



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes

March 9, 2023

1:00pm

*MPTC Lynnfield Police Academy
425 Walnut St, Lynnfield, MA 01940 - Room 207*

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes from the February 9, 2023 Meeting.

MOTION put forth by Dr. J. Buckey.

- Approve the February 9, 2023, meeting minutes.
- Seconded by J. Brickett.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

Budget Updates

- Council members were provided with copies of the FFY20 – FFY22 budget in the meeting packet.
 - FFY20 - Grant End Date: June 30, 2023
 - FFY21 - Grant End Date: July 31, 2023
 - FFY22 - Grant End Date: July 31, 2024

Project Updates

- *NEMLEC Projects:*
 - *Modular Shields* – The PJ has been approved by EOPSS and MAPC is working on specifications for procurement.
 - *Mobile Ballistic Shields* – The PJ has been approved by EOPSS and MAPC is working on specifications for procurement.
 - *LRAD Voice Broadcast System* – The PJ has been approved by EOPSS and MAPC is in touch with Lt. Fay of Lowell to finalize specifications. This item was the priority of the 3 projects so that procurement will be conducted first.
- *Merrimack Valley Camera System Expansion*
 - MAPC is in touch with our new contacts at Lawrence PD (Lt. Rogers and Deputy Chief McCarthy) to finalize specifications. We met with them to discuss and sent some follow-up questions that we are waiting to hear back on.
- *NERAC Ambubus*
 - The Council voted at the last meeting to look into whether the Ambubus could become a hospital asset through HPP funding. We are still waiting to hear back from our contacts.
- *Incident Response Plan Development*



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- The PJ was approved by EOPSS. We are working with Ed and Colby to draft the scope of work for the project.
- *Cybersecurity Internship*
 - The PJ was approved by EOPSS and MAPC is drafting an MOU with the Town of Danvers.
 - The internship opportunity was posted last Friday, and we have already received 22 applications. We are putting together an interview committee and expect the process to begin in the coming weeks.

EOPSS/MAPC Updates- *Out of Order of Agenda*

- EOPSS Update – B. Podsiadlo provided an update. The notification of funding opportunity was released on February 27th. NERAC should expect level funding and similar priority areas as FFY22. EOPSS would like to reinvigorate a statewide exercise program bringing together each region, utilizing state share and 3% allocated by each region for HSEEP exercises.
- MAPC Update – No update.

FFY23 Planning

- As noted at the last meeting we expect to plan for level funding and similar national priority areas as FFY22, with the addition of election security (community preparedness and resilience, soft targets/crowded places, information and intelligence sharing, domestic violence extremism, cybersecurity, and election security), and LETPA requirement has increased from 30% to 35%.
- Project Request Summaries are in the meeting packet. Stakeholders who submitted attended the Committee and Full Council meetings as applicable to present their projects.
- The Council discussed the projects and reviewed the Committees suggestions to determine a preliminary A-List and B-List plan.
 - A List:
 - *MAPC Program Management*
 - *Beverly Dive Team Equipment*
 - *NEMLEC SWAT/Negotiators Ballistic Plates/Carriers*
 - *NEMLEC SWAT Ballistic Shields*
 - *NEMLEC SWAT Air Purifying Respirators*
 - *ECFCA GPS Clocks*
 - *ECCOPA Cache Radio Transport & Storage Kits*
 - *ECFCA Middleton - Topsfield Microwave*
 - *FD-6 Field Comm 60 Portable Cache Upgrade*
 - *BAPERNS Simulcast Upgrade*
 - *Lawrence Gen to Holt Hill Microwave Link Replacement*
 - *Metrofire North District Radio Common Platform*
 - *Regional Cache Program (Maintenance)*
 - *Cache Host Annual Fee*
 - *ASHER Tabletop Exercise*
 - *RTF Training & Equipment (Weston, Wayland, Lincoln)*
 - *Active Shooter Training & Equipment*
 - *Technical Rescue Teams Monthly Drills*
 - *State Exercise Program*



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- B List:
 - *District 6 Mobile Cascade Trailer (Air Trailer)*
 - *Ashland Fire Department Fire Rescue Utility Vehicle*
 - *Billerica MWRA Emergency Connection*
 - *NEMLEC Incident Command Van Replacement*
 - *NEMLEC SWAT Under the Door Camera*
 - *NEMLEC SWAT Interior Drone Package*
 - *NEMLEC SWAT Night Vision Capability*
 - *NEMLEC SWAT Kinetic Breacher*
 - *RMLD Security Upgrades - All Sites*
 - *Wakefield - Melrose - Stoneham Cache*
 - *ECFCA Expansion of UHF Wide Area Network Project*
 - *Gator Vehicles*
 - *NEMTRT Equipment Updates*
 - *FD-14 Tech Rescue Team Equipment*
 - *FD-14 Water Rescue Team Equipment*

MOTION put forth by M. Foster.

- Approve the preliminary FFY23 Project A and B Lists.
- Seconded by Chief N. Hovey.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

Committee/Working Group Updates

- Training & Exercise – No update.
- Interoperability/ Info Sharing – C. Ryan
 - The Committee would like to appoint two new Committee members
 - Alex Chadis: Newton Fire Department
 - Stephanie Brown: Beverly Dispatch

MOTION put forth by M. Foster.

- Appoint Alex C. and Stephanie B. to the Interoperability Committee.
- Seconded by Chief N. Hovey.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

- Regional Equipment Cache – No update.
- Evacuation/Sheltering – No update.



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Discipline & State Agency Liaison Updates

- No updates.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair

- None.

MOTION put forth by Chief N. Hovey.

- Adjourn the meeting.
- Seconded by M. Foster.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None.
 - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

****Next Meeting: April 13, 2023****

ATTENDEES - COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Brickett: Northeast EMS
Edward Chao: Harvard Kennedy School
Mike Collins: Beverly DPW
Colby Cousens: Town of Danvers Information Technology
Chief John Fisher, Vice Chair: Carlisle Police Department
Mark Foster: Beverly Emergency Management
Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department
Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department
Dave Ouellette: Dracut Public Health
Christopher Ryan: North Shore Regional 911 Center
Dave Spinosa: Essex County Sheriff's Department
Dr. John Buckey: Marblehead Schools
Allan Alpert: City of Melrose Emergency Management
Chief Neal Hovey: Topsfield Police Department
Kathleen Lambert: MVRTA
Dr. Scott Morrison: Tri Town School Union

ABSENT- COUNCIL MEMBERS

Paul Cohen: Town of Chelmsford
Sheriff Kevin Coppinger: Essex County Sheriff
Bill Klag: North Shore Medical Center Emergency Preparedness
Chief Tom Judge: Concord Fire Department
Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department

ATTENDEES – OTHER

Heather Tecce: MEMA
Lauren Sardella: MEMA
Scott Nix: Sudbury PD



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Peter O'Connor: Beverly FD
Benjamin Bloomeister: Reading
John Pelletier: Reading
Matt Boland: Ashland FD
Rebecca Navarro: Weston & Sampson
William Buckley: Middlesex
Anita Arnum: Acton FD
Benjamin Podsiadlo: EOPSS
Amy Reilly: MAPC
Lauren Sacks: MAPC
Avery Serra: MAPC

The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:

- March 2023 Meeting Agenda
- February 2023 Meeting Minutes
- FFY20, FFY21, FFY22 Budget Updates
- March 2023 Project Status Updates
- FFY2023 NERAC Project Request Summaries
- FFY2023 NERAC Project Requests