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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
 COORDINATING COUNCIL
 November 3, 2021
 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, November 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and open to the public in the Boards and Commissions Room A101, at the Department of Fire Services, State Road, Stow, MA or WebEx videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Iain McGregor	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Peter J. Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Chief Michael Mansfield	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Russell Lewis	Member of the Statewide Tech. Rescue Team

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Kevin Nord	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Peter Jerusik	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.

DFS Employees in Attendance:

Glenn Rooney, Legal Counsel	Department of Fire Services
David Clemons, Director of Operations	Department of Fire Services
David DiGregorio, Director	Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator	Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations

Other Attendees

Shawn Simmons	Region 1
Jay Tierney	Region 2

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Lt. Francis Otting
Alan Sirois
Richard Nelson

Region 2
Region 4
Region 5

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 9:08 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 September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chief Michael Mansfield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on September 22, 2021. The motion was seconded by Russel Lewis. No discussion, unanimous vote.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

None

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Equipment – met last week and discussed getting a document with the minimum equipment needs for each discipline to add to the Con Ops plan at the December meeting.
- b. Training – at the last meeting the training hours were adopted. Looking to have a joint meeting with the membership subcommittee to adopt a minimum requirement for membership.
- c. Policy – did not meet.
- d. Membership – not represented at meeting.

5. Old Business

a. Discuss and potential vote on Fire Mobilization.

The committee voted to incorporate any changes. The changes would go from the Fire Mobilization Committee to the Technical Rescue Committee. Nothing is needed at this time.

b. Discuss the D4H approved awaiting funding.

Undersecretary Benincasa spoke with Kevin Stanton in preparation for FY22 HLS funding. Some charges have been made in FEMA funding. Looking for the best option to fund D4H.

6. New Business

a. Updated budget projection.

Discussion on how much should be included in the budget projection with the understanding the HazMat program did not start off with a full budget including stipends. Higher priority budget needs include purchasing and maintaining

equipment. Data would provide justification to request funding, including what teams currently have and what is needed. Also, organizing the MFIRS data in a standardized approach to classify tech rescue responses at a local level. Discussion on personnel needs at a local level.

7. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey announces the 32nd Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards Ceremony at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 10am.

8. Tasks/Assignments.

Subcommittees will continue to meet and report at the next meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items.

Items from today's meeting.

9. Determination of future meeting date(s).

Try to maintain the last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Hybrid meeting virtual and in person.

Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey made motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Mansfield seconded. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:16 a.m.