HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

September 18, 2019

10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Classroom 119

Department of Fire Services, Springfield, MA

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts

Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier Department of Fire Services

John McCarthy Massachusetts Association of Hazardous Materials

Technicians

Robert Rooney Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

Board Members Absent:

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 – 10:09am

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

Agenda Item #2:

► Approval of June 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2019 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

▶ a. Vote on Team appointment(s).

DiGregorio states we received team appointments from District 2 to add Nick Russo, Walter Sikora, Shawn Murphy, and Michael White. Motion was made by Robert Rooney to approve all four members. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

DiGregorio states we received team appointments from District 6 to add Mark Casey, John Perry, and Rob Serino. Motion was made by Robert Rooney to approve all three members. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

▶ b. Vote on stipend appeals.

DiGregorio states there were several people that did not get their stipend and we only received one stipends appeal from Eric Ridge. It was an oversight on how to track attendance in D4H. A motion was made by Robert Rooney to pay the stipend. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. No discussion. All were in favor.

▶c. Propose new requirement for stipend.

DiGregorio states we are in the process of looking at response statistics and discovering a few people in each district that have not responded to a single call while others respond to over 40 in a year.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

▶ a. Vehicle Locations.

DiGregorio states ORU 22 and 32 are still in Stow. We really need to get the trucks in fire stations located within their corresponding district.

▶ c. Discuss the requalification process.

DiGregorio asks Paul Nault to discuss the requalification process. Paul Nault states they are working on the proposed online program. The slides are complete and everything is ready for entry into the LMS system. Then testing will be held. There is no timeline of when it will be ready. This class needs to be made a priority.

d. Fentanyl

Director DiGregorio states the fentanyl calls have stabilized. 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:

N/A

Agenda Item 6:

Next Meeting Date

Monday, November 4, 2019 at 10:00am Boards and Commissions Room A101 at the Department of Fire Services in Stow, MA.

Agenda Item #7:

► Adjournment 10:16 a.m.

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

