

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	Not Present
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper
DOLTON:	Not Present
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic, K. Verkalk
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, D. Pelc
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	G. Knoll
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	D. Bettenhausen
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	Not Present
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. VanDrunen
HONORARY MEMBERS:	Not Present
VENDORS:	J. Kelly, M. Sarhage, Air One D. Foster, NiCor J. Kaminsky, F. Leal, USAMobility
GUESTS:	None Present

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests and acknowledged the memory of 9-11. Thanks were extended to Chief Gregorovic together with an update of the deployment. We need to have a work session and officers only training. Remember your commitment when you signed on to MABAS. There must be a clear understanding of the agreements and the reimbursement process.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the July 8, 2008, meeting minutes by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Vallow. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Applications: Bud's renewal.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: Nothing to report.

EMS: There will be a meeting at St. James next week. The regular meeting will be the 15th at Bud's.

Legislative: There have been a couple of alerts recently. Fire prevention and vehicle loans were pulled.

Investigators: There were a few call outs since last meeting, some special boxes and a couple of MABAS box alarms. We responded into Alsip as part of the South Suburban Task Force. Issues that arose have been resolved. We are getting ready to check/update policies and procedures.

Inspectors/Public Education: Chief Welsh delivered a schedule for the September 18 Showcase. Please wear full dress Class A uniforms or as near to it as possible. The Chiefs will make a short presentation to the assembled mayors and managers. After 6:30, you may break down. Only those attending with their mayors, managers, or trustees will be staying for dinner. We donated \$500 towards cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The event was promoted by the South Suburban Mayors and Managers office.

Dive: All is well. They are getting ready for the 20th dive challenge comprised of dive teams from all over Illinois and some in Indiana. Thank you to Lynwood. Training is good. Everybody is safe. There have been no call outs.

Retirement: Nothing to report. We signed a contract with Idlewild Country Club for December 11, 2008.

Utilities: Be aware of calls relating to the theft of copper out of abandoned buildings.

Training: There are 24 students in II and 18 in III. We are working on 300 and 400 class.

Mutual Aid: Thank you for the expedient response and offers that were made to help. Sharing personnel between departments was a first. That is the direction we need to look at. We are reviewing policies and procedures. Once they are finished, they will be sent out for publication.

HazMat: Lots of call outs lately. We have had five major call outs in the last two months. We have made major adjustments.

Canteen: Golf outing tomorrow, 10:00 shotgun. Come before for coffee and rolls. Chief Welsh delivered a summary of the profit expected from the outing together with a report on the fundraising letter campaign. We will keep you updated. Thank you to the committee. 501(c)(3) status is making a difference. We hope every town will participate in the Sept. 26, 3:00-7:00, boot drive or pick another date.

CART/TRT: Will report at next meeting.

Finance: There is a list of the check register from June forward. We have over \$57,000 in receivables. We looked at our vehicle loans and our current lien holder offers the best deal. The Executive Board did pay the bills due to the lack of attendance at the last meeting. All team leaders get a hold of Debbie for credit cards. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Kasper to pay the invoices as presented; second by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Knoll: Going on vacation. Thank you for your help last Thursday.

Chief Gregorovich: Thank you to the Hazmat team for coming out in July. Thank you to Munster. A/C Ken Verkalk was introduced.

Chief Knesek: Thanks for coming out on the box call. There was a little problem with communications.

Chief Vallow: Issues surrounding mutual aid were discussed.

Chief Kasper: Thank you to East Hazel Crest for their continued assistance. Took delivery of a 104' tower. Working on getting that in service in the near future.

Chief Hornback: Thank you for your involvement. It all worked well. We appreciate Glenwood's work. We appreciate the commitment from the guys.

Chief Welsh: Thank you to everyone who supported our hazmat the other day. Purple material, 7 people transported. 4700 gallons were drained by the time we got in.

Chief Eriks: We look forward to seeing everyone at the Showcase.

Chief Kolosh: We are breaking ground Monday on our station addition. It will be hectic for the next 3 months.

Chief Lipinski: The Oak Forest brush buggy and snorkel are out of service. The snorkel will go up for bid.

D/C Bettenhausen: Announced Chief Stegenga's retirement the 19th at which time he will be acting chief.

Chief Martello: Thank you to those departments who responded to the EMS box. There was a terrific response from this Division into our district during the interdivisional box. They are in the stages of changing our times to breakfast meetings.

Chief Wilkens: Everything is fine. Reminder: In October there will be a big vote on all new bylaws for state MABAS. If you need copies of the proposed ones, see Terry, me, or Lisa. If you have a comment or concern, let us know.

Vendors' Reports:

USA Mobility: Jeff Kaminsky introduced Felix Leo. He looks forward to getting to know everyone.

D. Foster: In light of the Frankfort explosion, some residents may be more nervous. They may call 888-NICOR. If they didn't feel their concerns were taken care of, please call her.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: There will be a memorial service in South Chicago Heights at 7:30. The Executive Board will be holding a work session in the near future inviting committee chairs. If you are interested in getting more involved in committees or in taking a board position, please let Chief Welsh know. Elections come up in December and January and we want to make sure there is good preparation for that process and a smooth transition thereafter. Nominations are in November.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Vallow; second by Chief Lipinski.
Motion carried at 12:45 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
October 9, 2008
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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