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JOINT MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE
January 13, 2022
Approved

Per Governor Charles D. Baker’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s.20 signed and dated March 12, 2020, a meeting of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Training and Membership Subcommittees was conducted on January 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., and open to the public, via WebEx videoconference at:

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Present at the meeting were the following Sub-Committee members:

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| Russell Lewis | Membership MTRCC |
| Ian McGregor | Training MTRCC |
| David DiGregorio | Department of Fire Services |
| Francis Otting | Membership Region 2 |
| Pat Sullivan | Membership Region 3 |
| Robert Pensivy | Membership Region 4 |
| Paul Pronco | Membership Region 5 |
| Tom Rinoldo | Training Region 3 |
| Mark McCabe | Training Region 1 |
| John Weir | Training Region 5 |

Absent at the meeting were the following Sub-Committee members:

Sean Simmons	Membership Region 1
Sean Guilfooy	Training Region 2
Steven Chandler	Training Region 4
John Weir	Training Region 5

DFS Employees in Attendance:

Linda Crowley	WebEx Host
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Other Attendees

1. **Meeting Opening and Introductions**

- Iain McGregor to Chair Joint Meeting

2. **Minutes of December 28th Meeting Acceptance**

- **Motion – PASSED Unanimous**

3. **Tech Rescue Sub-Committee Correspondence**

- **None**

4. **New Business**

- Discussion on Team Membership minimum training requirements
 - Teams have trouble getting members “Certification,” as only so many seats in MFA Classes
 - Many team members do have at least Technician Level training
 - Some teams add members then complete core technician level training
 - Training from various sources leads to each region having different trained members
 - Region 2 requires all members go to Boston Fire Academy 80 Hour Technician training program
 - Discussion around creating points-based recommendations for Regional Steering Committees to utilize in membership selection.
- **Motion:** by Russ Lewis: Membership Requirement – Must be affiliated with a Regional/District/County Team – 2nd Sullivan –
 - Discussion on motion around specific language to be sure it includes all types of current teams and memberships.
 - Discussion on intent of motion is Regional Steering Committees should prioritize

membership to members currently serving on teams

PASSED Unanimous

- **Motion:** by Chief Patrick Sullivan – Must be an active member of a fire department located in Massachusetts, unless an exception is voted on by a regional steering committee. – 2nd Mark McCabe –
 - Discussion how to word motion to include all needed personnel
 - Discussion that it should not be restricted to career only Departments
 - Western MA and Central MA have many call members currently
 - Discussion on Doctors, engineers, or other specialized personnel on teams
 - Discussion of leave an exemption for each Regional Steering Committee to have exemptions as needed.

PASSED Unanimous

- Discussion on minimum hours or training requirements
 - Keep items as recommendations not requirements,
 - Leave Regional Steering Committees abilities to categorize applications as needed
 - Regional Committees should follow uniformed standard in prioritizing membership applicants around training history
 - Each region should bring to table standardized matrix for membership applicants to be evaluated with
- Discuss Team Membership Size Requirements
 - Western MA started with 100 members now down below 80 members, they feel 80 is good number, with 75 as minimum.
 - Due to wide geographical area and road access in Western MA they feel 80 members from across entire region is best
 - Iain McGregor explained Council draft budget placeholder started as 100 as average from existing regional coverage from around the state.
 - Council draft budget number was modified to 75 to align with FEMA USAR Type 1 requirement. Looking to have data backing for Regional Team Sizes
 - Central MA feels 80 is good number to start with, as Western and Central MA cover $\frac{3}{4}$ State land geography
 - Discussion on select regional team size number to start with and it can be fluent as system grows comes life.
 - 80-member team gets FEMA Type 1 team with the complete regional team
 - As on call system 80 members regionally would get 35 member FEMA Type 3 team on activations, as all members are not always available
 - With 80-member regional teams, getting at least 35 members on activation from 2 neighboring Regions could create FEMA Type 1 Team.
 - Discussion of being sure to give Regional Steering Committees abilities to get members from across their regions as they see fit.

- **Motion:** by Chief John Weir - Recommend 80-member Regional Teams with emphasis on having balance across the Region as determined by the Regional Steering Committee – 2nd Mark McCabe – **PASSED Unanimous**

5. **Tasks/Assignments.**

- Committee Members to bring current team membership matrix/requirements to next meeting

6. **Future agenda items.**

- Extra qualification matrix
- Regional Team Disciplines relative to Membership and Training

7. **Determination of future meeting date(s).**

- February 10,2022 @ 10:00am