

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

January 11, 2021

11:00 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

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts

Department of Fire Services

Department of Environmental Protection

Massachusetts Association of Hazardous  
Materials Technicians

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 – 11:08am**

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of November 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2020 was offered by Jack McCarthy. The motion was seconded by David Clemons. 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 appointment letters from two Districts.

1. District 6 is recommending Francis Latham of Lowell Fire Department and Vincent Zarella of North Reading Fire Department. A motion was made by Jack

McCarthy to accept the District 6 members. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. Discussed member Vincent Zarella needs an updated application with correct Chiefs signature. Motion was seconded by David Clemons. Roll call resulted in unanimously vote.

2. District 3 is recommending Bradford Ferrie of Concord Fire Department. This recommendation is pending January 26, 2021 retirement from William Noke. A motion was made by Jack McCarthy to accept the District 3 member after January 26<sup>th</sup> once the other member retires. Motion was seconded by David Clemons. Roll call resulted in unanimously vote.

**► b. Discuss Stipends.**

Director DiGregorio states the stipend requirements for training hours because of COVID. If the Technicians are symptomatic or exposed they are doing the right thing and staying home. New members will be pro-rated. Some districts are struggling to find locations that will allow 45 members to drill at their location. All stipend payments have gone out last week and members should be receiving them in their next pay.

*Agenda Item #4 Old Business:*

**► a. Discuss the proposed incident response points system.**

Director DiGregorio states the goal is to know members availability as soon as possible. The requirement to sign in to IAR is now with their availability at 75% for Tier 1 and 2 calls. Tier 3 and above 100%.

Jack McCarthy asks - Is the point system going to be communicated to every team Director DiGregorio states he plans to notify the teams before January.

**► b. Vehicle Locations.**

Director DiGregorio states we still need to move 61 and 64 from Danvers and Littleton. There are some potential locations for District 2 to move TOMs21 out of Wilmington to move 61 into Wilmington.

**► b. Discuss the requalification process.**

Director DiGregorio state the online Requal is up and functioning. The next requal practical is February 23, 2021.

The Technician course is in preproduction for the first part. The second part is in the development stages including the Hazmat office input to focus on Hazmat Team needs.

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

All voting members stated there were no additional matters.

*Agenda Item #6:*

**► Next Meeting Date**

Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11:00am.

*Agenda Item #7:*

**► Adjournment 11:26 a.m.**

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by David Clemons. Adjournment seconded by Chair Bailey. No further discussion. Roll call was taken by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.

