

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

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	B. Galgan, S. Williams
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper
DOLTON:	L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	W. Buie
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD:	C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic, J. Baird
LYNWOOD:	Not Present
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, D. Pell
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	Not Present
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	Not Present
THORNTON:	Not Present
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. VanDrunen
HONORARY MEMBERS:	Not Present
VENDORS:	B. Slager, Metro Recovery J. Kline, Metro Restoration J. Crocker, Rich Construction T. Eberhardt, ComEd
GUESTS:	None Present

There being no quorum, the Informational Meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Communications: We received checks from Jim Berger totaling \$300. Thank you to Jim for his friendship and support.

Applications: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We hope to complete a manual similar to the First Hundred Days booklet from the I-Chiefs in October and revisit Rules and Bylaws in November.

EMS: Discussion was had regarding Olympia Fields' change in status and use of the helicopter. Pay close attention to this situation. Dr. Heilicser has been given information and is watching for our best interests.

Legislative: You should have gotten updates.

Investigators: No report.

Inspectors/Public Education: It is important to note that drills are being held along with meetings. Have your inspectors attend these valuable sessions. The Village of Thornton donated a vehicle that will be responding on second alarms. Responses have been down. The Pub Ed Committee is working hard to get the Showcase organized.

Dive: Everything is going fine. A multi-divisional dive was held with Divisions 19, 10, and 24. Another will be held on the 27th.

Retirement: A/C Baird has taken a position as Chief of the Bradley Fire Department. He served us well for over 39 years. He has been an integral part of the Hazmat Team since its inception. We wish him the best. We thank Jo Baird for all she's done for the Canteen as well. Lt. Bonnevier is completing the retirement process. He supported Division 24 in many ways, most notably on the Hazmat Team and Fire Investigators. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Utilities: ComEd response at UP was astounding. New rep jumped right on issues.

Training: Graduation went well. Chief Kolosh is hard at work trying to get initiatives organized and addressed.

Mutual Aid: You will be receiving an e-mail re re-banding Starcom if you have it. You need to do that in order to stay current so please get it taken care of. Check to make sure you have a radio or get a hold of the right people to get it.

HazMat: Two minor incidents.

Canteen: Mail campaign ready to be printed and go. 1,000 letters are going to identified sources. Get your information to Lisa if you have names to add. All funds received to pay off the Canteen loan will go through Lynwood. We plan to hold a boot drive. If you need it, Chief Welsh will speak to your city council/mayor/manager re that.

CART/TRT: They are moving forward with training. Spent two days in Springfield meeting with the committee reviewing standards.

[Hazmat call, Chief Hornback took over the meeting.]

Finance: The finance committee is working to improve our financial status (including tax exempt status). Invoices and standard invoices were presented. They will be paid by action of the Executive Board.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Galgan: Welcome to D/C Steve Williams appointed June 5.

Chief Gregorovich: Thank you for coming out last night. We appreciate all Jim and Jo Baird have done. If he were here, I would thank him again.

D/Chief Buie: Thank you for helping on our box alarm.

Vendors' Reports: None

Unfinished Business: An agility test is being planned for the Academy.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: A/Chief Sopko gave a presentation re the Academy agility pre-test which will be used if approved. We will look into putting something together to prepare candidates for the test. Some discussion was had re medical clearance issues.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:31 Hours.

Next Meeting:

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

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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