

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

May 23, 2017

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED Thursday, June 24, 2017

Department of Fire Services

Room E-117 Classroom

Board Members Attending:

Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman
Chief Bob Czerwinski
David Clemons, Operations Section Chief
Robert Rooney
Designee Nick Childs

Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
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Department of Fire Services
Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection

Board Members Absent:

Vacant Position

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

DFS Employees Attending:

David DiGregorio
Korina Senior

Director, Hazardous Materials Response
Program Coordinator

Guests Attending:

None

Bi-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 March 20th Commission Meeting Minutes

A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2017 was offered by Chief Czerwinski. Seconded by Robert Rooney. All were in favor.

Agenda Item #3 New Business:

► a. Total Vacancies in each district.

1. District 1 has 3 vacancies and one member retiring soon.
2. District 2 has a full team with 3 retiring soon.
3. District 3 has a full team with 3 retiring soon.
4. District 4 has 42 members. There are no known members retiring soon.

5. District 5 has 34 members with 1 member that just left and 2 retiring soon.
6. District 6 has a full team with no known members retiring soon.

► b. Announcement of Vacancy Filled in District 3: Kelly Manning

David DiGregorio announced that Kelly Manning of Southbridge FD is now a Member of the District 3 team. Kelly was voted in on the last meeting and has met the requirements to join the team as of April 19th.

► c. Announcement of Vacancy Filled in District 2: Matthew Harding

David DiGregorio announced that Matthew Harding of Weymouth FD is now a Member of the District 2 team. Matthew was voted in on the last meeting and has met the requirements to join the team as of April 19th.

► d. Vote regarding training hours waiver for applicants.

1. Applicant Douglas Wade: motion to accept the submitted training hours were made by Robert Rooney, second by Chief Czerwinski all voted in favor.
2. Applicant Timothy Casey: a motion to accept the submitted training hours were made by Robert Rooney, second by Chief Czerwinski all voted in favor.
3. Applicant Ciro Sansossio: a motion to accept the submitted training hours were made by Robert Rooney, second by Chief Czerwinski all voted in favor.

► e. Discussion and possible vote to appoint New Hazmat Technicians

1. District 4 Steering Committee met on April 20, 2017 and selected Marc Pereira of the Agawam Fire Department and Michael Sibilis of the West Springfield Fire Department.
Motion to accept made by Robert Rooney, second by David Clemons, all voted in favor.
District 1 Steering Committee met on May 2, 2017 and selected Jason Cavallaro of the Hanover Fire Department, Paul Hogan of the Norwood Fire Department, and Michael Austrino of the Randolph Fire Department. Motion to accept made by Robert Rooney, second by David Clemons, all voted in favor.
2. District 3 Steering Committee submitted a letter on May 4, 2017 selecting Adam LaPointe of the Worcester Fire Department to fill a vacancy opening soon. Motion was made to wait until next Advisory Board meeting because the team is currently full.

► f. Discussion and possible vote on provisional applicant process

1. If an applicant is voted to a team and is listed on the provisional list through no fault of their own (meaning they still need to take the requalification course) a. Do we see drills taking the place of the requalification class? b. Or do we see a need for the requalification?

Answer: We would look at each applicant on a case by case basis due several factors.

► g. Discussion on Deputy Director of Hazmat Position: status

There were eleven applicants that were selected for first round interviews. Two applicants dropped out leaving nine applicants interviewed for the Deputy Director position. Two applicants have been selected for second round interviews.

Agenda Item #4 Old Business:

► a. Fentanyl Issue: Further Discussion

Hazmat has purchase technology through grant funding to allow up to see Fentanyl at lower levels using the extraction method. The DEA has been working with Hazmat more and more.

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

1. Discussion on still being down one member in District 4. David DiGregorio will follow up with the Steering Committee to find out what the plan is.
2. Chief Bailey inquired of event coverage. David DiGregorio discussed coverage on the water for Sail Boston and 4th of July.
3. Robert Rooney inquired about UASI. David DiGregorio stated there are no issues at this time. There has been one incident in Chelsea that we were called to and the incident was cancelled. We are going to be there whenever a community calls.

Agenda Item 6:

► Next Meeting Date

June 22, 2017

Agenda Item #8:

► Adjournment 10:36 am

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

Prepared by:

Korina Senior

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