

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	Not Present
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	Not Present
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	C. Sewell, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD:	B. Grabowski, C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	R. Agpawa
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek, D. Pelc
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	H. Fisher
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	C. VanDyke
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	B. Kolosh
THORNTON:	J. Kuipers
TINLEY PARK:	Not Present
RETIRED MEMBERS:	D. Hornback
VENDOR MEMBERS:	L. Kuzniar, Ace Board Up M. Smith, First Due Apparatus J. Kelly, M. Sarhage, Air One L. Patrick, T. Haid, Eagle Engraving J. Palczynski, Paul Conway Shields
GUESTS:	None

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 September 17, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Lipinski; seconded by Chief Gregorovic. Motion carried.

Communications: Toni Eberhart from ComEd advises if you need anything, call her. Received a forwarded communication from NICOR that Dorothy Foster has moved on. An interim successor has been named.

Applications: We received a membership with the golf outing.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: No report.

Legislative: Chief Kasper has been appointed to the IL Terrorism Task Force Board through seat on IFFA.

100 Day Book/Bylaws: Retired Chief Hornback has done research on insurance issues re retirees taking an active role. He will help us with the chief pamphlet and booklet and will actively look at our bylaws to bring them up to current operation.

EMS: A notice was forwarded to EMS providers re IMH is holding 3 train the trainers sessions on pandemic flu shot injections and nasal. We encourage you to do what Dr. Heilicser has asked. Until MABAS gets a declaration of disaster, we do not have any immunity to serve. A declaration of disaster is expected to be coming out of the Governor's office. There are many issues at hand. Be very careful. Memorandum of agreements should have been sent to all of the municipalities along with updates and they are contacting your school boards with letters. EMA people are supposed to be in attendance. There are grave concerns about security issues, traffic, which will affect your municipalities. Chief Lipinski reported MABAS has hired a medical expert so we will be getting information through IDPH and it will be checked through the medical expert.

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

Public Education: Chief Vallow reported the group is putting out a notice that they will have a seminar on grant writing. Fire and police departments will be invited, November 18 at Glenwood Oaks for a charge that will cover expenses. They are planning a golf outing at Glenwoodie on June 19, 2010. They will be changing the meeting schedules and will be meeting in each of your department areas to reach some of our people. Next month will be held in Oak Forest. Please invite your educators the first Thursday of the month, 10:00, Oak Forest Fire Station 1.

Investigators: Chief Kasper reported it has been quiet lately. Currently, when a box alarm is called on the fire side, an advisor would respond automatically. That is no longer going to be the fact based on the economy, staffing levels, and budget crunches. If

you need an investigator, you will have to call box 7700 to get on duty investigator. You will be charged \$25. Effective today, call the box for the on-duty advisor and a second alarm for the entire team. Per Chief Welsh, if you have a reasonable cause, if you have something suspicious, call for an investigator.

Dive: Chief Gregorovic reported an inter-divisional dive is being held with Division 19. Training is going well but attendance down. He is still researching how other Divisions handle weapon recovery. We had one call out in the Heights which sounded like another weapon recovery. Chief Welsh provided an update on MABAS meetings. Chief Gregorovic submitted our dive and swift water survey. MABAS is in the process of evaluating responses. We should be seeing where we line up by February.

Retirement: No report.

Utilities: Dorothy Foster accepted a promotion and will be moving to a position in the Springfield area. We will have a new area rep on a temporary basis. It may be up to a year before we have a permanent representative.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen completed his evaluation of surveys and recommends several adjustments. You will see changes in the direction we wanted.

TRT: Chief Lipinski reported a TRT meeting will be held next Wednesday to bring the committees back together to formulate a timeline and plan for response.

Mutual Aid: A meeting was held a week ago. There were a couple of small issues.

HazMat: There was one call in Hazel Crest the other day.

Canteen: Chief Kuipers has offered to continue to house the Canteen for us. It is running fine. Chief Eriks reported the fundraising committee is looking at holding several events, *i.e.*, a bean bag tournament, poker tournament, Cubs/Sox roof top, Speedway. Please contact him if you have input. Chief Welsh will work on coordinating a boot drive. We are looking at Spring, districtwide. Chief Eriks is sending out more letters and decal renewals.

Finance: We will provide printouts on finances as soon as they are done, there was a problem with Quick Books. Everything is in good shape. We will be meeting re CART, TRT, ITTF and make sure we are all on track. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Lipinski to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Chief Vallow. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

D/C Van Dyke: Riverdale would like to thank Munster for delivery of their snorkel. They will fix it up and get it into service. We have a front line truck going out of our building.

Chief Kasper: CCH has a tentative plan to open Station 2. It will be staffed like station 1. New box cards will be forthcoming. An open house will be held on the 14th. You are all welcome to attend.

Chief Lipinski: Last night City Board approved move over to Orland. The target date is December. We will be dispatched by Orland and on their frequency.

Chief Grabowski: Homewood just finished its EOC. If you are looking for a meeting place, let him know.

Vendors' Reports:

L. Patrick: Eagle Engraving out of St. Charles made a presentation.

J. Palczynski: Paul Conway Shields is happy to be here.

M. Smith: First Due Apparatus has a demo ambulance and in two weeks should have a demo pumper.

M. Sarhage: Air One will have the replacement canisters.

New Business: Next August Chicago will host Fire Rescue International. We will be seeking to do volunteer work. Chief Vallow advised this is something the educators would take on. MABAS ordered Garmans. We provided data back for programming. You will receive two units per station. The data loaded onto it can be loaded onto other units. Additional units may be purchased for \$235 apiece. Glenwood will pick up canisters and then take the old ones back. You need to make sure you are NIMS compliant or our Division will not be able to receive MABAS assets or distributions in the future. Make sure you are compliant with NIMSCAST registration. Three smoke ejectors which will stay in Cook County are on order. We have offered to house one. The Executive Board has met re wash list, special teams, staffing, etc. We will hold a mandatory session with all chiefs.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Lipinski; seconded by Chief Vallow. Motion carried at 12:45 Hours.

Next Meeting:

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

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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