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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**June 25, 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, June 25, 2025, 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  
Deputy Chief Kelly Manning  
Iain McGregor, Vice Chair  
Maribel Fournier (designee)  
Susan Terrey

Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.  
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Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.  
Deputy State Fire Marshal  
Deputy Secretary for EOPSS

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

Jason Saunders  
Mark McCabe  
Jon Davine

Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.  
Regional Technical Rescue Team  
State Fire Marshal

**DFS Employees in Attendance:**

Glenn Rooney  
David Clemons  
Paul Betti  
Kerry Marcotte

Legal Counsel to the Board  
Director of Operations  
Deputy Director Special Operations  
Admin to HazMat & Special Operations

**Other Attendees**

Francis Otting  
Bob Bottary  
Mike Lydon  
Don Stats

Region 2  
Region 2  
Region 2  
Region 5

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

**1. Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 11:04 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 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Deputy Chief Manning made a motion to accept the minutes from May 28, 2025, seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey. A unanimous roll call vote was completed, no further discussion.

**3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence**

Chair Belsito had verbal discussions with FCAM president Chief Pat Purcell regarding FCAM support of the Tech Rescue legislation.

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Equipment – No one present from this team. Paul Betti shared that region 5 has a new member in Dan Kelleher. He has been given privileges to get into the Tech Rescue SharePoint.
- b. Membership – Deputy Manning indicated that there was no meeting scheduled but they hope to in July or August.
- c. Training – Vice Chair McGregor indicated that the team did not meet but they need to have a meeting soon to finish the outline of the specific training. Then this will be pushed up to the council for approval.
- d. Policy/SOG – Chair Belsito indicated that the team did not meet but hope to after the summer.
- e. MOBEX – still on hiatus

**5. Regional Reports**

- a. Region 1 – No one present
- b. Region 2 – Francis Otting stated they had a UASI drill at the MWRA with members from Boston, Quincy, Somerville and Cambridge. Somerville did swift water training with a vehicle prop in southern Connecticut. Captain Halloran attended the International Association of Water Rescue Professionals conference in South Bend Indiana. Brookline trained on the MBTA trolley cars, they also just upgraded their rope & clutches to 11 mil. Quincy had a significant MVA rollover with extraction using struts to stabilize the vehicle. Bob Bottary gave the Boston update. They have had significant amount of water rescues, 4 people in water that they used Zodiac boats to rescue. Boston & Cambridge partnered for a body recovery in the Charles River. Boston just completed 2 weeks of Trench rescue training, bringing the total trained to 140.
- c. Region 3 – Chair Belsito shared that all 3 districts are still training. Deputy Chief Manning shared that Leicester had a dive call out.
- d. Region 4 – No one present
- e. Region 5 – Vice Chair McGregor reported that they had their annual water rescue drill. An upcoming drill will be at Red Rocks in Gloucester. Region 5 did get \$8000 from homeland security for some equipment that was on their need list.

**6. Old Business**

- a. Legislation update  
Vice Chair McGregor stated that it was a productive meeting at the joint committee on public safety on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The belief is that it will come out of the joint committee with

a favorable vote and then it will be sent to senate ways and means. The PFFM plans to ask for an amendment to get into the senate budget for next year, so DFS has funding to operate the system.

7. **New Business**

a. Save the date for MATRS event on 9/18

Vice Chair McGregor stated that his goal was to get the invites sent to the VIPs before July 4<sup>th</sup>. Paul Betti made a request for MATRS to send the request in writing for the support of an ISU and drones for the event in Fall River. Vice Chair McGregor stated that this will operate like Fenway Park, that it will be a joint operation so Bristol County will be making the request.

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, July 23, 2025, at 11:00 am held virtually.

Chair Belsito would like to thank everyone for their efforts and that everyone has a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Deputy Secretary Terrey made a motion to adjourn; Deputy Chief Manning seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 am.