

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	B. Galgan, S. Williams
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	B. Shaw, L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Hornback, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	Not Present
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	B. Grabowski
HOMEWOOD:	M. Kalina, C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	W.J. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	H. Fisher
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	[Proxy]
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	Not Present
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	Not Present
HONORARY MEMBERS:	Not Present
VENDORS:	J. Kelly, Air One L. Benjamin, ERS Board Up S. Kipley, MES J. Krockner, Rich Construction M. Scanland, Paul Conway Shields/Equip. D. Foster, NICOR
GUESTS:	A. Jackson, Iisight

Meeting called to order at 11:40 AM.

Chief Kasper welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 8, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Gregorovic; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Communications: Chief Welsh had surgery. All went well.

Applications: Mark Scanland, Paul Conway Shields & Equipment, has applied as a sustaining member, \$100. Motion to approve the application for membership by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Gregorovic. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: Nothing to report.

Legislative: They are back in session. The State will be getting back to business.

100 Day Book/Bylaws: Under way. Chief Hornback has received various input. He is making sure MABAS-recommended practices are included.

EMS: If you do not have a copy of the new IMH policies and procedures manual, call the EMS office. Nothing changed in content, just format. There is no further information re the canopy at IMH. The computerization/electronics issue is moving along. Data sets approval has been the hang up. Lansing is getting ready to go. They expect to start training in six months. It is a slow process.

Inspectors: The assignment is open. Talk to Chief Welsh if you are interested.

Public Education: No report.

Investigators: We are taking inventory of the investigators' unit. We hope to have it at the next chiefs' meeting.

Dive: All is well. Had an ice dive last month. Training is going well.

Retirement: He is working on something new as far as years of service. He will personally contact each one.

Utilities: No report.

Training: Graduation will be held at Gaelic Park March 18, 7 p.m. Academy test dates for Mod C and Hazmat Awareness March 9, FSVO April 9, TRA April 22. Rope ops and

hazmat ops are the next academy classes. Third District OSFM test dates can be found on the website. Officer's training is February 19, 7 p.m., Flossmoor on hybrids. Officer tactics & strategy class will be held in Lansing, Mike Winters. Academy ladders have been tested and certified. The next meeting will be held March 3 in South Holland.

TRT: He is still information gathering and will prepare a good, concrete proposal. He met with Division 27.

Mutual Aid: We are still working towards getting box cards changed. He will make notification when the new box card changes are made. We are consistently seeing people using white fireground. This causes interference on the main band. Go to red fireground unless advised otherwise.

HazMat: No report.

Canteen: The water tank is getting fixed.

Finance: Chief Kasper gave the financial report. An audit was performed. Everything was accurate. Thank you to Debbie Hoiden for an excellent job. Tax information has been forwarded to Hawtree for preparation of the '08 return. Budgets are due, we only have hazmat and training. Please get them to Debbie or Chief Knoll. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Lipinski to pay the invoices as presented; seconded by Chief Dunn. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Homewood: Introduced Chief Kalina. Steve DeYoung is back from Iraq.

Oak Forest: We promoted three guys; now have six lieutenants, one at each station. Lt. Bonnevier's retirement will be celebrated the 19th. Thank you everyone for your help on the box alarm, second alarm. Everything went very well.

Flossmoor: All is quiet.

Munster: Thank you for coming to our Hammond Times incident. Chief Knesek will have an operation tomorrow and be off for a week or two. He has some billing and hazmat questions. There was some discussion re damaged equipment. Again, thank you very much for your help.

Phoenix: Thanks to everybody for your help at the 3-11 on January 15.

Lansing: All is quiet in Lansing.

East Hazel Crest: Thank you for our box alarm last month.

Hazelcrest: All is quiet.

Vendors' Reports:

MES/Dolton: We will be stocking 5-11 uniforms in Illinois. You will receive information.

NiCor: If you received a letter about fire school, she needs an RSVP ASAP.

Rich Construction: Thank you for the calls.

Paul Conway Shields & Equipment: They are new in the area but not to the fire service. They have been in business since 1985.

Air One: Tim Saharge was promoted to D/C in Palos Heights.

New Business: The MABAS conference will be held in two weeks. You can sign up on line.

Unfinished Business: An inter-divisional meeting was held three weeks ago. We will have them on a quarterly basis. Some issues discussed were monitoring local channels on portables so you don't miss a call. Starcom use and procedures, a lot is still unknown. Task force and strike team differences will be looked at. IMAT guidelines and policies have been completed. We will be forthcoming with an application. If you have people who are interested and qualified, send it back to Chief Dunn c/o Tinley Park. We will process those from that point. Some discussion was had re using the decon as a warming unit. Some ideas will be brought back to the Executive Board for discussion.

Good of the Association: Website development is going well. A report was given by Liz Moran. She met with the hazmat team advisors last month. If you are interested in looking at it, let her know. There is a photo gallery and a calendar. She needs some feedback. When that is done, they will start on the academy website. Take a look and pass your constructive criticism on to Liz Moran or Chief Kasper in the next 30 days.

A short presentation was given by Iisight, forward and backup camera systems.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Lipinski; second by Chief Gregorovic. Motion carried at 12:20 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
Mar. 12, 2009
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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