

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2007**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	J. Bell
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD:	J. Henrici, C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic, J. Baird
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	Not Present
OAK FOREST:	L. Laycoax, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	B. Turner
RICHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	Not Present
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	R. Stegenga
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	P. Cummins

RETIRED MEMBERS: Not Present

HONORARY MEMBERS: Not Present

VENDORS: D. Foster, NICOR
S. Fusco, Reliable Fire Equipment
T. Eberhardt, ComEd

OTHER MEMBERS: D. Wiessner, ECOM

GUESTS: A. Fratto, MDA

Meeting called to order at 11:38 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the May 10, 2007, meeting minutes by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Henrici. Motion carried. Motion to approve the May 25, 2007, Special Chiefs' Meeting minutes by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Kasper. Motion carried.

Communications: Chief Welsh delivered a personal thanks for the condolences and prayers he received for his recent loss. Thank you everyone.

Applications: We encourage membership. We would like to increase vendor members by at least 10.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We are continuing the process of reviewing the bylaws. There is much going on now that will impact same.

EMS: Electronic data transfer and mobile software were discussed. IMH would like some consistency on software but understands the difficulty of accomplishing that. Looking to Chiefs to lead and recommend regarding that issue. Another issue is sending data to IDPH. They contract with EMS Data Systems. The validation process was discussed. There must be consistency of reporting. There is a possibility EMS forms will be accepted on CD. There will be a South Cook County EMS meeting on May 29. EMT licensing was discussed. The issue with paramedic testing has been resolved. IMH has requested you pull cardiac arrest EMS form copies and send them separately. The next EMT class starts in August. On non-transport patients or any time you have patient contact, an EMS form refusal should be generated. Homewood is forming a Firehouse Software users group. A training session will be conducted. Firehouse Software has been

approved through EMS Data Systems.

Legislative/Legal: Nothing to report

Investigators (Arson): There have been 4 responses since last meeting. There are some issues re investigations. An executive session will be requested at the next meeting. A camera and burner have been received to download pictures. The Executive Board needs budgets from each Committee Chair by the September Executive Board meeting to project new initiatives. The plan will be finalized in time for your City levy. We need to get everything in order. If you are a team chairman, discuss stipends you might need. Inspectors/Pub Ed has fallen to the side. We need members to step up and get involved.

Dive: Met this month, no calls. Everything is moving as well as it can. They are talking about safety officers, updating SOPs, and looking at box cards. Chief Welsh reported that MABAS encourages you to move forward. If you are interested, we will talk to Homewood about their dive vehicle. Look around your towns. We are in need of a building. Price, term of use, location, and size are issues. We need a garage/warehouse type of building with long-term lease, somewhat climate controlled. We are talking about 12 vehicles, some trailers, in our District. The issue of talking to Homewood about the dive vehicle was discussed.

Retirement: Thank you for attending Chief Wiley's retirement celebration.

Utilities: Lansing had some issues. There was a quick response to an incident yesterday. Attitudes on the phone were raised.

Training: Met June 5. They will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 8 a.m. Please provide information on who training officers are and their e-mails if you have not yet. July 11 Academy graduation will move to Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147, Oak Forest. Chief Officers and Training Officers should be in attendance. We will have our budget ready. There is a NIMS class coming up at MVCC. We are compiling a list of instructors that would be available to provide training at your departments. June 21 Riverdale will host fire cause and origin training. We are looking at conducting a FFIII academy.

Mutual Aid: Meeting has been rescheduled. They are working on rewriting rules and regulations.

HazMat: They took delivery of the decon vehicle. Thank you to Paul Cummins who organized the pick up. There is a lot of equipment. Training will be provided at hazmat drills. It is available to the Division in any format. It would make a great warming and cooling unit. Its first time out will be at the Cal City drill on the 29th. Thank you to South Holland and Cal City for sending guys to help.

Canteen: We had some responses. Many supplies were used. We are working with Red Cross and the Homeland Volunteer Group.

Finance: We are looking at obtaining a Division credit card to maximize purchasing power. We are looking at authorizing 6 cards in the name of Division 24 to be distributed so everyone would have access as needed. We will receive detailed statements of any usage.

Invoices and standard invoices were presented for payment approval. A motion was made to pay invoices by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Kasper. Motion carried.

CART/TRT: Thank you to all who attended the special meeting. We have determined it is proper to continue investigation and move forward. We attended the Central Joint Meeting Monday. We will have some finalization. You have given your direction on how to proceed with specialty team issues.

A short presentation was made by Anna Fratto encouraging fundraising participation for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Remember money raised stays local. They are available to help you organize a Fill the Boot drive.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Kolosh: The Canteen is responding in non-emergency mode. It will take 15-20 minutes to respond.

Chief Laycoax: Thank you for coming out the other night to our deuce on the condo complex. Thank you, it went well. We had a crew on the third floor when we had a partial collapse.

Chief Bell: He extends his gratitude and appreciation to all the men and women of the Division. Thank to the chiefs that came out, especially those in the mobile command unit. There was lots of knowledge and experience there. Thank you. They will reciprocate the effort if ever needed.

Chief Laycoax: Added that the Harvey fire was a big day. Other chiefs from distant towns commented they would be bringing their observations to their Associations and let them know they should come here and take notes. It was run well.

Chief Bell: Concluded by advising this incident made the national news. It was a phenomenal job and he appreciates it.

P. Cummins: Thank you for attendance at the wake.

Vendors' Reports:

T. Eberhardt: Thank you for helping keep our crews safe. You let them get where they need to get. Keep the lines of communication open. They are looking forward to working with you.

D. Foster: She and Chief Dunn have talked. Nicor understands the need to have a command structure.

S. Fusco: Glenwood Fire was presented with a plaque courtesy of Layla Benjamin, ERS Board Up and Restoration. Plaques are available for \$65, handmade by Sal.

Unfinished Business: Nothing reported.

New Business: The Division 24 showcase will be held on October 11 at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Convention center. More details will come. We plan to conduct a very organized event with different sections, a powerpoint presentation, and short presentations by committee chairs. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers office will get notices out. There will be a presentation by MABAS. Rigs will be on display from Chicago Fire, USAR, and MABAS. We will be asking you for a list of names of whomever you want to invite. Need chairs to get digital pictures of people at work. The entire event will be videotaped and distributed on disk and may be shown on local access channels. Mark the date.

Good of the Association: The September meeting will be held at Glenwoodie Golf Course September 13. The Canteen golf outing will be held on September 14.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Chief Laycoax; seconded by Chief Kasper; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
July 12, 2007
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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