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Approved



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The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council Equipment Subcommittee held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

**Present** at the meeting were the following members:

Jason Saunders, Chair	TRCC Council Rep.
Paul Betti	DFS Deputy Director of Special Operations
Neil Tuepker	Region 1
Mike Moran	Region 2
Rob Rogowski	Region 3
Jesse Phelps	Region 4

**Absent** from the meeting were the following members:

Jon Burt	Region 5
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**Other Attendees**

1. **Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Jason Saunders (J.S.), Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 9:07 a.m. The Chair introduced himself, followed by the introductions of the Council members, Department of Fire Services' employees, and public members in attendance.

2. **Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence**

Minimal correspondence between committee members relating to the current agenda.

3. **Old Business**

Administrative Services • Division of Fire Safety  
Hazardous Materials Response • Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

Paul Betti (P.B.) made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Jesse Phelps (J.P.). Unanimous vote to accept.

P.B. displayed the vehicle survey questionnaire for group discussion. J.S. gave a brief explanation of the data points the subcommittee is looking to capture.

P.B. suggested that we inquire if the asset is stored indoors or outdoors. Some equipment should be stored in a climate-controlled environment, and this will help with future planning. J.S. stated that the availability of indoor storage varies by municipality. In region 4 for example, assets are housed by fire departments whose Chief's agree to assume responsibility for them. The host department covers the cost of insurance, routine maintenance and fuel. The department agreeing to host the asset may not have space indoors for it. In some cases, vehicles are stored outdoors with sensitive equipment such as radios and R.F. meters stored indoors until needed.

Neil Tuepker (N.T.) noted that boats used for technical rescue response were not included on the survey. J.S. stated that boats will be added to the survey prior to distribution.

P.B. asked how distribution of the surveys will occur. J.S. stated that the surveys will be emailed to the regional directors. Subcommittee members can then follow up with the regional directors to ensure that they received them. It was decided to request the surveys be completed and returned subcommittee by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

P.B. noted that there have been several EMAC requests for water rescue teams recently. After a short discussion, it was decided that water rescue should be the next topic for the subcommittee to address.

#### **4. New Business**

There was a brief discussion on the D4H system DFS currently uses for the hazardous materials response division. It is expected that technical rescue response will use the system as well. P.B. suggested that we include it as an agenda item in the future.

J.P. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by P.B. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44.

#### **5. Future Agenda Items**

Discuss equipment requirements for water rescue response.

#### **6. Determination of future meeting date**

Next meeting will be on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am virtually.