



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

SRAC MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 11:00 AM MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Chief Mary Lyons, Mattapoisett PD
Chief Brian Clark, Norton PD
Robert Kenn, E. Bridgewater DPW
Chief Kevin Partridge, Easton FD
Chief Lance Benjamino, Middleboro FD
Stacey Lane, Norwood Health Dept.
Chief Marc Duphilly, Carver PD
Michael Lambert, BAT
Rick Ferreira, TEMA

Guests Present

Joe Hattabaugh, MEMA
Scott Billing PCSO

Support Staff Present

Todd Castro, SRPEDD
Kevin Ham, SRPEDD
Vicky Mboka-Boyer, EOPSS
Amy Reilly, MAPC

1. **Welcome:** Chief Lyons called the Zoom/Conference Call meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Acceptance of minutes:** No minutes to be approved. There was due no October meeting.
4. **Fiduciary Report:** Mr. Castro referred the Council to the at-a-glance FFY18 and FFY19 budget. Mr. Castro indicated that the SRAC is working to continue spending down FFY18 and FFY19. Mr. Castro informed committee members that FFY18 funds need to be spent down by March 31, 2021 and FFY19 monies need to be spent by July 31, 2021. Mr. Ham mentioned that the Council is doing good with spend down funds. He reported that we had a couple of trainings go through recently which was a huge help in drawing down funds. The bulk of the law enforcement vests came out of FFY18. Mr. Ham stated that he anticipates the FY2020 funds soon.

A Fiduciary Report motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved in favor.

5. **MAPC Report:** Ms. Reilly reported that MAPC just received the FFY2020 contracts and MAPC is processing the contracts as we speak. She mentioned that the Council is doing good with FFY18 and FFY19. If anyone has a question to please let her know. The FFY2020 funds can be spent as soon as the budget is created and it all should be in place by Monday.



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6. **EOPSS Report:** Ms. Mboka-Boyer indicated that she has two updates; the first one being the FFY2020 contracts, which Ms. Reilly had previously mentioned and the second being that SRAC has received \$1,288,098 to spend. EOPSS no longer requires background checks for new Council members. The Chair now only needs to email EOPSS notifying them of the new members acceptance to the committee. She mentioned she believes Joan, Dan, Michael and Stacy, who's is background were pending are all full member now.

7. **Committee/Working Group Updates:**

- a. **MCSMS Committee:** Mr. Ferreira report that the City of Taunton just opened up a brand-new city hall after a 10-year hiatus due to fire back in 2010. He mentioned maybe someday we can schedule a Council meeting and provide a tour.

Additionally, Mr. Ferreira indicated he is happy to report that the committee has continued to meet going through this Covid period. Today, he would like to request \$7,000 for the purchase of twelve Portable Washing Stations. The committee has been discussing this issue for a while. The sinks will help meet some of the challenges associated with congregate sheltering and the use of school buildings, etc. Mr. Ham mentioned that the Committee is respectfully requesting \$7,000 for the purchase of 12, portable, a hand washing stations, and we have reviewed the number of products that were available. The wash stations will be stored at the cache site locations and trailers which are dispersed throughout the region.

A motion to approve \$7,000 for the purchase of twelve (12) portable hand-washing stations out of FFY18, Mass Care, Not Allocated line item was made, seconded and unanimously approved in favor.

- b. **Training & Exercise / Planning Report:** Mr. Ham mentioned there were two successful cybersecurity training webinars that were put on by in partnership with the four Homeland Security Councils with a good attendance. We also jointly procured the creation of six basic level cybersecurity training modules. The six modules geared toward municipal officials/municipal government. Those interested in reviewing the modules can find them via the SRPEDD website under Homeland Security. If you are interested in taking any courses, there's no continuing ED credits or accreditation. The modules follow federal cyber guidelines.

Chief Lyons mentioned that SEMLEC SWAT completed a four-day scenario-based training recently. Fire services recently completed a three-day rapid recovery, rapid search dive training on the Cape. Chief Partridge mentioned we have had limited training. At least we were able to check off the dive training given the COVID circumstances.

- c. **Planning Report:** No Report.



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- d. **Fire Services:** No report.
- e. **Caching:** No Report.
- f. **Interoperability:** Chief Clark reported the Committee met prior to this meeting. Chief Clark asked Mr. Ham to share some photos with the Council regarding the progress that has taken place with Copicut Hill. Mr. Ham shared the images. Chief Clark stated the process is moving along nicely and that the land has been cleared. Construction crews are bringing in additional rebar for next week. The rebar will be used for the footings with an inspection on Monday. The plan is to pour the concrete on Tuesday and backfill soon after. Next, concrete will be poured for the generator and shelter pad after that. The conduit will soon come as well. They certainly are making a lot of good progress and you can see this through the pictures. Chris Hathaway, who's kind of a liaison with Fall River is going to be talking to the Water Department and DFS about removal of a gate so at some point the tower can come in and make the turn that's up there which is pretty narrow. He stated the one of the questions that came up was about the winter and how we proceed in the winter. Chris Hathaway has assured us that they're going to be plowing up there, and that access to the site won't be an issue. There should be no winter pause. Chief Partridge mentioned that if you need to move the gate that will be DCR Fire Control not DFS.

Chief Clark mentioned as discussed in the previous meeting, with regard to unallocated funding in FFY 18, we have \$157,795.33 remaining in unallocated funding. Those unallocated funds would be for the future purchase of equipment for Copicut Hill. Chief Clark mentioned that Mr. Ham and himself have been working on a list of equipment that will need to be purchased. We would like to move these funds from the not allocated line item into an actual line item, so that we can when it comes time for sending the amended EHP and doing the PJ and getting SEIC approval, we will at have some money ready. Chief Clark mentioned these funds will not cover all the equipment. However, it is a starting point.

A motion was made to allocate \$157,795.33 out of FFY18, Interop, not allocated line item for the future purchase of interop equipment.

Chief Clark stated that some interop members have retired while some other members have simply not attended or have shown any interest. For the record he would like to have the Council vote on allowing the following seven members to be permanent members: Chief Clark, Chief Partridge, Chief Lyons, Chief Duphilly, Scott Billings, Glen Pinchbeck and Chris Hathaway. Additionally, the following two members will be alternative members: Tim Gover and Rob Verdone.

A motion was made to make Chief Clark, Chief Lyons, Chief Partridge, Chief Duphilly, Glen Pinchbeck, Chris Hathaway and Scott Billings permanent members of the Interop Subcommittee and have Tim Gover and Robert Verdone be identified as two alternate voting members was seconded and unanimously approved



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in favor.

- g. **LEC:** Chief Lyons mentioned that SWAT has completed their trainings at Joint Base Cape Cod and they are arranging another location. Chief Clark mentioned that Metro LEC had an incident in Franklin four weeks ago, where the Bear Cat caught on fire. It is the second time that the vehicle has been involved in a shooting and it needs some repair. He mentioned he has not received any quotes yet and asked what the Council's perspective is on this issue. Chief Lyons mentioned that we have discussed them in the past and we can discuss this at a future meeting about potentially purchasing a new bear cat. She mentioned that there was a plan to try to get a couple bear cats from another facility, but it doesn't sound like that's going to happen. It is certainly a regional asset.

8. **Liaison Report:**

- a. **MEMA:** Mr. Hattabough reported that they are having some trainings in person with limited numbers. We're looking at safety with the rise in COVID. MEMA has developed a new virtual platform. He stated there were two successful launches of our ICS-300 and 400 level courses. He stated that they were well received every time MEMA ran one. Mr. Hattabough indicated that the winter schedule will be up soon. Trainings will run through all way through end of March. He stated if anyone had question to please reach out to him.

9. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:** None.

10. **Executive Session:** None

11. **Future meeting dates:** The next Council meeting will occur remotely on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

12. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.