



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes

March 24th, 2020

1:00PM

Remote Conference Call

Phone Number: 415-655-0002 (Access Code: 733 528 060)

Call to Order

- The March 24th, 2020 meeting of the NERAC Full Council was called to order by Chair Chief Jason Gilliland at 1:10pm. He asked for approval of the February 13th meeting minutes.

MOTION put forth by Chief R. Picariello.

- Approve the February 13th meeting minutes.
 - Seconded by J. Brickett.
 - All in favor.

EOPSS/MAPC Update

EOPSS

- No update.

MAPC

- The MAPC offices continue to be closed, but assistance to the Council should remain largely unaffected by the switch to working from home.

FFY18/FFY19 Budget Update

- All Council members were provided with a budget update for reference during the meeting.

Project Updates

Active Shooter Training Kits

- The kits were delivered to Chief E. Shears of Merrimac PD last week.

MOTION put forth by Chief Fisher.

- Allocate \$465.34 for the purchase of locks and an extra pelican case for the active shooter training kits from the existing line item in FFY18.
 - Seconded by Chief R. Picariello.
 - All in favor.

Active Shooter Trainings

- Although the ALERRT Center has cancelled all classes through April, ALERRT has

offered NERAC two offerings of the AAIR course that will provide an opportunity for the region’s instructors to shadow ALERRT instructors.

- One offering will be held in Pepperell/Dunstable since it was included in the FFY19 plan, and the other course can be held elsewhere in the region. If any Council members would like to host the course, they were encouraged to contact MAPC directly.
- On a related note, the ATIRC class scheduled for May 6th – 8th will likely be cancelled. MAPC is awaiting official confirmation from LSU and/or MEMA.

Portable Ventilators for Area Hospitals

- B. Klag submitted a request to reestablish the portable ventilator cache that has existed in the past.
 - Due to the time-sensitive nature of the request, the request is for approximately \$300,000.00 in FFY18 and FY19 funds, so that the equipment can be purchased immediately.
- A total of at least \$278,000.00 is needed to replace the 27 ventilators that were previously stored in hospitals across the region.
- There are several projects that can be eliminated from the FFY18 and FFY19 budgets to make room in the budget. MAPC provided the following lists to the Council:

FFY18	Amount
Bleeding Control Training (“Stop the Bleed”)	\$12,275.24
Medical Needs Sheltering Study	\$4,050.00
Technical Rescue Drills	\$50,000.00
NSR911 Center Wiring (Remainder)	\$18,524.44
Cape Ann “Until Help Arrives Training”	\$17,660.30
TOTAL	\$102,509.98

FFY19	Amount
Amesbury Feasibility Plan	\$50,000.00
Zion Hill Generator	\$40,000.00
Cybersecurity	\$22,920.00
Public Health Projects and Initiatives	\$5,175.00
Flood Control System	\$30,000.00
Training and Exercise	\$50,000.00
TOTAL	\$198,095.00

MOTION put forth by J. Brickett.

- Allocate \$300,604.98 for the purchase of 27 portable ventilators to be stored at hospitals in the region from the line items listed above.
 - Seconded by M. Foster.
 - All in favor.

FFY20 NERAC Regional Plan Development

- All Council members were provided with a draft budget document that was created at the

previous meeting on March 12th.

- MAPC reminded the Council that there is \$104,299.00 remaining to allocate for FFY20.

MOTION put forth by D. Spinosa.

- Increase the allocation for the Fire District 6 Communications Upgrade project by \$20,000.00.
 - Seconded by Chief T. Judge.
 - All in favor.

MOTION put forth by M. Foster.

- Increase the allocation for the portable sign boards project for the cache sites by \$20,000.00.
 - Seconded by Chief T. Judge.
 - All in favor.

MOTION put forth by C. Ryan.

- Allocate \$50,000.00 for the Amesbury Feasibility Study that was eliminated from the FFY19 budget for the portable ventilators.
 - Seconded by Chief J. Fisher.
 - All in favor.

MOTION put forth by C. Ryan.

- Allocate \$14,299.00 for additional upgrades for the region’s Field Communications Units.
 - Seconded by Chief R. Picariello.
 - All in favor.
- The Council also discussed a project request from B. Klag that would establish a cache of medical PPE for regional use.
 - J. Brickett explained that Region 3 and 4 were attempting to do the same, and recommended the request be placed on the “B” List in the meantime.

MOTION put forth by C. Ryan.

- Approve the following FFY20 budget for the NERAC Regional Plan:

Project Name	'A' List	'B' List
MAPC Program Management	\$272,950.00	\$0.00
Northeast Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team Monthly Drills	\$90,000.00	\$0.00
Burlington Mall Full-Scale Exercise	\$80,000.00	\$0.00
Salem Haunted Happenings Tabletop Exercise	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Active Shooter Trainings (ATIRC, AAIR)	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
ICS-300/400	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

MetroWest Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Tabletop Exercise	\$0.00	\$12,500.00
Rescue Task Force Training (Sudbury, Wayland, Concord, Lincoln)	\$95,000.00	\$0.00
Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) Training	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
500KW Generator (Regional Cache)	\$125,000.00	\$0.00
Portable Message Boards (Regional Cache)	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
LED Light Towers (Regional Cache)	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Fire District 6 Communications Upgrades	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Fire District 5 & 15 Simulcast UHF	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Fire District 5 & 15 Wide Area VHF	\$85,000.00	\$0.00
Fire District 5 & 15 Portable Radio Cache	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
Metro Fire North District Communications Upgrades	\$0.00	\$250,000.00
Portable Vehicle Barricades (Regional Cache)	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
Fire District 14 PPE (Hudson, Stow, Maynard)	\$31,000.00	\$0.00
Groton PD UAS/Drone	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
COML/COMT Training	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
NEMLEC SWAT Portable Radios	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
Amesbury Feasibility Study	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Field Communications Unit Upgrades	\$14,299.00	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$1,538,249.00	\$295,500.00

- Seconded by J. Brickett.
- All in favor.

Committee/Working Group Updates

Interoperability/Info Sharing

- C. Ryan or D. Spinosa provided an update.
- The Interop Committee met on March 24th to discuss FFY20 projects and open projects.

MOTION put forth by J. Brickett.

- Transfer \$3,000.00 from FFY18 Training and Exercise to FFY18 Interoperability for the CMED Console project.
 - Seconded by C. Ryan.
 - All in favor.
- The MA Tactical Channel Plan is still being developed and the MIFOG is undergoing final approvals.

Regional Equipment Cache

- No update.

Evacuation Planning

- No update.

Hospitals

- No update.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair

- Next meeting will be held remotely on April 9th, 2020

ATTENDEES- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department

John Brickett: Executive Director, Northeast EMS

Joe Costanzo, Vice-Chair: Administrator, MVRTA

Chief John Fisher: Carlisle Police Department

Mark Foster: Director, Beverly Emergency Management

Chief Tom Judge: Concord Fire Department

Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department

Christopher Malone: Superintendent, Tewksbury Public Schools

David Ouellette: Dracut Public Health

Chief Robert Picariello: Marble Police Department

Christopher Ryan: Deputy Director, North Shore Regional 911 Center

John Sanchez: Director, Burlington Public Works Department

Dave Spinosa: Communications Director, Essex County Sheriff's Department

ABSENT- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sheriff Kevin Coppinger: Essex County Sheriff

Bill Klag: Emergency Preparedness Director, North Shore Medical Center

Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department

Paul Cohen: Town Manager, Town of Chelmsford

ATTENDEES- OTHER

Caroline Graham: MAPC
Austin Murray: MAPC
Amy Reilly: MAPC