

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	Not Present
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD:	J. Henrici
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic, J. Baird
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, B. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	L. Laycoax, J. Berger, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RICHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	Not Present
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	J. Wiley
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	Not Present

RETIRED MEMBERS: Not Present

HONORARY MEMBERS: Not Present

VENDORS: S. Fusco, Reliable Fire
T. Eberhardt, ComEd
M. Viola, Nederman
B. Grady, Andres
B. Gonsiorowski, Miner
J. Kelly, Air One

OTHER MEMBERS: Not Present

GUESTS: L. Benjamin & J. Bartu, ERS Board Up
M. Smith, First Due
E. Moran, Homewood Fire Dept.

Meeting called to order at 11:30 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 11, 2007, meeting minutes by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Vallow, motion approved.

Communications: None.

Applications: Nothing active. The bylaws are being reviewed re-examining membership status, i.e., full membership, chief officer; associate membership, line officers and deputy chiefs; sustaining members, vendors. Chiefs are requested to forward our goals and initiatives and encourage vendor memberships. Each chief was asked to bring in two new sustaining members for the organization. Sustaining members are not limited to fire providers. Two applications are holding and they will be voted on at one time. We are reworking fees and assessments and will begin the process of quarterly billing, i.e., hazmat, Cook County, MABAS, and new initiatives. You may make notice to Debbie Hoiden if you do not want a chief's lunch billed or if you want 2 or 3 spots billed. All billing must be in a comprehensive program as we are working on 501(c)(3) status.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: Chief Eriks is going over rules and regulations.

EMS: We have been advised by Chief Galgan that we are involved in the process re 12-lead review. We will bring forward the amount of money that it will cost. He will keep us

posted. There is a regional EMS meeting upcoming on the 22nd.

Legislative: The Division has to make a decision as to who to vote for at the MABAS conference. Each Division gets one vote. A discussion was had regarding the process to take place on February 28 in Peoria.

Legal: Nothing to report.

Inspectors/Pub Ed: Nothing to report.

Investigators (Arson): The Committee has been meeting and will meet monthly from now on. In January there were three second alarms. Issues are being addressed, i.e., budget, the type of equipment needed for the vehicle, arson investigation kits, SOG's, I.D. kits, and we are still looking for respirators. The issue arose re will Illinois certification hold up in Munster and whether we'd be covered under the mutual aid umbrella. Contact will be made through Lake County to make this determination. Mention was made of the Mid-America Mutual Aid Consortium, the executive summary focus facilitates mutual aid across state lines. We need to make sure it comes to special teams. Chief Hornback will forward information to Munster. Chief Knesek will contact the proper authority with our concerns. Accountability tags and monthly reporting were discussed.

Chief Kasper's goal is to call for a general meeting of all investigators to get them up to speed.

Dive: The Dive Team has met and set training for the next year. They will track records and certifications. Chief Hornback will forward a list of requirements for recognition to Chief Gregorovic. The Team will meet monthly, is gathering costs, and will invite interested parties. Dolton offered equipment and possibly a vehicle. If you need the team now, you will get a response.

Retirement: We need years of service and retirement. We have received confirmation of paver bricks but they will not be in until next year.

Utilities: Edison has been good about getting notices out. We appreciate their efforts.

Training: The Fall class will graduate on March 14 at 7:00 at the South Holland Community Center, 501 W. 170th. A grant-funded hazmat ops class will be held in April.

Mutual Aid: As of February 1, IFERN should be used for mutual aid response. Use the accountability system. If you have a working fire, remember to go back to the mutual aid channel instead of fireground. Oak Forest 950, formerly the disaster vehicle, is no longer in service and will be taken off of the box cards. The Committee will be reviewing SOG's

for mutual aid and they will be presented on completion. If the command van comes on site, use it. Send it home if you don't want it.

Our mutual aid system has been taxed with recent weather and it has worked flawlessly. That is what we are about.

It was clarified that the IFERN guidelines came out of MABAS, the State of Illinois, and all Divisions and dispatch centers should be adhering. Mark will look into the issue of a few dead spots on the IFERN side. We have received updated cards from Chicago. We need to look into a corresponding Division response.

Chief Kasper made a motion that MABAS 24 cast its vote for Jay Reardon, President, Randy Justice, First Vice President, Terry Lipinski, Second Vice President, and Paul Maplethorpe, Comptroller, seconded by Chief Kolosh. A discussion ensued initiated by Chief Henrici. Chief Kasper and Chief Kolosh thereupon withdrew the motion. Chief Wilkens made a motion that MABAS 24 support the first vice president, second vice president, and comptroller, which are uncontested at this time, seconded by Chief Henrici. After some discussion, Chief Henrici repostured the motion Chief Schuldt, President, seconded by Chief Vallow, motion carried. Chief Wilkens further motioned that if there are any write-in candidates, the final decision will be based on the candidate with the better qualifications, if there is a member from MABAS 24 in attendance, they will decide on that vote, seconded by Chief Henrici. Motion carried.

The Executive Board of MABAS 24 has met with the Executive Board of MABAS 27. It is a long process, but progress is being made. The Executive Board requested they be contacted regarding any concerns or thoughts on this subject.

Chief Welsh reported on the April 26 pharmaceutical drill. We must travel to the main distribution site, Riverdale County Garage, and deliver to the distribution point in Homewood. Your towns may participate to whatever level they wish. As a Division, we are only mandated to pick up from Riverdale, get the pharmaceuticals to Homewood, and sort it out. There is no reimbursement for this exercise.

Decon units are slated to go to Divisions 1, 24, and 20. They are covered under the MABAS umbrella but will not be marked. They are titled and insured by MABAS. We will get a list of committees out and you can get involved. The big issue is the bordering towns of Chicago for training. There are also hydrant issues and procedures. We will try to get some coordination.

HazMat: Chief Welsh attended a meeting of statewide team leaders. There will be a June validation of hazmat teams, six will be tested at the drill. This will be a 36-hour, reimbursed event held at the University of Illinois. We are not in the first round of validation but we are on the third level of backup. There will be a mandatory response

requirement of a task force of 10 men with vehicles and equipment. We will attend as observers and possibly as evaluators. The team has been fairly slow, nothing major.

Canteen: The budget will include a \$500 assessment for each Division. We will be selling ad space. Nothing has yet been finalized. Suggesting \$1,000 annually for a corporate donation (12x12 decal), \$500 a year for an 8x11 decal, and an individual name for \$100 a year. We don't have a limit yet and are working on a fee schedule for response to non-Divisional areas.

Understand the cost of the vehicle was \$130,000, without 501(c)(3), payback is \$190,000. This will be reduced to \$153,000 after we attain 501(c)(3) status. Funds must be raised. Costs and non-divisional response were discussed. Input was requested in this regard. We need a list of entities that would support this effort. We will develop a letter and a signature page for all chiefs to sign. A motion was made by Chief Kasper to support the Canteen Committee with a fee structure on our schedule and supporting the concept to move forward on final decision of the Executive Board of Division 24, seconded by Chief Laycoax, motion carried.

Please remember to thank the volunteers. We should recognize the volunteers when we showcase our vehicles. As soon as we finish our accounting, we will be transferring funds over to Great Lakes Bank and we will investigate advantages to paying down the loan.

Finance: Thank you to Debbie Hoiden for the great job she has done on finance. We are working to come up to speed. We have a balance sheet as of 12/31/06. We are solvent and all funds are accounted for. Bills must be in to the Executive Board before they meet on the first Monday of the month—budget item or not. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for payment approval. A motion was made to pay invoices by Chief Kasper; seconded by Chief Kolosh; motion carried.

CART/TRT: We attended a meeting on the 17th. There was some discussion between CART and MABAS. They are looking at annual cost, Division teams, and support issues. They are moving closer to getting better answers. CART brings heavy equipment. They can survive and augment what we do as a Division.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Knesek: We have received a new rescue pumper.

Chief Vallow: Thank you to the Investigation Team for coming out on our structure and thank you to Homewood for opening up the roof. This allowed us to control the fire.

Chief Laycoax: Thank you for your help with the house fire Monday night.

Chief Kasper: Thank you to everyone that responded Monday and Sunday to our two major fires. There was only one minor injury. Thank you MABAS dispatch and the chiefs. It is great to see the system work.

Chief Wilkens: Thank you to the advisors for their assistance on our hazmat boxes.

Chief Martello: Sunday, March 11, 1 p.m., a Baldrick's event will be held in Chicago Heights.

Vendors' Reports:

T. Eberhardt: The notification process is working well.

M. Viola: Give me a call.

B. Grady: It's great to be here. Happy New Year!

J. Kelly: MSA purchased Armor Body Equipment Co. They will distribute armor vests for hostage situations.

Unfinished Business: None reported.

New Business: None reported.

Good of the Association: Liz Moran spoke to the membership about the website regarding it's updating and restructuring. Most hits are going to the Academy website. We encourage you to start looking there. This would be a great opportunity for vendors to advertise. Lisa will coordinate information to be posted. Each chief was asked to visit the site, check for current information, and try their village link. We are getting hits from around the world. We encourage you to use this resource.

Bob Small was unable to attend due to some minor health problems. If you are experiencing any problems on the east side of the district with Cass County transmissions, please notify him.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Chief Kasper; seconded by Chief Laycoax; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 13:00 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
March 8, 2007
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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