

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION  
MABAS 24, INC.  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2008**

**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, J. Ellington, S. Pycz, D. Rodriguez
<b>DOLTON:</b>	L. Victor
<b>EAST HAZEL CREST:</b>	B. Vallow
<b>FLOSSMOOR:</b>	D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
<b>GLENWOOD:</b>	K. Welsh
<b>HARVEY:</b>	Not Present
<b>HAZEL CREST:</b>	Not Present
<b>HOMEWOOD:</b>	J. Applegate
<b>HOMEWOOD ACRES:</b>	Not Present
<b>LANSING:</b>	D. Gregorovic, J. Baird
<b>LYNWOOD:</b>	Not Present
<b>MARKHAM:</b>	R. Moaton
<b>MATTESON:</b>	N. Wilkens
<b>MUNSTER:</b>	W.J. O'Brien
<b>OAK FOREST:</b>	J. Berger, C. Sopko, R. Small, L. Alfaro
<b>PHOENIX:</b>	Not Present
<b>RIGHTON 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>	B. Kolosh
<b>TINLEY PARK:</b>	K. Dunn
<b>RETIRED MEMBERS:</b>	Not Present
<b>HONORARY MEMBERS:</b>	Not Present
<b>VENDORS:</b>	D. Foster, NICOR T. Eberhardt, D. Populorum, ComEd S. Fusco, Reliable Fire Equipment D. Newton, Metro Restoration J. Krockner, Rich Construction R. Grady, Andres Medical Billing J. Schoon, Miner Electronics

**GUESTS:**

Not Present

**Meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM.**

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the November 8 and December 13, 2007, meeting minutes by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Vallow. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Nothing to report.

**Applications:** Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Comprehensive Planning:** At the February meeting we will begin to sectionalize the bylaws and update them due to operational process.

**EMS:** Reminder – starting in January Medicare will need patient signatures. Suggest you add something to your privacy act notice to allow you to bill Medicare. Dr. Heilicser requests you move to 12-lead if you are able to.

**Legislative/Legal:** Chief Kasper has volunteered to chair this committee and he will be sending out legislative blasts. There is a new law up for vote soon regarding mobile home park inspections. We also have copies of new legislation regarding staffing and replacement of personnel. Discussion was had regarding this law which places mandates on replacement of personnel.

We are finalizing a draft MOU with Division 27 for Dive which is similar to HazMat and we will be looking at rules and regulations.

**Inspectors:** Nothing to report.

**Public Education:** Chief Stegenga reported the next meeting will be held on January 17 at 9:00 in South Holland. We will discuss the 2008 MABAS 24 Showcase and will be looking for recommendations regarding an alternative date.

**Investigators (Arson):** We had two responses this month, Riverdale and Oak Forest. In Riverdale everything went well. Oak Forest called in the task force and other entities. On any box you will get the lead investigator and advisor. We will be adding the K-9 and handler to the box alarm level. That resource will be made available ASAP. Contact Country Club Hills anytime and if they are not available, we have other resources. If you would like a presentation to be given to your Department re fire investigators and K-9, we will come to you.

The new South Suburban Task Force meeting will be held on January 29 at 10:00, Orland Station 1, Administration.

**Dive:** There have been no call outs since the last meeting. Cal City had to back out due to other commitments. We welcome South Holland back in. Training is going well. We are working on SOPs and hope to have those by February.

**Retirement:** We had a successful December meeting. Some discussion was had regarding future recognition of Retired Chief Laycoax.

**Utilities:** Nothing to report.

**Training:** We need a chief to take over the training committee. The next meeting will be held on February 5 at 9:00 a.m. at Oak Forest Station 1. There were 18 students enrolled in Spring Academy. 15 students showed up. March 10 will be graduation, possibly at Gaelic Park. Hazmat Ops will be coming through the Academy. If anyone on your departments needs FSVO or Hazmat Awareness, contact Rick Triemstra @ South Holland. D/C Ellington will be gathering e-mails for all training officers in the district. MABAS 24 Training Officer meetings will continue to be held at 9:00 on the first Tuesday of the month.

Officers training will be held on January 17, NFPA 1911 Apparatus Testing & Maintenance. There will be a second officers training on January 24 @ Thornton Police Department on Explosive Devices. We are considering holding a communications drill for February and propane emergencies drill for March. If anyone is interested in helping out with FFII practicals for Academy, contact Dave Griffin, Oak Forest FD, 708-935-0404. You must have Instructor I certification. A/C Sopko, Oak Forest FD, will handle Academy graduation arrangements. We are working on a NIMS class for Academy.

**Mutual Aid:** General updates are available. Entities other than fire departments, i.e., ESDA and private ambulance companies, are eligible to become MABAS members. That membership goes through normal committee. An issue has arisen regarding auto aid and mutual aid. Review your e-mail regarding the election of Second Vice President. You might want to look into legalities associated with crossing borders. Chief Welsh has been appointed liaison to Indiana. Indiana is in the process of organizing. Munster had to go through the OSFM and the Governor's office. We will keep you posted.

The recent 5<sup>th</sup> level box in Oak Forest reiterated communication issues. White fire ground problems were discussed. As of February 1, we will start using red fire ground to avoid bleed over issues. Orland will assign frequencies. Pay attention. You will go to red on any box alarms. Staging will go to IFERN2. Make sure you have that. Command will contact staging on IFERN1. It is not necessary to make notification to Orland if you are going to another division.

Discussion was had with regard to issues that need to be taken care of re Chicago interoperability program. Everyone should have mapbooks for the City of Chicago indicating fire station and hospital locations. You should have received information re Cook County Code Book for Communications requesting radio information. There is a meeting scheduled for January 17 in Chicago Ridge. We urge fire, police, and communications persons be represented.

**HazMat:** There have been no callouts. Next Monday will be the first advisors' meeting of the year. Advisor reps from 27 will be there. Response, preparation, and familiarization will be covered.

**Canteen:** We've received the billing procedures and will be forwarding them to districts and meeting with them as needed. Some maintenance is needed and will be scheduled.

The next assessment will be in May. Matteson is paid up.

**CART/TRT:** A CART/MABAS meeting will be held on February 11 at 10:00 a.m., Glenwood Village Hall. We will continue to meet thereafter.

**Finance:** The finance software upgrade was done. You should be seeing a January through March invoice for everything. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Galgan to pay the invoices as presented. Second by Chief Kasper. Motion carried.

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

**Chief Stegenga:** Thank you to the departments that assisted on the evening of January 1 for the house fire.

**Chief Wilkens:** Thank you for coming to the house party the other day. We had a space heater issue.

**A/Chief Berger:** Introduced Assistant Chief Charlie Sopko. Thank you to everyone who helped with the apartment fire. There were three fatalities. Everyone did a great job and we appreciate the help. We were glad not to lose a second building. The police arrested an arsonist. We cannot say enough about the Task Force. Over \$108,000 was recovered. We appreciate the extra help Sunday from Orland and Tinley and on Monday from Tinley. Metro Restoration had a speedy response and gave us some great guidance. We can't say enough about the great job done by the State Fire Marshal's Office, Kevin Smith and Billy Stubbich. A job application for chief is available on our website. The deadline is February 1. They plan to fill the position by May 1.

**Chief Gregorovic:** Thank you for your help mid-December on the full still. Thank you very much. It was a great job as usual.

**Chief Moaton:** They put on increased staffing. Staffing is now at 19.

**Chief Knoll:** We had a full still in December. Thank you to everyone who responded. Extra thanks to South Holland.

**Chief Welsh:** We were awarded an AFG grant which will be used to install a new radio system. We will work out those details. We are working on some equipment issues. This should ease up some traffic.

**Vendors' Reports:**

**B. Grady:** Medicare has to have that signature. You have to show the Department brought the patient in.

**J. Krockner:** Thank you for the call. We appreciate it.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** A communication was sent to all chiefs re filling the spot as liaison to Indiana for Illinois MABAS. Work groups are temporary as opposed to serving on a task force. E85 concerns will be examined. We received an IMAT trailer as a division. We will work on coming up with a procedure and then determine where they will be positioned. Next week we will be picking up triage kits.

The Mutual Aid Committee and the Executive Board will be attending the 2008 MABAS conference. Chief Welsh and Chief Dunn will work everything out.

A thought on the inter-divisional box, in harsh weather, think about a warming place to put apparatus.

**Good of the Association:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Gregorovic. Second by Chief Stegenga. Motion carried at 12:45 Hours.

**Next Meeting:**

**Glenwood Oaks Restaurant**  
**106 N. Main Street**  
**Glenwood, IL**  
**Feb. 14, 2008**  
**11:30 A.M.**

Respectfully,

*Lisa Alfaro*

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