

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2008**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan, S. Williams
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	Not Present
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD:	C. Johnson, L. Burnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, W. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	H. Fisher
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	G. Knoll
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	D. Bettenhausen
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. VanDrunen
HONORARY MEMBERS:	Not Present
VENDORS:	D. Foster, NiCor J. Krockner, Rich Const. R. Gosser, Gosser Corp. Sales T. Eberhart, ComEd J. Schoon, Miner Electronics
GUESTS:	On Site ERT

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September 11, 2008, meeting minutes by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Lipinski. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Applications: None.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We are getting back on track, we will be working on bylaws, SOGs, 100 days in office for new chiefs. Other issues which came up at Executive Board will be forthcoming.

EMS: No report.

Legislative: No report. Be aware of the ramifications of the Constitutional convention.

Investigators: All is going well. We had a couple of call outs over the past month. Ran smoothly. The new vehicle update was delivered. Lynwood people donated their time and skill. The Executive Board will seek payment of the paint costs and gift cards for the donation of their services.

Inspectors/Public Education: There were some positives and negatives with the Showcase but this organization came together from being on its knees from the previous 10 days. We did an excellent job of putting our best face forward. Having all the chiefs in front of that room made a strong point and we appreciate those efforts. It was great to have Jay there to make the final presentation. Thank you to Chief Lipinski for keeping the task force equipment there. It was important to show how far we can reach in time of need. Chief Welsh further discussed the turn out, the meeting agenda, and future plans.

Dive: All is good. The Dive Challenge took place Sept. 20. Thank you to Chief Eriks for the amount of work they put in every year. There were 10 teams, 23 departments, 130 divers. Lake County Aquatics won. We had one call-out to New Lenox in the storm which turns out might have been a hoax. That is being addressed.

The Dive Challenge originated as a Lynwood event and has grown to a regional event. If you haven't been there, get out and take a look.

Retirement: At the December party we will recognize 5-6 people. Costs will be run through the Executive Board.

Utilities: Chief Bettenhausen had a still box which turned out to be a gas explosion as suggested by the NiCor field representative. NiCor called a NiCor third alarm, 20 representatives checked each side of the street for concussion damage. They had a media person ready to go. It was very impressive. They are very responsive to what we need right now, they come to the command post, and they are really on top of things.

Training: II is well under way. November testing will remain the same at TP Library. A/Chief Sopko set up the agility test. It will be done a second time with gear. We need representatives (chief or training officer) from each department while candidates are going through the agility test. Weekly e-mails are being sent to departments, excessive tardiness will not be tolerated. Changes are coming from the OSFM with II and III. Cal City is holding 300 and 400 classes. You can sign up on the IFSI website. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 4, 9 a.m., South Holland. If we could get more attendance, that would be great. November 18, 19, and 20, Cal City will be hosting a CSX class. No location has been set yet.

Mutual Aid: Thanks for all the help on the box alarms this month. Thanks to all who helped Munster and to the departments who sent groups to help with sandbagging.

We are recommending and considering to proceed with approval, putting together a disaster management task force to respond to a stricken community in the event an incident will probably last longer than a 12-hour scenario. The Team will assist that community and relieve their community in a command center to let them get some rest and further provide guidance in accordance with a unified command system but will not take over the incident. It would be activated in the event of a flood or whatever, to fill the gap between a declaration of a disaster, taking the incident to Cook County or IEMA level.

We have a draft of what this would entail and what we are looking to provide and give guidance in. In the recent case, we had two communities stricken nearly at the same time. We needed a team in both places and a coordination of resources. The Mutual Aid Committee will strive to put together the management task force and take it to Executive Board when it is presentable.

HazMat: Responses have increased. We are doing very well. In the last week we collected \$9,000.

Canteen: The golf outing was a success. About \$5,700 should be the final collected. Money has been promised and is coming in slow. We are still making good progress on paying down the loan. We will most likely take the \$20,000 collected and pay down the principal.

CART/TRT: At this point, Terry Lipinski has agreed to accept the position. There is nothing further to report at this time. The Executive Board will be sitting with him to bring him up to speed on how we have gotten here. He has a vast amount of knowledge in the process itself and we thank him for taking on the challenge.

Finance: Chief Welsh reported on the website being in need of some attention. Liz Moran has submitted a comprehensive proposal. The proposed fees were exactly quoted. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval together with a motion to accept Liz Moran's

proposal. A motion was made by Chief Lipinski to pay the invoices as presented; second by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Chief Knoll reported on '09 budget worksheets. They have met with bank representatives and determined the most effective application of monies raised will be a 1-time extra payment which would all apply towards principle on the Canteen loan. The payment would remain the same. Thanks to all for their efforts, we took a year off the loan. We have the ability to renegotiate. 5.99% is still the most competitive rate.

Chief Welsh extended a big thank you to Chief Knoll and Deb Hoiden. They have worked tirelessly to get finances in line. We plan to have a secured area on the website where records may be viewed with a password.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Gregorovich: Lansing has had lots of fires and it seems we lead the nation in gas leaks. We hope not to wear out auto aid. Thanks everyone.

Chief Welsh: Thank you to NiCor. We've had a great experience with both utilities. Thank you for helping on our box alarm Sunday night. We had a call on a house fire and fire was blowing out of four windows. The gas company was right there with the electric company right behind.

Chief Knesek: Thank everyone for their help in the flood. We wouldn't have been able to get along without you. You helped our residents get back into their homes quickly. Our boot drive will be rescheduled. We will get it done. Thank you again.

Chief Vallow: Thanks to everyone. After my comments, I received a lot of responses from organization members. Our boot drive is planned for the next two weeks.

Chief Kolosh: Thank you for the auto aid with our structure fire.

Chief Dunn: Thank you for your help on our box alarm. Thank you for the help from those communities that came in for the flooding. Thanks.

Chief Hornback: All is quiet. Thank you.

Chief Galgan: Thanks to everybody for their help with the flood. Our administrators and residents were overwhelmingly impressed and we had many calls about how the fire service acted out there. They were just amazed which went a long way because everyone is talking about the fire service. We did ourselves well in a difficult situation. I echo the issues raised re the need for an incident management team. We did well. Thank you for all your help.

We will issue FEMA individual assistance information out on e-mail. If individuals fill out the FEMA form, they will probably get a rejection letter because they need to go through their own insurance company first. If you invoice Cal City, you will get reimbursed for time above and

beyond normal staff, over time, and backfill. This is a state disaster because we went through State MABAS. We should get reimbursed but we will check on the legal side.

Chief Lipinski: Thank you all for your help on our small box alarm. It went as smoothly as it could. The victim was revived and later died as he was subjected to some great heat. We have FF Tom Bettenhausen retiring after 30 years. We will have a get together. We have been having some communication problems within our tone stacks due to a lightning strike. If you hear the testing of tones, that is what it is about.

Chief Johnson: Thanks to the hazmat advisors for the call yesterday evening and thank you to NiCor and ComEd for their assistance this past open house. Larry Burnson is in charge of both fire and police for a while. I am honored to be here amongst such distinguished leaders. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Chief Knoll: We appreciate everything everybody does for our community. Thank you to everyone who helps all the time.

Chief Wilkens: If you have had experience with the lease of apparatus, please see me. Div. 27 meeting was today, 9 a.m., Chicago Hts. Country Club on east course.

Chief Bettenhausen: Tom Bettenhausen started in Tinley Park and worked with private ambulance. He has 44 years of service altogether. He was instrumental in the communication system, hospital dial up. When Dad died, Tom was the father. Tinley Park gave him a boost with that. We are proud of him.

Vendors' Reports:

R. Gosser: If we can help you out, let us know.

J. Krocke: Thank you for support over the years. We would like to donate the next couple of payments towards the Canteen loan. After the fire, send someone the next day. Think about how you can assist residents after the fire.

A short presentation was made by On Scene Tracking.

Unfinished Business: ECOM is about 85% done with moving on to rebanded channeling. We should be doing live testing next week. Discussion was had regarding MABAS bylaws.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: Chief Williams reported golf outing proceeds will be donated to the Canteen.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Kolosh; second by Chief Galgan.
Motion carried at 13:05 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
November 13, 2008
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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