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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, October 25, 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:

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chair	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Iain McGregor, Vice Chair	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Chief Michael Mansfield	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Maribel Fournier	Deputy State Fire Marshal

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Susan Terrey	Deputy Secretary for EOPSS
Jon Davine	State Fire Marshal
Jason Saunders	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.

DFS Employees in Attendance:

Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel to the Board
Rachel Perlman	Deputy Legal Counsel to the Board
David Clemons	Director of Operations
Paul Betti	Deputy Director of Special Operations

Other Attendees

Mark McCabe	Region 1
Shawn Simmons	Region 1
Francis Otting	Region 2
Paul Morrison	Region 2
Jason Tierney	Region 2
Jon Martin	Region 3
Daryl Springman	Region 4

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1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:02 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 September 28, 2023. Meeting Minutes

Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Thursday, September 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Iain McGregor. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote was completed.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence

No correspondence during this time frame

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Equipment – nothing to report
- b. Policy/SOG – did not meet during the last month
- c. Training – joint meeting with membership. Iain McGregor reported that they worked on the tiered activation matrix. Documents still in process is the company officer flow chart and the training subcommittee is focusing on the training hours by category required annually. Next meeting is in November.
- d. Membership – see Training above
- e. Mobex – Iain McGregor indicated that their meeting was held on 10/24. The working groups are finishing work on the objectives and critical tasks to be evaluated, expect all to be complete by next month. A small working group working on formatting. Reviewed the timeline for planning and benchmark phases. They reviewed the draft budget/funding request again. Need to have purpose & scope written out, plan to have done in December.

5. Regional Reports

- a. Region 1 – Mark McCabe indicated training is in progress. Participated in wide area search drill at Rutland state park, interoperable & communications worked well. Working on inter county drill possibly later next spring. Many call outs for search for missing persons.
- b. Region 2 – Paul Morrison reported that joint training happened over the last month with Boston & Cambridge dive team focusing on the harbor & the Charles River. Boston fire did joint training with Mass State Police divers on retrieving evidence as well as rescue. Boston fire completed structural collapse & shoring refresher training with their special ops team.
- c. Region 3 – Jon Martin reported that D7 also participated in the drill at Rutland State Park. Recently did drill focus on lowering divers into limited access locations like quarries. Only recent call was for a missing person in Mendon.
- d. Region 4 – Daryl Springman stated that they were able to stand up a water team if needed for hurricane Lee. They sent 4 members to Michigan for advanced shoring & trenching training. They had 4 callouts since last meeting, of those 2 were cancelled after activation.
- e. Region 5 – Iain McGregor reported that they did a rope drill last month that was well received, focused on artificial high direction, flipping high lines, offsets, and load cells. Previous months drill was at Camp Curtis Guild with SERF-P. Next month's drill will be Trench rescue drill in Ipswich, where a car accidently is driven into a trench. No call outs reported, 2 members came off probation.

6. Old Business

- a. Look into SOP's not yet approved
Chairman Belsito turned the conversation over to Paul Betti. Paul stated that he found the 1st approved SOP in April 2021 which was Safety Officer. Paul found additional SOPs over the next 2 years. Accountability, Team leader, Assistant to Team Leader, Medical Manager, Medical assistant, and planning were all approved in October 2022. Also found a letter of recommendation on team size, but it was not an SOP. In November of 2022 the First arriving member, Rehab & Rope SOPs were all approved. In February of 2023, small grammatical updates were made to Confined Space and the AAR SOP was approved. Paul then showed the SOP spreadsheet with the status and where they are located. He asked for help on certain SOP's highlighted in column L that needs the actual Word document (Team Leader, Accountability & Rope Rescue).

7. New Business

8. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Determination of future meeting date

A lot of discussion on next meeting because of the Thanksgiving holiday and Firefighter of the Year. Glenn Rooney stated that Paul Betti could send out a poll on suggested dates. The poll was done and the next meeting date was selected to be on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 10:00am virtually.

Chief Mansfield made a motion to adjourn, Iain McGregor seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:32am.