

Third District Fire Chief's Association
MABAS 24 INC
Regular Business Meeting
July 9, 2009

Departments Present:

Burnham	Not present
Calumet City	Not present
Chicago Heights	Chief Martello
Country Club Hills	Not Present
Dolton	L Victor
East Hazel Crest	Chief Vallow, B. Vallow
Flossmoor	Chief Habecker, D. Hoiden
Glenwood	Chief Welsh
Harvey	Not present
Hazel Crest	Not present
Homewood	Chief Grabowski, A/C Clint Johnson
Homewood Acres	Not present
Lansing	Chief Gregorovic
Lynwood	Not present
Markham	Chief Moaton, A/C Agpawa
Matteson	Not present
Munster	Chief Knesek, A/C O'Brien, D. Pelc
Oak Forest	A/C Sopko
Phoenix	Chief Fisher
Richton Park	Not present
Riverdale	Not present
SouthChicagoHgts	Not present
South Holland	Not present
Thornton	Chief Kolosh
Tinley Park	Chief Dunn

Retired Members: Dan Hornback, Harris VanDrunen

Vendors: J. Crocker, Rich Construction
J. Schoon, Miner Electronics
D. Foster, NICOR

Meeting called to order at 11:26 a.m.

Minutes: Motion by Chief Kolosh, second by Chief Gregorovic to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Communications: No report.

Membership/Applications: No report.

Committee Reports

Comprehensive & Strategic Planning: Chief Eriks continues to work on By-Laws and “1st 100 Days” booklet. Chief Welsh submitted a draft of a proposed addition to the by-laws relating to retired but active chief officers wishing to continue aiding and assisting the organization. Chief Welsh asked for additions and comments ASAP so this can be put in place at the next meeting.

EMS: Still waiting for IMH to decide about electronic filing.

Legislative: No report.

Investigators: No report but a reminder that the on duty investigator will respond on box alarms, not full-stills.

Retirement: No report.

Utilities: Glenwood had some issues with utilities along Main Street.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen is putting together a questionnaire to be sent to all chiefs. Chief Welsh emphasized that a lot of time was spent analyzing what’s important and what really needs to be done to help to make the academy better. There were only 8 firefighters from our district in the last graduating class. It’s vitally important that each chief fill out the questionnaire and add any questions, comments or suggestions they feel will be productive. The questionnaire will be out in about a week.

TRT: Chief Sopko related that a committee will be put together for next month's meeting.

Mutual Aid: No report.

Hazardous Materials: One incident in Riverdale, hydrogenous ammonia leak, possibly someone trying to steal it. Our team is due for validation next year, over 2 days in June (dates to be announced).

Canteen: Repairs are done except for the bathroom. Golf outing is September 11th at Glenwoodie.

Finance: Motion by Chief Dunn, second by Chief Kolosh to pay bills as submitted. Motion carried. Books will be audited this month.

Chief's Report:

Munster: Ok
East Hazelcrest: Ok
Thornton: Ok
Lansing: A/C Winters retired
ChicagoHqts: Chief Wilkens retirement party at the American Legion on Main St, July 10th, 6pm
Tinley Park: Homewood Disposal/Oak Lawn issue.
Homewood: New chief and reminder about Homewood Days
Flossmoor: Chief Hornback's retirement party 8/21/09
Phoenix: Ok
Markham: Ok
Oak Forest: Ok

Vendor's Report: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Have 2 light trailer towers from Cook County in the division. 4-wheeler has medical bed installed. Have to be trained on it to use it. Only a couple of towns have been trained so far. MABAS "Tent City" is housed at NIPSTA in Glenview. Division has to send 2 people minimum for training. There will be no reimbursement for the overnight stay for the 2-day session, July 28-29th. It's recommended

that firefighters and line officers be sent to this training, not chief officers. Chief Eriks has already been trained because of his involvement with Speedway in Joliet.

Chief Gregorovic asked about reimbursement from the state/FEMA from last September. Lansing reported in January but has not received any money yet.

Chief Welsh will meet in the next few weeks with the Executive Board regarding Canteen, operations, box cards, HazMat team, expansion, affiliations, etc. All issues are welcome for consideration.

Retired Chief Hornback remarked about urban safety initiative money available for support of special teams depending on participation.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Gregorovic, second by Homewood. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenore Victor

Lenore Victor for Lisa Alfaro