

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MITIGATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY BOARD

January 13, 2025

Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Board Members Attending:

Jon M. Davine, State Fire Marshal
Chief Tim Bailey, Chairman
Travis Rebello
Robert Collins
Cathy Kiley

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

DFS Employees Attending:

Maribel Fournier
Rachel Perlman
David Clemons
Jeffrey Winn
Stephanie DeMarco
Kerry Marcotte

Dept. of Fire Services, Deputy Marshal
Dept. of Fire Services, Legal Counsel
Dept. of Fire Services, Director of Operations
Dept. of Fire Services, Director of Hazmat Div.
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1. Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings held on December 2, 2024
 - a. Motion made by Marshal Jon Davine; Second by Travis Rebello
 - b. Motion passed unanimously
3. Office Updates:
 - a. December Hazmat responses totaled 9, including 1 JHIRT response.
 - b. Kerry Marcotte has started as the new Admin to the Hazmat Office.
 - c. Additional office hiring includes the logistics position, and contractor hiring for Meters/Equipment and Education.
 - d. TSU hiring is in process.
 - e. Stipends have been sent and there were only a few technicians who did not get their first half stipend. All are aware that they have time to receive the full year stipend if they attend the training.
 - f. Hazmat office is setting up multiple team training courses for the calendar year to include FTIR and May make up drill.
 - g. BVG is being executed for the JHIRT Vehicle in Western Mass.
 - h. Discussions with the Office of Chief Medical Examiner regarding responses and protocol.
 - i. Hazmat office is supporting multiple White Powder Symposiums around the state this spring.
4. New Technicians Vote:
 - a. District 4 Technicians:
 - i. Philip Kraus – Holyoke Fire Department
 - ii. Eli Yeager – East Longmeadow Fire Department
 - iii. Brooks Francis – Holyoke Fire Department
 - iv. Matthew Marchand – North Hampton Fire Department
 - b. Motion made by Marshal Jon Davine; Second by Travis Rebello
 - c. Motion passed unanimously.
5. New Business

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair
 - a. DEP is looking into lithium-ion battery events. They are looking to add vendors to respond to events, including possibly adding Cellblock.
7. Next Meeting Date: March 26, 2025 – MHMT Conference, Gillette Stadium
8. Adjournment at 10:21 AM
 - a. Motion made by Marshal Jon Davine; Second by Travis Rebello
 - b. Motion passed unanimously.