

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	Not Present
EAST HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
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, P. Chmura, B. VanDyke, J. Taylor, T. Kotecki
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	R. Moaton
MATTESON:	N. Wilkens
MUNSTER:	W.J. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	J. Roberts
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	D. Bettenhausen
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. VanDrunen
VENDOR MEMBERS:	J. Schoon, Miner Electronics J. Rich, Rich Construction T. Eberhardt, ComEd D. Foster, NiCor
GUESTS:	E. Moran, First In Consultants

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 April 9, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Gregorovic; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

The meeting went off of the agenda to make special recognition to the Lansing Fire Department members who answered the MABAS call to go to the Gulf states, Lt. Pete Chmura, FF Jeremy Taylor, FF Tim Kotecki, and FF Bill VanDyke. We owe a debt of gratitude to the individuals, the Chief, and the citizens of Lansing for allowing us to meet our commitment to the MABAS organization. Presentation of the humanitarian service award was made in appreciation for their contribution, personal sacrifice, and personal service. We thank you and your families for the void they endured. The Department received stickers to be placed on the unit.

Lt. Chmura reported they had a good crew and little notice. They received the call at 9 p.m. and were ready at 6 a.m. They took an 18-year old rig 1,000 miles. They were able to help and provide a little relief and they got to see how Homeland Security put everything together. They would go again any day. It was everything they had been taught. It would be valuable to sit down with them and see what they went through and learn from everything they have done. They did a fantastic job and had an incredible experience. It was very worthwhile. We had a dozen names of firefighters ready to go. We are very proud of them.

Applications: None.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We are looking to insert a subparagraph with recent retirees and availability to continue to serve.

Legislative: Things are very active right now. A staffing issue has come into play. There have been some changes and rewrites. Be vigilant and advise Chief Kasper if you see anything.

Reminder: We will be getting on the agenda with South Suburban Mayors and Managers. There will be no showcase this year but a power point presentation.

100 Day Book/Bylaws: No report.

EMS: Chief Galgan reported a system meeting will be held next week. The swine flu situation is moving along. There is nothing new aside from follow universal precautions and review pandemic plans.

Inspectors: [Inactive. If you are interested in resurrecting the group, please let Chief Welsh know.]

Public Education: We have been quite busy. There is a lot coming up this summer.

Investigators: Chief Kasper reported it has really been fairly quiet. We had a couple of incidents. They went well. The investigators' vehicle is now being housed in Lansing. That vehicle will be en route on every incident that goes to a second alarm. If you have anyone interested in becoming a lead advisor investigator, advise Chief Kasper.

Dive: Had probably the first recovery since Chief Gregorovic has been in charge of the team. Chief Eriks got out there. It sounded like everything went well. They did have a body in the water. A nice job was done getting everybody in vests, everybody in and around water needs that vest on. Training is still going well.

Chief Welsh reported we will be looking at responses of the decon unit as it relates to dive, fire calls, and a few other things in the not too distant future.

Retirement: Chief Vallow will take care of outstanding issues.

Utilities: ComEd is cleaning up from the storm last night.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen reported the Academy continues along. He has received good directions from the Executive Board. You will be receiving a questionnaire seeking feedback. We would appreciate your response as thorough and quick as possible.

TRT: Chief Lipinski reported we will have a meeting on May 27 at Oak Forest Station 1. We suggest at minimum, you send a representative from your department. It is an open meeting about concept, administration, and what we envision for the team. Give us a call if you have any questions.

Mutual Aid: Chief Dunn reported on the Cook County interoperational radio communications project. They have now come out with a more expanded program. If you do get information, you may want to hold up on any application to them for any of this communications equipment until we can find out more about it and make a recommendation. We received from UASI a list of equipment resources through Cook County. We will have that list available to us. You will have to go through mutual aid to get the equipment. Chief Kolosh has the fire pump simulator. A letter was sent to all chiefs last Friday re incident command and the passport system. Please contact Chief Dunn if you did not get it. The July meeting will be in Thornton for familiarization with the NIMS trailer.

We had a meeting with representatives of Division 27 regarding mutual aid that they are forming. We are looking at the beginning phases of working with those folks to help get them up and running.

HazMat: There is nothing major to report. There were three responses and all went well.

Canteen: Canteen is up and going.

Finance: Taxes have been filed and paid. With the departure of Chief Knoll, the position falls back on Second VP Ken Dunn. Thanks to Chief Knoll. Everything is current to this date. Invoices and standard invoices were presented to the Executive Board for approval. A motion was made by Chief Hornback to pay the invoices as presented; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Gregorovic: All is well.

Chief Moaton: Thanks for coming out to advisors.

Chief Galgan: Thank you.

Chief Bettenhausen: We have a new Deputy Chief, Chuck Jacobs. We are in the middle of lieutenant promotions. Applications will be going out tomorrow for firefighter/paramedic. All else is well.

Chief Eriks: Lynwood turns 50 years old this year. There will be a lot of celebrations going on.

Chief Lipinski: Thanks for your help on the hazmat incident.

D/C Sopko: There will be Polaris training in June. You are welcome to it for any fest. If you need to borrow it to train your people, you can do that. There will be a calendar if you want to use it.

Chief Knesek: Everything is well in Munster.

Chief Hornback: Everything is pretty quiet in Flossmoor. Tomorrow is his last day. D/C Dave Habecker ends up with the responsibility and authority. It has been a great run. This organization really makes a difference. It's been 41 years.

Chief Wilkens: Heard last night that due to blockage, Beecher's Chief had to have two stints. He is recuperating.

D/C Roberts: Tyrone Jarrett has been appointed to take over as Chief on June 8. Kevin Flick is retiring. His last day will be June 7. He is relocating to AZ.

Vendors' Reports:

J. Rich: Thank you for the calls. We appreciate it.

New Business: Chief Lipinski reported the other night Oak Forest moved into Division 21 due to simultaneous box alarms. They started calling departments directly.

Unfinished Business: Liz Moran reported on website updates. Everything is going well. She has started on the Academy website.

Good of the Association: Chief Welsh officially thanked the Village of Riverdale and the Riverdale Fire Department for housing the investigators' unit for so many years. Thank you for your generosity.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Galgan; seconded by Chief Lipinski. Motion carried at 12:35 Hours.

Next Meeting:

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

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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