

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan, R. Banske
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	T. Martello
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	Not Present
DOLTON:	Not Present
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	C. Sewell, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
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:	Not Present
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	T. Jarrett, Sr.
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	L. Nardoni
SOUTH HOLLAND:	D. Bettenhausen
THORNTON:	J. Kuipers
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	D. Hornback H. VanDrunen
VENDOR MEMBERS:	L. Kuzniar, Ace Board Up M. Smith, First Due Apparatus J. Kelly, Air One J. Krockner, D. Burton, Rich Construction R. Pfunder, K. Bengel, ServPro
GUESTS:	L. Polas, Global Emergency Vehicles

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 October 15, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Lipinski; seconded by Chief Grabowski. Motion carried.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Applications: A motion was made by Chief Galgan to approve the application for membership of Servpro Homewood; seconded by Chief Gregorovic. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: Chief Eriks had nothing to report. We continue to look at the utilization of retired members.

Legislative: No report.

100 Day Book/Bylaws: No report.

EMS: IMH is sending notices via email and are holding immunization clinics for EMS personnel. Extensive conversation was had regarding school district participation in vaccination programs, volunteer/train the trainer programs, and the MOU. If you sign up on the County side, that is no connection to your Department. There has been no change in MABAS status. The suggestion and recommendation out of here is wait until we get something out of MABAS that gives us the ability to function. We do not have knowledge regarding where volunteer personnel giving inoculations falls under SCC. The safest way to move forward, is to wait for the order to come down from MABAS and it hasn't.

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

Public Educators Chief Vallow reported a poor response to the grant writing program. They are still planning a golf outing next June. If your community has a senior building or group, they are willing to make a presentation of the I Remember When program. It is designed for seniors to bring awareness to the hazards where they live and with what they do daily in an effort to prevent fires and falling. The group would welcome your people who are looking for outlets to get involved in. Regular monthly meetings are being held at different departments. Next month will be in Lynwood. They are looking for funding sources for 10-year smoke detectors.

Investigators: All is well.

Dive: Chief Gregorovic reported all is well. We got a couple of new divers from Riverdale. Please remember there is mandatory training coming up the last two months of

the year. Chief Welsh confirmed we are in the mix for MABAS dive protocols. Per Chief Lipinski, they started ordering equipment. We expect to hear next year.

Retirement: Chief Vallow will be gathering names of who we will toast or roast December 10 at the Idlewild Country Club, Flossmoor Road and Dixie.

Utilities: For the last two days we have been doing odor chasing. One problem was a pipeline in Hammond and there was a release in Lynwood.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen had nothing major to report. Things are running well with the academy, as a result of the survey found no major issues to deal with and those have been addressed with the committee. Instructors who would like to take part should send resumes to Rick Triemstra or Tom Slepki.

TRT: Chief Lipinski reported they will be having a meeting in December. They are getting together for a train the trainer command group, advisor group, and are presently putting a box card together. They will be contacting chiefs about various equipment to respond on the box.

Mutual Aid: Chief Dunn reported they will be working on the requests that came from the Chiefs' meeting. They have reviewed them and will do the best they can to make your wishes and thoughts come to fruition.

HazMat: Chief Welsh reported they are working mostly on preparing for validation which will take place next April and also working on looking at how we call out and respond. We are looking at a possible tiered response to limit the impact on individual departments. There was one call in Hazel Crest the other day.

Canteen: Chief Kuipers reported everything is fine with the Canteen. If anyone would like to become a member, they could always use help at the scene.

Finance: Chief Welsh has nothing to report at this time. The audit committee reported to Chief Dunn. There was discussion regarding outstanding accounts. We continue to collect and have asked Chief Horberg to pick up overdue spiller pays bills payable. The teams have been asked to prepare to provide budgets for January. Invoices and standard invoices were presented to the Executive Board for approval. A motion was made by Chief Vallow to pay the invoices as presented; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

Chief Vallow: We are in fine shape, thank you.

Chief Galgan: Thank you Lansing for your help with the box alarm the other day. Please welcome Rich Banske, his new Deputy Chief. D/C Banske has lots of experience on EMS and NIMS/disaster planning or even with grants. Give him a call.

Chief Gregorovic: Thank you to South Holland and Cal City for your help on the very stubborn house fire the other day. Both their crews did a phenomenal job. Thank you.

Chief Kuipers: Things are fine.

Chief Dunn: There is nothing new in Tinley Park.

Chief Grabowski: All is well.

Chief Bettenhausen: Got the approval to move ahead with hiring and promotions.

Chief Lipinski: We are still on target for a December 1 move to Orland Dispatch.

CCH: Chief Welsh reported they will be holding their grand opening and open house this Saturday at the new station on 175th.

Chief Martello: All is well.

Vendors' Reports:

J. Krockner: Thank you for using Rich Construction. They have expanded their board up company. They built a couple of roof simulators with overstock. There are none available right now but if anybody is interested, they will be happy to make a list. Dave Burton was introduced. He will run the scenes for him on more of the fire scenes. If you see an A Speedy truck on the scene, he is affiliated with them.

R. Pfunder: Servpro appreciates the opportunity to be of service. Primary water/fire damage and mold restoration. Offers 24/7 operations if you have a need.

M. Smith: He will have a pump tender in his possession next week. If you would like to see it, give him a call

L. Polas: Good to see you all.

New Business: Chief Lipinski discussed TRT and Indiana MABAS divisions coming up on line. They have a joint rescue team and dive rescue team. If you wish to add them to your box cards, please forward your request to Chief Welsh. It kind of does impact our division in that if they do request us, it is perfectly legitimate to cross state lines. These towns are part of the MABAS system so all legalities are taken care of.

Chief Galgan reported a Cal City Public Works employee was killed in Lynwood. A fundraiser will be held next Friday evening.

Unfinished Business: Chief Welsh thanked everybody for the phenomenal turn out at the Chiefs' meeting, 19 of 21 departments were represented. The Executive Board will

be looking at the directives that came out of that meeting. We will schedule another evening meeting in January.

Good of the Association: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Grabowski; seconded by Chief Galgan. Motion carried at 12:20 Hours.

Next Meeting:

**December 10, 2009
Idlewild Country Club
Dixie Highway
Flossmoor, IL
11:30 a.m.**

Respectfully,



Lisa Alfaro