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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**September 24, 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, September 24, 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  
Mark McCabe  
Maribel Fournier - Designee

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

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

Susan Terrey  
Jon Davine  
Jason Saunders

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

**DFS Employees in Attendance:**

Glenn Rooney  
Paul Betti  
Kerry Marcotte

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

**Other Attendees**

Francis Otting  
Bob Bottary  
Jon Martin  
Tom Rinoldo  
Daryl Springman  
Paul Jacques  
Janice Corkhum  
Jay Moltenbrey

Region 2  
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Region 3  
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Region 4  
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**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 past Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair McGregor made a motion to accept the minutes from August 27, 2025, seconded by Deputy Chief Manning. A unanimous roll call vote was completed, no further discussion.

**3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence**

None

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Equipment – No update
- b. Membership – No update
- c. Training – No update
- d. Policy/SOG – No update
- e. MOBEX – still on hiatus

**5. Regional Reports**

- a. Region 1 – Mark McCabe shared updates on the 5 counties. Barnstable county had 2 call outs for wide area searches. Bristol county had a call out for large animal rescue and for wide area search. Their training was in rope skills. Norfolk county did have a call out for a down person on Blue Hills reservation. Training that is in progress was crane work and torch use. Plymouth county had call outs for 2 cars in the water. For training they did vehicle stabilization and a collapse drill with rakers and vertical shoring. Dukes had no call outs but did an organizational drill and held elections for a new chief liaison.
- b. Region 2 – Francis Otting reported that they sent 2 members from Somerville to the South Windsor rescue weekend. Cambridge completed dive training and are preparing for drill on the USS Salem in October. Bob Botary gave the update for Boston. They had a slow month, as there were only a few calls for person under a train and couple calls for jumpers. They just completed 2 weeks of breaching & breaking training for all 150 members.
- c. Region 3 – Jon Martin reported that D7 trained on cutting, one station for field force extrication and the other on torch use. The dive team did have training and 2 call outs. One for the rescue of a person that couldn't swim and the other for a car into the water. Tom Rinoldo reported that D14 had no call outs but did do training on large animal rescue.  
Region 4 – Daryl Springman shared that they did a joint drill with Berkshire dive team including boat operations and search. They also did a joint drill with D7 on swift water rescue at the Zoar gap, it included day & night operations. This work is to prep for their future EMAC partnership. Had 1 call out for a car into a building where they needed the WASP as 2 corners of the building were compromised.
- d. Region 5 – Vice Chair McGregor shared that their September drill was industrial rope rescue at Covanta with Haverhill fire. They sent a team to Fall River for the Battleship Cove event. No call outs this month, but

they did bring 3 members onboard bringing their total to 49.

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

a. Annual election of Chair/Vice Chair

Glenn Rooney opened the nominations for Chair. Vice Chair McGregor nominated Chief Belsito, Glenn asked Chief Belsito if he would accept the nomination which he did. Mark McCabe seconded the nomination, and the roll call was unanimous. Glenn Rooney opened the nominations for Vice Chair. Deputy Chief Manning nominated Iain McGregor, Glenn asked Iain McGregor if he would accept the nomination which he did. Chief Belsito seconded the nomination, and the roll call was unanimous.

b. MATRS event on 9/18

Vice Chair McGregor thanked Mike Caddell and Scott Jensen for driving this event. The people at Battleship Cove were excellent to work with and extremely helpful. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> event so now it puts more pressure on finding something creative for next year. This event continued forging great relationships between the teams. Iain also complemented Special Operations for supplying a Rehab & ISU as well as drones and communication support. Iain also thanked Jake Wark, who gave him some guidance on how to properly perform the PIO role while on the boat. All participants were happy with the event. Daryl Springman added that there were legislative agents and at least 4 news channels that participated in the tour and asked a lot of great questions. Chair Belsito added that maybe the next event could be at Purgatory Chasm.

c. Team engagement in S&R

Chair Belsito asked Paul Betti to add this topic to the agenda. Chair Belsito commented that Region 1 works well with environmental police & local police on wide area searches. District 7 has been conducting a search on land and water for the last week without asking for help from Tech Rescue team. Deputy Chief Manning did add that there was small involvement of the D7 dive team. The Chair was asking for suggestions on how to improve. Vice Chair McGregor stated that they went to NEMLEC to partner, they used FFE to break the ice. Daryl Springman added that they have decent involvement with searches in the west. Daryl added that he attends the quarterly SAR meetings sponsored by the state police. Mark McCabe added that it takes communication and collaboration. What helped them was the mobile exercise that was done years ago.

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

Paul Betti shared that on 9/25 he will be attending a HART tabletop exercise at MEMA in Franklin. The focus will be a hurricane scenario utilizing the ESF 9 desk.

Jay Moltenbrey shared that MA TF1 will be doing another Medical Specialist class next spring, he knew that D7 tried getting some people in this past year. Chair Belsito asked Jon Martin for the status. Jon said the funding is stuck at EOPSS/MAPC. Deputy Marshal Fournier said she would investigate it, Maribel further added that DFS does apply for \$ on the state share of HLS but DFS has no say on the regional HLS funding. Maribel asked for details to be emailed to her. Mark McCabe asked for the cost of the class, last year the cost was \$3250 per student. Daryl Springman added that they sent 6 people to Florida for that same class, and it was roughly the same cost.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

**10. Determination of future meeting date**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 11:00 am held virtually.

Vice Chair McGregor made a motion to adjourn; Mark McCabe seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 am.

Chair Belsito thanked the team for their faith in him and reappointing him as chair.