

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

November 15, 2021

11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Virtual WebEx

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Chief John Dearborn	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
David Clemons, Director of Operations	Department of Fire Services
Timothy Vamosi	Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
John McCarthy	Massachusetts Association of Hazardous Materials Technicians

Board Members Absent:

Nicholas Childs, Designee	Department of Environmental Protection
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DFS Employees Attending:

Glenn Rooney, Legal Counsel	Department of Fire Services
David DiGregorio, Director	DFS, Hazardous Materials Response
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator	DFS, Hazardous Materials Response

DFS Employees Absent:

Timothy Gallagher, Deputy Director	DFS, Hazardous Materials Response
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Others Attending:

Kurt Seaman	South Deerfield Fire Department
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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 September 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021 was offered by Chief John Dearborn. The motion was seconded by Timothy Vamosi. No discussion. Roll call taken, unanimous vote.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► a. Vote on team appointments and/or transfers.

Director DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 2 State Hazmat Steering Committee appointing Matthew Crones of Woburn Fire and Dan Sullivan of Lynn Fire. Chief John Dearborn makes a motion to accept the district 2 members. The motion was seconded by Timothy Vamosi. No discussion, roll call taken resulting in unanimous vote.

Director DiGregorio states a transfer request was submitted by the District 4 State Hazmat Steering Committee for the transfer of Kurt Seaman from Greenfield to South Deerfield Fire Department. Chief John Dearborn makes a motion to accept the transfer. The motion was seconded by Timothy Vamosi. Korina mentions the Hazmat Grant contract with South Deerfield Fire is fully executed. Unanimous roll call vote.

Director DiGregorio states a request was submitted by the District 5 State Hazmat Steering Committee recommending the appointment of Dakota Schaefer of Lenox Fire. Chief John Dearborn makes a motion to accept the transfer. The motion was seconded by Timothy Vamosi. Unanimous roll call vote.

Director DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 6 State Hazmat Steering Committee appointing Robert Keddie of Tewksbury Fire, Matthew Lemire of Ipswich Fire, John Hinchion of Peabody Fire, and Matthew Hart of Beverly Fire. Chief John Dearborn makes a motion to accept the transfer. The motion was seconded by Timothy Vamosi. Unanimous roll call vote.

Director DiGregorio recalls the additional request from the District 2 State Hazmat Steering Committee for Andrew Beckford of Wellesley Fire. Chief John Dearborn makes a motion to accept the additional member. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. David DiGregorio clarifies District 2 Steering Committee is recommending a total of three appointees. Unanimous roll call vote.

► b. Discuss activation response criteria.

DiGregorio states beginning January 1, 2022, the new activation response criteria will be used for incident response in IAR.

1. Favorable response:
 - a. 75% tier 1 and tier 2
 - b. 100% tier 3+
2. I am Responding criteria

Input	Defined
15 minutes	Dispatch selects immediately
30 minutes	Dispatch selects immediately
45 minutes	
60 minutes	
90 minutes	New Input, expanded travel time.
On Duty Available	Tech receives Credit for Response, can be selected to respond.
On Duty Unavailable	Tech receives Credit for Response, won't be selected to respond.

Canceled	No Credit: Tech is chosen to respond then cancels.
Getting Truck TOM/Squad	Tech picks up assigned truck.
Getting Truck ORU	Tech picks up assigned truck.
Getting Truck TSU	Tech picks up assigned truck.
On Scene	1 st Tech on scene selects on IAR to help divisions response time tracking.
Unavailable	No Credit Reserved for special circumstances beyond control.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► **a. Discuss the Academy Hazardous Materials courses.**

Director DiGregorio states a lot of the members selected today completed the first Hazmat Technician Part B course. The next course is not scheduled at this time. Looking to get more definitive dates to hold the class sometime around January. Updated dates will be provided at the next meeting.

► **b. Discuss vehicle locations.**

Director DiGregorio states we are good with vehicle housing for the time being.

► **c. Discuss JSMACCS.**

DiGregorio states the Hazmat office is planning the JSMACCS training in the spring of 2022. The JBTRS replacement will now include all suspicious substances in the annual training. JBTRS skills will still be incorporated in the JSMACSS protocols.

► **e. Discuss stipend increase.**

The stipend increase is in process. It is a longer process to receive the retro stipend. They should be disbursed in the spring.

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

N/A.

Agenda Item #6:

► **Next Meeting Date**

Virtual meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 10:00am.

Agenda Item #7:

► **Adjournment approximately 10:43 a.m.**

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by Chief Dearborn. Adjournment seconded by Jack McCarthy. No further discussion. Meeting adjourned.