

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

November 9, 2020

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

WebEx Conference Call

Remote locations

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman

David Clemons, Director of Operations

Nicholas Childs, Designee

John McCarthy

Robert Rooney

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts

Department of Fire Services

Department of Environmental Protection

Massachusetts Association of Hazardous
Materials Technicians

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

Board Members Absent:

None

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio, Director

Timothy Gallagher, Deputy Director

Korina Senior, Program Coordinator

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DFS Employees Absent:

None

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► **Meeting Opening and Introductions – 10:11am**

Chief Bailey began opening the meeting and introductions were made by attendees stating their presence and capacity.

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of September 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2020 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. Roll call taken, all were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Discuss and potential vote on team appointments and/or transfers.**

DiGregorio states we have two applicant appointment letters.

1. District 2 is recommending Michael Kelly of Arlington Fire Department. A motion was made by Robert Rooney to accept the District 2 member. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. Discussed the member is immediately eligible to join the team. Roll call resulted in unanimously vote.

2. District 4 is recommending Matthew Sandler of Easthampton Fire Department. A motion was made by Robert Rooney to accept the District 2 member. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. Discussed the member is immediately eligible to join the team. DFS needs a fully executed Hazmat Grant Contract with Easthampton. Roll call resulted in unanimously vote.

DiGregorio states there is one member transfer within District 3. Member Kelly Manning accepted a promotion to Deputy Chief and is transferring from Westborough Fire Department to Douglas Fire Department. We have a new application with Douglas Fire for Kelly Manning. DFS needs a fully executed Hazmat Grant Contract with Douglas Fire. No vote needed as it is a transfer within District.

► b. Discuss election day.

Director DiGregorio states we had teams in each district ready to respond to any potential voting threats within the Commonwealth. No responses were necessary.

► c. Introduce new JHIRT members.

This is just edification of the board. There were seven applicants interviewed for the JHIRT team. Six applicants went to round 2 of the tryout. Focus was finding members on the eastern part of the state. JHIRT selected 2 members Michael Madruga, District 2 and Timothy Vamosi, District 1.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Discuss the proposed incident response points system.

After discussions with Marshal and David Clemons. Instead of going with the full point system. The members would attend 1 call for the year. To receive the stipend members need to at least call into IAR with their availability at 75% for Tier 1 and 2 calls. Tier 3 and above 100%. As we start in January with the new stipend period this will be the understanding

Jack McCarthy asks - Is the point system going to be communicated to every team by the office before January? Director DiGregorio states he or Tim plan to notify the teams before January.

► b. Vehicle Locations.

Director DiGregorio states we still need to move 61 and 64 from Danvers and Littleton. We are looking at every option we can right now.

► b. Discuss the requalification process.

Director DiGregorio state the online Requal is up and functioning. The November class will most likely be rescheduled to December because there are only technicians signed up to take the next requal practical. Korina has been sending email communications to the applicants. It is probably a good idea if a notice is sent out to notify applicants that the requal is required to remain immediately eligible on the waitlist.

There was a waiver request for an individual that teaches at the Academy and there have not been enough offerings to take the place of the requal course. Everyone should be going through the requal before they should be placed on a team.

Agenda Item #5 Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

All voting members stated there were no additional matters. Robert Rooney stated this is his last meeting on the board, he is retiring in January and enjoyed the opportunity to help solve matters on the Board.

Agenda Item #6:

► **Next Meeting Date**

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11:00am.

Agenda Item #7:

► **Adjournment 10:34 a.m.**

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by Robert Rooney. Adjournment seconded by Jack McCarthy. No further discussion. Roll call was taken by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

November 10, 2020