



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes- DRAFT

October 13, 2022

1:00pm

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes from the September 8, 2022, Meeting.

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Approve the September 8, 2022, meeting minutes.
- Seconded by Chief N. Hovey.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

EOPSS/MAPC Updates

- EOPSS Update – B. Podsiadlo provided an update. EOPSS is focused on the new state and local cyber program. FEMA and CISA have released a notice of funding opportunity for Cybersecurity funding. There are strict parameters on the grant, but EOPSS will be applying to use planning funds for the first year to come up with a comprehensive cyber plan and then build on this in subsequent years. They will look at how best to address cybersecurity statewide. Regarding active shooter trainings, Councils should advance these projects that meet the region's needs.
- MAPC Update – No update.

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
 - FFY20 - Grant End Date: June 30, 2023
 - FFY21 - Grant End Date: July 31, 2023

Project Updates

- *NEMLEC SWAT Radios*
 - The radios were delivered, but not the accessories (mics, chargers). Motorola provided us with a new tentative ship date of November.
- *Merrimack Valley Camera System Expansion*
 - The EHP was approved by EOPSS.
 - We are working with Chief Vasque to obtain the letters of permission needed

from each municipality per EOPSS policy for surveillance cameras. We put together a packet with project background information and a sample letter that the other Chiefs involved can share with their municipal leaders to advocate for the project.

- *Statewide CISO Project*
 - FEMA and CISA have released a notice of funding opportunity for Cybersecurity funding. There are strict parameters on the grant, but EOPSS will be applying for an exception to use planning funds for the first year to come up with a comprehensive cyber plan and then build on this in subsequent years. They will look at how best to address cybersecurity statewide and the CISO concept.
- *NERAC Ambubus*
 - J. Brickett reached out to the insurance company and is waiting to receive a price estimate, so the Council knows how much they would need to fund each year.

Project Requests

- Methuen Police Department Drone Unit Request
 - Sgt. Shawn Moore, from Methuen PD, was in attendance to present this project request.
 - The Methuen Police Department submitted a funding request for a drone unit. The request is for \$7,881.99. The drone would be used for situational awareness and officer safety. It would assist in their planning and coordinating an effective response to an ongoing situation in the Merrimack Valley area as well as statewide.
 - EOPSS gave additional guidance on HLS funded drones. They recommend American made drones (not from a foreign adversary), which the drone quoted in the request seems to be.
 - The Council would consider this project for the B list if regional use is highlighted in a letter.

MOTION put forth by Chief J. Fisher.

- Table the Methuen Drone Project Request to the next meeting to consider adding it to the B-List, when the PD provides a letter highlighting the regional use.
 - Seconded by Chief B. Moriarty.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
 - The motion passed.
- Quick Series Guides Request
 - In 2014 NERAC purchased Quick Series Guides as part of a project to provide them to each municipality in the region.
 - Sgt. P. Patriarca from Framingham PD reached out to ask if they could get a few more for new team members.
 - We told him that we would inform the Council of his request, but that we couldn't make a purchase for just one municipality.
 - We haven't received any other requests but wanted to make you aware of it in case it's something you wanted to consider in the future.

Committee/Working Group Updates

- Training & Exercise – Chief J. Gilliland
 - There is currently \$4,160 remaining for Regional Stop-the-Bleed trainings.
 - The Domestic Water Supply TTX AAR was approved by EOPSS.
 - MAPC is drafting a PJ for NERO’s Law Trainings.
 - The Committee has a few options for active shooter trainings and will be voting on projects at the next meeting.
- Interoperability/Info Sharing – C. Ryan
 - The Fire District 5 and 15 Portable Radio Cache project is mostly completed but will be procuring harnesses and backups with remaining project funding.
 - The COML and COMT programming initiative MOU is with MAPC legal for review.
 - NERAC Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) was approved by the Committee.

MOTION put forth by Chief J. Fisher.

- Approve and adopt the NERAC TICP.
- Add Chief J. Gilliland’s signature to the document on behalf of NERAC.
- Seconded by Chief N. Hovey.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

- New Ashland ARINC Equipment Disposal Request.

MOTION put forth by Chief J. LeLacheur.

- Dispose the Ashland ARINC Equipment.
- Seconded by Chief J. Fisher.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

- Regional Equipment Cache – M. Collins
 - The Committee will be discussing new MOUs, cache thresholds, and Lexington equipment repairs.
- Evacuation/Sheltering – J. Brickett
 - No Update.

Discipline & State Agency Liaison Updates

- Discipline Updates:
 - Cybersecurity- C. Cousens participated in the Massachusetts Municipal Cyber Summit, and there was an educational panel that discussed important resources.
 - Hospitals- Most hospitals are full and Covid numbers are slowly increasing.
- State Agency Liaison Updates
 - Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency- Many upcoming planned events and non-planned events.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair

- None.

MOTION put forth by Chief B. Moriarty.

- Adjourn the meeting.

- Seconded by Chief J. Fisher.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

**** Next Meeting: November 10, 2022****

ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department
 Chief John Fisher, Vice Chair: Carlisle Police Department
 Mike Collins: Beverly DPW
 Colby Cousens: Town of Danvers Information Technology
 Mark Foster: Beverly Emergency Management
 Chief Neal Hovey: Topsfield Police Department
 Chief Tom Judge: Concord Fire Department
 Bill Klag: North Shore Medical Center Emergency Preparedness
 Kathleen Lambert: MVRTA
 Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department
 Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department
 Dr. Scott Morrison: Tri Town School Union
 Christopher Ryan: North Shore Regional 911 Center
 Dave Spinosa: Essex County Sheriff's Department
 Edward Chao: Harvard Kennedy School

ABSENT- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. John Buckey: Marblehead Schools
 Allan Alpert: City of Melrose Emergency Management
 John Brickett: Northeast EMS
 Paul Cohen: Town of Chelmsford
 Sheriff Kevin Coppinger: Essex County Sheriff
 Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health

ATTENDEES – OTHER

Lauren Sardella: MEMA
 Shawn Moore: Methuen PD
 Alex Marcus: EOPSS
 Ben Podsiadlo: EOPSS
 Lauren Sacks: MAPC
 Rosemary Volinski: MAPC
 Amy Reilly: MAPC

The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:

- October 2022 Meeting Agenda
- September 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- FFY19 FFY20, and FFY21 Budget Updates
- October 2022 Project Status Updates
- Methuen Drone Project Request