



Massachusetts Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Team

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FY 2020 Year End Report

Activation

- 3 activation
 - Stow – Large Area Search, missing child
 - Southborough – Large Area Search, missing person
 - Concord – Trench Rescue

Membership

- 3 (Three) members added.
 - Peter Ostroskey – Concord
 - Mitchell Mabardy – Wayland
 - Patrick Walkinshaw - Wayland
- 2 (Two) Potential candidates interviewed. Each need one of the minimum requirements. They were enrolled into the needed MFA course this past spring. All spring courses were cancelled due to COVID, will get them enrolled ASAP.
- 1 (One) candidate was out of the country when interviews took place. He has all the minimum requirements, plus. An interview will be scheduled ASAP.

This brings our team staffing to 31

- Does not include the director or assistant director positions.
- Does not include Rich Briggs – Ashland PD and K-9 search. Rich is a member however does not drill regular and will respond special call for K-9 needs.
- Continuing toward rounding out the numbers to 40 max.

Training

- 2 Drills in 2020. All training was suspended due to COVID in March.
- Future training needs include;
 - Large Animal Rescue
 - National Guard Air Frame orientation and check off to fly
 - SCT – This is the recognized structural collapse training nationwide. Some of our members have it, most do not. To be consistent with the other teams, we need it.



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Equipment

- All members have been issued new helmets and class III harnesses by the district.
 - Two of the three new members were issued a class III harness. The third needs to have one ordered.
 - All three have been issued helmets.
- Looking at pricing to purchase all-weather gear for the team.

Other

- 4-squad format is working well. Squad Leaders and Assistant Squad Leaders have been taking a more active role in training and leadership functions
- MGL Chapter 22D, Section 6(b) - Technical Rescue Coordinating Council update.
 - The statewide Regional Team's representative seat was recently vacated due to retirement.
 - Applications have been submitted. No appointment has been made yet.

Respectfully submitted,

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Operations Chief