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**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNICAL RESCUE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**
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Approved

The Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council held a hybrid meeting (in person at the DCU Center in Worcester) in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A § 20 on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 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 (in person)	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Iain McGregor, Vice Chair (virtual)	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Jason Saunders (virtual)	Professional Fire Fighters of Mass.
Assistant Chief Kelly Manning (virtual)	Fire Chiefs Association of Mass.
Jon Davine (in person)	State Fire Marshal
Susan Terrey (virtual)	Deputy Secretary for EOPSS

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

DFS Employees in Attendance:

Maribel Fournier (in person)	Deputy State Fire Marshal
Glenn Rooney (virtual)	Legal Counsel to the Board
Rachel Perlman (virtual)	Deputy Legal Counsel to the Board
David Clemons (in person)	Director of Operations
Jeff Winn (in person)	Director of Hazardous Materials Response
Paul Betti (in person)	Deputy Director of Special Operations

Other Attendees

Chief O'Brien (in person)	Region 1
Chief Simmons (in person)	Region 1
Chief Coleman (in person)	Region 1
Chief Arruda (in person)	Region 1
Chief Kean (in person)	Region 1

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Chief Duffy (in person)	Region 1
Paul Morrison (virtual)	Region 2
Francis Otting (virtual)	Region 2
Jon Martin (virtual)	Region 3
Chief Sirios (virtual)	Region 4
RJ Pensivy (virtual)	Region 4
Rick Nelson (virtual)	Region 5

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Chief Matthew Belsito, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m. The Chair introduced himself, followed by the introductions of the Council members, Department of Fire Services' employees, and public members in attendance.

Chief Matthew Belsito announced a new member representing FCAM, Assistant Chief Kelly Manning. She is replacing Chief Michael Mansfield whose term has expired.

Iain McGregor asked for clarification that we got a new member sworn into the council, but we haven't been able to get our 7th member appointed in a year. Glenn Rooney explained the process the governor uses to appoint members and that it isn't always first in first out.

Kelly Manning introduced herself, she is currently serving as Assistant Chief in the town of Douglas. She is a current member of the Hazmat district 3 since 2017, Tech Rescue District 7 diver since 2010 and a past member of Tech Rescue district 7 team from 2014 to 2020. She has been a member of the fire service for almost 20 years.

2. Approval of December 27, 2023 and January 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Jason Saunders made a motion to accept the minutes from December 27, 2023, seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey. Francis Otting noted that Paul Morrison was forgotten in these minutes, Paul Betti fixed this. A unanimous roll call vote was completed, no further discussion.

Iain McGregor made a motion to accept the minutes from January 24, 2024, seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey. A unanimous roll call vote was completed, no further discussion.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence

Paul Betti discussed the only correspondence was with Iain McGregor in regard to collecting the 2022 and 2023 regional call response data needed to continue working on the draft budget. Iain McGregor has forwarded what he has received so far.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Equipment – nothing to report
- b. Policy/SOG – Chief Belsito indicated that the team didn't meet, next meeting is scheduled for 3/14/24.
- c. Training – Paul Betti gave update from the meeting on 2/14/24. Great meeting as Francis Otting led us through the updated activation flyer as we had added some responses. This will come to the MTRCC in the future after both teams get to review it. General discussion on training, and that the annual training matrix still needs to be updated to add more detail. The next meeting will be in March.
- d. Membership – joint meeting with Training
- e. Mobex – Iain McGregor indicated that the next scheduled meeting will be in

April.

5. **Regional Reports**

- a. Region 1 – Rob O’Brien stated that there had been some activations for missing individuals. Plus, a vehicle into a building in Plainville that required shoring and a structural collapse in Hanson that required all their structural collapse equipment. Ongoing training on shoring, confined space and dive.
- b. Region 2 – Paul Morrison stated that they had joint dive training with Cambridge and Everett fire at Mass State Police training tank. One callout for a drowning victim, Cambridge, Boston, Environmental police, and Mass state police responded. This unfortunately turned into a body recovery, but it was a great collaboration between all teams.
- c. Region 3 – Jon Martin reported that D7 did monthly training on Cal Topo, no call outs this month.
- d. Region 4 – Jason Saunders stated that they had an equipment drill in January, every truck and trailer had maintenance done to it. Onboarded 4 new members. Training for February will be confined space in Great Barrington. Grant application submitted to replace an aging van.
- e. Region 5 – Rick Nelson reported that there was a rope drill and structural shoring drill with the National Guard. One response incident in Byfield for swift water that became a body retrieval working with Beverly dive team. They used a high line with a moving control point with a boat in the water. Still working on getting response data for region 5.

6. **Old Business**

- a. Budget discussion
Iain McGregor discussed the current state of the draft budget. Iain didn’t receive any input that he was missing anything from the existing budget. Region 2 wants to stay engaged with the state system but in a different model. Francis Otting stated they have 9 departments; the challenge is trying to morph that into the state model as they have 377 technicians active right now. The bottom line is they want to remain involved and be available for responses but not be funded to provide an on-call model. Without Region 2 being funded by the state, the new budget would be \$4,377,320. Maribel Fournier stated that she does need to see the data but that the \$4.3M doesn’t encompass everything that the system needs like full-time staff salary, repair of vehicles and supplies. Comparing this to HazMat that has an annual budget of \$5.6M but that includes everything. Paul Betti asked what team response data we have received so far. Iain McGregor has received data so far from Region 4, Region 1 and Region 5 but is still missing some from Region 3. Paul Morrison is still working on data for Region 2. Iain McGregor stated that he will receive the data for UASI from MFIRS.

7. **New Business**

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

Iain McGregor wanted to say welcome to Assistant Chief Kelly Manning.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

10. **Determination of future meeting date**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 10:00am virtually.

Marshal Davine made a motion to adjourn, Deputy Secretary Terrey seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45am.