



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*Massachusetts  
Technical Rescue  
Coordinating Council*

# **2023 Annual Report**

**Iain McGregor  
Chairman**

Chief Matthew Belsito – Vice Chairman

Undersecretary Susan Terrey

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey

Chief Michael Mansfield

Jason Saunders

June 2023

The Council, as established in Chapter 217 of the Acts of 2018, and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 22D s.6, is tasked with the overall coordination of a statewide technical rescue response program. The Council consists of the Secretary of Public Safety and Security, the State Fire Marshal, and five (5) appointees of the Governor, two (2) of whom shall be members of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts, Inc., two (2) of whom shall be members of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, and one (1) who shall be selected from a regional technical rescue team to represent the statewide teams as a whole.

The Council has several statutory functions including, but not limited to:

- Organizing and coordinating technical rescue services throughout the Commonwealth
- Developing uniform standards, rules, and procedures for the operation of a statewide technical rescue service program, and
- Establishing cost recovery mechanisms for technical rescue services provided within a technical rescue region
- Administering the Technical Rescue Services Fund

Council Activity July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023:

- Iain McGregor was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council.
- Michael Pavone was nominated as Vice Chairman of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council.
- Chief Matthew Belsito was nominated as Vice Chairman of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council in June 2023.
- Membership of the Commission was changed as follows:
  - Michael Pavone of Boston Fire Department was appointed in August 2022 to fill the vacancy for a member of a technical rescue team on behalf of all statewide technical rescue regions.
  - Michael Pavone of Boston Fire Department resigned his seat in May 2023 creating a vacancy for a member of a technical rescue team on behalf of all statewide technical rescue regions.
  - Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa-Thorpe served as the designee for the Secretary of Public Safety and Security until June 2023, at which point Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey began serving in that role.
  - Names have been submitted to the Governor's Office to fill the vacancy for representative position for a member of a technical rescue team on behalf of all statewide technical rescue regions.
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- Multiple Policies, SOP, and SOG were added to the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) plan.



- Membership application for admission to a state technical rescue team were adopted.
- Subcommittees are meeting regularly creating detailed portions of the technical rescue system.
- Statewide Mobilization Exercise Planning subcommittee was created to plan a 2024 event.
- No funds were received or expended by the Council.

The Council anticipates continued progress during 2024 to include a joint full scale statewide exercise and the creation of a funding plan. The complexity of coordinating and merging technical rescue services across the commonwealth is a challenging task to endeavor.