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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

May 27, 2021

APPROVED

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.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.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Chief Kevin Nord	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Chief Michael Mansfield	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Peter Jerusik	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Russell Lewis	Member of the Statewide Tech. Rescue Team

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Iain McGregor	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
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DFS Employees in Attendance:

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

Special Operations

Other Attendees

Robert O'Brien
Alan Sirois

Region 1
Region 4

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Chief Kevin Nord, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 11:30 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 April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on April 28, 2021. The motion was accepted by Chair Nord. No discussion, unanimous vote.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

a. None.

4. Old Business

a. **Discuss Steering Committee Meetings**

DFS is not in a position to support the Steering Committee Meetings. Posting the agenda and meeting schedule is doable. We do not have admin support to host and take meeting minutes. Questions: If we are required to post meetings where would we post them?

Share the Open Meeting Law posting requirements to the steering committee. Open meeting law stops at the steering committees it is not at the local level. The purpose of the meeting determines whether or not the meeting will need to be posted.

b. **Discuss and potential vote on Fire Mobilization**

The draft was accepted. June 24 next meeting summer off but will still work on documents.

c. **Discussion on Subcommittees**

- **Policy/SOG** – had a meeting 2 days ago and did not have a quorum meeting Friday, June 4th.
- **Membership** – no update.
- **Training** Iain was not present to provide an update.
- **Equipment** Chief Mansfield met 1 officially next meeting June 7th. Consider using D4H for all regional teams at some point in time. Presentation scheduled next Tuesday with D4H and then they can provide the recording to all subcommittees after.
 - Beginning with 5 disciplines for policy, procedures, and training etc. Dive

will be considered later.

5. New Business

a. Discuss Open Meeting Law.

As of June 15 the meetings will need to be in person. Subcommittee, Counsel, and Steering Committees must have an in person quorum. An action needs to be made by the counsel and subcommittees to allow nonphysical attendance.

b. Budget Presentation and discussion.

No value to add to the meeting at this time.

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Continue to work on the Concept of Operations.

7. Future agenda items.

Subcommittee meetings.

8. Determination of future meeting date(s).

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Does DFS have the capabilities to add virtual attendees during the meeting?

Chief Mansfield made motion to adjourn. Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey seconded. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:08 p.m.