

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

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	J. McCullough, _____
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	W. Buie
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMWOOD:	A. Schullo
HOMWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic, J. Baird
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, W.J. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	L. Laycoax, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	B. Turner
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	G. Knoll
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	R. Stegenga
THORNTON:	Not Present
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. Van Drunen
HONORARY MEMBERS:	W. Neumann, MABAS 24 Dispatch
VENDORS:	D. Foster, NICOR T. Eberhardt, R. Smith, ComEd J. Kelly, Air One S. Fusco, Reliable Fire Equipment M. Viola, Nederman D. Newton, Metro Restoration J. Krockner, Rich Construction

GUESTS:

C. Sewell, SVFD

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

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

Communications: Nothing to report.

Applications: The Executive Board will be looking at the dues and fee schedule for the vendors and associates at next month's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: After the first of the year, we will be getting back into examining the bylaws. We will coordinate with MABAS.

EMS: Nothing to report.

Legislative/Legal: Chief Wilkens has kept an eye on this for us. If any chiefs are interested, please let Chief Welsh know before the next Executive Committee meeting. MABAS nominations will be coming out. They hope to get everything back to the divisions by the second week in January. We need a volunteer to serve as a MABAS liaison. Communications is an issue in this division.

Inspectors/Public Education: Nothing to report.

Investigators (Arson): We continue to have monthly meetings. There have been a couple of call outs. We are hoping to resolve an issue with a piece of equipment.

Dive: We had a couple of call outs. The team did well. We are having a special meeting and hope to have appropriate SOPs. We welcome Cal City and Munster to the team. The next meeting will be the first Thursday in December, 10:00, Lansing 3. We are ready to welcome South Holland. Thank you to everyone who came out for the second alarm.

Retirement: Looking at backgrounds proved several names of people who may have been entitled to recognition did not qualify due to lack of years of service with this organization.

Utilities: Nothing to report.

Training: All but one passed FFII Mod A. Mod B is December 19. The Rope Ops class is complete. The final FAE class is November 17. The practical is November 10. We

are looking for a couple of engines with operators to help out. We will be contacting Certified Fleet for a class on vehicle maintenance. There will be a Metra class November 15 in Oak Forest. December's Officer's Training will be in Thornton on radiological emergencies. We are happy with the Academy. Physical fitness issues need to be addressed. The Tech B class is going very well. A motion was made by Chief Kasper to purchase and present a plaque to Susie Alwerdt on behalf of Division 24 chiefs for all she has done for the Division and individually. Second by Chief Dunn. Motion carried.

Mutual Aid: We had permission to spend \$8,000 to remedy issues we were experiencing on IFERN mostly on the east side. That equipment has been put in and has been tested. It is working properly. We have received a copy of the box alarms but have not gone through them. There was a meeting yesterday for the Chicago Cook County Regional Cooperative Channel Plan. There is much up in the air. We will keep you advised. MABAS will be handling the distribution of Starcom radios this year. You will be getting more information.

HazMat: Division 27 has accepted the MOU. It has been through the Executive Board and the Hazmat Advisors twice. Fees, training issues, and spiller pays ordinances were discussed. A motion was made to adopt the MOU between Division 24 and 27 for the purpose of hazmat response by Chief Kasper. Second by Chief Gregorovic. Motion carried. The secondary concern of coming up with the same type of agreement for dive response will be worked on.

Canteen: We are working on some type of written document prescribing fees for Canteen services. That was one of the first issues that came up at the Inter-Divisional meeting we attended. We've come up with something. It has gone through Chief Kolosh and the Executive Board twice. Extensive discussion was had discussing the details of the MOU. A motion was made by Chief Laycoax to accept the MOU and adopt the fee structure as proposed, second by Chief Dunn. Motion carried.

CART/TRT: Many topics were raised regarding the TRT/CART final report. Extensive discussion was had regarding certifications, training, commitment of time, meeting ITTF mandates, and equipment. MABAS equipment and missing items were discussed. MABAS 27 is forming under the CART banner. Chief Kasper is willing to help out as will Captain Kris Dunn. Individual department membership, duplication of efforts, fees, and dues were discussed. Concerns regarding levels of qualification and validation were discussed. Chief Welsh reiterated the importance of members responding to e-mails/requests. A motion was made to table the proposal of TRT by Chief Laycoax. Second by Chief Dunn. Motion carries with one nay. A motion was made by Chief Laycoax that a representative of CART attend the January meeting and make a presentation to this organization. The motion was amended to add that this be an open forum January meeting or special meeting as arranged. Second by Chief Eriks. Motion carried with one nay. Further discussion was had. Chief Welsh wishes to move forward. Please forward your questions to Chief Welsh or Lisa. We will schedule a meeting with CART and then we will continue. The suggestion was made that we also meet with MABAS. Questions should be made into a document and sent to MABAS and CART.

Finance: Assessments were discussed. MABAS dues will remain the same in '07 as for '08. They are assessing on different bases for '09/2010 dues. The dive budget includes sonar equipment focus. A motion was made by Chief Kasper to adopt the budgets and to adopt MABAS 24 2008 assessments as presented. Second by Chief Laycoax. Motion carried. We discussed future luncheons. We are working with Hawtree on one final thing. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Kasper to pay the invoices as presented. Second by Chief Laycoax. Motion carried. The J&L invoice for receivers and equipment to handle IFERN in Cal City will be presented for approval to the Executive Board. A motion was made by Chief Laycoax to allow the Executive Board to pay the J&L invoice after reviewing it. Second by Chief Dunn. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief McCullough: Thank you for coming to the box on the expressway.

Chief Stegenga: He will have a D/C starting Wednesday, Don Bettenhausen.

Chief Martello: On behalf of Chicago Heights and the Forest Preserve Police, thank you to the dive team.

Chief Laycoax: Thank you for coming out to the semi pin-in at 164 and Cicero. D/C Berger did an outstanding job as did everyone there on a long extrication. Thank you for coming out yesterday. We transported two firefighters who were electrically charged.

Chief Welsh: Thank you to Chief Galgan and Tony from Strictly Board Up for their support in Peoria.

D/C Habecker: We had a fire Sunday. Thank you for being there.

Chief Sewell: On behalf of 27, we are looking forward to a long, prosperous relationship. We are looking forward to moving on dive.

Chief Galgan: Thank you for coming to the EMS box and thanks to the dive team. Chicago border towns were invited to a meeting. I will attend the meeting. If you have anything, I will be glad to state it.

Vendors' Reports:

S. Fusco: Has shift calendars.

D. Foster: Has time open to give presentations until the end of the year on response to emergencies.

T. Eberhardt: Thank you to all who came out to the training Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a textbook and DVD. Call me for additional manuals. Please make use of the program. I hope the firefighters are okay.

H. VanDrunen: MES is taking over Dolton Equipment's phone numbers. Everything will be the same.

Unfinished Business: The showcase was excellent. We should start planning now for next year. Please get your suggestions to Chief Welsh in writing. A date has been set. September 11, 2008, in the evening.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: We encourage you to attend the December Christmas lunch meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Laycoax. Second by Chief Eriks. Motion carried at 13:25 Hours.

Next Meeting:

December 13, 2007
Idlewild Country Club
Dixie Highway
Flossmoor, IL
11:30 a.m.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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