



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*Massachusetts
Technical Rescue
Coordinating Council*

2022 Annual Report

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Chairman

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State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
Chief Matthew Belsito
Jason Saunders

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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, 2021 – June 30, 2022:

- Iain McGregor was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council.
- Chief Michael Mansfield was nominated as Vice Chairman of the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council.
- Membership of the Commission was changes as follows:
 - Chief Matthew R. Belsito of Sutton Fire Department was appointed to fill the vacancy for representation from the Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts.
 - Deputy Chief Jason Saunders of Lenox Fire was appointed to fill the vacancy for representation from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts.
 - One vacancy for representative position for a member of technical rescue team on behalf of all statewide technical rescue regions.
- Concept of Operations (CONOPS) plan was implemented to document uniform rules and standards as created by the sub committees and approved by the council
- Membership requirements for admission to a technical rescue team were adopted.
- Subcommittees have been established and are meeting regularly.
- No funds were received or expended by the Council.

The Council anticipates continued progress during 2023. The complexity of technical rescue services provides unique challenges to the implementation.