

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 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:	C. Jackson, B. Grabowsky
HOMEWOOD:	J. Henrici, C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	Not Present
OAK FOREST:	J. Berger, L. Bonnevier, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	B. Turner
RICHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	G. Knoll
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	J. Wiley, R. Stegenga
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh, D. Krediet
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn, R. Bettenhausen

RETIRED MEMBERS: H. VanDrunen

HONORARY MEMBERS: Not Present

VENDORS: S. Fusco, Reliable Fire
J. Kelly, Air One
J. Schoon, B. Gonsiorowski, Miner Electronics

OTHER MEMBERS: D. Wiessner, ECOM

GUESTS: E. Ford, J. Krockner, Rich Construction
L. Curl, Fire Co-Op
J. Mitchell, Red Cross
D. Bettehnausen, Orland Fire

Meeting called to order at 11:45 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March 8, 2007, meeting minutes by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Applications: Application received from R&R Maintenance and Fleet. As soon as the bylaws are finalized, we will act upon it.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We are working on the bylaws.

EMS: Almost all students who had failed have now rechallenged the State test and passed. Please continue to hold off on communicating your concerns until Dr. Heilicser can review the process. If you have not received a copy of the grant application for medical initiatives, please contact Kim Stotts.

Legislative: Legislative Days will be held on May 8 and 9 in Springfield. You are encouraged to attend. Chief Henrici attended the Metro meeting. Pending legislation was discussed, i.e., #371, Mayor to replace chiefs without good cause. We are trying to establish e-mail organization to get communications properly distributed. Madigan has created a fire caucus.

Legal: We are a 501(c)(3) organization. It is important that we seek donations. We have

located our incorporation papers.

Investigators (Arson): We have had one response since the last general meeting. Some issues arose out of the Thornton incident and they have been addressed. The review and update of SOGs for the Investigation Team has been completed. They will be completing response guidelines. The Fire investigation/arson vehicle is completed and is being stocked. They would like to bring it to the next meeting for display. The next meeting will be held in Lansing the Monday before the Chief's meeting. The next Arson Task Force training will be held on April 18 in Tinley Park. They would like to purchase a digital camera.

Dive: The Team has met and is making good headway. Thank you to Chief Hornback and Steve Aras, Waukegan. MABAS is working on getting a team together. They hope to have it in place in the next year. Training is set for the year. They are working on updating training records. They will get applications out to Departments. It looks like training requirements will be increased. We are a functioning team. Will refine roster with Orland so they understand who needs to be paged out. We need to discuss Department assessments.

Retirement: A retirement party will be held for Chief Wiley and D/C Olthoff on June 8.

Utilities: Nothing to report.

Training: Meetings will be held at 8 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in Oak Forest. They are seeking to expand graduation services. NIMS 3 and 400 classes will be mandated by September. Tinley Park EMA is available to do a class.

Mutual Aid: Draft SOG's will be done for the next meeting. Everything seems to be working out well on IFERN frequency, limited problems are being addressed, i.e., static and a few areas including one in Lynwood. If you run into problems, please advise Orland Dispatch. When you are requesting a box, go to MABAS 24, ECOM cannot talk to you on white.

HazMat: There have been no responses since the last meeting. Some inventory work has been done. If you need Biosolve or foam, let us know. Restocking from us will help us rotate stock. We are looking at alternatives to replace 9902. Dan is going to schedule an open house sometime in June or July. It may be June officer's training for the District.

Canteen: John Mitchell, Community Liaison for Red Cross was introduced. A mutual exchange is being sought, i.e., they provide a service through donations and we help them with 21 communities. They would like to see volunteers trained in food sanitation. Volunteers may also be trained to a level where they would have authority to get Red Cross assistance for clients immediately. Red Cross provides clients with immediate needs and following day referral. Red Cross does provide canteen services.

Finance: Everyone received invoices. 501(c)(3) is done. We are in the process of transferring funds. Thank you for your patience. Contact Chief Knoll or Debbie Hoiden if you need help. Reminder: bills must be to the Executive Board (through Debbie) by Friday before the first Monday of the month. Meetings are the first Monday at 10:00. The next phase will be the billing process. Contact Chief Welsh if you did not get your MABAS decals. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for payment approval. A motion was made to pay invoices by Chief Henrici; seconded by Chief Kolosh. Motion carried.

CART/TRT: We will be evaluating outstanding issues. We attended the State of the Cart meeting March 27. They realize they will have a resistance. The Division needs to be sure they are preparing themselves for target hazards.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Kolosh: Thank you for your assistance with the fire and the hazmat incident.

Chief Knoll: Thank you for your help on the hazmat incident.

Chief Gregorovic: Thank you for your help on the second box and with the gas leak yesterday. Thank you to Canteen, sincerely, very much.

Chief Wiley: His last day will be June 1, his last official day will be July 6. Chief Wiley introduced Randy Stegenga. He has been on the Department for almost 24 years. They will have five new full-timers as of May 1. A new rescue squad was approved in the budget.

Chief Dunn: Deanne Winterstein will be retiring the 20th of this month. They will have cake for her on the 19th and a retirement party on May 11. Deanne has been with the Department for 32 years. Stop by and see her.

Chief Eriks: Thank you Chiefs Kolosh and Knoll for your help with the gas leak and for everyone coming out.

Chief Hornback: Thanks for the other night, including Canteen. The incident involved a house under construction and is still under investigation. A Homewood firefighter was injured. Thanks to everyone.

Chief Martello: Thank you for the assistance provided at the Thornwood Apartments on the 24th. I appreciate it.

Chief Turner: Everything is good.

Chief Bettenhausen: Saturday is the Whistle Stop. We are the Illinois stop across the nation. You are encouraged to participate. Donations will not be turned down. If you come to the event, bring a patch.

Chief Eriks: We appreciate your calling us.

Vendors' Reports:

J. Schoon: Is a new sales rep with Miner.

J. Kelly: You have an open invitation to visit him at FDIC. His son is home from Afghanistan.

Unfinished Business: We are seeking volunteers to assist with a showcase day for Administrators and Mayors probably in August or September. See Chief Welsh if you're interested. The Executive Board is moving forward on initiatives to delineate boundaries. Communications will go out to three towns with dual memberships. Task Force services will be offered through MABAS agreement.

April 26 is the pharmaceutical distribution exercise. Chief Henrici will do that pick up. Your involvement is optional. Call Chief Henrici if you're interested.

New Business: None reported.

Good of the Association: Larry Curl made a presentation re the fire co-op program. The fire co-op program is designed to provide you an opportunity to engage with your community. If you want to develop a program, contact Chief Dunn, he is a State Advocate.

We attended an inter-divisional meeting hosted by Chief McKeon of North Palos. Other divisions are experiencing the same issues. The meeting was beneficial to building relationships.

A motion was made to donate \$500 to support the Whistlestop Tour with any left over funds to go to the Firefighter Memorial Fund; seconded by Chief Kolosh. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Chief Gregorovic; seconded by Chief Eriks; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 13:10 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
May 10, 2007
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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