

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2008**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	T. McCullough
EAST HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback, J. Grady, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	J. Bell
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMWOOD:	A. Schullo
HOMWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, B. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	J. Berger, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
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:	None Present
HONORARY MEMBERS:	W. Neumann, Orland Dispatch
VENDORS:	J. Schoon, Miner Electronics J. Kelly, M. Sarhage, Air One L. Benjamin, ERS Board Up S. Fusco, Reliable Fire Equipment J. Crocker, Rich Construction T. Eberhardt, ComEd D. Foster, NiCor

GUESTS:

A. Fratto, MDA
M. Chumbley, MDA

Meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the April 17, 2008, meeting minutes by Chief Berger; seconded by Chief Dunn. Motion carried.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Applications: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: No report.

EMS: No report.

Legislative: Nothing other than what has gone out via e-mail.

Legal: No report.

Investigators: A meeting was held a week ago.

Public Education: Current status of the 2008 Showcase was given. Please send a note to your mayors, trustees, and police chief, September 18, hold the date. We hope to get MABAS equipment.

Dive: Everything is going well, training is well-attended, SOPs are done, we haven't had any call outs. We are working on an MOU with Division 27.

Retirement: No report.

Utilities: NiCor will be hosting training this month. ComEd was requested to look into response times which are starting to creep up.

Training: Academy is underway. Graduation will be held July 7. Officer's training will be held at the Cal City Rec Center. The State test site has been moved. Dates have been finalized for FFIII. We are working on a pre-Academy obstacle course as there have been some problems with physical agility. Make sure candidates being sent to Academy are physically fit.

Mutual Aid: As of last month, any interference problems we were having with Indiana and Michigan should have been taken care of. Thank you to Bob Small for taking this

project on. Box cards are due in July to the Mutual Aid Committee. If you have any changes, please get them in. We propose adopting the Regional Emergency Dispatch procedures for use during severe weather. One more letter will be sent seeking your questions. A motion will be made next month to put these procedures into effect.

Mutual Aid Advisors have been regularly receiving Chicago Incident Action Plans. If you are called, we do have a plan on file. If you have an event or fest, please get those plans together as required by NIMS.

MABAS/ITTF air support units will start getting delivered.

HazMat: Our current roster with bringing in Div. 27 is 78. We had a very good drill. We are in good shape.

Canteen: We came up with some good fundraising ideas. We need pictures to put a CD together. If you have any pictures of the Canteen at an incident, please contact Chief Eriks. The possibility of holding a Districtwide boot drive was discussed. We are still looking at selling signs.

CART/TRT: SOGs are being reviewed and we are working on inventory. We are in the process of conducting the first class. The next class will be in June. The classes are well-attended, thank you for your support. We are continuing to work with MABAS and CART. Discussions are in process seeking to make a determination about the mechanics of maintaining a relationship. Validation issues are being addressed.

Finance: Changes in MABAS dues calculations were discussed. Thank you to Chief Berger for helping with spillover pays. Current cash, receivables, and general status were discussed. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Berger to pay the invoices as presented; second by Chief Stegenga. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Dunn: Chief Bettenhausen will be receiving a lifetime achievement award.

Chief Hornback: Thank you to those that came out the other night and those that ended up staying and lending a hand.

Chief Kolosh: Thank you for your help with the rash of structure fires.

Chief Bell: Thank you for your help last month. A special thank you to South Holland for the excellent response they provided to a family member.

Chief Galgan: We really appreciate everybody's help. Thank you for the station coverage. The Ratkovich family was overly impressed and the Pastor commented in his

18 years, he had never seen such a dignified service. Even in his homily, Joe had concerns about the fire department.

A tabletop drill will be held the 29th in Chicago. The NIMS class will be held July 7 to 11.

Chief Welsh: Thank you to all the chiefs who promptly offered their assistance for Cal City standby.

Chief Knoll: Thank you very much for your assistance at 5 incidents in 15 days. Thanks to everyone in the district.

Vendors' Reports:

J. Crocker: At the Hazel Crest fire scene, it became evident residents/fire victims go through a lot. Some people really need some assistance after emergency responders pull away.

D. Foster: We will host a hands-on night burn Wednesday, May 21. It starts at 6:30 if you are interested.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: MDA gave a brief presentation.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Stegenga; second by Chief Berger. Motion carried at 12:40 Hours.

Next Meeting:

**Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
June 12, 2008
11:30 A.M.**

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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