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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**April 23, 2025**  
**Approved**

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a hybrid meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10:00 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.
Deputy Chief Kelly Manning	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Iain McGregor, Vice Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Jon Davine	State Fire Marshal

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

Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Mark McCabe	Regional Technical Rescue Team
Susan Terrey	Deputy Secretary for EOPSS

**DFS Employees in Attendance:**

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

**Other Attendees**

Francis Otting	Region 2
Paul Morrison	Region 2
Mike Moran	Region 2
Bob Bottary	Region 2
Jon Martin	Region 3
Paul Jacques	PFFM
Jay Moltenbrey	MA TF1

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**1. Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:09 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 March 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Fire Marshal Davine made a motion to accept the minutes from March 26, 2025, seconded by Deputy Manning. A unanimous roll call vote was completed, no further discussion.

**3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence**

None

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Equipment – No one present from this team
- b. Membership – Deputy Manning indicated there was no meeting this month, trying to get a meeting scheduled in May to finish application and application scoring tool.
- c. Training – Vice Chair McGregor indicated that the team didn't meet this month, they are trying to find dates that work in May.
- d. Policy/SOG – Chair Belsito indicated that the team did not meet in April.
- e. MOBEX – still on hiatus

**5. Regional Reports**

- a. Region 1 – No one present
- b. Region 2 – Bob Bottary gave an update on Boston Fire. They had their typical responses for elevator blind shaft and water rescues. Spent 2 weeks training with the MBTA on lifting trolleys with their new air bags. Did some blind shaft elevator training on a 200-foot blind shaft. Water training on the Charles is in progress. Paul Morrison stated Quincy continues to train up a dive team. Somerville conducted a confined space & rope rescue drill at a 1-million-gallon water cistern. Cambridge did their monthly dive training. They are currently deployed in Andover for a missing child, working with Boston Fire and Mass State Police. Next week they will be conducting a 1-day structural collapse refresher for each group. May 21<sup>st</sup> they will be doing a joint drill at a water treatment plant on Deer Island doing an elaborate rope rescue drill. Tower training to come in the summer. Francis Otting commented that they are waiting on federal DHS funding for UASI, no update at this time.
- c. Region 3 – Jon Martin stated D7 had a joint swift water and tech rescue drill utilizing high lines and boat work. They had no call outs this month.
- d. Region 4 – No one present
- e. Region 5 – Iain McGregor stepped away

**6. Old Business**

**7. New Business**

- a. Microsoft Office 365 External Guest Accounts  
Deputy Marshal Fournier commented that this was regarding the Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) that is going into effect May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have an external email (not mass.gov email) then you must use a 2-factor authentication to get into the Tech

Rescue SharePoint sites. If you have questions or problems just reach out to Paul Betti directly.

b. Equipment survey summary

Chair Belsito commented that he will reach out to region 5 to get their equipment surveys. The chair wanted to commend Jason Saunders on all the work, along with the assistance from Paul Betti. Since Jason couldn't be present at this meeting we will revisit at another time.

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

Vice Chair McGregor shared that MATRS will be having their next meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-14:00 in Ludlow. Focus will be on metal cutting with torches and saws. There is a chance that the Region 4 high water vehicle may be in attendance. Go to MATRS site to RSVP so they can plan for lunch.

Chair Belsito wanted to acknowledge Jay Moltenbrey from MA TF1 and give him the opportunity to share anything. Jay wanted to thank Paul Betti and Chair Belsito for reaching out to them to share information. D7 was going to come to their medical specialist class in March but they had a funding glitch. There is also a potential structural collapse course coming in the fall.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

**10. Determination of future meeting date**

Deputy Marshal Fournier asked Chief Belsito if all future meetings could be moved to 11:00 am to not impact a scheduled DFS staff meeting, all members present were ok with change. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 11:00 am held virtually.

Fire Marshal Davine made a motion to adjourn; Deputy Manning seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 am.