**SRAC Full Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held virtually through Zoom

**November 3, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.**

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| **Members Present** | **Guests Present** | **Support Staff Present** |
| Chief Brian Clark, Norton PD Chief Michael Kelleher, Foxborough FD Chief John Kelley, Wareham FD  Chief Scott Fournier, Berkley FD Rick Ferreira, TEMA  Joan Cooper-Zack, South Shore Hospital  Rob Kenn, E. Bridgewater DPW  Robert Verdone, SE MA Regional 911 Dist. Brian Evangelista, Region V EMS Mike Guiterrez, MMA  Chief Thomas Lynch, Franklin PD  Chief David Guillemette, Harwich PD  Chief Mike Winn, COMM Fire  Mike Lambert, BAT  Chief Mark Thompson, Scituate PD  Sgt. Bob Stephanian, PCSO | Greg Arpin, Vineyard TRT Ed Caron, Acushnet EMA Laurie White, EMS Region V Erick Berg, SE Mass 911  Marc Goyette, Mansfield FD Nelson Wirtz, Oak Bluffs FD  Erik Berk, SE 911 | Kevin Ham, SRPEDD  Todd Castro, SRPEDD  Grant King, SRPEDD  Kayla Toner, EOPSS/OGR Ben Podsiadlo, EOPSS |

**Members Absent:** Stacy Lane, Norwood Health Dept; Michael Courville, Dartmouth; Kevin Sweet, Wrentham TA

1. **Roll Call:** Chief Clark read the roll and attendance was taken.
2. **Public Comment:** No public comments were provided.
3. **Approval of Minutes October 6, 2022:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved via roll call to accept the October 6, 2022, Council meeting minutes. A roll call was taken for the vote.
4. **Project Update/Fiduciary Report: FFY 19, 20 & 21**: Mr. Castro reported that the O-305 class, MCI seminar classes and the first of three Fundamentals in Search and Rescue, along with Wilderness First Aid classes have all been successfully completed. Mr. Castro thanked Chief Winn for hosting the O-305 class. He wanted to remind members that the ICS 100 class for teachers/school administrators is going to occur on Tuesday, November 8, at the Friedman Middle School in Taunton at 8:30 AM. Mr. Castro mentioned that they have been working to spend down the FFY19 funds and hope to close it out soon. Mr. Castro reminded the council that FFY20 expires on June 30, 2023. Mr. Castro entertained questions.
5. **MAPC Report**: None
6. **EOPSS Report:** Ms. Toner mentioned she is currently working with Ms. Mboka-Boyer and working with the fiduciary on projects as well as the FFY2022 State Share project. Ms. Toner mentioned she is here for the Councils needs. Chief Clark asked that Ms. Toner’s name be added to the agenda and Ms. Mboka-Boyer be removed.
7. **Planning/Training/Caching**: Mr. Kenn mentioned there was a T&E and Planning meeting prior to this meeting. He mentioned at the meeting the Council attendance policy was discussed and indicated that if you cannot attend a meeting to try to have an alternate member attend. Mr. Kenn mentioned they also discussed the project process, current process, proposed updated process and the role of project funding request. Mr. Kenn indicated the committee discussed the Active Shooter training and class allocations along with EHPs for locations. Mr. Kenn mentioned that later in the agenda there will be a topic discussed under agenda item 21 Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.
8. **Fire Services**: None
9. **Interoperability**: Mr. Verdone reported that the committee met two weeks ago. He mentioned that the old Copicut Tower was scheduled to be demolished yesterday and today. He mentioned they are making good progress.
10. **LEC:**Chief Guillemette mentioned that the most notable was that homicide in Truro were called to a scene where a son had killed his mother and was burning her body in the front of the house. The team was able to successfully extract him from the house. The Chief mentioned that he has been in communication with all the LEC Control Chiefs and let them know there is a NTOA Command Level training that he will be hosting at the Sherriff’s office on the base starting Monday.
11. **Cybersecurity:** None
12. **EMS**: Mr. Evangelista reported that three MTI classes were completed, they were well received and attended. He is working on the Nero’s Law and trying to get equipment. He also mentioned that the Regional Council meeting this month as well.
13. **Education:** None
14. **Emergency Management:** Mr. Ferreira mentioned he is continuing to work on the training for the tent that was purchased. He mentioned it has been put on hold because some work as being done at the facility in Foxborough.
15. **Regional Transportation**: Mr. Lambert mentioned he has no transit items to report but they were able to

lend the generator to for the security operations to the workers strike down in the south coast a few weeks ago. Chief Clark stated that was the Sysco truck strike.

1. **Public Health**: None
2. **Hospitals**: Ms. Cooper-Zack mentioned Covid-19 remains active and current numbers have stabilized. She mentioned we received a surge in RSV in pediatrics. She mentioned the hospitals are very busy. Chief Clark mentioned last year, there actually was 467 police officers who contracted COVID in 2021 and number are significant lower this year at about 60.
3. **Public Works**: Mr. Kenn wanted to make the Council aware that there is a group calling themselves Freedom of Information Act. He mentioned they show up at town building offices, with a phone videoing people, pressuring them into getting your name and what you do, etc. He mentioned this causes a high stress environment. Chief Clark mentioned they are called First Amendment Auditors and they are not easy to deal with. He mentioned they started out at the police departments, and they've focused their way onto other areas. Mr. Ferreira stated that the MMA did a Zoom presentation yesterday and that was one of the key organizations they discussed and how to deal with them. He mentioned that they have been in Taunton.
4. **Government Administration:** None
5. **MEMA**: Mr. Ham mentioned that Mr. Hattabaugh was not able to attend. Mr. Ham reported for him that they have had some training last week. He mentioned they are running more next week and there will be holding logistics class as well.
6. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:** Mr. Kenn stated that a project request was received last week from Ms. White. Ms. White explained that she is looking for funding for equipment for Nero’s Law. She explained that Governor Baker signed Nero's Law the beginning of this year. Nero's Law allows EMS providers to treat and transport police canines that were sick or injured in the line of duty. She mentioned once the law was signed, the Department of Public Health was tasked with developing the treatment, transport, and equipment standards for ambulance services to follow. They released the standards and services are required to comply with the regulation or apply for a waiver by February of 2023. There are two components to the training, it's an hour and a half of didactic and one hour and a half of a practical component. Ms. White mentioned they are looking for equipment, this equipment is to use to support that training. She stated that the equipment needed will be mannequins, masks for breathing, tourniquets, and muzzles for the practical component. This equipment is going to be used for the initial rollout of the training. She indicated that they going to hold on to the equipment to allow services to borrow it for their retraining requirements every two years. Mr. Kenn mentioned this item was discussed at the Planning meeting, but it was not voted. He mentioned the general consensus was that the committee would support this request for $4,000 for the equipment.  
     
   A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to fund $4,000 for Nero's Law related K-9 equipment (Mankins, Tourniquets, Muzzles & Oxygen Masks) out of FFY 2020, Training & Exercise line item. A roll call was taken for the vote.
7. **Next Meeting/Adjournment:** The next meeting will be on December 1, 2022, at 11 AM. Chief Clark mentioned if there are no agenda items, the meeting can be cancelled due to the upcoming holidays.