NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes-DRAFT

December 8, 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 1:03pm.

Approval of Minutes from the November 10, 2022 Meeting.

MOTION put forth by Chief N. Hovey.
- Approve the November 10, 2022, meeting minutes.
- Seconded by Chief J. LeLacheur.
  - In Favor: All
  - Opposed: None.
  - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

EOPSS/MAPC Updates

- EOPSS Update – B. Podsiadlo provided an update. EOPSS has posted information on the Homeland Security Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant pilot program. Active Shooter focused projects continue to be an EOPSS priority. Specifically, EOPSS would like to see more full-scale exercises in the region. There will be a statewide teams call on Mass Decontamination with Dave DiGregorio tomorrow. EOPSS continues to monitor drone projects, since there are national security issues regarding purchasing this technology outside the U.S.
- MAPC Update – A. Reilly provided an update. MAPC hired a new grants management coordinator.

Budget Updates

- Council members were provided with copies of the FFY19, FFY20, and FFY21 budgets in the meeting packet.
  - FFY19 - Grant End Date: Dec 31, 2022.
    - There are several projects in FFY19 that we do not expect to be fully invoiced in time for closeout.
    - We received an invoice for the FFY20 H.03 500KW Generator which more than covers the amount needed to be spent in FFY19.

      MOTION put forth by Chief J. Fisher.
      - Use FFY19 funding that would not be spent down in time for closeout towards payment for the FFY20 Generator invoice and reallocate

equivalent funding from the FFY20 Generator line item back to the FFY19 projects the funding was taken from.
- ▪ Seconded by C. Ryan.
  - ▪ In Favor: All
  - ▪ Opposed: None.
  - ▪ Abstain: None.
- ▪ The motion passed.

- o FFY20 - Grant End Date: June 30, 2023.
- o FFY21 - Grant End Date: July 31, 2023.
- o FFY22 - Grant End Date: July 31st, 2024.

Project Updates

- *NEMLEC SWAT Radios*
  - o The accessories are still backordered, but we did receive an invoice for the radios.
  - o There were some discrepancies between the unit pricing and quote pricing, so we need a revised copy first. This issue has occurred with a few Motorola orders and is due to the way discounts are applied to certain items and we've seen it can take a while to resolve with their billing team.
- *Merrimack Valley Camera System Expansion*
  - o The 4 letters of permission needed from each municipality were received and sent to EOPSS, per their policy for surveillance cameras. Specifications for the procurement are being finalized with Chief Vasque.
- *NERAC Ambubus*
  - o We are waiting to receive a price estimate from the insurance company so the Council knows how much they would need to fund each year.

Waltham MCI Briefing

- Chief Andrew Mullin, Waltham Fire Department, and Chief Justin Woodside, Weston Fire Department, were in attendance and briefed the Council on the recent MCI that occurred in Waltham on Saturday Nov 19th.

Committee/Working Group Updates

- Training & Exercise – Chief J. Gilliland
  - o The Regional Stop the Bleed Trainings will continue into the new year.
  - o The PJ for the Nero's Law Training has been approved by EOPSS.
  - o There was discussion around the $35/hr cap for BF/OT reimbursement for the Committee's Active Shooter Trainings and Exercises.
  - o The Technical Rescue Team's AAR and ERRs were approved.
- Interoperability/ Info Sharing – C. Ryan
  - o C. Ryan is working on a short document on why incorporating communications successes and failures into AARs is important.

- o The Committee will have a MEMA GIS presentation for anyone interested in attending the next meeting.
- Regional Equipment Cache – M. Collins
    - o The Lexington surplus trailer title has been found and will be sent to the 9 Town-Collaborate, so they can utilize the trailer for storage.
- Evacuation/Sheltering – J. Brickett
    - o No update.

Discipline & State Agency Liaison Updates

- o Discipline Updates:
    - ▪ Fire Services- A new Director of the Fire Academy has been announced and will be starting in January.
    - ▪ Emergency Management- Mystic REPC held 4 sessions of training and will hold another in January.
    - ▪ Cybersecurity- The Council's Cyber representatives have been working with the Massachusetts Cyber Center to develop a precursor to minimum baseline security and minimum baseline of IT. Through the CISO project, some information from the final report has been helpful and it became apparent how interwoven regular IT and cybersecurity is.
    - ▪ Emergency Medical Services- Chair Chief J. Gilliland received a letter from J. Brickett and B. Klag (Region 3 HMCC) for NERAC to be aware of the hospital capacity issues being faced in the region. This is no longer just a public health issue but also a homeland security issue.
    - ▪ Public Safety Communications- On December 1st, the TERT team went live, and will be holding their meeting next week. There has been an increasing trend of school shooting hoaxes in Maine, and many today in New Hampshire. Communities need to take a community approach in response to these situations.
    - ▪ Regional Transportation Authority- All regional transit authorities are offering free rides through the holiday season.
    - ▪ Public Schools- The school's quarterly safety meeting is coming up. Conversations need to continue on what would happen if an active shooter event happened outside a school building (i.e. busses, football games, etc.). EOPSS will reach out to a contact at the DOT to see what work has been done for large venue active shooter responses.
- o State Agency Liaison Updates
    - ▪ Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
        - • Anyone that still has an open FEMA PA project, there is an upcoming deadline for 100% reimbursement for Covid-19 projects. If an extension is needed, the request must be submitted by December 15th.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair

- Representatives from the Newton Fire Department were in attendance and discussed their need for assistance to create their rescue task force.

- J. Fisher updated the Council on a major arrest that involved 32 communities. There were 17 people arrested, and this turned into a regional event. NERAC equipment was utilized by the communities involved.

MOTION put forth by Dr. J. Buckey.
- Adjourn the meeting.
- Seconded by C. Ryan.
  - In Favor: All
  - Opposed: None.
  - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

Council group photo after adjournment.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2023

**The January meeting will be held at the MPTC Lynnfield Police Academy
425 Walnut St, Lynnfield, MA 01940 - Room 207**

ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS
Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department
Mike Collins: Beverly DPW
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
Dr. Scott Morrison: Tri Town School Union
Christopher Ryan: North Shore Regional 911 Center
Dave Spinosa: Essex County Sheriff's Department
Dr. John Buckey: Marblehead Schools
Paul Cohen: Town of Chelmsford
Chief John Fisher, Vice Chair: Carlisle Police Department
Colby Cousens: Town of Danvers Information Technology
Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health
Allan Alpert: City of Melrose Emergency Management
Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department

ABSENT- COUNCIL MEMBERS
John Brickett: Northeast EMS
Sheriff Kevin Coppinger: Essex County Sheriff
Bill Klag: North Shore Medical Center Emergency Preparedness
Edward Chao: Harvard Kennedy School

ATTENDEES – OTHER
Lauren Sardella: MEMA
Andrew Mullin: Waltham Fire Department
Justin Woodside: Weston Fire Department
Representatives from the Newton Fire Department
Ben Podsiadlo: EOPSS
Vicky Mboka-Boyer: EOPSS
Lauren Sacks: MAPC
Rosemary Volinski: MAPC
Amy Reilly: MAPC

The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:

- December 2022 Meeting Agenda
- November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- FFY19 FFY20, and FFY21 Budget Updates
- December 2022 Project Status Updates