



# Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC)



## SRAC Full Council Meeting Minutes

Hybrid meeting located at SRPEDD and via Zoom.

**October 2, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**

### Members Present

Chief Michael Kelleher Foxborough FD  
Chief Mark Thompson, Scituate PD  
Chief John Kelley, Wareham FD  
Chief Thomas Lynch, Franklin PD  
Chief Brian Clark, Norton 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.  
Jamie Ponte, New Bedford Public Work  
Rob Verdone, SE MA Regional 911 Dist.

### Guests Present

Capt. Allen Gould, DCSO  
Todd Castro, TEMA  
Erick Berg, SEMRECC  
Nate Cochran, MEMA  
Joe Hattabaugh, MEMA  
Alex Rock, MA-ASWIC  
Allen Phillips

### Support Staff Present

Kevin Ham, SRPEDD  
Grant King, SRPEDD  
Joe Monet, SRPEDD  
Joe Osborne, SRPEDD  
Stacy Royer, SRPEDD  
Amy Reilly, MAPC  
Avery Serra, MAPC  
Nina Misciosia, MAPC  
Myesha Auguste, EOPSS

**Members Absent:** Rachel Fleck, MMA; Mike Lambert, BAT; Chief Kevin Lennon, Yarmouth PD

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Ham read the roll call and attendance was taken.
2. **Approval of Minutes August 6, 2025:** A motion was made, seconded, to approve the August 6, 2025, SRAC Council meeting minutes with changes. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.
3. **Project Update/Fiduciary Report:** Mr. Ham reported that Ms. Cooper-Zack the SRAC Hospital representative, is retiring, and the Hospital seat needs to be filled.
  - a. FFY 22 De-obligation: Mr. Ham mentioned the Fiduciary closed out FFY 22 and gave back about \$84k. He mentioned this was due to changes in projects that did not land in time. He mentioned that he tried to get an extension, but it was denied. Mr. Ham mentioned that this is the first time that funds have been given back. He did indicate that FFY 24 and 25 funds look good as of now.
  - b. Housekeeping Motions: Mr. Ham explained the housekeeping motions below individually. The Council discussed the motions, and we all in favor of them.



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- i. To move \$45,000 from FFY 23 Line F Continuing Education Not Allocated to FFY 23 G Cybersecurity Not Allocated to cover off a negative balance.
- ii. To move \$55,000 from FFY 23 Line D Training and Exercise Not Allocated to FFY 23 G Cybersecurity Not Allocated to cover off a negative balance.
- iii. To move \$10,000 from FFY 23 Line D Training and Exercise Not Allocated to line B Fire Services / Technical Rescue Not Allocated to cover off a negative balance.
- iv. To move \$71,688.99 from FFY 23 Line A LEC Support Not Allocated to line B Fire Services / Technical Rescue Not Allocated to cover off a negative balance.
- v. To move \$44,700 from FFY 24 Line B Training and Exercise Not Allocated to FFY 24 Line E Interoperability Not Allocated to cover off a negative balance.
- vi. To move \$2,055 from FFY 24 Line A LEC Support Not Allocated to FFY 24 Line E Interoperability Not Allocated to cover off a negative balance.

A motion was made and seconded to approved item i through vi as read. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.

4. **EOPSS Report:** Ms. Auguste stated that she did not have much to report but once the EHP's are approved, she will let Mr. Ham know.

Capt. Stephanian asked if she had any indication of the recent cut as to how it was going to affect SRAC. He mentioned that it is published as a 30% change cut. He asked if that was going to be split evenly across the state. Ms. Auguste mentioned that right now EOPSS is preparing a response to this and when she does know more, she can reach out, or have Katherine reach out.

5. **MAPC Report:** No report.
6. **MEMA Report:** Mr. Hattabaugh mentioned that they are rolling out a new training site that will be in line with what the State Police use, and it will go live on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Cochran mentioned that they are holding tight to see how funding flows. He mentioned that he is not sure how grants will look in the future.
7. **Training & Exercise/Planning:** Capt. Stephanian mentioned that once they receive guidance from EOPSS on the FFY 25 Plan, he will schedule a Training and Exercise meeting.
8. **Fire Services:** No report.
9. **Interoperability:** Mr. Verdane mentioned that BAPARN has made some progress with the Regional Chiefs Council, as far as identifying a sustainable funding source for maintenance on the southwest expansion project. He also mentioned that the World Cup has started a World Cup Interop Committee. He stated that if have any activities regarding World Cup Interop, please reach out and



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coordinate with the World Cup Interrupt community, Matt Barstow, and himself who is co-chairing.

### 10. LEC: No report on the teams.

- a. SWAT Vest Procurement: Mr. Ham explained the motion below for the SWAT Vest Procurement. He stated that the Council needs to come up with additional funding of about \$450k or more. He stated that there is \$500k allocated from FFY24 and then, in theory, another \$150k from FFY 25 which we are unsure how the FFY 25 funds are going to go. Mr. Ham stated that 206 vests are needed. He mentioned there are a few ways to handle the remaining funds needed.

Captain Stephanian asked for more information on this project. Ms. Reilly stated that the procurement process is open, and since it's an RFP, the proposals and the prices aren't public because it's not a bid. If these were bids, we could share everything with the Council, but it would compromise the procurement process; she gave the exact figures. She then explained the proposal that was accepted; the total cost is over the budget that was allocated. There are a few options that the Council can proceed with, one is to just allocate more money and not count on FFY 25 funds. She stated that this would mean making a tough decision to cancel some existing projects to come up with that whole balance that is needed. She mentioned another option would be if the LEC's would pay a portion. Ms. Reilly indicated that if we move forward with that option, we need to reprocur, because you need to identify where the money's coming from and who the vendor will get paid by in a procurement which is MAPC. She mentioned this means starting from scratch if we did go that route. The third option is the way we set up the procurement item by item for vests and helmets, for two different groups which means four items. Another option would be, and Mr. Ham would have to go through the numbers. She also mentioned that we could scrap it or reduce quantities. Chief Kelleher mentioned the LECs are going to have to go back and look at their numbers. He doesn't feel that using all the Homeland Security funds should all be used to purchase vests. Chief Clark stated that this has been a long time coming, but maybe we fund it one last time and let the LECs know this is it. Chief Kelleher made a few valid points stating that vests are being purchased for officers that are retiring next year or for those who plan on leaving the team. He mentioned there needs to be a benchmark, and can we push this back to the LECs for more information. Chief Thompson mentioned it is a 5-yr cycle; vests are expiring soon. Chief Clark mentioned we need to get a firmer number on these vests. Mr. Ham mentioned that if we change numbers, that will mean a new procurement. The Council members discussed many different options and next steps, but they decided to table this item until the next Council meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Chief Kelleher mentioned that the head of the LECs needs to attend the next meeting and provide more information to Mr. Ham on SWAT Vest procurement.



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- i. Motion to approve an amount not to exceed X from Y to cover overages in the SWAT Vest Procurement.

A motion was made and seconded to table the SWAT Vest Procurement for additional funds until the next Council meeting on October 16, 2025 with additional information from the head of the LEC's. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.

- b. Under Vehicle Scanner – EOD - \$85,000: The Council members decided to table the motion for the Under Vehicle Scanner. Chief Kelleher mentioned that Deputy Chief Noonan should attend the meeting to discuss the project. Mr. Ham mentioned he would add the Under Vehicle Scanner to the agenda for the Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and would invite the Deputy Chief.
  - i. Motion to approve \$85,000 from X to purchase an under-vehicle scanner for the Foxborough Cache

A motion was made and seconded to table the Under Vehicle Scanner at the next Council meeting on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.

11. **Cybersecurity:** Mr. Ham mentioned that Capt. Stephanian mentioned that the SRPEDD logo was advertised for the Cyber items. He felt it should be read SRAC. Mr. Ham stated that he will get it fixed to read SRAC.
12. **EMS:** No report.
  - a. MCI Report from Beyond Lucid Consulting: Mr. Ham mentioned that this report is complete, and he will circulate to the Council members.
13. **Education:** No report.
14. **Emergency Management:** No report.
15. **Regional Transportation:** No report.
16. **Public Health:** No report.
17. **Hospitals:** Mr. Ham mentioned once again that there is a vacancy for the Hospital seat and asked if anyone knew of anyone to please let him know.
18. **Public Works:** No report.



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19. **Government Administration**: No report
  
20. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**: Chief Kelleher mentioned his term is ending. Mr. Ham mentioned he has one more year. Chief Kelleher mentioned he is very busy with the World Cup coming up and would like to nominate Chief Mark Thompson as Chair and Chief Kelley as Vice-Chair. Chief Kelleher asked if this could be effective immediately. Mr. Ham mentioned yes it can start for the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Chief Mark Thompson as Chair and Chief John Kelley as Vice Chair to the SRAC Council effective immediately. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. The roll call was done.

21. **Next Meeting/Adjournment**: The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM as a Zoom meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.