## APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING

**Massachusetts Technical Rescue Council MOBEX Subcommittees**

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue MOBEX Subcommittees held a virtual meeting, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20, on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams Videoconference:

## Present at the meeting were the following:

## Iain McGregor MTRCC Representative

## Paul Betti Department of Fire Services

## Rob O’Brien Region 1 Plymouth County

## Jason Tierney Region 2 Metro Boston

## Jon Martin Region 3 District 7

## Captain Tiffany Pelrine CM Region 1 CBRN MAARNG

## Absent at this meeting were the following

## Corey Pimental Region 1 Bristol County

## Mark McCabe Region 1 Norfolk County

## Seth Ellis Region 4 Western MA

## Other Attendees at this meeting were the following

## Chief Matt Belsito Region 3 District 7

## DFS Employees in Attendance:

## Linda Crowley DFS Teams Host

## Agenda

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions
   * + Call to Order: **May 9th 9:05 am**
     + Virtual Meeting self-introductions done by each attendee
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on:
   * + Previous minutes tabled to allow all members to review minutes.
3. Discuss Tech Rescue Subcommittee Correspondence.
4. **Old Business**
   1. Discuss key Objectives presented at Concept and Objectives meeting
      * Mobilization and Deployment
      * Multi Team / Agency Integration
      * Command and Leadership
      * Communications Interoperability
      * EMS and Hazmat
      * Structural Collapse
      * Wide Area Search
      * Rope Rescue
      * Confined Space Rescue
      * Water Rescue

* 1. Discuss overall Mobex Operational Concept and Timeline
     + 3 – 14 Hour Day Operational Periods
     + Overnight resets so all Op Periods presented with same challenges
     + Discussion over moving date to Fall 2024 maybe early October.
       - All agreed Fall 2024 looking best timeline for planning
     + Discussion over utilizing Joint Base Cape Cod as previous Mobex
       - MAARNG reports this is do able and in line with their operations

1. **New Business**
   1. Discuss DRAFT Budget
      * Require OT and BF for all participants is always biggest cost factor.
      * Region 1 and Region 4 notified no OT/BF by regional Homeland Security Councils
      * Need contract funding for Evaluators and Controller portions of exercise
      * Review of draft budget with costs listed to show complete costs for exercise this size.
      * Best plan includes contracting Evaluators and Controllers along with set-up, resets, and clean up.
   2. Discuss Funding Sources
      * Discussion over previous Mobex exercises.
      * Previously each participating team was to find own funding
      * Pressure to see the MTRCC to find funding for team participation
      * Discussion over state budget appropriation funding
      * Discussion over Homeland Security Grant funding, this has most support. Majority felt focus on file request for State Homeland Security Grant monies to fund this exercise. Work to get a commitment for funding for this exercise from Homeland Security or other state funding source.
2. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.
   * + None
3. Tasks/Assignments.
   * + Collect previous AAR
     + Collect Previous Cost Document
     + Finalize Sub-Committee Voting Members
4. Future agenda items.
   * + AAR Review
     + Funding
5. Determination of future meeting date(s).
6. Meeting Adjourned: **May 9th 1015am**

Notated by Iain McGregor from notes and recorded video