



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Training and Exercise Committee Meeting

Minutes

May 14, 2026

12:00pm

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

- **Call to Order**
 - Chair J. Gilliland called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM
- **Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2026 Meeting**

MOTION put forth by J. LeLacheur.

- Approve the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes
- Seconded by M. Collins.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.
- **Budget Updates**
 - FFY23 – Grant End Date: July 31st, 2026
 - FFY24 – Grant End Date: July 31st, 2027
 - FFY25 – MAPC and EOPSS are finalizing details of contracts for signature. Funding is expected to be released soon, and the grant end date will be December 2027.
- **Project Updates**
 - *SSAVEIM Training*
 - The ASIM Basic Train-the-Trainer was held January 13–14 at MPTC.
 - The second phase, the SSAVEIM training, is planned for May 28–29, 2026, with a train-the-trainer day followed by instruction led by the new trainers, including school personnel, law enforcement, and first responders.
 - The registration survey has been sent out to stakeholders, and we have about 30 out of 40 spots filled.
 - Chief Shears of Merrimac has confirmed Law Enforcement, School Personnel and Fire Service representatives from NEMLEC STARS that will be instructor candidates. We still need 2 instructor candidates from the Fire Services discipline and have sent out emails to the region to offer these spots but have not received interest. If the Council knows of anyone



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in the Fire Services discipline that may be interested in this opportunity, please let us know.

- ASHER Tabletop Exercise AAR
 - Requesting the Council to approve the AAR, so MAPC can process BF/OT reimbursements when they come in.

MOTION put forth by J. LeLacheur.

- Approve ASHER TTX AAR as presented.
- Seconded by M. Collins.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.

- **Technical Rescue Teams**
 - *Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Team*
 - AAR April 2026 Confined Space Drill
 - *Northeast MA Technical Rescue Team*
 - AAR March 2026 Trench Rescue Drill
 - AAR April 2026 Tower Rescue Drill

MOTION put forth by J. LeLacheur.

- Approve the Technical Rescue AARs as presented.
- Seconded by M. Collins.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.

- **FFY26 Planning**
 - Projects were presented by stakeholders, and the Committee reviewed the project requests submitted by stakeholders and determined the following allocations to recommend to the Full Council:



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Category	Project	Request	A' List	'B' List
T&E (Annual)	Technical Rescue Team Drills - FD-14 (Level funding = \$32,000)	\$ 126,202.30	\$ 63,101.15	
T&E (Annual)	Technical Rescue Team Drills - NEMTRT (Level funding = \$32,000)	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
T&E	(FY25 B-List) D3 HAZMAT Technician Training	\$ 24,475.00	\$ 24,475.00	
T&E	Acton Regional ASHER Full Scale Exercise	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 62,500.00	
T&E	Cape Ann Maritime Regional Response Team Exercise	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 26,800.00	
T&E	CERT Cross-Team Training	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 10,900.00	
T&E	D3 HAZMAT Advanced Technical Reference Specialist Training	\$ 6,495.00		\$ 6,495.00
T&E	Malden Regional Fire Service CCTA Training	\$ 74,848.00	\$ 74,848.00	
T&E	Weston Regional Incident Command & Control Training	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 25,200.00	
TOTALS:		\$ 437,420.30	\$ 367,824.15	\$ 6,495.00

MOTION put forth by J. LeLacheur.

- Recommend the above allocations to the Full Council for consideration for NERAC’s FY26 Plan.
- Seconded by M. Collins.
 - In Favor: All
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
- The motion passed.

- **New Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

MOTION put forth by M. Collins.

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

****Next Meeting: June 11, 2026****

ATTENDEES – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chief Jason Gilliland, Chair: Marblehead Fire Department*
 Michael Collins: Beverly Department of Public Services*
 Chief Patrick Keefe: Andover Police Department*
 Ryan Knowles: Town of Andover Information Technology*
 Chief John LeLacheur: Beverly Police Department*

ABSENT – COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Bill Klag: Emergency North Shore Medical Center*

Chief Neal Hovey: Topsfield Police Department*

Chief David Evans: Newbury Fire Department*

ATTENDEES – OTHER

Lauren Sacks: MAPC

Karla Kahale: MAPC

James McLoughlin: MEMA

Justin Shrair: MEMA

Vicky Mboka-Boyer: EOPSS

Iain McGregor: Northeast MA Technical Rescue

Shawn Green: FD-14 Technical Rescue

Matthew Boland: FD-14 Technical Rescue

Donald Stats: North Reading Fire Department

Alex McCurdy: CERT Teams of Massachusetts

Brian Hayes: Weston Fire Department

Jonathan Hubbard: Ipswich Police Department

William Francis: DFS Hazmat

John White: Melrose Fire Department

Richard Menard: Malden Fire Department

John Walsh: Wakefield Fire Department

Robert Brennan: Medford Fire Department

Ryan Martinello: Medford Fire Department

Eric Shears: Merrimac Police Department

*Denotes a Full Council Member.

The following documents were used/referenced during the meeting:

- May 2026 Meeting Agenda
- April 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- FFY23-24 Budget Updates
- Acton ASHER TTX AAR
- FD-14 AAR April 2026 Confined Space Drill
- NEMTRT AAR March 2026 Trench Rescue Drill
- NEMTRT AAR April 2026 Tower Rescue Drill
- FFY2026 Training & Exercise Project Request Summaries
- FFY2026 Training & Exercise Project Requests and Supporting Documents