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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE  
 COORDINATING COUNCIL  
 September 28, 2022  
 APPROVED**

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, September 28, 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:

Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Maribel Fournier, Designee	Deputy State Fire Marshal
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:

Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
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**DFS Employees in Attendance:**

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

**Other Attendees**

Francis Otting	Region 2
Daryl Springman	Region 4

**1. Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:02 a.m. The Chairman

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introduced himself, followed by the introductions of the Council members, Department of Fire Services' employees, and public members in attendance.

## **2. Approval of August 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Chief Matt Belsito made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, August 24, 2022. The motion was seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa. 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
- b. Policy/SOG – Covering a lot of policies in a short amount of time. There are 2 now and will have 3 – 4 more in the next meeting.
- c. Membership/Training – Joint with membership committee. Reviewed through the geographical data that the members submitted and the 2 other state systems. Scheduled Oct 18 @ 1pm. Should be final discussion on team size to submit to the Council.

## **5. Regional Reports**

- a. Region 1 – No attendees to report.
- b. Region 2 – Michael Pavone stated they conducted water rescue training for 4 days including 9 cities including cruise ship scenario. They had 5 teams for the protestors in Boston.
- c. Region 3 –Matt Belsito mentions district 7 has ongoing training. The Dive Team was activated for overnight recovery response in Brookfield including environmental police. Response in Mendon to lift a horse off a person. Another response in Purgatory Chasm for a victim that dropped 45 feet. Planning the mini MOBEX in April with the location still to be determined.
- d. Region 4 – Daryl Springman mentions rescue call outs and water incidents. Received 14-15 days of standby details. Suggested to add contact information for coverage needs in each area.
- e. Region 5 –Iain McGregor mentions the Tech rescue drill they had in September with National Guard members. The October drill will be held at Camp Curtis Guild. A trench rescue drill is scheduled for November. They added 1 member to their roster for a total of 46 region 5 members.

## **6. Old Business**

- a. Review Tech Rescue Data.  
Chairman Iain McGregor discusses the data obtained from the regions. Still looking to update the spreadsheet to include the other regional reports. Questions regarding region 1 response data, unsure if the information provided was for the entire region or the single district.
- b. Discussion on DFS Staffing.  
Deputy Director Position has been posted to operate the Special Ops Division and be a point of contact for the teams and Council. Would like the

council to be included in the interview process. Chief Belsito will be Council member for interview panel.

**7. New Business**

- a. Reappointment of current MTRCC member Iain McGregor.
- b. Discuss and Vote on Draft SOGs.
  - Jason Saunders made a motion to accept the draft Team Leader incident responsibilities SOG. Undersecretary Benincasa seconded the motion. Discussion to update the seal on the cover page referencing Hazardous Materials Response. Unanimous roll call vote.
  - Jason Saunders made a motion to accept the Accountability of members at incidents and training SOG. The motion was seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa. Unanimous roll call vote.
- c. Discussion on Statewide MOBEX Training.

In the past Chief Nord coordinated the planning process for the MOBEX training. There is a lot of involvement in the process. Chief Belsito states it will be all hands-on deck to accomplish the coordination involved to conduct the MOBEX training next fall. Discussion by all on the coordination and the value of the MOBEX training. Glenn Rooney suggests the Council reach out to their regions to see if the resources/support will be available to assist in coordinating the training and add to a future meeting agenda.
- d. Tabled - Discuss and vote on Equipment Subcommittee list. Table the agenda item for the next meeting.
- e. Vote to elect Chair and Vice Chair.

Chief Belsito recommends wait to a full council is present. No objections. Legal verified the legislation allows to table until next meeting. Putting it out 1 month should not present an issue.

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

**9. Future Agenda Items.**

- a. SOG/Policies to send to Council for review.
- b. Statewide MOBEX
- c. Discuss & Vote on recommended team size.
- d. Elect chair and vice chair.
- e. Equipment subcommittee list.

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

The next meeting will be held virtually on October 26, 2022, at 10:00am.

Chief Belsito made a motion to adjourn. Undersecretary Benincasa seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:47 am.