

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2008**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	B. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	J. McCullough, L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Bill [Illegible]
HAZEL CREST:	C. Jackson, B. Grabowski
HOMEWOOD:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, B. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	J. Berger, R. Small, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	H. Fisher, C. Smith
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	G. Knoll
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	R. Stegenga
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. VanDrunen
HONORARY MEMBERS:	D. Wiessner, E-Com Dispatch Center
VENDORS:	T. Eberhardt, ComEd J. Krockner, Rich Construction M. Viola, Nederman D. Foster, Nicor
GUESTS:	B. Turner, Unisource

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the February 14, 2008, meeting minutes by Chief Eriks; seconded by Chief Kasper. Motion carried.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Applications: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: The Executive Committee has made progress on reviewing the bylaws and the structure of the organization and we will be formulating a book for each chief of standard operating guidelines of each team or group within our group.

EMS: We received the SMART triage boards. The resource hospital is to provide training. We are waiting to hear the training plan so we could get everything coordinated. Chief Galgan will advise further.

Recerts for April have to be done in April or the paramedic will be suspended. Individual departments should have gotten SOPs. There are small books available. Some discussion was had re IMERT.

Legislative: Nothing to report other than a lot has gone out lately.

Legal: Chief Horberg didn't see anything out of line in the final draft of dive.

Inspectors: The group has met but they are not getting very good participation. They are looking for your inspectors and public educators to participate in the meetings. We will be requesting a mailing list. Meetings will be held in South Holland the first Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. and will last about an hour. Fire inspector topics will be addressed on odd months. Public education will be addressed on even months.

Public Education: We are working on the showcase and should get a subcommittee going of each specialty team. We are thinking of creating a schedule and a program. Public educators are looking at grant monies and issues re matching funding. Contact Terry Campbell, Glenwood, to sign up for the Risk Watch train the trainer session to be held on April 9.

Investigators: There were two call outs in the past month with no problems. We will be holding a general meeting the first Monday of next month.

Dive: The SOPs are done with maybe one more revision. We did get in an ice dive which was well attended.

Retirement: We have one Chief who has left our organization and we would like to get a paver for him in Springfield. A motion to approve the expenditure of \$250 to purchase a paver was made by Chief Dunn; second by Chief Galgan. Motion carried.

Utilities: We sent NICOR a renewed request re a vacant building on Glenwood/Chicago Heights Road which Division 24 could use to store their equipment. If you know of anything that is available, please advise Chief Welsh.

Training: Chief Kolosh has accepted the position of Director of the Training Academy. The Academy needs day-to-day work. Chief Eriks will help with Canteen. We apologize for the late notice re the FFII graduation. Attendance was very good, thank you for coming out. If you have suggestions, get them to Chief Kolosh.

Mutual Aid: Next week Orland will be losing Homer as a base station for IFERN but we do not anticipate a negative impact. Next week, ask them for a 5-count on mobiles and if they cannot talk to you, please advise. We are looking at a storm watch policy for the Division. We will keep you informed. Increased box alarm charges were discussed to become effective April 1, \$30 initial box, \$10 every alarm after that. There was a billing issue that is being taken care of. You are to call that alarm on IFERN; if it is busy, they will redirect you. Make sure your dispatch center listens and does not tone over people.

We are looking for someone to take over the pharmaceutical distribution program. The numbers received from everybody were sent in to the county. If you did not send numbers, the same numbers as you had previously were sent. The next time you can change it will be next year.

HazMat: We are in the process of reorganization of our decon unit. We will be attending the Division 27 meeting to make sure everyone understands response procedures and protocols.

Canteen: We have a fundraising letter. Lenore Victor will assist with coordination of efforts; Chiefs Kolosh and Eriks will spearhead the project. We will be seeking people we can go to in order to raise funds to pay off this debt.

CART/TRT: Every Chief has received a position statement. The floor opened for discussion. After extensive discussion regarding relevant issues, Chief Eriks made a motion that Division 24 become TRT under MABAS/ITTF power and immediately begin talks with CART for continued affiliation; second by Chief Knoll. Hearing three opposed, there being seventeen Chiefs voting, motion carried. We will keep you posted on a regular basis.

Finance: We are working very hard to get our finances in order. Budgets and receivables are being worked on. Second quarter invoices will be mailed out next week.

Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Kolosh to pay the invoices as presented; second by Chief Berger. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Dunn: To clarify, after the Lane Bryant incident, the Jogman Center was taken over by the task force. I don't know when that facility will be available to us again. We may have another bill or be looking for alternate space for about 80 people.

Chief Welsh welcomed Chief Howard Fisher from Phoenix. and thanked him for his assistance in getting issues ironed out.

Chief Fisher: I am looking forward to working with the Chiefs.

Chief Berger: Thank you for last week's help. We had a fatality. The Investigators did a good job.

Chief Hornback: All is quiet in Flossmoor.

Chief Dunn: Nick, thank you for inviting us to your fire the other day.

Chief Galgan: Thank you for coming out the other day on our fire. If anyone is looking for 300 and 400, a class will be held July 7-11. Check the IFSI website.

Chief Wilkens: Thank you for the box assistance. They want to convey to both divisions, especially to Chiefs and Training Officers, how well-behaved everyone was when they came there. Our hat's off to you and your Training Officers. On April 2, 10 a.m., Matteson will be hosting a weather watcher class at our village hall. 4900 Village Commons.

Chief Knoll: Thank you for your help. Nobody was hurt and it went well. We heard great reports on the tent city which will have a set up at NIPSTA.

Vendors' Reports:

No reports.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: The generator and light towers for the division are being ordered and distributed through MABAS. Starcom is up and running. Check MABASRADIO.org so you know how it works.

We will be sending something out from the HAZMAT team shortly. We will need your spiller pays ordinance.

Good of the Association: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Kasper; second by Chief Stegenga. Motion carried at 12:55 Hours.

Next Meeting:

**Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
April 17, 2008
11:30 A.M.**

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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