



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Background:

- The Northeast Homeland Security Region is defined by the Massachusetts State Homeland Security Strategy, which was developed by EOPSS (the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security) in 2004.
- The Northeast Region is 1 of 5 Homeland Security Planning Regions in the Commonwealth.
- Councils submit regional homeland security plans annually to EOPSS, conforming to the goals of the State Homeland Security Strategy.
- NERAC is the policy making body of the Northeast Region, consisting of a 17 member council with representatives from:
 - Fire Service
 - Law Enforcement
 - EMS
 - Emergency Management
 - Corrections
 - Hospitals
 - Public Works
 - Government Administration
 - Public Health
 - Public Safety Communications
 - Transit
 - Schools
 - Liaisons from the Department of Public Health, State Police, and the National Guard
- MAPC (the Metropolitan Area Planning Council) provides planning, facilitation, administrative support, project management, and fiduciary services to NERAC in an effort to implement the Council's regional homeland security plan.
- Efforts are funded by EOPSS through a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Statistics:

The Northeast Region Includes:

- 85 municipalities
- Over 2 million residents
- Approximately 1300 square miles

Northeast Region Homeland Security Funding:

- FFY 2004 Homeland Security Grant \$6.5 million
- FFY 2005 Homeland Security Grant \$5.9 million
- FFY 2006 Homeland Security Grant \$4.9 million
- FFY 2007 Homeland Security Grant \$4.8 million
- FFY 2008 Homeland Security Grant \$3.7 million
- FFY 2009 Homeland Security Grant \$3.3 million
- FFY 2010 Homeland Security Grant \$3.3 million
- FFY 2011 Homeland Security Grant \$1.6 million
- FFY 2012 Homeland Security Grant \$800 thousand
- FFY 2013 Homeland Security Grant \$967 thousand
- FFY 2014 Homeland Security Grant \$1.1 million
- FFY 2015 Homeland Security Grant \$1.1 million
- FFY2016 Homeland Security Grant \$1.1 million
- FFY2017 Homeland Security Grant \$1.1 million
- FFY2018 Homeland Security Grant \$1.06 million

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2004-2017 PROJECTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Trainings/Exercises

- Reimbursed over \$1.3 million to municipalities for NIMS training.
- Enabled hundreds of first responders to participate in approximately 40 regional multi-jurisdictional exercises.

Regional Cache Sites

- Established three Regional Equipment Cache Sites (Beverly, Framingham, and Lexington) to effectively provide over \$4 million worth of emergency response resources for the entire Northeast Region.

Emergency & Municipal Supplies

- Provided over \$3 million worth of emergency response equipment and supplies to the 85 NERAC municipalities to support enhanced municipality-based response and recovery capabilities.

HEART Project and STARS (School Threat Assessment & Response System) (Developed by NEMLEC)

- Provided more than 650 schools in the region, along with their municipal first responders, with free school floorplans for use in school emergency response efforts.
- Distributed STARS Emergency Preparedness Toolkits to all school districts in the region.
- Provided 20 hospitals in the region and their municipal first responders with Hospital Specific Information Binders that include floorplans for use in hospital emergency response efforts.

Communications Interoperability

- Expanded the BAPER (Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network) network both geographically and to multi-discipline users.
- Implemented a microwave network for the region, which increased the reliability of the CMED and Fire Control Point Networks, while eliminating recurring T1 line costs.
- Developed the Fire Service Apparatus Tracking Software (FSATS) to coordinate multiple department fire and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) response within and across fire districts.
- Purchased three portable communications towers that can be used to replace damaged tower infrastructure during emergencies.
- Connected Fire Districts 5, 6, and 15 to the CORE in Boston to enhance interoperability between districts and provide new redundancy of operations.

AmbuBuses and Evacuation Bus

- In collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority, provided the region with three AmbuBuses capable of transporting 12 patients on stretchers and 10 mobile patients each during mass casualty incidents, as well as two Evacuation Buses and two Evacuation Vans that are available for region wide use.

Technical Rescue Team

- Invested over \$1 million in equipment and training for the highly-specialized Essex County Technical Rescue Team with trench, confined space, structural collapse, rope rescue, and wide area search skills.

Hospital Preparedness

- Created a cache of 27 portable ventilators at 3 hospitals located strategically throughout the region, enabling all hospitals within the region to supplement their inventory of ventilators during events where their equipment is not sufficient to meet the needs of their patients.
- Provided 11 hospitals in the region with Babypod infant transportation modules for evacuating neonatal patients from hospital facilities, as well as evacuation basket racks to properly support the modules.

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