

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

June 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Department of Fire Services

Boards and Commissions Room A101

Board Members Attending:

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

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

Designee Nick Childs

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio
Timothy Gallagher
Korina Senior

Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Deputy Director,
Program Coordinator

Guests Attending:

None

Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► ***Call to Order and Introductions – 10:19 a.m.***

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of May 21 Commission Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2018 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. 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 4 steering committee recommending Carl Viera of Longmeadow Fire Department, Kevin Cavagnac of Holyoke Fire Department, and Luke Dejnack of Greenfield Fire Department.

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

DiGregorio states we received a letter from District 5 steering committee recommending 12 new members. Daniel Piretti and Jason Saunders of the Lexon Fire Department; Kevin Alicea, Collin Boucher, and Travys Rivers of North Adams Fire Department; Kevin Brady, Jacob Brown, Daniel Garner, Joshua Healy, Michael Herman, Edward Hughes, and Shawn Leary of the Pittsfield Fire Department.

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

► b. Narcan for HazMat Response.

David DiGregorio states we will be getting 6 doses of Narcan on the Technical Operations Modules and Squads.

► c. IAFC Conference.

David DiGregorio states the conference was well attended by Massachusetts Hazardous Materials Response Technicians. The Massachusetts Hazardous Materials Response Division was discussed in several presentations. McCarthy and Rooney both attended and agree.

► d. 27th Annual MAHMT HazMat Conference.

Jack McCarthy states the conference is in the planning stages and there may be a few new trainings this year. The conference will be held September 19 – 20, 2018 at Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, MA.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Status of members.

DiGregorio states a member of district 6 has missed his physical and is not current on his training hours. We have given him plenty of opportunity to get it done. With the Legal Department's assistance, we have sent an email to him on June 14, 2018 stating he is on a sixty day temporary leave of absence. During this time he will need to attend his medical evaluation, obtain a letter stating he is capable and willing to train and respond as a HazMat Technician, and a letter stating his full intent to remain on the team. The member has not tried to reach out to the HazMat office yet.

► b. Stipends

Korina Senior states there are approximately 20 members or more that are not eligible for their stipend based on training hours. Clemons asked if that number is high. Senior answered yes it is high. About half of the members were on some type of leave request during the fiscal year. DiGregorio states the office held additional drills to try to help others obtain their training minimum. Clemons motioned the staff to present a list of current leave of absence / IOD status members at the November meeting. Motion seconded by Rooney. All were in favor.

► c. Discuss changes on the requalification of prospective Hazmat team applicants.

DiGregorio states he spoke with the Hazmat Training Division to create a portion of the requalification / reentry class online and the other 1-2 days a classroom portion. This would help the Fire Department's budget concerns for enforcing the annual requalification process to remain on the waitlist. Chief

Bailey mentioned the annual requalification process discussed at the last Hazmat Advisory Board meeting at his Chiefs' meeting last week and the Chiefs were not fond of the projected changes for team applicants.

► c. Fentanyl Issue: Meeting with the Lab & Further Discussion

Director DiGregorio states MA Hazmat Fentanyl response is being used as the model for other Agencies based on conversations at the IAFC conference in Baltimore.

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

1. No additional matters to discuss.

Agenda Item 6:

► Next Meeting Date

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Agenda Item #7:

► Adjournment 10:44 am

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

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

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