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 COORDINATING COUNCIL**

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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, December 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	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Deputy Chief Kelly Manning	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
Maribel Fournier (Designee)	Deputy State Fire Marshal

Absent from the meeting were the following Council members:

Jon Davine	State Fire Marshal
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DFS Employees in Attendance:

David Clemons	Director of Operations
Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel to the Board
Paul Betti	Deputy Director Special Operations
Kerry Marcotte	Admin to HazMat & Special Operations

Other Attendees:

Corey Pimental	Region 1
Chris Beal	Region 1
Neil Tuepker	Region 1
Mike Lydon	Region 2
Shawn Green	Region 3
Seth Colby	Region 3
Daryl Springman	Region 4
Al Sirois	Region 4

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 11:00 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

Jason Saunders made a motion to accept the minutes from November 26, 2025, seconded by Mark McCabe. A unanimous roll call vote was completed, no further discussion.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence

Chair Belsito had correspondence with region 3 leadership to replace vacant seats on the subcommittees. Chief Seth Colby joined the membership subcommittee and Peter Ostroskey Jr joined the equipment subcommittee.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Equipment – Jason Saunders stated that the team met this morning before the council meeting. The focus was to go back through the master vehicle list to determine the minimum number of vehicles per region. The second objective was to go through the list to strip out what assets are dedicated to dive team only. The membership/training subcommittee asked for help with job descriptions for equipment & vehicle manager. The team will need to work on MOU's with departments to use the existing vehicles at the time of transition to a state team. Team is still working on resource list for type 2 water responses. Jason also stated in January of 2025 the Hanson Milone act was voted in; this would require anyone that operates a motorized boat to have a boater safety certificate. The class can be done online or in person.
- b. Membership – Deputy Chief Manning reported that they had a meeting on 12/2. The focus was to create job descriptions for team coordinator, assistant team coordinator, training coordinator and assistant training coordinator. Still finishing up a few small things on the membership application scoring tool.
- c. Training – Vice Chair McGregor reported that they are just trying to finish up the last small piece on the training matrix for water.
- d. Policy/SOG – Chair Belsito indicated they would be having a meeting soon in the new year.
- e. MOBEX – Vice Chair McGregor commented that he wanted to restart this subcommittee in preparation for a joint drill with MANG in April of 2027. This aligns to when the MANG CERFP X Evals will happen. The meetings would be to research options even if the team is not part of DFS. Paul Betti commented that there are a couple openings on this subcommittee, needing a rep from region 3 district 8 to replace Jamie Desautels and region 3 District 14 to replace Tom Rinoldo. Chair Belsito commented that he believed Shawn Green would be replacing Tom Rinoldo, Chief Colby stated that they would know more on 12/31. D14 will put a request for another rep besides Shawn Green but Shawn is willing to do whatever the council needs.

5. Regional Reports

- a. Region 1 – Mark McCabe gave an update on the 5 county teams. Bristol

County had a low angle slope evacuation and patient packaging drill. Calls for large animal rescue and a wide area search. Plymouth County had dive drill as well as metal cutting and a tower rescue drill. Calls for large animal rescue and joint response to Yarmouth trench emergency. Norfolk County had a confined space and medical specialist drill. They are currently at the 3-alarm fire in Westwood to possibly do some shoring. Dukes County had an equipment familiarization and confined space drill. Barnstable County had rope rescue and confined space drills. For calls they had a large animal rescue, wide area search and the trench incident in Yarmouth, they did a great job thinking outside the box.

- b. Region 2 – Mike Lydon reported that Cambridge and Boston had their monthly dive drills. An incident on the Tobin bridge occurred that required response from Boston and Chelsea. On January 9th there will be region 2 rope drill at Deer Island Wastewater treatment facility.
- c. Region 3 – Shawn Green reported that D14 had a drill in Milford on structural collapse. Focus was on wall, window & door shoring, victim removal from debris as well as increased focus on medical response. Their large animal rescue equipment is starting to show up.
- d. Region 4 – Daryl Springman that they cancelled their December drill due to weather. They had a team standby for a potential dam breaking in Franklin County. Five new members were interviewed to join the team, 4 of them were moved forward to start in January.
- e. Region 5 – Vice Chair McGregor stated they did their December training on structural shoring at an elementary school in Melrose. In January they will be doing a rope rescue drill in Burlington. No call outs for the month and they are still sitting at 49 members.

6. **Old Business**

- a. Legislation update

Glenn Rooney commented that the bill is still at a standstill. Vice Chair McGregor stated that it is there with 623 other bills at House Ways and Means.

7. **New Business**

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

Paul Betti stated that we are still working on filling in some of the steering & subcommittee openings.

Chair Belsito wants to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Enjoy your time with family and friends, see you in the new year.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

10. **Determination of future meeting date**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2025, at 11:00 am held virtually.

Mark McCabe made a motion to adjourn; Deputy Marshal Fournier seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:32 am.

