

Minutes

Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (CRHSAC)

Equipment Subcommittee

January 7, 2020, 2:15 PM

Dudley Fire Department, 128 West Main Street Dudley, MA 01571

Members Present: **Dean Kochanowski**, Fire Chief, Town of Dudley; **Jim Barclay**, EMD, Town of Royalston; **Patrick Purcell**, Fire Chief, Town of Westborough; **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; **Kevin Roy**, Fire Chief, Town of Fitchburg; **Nick DaDalt**, CEMMSC;

Attendees: **Peter Peloquin**, CMRPC; **Conor McCormack**, CMRPC; **Anthony Senesi**, CMRPC; **Carl Ekman**, Charlton EMD; **Gary Fleischer**, District Fire Chief, City of Worcester; **Paul Normandin**, Southbridge Fire; **Ken Paulhus**, Southborough Fire; **Kristen Jerome**, MEMA; **Thomas Ford**, Sturbridge Police Department; **Gary Fleischer**, Worcester Fire Department

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 Roy motioned for approval, seconded by Chief Wilson. All in favor, **motion approved.**

Financials: This portion was set aside until the full council meeting.

Chair Report: Chief Purcell: No chair report.

Project Status: Mr. McCormack gave the update.

Completed Projects:

PJ17-4.03 FD-7 Dive Team Equipment (FFY2017)

PJ18-6.04 Fire District 7, 8 & WFD Heavy Vehicle Rescue Equipment (FFY2018)

PJ18-8.02 FD-14 Fire/EMS Tactical Gear (FFY2018).

Project Updates:

PJ17-4.02 Fire District 8 Dive Team Equipment (FFY2017): FY17 has been closed out, the remaining item, the dry suit, has to be moved to FY18. The rest of the items have been delivered.

PJ17-7.01 CEMLEC SWAT Team Equipment (FFY2017): Shield and nitro gloves are still waiting to be delivered, they will be moved to FY18.

PJ18-2.01 Equipment Resources Map (FFY2018): CMRPC's GIS staff developed a draft of the Equipment Resources Map. The purpose of the map is to move all the paper copy resources to the online map, being able to search by community and by resource. The Map was shown to the

subcommittee. Mr. McCormack will send the Map to the council via email after the meeting. Mr. McCormack expects to be data clean up to make sure there are no errors with contact information. Officials can search on the various equipment resources in the region.

PJ18-4.01 CMDART Equipment (FFY2018): All of the equipment is in. The last PO was for the website manager contract which will be completed in April.

PJ18-6.02 Fire District 8 Trench Rescue Equipment & Trailer (FFY2018): MAPC is working on the procurement. They wanted to wait until the New Year to advertise that bid. The bid should be going out as of this week or next week.

PJ18-6.05 Fire District 7 Trench Rescue Trailer (FFY2018): MAPC is working on the procurement. They wanted to wait until the New Year to advertise that bid. The bid should be going out as of this week or next week.

PJ18-6.06 Fire District 14 Tech Rescue Boat (FFY2018): Awaiting EOPSS approval. Chief Purcell stated that in the email chain with EOPSS, they first refused to sign off on the project because EOPSS believed that boat stored in Westborough would be too close to Dudley. Chief Purcell and Chief Kochanowski stated that the boat in Dudley and Westborough are completely different specialized equipment. The subcommittee wrote a justification letter. Then EOPSS indicated that they were awaiting approval of the project. This is because there is a new state-wide Tech Rescue working group that will produce state-wide policies. EOPSS also stated in their emails that it would not be approved because this project was not in the original FY18 plan.

The subcommittee as a whole feels strongly that since they were tasked with handling funding of tech rescue projects that this project should be funded. Chief Kochanowski states that this project was thoroughly vetted by the full council. The subcommittee will wait to discuss this project with EOPSS during the full council meeting.

EOPSS says Westborough and Dudley are too close to one another to have another rescue boat. It wasn't in the original plan for FY 18. Awaiting the representative for EOPSS for the full council meeting.

PJ18-6.07 Fire District 7 Trench Rescue Equipment (FFY2018): MAPC is working on the procurement. They wanted to wait until the New Year to advertise that bid. The bid should be going out as of this week or next week.

PJ18-8.07 TECC Training Cache (FFY2018): Waiting on the delivery of a few project items.

Old Business:

Update: Council's American Red Cross Canteen Vehicle: Approval of the American Red Cross Canteen Vehicle upon signing from Chief Kochanowski and Mr. Ekman. Chief Roy motioned for approval, seconded by Chief Kochanowski. All in favor, **motion approved**.

New Business:

Discussion: Transfer of JHIRT Tactical Body Armor: A member of the Holden Fire Department is moving to the Charlton Fire Department. Chief Hall of Holden is requesting that a transfer of JHIRT Tactical Body Armor from Holden to Charlton. Chief Kochanowski motioned for approval, seconded by Chief Roy. All in favor, **motion approved.**

Discussion: CRHSAC TECC Training Cache Policy: Outlined the subcommittee's packet, there is CRHSAC TECC Training Cache Policy. It outlines who the host agency is, which is Spencer, and the sign out rules for other agencies to use the training equipment. Chief Kochanowski motioned for approval, seconded by Chief Roy. All in favor, **motion approved.**

PJ18-8.10 ASHER Training Equipment (FFY2018): The ASHER Training Simulation Equipment is approved for a FY19 project. Chief O'Donnell motioned for approval, seconded by Chief Roy. All in favor, **motion approved.**

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair: None

Next Meeting: February 4, 2020 at CMEMSC, 361 Holden Street, Holden, MA 01520

Adjourn: Chief Kochanowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:31PM, seconded by Chief Roy, **motion approved.**

Minutes taken and prepared by Anthony Senesi, CMRPC

Minutes were approved – February 4, 2020

Materials included in the meeting packet:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2019
- Salvation Army Letter of Interest – Canteen Vehicle
- JHIRT Equipment Transfer Information
- Draft CRHSAC TECC Training Equipment Policy
- PJ18-8.10 ASHER Training Equipment (FFY2018)