



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes- DRAFT

August 11, 2022

1:00pm

*Wilmington Police/Fire Department Building
1 Adelaide Street, Wilmington, MA 01887*

Remote Participation Option

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 947 5866 0306

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Call to Order

- Chair Chief J. Gilliland called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Approval of Minutes from the June 9, 2022 Meeting.

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Approve the June 9, 2022 meeting minutes.
- Seconded by Chief N. Hovey.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, Chief J. LeLacheur, Chief B. Moriarty, C. Cousens, E. Chao, Chief N. Hovey, A. Alpert.
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

EOPSS/MAPC Updates

- EOPSS Update – S. Schey provided an update on behalf of EOPSS. EOPSS welcomes Alexander Marcus, as the new NERAC program coordinator. V. Mboka- Boyer has been promoted and will help Alex transition into this role. FEMA is pleased with NERAC's FY22 application, and EOPSS is expecting to receive the award package in the next two weeks.
- MAPC Update –No update.

Council Meeting Format

- The Council discussed discontinuing the hybrid format of meetings and returning to fully in-person.

MOTION put forth by Jon Brickett.

- Return to fully in person Council meetings, without a remote participation option.
- Seconded by Chief B. Moriarty.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, Chief T. Judge, Chief J. LeLacheur, Chief B. Moriarty, Chief N. Hovey.
 - Opposed: M. Foster, C. Cousens, E. Chao, A. Alpert.
 - Abstain: C. Ryan.

- The motion passed.

Council Bylaw Amendment

- An email with the proposed bylaw amendment to include 2 representatives from Public Schools was sent to the Council in June. The proposed changes can be found in the meeting packet.

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Approve the amended bylaws to include 2 representatives from Public Schools to sit on the Council.
- Seconded by Chief N. Hovey.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, Chief J. LeLacheur, Chief B. Moriarty, C. Cousens, E. Chao, Chief N. Hovey, A. Alpert, C. Ryan, M. Foster.
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

Council Membership

- Regional Transit Authority
- Public Works
- Public Schools
 - We have not received the necessary formal approval from EOPSS for all four of the current pending appointments. We hope to hear from EOPSS prior to the September meeting, at which point voting privileges and Council responsibilities will become official for all approved nominees.

FBI Presentation

- Heidi Murphy Green, FBI Crisis Management Specialist, presented on FBI topics.

Budget Updates

- Committee members were provided with copies of the FFY19, FFY20, and FFY21 budgets in the meeting packet.
 - FFY19 - Grant End Date: Dec 31, 2022
 - The two main line items with remaining funding are A.14 (ECFCA UHF) which is in the middle of procurement, and I.01 (NEMLEC SWAT Radios) which has a PO issued, and just waiting on delivery.
 - FFY20 - Grant End Date: June 30, 2023
 - FFY21 - Grant End Date: July 31, 2023

Project Updates

- *NEMLEC SWAT Radios*
 - The PO was issued on June 9. Motorola has not yet been able to give a ship date estimate, but I will continue to follow up.
- *Merrimack Valley Camera System Expansion*
 - The EHP is drafted and with Chief Vasque of Lawrence PD for review to confirm the coordinates and pictures of all 24 poles for the cameras are accurate and answer a few remaining questions.
 - Next, we will obtain letters of permission from the Chief Municipal Officers of each community where the cameras will be installed.
- *Statewide CISO Project*
 - This was a joint project among all 4 HLS regions, which hired a consultant team to conduct a study of the feasibility of installing Regional Chief Information Security Officers across the Commonwealth to support cybersecurity improvements at the municipal level.
 - The project began with a kick-off meeting in December 2021, and continued with bi-weekly

project update meetings as the consultant conducted research and interviews to develop their findings.

- The consultant held a presentation of the report for the planning team on July 20.
- NERAC cybersecurity experts, E. Chao/C. Cousens presented a summary of the findings and recommendations to the Council.

NERAC Ambubus

- Pro EMS concluded that the Ambubus was unsuitable for their needs and is no longer interested. Chief Gilliland reached out to his contact at Cataldo Ambulance, they saw the Ambubus stored at MVRTA, and are interested. A new MOU is being drafted for their review and discussion. A meeting will be scheduled with Cataldo representatives next week.

Hudson Foam Trailer

- During the June meeting, the Council voted to investigate costs on how to remediate the problem of the NERAC foam trailer housed at Hudson FD.
- The direction we received from EOPSS is that HSGP funds cannot be used for remediation of PFAS, and this position is not expected to change.
- Since firefighting is a core capability and the need for a fuel firefighting capability is critical to HLS response, EOPSS:OGR would consider a project proposal for replacement “green” firefighting foam if scaled and scoped in proportionate amounts for regional response.

Committee/Working Group Updates

- Training & Exercise – Chief J. Gilliland
 - The ADLS course took place in June.
 - Leftover funding from the Stop the Bleed training project was unallocated for new or current projects.
 - Burlington Mall FSE After Action Report was approved by EOPSS
 - Both ATIRC and LASER courses took place in June and July. Both courses received positive feedback.
 - Both the Topsfield School Evacuation FSE and the Domestic Water Supply TTX After Action Reports were presented and approved by the Committee.
 - For the FD-14 Tech Rescue Team, one AAR and three ERRs were approved.
 - The Northeast Tech Rescue Team updated the Committee that their two upcoming drills have been pushed back a month.
- Interoperability/Info Sharing – C. Ryan
 - The Littleton All Band Radio project came in over budget, so the Committee allocated additional funding.
- Regional Equipment Cache – M. Collins
 - Most of the Lexington cache equipment has been moved to the Beverly site. At upcoming meetings, the Committee will discuss administrative issues, specifically the MOUs.
 - The FBI also came to visit the cache site in July and are now aware of the full scope of NERAC’s cache resources.
- Evacuation/Sheltering – No report, on break until the Fall.
- Discussion of Potential Technology Committee– Chief J. Gilliland
 - M. Foster requested to discuss creating a Technology Committee. The Council believes that there may not be a need for this Committee since there are two cyber experts on the Council.

Discipline & State Agency Liaison Updates

- Discipline Updates:
 - Cybersecurity- E. Chao and C. Cousens are meeting with Tufts University to discuss their interest in NERAC’s FFY22 cyber internship program.
 - Emergency Medical Services- There are new protocols on transporting

- police dogs injured in the line of duty to hospitals.
 - Public Schools- Marblehead will be engaging with police and fire departments across towns next week at a meeting.
- State Agency Liaison Updates
 - Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency- There will be upcoming in person trainings (e.g. Emergency Management Directors, ICS courses). The NEPG Grant will be open in another month.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair

- None.

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Adjourn the meeting.
- Seconded by Chief N. Hovey.
 - In Favor: J. Brickett, P. Cohen, Chief J. Fisher, M. Foster, Chief T. Judge, Chief J. LeLacheur, Chief B. Moriarty, E. Chao, Chief N. Hovey, A. Alpert, C. Ryan, M. Foster.
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department
 Chief John Fisher: Carlisle Police Department
 Mark Foster: Director, Beverly Emergency Management
 Christopher Ryan: Deputy Director, North Shore Regional 911 Center
 Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department
 Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department
 Paul Cohen: Town Manager, Town of Chelmsford
 Colby Cousens: Danvers Director of Information Technology
 Edward Chao: Analyst, Harvard Kennedy School
 John Brickett: Executive Director, Northeast EMS
 Chief Neal Hovey: Topsfield Police Department
 Chief Tom Judge: Concord Fire Department
 Allan Alpert: Director of Emergency Management for the City of Melrose.

ABSENT- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dave Spinosa: Communications Director, Essex County Sheriff's Department
 Sheriff Kevin Coppinger: Essex County Sheriff
 Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health
 Bill Klag: Emergency Preparedness Director, North Shore Medical Center

ATTENDEES – OTHER

Lauren Sardella: MEMA
 Anita Arnum: Acton Fire Department
 Mike Collins: Beverly DPW
 Glenn Carrano: CISA
 Sonya Schey: EOPSS
 Alexander Marcus: EOPSS
 Richard Fiske: EOPSS
 Scott Morrison: Tri Town School Union
 John Buckey: Marblehead Schools
 Lenny Imbrascio: FBI
 Heidi Green: FBI
 Katie Goldrick: MAPC

Lauren Sacks: MAPC
Rosemary Volinski: MAPC
Mark Fine: MAPC

The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:

- August 2022 Meeting Agenda
- June 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- FFY19 FFY20, and FFY21 Budget Updates
- August 2022 Project Status Updates
- CISO Feasibility Study Report

**** Next Meeting: September 8, 2022****