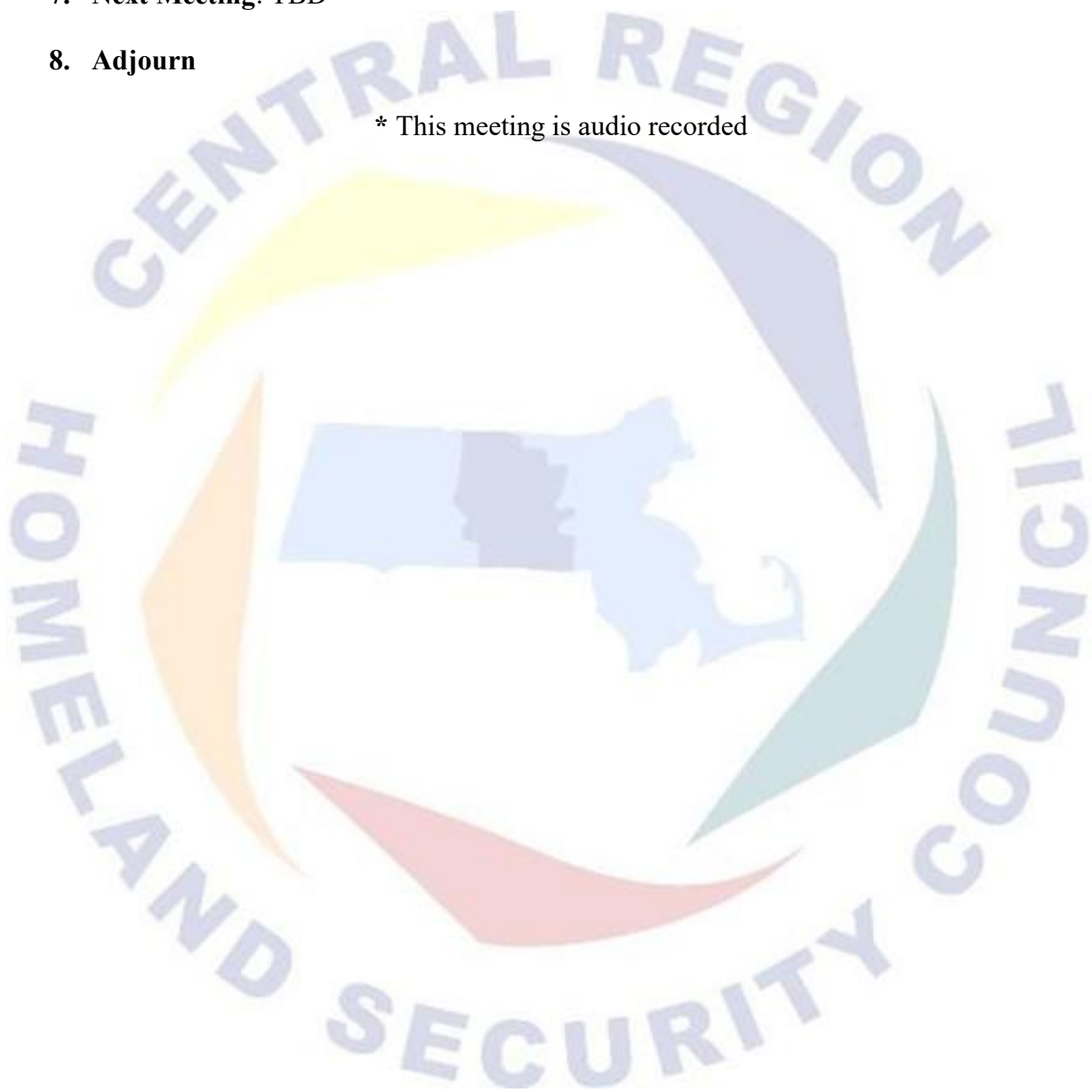


AGENDA
CRHSAC Training Subcommittee Agenda (Hybrid)
Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026
2:30 PM
CMEMSC
361 Holden St.
Holden, MA 01520
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86296904941>

1. **Call To Order:** Chief Neal Aspesi
 - a. Introductions
2. **Minutes of May 5th, 2026.**
 - a. Vote to accept Minutes
3. **Financial**
4. **Chair Report:** Chief Neal Aspesi
5. **Project Status:**
 - a. **Completed Projects:**
 - b. **Project Updates:**
 - i. ALERRT AAIR (FFY23 E.01 & FFY24 D.01)
 1. Discussion & vote
 - ii. Other training project updates
 - c. **Old Business:**
 - i. Medical Specialist Training (FFY23 C.02)
 1. Discussion & vote
 - ii. Last Seen Point (FFY24 C.11)
 - iii. Swiftwater Training NYS (FFY24 C.12)
 1. Discussion & vote
 - iv. CEMLEC Special Operations Training & Exercise (FFY24 D.03)
 - v. Aggressive Incident Command (FFY23 G.01)
 - vi. D7 Rapid Search and Rescue Training (FFY24 C.09)
 - vii. TECC (FFY24 C.10)
 - viii. West Boylston ASPIRE Active Shooter Equipment Reimbursement (FFY23 E.04)
 - ix. BF/ OT Policy Update
 - x. D14 TRT Reimbursement (FFY24 C.06)
 1. Discussion & vote
 - xi. Other projects
 1. Possible discussion & vote

- d. **New Business:**
 - i. Other projects
 - 1. Possible discussion & vote
- 6. **New Business Unforeseen by the Chair:**
- 7. **Next Meeting:** TBD
- 8. **Adjourn**

* This meeting is audio recorded



Minutes

CRHSAC Training Subcommittee Agenda (Hybrid)
Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, 2:30 PM
CMEMSC, 361 Holden Street, Holden, MA 01520

Members Present: **Neal Aspesi**, Chair, Chief, Northborough Fire; **Gary Fleischer**, Chief, Worcester Fire; **Christopher Montiverdi**, Vice Chair, Assistant Chief, Leicester Public Health; **Chris Baker**, Assistant Director, Central MA EMS Corp.; **Gregory Lynskey**, Director, SWCCC; **Paul Salvadore**, Worcester County Sheriff's Office; **Russ Hall**, Chief, Holden Fire; **Tina Dixon**, Executive Director, Central MA EMS Corp.; **Gerald Millette**, Chief, Warren Police;

Attendees: **Carli Harris**, CMRPC; **Seth Peters**, CMRPC; **Ira Berberaj**, EOPSS; **Robert Connolly**, Director, Worcester Emergency Management; **Kevin Filchak**, MEMA;

Call To Order: Chief Aspesi called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Introductions: Tabled until Full Council Meeting.

Minutes: **Assistant Chief Montiverdi** made a motion to accept the minutes of April 7th, 2026, seconded by **Ms. Dixon**. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Financials: Tabled until Full Council Meeting.

Chair Report: None.

Project Status: Ms. Harris gave the updates.

Completed projects:

None

Project Updates:

1. **ALERRT AAIR (FFY24 D.01)**

Ms. Harris said that all current reimbursements have been submitted to MAPC and should be processing.

2. **Other Training Project Updates**

None

Old Business: All updates were tabled until the Full Council, except for one old business item.

1. **Medical Specialist Training (FFY23 C.02)**

Ms. Harris stated that this training was completed last week, and attendees are working on BF/ OT Reimbursement paperwork.

2. **Last Seen Point (FFY23 D.01).**

Ms. Harris said a classroom training is scheduled for Shrewsbury Fire this June.

3. **Swiftwater Training NYS (FFY23 D.02)**

Ms. Harris said that she resent out the flyer and received some interest. If anyone is signing up, please have them reach out to me to give me a heads up as the turnaround time once they receive acceptance and when the course begins is short.

4. **CEMLEC Special Operations Training & Exercise (FFY23 E.03)**

Ms. Harris said that the specs are with MAPC.

5. **Aggressive Incident Command (FFY23 G.01)**

Ms. Harris said that the trainings are scheduled for May 18-19 and June 18-19. The June training is full, but there are spots available for May.

6. **D7 Rapid Search & Rescue Training (FFY24 C.09)**

Ms. Harris said this training is scheduled for July.

7. **TECC (FFY24 C.10)**

- Ms. Harris is working with the vendor on scheduling.
8. West Boylston ASPIRE Active Shooter Equipment Reimbursement (FFY24 D.02)
Ms. Harris said that this is processing with MAPC.
 9. BF/OT Policy Update
Ms. Harris said that the policy has been submitted to EOPSS.
 10. Other Projects
None

New Business:

1. D14 TRT Reimbursement (FFY24 C.06)
Ms. Harris said that she was notified from MAPC about a change in protocol to match the way that NERAC submits these reimbursements. This includes ERRs instead of TRRs, AARs, and an EHP for each training. All would have to be approved by EOPSS. Ms. Harris spoke with NERAC to discuss a plan. Ms. Harris said that this was brought to the council for two reasons. One to approve the new ERR, that replaced the original approved TRR, for the trainings that occurred in January, February, and March to allow for Shrewsbury to receive the funding that was planned before these changes were required. The second is to discuss whether the council would like to continue forward with these reimbursements due to the changing procedure. Chief Aspesi said to table the discussion about continuing these reimbursements for next meeting. **Ms. Dixon made a motion to approve the ERR in the packet for the D14 TRT BF/OT for the three dates listed. Seconded by Assistant Chief Chris Montiverdi. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Other Training Project Updates
None

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair: None.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn: **Ms. Dixon motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Assistant Chief Montiverdi. Motion to adjourn passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.**

Minutes taken by Carli Harris.

Minutes approved on _____.

**Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
 Office of Grants and Research
 Homeland Security Division**

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2. An outside provider must meet any national standards and qualifications for both the course and trainers.
3. For SHSP-funded homeland security region sub-recipients, this form must be sent to your EOPSS Program Coordinator within one week following the council’s vote to approve the training. For all other sub-recipients, this form must be sent in at least 30 days prior to the training (additional time recommended for DHS-funded courses).
4. Review the current version of the *Guidance for Using Federal Homeland Security Funds for Trainings and Exercises* at www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-and-training/homeland-sec/grants/hs-grant-guidance-and-policies.html.

Please provide the information requested below.

Date Form Submitted	12/12/2025
Sub-Recipient Name and its POC and e-mail	Jonathan Martin jmartin@auburnma.gov
FFY & Grant Program of Funding, and PJ # if applicable	FFY23 C.02 SHSP
Date of Council or JPOC approval, if applicable	1/6/2026
Course Title & DHS course ID if applicable *	Medical Specialist Training
Location of Training	Beverly, MA
Briefly Describe Course Purpose and Regional Need(s) - Documented Gap(s) Bring Addressed	This specific training has been identified as a shortfall during several training sessions, responses, and mobile exercises. The region has received training in a variety of technical disciplines; however, the point of the training is to rescue victims which require medical attention which cannot be easily afforded to them properly without

	<p>this specific training. MA OEMS has provisions for aid that can be rendered in technical rescue operations that the Central MA Tech Rescue team is unable to follow as there are not currently any members with the required training. This training would also permit the team to be deployed further than just its local region (I.e. throughout the Commonwealth or into New England). These specially trained members are also responsible for providing care to members of the team, both human and K9, during operations/incidents.</p>
Level of Training (awareness, performance, management, planning, conference)	Performance
Primary DHS National Preparedness Goal Mission Area	Response
Primary DHS National Preparedness Core Capability	Mass Search and Rescue Operations Public Health, Healthcare, and EMS
State or UASI Homeland Security Strategy Implementation Step (i.e., 5.9.1)	Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services Critical Transportation
Training Course in Sub-Recipient's MYTEP? (If yes, provide page #. If no, why is the new training necessary?)	Objective 6.4 - Build and maintain specialty response team capabilities to augment emergency response efforts, such as Incident Management Teams (IMT) and technical rescue teams.
<p>Training Provider Name *</p> <p>If an outside provider, were available DHS-funded and state-provided trainings considered?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	Massachusetts Task Force 1
Course Date(s) *	April 27 th to May 1 st 2026
Disciplines of Participants *	EMS- Paramedics
Attach Training Brochure or provide Web Address (<u>not</u> the course curriculum) *	matf.org
An Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) Screening Form may need to be submitted to EOPSS for DHS review and approval <u>before</u> a training can be conducted. Review the training description and EHP Guidance, in particular FEMA Policy 108-023-1. Then indicate if an EHP review is necessary, supporting a 'no' decision with a specific justification statement.	<p>EHP is not needed as it is a designated training site by FEMA.</p> <p>Massachusetts Task Force 1 Cache & Training Site 43 Airport Road Beverly, MA 01915</p>

* This information can be an estimation, with an update provided later to EOPSS.

TRR Budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
Instructor/Consultant Cost(s)	\$3,275.00 x 8 people= \$26,200.00
Estimated First Responder Backfill (BF) / Overtime (OT) Cost(s) <i>(Please list by discipline.)</i>	\$40 per hour x 40 hour class x 8 people= \$12,800.00
Facility Rental Cost(s)	
Supply Cost(s) <i>(Specify and provide AELs as applicable.)</i>	
Food Cost(s) <i>(Only allowable for events 5 hours or longer; agenda and sign-in sheet required for reimbursement.)</i>	
Other Costs <i>(Specify and provide AELs as applicable. Include travel costs here.)</i>	
TOTAL	\$39,000.00

Council Approval: 3/04/2025
 Sent to EOPSS: 3/20/2025
 EOPSS Approval:

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3. For SHSP-funded homeland security region sub-recipients, this form must be sent to your EOPSS Program Coordinator within one week following the council’s vote to approve the training. For all other sub-recipients, this form must be sent in at least 30 days prior to the training (additional time recommended for DHS-funded courses).
4. Review the current version of the *Guidance for Using Federal Homeland Security Funds for Trainings and Exercises* at www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-and-training/homeland-sec/grants/hs-grant-guidance-and-policies.html.

Please provide the information requested below.

Date Form Submitted	1.4.2023
Sub-Recipient Name and its POC and e-mail	Regional Swift Water Teams Author – Chief Gary Fleischer Fleischergr@gmail.com
FFY & Grant Program of Funding, and PJ # if applicable	FY23-4.02
Date of Council or JPOC approval, if applicable	3/04/2025
Course Title & DHS course ID if applicable *	Swiftwater/Flood Rescue Technician
Briefly Describe Course Purpose and Regional Need(s) - Documented Gap(s) Bring Addressed	The Swift Water Rescue Team includes members from across the Central Region. The Team can be activated by any community to respond to man-made incidents by domestic violence extremism or natural disasters. As of 2011 Worcester County has 470 public and private dams, the most in the state

	and are subject to domestic terrorism or natural events. Wachusett Dam in Clinton is the largest dam in the state and retains approximately 65 billion gallons of water over 7 square miles. Also in 2011, 32 of the 100 highest hazard dams were in Worcester County. High hazard dams are considered of the poorest condition with the most potential property and people affected. These dams could be easily attacked by a domestic terror group which would result in the most collateral damage. A well trained Swift Water Rescue Team would help to reduce the loss of life and environmental impact in these areas.
Level of Training (awareness, performance, management, planning, conference)	Performance
Primary DHS National Preparedness Goal Mission Area	Response
Primary DHS National Preparedness Core Capability	Mass Search and Rescue Operations
State or UASI Homeland Security Strategy Implementation Step (i.e., 5.9.1)	Objective 6.3
Training Course in Sub-Recipient's MYTEP? (If yes, provide page #. If no, why is the new training necessary?)	Page 6 SWIFT Water Rescue Certification Level I & II Fire District 7
Training Provider Name * If an outside provider, were available DHS-funded and state-provided trainings considered? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Training is provided for free to swift water rescue team members from bordering states.
Course Date(s) *	Various dates from April-October
Disciplines of Participants *	Any discipline that is a member of a regional swift water team.
Attach Training Brochure or provide Web Address (<u>not</u> the course curriculum) *	https://www.dhses.ny.gov/swift-water-and-flood-training-swft-0
An Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) Screening Form may need to be submitted to EOPSS for DHS review and approval <u>before</u> a training can be conducted. Review the training description and EHP Guidance, in particular FEMA Policy 108-023-1. Then indicate if an EHP review is necessary, supporting a 'no' decision with a specific	Exempt under Section B. 1. d.

justification statement.	
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TRR Budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
Instructor/Consultant Cost(s)	0
Estimated First Responder Backfill (BF) / Overtime (OT) Cost(s) <i>(Please list by discipline.)</i>	0
Facility Rental Cost(s)	0
Supply Cost(s) <i>(Specify and provide AELs as applicable.)</i>	0
Food Cost(s) <i>(Only allowable for events 5 hours or longer; agenda and sign-in sheet required for reimbursement.)</i>	\$3,240 per diem
Other Costs <i>(Specify and provide AELs as applicable. Include travel costs here.)</i>	\$5,184 Lodging \$4,050 Milage/Travel
TOTAL	\$12,474.00

Budget is based on a maximum of 36 students. Pier Diem is based on OGR rates per student for 3 days each. Travel is based 2 students carpooling at an average of 500 miles round trip at OGR rates. Lodging is based on double occupancy, 3 night stay at GSA rates.



Central Region Homeland Security Training Opportunity



Summer/ Fall 2026

Members of Swift Water Rescue Teams in Central Massachusetts are being given the opportunity to participate in the New York Preparedness Training Center's (NYPTC) Swift Water and Flood Training (SWFT).

Opened in 2018, Swift Water and Flood Training is a state-of-the-art complex that provides a unique training environment for swift water and flood rescue training and emergency boat operations. The complex, run by the officials from the Office of Fire and Prevention Control, incorporates a city block that can flood, a swift water channel, a vehicle in water rescue prop, a three-acre pond, and a high-angle rope rescue tower. See SWFT in action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdZz80D4BAc>

The Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council will reimburse the following for the students:

- Per Diem (Food) is based on Office of Grants and Research rates for 3 days per each student.
- Travel is based on 2 students carpooling for an average of 500 miles round trip at OGR rates. (There is no reimbursement for municipal vehicles, only PVs)
- Lodging is based on double occupancy for a 3 night stay at GSA rates.

The class is offered free of charge and there is NO backfill and overtime available.

Process to apply for the program:

1. Follow this link to create a student account with NYPTC: <https://lmsportal-dhSES.ny.gov/acadisviewer/WebForms/Public/UserDataCollector.aspx?ID=1791af8a-0f7b-457d-addc-487f42916a22>
2. Once logged in, go to DHSES Available Trainings and choose a class to register for or be put on the wait list. NOTE: *Classes have a maximum number of students. 30 days before the class, the students will find out if they are enrolled. There is a priority order to student enrollment and New York Swift Team members have priority over the boarded state Swift Team members.*



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Please provide the information requested below.

Date Form Submitted	7/24/2025
Sub-Recipient Name and its POC and e-mail	Shawn Green sgreen@shrewsburyma.gov
FFY & Grant Program of Funding, and PJ # if applicable	FFY24 SHSP PJ24-C.06 D14 BF/ OT
Date of Council or JPOC approval, if applicable	2/6/2024
Course Title & DHS course ID if applicable *	D14 BF/ OT Reimbursement Funding
Briefly Describe Course Purpose and Regional Need(s) - Documented Gap(s) Bring Addressed	The Massachusetts Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Team has been active since 2000. The team conducts monthly training drills, 10 annually, to keep the members proficient in their skills. This training focuses on discipline specific skills as outlined in NFPA 1006. The Massachusetts Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Team is a regional response asset that provides specialized search and rescue skills to the 23 communities in the Fire District 14 response area. This is a service area of

	<p>approximately 388 square miles with a population over 460,000 people. Additionally, the team is part of region 3 of the Statewide Technical Rescue assets and is available to respond to any of the other 5 regions if needed.</p> <p>This project proposal is for Backfill and Overtime to help offset the budget impact of the five departments in the Central Mass region who have members participating in the annual training of the technical rescue team. The team conducts ten, 8-hour drills annually (no drills in July and August). The total amount requested will be reimbursed over these ten months.</p>
Level of Training (awareness, performance, management, planning, conference)	Performance
Primary DHS National Preparedness Goal Mission Area	Response
Primary DHS National Preparedness Core Capability	Mass Search & Rescue Operations
State or UASI Homeland Security Strategy Implementation Step (i.e., 5.9.1)	Objective 6.4 - Build and maintain specialty response team capabilities to augment emergency response efforts, such as Incident Management Teams (IMT) and technical rescue teams.
Training Course in Sub-Recipient's MYTEP? (If yes, provide page #. If no, why is the new training necessary?)	Yes, Fire Districts 7, 8 and 14 Tech Rescue & Dive Team Training.
<p>Training Provider Name *</p> <p>If an outside provider, were available DHS-funded and state-provided trainings considered?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	D14 Tech Rescue Teams
Course Date(s) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 10, 2025- Tree Rescue and Confined Space (Error in date on prior TRR) • January 13th - Maynard Confined Space • February 10th Natick Search • March 10th, Westboro Trench • April 14th Marlboro Confined Space • May 12th Hudson Rope • June 9th Wayland Wide area search • September 8th, Holliston Rope with a wide area • October 13th Ashland Rope • November 10th, Natick, Heavy lifting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 8th Milford Structural Collapse
Disciplines of Participants *	D14 Central Region Technical Rescue Team Members
Attach Training Brochure or provide Web Address (not the course curriculum) *	N/A
An Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) Screening Form may need to be submitted to EOPSS for DHS review and approval <u>before</u> a training can be conducted. Review the training description and EHP Guidance, in particular FEMA Policy 108-023-1. Then indicate if an EHP review is necessary, supporting a 'no' decision with a specific justification statement.	No as all trainings are held at designated training facilities.

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TRR Budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
Instructor/Consultant Cost(s)	
Estimated First Responder Backfill (BF) / Overtime (OT) Cost(s) <i>(Please list by discipline.)</i>	\$37,360.00
Facility Rental Cost(s)	
Supply Cost(s) <i>(Specify and provide AELs as applicable.)</i>	
Food Cost(s) <i>(Only allowable for events 5 hours or longer; agenda and sign-in sheet required for reimbursement.)</i>	
Other Costs <i>(Specify and provide AELs as applicable. Include travel costs here.)</i>	
TOTAL	\$37,360.00

Estimated Figures:	Overtime	Backfill	Total
January	\$2,880	\$800	\$3,680
February	\$2,560	\$1,200	\$3,760
March	\$2,560	\$1,200	\$3,760
April	\$2,560	\$1,200	\$3,760
May	\$2,560	\$1,200	\$3,760
June	\$2,560	\$1,200	\$3,760
September	\$3,520	\$0.00	\$3,520
October	\$2,240	\$1,600	\$3,840
November	\$2,560	\$1,200	\$3,760
December	\$2,560	\$1,200	\$3,760
Total	\$26,560	\$10,800	\$37,360