COUNCIL
 July 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, July 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:

Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Chief Matthew Belsito	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.

<u>Absent</u> from the meeting were the following	Commission members:
Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Vacancy	Representing the Technical Rescue Team

DES Employees in Attendance:

Glenn Rooney, Legal Counsel to the Board	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

Mark McCabe	Region 1
Paul Morrison	Region 2
Francis Otting	Region 2

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Daryl Springman
Brent Lefebve
Rick Nelson

Region 4
Region 4
Region 5

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 June 29, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Chief Matt Belsito made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, June 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jason Saunders. Marshal Peter Ostroskey abstained from the vote. No further discussion. Roll call vote was completed.

Approval of July 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Marshal Ostroskey made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, July 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Chief Belsito. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

Email from a business in D4 requesting services. The information was forwarded to the appropriate Region 4 contact.

Glenn Rooney confirmed Boston received the annual report.

4. Regional Reports

- a. Region 5 –
- b. Region 4 – 2 trainings this month. Standby details are coming in regularly right now. The dive team was called out for a 2-day search.
- c. Region 3 – Nothing new to report, relatively slow.
- d. Region 2 – Working on UASI trainings for the fall and spring 2023. Funding has been reduced significantly. In the middle of September Boston Fire has a special training taking place. Cambridge Fire worked on collapse training. The introductory rescue recruit course will be taking place for the new members.
- e. Region 1 – Planning the fall training schedule. Funds are dwindling for region 1 as well.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Membership/Training – The group has received some data and collected the system makeup data. Also reached out to outside teams for data analysis.
- b. Policy/SOG – Nothing to report. Meeting in August.
- c. Equipment – No update to report.

6. Old Business

- a. **Review Tech Rescue Data.**

Chairman Iain McGregor discusses the findings of the MFIRS data. The team data matched MFIRS data with few discrepancies. As more regional data is provided, the council will see how well the data matches.

7. New Business

- a. Discuss and vote on Equipment Subcommittee list. – Tabled for August meeting.
- b. Discuss HLS FEMA Funding data needs. – The data is needed to support and evaluate the needs. Email will be sent to all regions requesting the data.

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

9. Future Agenda Items. None

10. Determination of future meeting date(s).

The next meeting will be held virtually on August 24, 2022.

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