

Minutes  
Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council  
(CRHSAC)  
Equipment Subcommittee

November 5, 2019

2:15 PM

Members Present: **Dean Kochanowski**, Fire Chief, Town of Dudley; **Nicholas DaDalt**, CMEMSC, Designee; **Jim Barclay**, EMD, Town of Royalston; **Patrick Purcell**, Fire Chief, Town of Westborough; **Neal Aspesi**, Emergency Mgmt./Fire, Town of Southborough; **Marc Kasaras**, Worcester County Sheriff's Office; **C. Thomas O'Donnell**, Police Chief, Town of West Brookfield; **Jeff Wilson**, Fire Chief, Retired, Town of Oxford; **Russ Hall**, Fire Chief, Town of Holden

Attendees: **Peter Peloquin**, CMRPC; **Conor McCormack**, CMRPC; **Carl Ekman**, Charlton EMD; **Gary Fleischer**, District Fire Chief, City of Worcester; **Matthew Belsito**, Fire Chief, Town of Sutton; **Nicholas Lambert**, D7-TRT; **Lorri Gifford**, EOPSS, **Patrick Waugh**, Patrolman, Town of Spencer; **William Lyver**, Police Chief, Town of Northborough

Call to Order: Chief Purcell called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

Minutes: The minutes of November 5, 2019 were presented for approval. Chief Kochanowski motioned for approval, seconded by Chief Hall. All in favor, **motion approved**.

Financial: This portion was set aside until the Full Council meeting.

Chair Report: No chair report

Project Status: Mr. McCormack gave the update.

Completed Projects: None to report

Project Updates: Conor McCormack gave the updates

PJ17-4.02 Fire District 8 Dive Team Equipment (FFY2017): Currently waiting on one dry suit to be delivered. Delivery is expected before December's meeting. Once delivery is confirmed project will be complete.

PJ17-4.03 FD-7 Dive Team Equipment (FFY2017) This project is complete as of the last week of October.

PJ17-7.01 CEMLEC SWAT Team Equipment (FFY2017): Deliveries have begun to arrive, currently working with Ken Charlton, Auburn PD, to inventory as Items arrive. We have received no bids on the Bluetooth Headsets and are currently rewriting the specs in the hops to receive bids for appropriate equipment. We are also working with MAPC to re bid the robot in FY18.

PJ18-2.01 Equipment Resources Map (FFY2018): Letter of agreement was recently signed by Chief Kochanowski. CMRPC will set up the MOU to begin work on the resource map.

PJ18-4.01 CMDART Equipment (FFY2018): Five (5) P.O.s have been submitted, two more P.O.s are need to complete the project. Once equipment is delivered and P.O.s submitted project will be complete.

PJ18-6.02 Fire District 7&8 Tech Rescue Structural Collapse Equipment (FFY2018): Received EOPSS approval this month, reviewing the spec list with MAPC and will be submitting to MAPC to put out to bid shortly.

PJ18-6.04 Fire District 7, 8 & WFD Heavy Vehicle Rescue Equipment (FFY2018) Three of the vendors have delivered the equipment. That equipment has been inventoried. We are still awaiting the arrival of the Parateck equipment from Northeast.

PJ18-6.05 Fire District 7 Trench Rescue Trailer (FFY2018) We have received EOPSS approval this past month. We are currently reviewing the spec list and will submit to MAPC for procurement upon completion of review.

PJ18-8.02 FD-14 Fire/EMS Tactical Gear (FFY2018) We have received the replacement vest from Central Equipment. The original vest were received without identification tags and were sent back for replacement for vest with the appropriate identification. We are still waiting for the ASHER TECC training kits to arrive from Rescue Essentials.

PJ18-8.07 TECC Training Cache (FFY2018) We are waiting on two (2) bids to come back. The items were re-bid because no bids were received. The second round of bids are currently ongoing.

#### Old Business:

Discussion: Council's American Red Cross Canteen Vehicle: Chief Purcell explained that Mr. Montiverdi is working with ARC and was told the ARC is going to transfer ownership to the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is 99.9% sure they will accept ownership of the vehicle. The vehicle will be stored in the City of Fitchburg, but we are waiting to approve the transfer until we have the acceptance in writing. That document was supposed to be received with-in the last 24 hours and was not received before the start of the November meeting time. The transfer was tabled until the document accepting ownership is in hand.

#### New Business:

PJ18-6.06 Fire District 14 Tech Rescue Boat (FFY2018): Kenneth Milligan, of Westborough Fire Department, explain that the District 14 Dive Team was requesting funds to purchase a new dive team operations boat. SOP requires two (2) divers and three (3) support team members to safely operate while diving, along with a stable platform to operate from when away from shore. The current dive boat cannot handle the five (5) person capacity along with the stable operating platform. It is currently easy to put divers into the water, but it becomes unsafe when trying to remove divers from the water. The current boat was procured from a Federal surplus and was not designed to operate in the required conditions and has encountered countless mechanical failures since taking ownership of the boat. While researching potential boats to replace the current boat, it was found that the D7 Dive boat located in Charlton would be the perfect style of boat to replace the current one with. The type of boat is a, Rescue One Connector boat. The boat is flat providing a safe working platform and comes equipped with a lift to hoist divers out of the water in a safe manor. Carl Eckman provided a comment that was in support of the boat. He explained, that the boats are designed to connect together creating a larger diving platform and safer working

conditions for the dive teams. Mr. DaDalt asked the if the boat would also be accompanied by a trailer. Mr. Milligan responded, stating they have also been looking for a trailer to go with the boat and has found a two-tiered trailer that would accommodate the boat being requested along with the currently owned Zodiac style boat allowing for multiple assets to be deployed with the use of only one tow vehicle. Mr. DaDalt made several recommendations for developing the Watercraft Request Letter to FEMA. Mr. McCormack noted that funds were available in the FY18 Tech Rescue line item due to other projects being moved to FY17.

A motion was made by Chief Kochanowski to approve \$45,000 to fund the District 14 Tech Rescue Dive Team Boat project. Chief Purcell abstained from the vote due to the fact that he is FF Milligan’s supervisor. Mr. Ekman seconded the motion. All in favor, **motion approved.**

PJ18-6.07 Fire District 7 Trench Rescue Equipment (FFY2018): Nichols Lambert of Fire District 7 presented the project. The project is to fill out the trench rescue trailer with equipment. He highlighted that FD-7 currently relies primarily on individual town’s equipment. This project would give the fire district it’s own set of equipment that can be easily transported in the trailer. FF Lambert also noted that this project would allow them to work better with FD 8, FD 14, and Worcester Fire. He said it will be located in Oxford so it is central to the FD-7 region. Chief O’Donnell noted that in the future it would be a better practice to present all aspects of the projects into one PJ instead of several different projects because it gives a better picture and would allow for better planning of funds. Mr. Barclay motioned to approve the project in the amount of \$75,000.00 seconded by Chief Kochanowski. **All in favor, motion approved.**

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair: None

Next Meeting: December 3, 2019

Adjourn: Chief Kochanowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30PM, seconded by Chief Hall, **motion approved.**

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Minutes taken and prepared by Conor McCormack, CMRPC

Minutes were approved – January 7, 2020

Materials included in the meeting packet:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2019
- PJ18-6.06 Fire District 14 Tech Rescue Boat
- PJ18-6.07 Fire District 7 Trench Rescue Equipment