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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
 COORDINATING COUNCIL
 January 26, 2022
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The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a hybrid meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through WebEx videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe	Undersecretary for Homeland Security, EOPSS
Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Chief Kevin Nord	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:
 Chief Michael Mansfield, Vice Chair Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.

DES Employees in Attendance:

Glenn Rooney, Legal Counsel	Department of Fire Services
Maribel Fournier	Deputy State Fire Marshal
David Clemons, Director of Operations	Department of Fire Services
David DiGregorio, Director	Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations
Korina Senior, Program Coordinator	Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations
Derryl Dion, Research Analyst	Division of Fire Safety

Other Attendees

Robert O'Brien Region 1

Administrative Services • Division of Fire Safety
Hazardous Materials Response • Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

Mark McCabe	Region 1
Shawn Simmons	Region 1
Paul Morrison	Region 2
Matt Belsito	Region 3
Steven Chandler	Region 4

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:04 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 December 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Peter Jerusik made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on December 29, 2021. The motion was seconded by Russel Lewis. No discussion, unanimous roll call vote.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

None

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Joint Subcommittee meeting with the Training and Membership Subcommittees. They made a few motions. The first motion is a member must be affiliated with a regional district or county team. Motion by the joint subcommittee that members must be a Firefighter in the state of Massachusetts. Put together must have criteria to determine a matrix point system to score each member. Regions are going to review criteria for the next joint subcommittee meeting. Requested that all subcommittees submit the list recommendations in a written report. As well as explanations that brought them to that decision. Send information to steering committees and legal as well.
- b. Equipment – no report.
- c. Policy – Meet again soon. Each member is going to take on a policy topic and create a draft for the next meeting. Russell Lewis made a motion to accept the safety officer policy as written. The motion was seconded by Chief Kevin Nord. No discussion, unanimous roll call vote.

5. Old Business

a. Discuss MFIRS Data.

Discussion on data needs and the level of detail needed to support Technical Rescue response statistics properly. The Policy Subcommittee is going to focus on the data needs and move it to the top of the agenda to come up with a standardized format for Fire Departments to use.

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

N/A.

7. Tasks/Assignments.

Subcommittee written reports as discussed in the meeting.

8. Future Agenda Items.

N/A.

9. Determination of future meeting date(s).

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Marshal Peter Ostroskey made motion to adjourn. Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa seconded. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:56 a.m.