



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes

March 11th, 2021

1:00 PM

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Remote Conference Call: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 957 7519 9568 / Password: 901285

Call to Order

- Chair Chief Jason Gilliland called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
- MAPC read the list of attendees for those who called into the meeting.
- Chair Chief J. Gilliland Chair asked for approval of the minutes from the February 11th, 2021 meeting.

MOTION put forth by J. Brickett.

- Approve the minutes from the February 11th, 2021 meeting.
 - Seconded by P. Cohen.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, C. Ryan, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, B. Klag, Chief J. LeLacheur, C. Malone, Chief B. Moriarty, D. Ouellette, Chief R. Picariello, J. Sanchez, D. Spinosa.
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
 - The motion passed.

EOPSS/MAPC Updates

EOPSS

- V. Mboka-Boyer provided the following updates on behalf of EOPSS/OGR:
 - EOPSS received two Notices of Funding Opportunity (State Homeland Security Program, and the Non-Profit Security Grant Program).
 - There are two key changes to the FFY21 State Homeland Security Program—there are now mandatory minimum amounts for each of the federal priorities, and the new priority area is combating domestic violent extremism.
 - The deadline to submit a preliminary project list for the SHSP application is April 8th.
 - Applicants for the Non-Profit Security Grant can apply for up to \$100,000.00. A webinar will be held for those interested on March 18th.

MAPC



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- A. Murray will provide the following update on behalf of MAPC:
 - MAPC will be convening SWFT meetings (meetings between the program managers of each of the regional councils) to discuss the potential for collaborative projects.
 - MAPC will report back to the Council at the April meeting if any collaborative projects arise out of those meetings.

FFY18/FFY19/FFY20 Budget Updates

- All Council members were provided with FFY18, FFY19, and FFY20 budgets.
- The FFY18 budget will be closed out by March 31st.
 - In order to facilitate the close-out, the following motion was made:

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Transfer \$556.12 from Line Item P CMED Consolette to Line Item S Field Communications Unit Upgrade
- Transfer \$7,525.19 from Line Item G Regional Cache Sustainment to Line Item S Field Communications Unit Upgrade
- Transfer \$503.60 from Line Item K MAPC Program Management, Website Hosting Project to Line Item K MAPC Program Management, Website Redesign Project
- Transfer \$118.68 from Line Item K MAPC Program Management, Program Management Project to Line Item K MAPC Program Management, Website Redesign Project.
- Transfer \$556.12 from Line Item A (Field Communications Unit Upgrade) to Line Item A (CMED Consolette)
- Transfer \$7,525.19 from Line Item A Communications Interoperability to Line Item L Regional Cache Sustainment.
 - Seconded by C. Ryan.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, C. Ryan, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, B. Klag, Chief J. LeLacheur, C. Malone, Chief B. Moriarty, D. Ouellette, Chief R. Picariello, J. Sanchez, D. Spinosa, J. Costanzo.
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
 - The motion passed.

Project Updates

Medical PPE Cache

- MAPC informed the Council that it was decided that the NERAC PPE will be stored at the Beverly cache site, while the PPE purchased with the HMCC and EMS Region III funds will be stored adjacent to the NEEMS offices in Amesbury.
- The Council discussed reimbursing the City of Beverly for shelving that was originally ordered for the HMCC/EMS PPE when it was planned to be stored in Beverly. The shelving will now be used to house the NERAC equipment instead.
- The total cost of the shelving is \$3,794.62.



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MOTION put forth by Chief J. Fisher.

- Transfer \$2,500.00 from FFY19 Line Item G MAPC Program Support (Mobile Application Subscription Project), \$950.00 from FFY19 Line Item K Public Health Projects & Initiatives (Medical Needs Sheltering Study Project), and \$344.62 from the unallocated funding in FFY19 Line Item O Trainings and Exercises to Line Item K Public Health Projects & Initiatives (Medical PPE Cache Project).
 - Seconded by Chief R. Picariello.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, C. Ryan, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, B. Klag, Chief J. LeLacheur, C. Malone, Chief B. Moriarty, D. Ouellette, Chief R. Picariello, J. Sanchez, D. Spinosa, J. Costanzo.
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
 - The motion passed.

Salem Haunted Happenings Tabletop Exercise

- The ERR and PJ for the Salem Haunted Happenings TTX was approved by EOPSS on March 4th.
- MAPC will draft a scope of work to be sent to Chief Dennis King and review by Salem PD before conducting a procurement for a consultant.
- Salem PD is willing to start the planning process with remote meetings, in order to hold the exercise before Fall 2021.

EOPSS Project Tracking Dashboard Demonstration

- Christopher Bruell was in attendance from EOPSS OGR to present a prototype dashboard that can be used to track the annual budgeted/expended projects for all Councils. The dashboard will also be filterable by geographic region, FEMA mission area, FEMA core capability, and year.
- Chief J. Fisher asked C. Bruell how often the database would be updated with new figures for the homeland security projects. C. Bruell answered that data entry will likely be the responsibility of the Program Managers at EOPSS.

FFY21 Budget Development/Review of Submitted Projects

- All Council members were provided with a list of the projects that were submitted from outside the Council, from stakeholders in the NERAC region.
- MAPC informed the Council that the allocation for FFY21 will be slightly lower (by \$69,213.66) than in FFY20. The total allocation is \$1,469,035.23.
- The Council first included two items that are traditionally in the budget:
 - MAPC Program Management: \$272,950.00
 - Northeast Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team: \$90,000.00
- C. Ryan provided an overview of the projects that were recommended for funding from the Interoperability Committee, which met on Tuesday, March 9th:



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- ECFCA VHF Combiner: \$50,000.00
- ECFCA Field Comm Units: \$13,000.00
- ECFCA 3 UHF: \$40,000.00
- ECCOP Radio Cache: \$175,000.00
- Littleton All-Band Console Upgrade: \$21,000.00
- Woburn/Zion Hill Generator (Cost Shared): \$40,000.00
- MetroFire North District Communications Feasibility Study: \$30,000.00
- FD 6 Communications Tower: \$100,000.00 (“B” List Project)
- The projects recommended by the Interoperability Committee were added to the preliminary FFY21 budget document.

Ashby Active Shooter PPE

- Chief Mike Bussell from the Ashby Fire Department was in attendance to explain the funding request.
- Ashby Fire Department requested \$5,129.50 to purchase ballistic vests and helmets for EMS personnel in the event of an active shooter incident.
- The project was added to the “B” List.

Boxborough PD Portable Radios

- The Council chose to accept the Interoperability Committee’s recommendation and not fund the purchase of Motorola all-band portable and mobile radios programmed with the Massachusetts Tactical Channel Plan for the Boxborough Police Department.

Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Equipment

- Framingham Fire Chief Michael Dutcher was in attendance and presented a funding request to purchase \$14,917.00 of technical rescue equipment, including:
 - 1 Savox Confined Space Hardline Rescue Kit 5 with Power Talk Box = \$11,565.00
 - 3 CMC MPD x \$798.00/ea. = \$2,394.00
 - 10 CMC Rescue Omega Pacific XL Steel D Carabiners x \$42.00/ea. = \$420.00
 - 1 Arizona Omni Rigging Pod x \$538.00/ea. = \$538.00
- The Council chose to add the project to the “A” List

Lawrence/Merrimack Valley Cameras

- Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque was in attendance to present a funding request for \$120,000.00 to expand an existing city-wide camera project in Lawrence, which was started in 2018.
- The funds would expand camera coverage into four surrounding towns, covering access points off of Routes 93 and 495. The areas are largely commercial and non-residential. In the event of a crime, terrorist act, or damage to critical infrastructure, many routes of escape will be covered by cameras, providing officers with critical pieces of information.
- The Council chose to support the project and include it on the “A” List.



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Middlesex Fells Reservation - Drone Rescue

- Malden Fire Chief William Sullivan was in attendance to present a request for \$22,881.90 for the purchase of the following drone equipment:
 - DJI Matrice 210 – V2 = \$9,482.35
 - Zenmuse XT2 640x512 Thermal Imaging = \$12,497.05
 - 2 Spare Batteries x \$451.25/ea. = \$902.50
- The equipment will bolster the ability of five police and fire departments from municipalities bordering the Middlesex Fells Reservation to provide timely rescue service as well as protection of the reservation’s natural resources.

MOTION put forth by Chief J. Fisher.

- Include the Middlesex Drone project on the “A” List for FFY21.
 - Seconded by Chief B. Moriarty.
 - In Favor: C. Ryan, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, C. Malone, Chief B. Moriarty, D. Ouellette, Chief R. Picariello, D. Spinosa. J. Costanzo.
 - Opposed: J. Sanchez, J. Brickett, Chief J. LeLacheur.
 - Abstain: B. Klag.
 - The motion passed; the project was added to the “A” List.

Massachusetts Highway Association Mutual Aid Platform

- City of Beverly Commissioner of Public Services & Engineering Mike Collins was in attendance to present a funding request for \$30,000.00 to finalize a mutual aid platform that was started by MassDOT.
- The funds will be used to finish GIS-related work on the mutual aid portal, that currently exists as a web-based platform.
- The Council agreed to move the project to the “A” List.
- MAPC will reach out to the other homeland security councils to determine if additional funding can be made available.

Methuen Police Department Mobile Generator

- The Council chose not to fund the project, citing the widespread availability of generators at the regional level.

Nahant Harbormaster Vessel Upgrades

- Robert Tibbo, Nahant Harbormaster was in attendance to present a funding request for \$14,200.00 for the following equipment:
 - Mounted FLIR Camera System = \$12,800.00
 - Installation = \$500.00
 - Water Pump and Suction Hose = \$900.00
- The funds would increase the capacity of the vessel to be utilized for anti-terrorism and homeland security activities in a large expanse of coastal ocean waters north of Boston



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Harbor. Funding this project would provide the only municipal operated SAFE vessel with FLIR and de-watering/ firefighting capacity based between Boston Harbor and Marblehead.

- The Council chose to support the project and include it on the “A” List.

NEMLEC Project Requests

- Chief J. Fisher presented the following requests on behalf on NEMLEC:
 - SWAT In-Service Training: \$15,225.00
 - Mobile Ballistic Shield: \$10,900.00
 - Modular Ballistic Shields: \$1,500.00
 - LRAD Voice Broadcast System: \$20,577.00
- The Council decided to place all proposed NEMLEC projects on the “A” List
- The Council added \$20,000.00 for a School Safety Seminar and \$100,000.00 for Cybersecurity initiatives to the “A” List.
- The Council added the following items to the “A” List to support the Regional Cache Program:
 - \$150,000.00 for maintenance
 - \$150,000.00 for new equipment purchases
 - \$15,000.00 for trailers for Beverly’s 30KW generators.
- The Council added the following items to the “B” List to support the Regional Cache Program:
 - \$100,000.00 for new equipment purchases
 - \$105,000.00 for drive-through tents
- MAPC will work with the Cache Committee to identify any other needs ahead of the April meeting.
- The Council added \$100,000.00 for the construction of a microwave tower in Amesbury to the “B” List
- The Council added \$15,000.00 for the COML/T Radio Reprogramming project to the “A” List, for software and cabling purchases.

Committee/Working Group Updates

Training & Exercise

- Chief J. Gilliland can provide an update.
- The NERAC T&E Committee met before the Full Council meeting and discussed project updates, the FFY21 plan, and a plan to update the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan document.

Interoperability/Info Sharing

- C. Ryan or D. Spinoso can provide an update.
- The NERAC Interoperability Committee met on Tuesday, 3/9 to discuss project updates and the FFY21 budget:
 - The procurement for the District 5/15 Portable Radio Cache came in under budget,



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so spare batteries can be purchased along with one additional radio.

- The District 5 Microwave Tower project was withdrawn in favor of other ECFCA projects. The equipment in Topsfield will be moved to the NSR911 Center.
- The funds originally allocated for the Microwave Tower project were reallocated to a feasibility study for Pow Wow Hill, and for three UHF receivers for sites within Essex County.
- MAPC will circulate update radio procedures to all Council members for helicopter service and helicopter communications.

Regional Equipment Cache

- A. Murray provided an update.
 - Chip Barrett is retiring from Westford Public Works and will need to be replaced on the NERAC Cache Committee in the coming weeks.

Evacuation/Sheltering

- No update.

Hospitals

- No update.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair

- Next meeting: April 8th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Adjourn

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Adjourn.
 - Seconded by Chief R. Picariello.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, C. Ryan, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, B. Klag, Chief J. LeLacheur, C. Malone, Chief B. Moriarty, D. Ouellette, Chief R. Picariello, J. Sanchez, D. Spinosa.
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: B. Klag, J. Costanzo.
 - The motion passed.

ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department

John Brickett: Executive Director, Northeast EMS

Christopher Ryan: Deputy Director, North Shore Regional 911 Center



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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
Joe Costanzo, Vice-Chair: Administrator, MVRTA

ATTENDEES- OTHER

Caroline Graham: MAPC
Vicky Mboka-Boyer: EOPSS
Austin Murray: MAPC
Amy Reilly: MAPC
Theo Kuliopulos: North Reading Emergency Management
Heather Tecce: MEMA
Mike Collins: City of Beverly Department of Public Works
Chief William Sullivan: Malden Fire Department
Lt. Warren O'Brien: Boxborough Police Department
Sharyn Lubas: Executive Director, NEMLEC
Chris Bruell: EOPSS OGR
Chief Roy Vasque: Lawrence Police Department
Lauren Sacks: MAPC
Brad Downey: MAPC
Chief Robert Rufo: Woburn Police Department
Sgt. Nathan Bowolick: Boxborough Police Department
Chief Michael Dutcher: Framingham Fire Department
Chief Matthew Pinard: Littleton Police Department
Rob Tibbo: Nahant Harbormaster
Chief Mike Brussell: Ashby Fire Department