

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION  
MABAS 24, INC.  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 12, 2007**

**DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:**

<b>BURNHAM:</b>	Not Present
<b>CALUMET CITY:</b>	W. Galgan
<b>CHICAGO HEIGHTS:</b>	T. Martello
<b>COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:</b>	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
<b>DOLTON:</b>	L. Victor
<b>EAST HAZEL CREST:</b>	B. Vallow
<b>FLOSSMOOR:</b>	D. Hornback, D. Hoiden
<b>GLENWOOD:</b>	K. Welsh
<b>HARVEY:</b>	Not Present
<b>HAZEL CREST:</b>	B. Grabowski
<b>HOMEWOOD:</b>	A. Schullo, J. Henrici, C. Johnson
<b>HOMEWOOD ACRES:</b>	Not Present
<b>LANSING:</b>	D. Gregorovic, J. Baird
<b>LYNWOOD:</b>	Not Present
<b>MARKHAM:</b>	Not Present
<b>MATTESON:</b>	N. Wilkens
<b>MUNSTER:</b>	J. Knesek, B. O'Brien
<b>OAK FOREST:</b>	L. Laycoax, J. Berger, L. Alfaro
<b>PHOENIX:</b>	B. Turner
<b>RICHTON PARK:</b>	Not Present
<b>RIVERDALE:</b>	G. Knoll
<b>S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:</b>	Not Present
<b>SOUTH HOLLAND:</b>	R. Stegenga
<b>THORNTON:</b>	Not Present
<b>TINLEY PARK:</b>	K. Dunn

**RETIRED MEMBERS:** Not Present

**HONORARY MEMBERS:** H. VanDrunen

**VENDORS:** D. Foster, NICOR  
T. Eberhardt, ComEd  
S. Kipley, Dolton Fire Equipment  
J. Schoon, Miner Electronics  
M. Jensen, J. Ruger, Batteries Plus  
John, Rich Construction  
J. Anaya, Homeland Assoc.

**OTHER MEMBERS:** D. Wiessner, ECOM

**GUESTS:** None

**Meeting called to order at 11:30 A.M.**

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the June 14, 2007, meeting minutes by Chief Kasper; seconded by Chief Laycoax. Motion carried.

**Communications:** The Association wrote a letter supporting the election of Robert Bettenhausen as a Great Lakes Division VCOS Board Director.

**Applications:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

**Training:** The graduation was phenomenal. Some great changes were made to the program. We will make a few adjustments for next year. Thank you Chiefs and Training Officers for your support. State of Illinois auditing was discussed. There will be a meeting on September 20 at 7 p.m. We will talk about FFIII Academy. July 14 practicals will be at Tinley Tower. The NFIRS will be held in the District again. Officer training will be held on the third Thursday of every month. We need your Officers there. D/C Ellington has 600 feet of rope available – only for training use. The Academy website is complete. We will be attending training in Springfield for reference manual completion. The Training Committee needs your support. Get back to us with your requests. We need people at classes. Please support your Officers.

**EMS:** We have received information from IMH on the data reporting system. IDPH may change what needs to be reported. It will probably mirror national reporting. There is no

further information available at this time.

**Comprehensive Planning:** Nothing to report. We do not have a Chief assigned to legislative as of yet.

**Investigations:** When you call investigators, MABAS first box, you automatically get the lead investigator on the call. He will report to the lead commander. He will assist in conducting an investigation if you need him and he will call for a second alarm if he feels it is needed. We are trying to eliminate unnecessary time and travel. Remember, once the Office of the Fire Marshal is called out, he is the one who has control of the investigation. Vehicle SOGs should be forthcoming. Chief Stegenga will lead the inspectors and public education. Their first assignment is the Division showcase. October 11 is reserved at the Tinley Convention Center. You will be contacted requesting a list of officials to be invited.

**Dive:** Training is being attended and box card changes have been submitted. They are getting ready for the September 15 challenge in Lynwood and are working on SOPs. They have received some applications. Will be presenting some budget issues to the Executive Board.

**Retirement:** Nothing to report.

**Mutual Aid:** Box cards changes for August are due this month. There have been some changes to the drug distribution program. We will need to provide new numbers of emergency responders to the County in February. Each member of this organization should send a representative to a class that will be held in September. More information will follow.

There has been a problem with IFERN. A preliminary cost of \$6,600 has been received to put in an additional station out to the east. We will be working on getting more prices. Discussion was had regarding the urgency of this issue and looking at the agreement with Orland and associated costs. Discussion was had regarding authority to be granted to the chairman of Mutual Aid to continue to look at the lease term agreement in place with Orland Division 24 Dispatch Center and work as expediently as possible to improve communications at that location or another location of choice. Chief Kasper made a motion to authorize the Mutual Aid Chairman to make a purchase and procure a location with the authorization of the Executive Board. Second by Chief Galgan. Motion carried.

**Canteen:** Any Chiefs with calendars or calendar money, keep the calendars and turn in the money to Debbie Hoiden or Chief Knoll.

**Hazmat:** The transfer of the vehicle from Tinley Park has been completed.

**Finance:** Current financials were discussed. Some departments have second quarter

outstanding invoices. We are in the process of getting a credit card. Twenty-five firemen from Southern Illinois went to Utah. Committee Chairs need to submit budgets or stipend requests for consideration in next year's budgeting.

**CART/TRT:** We have requested input on technical rescue and how the Committees want to handle it. We will be looking for a preliminary chairperson. The dues structure, unanswered questions, and potential dissolution of assets were discussed. Once we get input, we will formulate a plan. Review your standards and your IDOL requirements. Please get your responses in to Lisa with equipment and personnel. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for payment approval. A motion was made to pay the invoices by Chief Henrici; seconded by Chief Kasper. Motion carried.

### **Fire Chiefs' Reports:**

**Chief Knoll:** Thank you to the hazmat team for the advisors' response.

**Chief Wilkens:** Issues will be voted on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for a representative of MABAS 24.

**Chief Turner:** Everything is good.

**Chief Henrici:** Introduced Chief Shullo who was sworn in this morning.

**D/C O'Brien:** Field level maintenance class is tentatively scheduled for August 1. We will keep in touch. Contact him if you want to be involved.

**Chief Galgan:** The Hazmat Team participated at the St. Mary Hospital drill. We had a great level of preparedness. Vehicle Preemption Stoplight Deputy Director of South Suburban Mayors and Managers has expressed an interest in coming to a meeting and offering help.

**Chief Gregorovic:** Thanks to neighboring towns. You did a great job helping out.

### **Vendors' Reports:**

**M. Jensen:** Made a presentation for Batteries Plus discussing what they offer and their locations.

**Rich Construction:** Thank you for adding us onto your list. Response times will be taken into consideration. They take pride in their level of professionalism.

**T. Eberhardt:** Lansing brought a situation to their attention. Please continue to bring

situations to her attention.

**D. Foster:** Had a situation the same day. Please do not wait, raise issues as they occur.

**J. Anaya:** Brought samples. The Inspectors' Golf Outing is September 25. It's great to be back.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing reported.

**New Business:** Issues between Divisions were discussed. Both Divisions will stand on their own on all issues. At this point we are continuing to cooperate in two areas, Dive and Hazmat. Inter-divisional response will be handled through the box alarm system. Hazmat structure was discussed. We are inking out a memorandum of understanding including fees. They will see ordinances are in place. We will take care of invoicing. All issues will be written down and worked out between the two Executive Boards.

Chief Knoll made a motion to appoint Andy Horberg as legal counsel with the Division. No second was received. Chief Henrici seconded the motion. The motion carried by a show of hands.

**Good of the Association:** Thank you to Chief Henrici for all you have done for us. You have been invaluable with your insight.

Lisa Alfaro made a presentation regarding the Illinois Fire Service Professionals' Executive Support Program.

Attendance has been great. We need your participation. We are a large MABAS division and we have a lot going on. Please step up and let us know if you don't like our direction. We appreciate your support.

**Adjournment:**

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

**Next Meeting:**

**Glenwood Oaks Restaurant**  
**106 N. Main Street**  
**Glenwood, IL**  
**August 9, 2007**  
**11:30 A.M.**

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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