

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	Not Present
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD:	C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	Not Present
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, W.J. O'Brien, D. Pelc
OAK FOREST:	C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	Not Present
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	D. Bettenhausen
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. VanDrunen
HONORARY MEMBERS:	J. Schoon, Miner Electronics L. Kuzniar, Ace Board Up J. Kelly, M. Sarhage, Air One Rich Construction
GUESTS:	E. Moran, First In Consultants W. Neuman, MABAS Dispatch Whelan G. Armstrong, Monarch Auto Supply J, Homewood Public Works

R. Sampognaro & Jr., R & R Maintenance
Scott, VanDrunen Ford

Meeting called to order at 11:45 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March 12, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Bettenhausen. Motion carried.

Communications: Bob Small sent us a thank you.

Applications: None.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: Chief Hornback has announced his retirement May 15. He is willing to continue to help. We will address the issue of retirees who remain interested and involved continuing to help with bylaws, SOGs, and within specialty areas and teams. Chief Hornback has begun work on a first hundred day book for new chiefs coming in. It appears of our 21 towns, most should not see a change of chiefs but a few changes will possibly come in 4-6 months.

Legislative: They are back in session and there are several bills that have come to light. IFC has made comments. If you did not get them, let us know. An extensive discussion was had on House Bill 1627, the joint effort between IFC and IFF regarding a master registry hiring list. Chief Kasper will look into it and we will make a determination as to which way to go.

100 Day Book/Bylaws: Chief Hornback is working on them and getting in line with MABAS standards.

EMS: No report.

Inspectors: Will become inactive for now. If you are interested in resurrecting the group, please let Chief Welsh know.

Public Education: Public educators will split from inspectors into a separate entity. We decided that was the way to go. This group has been very active in public education, remembering when and seniors programs with a tie in to NFPA. They are being widely received. There will be no showcase this year but rather a smaller presentation at a South Suburban Mayors & Managers regular meeting. We will hold a showcase every other year or every third year.

Investigators: The new investigators' unit is outside. It is 97% complete and ready to respond. We will acknowledge the people who worked so hard to make that unit what it is today. Chief Welsh discussed the history of this team and extended our thanks to all who have been involved, Oak Forest ESDA, Glenwood, Thornton, Lynwood, and Country Club Hills. Rick Sampognaro, Rick, Jr., VanDrunen Ford, thank you for your help. Whelan, George Armstrong, Ken's Upholstery, Creative Colors, Kickert Bus Lines, John, Homewood Public Works, we appreciate what you have done for us.

Dive: No report.

Retirement: Chief Hornback will be retiring.

Utilities: No report.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen has met with the Executive Board for direction. The last graduation was second to none. We will look at objectives, goals, and priorities along with updating guidelines, procedures, and policies. We are looking at reaching greater balance and expanding on the foundation we already have. We are putting a transition plan into effect and hope to have a report on that next month. All chiefs should support Chief Bettenhausen's efforts to take the training division to the next level.

TRT: Chief Lipinski received good, positive feedback. We have approximately 40 interested persons from various departments. If you did not return the survey, please do so.

Mutual Aid: Chief Dunn reported on starting an incident support team. Charlie Sopko and Jody Applegate will be a part of the Mutual Aid Committee. Some departments are failing to use the incident command system as prescribed by NIMS or MABAS policy. We will put out a standard letter once we find out incident command did not work. We will let you know more when we get finished with that. Please make sure you are using IFERN to request box alarms.

HazMat: Nothing to report.

Canteen: All is fine and well. Chief Kolosh reported on the hockey game fundraiser and the possibility of future events/proper representation of the Association.

Finance: Budgets are completed from all the teams and specialty areas. We will work to stay in budget. A couple of departments are short paying. Please watch that. Invoices and standard invoices were presented to the Executive Board for approval. A motion was made by Chief Kolosh to pay the invoices as presented; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Bettenhausen: Took delivery of a new engine.

A/Chief Johnson: Thank you for your help at the house fire on 183rd. Chief Kalina has taken a position near Yorkville.

Vendors' Reports:

R. Sampognaro: Thanks to all the people that helped get the MABAS unit going. R&R Maintenance would be honored to maintain it free of charge.

M. Sarhage: MABAS is working on the expiring canisters for the masks as we speak. As soon as they come up with a plan, he will keep you advised.

Whelan: Would be happy to donate lights if you need them.

New Business: We took delivery of the Polaris 6-wheeler ATV. It is a basic package with a 2" hitch. We will put together a training program. It is a fast vehicle. Discussion was had regarding equipment options. We are proposing to do the bare bones purchase of some equipment with tank and pump at an estimated cost of \$3,402.50. A motion was made to go ahead with upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$3,402.50 by Chief Kasper; seconded by Chief Kolosh. Motion carried. Reminder, this is a MABAS asset and must respond if called by them. Oak Forest is hosting the vehicle and will take it out.

Unfinished Business: Liz Moran reported on website updates. She would like to have more photos for the banner Webmaster@m24.org.

Good of the Association: IFSAP Director Lenore Victor reported on the upcoming IFSAP conference in Galena. She will be up for election to Vice President position. IFSAP's Board will meet with IFCA's Board to discuss incident support and funeral protocol. If you have an assistant that has not been through the Executive Support program, please get them signed up.

Chief Welsh thanked everyone for their well wishes during his surgery and extended his thanks to the Lansing Fire Department members who went to the gulf coast during the last MABAS mobilization.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Kolosh; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried at 13:00 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
May 14, 2009
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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