



# NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## Training and Exercise Committee Meeting

### Minutes

*April 11, 2024*

*12:00pm*

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

- **Call to Order**
  - Chair Chief J. Gilliland called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.
  
- **Approval of Minutes from the March 14, 2024 Meeting**

MOTION put forth by J. Fisher.

  - Approve the March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
  - Seconded by N. Hovey.
    - In Favor: All.
    - Opposed: None.
    - Abstain: None.
  - The motion passed.
  
- **Budget Updates**
  - FFY20 – Grant End Date: June 30, 2024
    - MAPC is finalizing line items to close out.
  - MAPC is requesting an extension from EOPSS until June 30, 2025 for:
    - FFY21 – Current Grant End Date: June 30, 2024
    - FFY22 – Current Grant End Date: July 31, 2024
  - FFY23 – Grant End Date: July 31, 2025
  
- **Project Updates**
  - *AAIR Trainings*
    - MAPC has not heard back from Middlesex Community College regarding any dates available before the end of May, when they will be demolishing the building that was used for the practical scenarios.
    - A new site would likely need a new EHP review and instructor planning meeting.
    - April is too tight for necessary approvals, advertising and registration process.
    - Instructors' May and June schedules are fully booked.
    - MAPC will look into July or August dates.
      - Schools are the ideal setup and won't be in session.
      - S. Malloy sent us a contact for two vacant schools in Woburn.
  - *School Safety Seminar*
    - MAPC is researching venues central to the region.



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- Ex: schools and colleges, conference centers/hotels, community centers, event spaces.
- Auditorium style worked well last time
- Suggestions for free/inexpensive, central spaces for 150+ are welcome!
  - Tentative date of Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - After determining venue availability, MAPC will reach out to potential speakers.
- *Topsfield Fair MCI Functional Exercise*
  - The mid-term planning meeting was April 4<sup>th</sup> in Topsfield.
  - The scenario, objectives, and exercise parameters were discussed.
  - The 2 main categories of objectives to evaluate are communications and unified command.
  - Final Planning Meeting – Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Exercise – Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Approximately 42 role players will be available from State Police cadets and other organizations.
- **FY24 Plan Development**
  - The Council put together a preliminary budget at the March meeting.
  - It includes the A- and B- List funding for T&E projects as suggested by this Committee.
  - EOPSS provided the following updates:

## FY24 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Updates

- Retain the overall minimum spend requirement of 30% across all six National Priority Areas (NPAs)
- Retain the 3% minimum spend for the Election Security NPA
- Remove the minimum spends for the remaining five NPAs:
  - Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets and Crowded Places
  - Enhancing Intelligence and Information Sharing and Analysis
  - Combating Domestic Violent Extremism
  - Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience
  - Enhancing Cybersecurity
- Retain the minimum 35% for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)



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- The Council will review and finalize the budget when the total award amount and final guidance are released by EOPSS.
- **Technical Rescue Teams**
  - *Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Team*
    - AAR 3.2024 Equipment Rehab and Inventory
  - *Northeast Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team*
    - AAR 1.2024 Rope Rescue Drill



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- AAR 2.2024 Shoring Drill

MOTION put forth by T. Judge.

- Approve the FD-14 AAR and 2 NEMTRT AARs as submitted.
- Seconded by N. Hovey.
  - In Favor: All.
  - Opposed: None.
  - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

- ERR 7.2024 Equipment Drill

MOTION put forth by T. Judge.

- Approve the FD NEMTRT ERR as submitted.
- Seconded by N. Hovey.
  - In Favor: All.
  - Opposed: None.
  - Abstain: None.
- The motion passed.

- **New Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

- EOPSS held a Chairs meeting earlier in the week, and topics discussed included interoperability state updates, mass decon, technical rescue, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in Concord/Lexington, the World Cup, MCI preparedness, maritime firefighting, and drones.

MOTION put forth by N. Hovey.

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

**\*\*Next Meeting: May 09, 2024\*\***

## ATTENDEES – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Michael Collins: Beverly Department of Public Services\*  
Chief John Fisher: Bedford Police Department\*  
Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department\*  
Chief Neal Hovey: Topsfield Police Department\*  
Chief Thomas Judge: Concord Fire Department\*  
Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department\*

## ABSENT – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Klag: Emergency North Shore Medical Center\*  
Chief Brian Moriarty: Lawrence Fire Department \*



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## ATTENDEES – OTHER

Shawn Green: FD-14 Tech Rescue

Sarah Malloy: EOPSS

Iain McGregor: NEMTRT

Jim McLaughlin: MEMA

Lt. Tom Rinoldo: FD-14 Tech Rescue

Lauren Sacks: MAPC

## **The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:**

- April 2024 Meeting Agenda
- March 2024 Meeting Minutes
- FFY20-23 Budget Updates
- FD-14 AAR 3.2024 Equipment Rehab and Inventory
- NEMTRT AAR 1.2024 Rope Rescue Drill
- NEMTRT AAR 2.2024 Shoring Drill
- NEMTRT ERR 7.2024 Equipment Drill