



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Interoperability Committee Meeting

Minutes

October 14, 2025

9:30 am

Virtual via Zoom

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 813 6945 9683

Passcode: 404306

▪ **Call to Order**

- Chair C. Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM

▪ **Approval of Minutes**

- September 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION put forth by R. Patterson.

- Approve the September 2025 Meeting Minutes.
- Seconded by J. Griffin.
 - In favor: A. Chadis, M. Collins, J. Griffin, S. Morrison, R. Patterson, G. Rowe, D. Spinosa, M. Svatek
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.

▪ **Budget Updates**

- FFY21 – CLOSED June 30th, 2025, fully spent down.
- FFY22 – CLOSED August 31st, 2025, fully spent down.
- FFY23 – Grant End Date: July 31st, 2026
- FFY24 – Grant End Date: June 30th, 2026
- FFY25 – NERAC's plan was submitted to EOPSS in August, MAPC is awaiting guidance.
 - FD-14 Communications Vehicle
 - NERAC approved partial funding at \$251,953.19 and requested the remaining \$98,175.81 from CHR SAC.
 - CHR SAC was not able to add the request into their FY25 Plan, and do not currently have funding available. They are supportive of the project and voted to B-List it at their September meeting and will look for funding as budgets evolve.

▪ **Project Updates**

- ECFCA Baldpate UHF Receiver
 - The equipment listed was purchased and received.
 - The Committee will determine if this project is complete or needs additional items at the next meeting when T. Dechene is able to attend and offer input.
- ECFCA Pow Wow VHF Receiver

- The Committee will determine if this project is complete or needs additional items at the next meeting when T. Dechene is able to attend and offer input.
- ECFCA VHF Wide Area Network Upgrades
 - This project would not help with closeout, so it was on hold, but it is a priority project and at the top of list to be resumed now.
 - Funding was moved to FFY23 to allow for more time.
 - It will need additional SIEC review since some changes were made to the equipment needed and scope of work.
 - MAPC is aiming to have ICIP ready for the November SIEC review and will need quotes for the items prior to the meeting.
 - D. Spinosa will email quotes/suggestions when he receives the information for the project.
- EMS Repeater and Multi-Discipline Co-Location
 - The equipment listed was purchased and received.
 - The Committee will determine if this project is complete or needs additional items at the next meeting when T. Dechene is able to attend and offer input.
- FD-5/15 Mobile Gateway Radios and Recorders
 - NERAC portion is complete.
 - The Committee requested keeping it on the agenda to monitor installation progress (not NERAC-funded).
 - At the September meeting, the Committee discussed potentially setting a date after which to consider looking into funding installation.
 - D. Spinosa confirmed they have not been installed yet and noted that T. Dechene still wishes to do the installation. C. Ryan agreed to hold off for one more month.
- FD-5/15 Simulcast UHF
 - MAPC received a quote for this project, however it was slightly delayed behind other Motorola projects completed for closeout, so the equipment was not ordered because it would not have arrived in time.
 - The updated quote is \$2,135.16 more than the previous quote.

MOTION put forth by J. Griffin.

- Re-allocate \$2,135.16 from FFY23 C.10 Radio Programming Initiative to support this project.
- Seconded by D. Spinosa.
 - In favor: A. Chadis, M. Collins, D. Frizzell, J. Griffin, S. Morrison, R. Patterson, G. Rowe, D. Spinosa, M. Svatek
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.
- FD-5/15 Wide Area VHF
 - The equipment listed was purchased and received.
 - The Committee will determine if this project is complete or needs additional items at the next meeting when T. Dechene is able to attend and offer input.
- Field Comm Unit Portable Radio Caches
 - Twelve harnesses were ordered from Grainger in July.

- MAPC had been following up for updates and not hearing back from the vendor; the vendor finally followed up to let us know the order was cancelled because the items were discontinued and had not informed us.
- The new quote for the current model is \$12.24 more than the previous quote.

MOTION put forth by R. Patterson.

- Re-allocate \$12.24 from FFY23 C.10 Radio Programming Initiative to FFY23 C.04 Field Comm Unit Portable Radio Caches to fund the harnesses.
- Seconded by D. Spinosa.
 - In favor: A. Chadis, M. Collins, D. Frizzell, J. Griffin, S. Morrison, R. Patterson, G. Rowe, D. Spinosa, M. Svatek
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.
 - Metrofire North District Radio Common Platform
 - The majority of the equipment was delivered previously.
 - The ETA for the remaining 6 Nokia SAR routers was December; however, Motorola/Nokia were able to move that up and MAPC was informed they have been received.
 - Payment will be processed, and this project will then be completed.
 - NEMLEC IMT Command Vehicle
 - The vehicle and radios have been procured, so upfitting, laptops, and other technological equipment are still needed.
 - There is \$97,780.00 remaining in FFY24 for this project, which is expected to be sufficient.
 - L. Sacks is working with D. Spinosa to adapt the scope for outfitting based on the configuration of the exact van received.
- **State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Updates**
 - D. Spinosa reported:
 - The last meeting was cancelled.
 - C. Ryan reported:
 - The School Radio Best Practices document that R. Patterson and S. Morrison worked on was used and referenced at the last SIEC meeting and has received positive feedback.
- **New Business Unforeseen by the Chair**
 - J. Griffin noted that for FFY23 there was a line item for \$100,000 that was meant to purchase equipment for AW3 and 4 to update their channels (BAPERNS Simulcast Upgrade), however due to administrative hurdles the amount could not be reimbursed.
 - With the remaining \$100,000 unexpended, he was hoping the Committee would consider moving it to FY24 to help GBPC.
 - C. Ryan inquired if J. Griffin had a project plan he could submit to the Committee.
 - J. Griffin said he would try to put together an equipment list and identify the exact sites that need upgrades before the next Committee meeting, noting that all the sites would be in the NERAC region.

MOTION put forth by R. Patterson.

- Adjourn the meeting.
- Seconded by A. Chadis.
 - In favor: A. Chadis, M Collins, D. Frizzell, J. Griffin, S. Morrison, R. Patterson, G. Rowe, D. Spinosa, M. Svatek
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.

*** Next Meeting: TBD ***

(Regular schedule would fall on a holiday, 11/11 Veteran's Day)

ATTENDEES - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alex Chadis: Newton Fire Department

Mike Collins: Beverly Public Services & Engineering*

Dave Frizzell: Metrofire

Joe Griffin: Greater Boston Police Council

Scott Morrison: Tri-Town School Union*

Rich Patterson: Region 3 EMS

Graham Rowe: North Andover Fire Department

Chris Ryan: North Shore Regional 911 Center*

Dave Spinosa: Essex County Sheriff's Department*

Matt Svatek: Fire District 6

ATTENDEES - OTHER

Sarah Malloy: EOPSS / OGR

Karla Kahale: MAPC

Amy Reilly: MAPC

ABSENT – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ryan Higgins: Fire District 15

Stephanie Brown: Beverly Public Safety Dispatch

Tyler Dechene: Middleton Fire Department

Michael Mansfield: Essex County Fire Chiefs Association

The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:

- October 2025 Meeting Agenda
- September 2025 Meeting Minutes
- FFY21, FFY22, FFY23, and FFY24 Interoperability Committee Budgets
- Motorola Purchased Equipment List
- Motorola Quote
- Grainger Quote