

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

November 19, 2018

10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Boards & Commissions Room A101
Department of Fire Services, Stow, MA

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman
Chief Bob Czerwinski
Designee David Clemons
Designee Nick Childs
Robert Rooney
John McCarthy

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Department of Fire Services
Department of Environmental Protection
Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Association of Hazardous
Materials Technicians

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio
Timothy Gallagher
Korina Senior

Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Deputy Director
Program Coordinator

Guests Attending:

Chief William LaLiberty
Michael Comora
Marc Smorczewski
Donald Minion

Chief Haverhill FD/District 6 HazMat Team
District 6 Training Coordinator
District 6 Team Coordinator
District 6

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► **Meeting Opening and Introductions – 10:01**

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of September 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2018 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski. No discussion. All were in favor.

Motion made by Robert Rooney to go out of order and go to Old Business "A". Motion was seconded by David DiGregorio. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Stipend Appeals.

DiGregorio stated that two months ago in September we talked about stipend appeals. Don Minion was disapproved and it was brought to the office's attention that not all information was brought forward at that meeting. Don is here with representation and let them represent their case and go from there.

Don Minion introduced himself and stated that he was a District 6 HazMat tech and that he did not know the whole process that well and apologized for that. He stated he was told to write the reasons why he missed those dates and realized that he was very vague and should have written more. Don explained his extenuating circumstances. Marc Smorczewski spoke on Don's behalf as well as Chief LaLiberty who is also on the District 6 HazMat team. Asked for reconsideration on this decision as Don has been in good standing and asked for reconsideration on giving him his stipend. Dave explained that initially that with other members were told to write the reasons why and Don was one line. With this new information he asked for the opportunity to attend this meeting. Marc Smorczewski Team Coordinator from District 6 explained that we don't always know all the background information to vouch for their members. Bob Rooney made a motion to reconsider and give Don his stipend. Motion was seconded by Czerwinski. Discussion by David Clemons that he understands and by approving this it is setting precedence. He is inclined to approve this but to have more detail and more information and gives us stronger ground. Chief LaLiberty discussed the appeal process is not widely known. No written documentation on how to proceed or any written procedure. There was discussion on drills and missing hours and the processes. DiGregorio made a lot of good points regarding remedying the situations by communication. With no further discussion motion to approve carried.

Rooney made a motion to go back to the regular order of business. Motion seconded by Czerwinski. Motion to approve carried.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► a. Status of District 4 Members (Michael Roy and Bernard Calvi)

DiGregorio stated that he talked to Chief Nelson regarding Mr. Roy and Mr. Calvi and Chief Nelson stated they will be resigning from the HazMat team. DiGregorio is waiting on letters from them stating this specifically. Nelson has the letter from Roy but either way they are both going to be resigning.

► b. Vehicle Locations.

DiGregorio stated that we have a number of vehicles we are going to be moving. Truck 31 will be going to Worcester from Marlboro. The contract has been sent to the chief to be signed by himself and the Town Manager. Truck 32 which is currently in Worcester can stay there but they are going to need space.

He stated that Milford is a potential and we are waiting on approval on that. Truck 72 which is a TSU which is currently located in Natick will be moving to Stow. We have a verbal approval from the Chief of Stow to take that vehicle in. The Legal Department is drawing up the contract for that and will follow the process of going to the Chief and Town Manager for signature. Truck 15 in District 1 is moving from New Bedford to Freetown and that has already been signed by the Chief and Town Management. Four changes so far. We still have Truck 22 here in Stow and are looking for a home for that somewhere in District 2.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Stipend Appeals.

See above.

► b. Medical Directive

DiGregorio states that we got medical direction from Emerson Hospital to carry Narcan on all our vehicles as long as our guys view a power point presentation and sign off as we did. Not only do we carry Narcan we also carry Duodote (nerve agent). When DiGregorio called Department of Health got the same answer as he did with Narcan which was we might want to find another hospital because we do not have a medical directive. Emerson agreed to the Duodote. We have presentations that the guys are viewing and signing off on. Will be an annual endeavor that they do each year and that's all that's needed. Emerson is our medical directive. ---

► c. Newly Appointed Technicians.

Senior explained to the group that there was list on the back of the packet of the members that were appointed at the last meeting and their current status'. Questions regarding a couple appointees that had to have their requalification.

► d. Requalification of Prospective HazMat Team Applicants.

Director DiGregorio states it continues to be an ongoing discussion for many months and the proposal that coming up with a requal that serves the chiefs as well as the population that needs to be qualified. We talked about a four day on line and then do a one day practical in Stow or Springfield. That's moving ahead of schedule. We thought that would probably be some time in FY '20. Looking at potentially six months. This may come sooner than later. Getting LMS and doing their modules for that requal. The requal may change from year-to- year based on what the priorities of HazMat are. Instead of having to pay for five days it will be one day. A win – win for both chiefs and HazMat and we have a say on what is being taught in these requals. They are coming to Tim and myself and asking what the priorities for this year are.

► e. Fentanyl Issue

DiGregorio stated that the Fentanyl issue remains the same. Narcan has been put on the trucks and we continue to hone our SOGs to make sure that we

are able to respond. Captain Zipper from the State Police has asked DiGregorio to do a four hour educational piece, mainly law enforcement for Dahlgren. Whole idea is to get information out on what the capabilities are in the State and the protocols that are used.

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

1. No additional matters to discuss.

Agenda Item 6:

► **Next Meeting Date**

Monday, January 14, 2019.

Agenda Item #7:

► **Adjournment 10:28 a.m.**

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by Robert Rooney. Seconded by Jack McCarthy. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

January 4, 2019