



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes

December 10th, 2020

1:00 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Remote Conference Call: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 996 1903 5570 / Password: 364469

Call to Order

- Chair Chief Jason Gilliland called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. He asked for approval of the November 10th, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Approved the November 10th, 2020 meeting minutes.
 - Seconded by Chief J. Fisher.
 - All in Favor.

EOPSS/MAPC Updates

EOPSS

- V. Mboka-Boyer provided an update for EOPSS/OGR:
 - No update.

MAPC

- A. Murray provided the following update for MAPC:
 - EOPSS approved the disposal of the NEMLEC Tahoe, which will be traded in for a new Sprinter van for their Incident Management Team.
 - The FFY20 contracts have been signed and MAPC is in the process of building the corresponding budgets for each of the HLS regions. FFY20 are now available to be used.

FFY18/FFY19 Budget Updates

- All Council members were provided with copies of the FFY18 and FFY19 budgets.

Project Updates

Portable Ventilators

- According to the vendor (TransMed) the ventilators should be available beginning in mid-December.
- MAPC will work with the vendor on delivery to each of the hospitals in the coming weeks.

Regional Medical PPE Cache

- EOPSS approved this project for \$90,000.00 on November 24th, 2020.
- MAPC will work with Northeast EMS, the City of Beverly, and the HMCC Region 3 to create MOUs that will govern the oversight and use of the medical PPE cache.
- Since not all NERAC communities belong to the Region 3 HMCC, those responsible for the cache site will need to determine which equipment can be loaned to whom.
- J. Brickett brought forward a request to amend the Council's original motion, which allocated funding for the installation of and HVAC/climate control system in the storage facility where the medical supplies will be kept. However, since the November NERAC meeting, the City of Beverly has agreed to cover the costs for the HVAC system.
 - J. Brickett asked that the \$90,000.00 be rebalanced for the following purposes:
 - Overhead door for the storage facility: \$5,250.00
 - Inventory Tracking System: \$5,000.00
 - Medical PPE (masks, gloves, gowns, and shields): \$79,750.00

MOTION put forth by J. Brickett.

- Amend the Council's original motion from the November 12th, 2020 meeting to create a medical PPE cache, using \$90,000.00 allocated towards an overhead door (\$5,000.00), an electronic inventory tracking system (\$5,000.00) and medical PPE (\$79,750.00). If a cost-effective inventory system cannot be found for the budgeted amount, the \$5,000.00 will be used for additional PPE.
 - Seconded by Chief B. Moriarty.
 - All in favor.

FFY20 Regional Plan & Budget Review

- The Council reviewed the FFY20 project list, and determined that all T&E projects should be limited until the COVID-19 outbreak is more contained.
- MAPC will initially prioritize the interoperability and regional cache projects.

Northeast Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team AARs and ERRs

- I. McGregor from the NEMTRT was in attendance to present the following documents, two AARs and two ERRs for upcoming drills.
 - AAR – Swiftwater Rescue Drill – October 28th & 30th, 2020
 - AAR – Structural Collapse Drill – November 19th, 2020
 - ERR – Rope Rescue Drill – January 20th & 21st, 2021
 - ERR – Multi Skills Drill – February 10th & 11th, 2021

MOTION put forth by Chief J. Fisher.

- Approve the two AARs (October Swiftwater & November Structural Collapse) and the two ERRs (January Rope Rescue & February Multi-Skills Drill) as presented.
 - Seconded by C. Ryan.
 - All in favor.

Committee/Working Group Updates

Training & Exercise

- Chief J. Gilliland provided the update.

- There was no Training and Exercise Committee meeting in December due to continuing COVID-19 interruptions in programming.

Interoperability/Info Sharing

- C. Ryan provided the update.
- The Interoperability Committee met on December 8th, and the SIEC met on December 2nd.
 - The COML/COMT programming initiative will continue with MAPC sending a solicitation email to a formal list of those who have taken the courses and are state-certified.
 - The CASM database will also be updated to reflect the changes to that list.

Regional Equipment Cache

- J. Sanchez provided the update.
- The Cache Committee met on December 2nd.
 - Representatives from MassDOT and the MA Highway Association attended the cache committee meeting to present a new website that can be used to track the availability of resources that are available to be shared during a local or small regional emergency.
 - The Committee will explore how to integrate the NERAC cache sites and the equipment located there into this new statewide system.
 - MAPC is still awaiting guidance from EOPSS and FEMA regarding the use of cache fees for maintenance of cached equipment. MAPC will meet with EOPSS in the coming days to discuss the matter further.
 - The PJ submitted that would have allowed the Council to spend funds on maintenance is still under review.

MOTION put forth by J. Brickett.

- Allocate \$3,209.82 from FFY19 Line Item O Trainings and Exercises for the continuation of service for the cache surveillance cameras for six months—wi-fi: \$809.82, video hosting: \$2,400.00.
 - Seconded by Chief R. Picariello.
 - All in favor.

Evacuation/Sheltering

- J. Costanzo provided the update.
- The Sheltering/Evac Committee met before the Full Council at 12:00pm to review the preparation checklist that was developed from the TTX toolkit.
- MAPC will prepare a final version of the toolkit to be hosted on the NERAC website in the coming weeks.

Hospitals

- B. Klag was not in attendance to provide an update. Council members were encouraged to reach out to B. Klag for updates on hospital statuses in the region.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair

- Next Meeting: January 14th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Adjourn

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

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

ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department
Joe Costanzo, Vice-Chair: Administrator, MVRTA
John Brickett: Executive Director, Northeast EMS
Christopher Ryan: Deputy Director, North Shore Regional 911 Center
Paul Cohen: Town Manager, Town of Chelmsford
Chief John Fisher: Carlisle Police Department
Mark Foster: Director, Beverly Emergency Management
Chief Tom Judge: Concord Fire Department
Bill Klag: Emergency Preparedness Director, North Shore Medical Center
Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department
Christopher Malone: Superintendent, Tewksbury Public Schools
Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department
Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health Agent
Chief Robert Picariello: Marble Police Department
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
Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health Agent
Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department

ATTENDEES- OTHER

Chief (Ret.) David L. Frizzell: Metro Fire
Caroline Graham: MAPC
Vicky Mboka-Boyer: EOPSS
Iain McGregor: NEMTRT
Austin Murray: MAPC
Amy Reilly: MAPC