

SRAC Full Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 2, 2026

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Hybrid Meeting (SRPEDD Office and Zoom)

Attendance

Members Present

- Chief Mark Thompson, Scituate Police Department
- Chief Kevin Lennon, Yarmouth Police Department
- Chief Thomas Lynch, Franklin Police Department
- Chief Christopher Coleman, Attleboro Fire Department
- Stacey Lane, Norwood Health Department
- Deputy Chief Rich Noonan, Foxborough Police Department
- Captain Rob Stephanian, Plymouth County Sheriff's Office
- Mike Lambert, BAT

Guests Present

- Capt. Anthony Gould
- Greg Arpin, MVLEC
- Todd Castro, TEMA
- Alex Rock
- David Pelzoni, Bourne FD
- Rich Fiske
- Andrew Pratt
- Brian Nobrega, NBEM

Support Staff Present

- Kevin Ham, SRPEDD
- Grant King, SRPEDD
- Joe Monet, SRPEDD
- Joe Osborne, SRPEDD
- Stacy Royer, SRPEDD
- Amy Reilly, MAPC
- Avery Serra, MAPC
- Kathryn Latimer, EOPSS
- Joe Hattabaugh, MEMA
- Nate Cochran, MEMA
- Nina Misciosia, MAPC
- Myesha Auguste, EOPSS

Members Absent

- Chief Brian Clark, Norton Police Department
- Chief Timothy Smith, Falmouth Fire Department
- Rachel Fleck, MMA
- Rob Verdone, Southeast Massachusetts Regional 911 District
- Chip Reilly, Barnstable County
- Chief John Kelley, Wareham Fire Department
- Steve Zuromski, Bridgewater State University
- Jamie Ponte, New Bedford Public Works

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mr. Ham conducted the roll call, and attendance was recorded.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from January 8, 2026, were presented for approval by Chief Thompson.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 8, 2026, meeting minutes. A roll call was completed. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- 3. Project Update and Fiduciary Report:** Mr. Ham provided an update on the FY25 Plan, noting the acceptance of funds but delays due to the federal government shutdown. He mentioned the hiring of a vendor for Cyber Incident Response plans and the need for municipalities to express interest quickly. Mr. Ham discussed the status of ballistic vests for SWAT teams and mentioned that all vests are expected to be delivered by May, closing out FY23 early.

- a. Disposition Letters: Mr. Ham presented the three items for disposition: a rescue team boat, a rescue team trailer, and a light tower which are listed below. He mentioned the rescue boat and trailer are deemed end-of-life and will be disposed of, while the light tower will be repurposed into a mobile camera trailer.

- i. SEMTRT – Rescue Boat
- ii. SEMTRT – Trailer (replaced with new equipment 2025)
- iii. Mansfield – Light Tower

- 1.** Motion to approve and forward disposition requests with any amplifying information to EOPSS of the Rescue Boat, Trailer, and Light Tower.

A motion is made and seconded to approve the disposition of the items. A roll call was completed. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Mr. Ham encouraged other communities with light towers to reach out for potential repurposing.

4. **EOPSS:** No report.
5. **MAPC:** Ms. Serra wanted to confirm that the candidates for the Emergency Management position were sent to EOPSS. Mr. Ham mentioned they will be, and he mentioned per bylaws they need to be voted at this level then sent to EOPSS.
6. **MEMA:** Mr. Hattabaugh mentioned they are working on the FY27 course catalog scheduling and the World Cup preparations. He stated that if there are any requests for federal programming, he can pass those requests to our state training officer.
7. **Training and Exercise / Planning:**

- a. **FlockOS Common Operating Picture Software Replacement:** Capt. Stephanian discussed the pivot from the FlockOS real-time prime center idea to a drone radar deployable trailer and the need for inventory and asset tracking.
- b. **Inventory & Asset Tracking:** Capt. Stephanian mentioned that the inventory and asset tracking issue came up during the blizzard. Mr. Ham planned to modernize asset tracking and invite feedback from council members.

The Council discussed past and current methods for sharing information about deployable assets. Historically, a printed booklet was distributed to communities outlining available resources; however, it quickly became outdated after publication. A digital map system was also introduced, but access has been limited due to password restrictions and usability challenges. The Council mentioned there is a need to modernize how deployable assets—such as generators, light towers, and the new camera trailer—are tracked and made visible to communities that may need them. The goal is to ensure these resources are easily accessible and identifiable.

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8. **Fire Services:**

- a. **Chief David Pelonzi, Bourne Fire Department Chief:** Chief Thompson introduced Chief Pelanzi. Chief Pelanzi stated that he is from the Bourne Fire Department and would be happy to be involved in the Council. He mentioned that he had about 33 years of Public Safety Service starting his private EMS working through fire service. He mentioned that he is on the State Hazmat team for the district, and he is also a team leader of the Barnstable County for all hazardous, and new management team.

Chief Kelleher discussed the introduction of Chief Palanzi, with Chief Kelleher expressing support for his addition. Mr. Ham suggested voting on Chief Pelanzi's appointment at today's meeting with the usual practice of voting in the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to have Chief David Pelzoni from the Bourne Fire Department as the Fire Services representative on the SRAC Council. A roll call was completed. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9. Interoperability: No report.

10. LEC: Chief Lynch reported on significant events in MetroLEC, including a deterrent deployment at Braintree Mall and a successful search and rescue operation in Marshfield. The LECs are preparing for the FIFA cup, with all LECs assisting in personnel needs.

11. Cybersecurity: No report.

12. Education: No report.

13. Emergency Management:

- a. **Brian Nobrega, New Bedford Emergency Management Director:** Mr. Nobrega introduced himself and mentioned that he is the Director of Emergency Management in the city of New Bedford. He has been in the position since September 2017 under Chief Mike Gomes and Chief Joseph Cordero. He mentioned that he has extensive experience in emergency management, including handling COVID-19 responses and disaster declarations. Mr. Nobrega mentioned that he is interested in serving on the Council.
- b. **Todd Castro, Taunton Emergency Management Director:** Mr. Castro introduced himself, mentioning that he is the Taunton Emergency Management Director. He highlighted his experience as an emergency management director and his interest in supporting the Council.

Capt. Stephanian mentioned that he would like to make the motion for the Emergency Management seat as well and have that seat be given to Todd Castro. He mentioned that his experience with the Council is invaluable. Capt. Stephanian stated that it is not that it is any fault of Mr. Nobrega, but the Council already has New Bedford representing the Council.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to have Mr. Castro, the Taunton Emergency Management Director be the representative for Emergency Management on the SRAC Council. A roll call was completed.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chief Thompson welcomed Mr. Castro to the Council and thanked Mr. Nobrega for coming to the meeting today and putting yourself out there and expressing interest. He mentioned that he looked forward to other opportunities that come up and being able to work together.

14. Regional Transportation: Mr. Lambert discussed the World Cup planning and the availability of buses for evacuation.

15. Public Health: No report.

16. Public Works: No report.

17. Vacant Seats: Fire Services, EMS, Emergency Management, Hospitals, Gov't Admin) Mr. Ham updated the members on the vacant seats. He mentioned that these were discussed above.

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

19. Next Meeting/Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. via Zoom.