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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**
April 28, 2021
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The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx Meeting 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.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Chief Kevin Nord	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Iain McGregor	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Maribel Fournier, Deputy Fire Marshal	Department of Fire Services
Chief Michael Mansfield	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Peter Jerusik	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Russell Lewis	Member of the Statewide Tech. 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:

David Clemons, Director of Operations	Department of Fire Services
Steven Rourke, Esq.	DFS General Counsel and Legal Counsel to the TRCC
David DiGregorio, Director	Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator	Hazardous Materials Response and

Special Operations

Other Attendees

Robert O'Brien	Region 1
Mark McCabe	Region 1
Neil Tuepker	Region 1
Shawn Simmons	Region 1
Lt. Francis Otting	Region 2
Matt Belsito	Region 3
Alan Sirois	Region 4
Daryl Springman	Region 4
Robert Pensivy	Region 4
Jason Saunders	Region 4

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Chief Kevin Nord, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. The Chairman introduced himself, followed by the introductions of the Council members, Department of Fire Services' employees, and public members in attendance.

2. Approval of April 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on April 1, 2021. The motion was accepted by Peter Jerusik. Discussion on voting members are only Council members. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was approved by unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

A revote was taken at the April 28, 2021 meeting. Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on February 17, 2021. The motion was seconded by Peter Jerusik. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was approved by unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

- a. Subcommittee meeting minutes.

4. Old Business

a. Fire Mobilization Annex

Discussed the functions of Technical Rescue in the Fire Mobilization Annex. Chief Mansfield states this was presented at the Fire Mobilization Committee Meeting. The document will be edited to include all needs and moved forward to the Mobilization Committee to include all the needs. Open to any edits for improvement.

b. Discussion on Subcommittees

- **Policy/SOG** met a few weeks ago to introduce the group and plan to use the Hazmat forms for a standard form to use on all SOGs. The subcommittee will begin with the safety

officer position to begin with.

- **Membership** minutes from the meeting were shared. Director DiGregorio discussed the highlights of the meeting. An introduction to discuss what the membership committee will be responsible for.
- **Training** meeting was an introduction. A lot of the training will correlate with the Membership meeting.
- **Equipment** next meeting is May 3rd at 10am.
No responses received for amphibious vehicles. The expense, housing, and additional training are too costly at this time.

Director DiGregorio recognized Linda Crowley for putting the meetings postings together and hosting the meetings.

Peter Jerusik discusses the webpage and how it now includes the Steering Committees on the website. The Western Regional Steering Committee does not have the resources to hold a WebEx meeting. The meetings are required to follow open meeting law. Can we support them if they support the Technical Rescue group? There will be a discussion with the Marshal. At the time we do not have the capacity to assist administratively. Leave as an open item for the next meeting.

5. New Business

a. Discussion the Concept of Operations.

The membership, equipment, training, and policy/SOG subcommittees' work will be documented in a book. Each subcommittee is a chapter in the book to summarize Statewide Technical Rescue. The book will create the foundation for the funding needs. Legislation will be included in the book. Have a minimum across the board for each region.

b. FFE Field Force Extrication.

Applications are due to OGR for funding this month on April 9th. State share funding is in May. Suggested having OGR attend the next meeting and provide a short presentation on funding. Have Kevin Stanton attend the meeting the end of April.

c. Code of conduct.

David DiGregorio shares the National USAR Urban Search and Rescue code of conduct. He will send it to the Policy/SOG Chair, Russel Lewis to incorporate into the next policy meeting.

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

7. Future agenda items.

Subcommittee meetings.

8. Determination of future meeting date(s).

Thursday, April 27, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Chief Mansfield made motion to adjourn. Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier seconded. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:48 a.m.