

Agenda

Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (Virtual)

Monday July 13th, 2026

3:00pm

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- 1. Call To Order:** Chairman, Chief Dean Kochanowski
- 2. Minutes:**
- 3. New Business:**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. ALERRT AAIR (FFY24 D.01)
 - i. Discussion & vote
 - b. Discuss FFY26 NOFO and final vote on A/B list and plan
 - i. Discussion & vote
- 5. New Business Unforeseen by the Chair:**
- 6. Next Meeting:** September 1st, 2026
- 7. Adjourn**

* This meeting is audio recorded

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

Training Review Request (TRR)

This form must be completed and approved by EOPSS before a federal homeland security grant-funded training may occur. Before selecting a training or training provider keep the following in mind:

1. You must first consider available DHS-funded and state-provided trainings before seeking to hire an outside provider. DHS-funded courses are those offered by DHS/FEMA (i.e., Office of Bombing Prevention), the Emergency Management Institute, and providers associated with the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium and Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium. More information on DHS-funded trainings is at www.firstrespondertraining.gov and www.dhs.gov/bombing-prevention-training.
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	June 9, 2026
Sub-Recipient Name and its POC and e-mail	Seth Peters, CRHSAC speters@cmrpc.org Michael Dion, Uxbridge Fire Department mdion@uxbridge-ma.gov
FFY & Grant Program of Funding, and PJ # if applicable	FFY2020, FFY2021, FFY2023, & FFY2024 SHSP
Date of Council or JPOC approval, if applicable	
Course Title & DHS course ID if applicable *	Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR)
Briefly Describe Course Purpose and Regional Need(s) - Documented Gap(s) Bring Addressed	The Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR) is a performance level course designed to improve integration between law enforcement, fire, telecommunicator and emergency medical services (EMS) in active attack/shooter events. The course provides law enforcement officers with key medical skills based on tactical emergency casualty care

	(TECC) guidelines, which can be used at the point of injury (POI) to increase survivability of victims. The course also provides a model framework for law enforcement, fire, and EMS to integrate responses during an active attack/shooter event through the rescue task force concept outlined in NFPA 3000. This course has been designed to improve the safety and survivability of victims of active attack/shooter events and increase the effectiveness, coordination, and resource integration between law enforcement, fire, telecommunications and EMS when responding to these events. Training evolutions include practice and use of Unified Command IAW ICS guidelines. Participants of this course also receive a brief of the Statewide Interoperability Plan as well as exercising it with radio communications during practical exercises.
Level of Training (awareness, performance, management, planning, conference)	Awareness, performance, management
Primary DHS National Preparedness Goal Mission Area	Response, Recovery
Primary DHS National Preparedness Core Capability	Situational Assessment; Fire Management and Suppression; Infrastructure Systems; Mass Care Services; On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement; Operational Communications; Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
State or UASI Homeland Security Strategy Implementation Step (i.e., 5.9.1)	Objective 2.12 Enhance multi-disciplinary preparedness and response capabilities to address complex coordinated attacks. Objective 5.1 Develop and deliver statewide first responder training for schools, institutions of higher learning, large venues, and houses of worship for hostile threats and active shooters Objective 7.4 Advance triage and pre-hospital treatment capabilities, including medical triage, decontamination, and the administration of countermeasures, through support and personal protective measures for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers. Based on “Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Homeland Security Strategy 2020-2023”

Training Course in Sub-Recipient's MYTEP? (If yes, provide page #. If no, why is the new training necessary?)	Preparedness for active shooter events is outlined in the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for the town of Uxbridge. This includes "orientation" and functional/full-scale exercises.
Training Provider Name * If an outside provider, were available DHS-funded and state-provided trainings considered? ☐ YES ☐ NO	All instructors are certified AAIR instructors through the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center at Texas State University. Instructors will provide by regional departments and may be supported as needed by EOPSS and DFS. All course material is provided at no cost by ALERRT and all participants will receive a course certificate. Additionally, EOPSS is currently tracking all participants and updating Law Enforcement completion in Acadis.
Course Date(s) *	October 8- 9, 2026 October 15- 16, 2026
Disciplines of Participants *	<u>Participant Breakdown</u>: Total of 32 Seats per class 18 Law Enforcement 12 Fire/ EMS 2 Dispatchers Or Total of 42 Seats per class 22 Law Enforcement 18 Fire/ EMS 2 Dispatchers
Attach Training Brochure or provide Web Address (<u>not</u> the course curriculum) *	https://alerrt.org/course_types/AAIR
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, please see the attached memo from the Town of Uxbridge approving the site, 62 Capron St., for use as a fire and police training facility. No modification will be made to the structure to facilitate the training. This building has been used for local, state, and federal police/ fire training and drills since its closure in 2018. Additionally, this training does not require the installation of equipment, does not involve any ground disturbances, and is not on or in any bodies of water. An EHP will be submitted if this justification and the attached documentation are not sufficient.

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

TRR Budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
Instructor/Consultant Cost(s) for two courses Full OT/BF for up to 6 Instructors: 4 Instructors are required for a class of up to 32, 2 classes or 6 instructors for a class up to 42 people. Estimated around \$68 per hour for instructors. These estimated costs will cover the full overtime or backfill rate for instructors and is consistent with previous programs sponsored by CRHSAC and NERAC.	\$16,320.00
Estimated First Responder Backfill (BF) / Overtime (OT) Cost(s) <i>(Please list by discipline.)</i> Law Enforcement (22 Participants, 16 Hours, \$68, 2 Courses) Fire/ EMS (18 Participants, 16 Hours, \$68, 2 Courses) Dispatchers (2 Participants, 16 Hours, \$68, 2 Courses) Participant Total Calculated based on full-time employees, Call/ Volunteer participants will be reimbursed based on the applicable rate.	32 individuals for two courses: \$69,632.00 42 individuals for two courses: \$91,392.00
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>	\$0
Other Costs <i>(Specify and provide AELs as applicable. Include travel costs here.)</i>	\$0
TOTAL This is the total cost to provide 2 courses with up to 42 participants per course.	\$85,952 or \$107,712.00

A List Items	Description	Estimated Cost	Subcommittee	A/B/X	A - Allocation	Updated Allocation Option 1	Updated Allocation Option 2	Updated Allocation Option 3	Updated Allocation Option 4	Updated Allocation Option 5
CMRPC - CRHSAC Admin Costs	Regional Grant Admin costs	\$225,500.00	Planning	A	\$225,500.00	197,146.40	197,146.40	197,146.40	197,146.40	197,146.40
Enhancing Election Security- Fitchburg Regional Barricades	Regional moveable barricades to mitigate vehicle hostile threat at polling locations, special events and mass gatherings	\$250,491.40	Equipment	A/B	\$23,658.00	\$23,658.00	\$23,658.00	\$23,658.00	\$115,135.50	\$23,658.00
FD7 Dive Team Training	Rapid Deployment Search and Rescue / Recovery training program	\$10,000.00	Training	A	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
FD7 Dive Team Equipment	Rapid Deployment / Basic Scuba Diving equipment for the Mass Fire District 7 Regional Dive Team	\$27,130.00	Equipment	A	\$27,130.00	\$27,130.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,448.40
CMEMSC Tri-band Radios	Three response vehicles are currently equipped with UHF-only portable radio capabilities and need to be updated to comply with CoMIRS P25 Phase 2 standards and ensure full interoperability	\$50,429.70	Interoperability	A	\$50,429.70	\$50,429.70	\$50,429.70	\$50,429.70	\$50,429.70	\$50,429.70
FD7 Swiftwater Training (ITRA Bridge Program)	This program will bridge previous training with the International Technical Rescue Association level I/II standard as well as FEMA Water Rescue Specialist standard.	\$6,900.00	Training	A	6,900.00	6,900.00	6,900.00	6,900.00	6,900.00	6,900.00
FD7 Swiftwater Training (Boat Operator Training)	ITRA Swiftwater Boat Operator and FEMA 509 Boat Operator training to train and certify up to 12 members as Swiftwater Boat Operators	\$9,800.00	Training	A	9,800.00	9,800.00	9,800.00	9,800.00	9,800.00	9,800.00
Regional Heating Units (Auburn- overhaul 4 units and generators)	To service/refurbish the regional portable heating trailer cache of heating units and generators following a dramatic winter season and to support training to properly service these units in house	\$10,000.00	Equipment	A	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
D7 swiftwater rescue (PPE)	Purchase and deployment of 10 complete Swiftwater Rescue PPE operational kits to sustain and modernize the District 7 regional swiftwater capability. Equipment replacement is based on lifecycle age and alignment with current safety standards.	\$20,050.00	Equipment	A	\$20,050.00	\$20,050.00	\$20,050.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,549.10
Regional K9 Unit (Worcester)	Procurement of two police cruisers to support the Worcester Police Department' s Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) K-9 Teams.	\$146,388.00	Equipment	A	\$73,194.00	\$73,194.00	\$73,194.00	\$73,194.00	\$73,194.00	\$73,194.00
Hudson FD14 vehicle replacement & radio	On 8/5/2025 NERAC voted to designate the replacement of the Car 14 vehicle as an "A List" priority project for the Fiscal Year 2025 funds, earmarking \$250,000. It is important to note that the request to NERAC is solely for the Field Communications Unit itself and does not include new communications equipment. The total cost of replacing Car 14 and the required equipment is \$312,086. Since Fire District 14 has communities in both NERAC and CRHSAC, this project proposes that the cost is split between the different regions. The breakdown of Fire District 14 communities are about NERAC 72% and CRHSAC 28%	\$61,476.60	Equipment	A	\$61,476.60	\$61,476.60	\$61,476.60	\$61,476.60	\$61,476.60	\$61,476.60
Central Region TRT equipment	Region 3 Technical Rescue Equipment - All fire district TRTs in Central MA included	\$86,000.00	Equipment	A	\$86,000.00	\$44,297.50	\$71,427.50	\$51,477.50	\$0.00	\$58,480.00
Central Region D7 TRT prime mover	A goose neck trailer that can accommodate a higher GVW and the full cache of structural response equipment was donated to D7. This trailer however needs a vehicle equipped to tow the vehicle appropriately and safely.	\$122,000.00	Equipment	A	\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00
CEMLEC SWAT night vision goggles (x30)	Procure thirty (30) Night Vision Devices with mounts and battery packs for the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (CEMLEC) SWAT team.	\$132,503.41	Equipment	A	\$132,503.41	\$132,503.41	\$132,503.41	\$132,503.41	\$132,503.41	\$132,503.41
Total		\$1,158,669.11			\$858,641.71	\$788,585.61	\$788,585.61	\$788,585.61	\$788,585.61	\$788,585.61

FFY2025 Funding Award

\$834,983.71

Unallocated

(\$23,658.00)

(\$323,685.40)

B List Items		Estimated Cost	Subcommittee	List
Regional Health & Safety Plan (Phase 3 - moved from FFY25)	Regional all hazards continued planning including Evac Plans and Maps	\$60,000.00	Planning	B
CEMLEC SWAT night vision goggles (x30)	Procure thirty (30) Night Vision Devices with mounts and battery packs for the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (CEMLEC) SWAT team.	\$100,180.59	Equipment	B
Fitchburg Regional Barricades	Regional moveable barricades to mitigate vehicle hostile threat at polling locations, special events and mass gatherings	\$250,491.40	Equipment	B
Worce County Sheriff's Mobile Command Unit (refurb)	The mobile command has many analog systems with outdated technology. The updates will bring more capabilities to better serve the cities and towns, improve interoperability.	\$358,424.00	Equipment	B
Douglas Aggressive Command Training	Combat reday Fire training - Aggressive incident command training	\$28,500.00	Training	B
Bolton Fire - Hostile threat/public gathering resource trailer	Outfit a field operations trailer for local agencies to include dispatch, traffic control, crowd monitoring, planning, staging supplies.	\$217,400.00	Equipment	B
QCC - Worcester Colleges Regional Message Board Trailer	The college is looking to be the host site of a trailer sign board available for community notification, emergency management use, and regional deployment.	\$16,867.00	Equipment	B

Total		\$1,031,862.99		
Denied Funding Projects	Description	Estimated Cost		
Regional K9 Unit (Millbury)	Purchase of a vehicle dedicated to both local operations and regional responses through the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (CEMLEC) K9 Unit to support the continued sustainability of the Firearms Detection, Tracking, and Patrol K9 Program serving Central Massachusetts.	\$86,628.50	Equipment	X
Worce County Sheriff's Mobile Command Unit (new)	To better serve public safety and law enforcement SWAT, Hostage Negotiation, fire, and rescue services. MEMA, FEMA, and Homeland Security for critical incidents. The new mobile command center would better address gaps in capabilities to handle high-impact events. Investing in planning, organization, and training exercises.	\$760,463.00	Equipment	X
Uxbridge PD Mobile Command Post/Patrol Vehicle	Purchase and installation of a rack system into a patrol vehicle to function as a mobile command post. A multi-jurisdictional P-25 dual band radio will be installed in the rack system as well as a mobile command board to facilitate command and control.	\$18,500.00	Equip/InterOp	X