



# NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## Full Council Meeting

### Minutes

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1:00 PM

[Zoom Link](#)

Remote Conference Call: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 957 4678 1923 / Password: 217899

### Call to Order

- Chair Chief Gilliland reminded attendees:
  - The meeting is recorded.
  - Participants should remain muted unless prepared to make a recommendation, ask a question, or vote on a motion.
- Chair Chief Jason Gilliland called the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of the NERAC Full Council to order at 1:00pm. He asked for the approval of the minutes from the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.

### MOTION put forth by C. Ryan.

- Approve the minutes from the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.
  - Seconded by Chief J. Fisher.
    - 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, C. Ryan, J. Costanzo.
    - Opposed: None.
    - Abstain: None.
  - The motion passed.

### EOPSS/MAPC Updates

#### *EOPSS*

- V. Mboka-Boyer provided an update on behalf of EOPSS/OGR.
- EOPSS is working on the FY2021 Homeland Security application.

#### *MAPC*

- A. Murray will provide the following updates on behalf of MAPC:
  - The Quarterly Report for the period January 1 – March 31, 2021 will be submitted to EOPSS by the deadline of April 15.
  - NERAC's preliminary project list and FFY21 Regional Plan will be submitted before the respective deadlines

### FFY18/FFY19/FFY20 Budget Updates

- All Council members were provided with copies of the FFY19 and FFY20 budgets.
  - The FFY18 budget is closed as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Project Updates

### Medical PPE Cache

- The MOU between NERAC, MAPC, the City of Beverly, and NEEMS is now fully executed.
- MAPC will be conducting a procurement for the PPE once specifications are finalized—the procurement will be combined with PPE being purchased for the Western homeland security region.

## FFY21 Budget Development

- All Council members were provided with the current draft of the FFY21 budget, as created at the March meeting. The Council finalized the budget as reflected below:

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
ECFCA VHF Combiner	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
ECFCA Field Comm 20/60 Unit Upgrades	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
ECFCA 3 UHF Receivers	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
ECCOP Radio Cache	\$175,000.00	\$0.00
Littleton All-Band Console Upgrade	\$21,000.00	\$0.00
Woburn/Zion Hill Generator	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
MetroFire North District Comms Feasibility Study	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Fire District 6 Communications Tower	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Ashby Active Shooter PPE	\$0.00	\$5,129.50
Fire District 14 Tech Rescue Equipment	\$14,917.00	\$0.00
Lawrence/Merrimack Valley Camera Project	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
Middlesex Fells Reservation Drone Rescue	\$22,881.00	\$0.00
MA Highway Association Public Works Mutual Aid Platform	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Nahant Harbormaster Vessel Upgrades	\$14,200.00	\$0.00
NEMLEC SWAT In-Service Training	\$15,225.00	\$0.00
NEMLEC Mobile Ballistic Shield	\$10,900.00	\$0.00
NEMLEC Modular Ballistic Shields	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
NEMLEC LRAD Voice Broadcast System	\$20,577.00	\$0.00
School Safety Seminar	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Cybersecurity	\$111,000.00	\$0.00

Regional Cache Program (Maintenance)	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
Regional Cache Program (New Equipment)	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
Regional Cache Program (Additional New Equipment)	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Regional Cache Program (3 Trailers for 30KW Generators)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Regional Cache Program (3 Drive-Through Shelters)	\$35,885.23	\$105,000.00
Pow Wow (Amesbury) Hill Tower	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
NERAC Radio Programming Initiative	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

**MOTION** put forth by C. Ryan.

- Approve the minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.
  - Seconded by Chief J. LeLacheur.
    - 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. Spinoso J. Costanzo.
    - Opposed: None.
    - Abstain: None.
  - The motion passed.

**Committee/Working Group Updates**

*Training & Exercise*

- Chief J. Gilliland provided an update on the most recent Training and Exercise meeting.
- MAPC is awaiting confirmation from the Burlington Mall Full-Scale exercise planning team that the evaluation criteria proposed is acceptable.
- MAPC is in the process of procuring the tents, tables, and tie-down straps for the equipment trailer for the Merrimac PD Active Shooter Training Supplies.
- The Committee approved the NEMTRT February Multi-Skills Drill AAR and the ERR for the May 2021 Swiftwater Rescue Drill.

*Interoperability/Info Sharing*

- The next Interoperability Committee meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

*Regional Equipment Cache*

- No update.

*Evacuation/Sheltering*

- The NERAC Evacuation and Sheltering Guide will be presented at next month's Council Meeting.

*Hospitals*

- No update.

**New Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

- M. Foster discussed fact that he would like the Council to fund a \$5,000.00 Connex box to store disinfecting wipes that the City of Beverly secured from the DPH surplus.
  - The wipes were secured by the City of Beverly before NERAC was made

- aware, and the wipes are not NERAC equipment, or a part of the cache.
  - According to the representative who oversaw the distribution of the surplus, when asked about the PPE being added to the NERAC cache, he stated: “I cannot explicitly authorize nor prohibit the redistribution of these supplies. As mentioned below, these supplies are intended for use by the MRC, but the only restriction is that they may not be sold or otherwise profited from...”
  - The funding would need to come from an existing project.
  - M. Foster will sign over the equipment formally to NERAC. MAPC will need to check with EOPSS and see if the wipes are allowable.
  - This request will be tabled until these answers are obtained.
- Next meeting: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 1:00 PM via Zoom

#### ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department  
 Joe Costanzo, Vice-Chair: Administrator, MVRTA  
 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  
 Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department  
 Christopher Malone: Superintendent, Tewksbury Public Schools  
 Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department  
 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  
 John Brickett: Executive Director, Northeast EMS  
 Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health Agent  
 Bill Klag: Emergency Preparedness Director, North Shore Medical Center

#### ATTENDEES- OTHER

Caroline Graham: MAPC  
 Vicky Mboka-Boyer: EOPSS  
 Austin Murray: MAPC  
 Amy Reilly: MAPC

