

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

November 27, 2017

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
David Clemons, Operations Section Chief
Robert Rooney
John McCarthy

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

Board Members Absent:

Designee Nick Childs

Department of Environmental Protection

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio
Timothy Gallagher
Korina Senior

Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Deputy Director, HazMat
Program Coordinator

Guests Attending:

None

Bi-Monthly Board Meeting

Agenda Item #1:

► **Call to Order and Introductions – 10:04 a.m.**

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

Agenda Item #2:

► **Approval of September 21st Commission Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2017 was offered by Robert Rooney. The motion was seconded by Chief Czerwinski. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► **a. Six new Hazmat Support I contractors starting this week.**

Director DiGregorio announced:

1. The openings for the six new contractors have been filled and they all start this week.

► b. Discuss the requalification of prospective Hazmat team applicants.

DiGregorio explained the current process and how there is a loop hole in the system. Currently there is nothing that states they need to take the requalification course annually. The intention was to have the applicants take the requalification class annually to stay current with their Hazmat training. Some members may be on the list after taking the technician class and not take a requalification class until they know they have a chance of getting selected for team appointment. This could be a burden on the fire departments budget and scheduling. June classes put a hardship on budgets. This would be a change in policy. To be continued as an agenda item for next meeting. Possibly remove the provisional list from those applicants to be selected for team appointment.

► c. Appointment of five new D2 team members.

The five members are officially appointed to District 2.
One member was appointed to District 1.

► d. Vote to appoint new Hazmat Technicians.

No vote needed. The office did not receive any notifications from the steering committees.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Fentanyl Issue: Further Discussion

Director DiGregorio mentioned the upcoming Fentanyl Summit scheduled Thursday, November 30, 2017. The goal is to have various agencies close the gap in response recommendations.

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

1. No matters to discuss.

Agenda Item 6:

► Next Meeting Date

~~Monday, January 15, 2017~~ Meeting changed to Monday, January 22, 2017

A motion was made by Robert Rooney to change the meeting from the 15th of January to the 22nd of January due to the Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. The motion was seconded by Jack McCarthy. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #8:

► Adjournment 10:24 am

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

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

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