

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

September 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Room 402 Hotel 1620, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman

Chief John Dearborn

Maribel Fournier, Deputy Fire Marshal

Nicholas Childs, Designee

Timothy Vamosi

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

Board Members Absent:

None

DFS Employees Attending:

David Clemons, Director of Operations

David DiGregorio, Director

Timothy Gallagher, Deputy Director

Korina Senior, Program Coordinator

Department of Fire Services

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DFS Employees Absent:

None

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

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

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2021 was offered by John Dearborn. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. Roll call taken, all were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Welcome Timothy Vamosi of Easton Fire Department.**

Chair Bailey welcomes Timothy Vamosi, representing the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, to the Hazardous Materials Mitigation Emergency Response Advisory Board.

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

DiGregorio states we did not receive an appointment letter from any of the districts but the Steering Committees met and team leaders would like to request team appointments based on the steering committees decision at the last meeting.

Michael Kelleher, Team Coordinator from District 1 states the committee met yesterday and voted on two members from the applicant waitlist: Tom Melucci of Middleboro Fire, and Jeff Marchetti of Brockton Fire. A motion to accept the two new members was offered by Tim Vamosi. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. Discussion on waitlist status: Both members are immediately eligible for team appointment. All in favor.

Mark Cady, Team Coordinator from District 3 states the committee met and voted on 2 new members from the waitlist: William Francis of Sudbury Fire and Matthew Johnson of Worcester Fire. A motion to accept the two new members was offered by Tim Vamosi. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. Discussion on waitlist status: Both members are immediately eligible for team appointment. All in favor.

► c. Discuss recent purchases.

Director DiGregorio states we are finishing the Raman replacement with the Rigaku meters for the TOMs. Purchasing mercury vacuums for all squads due to the increase volume of calls and wait time for a TOMs at mercury incidents. Also purchase PPV fans for mitigation and decontamination.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Discuss the Academy Hazardous Materials courses.

Director DiGregorio states 21 members completed the first Hazmat Technician Part B course. It was a huge success, and we received a lot of positive feedback.

Application Update

The Massachusetts Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team Application Form was updated to include the Hazmat Technician part B course and the acceptable Pro Board Accredited Certifications for part A.

► b. Discuss vehicle locations.

Director DiGregorio states 71, 44 and 14 need to move. 14 will move from Bourne to Onset. 44 will be moving down the street in Greenfield. 71 will be moving from East Longmeadow to Springfield.

► c. Discuss dispatch.

DiGregorio discusses the consolidation that took place with the dispatch centers. MEMA is now being used for HazMat dispatch services. They currently provide services for Special Operations. Thanked Amherst and Holbrook for all their services.

► d. JSMACSS.

DiGregorio states the new 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 being held up by the language with legislature. FY21 there was not enough funding, and the language was a one time increase. The language

was sent back for approval to include all future years and including retroactive increase starting in FY21.

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

Question was asked whether the next June meeting will be held in person or virtually. We need to wait and see what the Governor announces.

Agenda Item #6:

► **Next Meeting Date**

Virtual meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 11:00am.

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.*