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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**
March 22, 2023
APPROVED

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Chief Matthew Belsito	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Michael Pavone	Representing the Technical Rescue Team

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
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DFS Employees in Attendance:

Glenn Rooney, General Counsel	Department of Fire Services
David Clemons	Director of Operations
David DiGregorio	Director of Hazardous Materials Response
Korina Senior	Program Coordinator

Other Attendees

Neil Tuepker	Region 1
Jonathan Martin	Region 3
Alan Sirois	Region 4

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:04 a.m. The Chair introduced himself, followed by the introductions of the Council members, Department of Fire Services' employees, and public members in attendance.

2. Approval of February 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chief Belsito made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The motion was seconded by Michael Pavone. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote was completed.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

No Correspondence.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Joint Training and Membership – Continued to work on the application on the agenda to vote on for this meeting. The Training Subcommittee will start building the training matrix on the minimum required training requirements for each discipline. The response matrix tiering system will be brought to next month's meeting.
- b. Policy/SOG – Unable to hold a meeting due to quorum.
- c. Equipment – The equipment list was released and vote on equipment list is on the agenda for today's meeting.

5. Regional Reports

- a. Region 1 – Neil Tuepker reports there is nothing major to report from the Cape. They are continuing with training and had a couple of search calls requested.
- b. Region 2 – Michael Pavone reports region 2 continues with confined space training.
- c. Region 3 – Jonathan Martin is working with Tom Rinaldo for the MOBEX drill. Last month they trained on Vortex. A MOBEX exercise is scheduled on April 26 from 8am – 8pm in Devens.
- d. Region 4 – Alan Sirois reports training is ongoing. They were able to obtain Swiftwater Rescue equipment funding through Homeland Security.
- e. Region 5 – Iain McGregor reports they had a trench drill at the local sand and gravel trench site.

6. Old Business

- a. Discuss MOBEX planning.
 - Plan the exercise for when the regional teams can anticipate funding to cover the costs of the exercise. The FY2024 state budget is already in process. Likely will not be able to receive funding for Spring 2024. Discussion on funding from each various sources along with concerns. Legislation will need to add DFS as a fiduciary to fund the MOBEX training. Estimated how many people would attend from each region and how much it would cost for the operational periods. Suggestion was made to send a letter respectfully requesting funding to conduct the MOBEX. The MOBEX planning committee will put together the team size and key objectives for the exercise.
- b. Discussion on DFS Staffing.
 - The selection for Deputy Director has been made and the announcement should be made by the next meeting.
- c. Tabled – Discuss and vote on Equipment Subcommittee List.

- Discussion to accept the equipment list as it is written now. The equipment subcommittee removed duplicate equipment such as hazardous materials or medical items. A baseline will be established for equipment needs. A motion was made by Chief Belsito to accept the equipment list as it is written now. The motion was seconded by Michael Pavone. Unanimous roll call vote.
 - d. Tabled – Discuss and vote on Team Application
 - The Technical Rescue Council has a different set of responsibilities than the Hazmat Advisory Board. Table to next meeting to address the application terms further.
 - e. Discuss D4H funding.
 - Michael Pavone mentions that region 2 has been using D4H but they need better resources to pay for the plan. D4H is working on a new umbrella plan at less costs. It is a great asset to have for response. Discussion on funding sources to sustain the D4H program. The Chair and Vice Chair will get an updated quote from D4H.
7. **Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.** David DiGregorio announced that he will be retiring April 28th will be his last day. The council congratulates Dave on his surprise announcement.
8. **Future Agenda Items.**
 - a. Those in the meeting.
9. **Determination of future meeting date(s).**
The next meeting dates will be:
 - a. In person on April 27, 2023, at 10:00am in the Link at DFS Stow. If the open meeting law extension is passed it will change to virtual.

Michael Mansfield made a motion to adjourn. Chief Belsito seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:39am.