



Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC)



SRAC Full Council Meeting Minutes

Hybrid meeting on Zoom and at the SRPEDD Office

88 Broadway, Taunton, MA.

January 9, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

Members Present

Chief Michael Kelleher, Foxborough FD
Chief Mark Thompson, Scituate PD
Chief Kevin Lennon, Yarmouth PD
Mike Lambert, BAT
Jamie Ponte, New Bedford Public Work
Chief John Kelley, Wareham FD
Chief Timothy Smith, Falmouth FD
Capt. Rob Stephanian, PCSO
Chip Reilly, Barnstable Cty
Stacey Lane, Norwood Health Dept.

Guests Present

Todd Castro, TEMA
Joe Hattabaugh, MEMA
Rachel Fleck, MMA

Support Staff Present

Kevin Ham, SRPEDD
Grant King, SRPEDD
Joe Monet, SRPEDD
Stacy Royer, SRPEDD
Avery Serra, MAPC
Nina Miscioscia, MAPC
Brian Nicols, EOPSS

Members Absent: Robert Verdone, SE MA Regional 911 Dist.; Joan Cooper-Zack, South Shore Hospitals; Chief Brian Clark, Norton PD; Chief Thomas Lynch, Franklin PD; Brian Evangelista, EMS

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Ham read the roll call and attendance was taken.
2. **Approval of Minutes October 3, 2024:** A motion was made, seconded, to approve the October 3, 2024 SRAC Council meeting minutes. Approved with one abstention. The roll call was done.

Chief Kelleher asked if the Council members would like to meet quarterly, every other month or have ad hock meetings. Capt. Stephanian mentioned that he has the plan coming up and he will have to have a few meetings for T&E and Planning and maybe with the Council. Chief Thompson mentioned that quarterly meetings make sense and if anything needs to be done then the Council can meet. Mr. Ham mentioned that he will check with EOPSS if the Council can meet quarterly.

3. **Project Update/Fiduciary Report:** Mr. Ham explained the motions below and mentioned they were discussed at the T&E and Planning committee prior to this meeting. Motion 1-8 were taken together.
 - a. Housekeeping Motions:
 - i. Motion to move \$223.38 from FFY21 G. Emergency Response Trailer Not Allocated to FFY 21 A. CBRNE Response Vehicle Not Allocated
 - ii. Motion to move \$1766.88 from FFY21 G. Emergency Response Trailer Not Allocated to FFY 21 B. Drone Not Allocated



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- iii. Motion to move \$12,355.53 from FFY21 E. Fire Services Not Allocated to FFY 21 C. Active Shooter Not Allocated
- iv. Motion to move \$6,059.84 from FFY21 E. Fire Services Not Allocated to FFY 21 B. Drone Not Allocated
- v. Motion to move \$8,135.24 from FFY21 A.03 Bearcat Refurbishments to FFY21 A CBRNE Response Vehicle Not Allocated.
- vi. Motion to move \$40,000 from FFY22 B.03 Crowd Science / Large Event Management Conference to FFY22 B. Fire Services Not Allocated
- vii. Motion to move \$69,900 from FFY22 C.05 Marion – Fall River Link to C. Interoperability Not Allocated
- viii. Motion to move \$160,000 from FFY23 C.03 Marion – Fall River Link to C. Interoperability Not Allocated

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accepted motions i through viii. Unanimously Approved. The roll call was done.

- ix. FFY21 Canton Ultrasound Equipment
 - 1. Motion to move \$5,995 from FFY21 A CBRNE Response Vehicle Not Allocated to FFY21 #.06 Blood Transfusion Project Enhancement for procurement overage
- x. FFY21 Pediatric Trauma Sim Training:
 - 1. Motion to move \$40,000 from FFY21 C.03 Pediatric Trauma Sim Training to FFY21 E. Fire Services.
 - 2. Motion to move \$40,000 from FFY23 23 F. Continuing Education Non-Allocated to FFY23 Pediatric Trauma Sim Training
- xi. FFY22 Technical Rescue Trailers
 - 1. Motion to move \$6,622 from FFY22 B. Fire Services Not Allocated to FFY22 B.04 SEMTRT Dive Trailer for procurement overage.
 - 2. Motion to move \$10,211 from FFY22 B. Fire Services Not Allocated to FFY22 B.05 SEMTRT Equipment Trailer for procurement overage.

Mr. Ham discussed motions ix through xi with the Council members and entertained questions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept motions ix through xi. Unanimously Approved. The roll call was done.

4. **EOPSS Report:** No report

5. **MAPC Report:** No report.



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6. **MEMA Report:** Mr. Hattabaugh mentioned that MEMA will be having a G1 41, which is an instructor development course, at the end of this month in Franklin. He asked if anyone is interested to let him know.
7. **Training & Exercise/Planning:**
 - a. Planning Meeting Updates and Motions TBD Pending 0900 meeting: Capt. Stephanian explained the motions that were taking at the Planning meeting prior to this meeting. He read thru the motions listed below and were taken at the meeting. Capt. Stephanian asked the Council to support the projects. Mr. Ham explained the motions as well.

Motion to approve \$100,000 for Cybersecurity Projects using \$2,140.24 from FFY21 Line A, \$20,948.78 from FFY21 Line E, \$73,207.09 from FFY21 Line F, and \$3,703.89 from FFY21 Line J.

Motion to approve \$55,000 from FFY22 Line C, Interoperability for the purchase of 1 LRAD/Hailing Device for SEMLEC

Motion to approve \$200,000 for the purchase of Fiber related interop equipment to support the expansion of the Bapern SW District from FFY22 Line A for \$29,363.25, FFY 22 Line B for \$49,884.69, FFY22 Line C for \$14,900, and FFYU23 Line A for \$105,825.06

Motion to approve \$200,000 for the purchase of a Bearcat for METROLEC/Plymouth PD (with a \$200,000 match from Plymouth) from FFY23 Line C for \$160,000, FFY23 Line B for \$7,000 and FFY23 Line A for \$33,000

A motion was made, seconded and approved to support the projects as read and listed above. Unanimously Approved. The roll call was done.
8. **Fire Services:** No report.
 - a. Chief Coleman: Chief Coleman mentioned that he applied for the Fire Services Vacancy. He stated that he has been in Fire Services for 28 years. He mentioned he has been Chief of North Attleboro for the last six years. He indicated that he has worked with Homeland Security on various project justifications for training.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Chief Coleman to the Fire Services seat on the Council. Unanimously Approved. The roll call was done.
9. **Interoperability:** No report.



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10. **LEC:** No report.

11. **Cybersecurity:** No report.

- a. Cybersecurity Seat Vacancy- Steven Zuromski: Chief Kelleher mentioned that there is a Cybersecurity vacancy and Mr. Zuromski is interested in the seat. Mr. Zuromski mentioned he is the Vice President of IT and Chief Information Officer at Bridgewater State University. He stated he has been at Bridgewater State for over 20 years now, six years serving as serving in the CIO role. Ultimately, he indicated that he is responsible for everything technology across the campus. He mentioned this includes critical infrastructure, traditional network, computing, servers. Mr. Zuromski mentioned a major part of what he does is cybersecurity, ultimately responsible for all cyber efforts across the campus.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Steve Zuromski to the Cybersecurity seat on the Council. Unanimously Approved. The roll call was done.

12. **EMS:**

- a. MCI Capabilities Study Project Team: Mr. Ham mentioned the MCI Capability Study is out for bid now and he has a team working on the project. He mentioned there is a Chief from the northeast that is part of the region, working on it as well. Mr. Ham stated if anybody else has specific interest and wants to be part of this project team please let him know.

13. **Education:** No report.

- a. Education Vacancy: Mr. Ham mentioned that Rachel Fleck is interested in the Education Vacancy. Ms. Fleck expressed her interest in the education seat and mentioned she has been an Instructional Specialist at Mass Maritime Academy for 3 years now. She mentioned previously that she worked in emergency management for about 15 years, out in the Midwest, in the South for a few years, and then back up in the southern region for about 10 years. She stated that she worked with many of the Council members when she was with the Red Cross, and then she worked for MEMA for about eight years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Rachel Fleck for the Education Vacancy on the Council. Unanimously Approved. The roll call was done.

14. **Emergency Management:** No report.

15. **Regional Transportation:** No report.

16. **Public Health:** No report.



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17. **Hospitals:** No report.

18. **Public Works:** No report.

19. **Government Administration:**

- a. Government Administration Vacancy Update: Chief Kelleher mentioned the Council has an opening for a Government Administration vacancy. He mentioned if anyone is interested, please reach out to Mr. Ham.

20. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:** Capt. Stephanian mentioned he wanted to let the members know there was an Advanced K9 Canine training approved with a contract with the vendor and only a fraction of the training and a fraction of the officers has been trained. He mentioned that we are keeping in the radar.

Mr. Castro stated that he just wanted to let all know that there is a free computer training for 3-days at Coyle Cassidy in Taunton from Feb. 12 to the 14th from 8AM to 5PM.

Mr. Reilly mentioned there is an Incident Management Training course coming up with 400 spaces available and Dan Lansky will be conducting the training. He asked if any are interested to please let him know.

21. **Next Meeting/Adjournment:** The next meeting will be on February 6, 2025 at 10 AM via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.