

# Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC)

## SRAC Training & Exercise and Planning Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom.

**March 12, 2026 – 1:00 P.M.**

#### **Members Present**

Capt. Robert Stephanian, PCSO, Chair

Chief Brian Clark, Norton PD

Chief Thomas Lynch, Franklin PD

Chief Thompson, Scituate FD

Stacey Lane, Norwood Public Health

Robert Verdone, SEMRECC

**Guest Present:** No guests

#### **Support Staff Present:**

Kevin Ham, SRPEDD

Joseph Monet, SRPEDD

Stacy Royer, SRPEDD

Avery Serra, MAPC

Myesha Auguste, EOPSS

Cathrine Latimore, EOPPS

**Members Absent:** Chief Mike Kelleher, Foxborough FD

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Stephanian called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** A roll call was completed by Mr. Ham.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval August 5, 2025 Minutes:** The August 5, 2025, minutes were approved with a minor amendment. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. A roll call was completed.

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5. **Fiduciary Report:** Mr. Ham provided an update on several projects that came in under budget, including technical rescue trainings and the FC-10 vehicle project which was not completed due to an accident.

He discussed the motions below and mentioned that they are motions to move funds around.

a. Motion to move \$20,249.98 from FFY23 C.02 FC10 to FFY 23 A.18 LE Ballistic Protection

b. Motion to move \$5,005 from FFY23 F Continuing Ed Not Allocated to FFY23 A.18 LE Ballistic Protection

c. Motion to move \$14,347.85 from FFY 23 B Fire Services Not Allocated to FFY23 A.18 LE Ballistic Protection

A motion was made to accept motions a, b, and c as read and discussed above. UNANMOUSLY APPROVED. A roll call was completed

### 6. **New Business/Old Business:**

a. **Holtec/Semlec Refurbish Bearcats:** Capt. Stephanian mentioned that his understanding is that the only outstanding work is for glass to be installed on one of the bearcats. He mentioned that they already have the glasses just waiting on install and are waiting on the sandblast and paint for both. He mentioned that maybe Mr. Ham has more information from EOPSS and MAPC about fast tracking this project. He mentioned that he would like to have it done for the World Cup.

Mr. Ham stated that the actual quote was about \$12,000 per, and they rounded it to \$25,000 just so that we're not running into any hold ups with funds. He stated that MAPC did start the procurement, and those documentations are ready to go with EOPSS's approval already. Chief Clark asked what the turnaround time is for this project. Mr. Ham mentioned we are using a local vendor, and he believed they would be ready in time for the Word Cup. Ms. Serra echoed what Mr. Ham said, and they will prioritize this project to get it done before the World Cup. Chief Clark mentioned yes; this should be a priority. Chief Lynch indicated that the funding amount should be \$30,000 just in any issues come with any surcharges. The members agreed.

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- i. Motion to approve \$30,000 for prep, prime, and painting of both refurbished Bearcats from FFY24 A Law Enforcement Not Allocated

A motion was made and seconded to approve \$30,000 for prep, prime, and painting of both refurbished Bearcats from FFY24 A Law Enforcement Not Allocated.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. A roll call was completed.

**b. FFY 25 Award:** Mr. Ham mentioned that it is his understanding that the state accepted the full award the day before the government shutdown. EOPSS did a lot of work funding to get us the full amount. He mentioned there were some cuts, but EOPSS helped on that end. Once it is open again, money will be coming.

**c. Drone radar:** Mr. Ham discussed the details of the Flack OS project, and there may be concerns about its political baggage and potential difficulties. He stated it is a real time prime center kind of upgrade suite. This project must also cover border security allocation. Mr. Ham stated to try to make sure this project goes smoothly, and we need to keep the border security. He thinks one of the easiest ways to do what would be just to swap it one for one, with our B project, which was a drone radar, the drone detection system. He stated they could certainly swap it to anything that makes sense. Mr. Verdone stated that perspective of software capabilities, and the political implications of flock but as far as other capabilities there are other options. Capt. Stephanian mentioned another alternative to this might be if this item gets tabled this year, and we kick it to the Council to deliberate. Mr. Ham mentioned that he will add this item to the Council agenda under Capt. Stephanian's report.

- i. Motion to swap "B" Drone Radar project with "A" FlocOS project- This item was tabled and will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

**d. Election security (\$50,000):** Mr. Ham discussed the minimum spending on Election Security projects, mentioning the need for a direct nexus to election security. Capt. Stephanian suggested that maybe we send out a mass email to the clerks in the region to see what their thoughts are on a local level and needs. Chief Clark mentioned that the State Police will be coming to do some type of inspection in the next week to his town offices. Capt. Stephanian asked if Mr. Ham could get an email out to clerks and get some feedback. Mr. Ham said he would do that.

**e. FFY 26 Planning discussion:** Mr. Ham mentioned it would be good if we could start planning now for the FFY 26 Plan. Ms. Latimore noted that there is a tightened time frame. She mentioned it good that SRAC comes to the table with a project A list and a project B list. Mr. Ham reviewed the projects in further detail with the members and what their needs are for the next plan.

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**f. Winter Storm 'AAR' discussion:** Capt. Stephanian raised the issue of asset management during winter storms, mentioning the need for a better way to track and deploy resources. He stated because there was a generator issue, and it brings bigger discussion, which was the map of assets published on the SRAC website. He mentioned that members decided that it was not the best idea to have a map readily accessible of critical infrastructure, and it was removed from the website. The members discussed creating a brochure and leveraging technology for real-time resource management.

Mr. Ham mentioned that NERAC has a printed book of their assets, but SRAC would just have to cover the cost of printing. Capt. Stephanian stated that they have a print shop, so he did not worry about print costs. Chief Thompson mentioned that we need to leverage technology for this or have a more secure way to get this information to communities in need. Mr. Verdone mentioned that the idea of a single point of contact for asset requests is supported, with a discussion about how to implement it. He mentioned he would be happy to establish the single phone call, phone number that somebody can call and say, I need X, Y and Z, and we could resource it, run it out of his center. He mentioned we could discuss it at the Council level. Chief Clark thinks that is a good idea, but he is not opposed to a printed document, but we need to make sure it is up to date. They mentioned even having some language on the agenda about resources and who could be contacted. Mr. Ham mentioned he can speak to Mr. Verdone and Chief Thompson offline about this further and get some information together. Capt. Stephanian mentioned this can stay at the Planning level now, and once we have more information, we can bring it up to the Council.

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

8. **Next Meeting/Adjournment:** The next T&E and Planning subcommittee meeting will be TBD. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.