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MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
Joint Membership and Training Subcommittees
Approved

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Joint Membership and Training Subcommittees held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A sec. 20 on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following members:

Membership Subcommittee:

Deputy Chief Kelly Manning, Chair
Francis Otting

Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Region 2

Training Subcommittee:

Mark McCabe
Paul Morrison
John Weir

Region 1
Region 2
Region 5

Absent at the meeting were the following members:

Membership Subcommittee:

Shawn Simmons
Pat Sullivan
Robert Pensivy
Paul Pronco

Region 1
Region 3
Region 4
Region 5

Training Subcommittee:

Iain McGregor, Chair
Tom Rinoldo
Steven Chandler

Professional Firefighters of Mass
Region 3
Region 4

Deputy Director of Special Operations, Paul Betti

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1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Kelly Manning opened the meeting at approximately 13:08.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting – November 19, 2024

Morrison made motion, second by McCabe. All in favor after roll call vote.

3. Discuss tech rescue sub-committee correspondence

None at this time.

4. Old Business

a. Finalize NFPA Matrix Document

Iain had been working on this, but he is not present at the meeting and no other members present had anything to discuss on the subject.

b. Review revised membership application

Manning sent out a revised version of the application based on discussion at the last meeting with tracked changes. The group went through the document page by page.

- Discussion of the letter of recommendation and who the letter should come from. It was left as being “tech rescue leadership” which generally would be considered a director or affiliate of the team.
- A couple of grammatical errors were cleaned up.
- The group agreed that dive rescue training that would be considered as part of the application will include two of the most common public safety dive courses: Dive Rescue International DR1 Course and Lifeguard Systems Rapid Deployment Search/Rescue/Recovery Course.

The group discussed voting to move this to the full council versus waiting to have more members present to vote at next month’s meeting. A final draft will go to both subcommittees for review prior to next month’s meeting and it will go on the agenda for a possible vote.

5. New Business

a. Review draft scoring tool

Tabled - Manning is waiting for collaboration with Paul Betti on this.

6. Any matters not reasonably anticipated

None.

7. Tasks and Assignments

- a. Manning will add changes to membership form as discussed and re-send to group.
- b. Manning will also work with Betti on creating on the excel scoring tool based on membership application
- c. Iain to finalize NFPA Matrix document.

8. Future Agenda Items

- a. Finalize NFPA Matrix Document
- b. Review revised membership application and possible vote to send to full council.
- c. Review draft scoring tool.

9. Determination of future meeting dates

January 21, 2025 at 1 pm.

Motion made by McCabe to adjourn, second by Otting. Meeting adjourned 13:33.