



# NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## Full Council Meeting

### Notes

October 12, 2023

1:00pm

MPTC Lynnfield Police Academy  
425 Walnut St, Lynnfield, MA 01940

- **Meeting Quorum Was Not Met.**
- **Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2023 Meeting.**
  - Meeting Quorum was not met, no vote conducted.
- **EOPSS/MAPC Updates**
- **Budget Updates**
  - Council members were provided with copies of the FFY20 – FFY22 budget in the meeting packet.
    - FFY20 – New Grant End Date: December 31st, 2023
    - FFY21 – New Grant End Date: June 30th, 2024
    - FFY22 – Grant End Date: July 31st, 2024
- **Open Council Seats**
  - MAPC notified the region's communities about the open transit seat, public schools seat, and the emergency management seat in September. So far, we have received no resumes for the transit seat, but have received a few resumes for the public schools and emergency management seats. We will be submitting the interested candidates' information to EOPSS for their initial approval.
  - Regional Transit Authority
  - Public Schools
  - Emergency Management
  - Cybersecurity
    - The Council voted to postpone the Cybersecurity vote until today's meeting. Last meeting, Ryan Knowles attended and answered his candidate questions.
      - Dorinda Goodman- Director of Information Technology For the Town of Lexington. Her information and interview questions and answers can be found on page 15 of the meeting packet.
      - Ryan Knowles- Director of Information Services for the City of Gloucester. His information and interview questions and answers can be found on page 24 of the meeting packet.
  - Emergency Medical Services
    - EOPSS has approved two EMS candidates to be reviewed by the Council to fill the open EMS seat.
      - Eric Christensen- Incoming NEEMs Executive Director. His information and interview questions and answers can be found on page 31 of the meeting packet. He was unable to attend today's meeting, but plans to be in MA in November.



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- Wes Russell- Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director for the Tyngsborough FD. His information and interview questions and answers can be found on page 34 of the meeting packet. He is in attendance.
  
- **Project Updates**
  - NEMLEC Projects:
    - Portable Radio Headsets/Adapters
      - All equipment has been delivered, and MAPC is processing the invoices.
    - Ballistic Helmets
      - We are working on the PJ for EOPSS approval and specifications for procurement.
  - Merrimack Valley Camera System Expansion
    - This project was on hold waiting for information from the Lawrence Police Department. There was a delay originally caused by the change of leadership there and we have been working with a new contact since then, but the project has technical elements that he doesn't know personally, so he must reach out to others to get the answers.
    - Due to these concerns, the Council voted to set a deadline of October 4th for Lawrence PD to provide answers to the questions, which were also sent back in June.
    - They did provide answers to the questions before the deadline last week. It has now been confirmed that installation/programming of these items will be part of the project as well. I will need to obtain additional approvals from EOPSS to include additional items and MAPC will continue to work on the project specifications.
  - NERAC Ambubus
    - The letter of disposal has been submitted to EOPSS.
  - District 6 JHIRT Equipment
    - Most of the equipment has now been delivered to Wilmington. Once the remaining items are received, we will begin processing invoices.
  - FD-14 Tech Rescue Equipment
    - The PJ was approved by EOPSS, and we are working on the equipment procurement.
  - Cybersecurity Projects
    - There is currently \$80,279.39 allocated in FFY21 H.04 Cyber Incident Response Plans, which must be spent on a cyber related project due to the minimum spend requirement.
    - MAPC is currently working with Colby to rethink and revise this project.
  
- **Committee/Working Group Updates**
  - Training & Exercise
  - Interoperability/ Info Sharing
  - Regional Equipment Cache
  - Evacuation/Sheltering
  
- **Discipline & State Agency Liaison Updates**
  - Discipline Updates:
    - Cybersecurity- October is Cybersecurity Month.
    - Public Schools- Incidents are ramping up during this time due to the current political climate. There has been more security checks daily.
  - State Agency Liaison Updates



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- Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
  - The due date for EMG is end of October.
  
- **New Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

**\*\*Next Meeting: November 09, 2023\*\***

## ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department  
Chief John Fisher, Vice Chair: Bedford Police Department  
Dr. Scott Morrison: Tri Town School Union  
Chief Tom Judge: Concord Fire Department  
Colby Cousens: Town of Danvers Information Technology  
Chief Neal Hovey: Topsfield Police Department  
Mike Collins: Beverly DPW  
Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department  
Bill Klag: North Shore Medical Center Emergency Preparedness

## ABSENT- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dave Spinosa: Essex County Sheriff's Department  
Sheriff Kevin Coppinger: Essex County Sheriff  
Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health  
Christopher Ryan: North Shore Regional 911 Center  
Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department  
Paul Cohen: Town of Chelmsford  
Allan Alpert: City of Melrose Emergency Management

## ATTENDEES – OTHER

Matt Kolhonen: MEMA  
Ed Seligman: Beverly Cache  
Wes Russel: Tyngsborough FD  
Ryan Knowles: City of Gloucester  
Dorinda Goodman: Town of Lexington  
Sarah Malloy: EOPSS  
Amy Reilly: MAPC  
Rosemary Volinski: MAPC