

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY
RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD**

January 14, 2019

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

**Boards & Commissions Room A101
Department of Fire Services, Stow, MA**

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman
Chief Bob Czerwinski
Designee David Clemons
Designee Nick Childs
Robert Rooney
John McCarthy

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
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Department of Fire Services
Department of Environmental Protection
Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Association of Hazardous
Materials Technicians

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio
Korina Senior

Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Program Coordinator

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► ***Meeting Opening and Introductions – 10:06***

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of November 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2018 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski. No discussion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. 1st half stipends**

DiGregorio states the members receive 1st half stipend after 40 hours. Senior states the attached lists show “X” for those technicians’ short hours. Once

the members reach 40 hours they will be eligible to receive their stipend. Most are newer members or members on leave. A few existing members but they have all been aware. DiGregorio states 1st half is much less of an issue. Chief Bailey asked if anyone was in jeopardy of not being able to make them up. Response from DiGregorio: they can all make them up. McCarthy: new members such as J. Driscoll may not get the full stipend if they do not reach the full amount of hours.

► b. Outstanding Gear.

DiGregorio states 6 members have not sent their gear in. Letters have been sent to retired members and their Chiefs' for gear that has not been returned. The idea is to not have DFS gear all over the state.

► c. SOG approval process.

DiGregorio states the approval process for SOGs was convoluted and taking months to a year to approve one SOG. The SOG committee makes recommendations. They send it to the team and give them 30 days to review. Once the teams agree, the SOG goes to Deputy Director and Director for the approval process. The Directives go out when there is possibility of a change due to new processes. The SOGs updated are operational position SOGs.

► d. Vote on Team Appointments.

DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 3 steering committee recommending Stephen Doucet of Westborough Fire Department. A motion to accept the new member was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Vehicle Locations.

DiGregorio states a number of vehicles that have have been moved or are in the process of moving. Truck 15 in District 1 is moved from New Bedford to Freetown. 72 scheduled to move from Natick to Stow. Moving 72 is less of a priority at this time, may move 32 to Stow Fire instead of 72. Truck 64 is in process to move from Shirley to Littleton. Draft contracts have been sent. Truck 31 has been moved from Marlborough to Worcester.

► b. Status of appointment D1 member M. Wainwright.

DiGregorio states he has been appointed and should be coming off medical status in the next 2 weeks. He was appointed in September and had to take the requalification.

► c. Discuss the requalification process.

DiGregorio states the requalification process has been an ongoing process. The requal process will remain, but is adjusted to be primarily online and one day at the Academy. The Academy is close to posting the online requalification class in LMS.

► d. Fentanyl

Director DiGregorio states it seems to be stabilized how we respond. The Academy is putting together an impact class to include dangers and different situations. Right now about 1/3 of our calls are fentanyl calls.

CLAN Lab team is now under the authority of MSP. Det. Captain Zipper. DEA is a part of the team as well as the HazMat JHIRT members and the 12 Clan lab members from MSP. Czerwinski mentions there is an article that says cocaine is including fentanyl. DiGregorio says we have seen Fentanyl in cocaine, meth, and mostly heroin.

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

1. No additional matters to discuss.

Agenda Item 6:

► Next Meeting Date

Monday, May 13, 2019.

Agenda Item #7:

► Adjournment 10:26 a.m.

■A Motion to adjourn was offered by Robert Rooney. Seconded by Jack McCarthy. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

March 1, 2019