

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

March 14, 2022

10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Virtual WebEx

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Chief John Dearborn	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
David Clemons, Director of Operations	Department of Fire Services
Cathy Kiley, Designee	Department of Environmental Protection
Timothy Vamosi	Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
John McCarthy	Massachusetts Association of Hazardous Materials Technicians

Board Members Absent:

None

DFS Employees Attending:

Glenn Rooney, Legal Counsel	Department of Fire Services
David DiGregorio, Director	DFS, Hazardous Materials Response
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator	DFS, Hazardous Materials Response

DFS Employees Absent:

Timothy Gallagher, Deputy Director	DFS, Hazardous Materials Response
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Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► ***Meeting Opening and Introductions – 10:07am***

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of January 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2022 was offered by Chief John Dearborn. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. Roll call taken, unanimous vote.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Vote on team appointments and/or transfers.**

Director DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 4 State Hazmat Steering Committee appointing Matthew Turowsky of the East Longmeadow Fire Department. Jack McCarthy made a motion to accept the district 4 member. The motion was seconded by Chief John Dearborn. No discussion, roll call taken resulting in unanimous vote. No discussion, roll call taken resulting in unanimous vote.

Director DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 1 State Hazmat Steering Committee appointing three members: William Getchel of the Norfolk Fire Department, Patrick Rockett of Foxborough Fire Department, and Justin Goldberg of Stoughton Fire Department. Jack McCarthy made a motion to accept the district 1 appointments as stated in the letter. The motion was seconded by Chief John Dearborn. No discussion, roll call taken resulting in unanimous vote.

► b. Vote on stipend appeal correspondence.

A letter from District 1 Hazmat Technician Scott Breen of Stoughton Fire Department requesting his stipend. He is currently out on sick leave. Jack McCarthy made a motion to allow him to receive a stipend for what he missed. Timothy Vamosi seconded the motion. Discussion: He has been very involved when off duty. Would be from here forward or just this one time? Chief Kelleher Norfolk voted favorably for his IOD retirement. Clarification on stipend amount of \$2500 for the first half of the Fiscal Year. Roll call taken, unanimous vote.

► c. Discuss Boston Marathon Planning

The Hazmat office is covering the Marathon the same as it has in the past.

► d. Discuss Homeland Security Demonstration Visit

On Thursday we had a visit with MSP, FBI, WMD, Civil Support Team, Hazmat, and JHIRT. Try to have the visit once a year to show where the funds are going to and the capabilities it gives us. Timothy Vamosi was in attendance and thanks his colleagues and all others in attendance. The event went well, and everyone was professional.

► e. Discuss Moodle

Hazmat uses D4H for incident reporting and equipment reporting. It lacks the capacity to offer training courses. The Moodle system allows a variety of learning capabilities and job aid resources.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Discuss the Academy Hazardous Materials courses.

Director DiGregorio states we just completed the Hazardous Materials Technician 25B course last Friday. The team can fill spots right away with this course completion. It has been successful having current Technicians teaching the course. The way the classes are taught has improved tremendously. Do they have to be approved by the district? Yes, they must apply and be appointed after taking the course. The only team that has not had an opportunity to send Technicians is District 5. Looking to have the next course in Springfield. How many classes are

we anticipating going forward? We are hearing 2 classes a year. If they are not selected right away there will be 4-6 refresher courses a year.

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

Will we be staying in this format going forward? Until July 15, 2022, the meeting format is up to the chair. Members support the virtual meetings.

Agenda Item #6:

► **Next Meeting Date**

Virtual meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 10:00am.

Agenda Item #7:

► **Adjournment approximately 10:35 a.m.**

■ *A Motion to adjourn was offered by Timothy Vamosi. Adjournment seconded by Chief Dearborn. No further discussion. Roll call taken, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.*