

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	W. Buie
HAZEL CREST:	C. Jackson
HOMEWOOD:	B. Grabowski, C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, W. O'Brien
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	T. Jarrett, Sr., C. Van Dyke
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	D. Bettenhausen
THORNTON:	B. Kolosh
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	H. VanDrunen
VENDOR MEMBERS:	T. Eberhardt, ComEd S. Fusco, Reliable Fire Equipment L. Kuzniar, Ace Board Up J. Rich, Rich Construction J. Kelly & M. Sarhage, Air One D. Foster, NiCor
GUESTS:	None.

Meeting called to order at 11:40 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the July 9, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Vallow; seconded by Chief Gregorovic. Motion carried.

Communications: Please make sure you are updated on monitoring emails and respond if they need to be responded to to keep business running. We try to keep people updated on a daily basis. Keep up on that please.

Applications: None.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We have met to discuss issues regarding ability of retirees to be able to serve the organization if they are interested and that has garnered some discussions. We have more research to do on that and will report once issues are clarified.

Legislative: Senate bill that attorney for MABAS board brought forward was discussed re executive review board within your city. SB mandates your government authority must recognize your affiliation with organizations that should be authorized or recognized by the village board, i.e., affiliation with this Board, ECOM, MABAS executive board, etc.

100 Day Book/Bylaws: No report.

EMS: Chief Galgan discussed the Cook County swine flu communications. Chief Dunn has some information on that topic.

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

Public Education: They had a meeting last week and moved many initiatives forward. Deputy Chief VanDyke reported they have established the basis for a budget and are putting together bylaws. They are seeking to pool resources. We will send a representative to the State Fair. Chief Vallow added if you have people on your department at retirement age who are interested in staying in the fire service, that is a good place to go so you can pass on your education.

Investigators: If any department is interested in having a presentation by the Division 24 investigators team, advise Chief Kasper. They are looking at training hours and participation. Implications of the new OSFM arson investigation process were discussed including the hardship that will be created by the need to preserve fire scenes. We may need to continue with some type of communication from each Department. Unless you

have a death, they are not coming until the next day. Levels of Division 24 team response were discussed.

Dive: Chief Gregorovic announced this year's annual dive challenge will not happen for fiscal reasons. Our team is doing well. Training is being attended pretty well. He is looking at MABAS team sanctioning.

Retirement: Chief Vallow reported we have a few people that are getting ready to retire. At Christmas we will have our time.

Utilities: No report.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen reported on the training division survey. He received 12 responses. If you have not responded, please do, even if your department does not participate in a lot of training. Met with the committee and brought issues to the Executive Board. We will move forward. We need to get information re training to Liz for the website. He will examine concerns and come up with a comprehensive plan. Even if you do not have an interest in using anything with the training division, at least respond to the survey so we know where that department stands.

TRT: Chief Lipinski reported each committee will be meeting August 17. By the end of September/beginning October, he will re-meet with all committees and come up with an operational plan for TRT to be in good shape by the end of the year. If anybody wants to be on the committees, contact him. We are seeking a couple of chiefs to serve on an administrative committee to meet with the team and oversee operations and expenses.

Mutual Aid: Chief Dunn reported on Cook County and working with them on mass distribution of drugs. He believes we finally got at a point where it is going to work for all of us. With H1N1 coming in October, they have decided to change the plan. It looks as if County should be starting within the next 30 days to get information to committees on how they will vaccinate the population. We are still not sure what the final results of the vaccine will be.

HazMat: Chief Welsh discussed financial issues, spiller collection, tiered responses, economical issues.

Canteen: Chief Galgan is taking over Canteen. Please help sponsor the golf outing.

Finance: Deb reviewed the books for the last 6 months. One small [quick book] issue was resolved. Everything is fine. Chief Welsh spoke with the accountant re new requirements on charitable organizations. He went ahead and filed an objection on our behalf, went through the process, got us a waiver, and got us reduced. Chief Welsh discussed savings, receivables, assets, vehicles, and small equipment. Invoices and standard invoices were presented to the Executive Board for approval. A motion was made by Chief Bettenhausen to pay the invoices as presented; seconded by Chief Lipinski. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Eriks: Hopefully we will have the dive challenge back again. It would have been the 9th year. We will do it again next year.

Chief Kneseck: We are good.

Chief Kolosh: He will be resigning as chief effective the end of this month. Will go September 1 to So. Holland as Deputy Chief. They are working on a replacement now.

Chief Bettenhausen: Thankfully, he was able to receive some contact from Chief Kolosh. He is excited about that position. Brian will be coming on as D/C and looking forward to it.

Chief Galgan: Thanks to the departments that came out on the box alarm a couple of weeks ago. Thanks for coming out.

Chief Gregorovic: Two weeks after we talked, I got my check from the government for \$53,000 for the Louisiana trip. As soon as they get the numbers, we will get MABAS back the dollars we have coming here.

Chief Dunn: We appreciate your help at our fatal fire a couple of weeks ago. We went to an EMS box. We appreciate the help.

A/Chief Habecker: Dan Hornback's party will be held on the 21st. Please RSVP by the end of this week.

Chief Jarrett: Welcome to DC VanDyke, 23 years in the fire service. They went through a rigorous evaluation review from 3 MABAS Chiefs and an internal review. He has much passion for the fire service, please welcome DC Van Dyke.

Chief Grabowski: It's been 6 weeks and going strong. PD lost an officer at home due to a heart attack, Officer Jim Denman. He will get information out to everybody.

D/Chief Buie: Thank you for coming to the last several boxes. We appreciate the help. Thank you.

Vendors' Reports:

J. Rich: They have been having some difficulty with the phone systems. He hopes you are not affected by it. He thinks they've got it all worked out.

S. Fusco: Call Reliable.

L. Kuzniar: Thank you for having me. I will see you at the golf outing in September.

D. Foster: Likes the structure for the golf outing in terms of adding sponsors. We will see what we can do.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Our ATV was returned slightly damaged. We have been in contact about the warranty work.

Chief Welsh has received input from chiefs re concerns, ideas, thoughts, problems. He has met with Chiefs Dunn and Kasper. They will meet again and come up with good, solid plans for moving forward and we will bring that action plan back to you as an entire group, as all chiefs. We will take a vote on things, move forward, and work together. The timeline cannot run any shorter than mid-November because some of these items have to do with box card assignments -- we don't want to get off our January/February box card submission format. You will be getting a notice as to availability and we will have as near a mandatory chief meeting as we can get. Let your Executive Board know if something further comes up.

Good of the Association: We attended the interdivisional meeting, 19, 21, 22, 27 - it was a good meeting. Decided in lieu of those meetings, we will try to meet interdivisionally at Cook County Chiefs' meetings. Cook County meetings were discussed. Chief Welsh encouraged as many chiefs as possible to attend. Legislative day is also a good way to put forward the fire service.

The Executive Board may have the ability of acquiring another piece of equipment from within the division. The possibility of adding something simple to the front of the Holbrook station was discussed.

Lenore Victor reported the I-Chiefs' golf outing was last month. They hit a new record for money raised for the foundation. IFSAP. org administrative assistant of the year is in progress, pick up a packet if you are interested. We will be working at the State Fair. Sign up for the executive support personnel program is still open. If you have any questions, please call. We are in the planning stages for our 30th anniversary next year.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Lipinski; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried at 12:55 Hours.

Next Meeting:

**Glenwoodie Golf Course
19301 S. State
Glenwood, IL
September 17, 2009
11:30 A.M.**

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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