

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2007**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	Not Present
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	B. Grabowsky
HOMEWOOD:	S. (illegible)
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic, J. Baird
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	R. Moaton
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, B. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	L. Laycoax, J. Berger, 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, H. Nolan
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn

RETIRED MEMBERS: H. VanDrunen
HONORARY MEMBERS: Not Present

VENDORS: J. Kelly, M. Sarhage, Air One
D. Foster, NICOR
B. Gonsiorowski, Miner
B. Slager, Metro Restoration
L. Benjamin, ERS Board Up

OTHER MEMBERS: D. Wiessner, ECOM
M. Sikorski, Orland Dispatch

GUESTS: Not Present

Meeting called to order at 11:35 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the April 12, 2007, meeting minutes by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Kasper. Motion carried.

Communications: Retirement party will be held June 8 for Chief Wiley and D/C Olthoff at Glenwood Oaks. We received a thank you from Orland Fire Protection District for supporting the National Fallen Firefighters Fund. Over 500 people attended and there was a mile-long parade. The Courage to be Safe class was well-attended and will be held again. We also received a thank you from the Kasper family.

Applications: Chief Welsh announced membership applications were received from R&R Fleet Maintenance, Rich Construction, and First Due Fire Apparatus. Motion to accept the vendor members by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We are continuing the process of reviewing the bylaws.

EMS: On June 29 a hospital disaster drill will be held at St. Margaret Hospital. They need 25-50 patients, a couple of ambulances and there may be some training hours here for decon and hazmat. Burnham and South Shore RR are doing a drill. It will take place on a Saturday over 2 hours. They are looking for a school bus they can destroy and let Chief Galgan know if you want to participate. May 29 will be the next meeting.

We want to address electronic reporting at the IMH EMS meeting. IMH is not against it if you want to validate, but they still need hard copies. They need the consent of chiefs. The

issue will be run through Chief Galgan to be presented to the Executive Board. It will then be addressed at the next regular meeting and go back to IMH with the consensus opinion.

Legislative/Legal: It is too early to have a report from Legislative Days.

Investigators (Arson): Nothing to report

Dive: Had their monthly meeting. They are waiting on word from MABAS. All chiefs should have applications. They have monthly trainings – thanks to Chief Knoll. All went well, 6 divers, 3 Homewood, 3 Lansing.

Retirement: Would like to set up a group photograph. This may be done in conjunction with the showcase meeting this summer.

Utilities: We had a NICOR problem. Delayed response.

Training: Met on Monday. For the first time, there was a 100% passing rate for Mod-B. Graduation will take place the week of July 9. We need chiefs to be there. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month at 8 a.m. We need training officer contact info. Discussion was had regarding the Cook County Chief meeting and participation by Chicago Fire Dept. We want to open the door for training both ways. North Palos and CFD will get together and prepare information to get to everyone.

Mutual Aid: We were notified about the drug distribution program. A number participated. As the drill was performed, we sent out an SOG discussing Box 1000 which is part of the drug distribution program. Please pass this information down to the troops. People are not switching over to IFERN. Pass it down. If you are a collar community with Chicago Fire Dept. and you want Chicago on your box cards, let Chief Dunn know and the change will be made in July. He will need a letter from each chief indicating that they are aware and are in agreement.

They are working on a final draft for policies and SOGs for Mutual Aid. Thank you Dawn for your assistance. We are in final draft and should have something out with changes in July for your entire organization. Thank you to Chief Galgan, he accepted an assignment to the Mutual Aid Committee in Chief Wiley's place.

HazMat: Advisors meet next Monday. During the ammonia leak at Miniati, the plant was very responsive and the Team functioned well. It could have been disastrous. No one was hurt, there were no explosions and no fires. Thank you to everyone for your help.

Canteen: We are still working with Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Red Cross is ready with an agreement and some training issues.

Finance: Thank you to Chief Laycoax, D/C Berger, Lisa, and Debbie. Money is now transferred and we are getting a letter from the attorney in order to get the Canteen interest lowered. Third quarter invoices will be going out. If you have any comments, let Debbie know.

Invoices and standard invoices were presented for payment approval. A motion was made to pay invoices by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Galgan. Motion carried. Box call outs will be included in hazmat billing.

CART/TRT: We are looking at the possibility of establishing a Division team. We will put together a presentation of options which will be taken to an emergency Chief's meeting on May 24. Due to CART memos, a decision has to be made before the end of the month. Chief Dunn suggested that whatever debate goes on, we need somebody from CART there so we have the facts and we can make a reasonable decision. It is accelerated because they laid out the timeframe. We have an invoice which is for the '07 calendar year. The change will be for next year.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Wiley: Thank you very, very much for all the years he has been associated with you. Nixon was president when he joined the department. He appreciates the working relationship and is looking forward to retirement and thank you for your help with the box alarm.

Chief Gregorovic: Thank you to Chiefs Kolosh and Eriks for showing him around Springfield.

Chief Kolosh: Thank you for your help with the grenade incident and the garage fire.

Chief Hornback: All is quiet in Flossmoor. Thank you.

D/C O'Brien: Munster is trying to get field level maintenance training for Scott air packs. They can have a course run for \$500. This is an 8-hour class in Munster and they will divide the cost. They are hoping some departments might have an interest.

Chief Turner: They have 3 engines in service. If you need us, call us.

Chief Vallow: Thank you for your support at the recent pancake breakfast. It was a success. Thanks so much.

Homewood: They are looking to start a Firehouse Software user's group. If you are interested, please contact them. We can learn from each other. We are looking to start something in September.

Chief Knoll: Thank you again for the dive team.

Chief Laycoax: Bob Slager has been a paid-on-call firefighter since 1984. Thank you. He does a great job for us.

Vendors' Reports:

B. Slager: If you need assistance with body removal or crime scene recovery, give us a call.

J. Benjamin: Thank you all

D. Foster: 14 firefighters from this area will be attending a training session week after next. She can train in small groups. Troy Grove is full.

Unfinished Business: We continue to discuss joint or dual membership. We will be forwarding a communication to Richton Park and South Heights.

New Business: We have seen results now that Dave Haywood is in a new position. He enabled us to get the Zumro tent with ventilation and a lighting system. This is for Division-wide use in addition to hazmat. Dave is working as an advocate for us. There were production problems with the decon unit. It will be stationed in Chief Dunn's Station #4 on 191st near I-80.

Good of the Association: Lisa Alfaro took over last month as President of the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals association. Chief Laycoax attended the IMAT class. They are looking for membership. If you are interested, go on NIMS. They are looking to form 3 teams, north, central, and south. There will be a fundraiser in Oak Forest for an EMA member who has cancer. See Bob Small for details. The communications van has had some communications problems. We need to know side channels. If you think he doesn't have them, please contact Bob Small.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Wiley; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street

Glenwood, IL
June 14, 2007
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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