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MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE COORDINATING COUNCIL
February 17, 2021
(DRAFT)

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.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.
Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Peter Ostroskey, State 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:
NONE

DFS Employees in Attendance:

Maribel Fournier, Deputy State Fire Marshal	Department of Fire Services
David Clemons, Director of Operations	Department of Fire Services
Steven Rourke, Esq.	DFS General Counsel and Legal Counsel to the TRCC
Glenn M. Rooney, Esq.	DFS Deputy General Counsel

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
Sean Smith	Region 3
Alan Sirois	Region 4
Robert Pensivy	Region 4
Mike Russas	MEMA

1. **Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Chief Kevin Nord, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 2:02 p.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 December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on January 26, 2021. The motion was seconded by Iain McGregor. 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. Email with PowerPoint presentation.

4. **Old Business**
   a. Discuss and vote on budget Legislation.

Edits were made to the legislation. FCAM added some language to the legislation. Table until next month so Legal has an opportunity to review the added language. The deadline to file the legislation is approaching. Motion made to table for the next meeting. If all parties: DFS, FCAM, and PFFM reach consensus the council will agree to file the legislation before the next meeting. Unanimous roll call vote of the council.

   b. Discuss and potential vote on budget documents.

Wait on the budget documents to see how the legislation is approved. Operations and training are the two items to focus on sustainability for. Priority backfill and overtime for members and having proper equipment. There will be various funding sources to make up the overall budget. Table this to next meeting.

c. Overview from steering committees.

Region 1 (Rob O'Brien, Mark McCabe, and Shawn Simmons) and Region 2 (Francis Otting) presented their regional PowerPoint presentation.

d. Assignment of Members for Sub-Committees

Discussed Regional Sub-Committee members. Send an email to the Sub-Committee groups with the contacts to begin meeting. The immediate goal would be to recommend minimum requirements for team membership. Crafting standard operating guidelines to have universal standards for all regions. How to track equipment. Have training standards. All items will help identify costs. Goal is to have something back from the sub-committees by mid-spring.

Reasonable expectations to start the work. Between Dave and the Council member the meetings can be organized. Someone from each sub-committee will need to take the notes and submit them to the council. These are all public meetings for the purposes of the public meeting law. A timeline of the needs will be sent to the committees. WebEx will be used to hold the virtual public meetings.

e. Amphibious Vehicles

Region 1 has an interest.
Region 2 is still under consideration.
Region 3 is going to pass.
Region 4 will pass at this time.
Region 5 will pass.

If anyone is interested get all parties together to go on one day to take a look if there is interest.

5. New Business

a. Discussion on Fire Mobilization.

David Clemons has been working with Fire Mobilization Chair and Chiefs to get Technical Rescue included in the Fire Mobilization plans.

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Live, in person meetings are not really an option at this time but we are going to try to figure out how to make meetings happen in person.

7. **Future agenda items.**
   Not discussed.

8. **Determination of future meeting date(s).**
   Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 2:00pm to give Committees an opportunity to meet.

Chair Nord made motion to adjourn. Chief Mansfield seconded. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:31 p.m.