



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

SHELTERING MEETING MINUTES
SRPEDD – 88 BROADWAY – TAUNTON, MA
VIRTUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020 10:00 AM MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Rick Ferreira, TEMA
Rachel Fleck, MEMA
Stacey Lane, Norwood DPH
Ed Caron, Acushnet EMA

Guests Present

Support Staff Present

Kevin Ham, SRPEDD

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- 1. Welcome:** Mr. Ferreira opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.
 - 2. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
 - 3. FFY18 & FFY19 Budget Update:** Mr. Ham provided an update on the budget by stating that the committee is doing a good job working out the two funding years of FFY18 and FFY19. He stated that there is \$10,500 not allocated remaining in FFY18, and that there is still the food safe course allocated for about \$4,300 and about \$4,500 left in the shelter training consultant project. Mr. Ham mentioned there is still the full amount for FFY19 that is not allocated, \$70,000. The only line on there is the inflatable air shelter but the committee hasn't officially moved the money into that line yet.

Mr. Ferreira mentioned in terms of spending money we have looked at three different models of the hand washing machines. He had a question for Ms. Lane that he was not sure if the model she had recommended contained storage for miscellaneous items. He mentioned he was not averse to it but was wondering if there was any storage in the hand washing station. It was asked what the storage was needed for. Mr. Ferreira mentioned the storage would be for paper towels, hand sanitizer, or the soap. The one that we originally looked at which was the Crown Verity and that had the lockable cabinet at the bottom. He didn't see the storage on the other units.

Mr. Ferreira asked about the temperature of the water for the hand sanitizing to kill the disease. Ms. Lane mentioned the temperature of the water is in the code but to me washing something off, getting the dirt that's on there with the soap and friction is enough and then can sanitizing. She mentioned she was not sure about shelter codes though. Mr. Ham mentioned that he spoke to Barnstable and they could house some of the units.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Poly John model 1 per shelter trailer and 2 per cache totaling 12 at for \$6,000. Motion by Stacy and second by Ms. Fleck.

4. Old Business:



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- a. **Portable Washing Stations / Stanchions:** The Portable washing stations were discussed above. Mr. Ham mentioned the stanchions run about \$50-\$60 each and you need to have a place to put them because they have a big stand at the bottom. We need to know where they will live. Mr. Ferreira mentioned maybe we need more research on this item.
- b. **Inflatable Air Shelter (FFY-19) Discussion:** Mr. Ferreira mentioned that he will be going to New Bedford Wednesday to view the shelter they recently purchased. He mentioned they purchased the Zumro 600 that the committee had talked about a while ago. He will send the committee a photo of it when he sees it.

Mr. Caron mentioned he saw the New Bedford shelter and he mentioned they purchased two and a smaller portable unit including the generators, one for the HVAC unit and a generator for just the internal powerful lighting, etc.

Once again, Mr. Ferreira mentioned that at a local directors meeting last week, they discussed items that are purchased that with CARES money. He mentioned that communities need to be careful on how they spend the funding. He mentioned he has been handling all the CARES act stuff and communities need to be very careful with it. He stated that there is guidance being provided out there and it is much different from the FEMA guidance and regulations. Mr. Ferreira stated that New Bedford has like \$8 million that they had allotted but once again, the whole purpose in this question has come up several times for me from other communities. The whole purpose of the CARES money is to assist communities who were having to spend extra money on PPE and hand sanitizers and stuff like that. He mentioned this is not a candy store where people communities could go in and spend like all this money, it's not regular grant money, it's to help communities. He mentioned that he hopes some of these communities do not end up having to pay for that on their own when it is all federal funds.

- c. **Coronavirus Challenges:** Mr. Caron mentioned that Acushnet, using CARES act funds had purchased 1000 test kits for COVID-19 and the Fire Department is running a testing programs for the public. He reported that they ran one last Saturday and they are running another one this evening. Every Friday they are testing town employees, including EMA volunteers. Mr. Caron mentioned tonight the emergency management department will be involved with logistics: coning off the area, setting up some lighting, et.

5. **New Business:** Mr. Ferreira mentioned on a side note the Taunton City Hall has a new building that opened after 10 years since it was being remodeled. He mentioned that the council chambers are phenomenal with the technology and what is available in big screens and moveable walls. He stated that it looks beautiful and it



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is quite impressive.

6. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:**
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday November 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM, virtually.
8. **Meeting Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.

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