



Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC)



SRAC Full Council Meeting Minutes

Remote meeting via Zoom.

August 6, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

Members Present

Chief Mark Thompson, Scituate PD
Chief Kevin Lennon, Yarmouth PD
Chief Thomas Lynch, Franklin PD
Chief Christopher Coleman, Attleboro FD
Chief Timothy Smith, Falmouth FD
Capt. Rob Stephanian, PCSO
Chip Reilly, Barnstable Cty
Steve Zuromski, BSU
Stacey Lane, Norwood Health Dept.
Mike Lambert, BAT
Rachel Fleck, MMA

Guests Present

Todd Castro, TEMA
Erick Berg, SEMRECC
Peter McLaughlin, METRO LEC
Tim Gover
Richard Wells
Greg Arpin, MVLEC

Support Staff Present

Kvin Ham, SRPEDD
Grant King, SRPEDD
Joe Monet, SRPEDD
Stacy Royer, SRPEDD
Avery Serra, MAPC
Myesha Auguste, EOPSS

Members Absent: Joan Cooper-Zack, South Shore Hospitals; Chief John Kelley, Wareham FD; Chief Michael Kelleher, Foxborough FD; Jamie Ponte, New Bedford Public Work; Robert Verdone, SE MA Regional 911 Dist.; Chief Brian Clark, Norton PD

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Ham read the roll call and attendance was taken.
2. **Approval of Minutes June 25, 2025:** A motion was made, seconded, to approve the June 25, 2025 SRAC Council meeting minutes. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.
3. **Project Update/Fiduciary Report:** Mr. Ham explained the plan to spend FY21 and FY22, listing the motions to move funds between existing projects. He reported that FY21 is fully closed out, and FY22 is expected to close this week. He mentioned the fiduciary is working actively on projects for FY23 and FY24, with significant projects including SWAT team procurement and MCI consultant final draft. Mr. Ham also thanked Todd Castro for his assistance in delivering packages to TEMA. He mentioned the final draft of the MCI consultant report is expected by Friday or early next week.
4. **EOPSS Report:** No report.
5. **MAPC Report:** No report.



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6. **MEMA Report:** No report.

7. **Training & Exercise/Planning:** Capt. Stephanian mentioned that the Planning Subcommittee meeting was held yesterday to develop the draft plan. Mr. Ham shared his screen with the members and discussed the A and B list projects, A list being the project that will go in the FFY25 Plan. He stated the B list will go into the following year or other years. Capt. Stephanian mentioned the draft plan includes various projects such as Law Enforcement Training, SWAT team equipment, and market training ammo. He shared details about the projects, including the need for a new trailer for the Rook and the purchase of four radios for refurbished Bearcats. The plan also includes the build-out of the BAPERN Southwest District and the Bristol County simulcast.
 - a. FFY25 SRAC Plan: This was discussed above. Mr. Ham requested the ability to make minor changes to the plan without another meeting, which was agreed upon by the Council.
 - i. **Motion to approve the FFY25 Plan:** Mr. Ham asked for a motion to approve the FY2025 Plan as presented.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFY25 Plan as presented.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.

8. **Fire Services:** No report.

9. **Interoperability:** No report.

10. **LEC:** No report.

11. **Cybersecurity:** Mr. Zuromski mentioned there will be Cybersecurity Training and tabletop exercises, which will be offered at Bridgewater State in the cyber range. He mentioned they run from Sept. 19th until Dec. 5th. He mentioned the training is for non-technical and technical training.

12. **EMS:** No report.
 - a. EMS Vacancy: Mr. Ham mentioned that Mr. Evangelista has moved to New Hampshire and the vacancy for EMS is still available. He mentioned the seat was held by Region 5 coordinators in the past but maybe they can come back.

13. **Education:** No report.



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14. **Emergency Management**: Mr. Reilly discussed the need for barriers for potential bridge closures and the deployment of barriers for a large event in Scituate.
15. **Regional Transportation**: Mr. Lambert reported they are starting a new regional bus service connecting Fall River to Brockton, which will be free for the foreseeable future.
16. **Public Health**: Mr. Lane provided an update on virus surveillance, noting an increase in West Nile virus and tick-borne diseases.
17. **Hospitals**: No report.
18. **Public Works**: No report.
19. **Government Administration**: Mr. Ham mentioned the ongoing search for a Government Administration seat on the Council and encouraged anyone interested to reach out.
20. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**: Mr. Castro asked if cities and town can go to the Cybersecurity Tabletop training that was discussed by Mr. Zuromski. The Council discussed the training and stated that it would cost a municipality \$2,494. Capt. Stephanian mentioned the tabletop can fund three seats and not to exceed \$7,500 out of FY23 Continuing Education. Ms. Fleck asked if the information could be sent out to the Council members. Mr. Ham stated he would take care of it.

A motion was made and seconded to approve 3 seats not to exceed \$7,500 to attend the Cybersecurity Tabletop at Bridgewater State University. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.
21. **Next Meeting/Adjournment**: The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM as a hybrid meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.