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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**
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Approved

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a virtual meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

Present at the meeting were the following Council members:

Iain McGregor, Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Chief Matthew Belsito	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Susan Terrey	Deputy Secretary for EOPSS

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Michael Mansfield	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
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DFS Employees in Attendance:

Maribel Fournier	Deputy Fire Marshal
David Clemons	Director of Operations
Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel to the Board
Paul Betti	Deputy Director of Special Operations

Other Attendees

Mark McCabe	Region 1
Lt. Paul Morrison	Region 2
Daryl Springman	Region 4
Alan Sirois	Region 4

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:03 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. Approval of May 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chief Belsito made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, May 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Marshal Ostroskey. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote was completed.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence

The only correspondence was from Paul Betti to the Chair and the Region 1, 3, 4 & 5 team coordinators looking for names to replace the vacant member representing the Technical Rescue Team. Chairman McGregor highlighted the use of the Sharepoint/OneDrive folders for all Technical Rescue business.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Equipment – no report
- b. Policy/SOG – Looking at new policies, question on how deep the subcommittee should go. What is the definition or criteria of a Technical Rescue call out. The Marshal commented that MFIRS/NFIRS definition of a technical rescue callout is different than what would warrant a state technical rescue call. The Chair referenced the team activation spreadsheet located in the OneDrive folder labeled General – Discussion Documents. This contains the 5-year report out with the codes as well as the other category. The subcommittee will continue forward generating more policies.
- c. Training – see below
- d. Membership – had a joint meeting with training subcommittee on June 20th. Discussed the activation flyer that through PSAP's as well as the flowchart to be used by company officers to determine what resources are available as well as how to access. Both still in development
- e. Mobex – firmed up the objectives list, broken into smaller working groups. Tentative timeframe of October 2024 at Joint Base Cape Cod. Evaluator costs will go out to a vendor. Working group working on a Homeland Security grant request. Documents uploaded to OneDrive folder for subcommittee.

5. Regional Reports

- a. Region 1 – Mark McCabe reported training in progress. Barnstable county had callouts for wide area search and missing people. Future collaboration coming in the fall for interoperability amongst all counties.
- b. Region 2 – Paul Morrison reported that training is ongoing, metro Boston with joint training with Somerville & Cambridge on rope. Boston training on high angle for crane operator rescue. Rescue recruit class coming up in August. Structural collapse training coming in the fall.
- c. Region 3 – Chief Belsito stated training is ongoing. Call outs are unchanged. On July 26th there is Confined Space training at Wheelabrator in Millbury. Taking month of August off.
- d. Region 4 – Jason Saunders stated that last month training was done on boat operations and high angle rope. Half the team at large cliff at Sugarloaf, victims

over the edge focusing on repelling and pickoffs. The rest of team was at the river, the 2nd boat is in operation now, but it is stored deflated at this time.

- e. Region 5 – Chairman McGregor reported that they filed their training plan for the fall. Water rescue in August, SCT with National Guard at Camp Curtis Guild in September, trench rescue drill in October and partnering with NEMLAC for search for missing person’s drill in November. Added 2 new members, 4 members came off probation.

6. Old Business

- a. Discuss D4H funding & implementation
 - Discussed this topic many times in past regarding funding. Paul Betti sent out the equipment template that HazMat utilized to the chair on how to add to D4H, Paul Betti to send to the whole subcommittee. Plan to file grant with Homeland security for initial startup as well as annual operating budget. Chairman McGregor and Paul Betti to start putting the numbers together. Waiting on legislation for DFS to make Marshal the co-administrator.

7. New Business

- a. Discuss and possible vote on annual report
 - Paul Betti sent this document to the whole team to view. Glenn Rooney stated that this is the annual requirement per Chapter 29 section 2 5B to be sent by June 30th to the secretary of public safety highlighting our accomplishments and membership changes over the last year. Chairman McGregor discussed that we did our annual elections, that we built many SOG’s, adopted an application for membership, started MOBEX subcommittee and that no funding has been received yet. Chief Belsito made motion to allow DFS to make said changes, Jason Saunders seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Discuss equipment information gathering by Equipment Committee
 - Chairman McGregor discussed that our regional teams migrating to state teams will be a large amount of work that needs to be done. Merging equipment and documenting due to differences in all regions. Need to format so that everyone has the same type of equipment. Need to reinvigorate the subcommittee to tackle this hurdle.
- c. Election of Vice Chair
 - Chairman McGregor noted that we are missing a vice chair as well as a team member from the Tech Rescue team. Jason Saunders nominated Chief Belsito, Marshal Ostroskey seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Congratulations Chief Belsito!

8. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair - None

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Review budget again

10. Determination of future meeting date

Team decided to skip July’s meeting due to vacation season. The next meeting date will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 10:00am.

Chief Belsito made a motion to adjourn, Marshal Ostroskey seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02am.