

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

March 19, 2018

10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Department of Fire Services
Boards and Commissions Room A101

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman
David Clemons, Operations Section Chief
Designee Nick Childs
Robert Rooney
John McCarthy

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

Board Members Absent:

Chief Bob Czerwinski

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio
Timothy Gallagher
Korina Senior

Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Deputy Director, HazMat
Program Coordinator

Guests Attending:

None

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► ***Call to Order and Introductions – 10:07 a.m.***

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of November 22 Commission Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2018 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by David Clemons. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Vote to appoint new HazMat Technicians to fill team vacancies.**

DiGregorio states we received a letter from the District 6 steering committee recommending two new District 6 members: Philip Brady of Gardner and Sean Coffey of Littleton.

A motion to accept the two members was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. All were in favor.

DiGregorio states we received a letter from District 3 steering committee recommending two new District 3 members: William Collins of Milford and Andrejs Sterns of Worcester.

A motion to accept the two members was made by Robert Rooney. Motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. All were in favor.

No other submissions were made but there are vacancies.

► b. Boston Marathon – Monday, April 16th

The Marathon Plan has not changed from previous years. We will have 60 personnel covering. The Deputy Director and 2 personnel will be stationed in MEMA.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Vote on the requalification of prospective Hazmat team applicants.

DiGregorio states we found a letter sent to Chiefs in the past referencing OSHA requirement 1910.120 Annual Requirement for Recert. Question asked: Do we want to stick to the OSHA requirement for the team applicants? Rooney states as long as there are enough HazMat classes. Child states the bill was just signed requiring Municipal Government to follow OSHA requirements. McCarthy states this is still under review due to issues with certifications.

Outcome: Office will draft a letter to send to the Fire Departments.

► b. Stipend Status

K. Senior states there is one member in Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 that have not received stipend due to leave requests. There are 4 members in District 6, 2 are short one drill and 2 are on a leave. DiGregorio states we will offer a course in Stow to help those who need an extra drill.

► c. Fentanyl Issue: Further Discussion

Director DiGregorio mentioned there has been a significant push to the vendors to add libraries to the meters. On scene we can find trace amounts of Fentanyl and other drugs.

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

1. No additional matters to discuss.

Agenda Item 6:

► Next Meeting Date

Monday, May 21, 2018

Agenda Item #7:

► Adjournment 10:27 am

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

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

March 20, 2018