

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

June 17, 2019

1:00 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Classroom 119

Department of Fire Services, Springfield, MA

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Chief Bob Czerwinski	Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Marshal Peter Ostroskey	Department of Fire Services
Designee Nick Childs	Department of Environmental Protection
Robert Rooney	Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

Board Members Absent:

John McCarthy	Massachusetts Association of Hazardous Materials
Technicians	

DFS Employees Attending:

David Clemons	Director of Operations, Department of Fire Services
David DiGregorio	Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Timothy Gallagher	Deputy Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Korina Senior	Program Coordinator

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► **Meeting Opening and Introductions – 12:59pm**

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of May 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2019 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski. No discussion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Vote on Team appointment(s).**

DiGregorio states we did not receive any team appointments.

► **b. Vote on waiver requests for applicants.**

DiGregorio states there are two waiver requests.

1. Jason Wilson – Motion to accept his hazmat training hours as a waiver for the requal class was made by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski.
2. Tom Luckman - Motion to accept his hazmat training hours as a waiver for the requal class was made by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski.

There was discussion from Marshal Peter Ostroskey to get more detail of the Hazmat Tech class. Chief Czerwinski discussed having an hour limit.

► c. Stipends.

There are more training opportunities available. District 6 has drill on Wednesday. The Baltimore Conference can be counted as 16 hours of non-team training. On June 24th in Stow there is a non-team training opportunity to attend the Colormetrics Class with the Hazmat Guys.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Vehicle Locations.

DiGregorio states the MOU with Worcester is now complete and TOM 31 will be moving to Worcester when the electrical drop is completed.

► b. Status of appointed.

- i. D1 Bob Collins – Canton
Medical scheduled 6/14/19
- ii. D1 Phelim Meehan – Dennis
Medical is scheduled June 27. Need contract with Dennis
- iii. D1 Kellen Daley – Cotuit
Medical completed 6/6/19 and cleared. Need contract with Cotuit
- iv. D1 Brian Medeiros – New Bedford
Medical completed 6/6/19 and cleared.
- v. D2 Gerard Hanafin – Burlington
Medical scheduled 6/13/19
- vi. D2 Robert Palardy – Lexington
Medical scheduled 6/13/19
- vii. D4 Zachary Ellison – Ludlow
Medical completed 5/29/18 and cleared.
- viii. D4 Jesse Rosnick – Northampton
Medical completed 5/27/18 and cleared.
- ix. D4 Daniel Sousa – Chicopee
Medical completed 6/4/19 and cleared.
- x. D4 Matthew Couture – Chicopee
Medical completed 6/4/19 and cleared.
- xi. Robert McCaffrey – Springfield
Medical completed 6/7/19 and cleared.
- xii. D6 Joseph Guanera – Athol
Medical completed 6/6/19 and cleared. Need contract with Athol.
- xiii. Jonathan Tibbo – Salem

He cleared his medical evaluation on 11/14/18 in the portable medical facility. Within the 1 year guidelines will take medical in the fall.

xiv. Timothy Casey – Lowell

Waiting for a member of D6 to retire or transfer.

xv. Philip Brady – Transfer from Gardner to Holden

► c. Discuss the requalification process.

DiGregorio states Dave Evans and Paul Betti are continuing to work on the requal process. Travis Rebello meets monthly. The waitlist is beginning to dwindle.

► d. Fentanyl

Director DiGregorio states as we continue to report to the white powder calls to the Governor the responses are going down. We think the departments realize the simple calls they can handle on their own.

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

1. Replacement needed for Chief Czerwinski. Chief Dearborn and Dave Hearlbert were mentioned as applicants.

Agenda Item 6:

► Next Meeting Date

Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:00am Plymouth MAHMT Conference Room 402.

Robert Rooney adds it was a pleasure to work with Chief Czerwinski and he learned a lot. Chief Czerwinski adds when the opening first came it was a decision he made to leave as a technician. We are light years ahead of other Hazmat Response programs.

The Marshal adds having a Chief coming from district 5 was an important piece to the board.

Marshal Peter Ostroskey and Chairman Timothy Bailey present Chief Czerwinski with a certificate plaque.

Agenda Item #7:

► Adjournment 1:21 p.m.

■ A Motion to adjourn was offered by Robert Rooney. Adjournment seconded by Chief Czerwinski. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

September 11, 2019