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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE  
COORDINATING COUNCIL  
November 30, 2022  
DRAFT**

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

**Present** at the meeting were the following Council members:

Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
David Clemons, Designee	Director of Operations
Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Chief Matthew Belsito	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Michael Pavone	Representing the Technical Rescue Team

**Absent** from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
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**DFS Employees in Attendance:**

Glenn Rooney, General Counsel	Department of Fire Services
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator	Hazardous Materials Response

**Other Attendees**

Brian Moriarty	Region 5
Sang Pham	Learning about Fire Departments

**1. Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:06 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 October 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Chief Belsito made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, October 26, 2022. The motion was seconded by Michael Pavone. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote was completed.

**3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.**

No Correspondence.

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Equipment – No update to report. We will have a list ready to go for the next meeting.
- b. Policy/SOG – Just completed 3 new policies to be discussed in business. Will continue to work on additional policies and plan to submit another 3 to 4 in the next meeting.
- c. Membership/Training – Had a joint meeting with discussion on adopting the training matrix utilized by the Western Region. Plan to work on tier levels and try to somewhat match what the Hazmat system has implemented.

**5. Regional Reports**

- a. Region 1 – no report.
- b. Region 2 – no report.
- c. Region 3 – no report.
- d. Region 4 – Alan Sirois reports representatives are busy today. Confined space standby detail. They receive a decent amount of revenue. With the volume they are being requested for they are having difficulties staffing the needs and will be looking to add 6 members to the region 4 team.
- e. Region 5 – Annual rope competencies will be held in January.

**6. Old Business**

- a. Discuss dates for MOBEX Concepts and Objectives.
  - December – Virtual DFS to host the kickoff until the Deputy Director arrives. Virtual meeting date: December 21st at 3:00pm.
  - January – Format of meeting discussed. Virtual meeting Tuesday, January 24th 9am.
- b. Discussion on DFS Staffing.

David Clemons announces the interviews are underway for the Deputy Director position for Special Operations and Technical Rescue Division. This will be the first full time position for Special Operations.
- c. Discuss team submitted data.

Collected all the data from the teams. 2 Excel files will be sent out. Data is coded in the MFIRS report. Similar concept to see the request to team assets. Once departments realize it is an easy resource to utilize there will be an increase in response similar to Hazmat. The reporting data for

region 2 consists of individual departments with vast resources so they typically are utilizing mutual aid during responses and do not report on specific tech rescue responses. It is believed the numbers may not be fully reported as individual responses may be handling the technical rescue aspect of the call depending on who responds.

- d. Tabled – Discuss and vote on Equipment Subcommittee list. Tabled until next meeting

## **7. New Business**

- a. Discuss and Vote on Draft SOGs/Policies.
  - Rehab SOG: Iain states it covers what is needed. Jason Saunders made a motion to accept the Rehab SOG as written. Michael Pavone seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote.
  - First Arriving Team Member: Jason Saunders made a motion to accept the First Arriving Team Member SOG. The motion was seconded by Michael Pavone. Noticed the templates are each a little different. Could create a standard template once the Deputy Director joins. Good task for fresh eyes to look at it and make the format and formalize the SOGs. Unanimous roll call vote.
  - Rope Rescue SOG: Chief Belsito Barry Apt for his work on the Rope Rescue SOG. He spent about two months working on the SOG. Discussion on having a main contact to review the SOGs to have consistency in the words used, format, etc. Question whether the definition of each position is needed in the SOGs? The definitions can be helpful to specifically identify each area; it depends on how you want the SOG to be interpreted. All fluid documents and will be changed over time. Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the Rope Rescue SOG. The motion was seconded by David Clemons. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote.

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

## **9. Future Agenda Items.**

- a. Discuss K-9 response. Chief Belsito mentions the Auburn Dive and Cadaver dog as an available resource.

## **10. Determination of future meeting date(s).**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10:00am.

Chief Mansfield made a motion to adjourn. Michael Pavone seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:01 am.