

1. Meeting Opening and Introductions

Iain McGregor, Chairman, opened the meeting at approximately 10:07 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 March 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chief Mansfield made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held, Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The motion was seconded by Jason Saunders. No further discussion. Unanimous roll call vote was completed.

3. Discuss Tech Rescue Correspondence.

No Correspondence.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Equipment – no report
- b. Policy/SOG – no report
- c. Training – no report
- d. Membership – no report

5. Regional Reports

- a. Region 1 – Mark McCabe reports region 1 is continuing with training and had a few callouts.
- b. Region 2 – Secured funds for training through HLS UASI FY23 request. The funding will be allocated toward rescue recruit and other training. Region 2 will be sending 30 students to the FEMA site in the fall. They just completed surface water training and trained 25 members for flood water conditions. At the local level they conducted several drills for tower crane incidents. Cambridge is developing a regional response to a structural collapse using a vacant housing development.
- c. Region 3 – Chief Belsito discussed the mini MOBEX with Fire Districts 7, 8 and 14. DFS was recognized for their support in the 12 hour operational exercise. No injuries or damaged equipment. They conducted dive and swift water training scenarios. In May they will be conducting structural collapse training in Sutton.
- d. Region 4 – The April training was focused on trench training. In May they will be conducting structural collapse training. There was an activation in Dalton for a fall. Currently in the process of replacing all soft goods like ropes and other supplies needing replacement after having them for ten (10) years.
- e. Region 5 – Iain McGregor reports they conducted an April search and rescue drill. In May they scheduled a confined space training to be held in Beverly underground facility with 2 tanks.

6. Old Business

- a. Discuss MOBEX planning.
 - The last MOBEX meeting had 3 participants. The Council is looking to have better attendance for future meetings. The current draft is three – twelve (12) hour standard operational periods containing up to 80 members

from each region in early Fall 2024. The projected cost for backfill and meeting attendance is approximately \$385,000. This estimate does not include any other costs involved.

- b. Tabled – Discuss and vote on Team Application
 - The concern for the new application is that the process does not match the existing structure of Technical Rescue. The application was created for the future goals of the Technical Rescue Division. The member selection would be approved by the council as recommended by the local regions steering committees. Jason Saunders made the motion to adopt the Team Applications. The motion was seconded by Chief Belsito. Unanimous roll call vote.
- c. Discuss D4H funding.
 - The startup of this project is significantly different than when Hazmat began. Chair will appoint a working group for D4H.

7. New Business

- a. Introduce DFS Staff
 - As of April 23, 2023 Paul Betti has joined as Deputy Director of Special Operations. He has spent the last seven (7) years at DFS working as the special hazards branch training coordinator. Council members welcomed and congratulated Paul.
- b. Discuss and vote on Tiered Response Matrix.
 - Tabled to next month.

8. Any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair. None

9. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Tiered Response Matrix.
- b. Announce D4H working group

10. Determination of future meeting date(s).

The next meeting date will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 10:00am.

Michael Mansfield made a motion to adjourn. Undersecretary Benincasa seconded the motion. Roll call vote was made unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:56am.