

# MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT FOURTEEN

## MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2024

### Westborough Fire HQ

#### Present:

Chief Purcell	Chief Judge	Chief Dutcher	Chief Daugherty
Chief Robie	Chief Colby	Deputy Kelley	Chief Nelson
Chief Whalen	Chief Breen	Chief Sorrows	Chief Daige
Chief Lawless	A/Chief Choate	Chief Desautels	Chief Kivlan
Chief McPherson	Chief Young	A/Chief Whitney	
Deputy Moraghan	A/Chief Latta	A/Chief Schultz	

#### Absent:

Acton      Stow      Northborough      Natick      Southborough      Sherborn

#### Meeting called to order @ 9:04 AM

- Acceptance of October minutes. Motion made by Schultz, seconded by McPherson and voted unanimously to accept the October minutes as presented.

#### Treasurer

- Chief McPherson presented the October Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Whalen, seconded by Schultz, and voted unanimously to accept the October Treasurer's report as read.

Committee reports for FIU, CRHSAC, Communications Team, CISM, Fire Mobilization Committee, Dive Team and Tech Rescue Team were sent out to the group prior to the meeting in an email.

#### New Business

- District 14 Fire Warden Brian Johnson gave an update on what has been going on in District 14 and throughout the state. There have been 25-30 fires since October, and about seventy total for the year. He handed out a wildfire occurrence map (attached). Chief Judge asked if they want to be notified of even relatively small fires to which Warden Johnson replied yes. Chief Young asked about notification of fire bans such as reverse 911, besides just being posted on city/town website. Chief Purcell stated Code Red. Non-criminal ticketing was mentioned by Chief Judge. Warden Johnson can be reached at [brian.r.johnson@mass.gov](mailto:brian.r.johnson@mass.gov) or 508-497-0147.

- Shawn Green, Acting Program Coordinator from DFS gave a brief update on Special Ops and what they do and what they have to offer. He brought a new trailer to the meeting for viewing. Special Ops started in 1999 and falls under the Hazmat division. About fifty-seven members on the team, divided into three districts. Our district is the north district, and all equipment is in Stow. Their goal is to support firefighters, police, and law enforcement with extra assistance for rehab, communications, command post, HVAC, and generators at no cost to communities. They also can help with pre-planned events like parades and large-scale events. They can offer equipment such as, but not limited to, rehab trucks, UTV's, a giant, inflatable tent that can be heated or cooled, HVAC unit, lighting trailers and plants and drones. For immediate response call MEMA at 508-820-2000, pre-planned events call 978-567-3171 or email [dfs-tm-special@mass.gov](mailto:dfs-tm-special@mass.gov)
- Chief Judge paused the meeting at 9:39 AM to take a walk through the incident support trailer.
- Meeting resumed at 9:54 AM with comments or questions on committee reports that had been submitted.
- Chief Purcell had a question about CISM peer support team and adding a new clinician. Much discussion about the bylaws and application process of District 14 due to application oversight. Chief Judge stated that the executive board needs to be informed of any difference of opinion. Chief Judge also stated that we should review bylaws, look at onboarding, stay consistent and revisit any application that was denied.
- Car 14 broke down and was towed by CBK Towing from Route 2 in North Andover to Framingham. The vehicle was repaired, and Chief Dutcher will forward the invoice to District 14.
- Chief Judge spoke about Chief McPherson speaking with Representative Gentile's aide, Ravi, at the legislative breakfast and them expressing interest in funding Car 14 for us. Chief Judge wrote something up for them and they plan to start moving forward on this. Chief Judge will forward to the district what he sent to Representative Gentile. Chief Breen asked about specific vehicle to which the response was no. Discussion about writing a grant through AFG or NERAC. Discussion from Chief Young about a legislative committee within District 14. Chief Purcell responded that Chief Ferschke is the district representative for FCAM and there is a legislative committee there. Do not want opposite initiatives.
- Chief Purcell spoke about the FCAM meeting to be held next Wednesday, November 20, 2024, online or in person. He also brought up the December 18, 2024, meeting to be held at the Renaissance Hotel at Patriot Place. Meeting from 12:00 - 1:00 and then a holiday event will be held with DFS members and others. If you received a legislative earmark, you should be hearing back next week. Please refrain from calling.
- Bellingham Fire Department has applied for associate membership to District 14, much like Weston Fire Department. Bylaws allow this. They pay half the dues. This allows them to participate in our teams and our resources. The request letter from Chief Miller was in the agenda packet. Chief Sorrows asked if they are paying us to offer us their resources to which Chief Judge responded yes. Motion made by

Choate, seconded by Kelley, and voted unanimously to accept Bellingham Fire as an associate member.

- Chief Breen brought up the training opportunity on November 26, 2024, in Marlborough. Seats are still available.
- Chief Sorrows brought up the Acton trailer needing a floor. Discussion about fixing or getting rid of it. Chief Judge asked who owns it and who insures it. Chief Young will evaluate the trailer, see who owns it and come back with proposals.
- Chief McPherson discussed the balance of the Middlesex bank account and getting better interest in the Fidelity account. Motion made by McPherson to move \$55,000.00 from Middlesex Bank to Fidelity, seconded by Breen and voted unanimously to accept.
- Assistant Chief Choate brought up the recent Mobilization Unit activations. Much discussion about the CalTopo app. Chief Judge offers looking into having Concord Firefighter Jesse coming in and training with the CalTopo app (which is useful and free). Chief Judge asked the Fire Warden to push out more safety information.

#### **Old Business**

- No old business.

Chief Judge makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by McPherson and voted unanimously to accept.

**Meeting adjourned @ 11:04 AM**

Next meeting will be December 12, 2024, in Sudbury, MA.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dianne Arsenault*

Coordinator



Fire Investigation Team

October 2024

**Activation:**

The team was activated 3 times in the month of October to the following towns:

**October**

10/12/2024		Jared Crowley (Acton), Mark Exarhopoulos (Hudson)
4	Acton	
10/18/2024		J. Crowley (Acton), Lloyd Burke (Carlisle)
4	Acton	
10/30/2024	Wayland	Ken McGuire (Wayland), Dave Nichols (Concord)
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**Updates:**

The FIU met in Hudson on October 29, and we had 12 members attend the meeting, along with Matt Hartnett from the ATF. We discussed the following:

1. Team organization & leadership structure
2. Activation protocols
3. I am Responding ("IAR") – D14 activation platform
4. Team SOG's- draft has been sent to the members for review
5. Standardized forms- current templates
6. Meeting frequency- discussed meeting every month, except summer months, for consistency and training together as a unit. This lines up with other teams
7. Training – Expectation & Confirmation Bias
8. Next Meeting - January 28, 2025 (host TBD)

In addition, attached is the sign-in sheet for the meeting/ training and the current team activation with participating members.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Latta Jr.



Chairman FIT

District 14 Fire Investigation Unit

Number of fires investigated

Activations	City/Town	Investigators	Number of fires investigated
May			
12-May	Sherborn	Lloyd Burke	7*
15-May	Hopkinton	Jared Crowley	6*
24-May	Carlise	Anita Amum	2*
31-May	Stow	Marc Exahopoulos	2
		Jenn Hureau	1*
		Tim Neufell	1
		Dave Nichols	2
		Jim Foley	2
June		Gregg Silverio	1
2-Jun	Westborough	Mark Tomyl	2*
4-Jun	Maynard	James Gemelli	1
14-Jun	Lincoln	Dana Haagensen	1
18-Jun	Concord	Wayland member	1
		Neil MacGilvery	1
		Josh McLeod	1
		Ken McGuire	1
July			
7/17/2024	Concord	Jared Crowley-Acton	
7/25/2024	Natick	Jenn Hureau-Maynard, Jared Crowley & Anita Amum- Acton, Lloyd Burke- Carlisle, John- Wayland and MSP	
		Tim Neufell-Lincoln, Lloyd Burke-Carlisle	
		Dave Nichols and Jim Foley-Concord, Gregg Silverio-Stow, Lloyd Burke-Carlisle, and MSP	
August			
8/15/2024	Sudbruy	Jim Foley-Concord, Mark Tomyl-Maynard, James Gemelli- Wayland, Lloyd Burke-Carlise	
		Dana Haagensen-Frammingham, Natick Police	
		Neil MacGilvery(Sudbruy PD) Josh McLeod (Sudbury Fire- on duty) Jared Crowley (Acton)	
October			
10/12/2024	Acton	Jared Crowley (Acton), Mark Exathopoulos (Hudson)	
10/18/2024	Acton	Jared Crowley (Acton), Lloyd Burke (Carlise)	
10/30/2024	Wayland	Ken McGuire (Wayland), Dave Nichols (Concord)	

# Sign IN FIU 10/19

	Name	Dept	email
1	Walter Latta	Concord	Wlatta@concordia.edu
2	James Foley	Concord	JFoley@concordia.edu
3	Jose Rosenkrantz	Northwood	Jrosen@northwood.edu
4	Ken Leary	Natick	ossifae123@yahoo.com
5	Nick McGowan	Seaside	MEG1013@seaside.edu
6	Lloyd Burke	Carlisle	lburke@concordia.net
7	EJ Nicholas	Western	nicholas.e@western.edu
8	Peter Bowman	Westleigh	Pbowman@westleigh.edu
9	Del W. Campbell	Whittier	Dgcamp@whittier.edu
10	Chris Dubois	Westleigh	CDUBOIS@westleigh.edu
11	Scott Navarra	Southleigh	Snavara@southleigh.edu
12	Anna Aron	Aron	AARON@ARONIA.EDU
13	David Nichols	Concord	dnichols@concordia.edu
14	Matt F. Hartnett	ATF	matthartnett@atf.gov

**D14 Departments:**

- Hopedale, Milford, Northborough, Shrewsbury, Southborough & Westborough

**Financial reports:**

- FY2021 funding allocated and spend down
- FY2022 allocated and must be spent down by July 1
- FY2023 A & B list projects identified
- FY2024 A & B list projects identified

**Equipment subcommittee:**

- Project updates:
  - Dive Team Equipment (FD 7, 8, 14)
  - TRT Extrication Equipment (FD 7, 8 & 14)
  - High-Water Prime Movers
- New projects:
  - Approved purchase of Election Security – moveable bollards (Central Region asset)
  - Approved purchase of jersey barriers (regional distribution)
- Other Business:
  - EV fire blankets, discussion on purchasing for Central Region fire departments
  - Approved new Lettering Policy and funding cap
  - Approved Trailer lettering for PPE trailers
  - Moved and approved Side Scan Sonar form FFY24 B-list

**Training subcommittee:**

- Project updates:
  - ALERRT AAIR (Uxbridge program)
    - Courses scheduled and funded through 2024 & 2025
  - Southbridge ASHER Training (AAIR) approved by EOPSS
  - Approved D7 Underwater Vehicle Extrication Training
  - Approved BF/OT (\$72k) for Advanced Structural Shoring Training
  - Approved place holder funds (\$28k) for future CEMLEC Special Operations Training & Exercise
- New projects:
  - Approved funding BF/OT and instructors for (3) Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) trainings throughout the region
  - Approved funding instructors for the following All-Hazard Incident Management Courses
    - Liaison Officer
    - Division/Group Supervisor
    - Strike Team/Task Force Leader
  - *\*\* We are looking for locations to host these courses in the Spring or Fall 2025 \*\**
- Other Business:
  - Regional HSEEP Exercise:

- The funds (\$28.6k) required to be allocated to a Statewide exercise have been returned with requirement that they are spend on an HSEEP exercise within a single HLS Region or jointly between multiple regions.
- Discussion on training location & dates for Last Seen Point course

**Interoperability subcommittee:**

- Project updates:
  - None
- New projects:
  - None
- Other Business:
  - None
- State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) updates:
  - None

**Mass Care subcommittee:**

- Project updates:
  - Funding for Regional PPE Trailers Lettering approved by Equipment Subcommittee
- New projects:
  - None
- Other Business:
  - None

**Cybersecurity subcommittee:**

- Project updates:
  - None
- New projects:
  - None
- Other business:
  - None

**Partner reports:**

- MAPC:
  - No report
- CMRPC:
  - No report
- MEMA:
  - No report
- EOPPS:
  - No report
- CISA:
  - Heavy focus on election and polling site security assessments and enhancements

**Next Meeting:**

- December 3rd

**Reported & submitted by:**

*Neal P. Aspesi*

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Northborough Fire Department, Deputy Chief

CRHSAC Emergency Management Representative / Training Subcommittee Chair

## District 14 Communications Team Report

November 13, 2024

### **Recent Activations and Activities since last report:**

- 10/25/2024 – Response with 14A task force to Wilmington.
- 10/26/2024 – Response with 14B task force to Wilmington. This request went unfilled. Most team members were on duty and unable to get coverage.
- 10/28/2024 – Communications team meeting held at Sudbury Fire.
- 10/29/2024 – Response with 14A task force to Salem.
- 10/30/2024 – Response with 14B task force to Salem.
- 11/01/2024 – Response to Westborough for a dive team activation. Cancelled enroute.
- 11/10/2024 – Response with 14C task force to North Reading
- 11/13/2024 – Response with 14 Structural Tender Strike Team to North Andover.

### **Current Issues:**

- Last communications drill occurred on 10/28/2024. Three new members went through orientation. They have been cleared to respond to calls in with another senior team member. All members drilled on portable operation, setting up tactical repeaters, and creating comms plans.
- On 11/10/2024, the crew taking Car 14 with the task force found the batteries to be dead. It took a while to get the vehicle charged and on the road. On 11/11/2024 the batteries for the vehicle were replaced and the truck was operating normally.
- AFG application period runs from November 12 to December 20.
- On 11/13 when returning from North Andover Car 14 broke down and was towed to Framingham HQ. Will follow up on the truck on 11/14.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Francis

District 14 Communications Manager

## District 14 Critical Incident Stress Management Report

November 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Recent Activations and Activity

**10/6/24** – Stow requested a diffusing for an MVA incident. The incident involved a motorcycle resulting in a gruesome death. 3 fire peers and 1 police peer responded for the diffusing.

**10/23/24** – Holliston – Fire department responded to a dumpster fire. After the fire was extinguished, it was realized that a pile near the dumpster was a body that turned out to be a suicide. 3 peers responded

**10/28/24** – Westborough requested a response after a prolonged extrication after an MVA. One of the family members did not survive while family members did causing a sad and stressful scene. 1 peer was able to catch the crew when they returned to the station.

**10/28/24** – Natick reached out to the ClsSM team to see if we could coordinate assistance for their DPW who unexpectedly lost a member of the DPW. We do not do this often, however, we were able to coordinate a CMB. A CMB is similar to a news briefing after a critical incident where one or two people present facts from one source followed by grief counselors who educate everyone on stages of grief and available resources. Our team leader and 1 peer responded.

**11/11/24** – Shrewsbury Police requested a response for a civilian suicide. 1 police peer and 1 fire peer were able to attend for a diffusing.

### Meetings and Team plans

New team member – We recently added a new clinician to our CISM team. Clinicians are required for debriefings as we ask 1<sup>st</sup> responders to recall cognitive feelings. ICISF requires this only be done with a licensed clinician. A defusing is designed for factual recall of events. Christian Williams is an experience health clinician that also teaches psychology in her spare time. She has experience working with first responders where she was highly recommended by members on our team. She will be a great addition to our team. This brings us up to 3 clinicians, but we are still looking to add clergy members. If any department has a chaplain that is interested, please let me know.

As we travel from police department to fire department we are often greeted with open arms. Although we appreciate the hospitality, we realize this may violate some security policies. We are working on team photo ID cards. This is now a requirement from the Mass state peer support network for coordinators, so we are adopting for our whole team. We hope that all team members will be required to present ID prior to gaining access to various police and fire departments so that you can all maintain security and policies.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Young

## November 2024 Fire Mobilization Report

On Oct. 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> TEEX conducted a class for the District's Chiefs for ICS forms. After the TEEX ICS forms class was completed for the day the refresher class for D14 Strike teams and D14 Fire/EMS Mobilization was held. The refresher reviewed recent changes in the plans and reviewed activation procedures within the district and out of the district. This updated training program was uploaded to the D14 website.

On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Forestry TF 14 A was activated for deployment to Wilmington. This was the first of six D14 TF activations between Oct. 25 and Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. At the time of this writing there have been 24 task force activations statewide in a little over two weeks.

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>- 14A- Wilmington- Crews activated for immediate deployment to Wilmington. Chief Colby was TFL and Chief Lawless was Safety/Accountability. Rally point was Acton and Chief Arnum was great assistance in getting area for us and addressing construction detours. Crews briefed and convoyed to staging. Crews worked fire lines. Car 14 not used. Operations were with UTAC 43D.

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>- 14B- Wilmington- Crews activated for on the 25<sup>th</sup> deployment to Wilmington for 0800 at staging. Chief Kivlan was TFL and Chief McPherson was Safety/Accountability. Rally point was Concord HS. Crews briefed and convoyed to staging. Crews worked fire lines for aggressive overhaul. Major issues with water supply and connections and D14 was assigned to create water supply. Car 14 not used. Operations were with UTAC 43D.

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>-14A Salem- Crews activated for immediate deployment to Salem. Per Salem Chief and Fire Mob. Chair, houses were threatened, deck guns in operation and Blackhawk for water drops was being diverted. Chief's Colby and Puntini were unavailable and Chief Lawless was delayed in response. Chief Kivlan from 14B was available as TFL and AC Whitney would be Safety/Accountability. Chief Lawless was able to make it to rally point prior to leaving. Chief Lawless would be safety and Whitney would be Safety/Accountability. Rally point was Concord Carlisle HS. Crews briefed and convoyed to staging. At staging SFD Chief worked with D14 Coord. for access and IAP. TFL Kivlan set up apparatus assignments. Car 14 set up Events 3 for comms. All D14 Officers and SFD command and ops worked this channel. Intra-district comms stayed on red. ANG Blackhawk completed water drops and D14 went into woods, established supply lines and worked the fire. Crews made great progress and in one case brought the line almost up to the back door of a house.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 14B Salem- Crews were called up on 29<sup>th</sup> for 0830 staging at same location in Salem. 0630 assembly point in Concord at MCI. 14B was led by TFL Kivlan, Safety- Young, and Accountability- Whitney. Briefing held and crews convoyed to Salem. Met SFD at staging. IC assigned 14B to same spot as yesterday and crews went into woods to work. Car 14 used Events 3 and same comms plan was used. By 1500 all fire was contained and crews picked up.

November 10<sup>th</sup>- 14C North Reading- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1530 call was received by Fire Mob. Chair for TF to North reading for another fire. 14C was set up for deployment. Notifications made to TFL Nelson and Safety Ward. Rally point would be for 0730 for 0900 stain in North reading. Rally point was AMC in Natick. Crews given briefing and began convoy. Car 14 would not start and was delayed in leaving and reported directly to staging. At staging we met with NRRFD Chief and then drove to area of operations. Priority given to area with homes that were being threatened. NRRFD provided pumper and supply hose. D14

crews set up wyes and assembled equipment. After consultation with IC, TFL Nelson split the area of operation to left and right flank. All D14 crews kept in those two area. Chief Ward was instrumental on getting a continuous water supply by using Milford's drop tank and setting up drafting operations. D14 Coord. worked with D6 and IC on getting D6 tender strike team brought in to provide shuttle operations. The tow flanks operated 4 1" lines and 1 13/4" line making significant progress. Crews were out of woods by 1530 and demobilized.

November 13<sup>th</sup>- 14A Tender North Andover 14 A tender was requested at 1530 on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements with TFL Dougherty and Safety Daige were made. Arrangements made with D14 and MEMA control for rally point and resources. Rally point was 0630 in Concord. At time of this report they were still working.

Items for consideration:

1. From a lesson's learned perspective, we should create an "incoming" policy for ST and TF for long operational periods. We adapted and overcame in some cases and tried in others in regards to planning and logistics. After hour plus convoys there were in some cases no facilities for bathrooms for women and men. In some cases food was lacking or less than ideal. Hot dogs and potato chips were not best choices for food. TFL's made notes of positives and shortfalls and this will be discussed at next Fire Mob. meeting.
2. Radios continue to be problematic. Many radios do not have the MA Tactical plans in them. Some members did not know how to change zones on their radios or unlock zones. One crew showed up with a forestry without radios.
3. Threads for forestry hose and 1 3/4" hose was very problematic. With forestry we encountered 1" hose with hose thread, 1" with pipe thread, 1 1/8" with hose thread, 1 1/8" with pipe thread. 1 1/2" with hose thread and 1 1/2" with pipe thread. "Frankenstein" contraptions needed to be made in Wilmington and Salem to move water. In N. Reading Chief Nelson stripped his truck and made sure long before hose went in from other apparatus that it was compatible with his 3,000' feet. With that understanding we only needed a couple adaptors and went right to work. In district 14 we are almost evenly split with the 23 communities with either 1" or 1 1/8". Prior to next spring I'll put together an inventory tracker to follow up more on forestry and threads.
4. Co. Officers and crews need training on forest fires and fire mob. and ST. Some were VERY strong with material and stepped up and provided excellent input and assistance. Others really needed to be guided; especially on filling out the manifests and knowing their equipment. Not surprisingly the majority of uncertainty was with hoses and threads. Re, wildland training Chief Kivlan and I will look into trying to get a 190/130 USFS training program over the winter.

All District 14 Chief's, officers and firefighters were exceptional with work ethic and attitude. D14 has a great reputation when it comes to Fire Mob. All the Chiefs we dealt with told us they heard of our reputation and capabilities. All were extremely grateful on the efforts by all.

Respectfully submitted,

AC Timothy E. Choate D14 Fire Mobilization Coord.

## District 14 November Dive Team Report

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **Recent Activations and Activity since last Report:**

N/A

### **Training:**

**Last Drill:** 10/23/24 - Hudson for evening Dive (Attached Report)

**NEXT Training Dive:** 11/20/24 - 88 Commonwealth Rd, Wayland (Wayland Boat Launch).

### **Upcoming Issues –**

- Leadership working on updates to help make communication stronger within the team during responses.
- Looking to recruit more divers from Northern part of District. Please ask your members if they are interested in becoming a diver.
- If any community wants to host a drill, please reach out.
- When hosting drills in your community, we can incorporate on-duty personnel to help facilitate water rescue training/expectations in the event we are called to your community.
- Reliable portable radios needed for team leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schultz

# Massachusetts Fire District 14 Dive Team

## October 2024 Drill Report

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The drill was designed as a sub surface recovery in a remote location with limited shore access.

- Objective 1: Train on dive procedures for low light / evening diving.
- Objective 2: Set up an incident command system to coordinate resource allocation.

### Major Strengths

The major strengths identified during this exercise are as follows:

- IC Structure
- Staging and use of the passport system
- Diver management and resource allocation

### Primary Areas for Improvement

Throughout the exercise, several opportunities for improvement in District 14 Dive Rescue/Recovery Team's ability to overcome training obstacles were identified. The primary areas for improvement, including recommendations, are as follows:

- N/A

### Drill Summary

Members assembled in the parking area of Centennial Beach in Hudson at 1600 hours to set up for a night dive on Fort Meadow Reservoir. The objective was to train on shore based diving and boat based diving. Two separate dive areas were set up, at the shore based dive members familiarized themselves with use of the dive lift bags by lifting a weightbelt and making it neutrally buoyant. At the boat based operation members training on use of the dive planes for large area searches.

In order to promote the use of the incident command system and radio communication, the staging area was set up in the parking lot. All communication was directed through operations who requested resources from staging as needed. Hazards and safety protocols for the day were discussed. Then the following positions were filled.

- Operations
    1. IC
    2. Staging
    3. Safety
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# Massachusetts Fire District 14 Dive Team

## October 2024 Drill Report

- Divers
- Tenders
- Boat Operators

The incident command post was set up in the parking lot, Safety and operations were set up at the water's edge along the beach. Radio communication was set up using District 14 Red through Car 14.

Once the drill was complete a hotwash was conducted and successes and problems were discussed. Divers and gear were deconed and returned to service. There was one minor injury which was documented through the members department, and no equipment was reported as lost or damaged during the dive operation.

## SECTION 1: EXERCISE OVERVIEW

### Exercise Details

**Exercise Name**

October 2024 Recovery Drill

**Type of Exercise**

Monthly Training

**Exercise Date**

October 28th, 2024

**Duration**

6 hours

**Location**

Fort Meadow Reservoir, Hudson, MA

**Sponsor**

Massachusetts Fire District 14 Chief's Association

**Mission**

# Massachusetts Fire District 14 Dive Team

## October 2024 Drill Report

Night dive from shore and boat based.

### **Core Capabilities**

Shore based Diving Search & Rescue Operations

Boat based Diving Search & Rescue Operations

### **Scenario Type**

Sub Surface Recovery



# Massachusetts Fire District 14 Technical Rescue Team

Michael Dutcher – Operations Chief  
Seth Colby – Operations Chief  
Mark Nelson – Operations Chief

Thomas Rinoldo – Director  
Shawn Green – Assistant Director

## November 2024 Update

### Activation

- 0 activations

### Membership

- Staffing remains at 33.
- Does not include the director or assistant director positions.
- Continuing toward rounding out the numbers to 40 max.
- Recommend opening recruitment.

### Training

- Confined Space drill held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - 27 members in attendance.
  - 3 Stations, all successfully completed

### Equipment

- Accountability boards placed in service. On Natick Rescue.
- Trench trailer. Graphics installed, in service housed at Framingham Station 5.
- Needs list being compiled.

### Other

- Director presenting AAR for October drill and ERR for February 2025 to NERAC on the 14<sup>th</sup> for backfill and OT.
- Backfill and Overtime funding from Central Mass Homeland Security has been approved. CRHSAC coordinator has not returned calls to discuss application submissions for reimbursement.

# TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

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WILLIAM R. MILLER, Chief  
ROBERT A. PROVOST III, Deputy

November 4, 2024

Chief Judge,

I am writing on behalf of Bellingham Fire Department seeking approval to join District-14 as an Associate Member.

As you know, Bellingham borders two communities (Milford and Hopedale) that are part of District-14. The benefits, organization and leadership of District-14 are all driving forces for this request. Bellingham Fire Department understands and accepts that they will need to pay half the established dues that are associated with belonging to District-14.

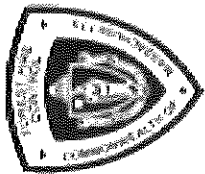
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Thank you

*William R. Miller*

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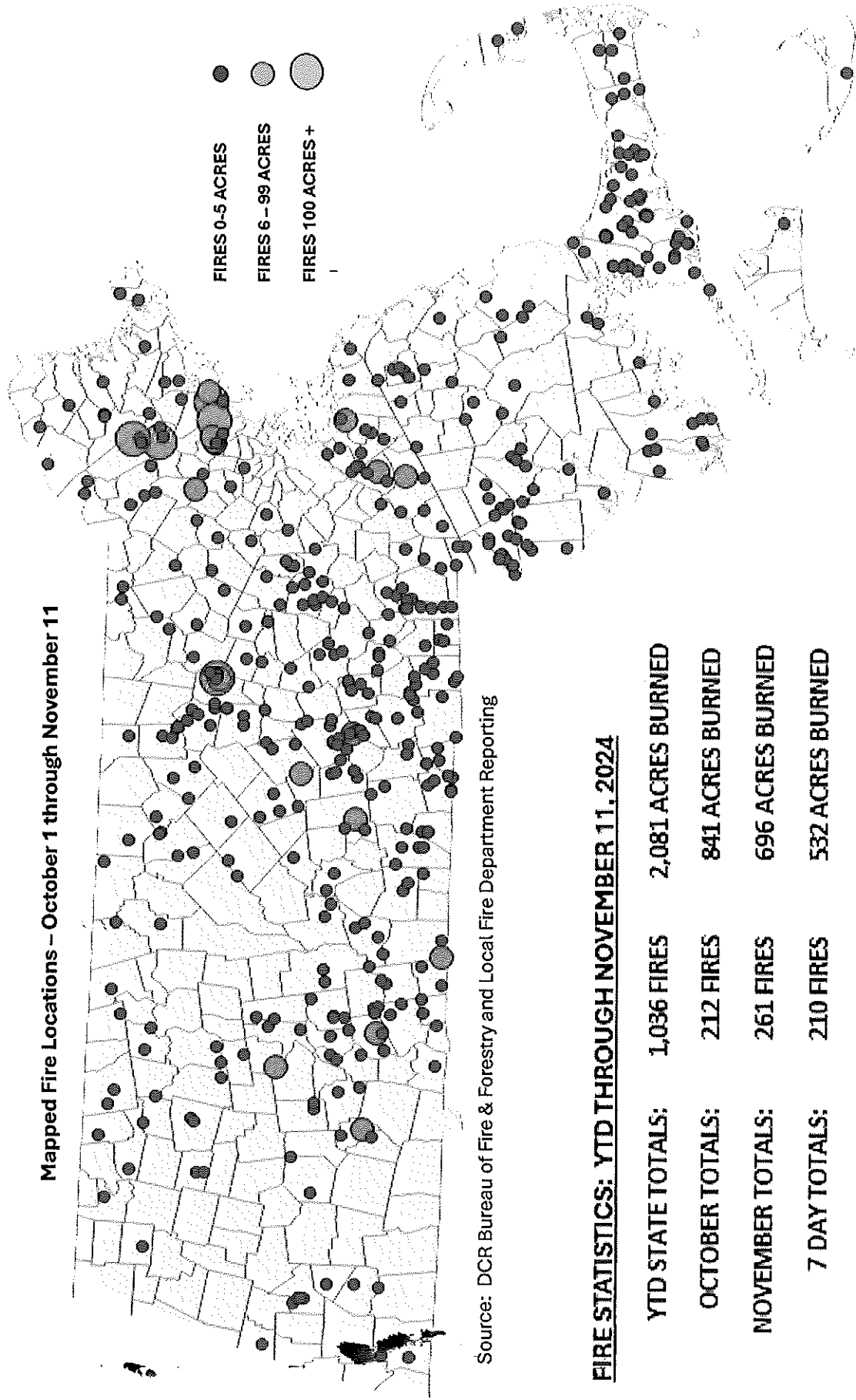


# MASSACHUSETTS WILDFIRE OCCURRENCE

## October 1st to November 11, 2024



Mapped Fire Locations – October 1 through November 11



Source: DCR Bureau of Fire & Forestry and Local Fire Department Reporting

### FIRE STATISTICS: YTD THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2024

YTD STATE TOTALS:	1,036 FIRES	2,081 ACRES BURNED
OCTOBER TOTALS:	212 FIRES	841 ACRES BURNED
NOVEMBER TOTALS:	261 FIRES	696 ACRES BURNED
7 DAY TOTALS:	210 FIRES	532 ACRES BURNED

