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COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**January 28, 2026**

**Approved**

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. and open to the public virtually through Microsoft Teams videoconference.

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

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Iain McGregor, Vice Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Mark McCabe	Regional Technical Rescue Team
Susan Terrey	Deputy Secretary for EOPSS
Jon Davine	State Fire Marshal

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

Deputy Chief Kelly Manning	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
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**DFS Employees in Attendance:**

Maribel Fournier	Deputy State Fire Marshal
David Clemons	Director of Operations
Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel to the Board
Rachel Perlman	Deputy Legal Counsel to the Board
Paul Betti	Deputy Director Special Operations
Kerry Marcotte	Admin to HazMat & Special Operations

**Other Attendees:**

Neal Lafleur	Region 1
Mike Lydon	Region 2
Paul Morrison	Region 2
Shawn Green	Region 3
Peter Ostroskey Jr	Region 3
Seth Colby	Region 3
Daryl Springman	Region 4
Dan Kelleher	Region 5
Janice Corkhum	MA TF1
Paul Jaques	PFFM

**1. Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 11:01 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 past Meeting Minutes**

Mark McCabe made a motion to accept the minutes from December 24, 2025, seconded by Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey. A unanimous roll call vote was completed, no further discussion.

**3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence**

None

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Equipment – Jason Saunders stated that the team didn't meet this month but plan to meet next month. 1
- b. Membership – Vice Chair McGregor reported that the team worked on the team director job description. On the docket for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is training coordinator job description. After all the job descriptions are written they will be pushed over to the Policy/SOG subcommittee for their review.
- c. Training – Vice Chair McGregor reported that they are just trying to finish up the last small piece on the training matrix for motorized boat operations.
- d. Policy/SOG – Chair Belsito indicated they would be having a meeting in February.
- e. MOBEX – Vice Chair McGregor commented that he wanted to restart this subcommittee, tentative dates will be either 2/18 or 3/4.

**5. Regional Reports**

- a. Region 1 – Mark McCabe gave an update on the 5 county teams. Barnstable County had no call outs but completed equipment familiarization training. Bristol County had a call out for large animal rescue and completed a rope drill on patient packaging. Dukes County has been on standby for Eversource for a month as they are doing confined space and trench work. They completed training on victim removal from a basement with no stairs. Norfolk County postponed their monthly training; they had no call outs this month. Plymouth County had 1 call out for large animal rescue.
- b. Region 2 – Mike Lydon reported that they had a tech rescue challenge at Deer Island, involving members from Somerville, Cambridge and Boston. It was a full day of training set up as 3 different drill topics.
- c. Region 3 – Chair Belsito shared that D7 has ongoing training on swift water and dive. Also, they are approaching double digits for large animal rescue. Chair Belsito stated that he knows that D8 has been out on some large animal rescues as well. Shawn Green reported that in D14 Tom

Rinoldo has officially retired and the chiefs have nominated Shawn as the new D14 director. For January training they did Confined Space at Maynard fire. They simulated having 4 victims trapped where they had to be on air the whole time. D14 had no call outs this month.

- d. Region 4 – Daryl Springman that their January drill on annual rope skills. They onboarded 4 new members. They had two call outs, one for a rope rescue in Westfield but they were cancelled upon arrival. The other call was an FFE. They are receiving a new truck in the next couple of weeks; this will replace a unit in Holyoke. They are due to receive some new equipment sponsored by the western mass chief's association.
- e. Region 5 – Vice Chair McGregor stated they had 0 call outs. They did their January training on rope skills at the Burlington senior center.
- f. MA TF1 – Janice Corkhum shared that they did receive a purchase order from MAPC for 8 members from central region to attend the med specialist class, they are waiting on 2 members from western region.

## 6. **Old Business**

### a. Legislation update

Chair Belsito shared that he was notified that senate bill was reported favorably by the Joint Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security on 1/22. Glenn Rooney added that the bill is now sitting with Senate Ways and Means. Glenn did note that it appears there was an administrative error. The Mass Fire training council bill 2856 filed changes that look like these were inadvertently put into the tech rescue bill. Vice Chair McGregor added that our bill must make it through both the House and Senate. We need the bill sponsors and Senate & House chairs to have a hearing. Then when it hits the third reading, then we need it pushed to the floor for a vote.

## 7. **New Business**

### a. Review of Steering & Subcommittee membership

Paul Betti reviewed the status of all subcommittees as well as the steering committees. For the policy subcommittee there have been no changes. The equipment subcommittee has a new rep from region 3 in Peter Ostroskey Jr, also Dan Kelleher joined us last June from region 5. The training subcommittee had one change as Shawn Green replaced Tom Rinoldo in region 3. Membership subcommittee had one change as Seth Colby replaced Patrick Sullivan in region 3. The mobex subcommittee, Chris Beal took the Barnstable County spot replacing Scott Smith, but we still need some work as we have openings in region 3 D8 & D14. For the regional steering committees, there hasn't been a lot of movement, but we are looking to validate that what is documented is correct. For region 3 D14 Shawn Green took Tom Rinoldos spot. Mark McCabe asked if the current list could be sent to each region to work on. Chair Belsito asked to leave this on the agenda for future meetings. Vice Chair McGregor added that region 5 must make a change as Rick Nelson was promoted to fire chief but he currently holds the technician spot.

### b. Project update of MFA Bridgewater Tech Rescue prop

David Clemons shared that they had their kickoff meeting on this prop. The drawing of the proposed prop was shown. Some of the features shown are for the future as only \$500k was appropriated through AFG for this project, the other items will be slowly added over time. Vice Chair McGregor has volunteered to be part of the team. The next meeting is on 1/29. Team is optimistic that this will be an early FY27 arrival since they are Conex box based.

## 8. **Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

**9. Future Agenda Items**

**10. Determination of future meeting date**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2025, at 11:00 am held in person at the DCU center in Worcester and hosted virtually.

Mark McCabe made a motion to adjourn; Vice Chair McGregor seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:36 am.