

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2010**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	Not Present
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	Not Present
DOLTON:	L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	C. Sewell, D. Habecker, D. Hoiden
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	Not Present
HAZEL CREST:	C. Jackson, S. Hunter
HOMEWOOD:	Not Present
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	D. Gregorovic
LYNWOOD:	Not Present
MARKHAM:	R. Moaton, R. Agpawa
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	J. Knesek
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	C. Smith
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	T. Jarrett, Sr., C. VanDyke
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	B. Kolosh
THORNTON:	J. Kuypers
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn
RETIRED MEMBERS:	D. Hornback
HONORARY MEMBERS:	Not Present
VENDORS:	L. Kuzniar, Ace Board Up M. Sarhage, Air One E. Ford, D. Burton, Rich Construction R. Pfunder, ServPro T. Eberhardt, ComEd
GUESTS:	None.

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 10, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Gregorovic; seconded by Chief Lipinski. Motion carried.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Applications: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: We will be asking for help to get the bylaw cleaned up, *i.e.*, some committees must be added, SOP items must mesh and we need to include the First 100 day Handbook and determine how retired members will be utilized.

EMS: Lansing is reporting electronically to IMH. It is going very well. They are working out the glitches. Make sure your year-end totals are in. They assist in determining trends.

Public Educators: Chief Vallow proposed passing out smoke alarms after a visible incident/fire in our communities. Requested authority and funding to visit perimeter of fire incident, check to make sure smoke alarms are working and install new alarms as needed. The program is covered through the OSFM for liability issues. No statements will be made as to fire cause and the presentation will not take away from any department. This is an awareness program with a media portion by getting your rigs and personnel involved. Chief Gregorovic made a motion to move ahead with the program; seconded by Chief Lipinski. Motion carried. Until a formal notification process is formed, contact Chief Vallow if you have an incident. Unit purchasing options/procurement were discussed. Chief Dunn made a motion to authorize the purchase of smoke detectors not to exceed \$1,500; D/C Kolosh seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Vallow also reported the educators are planning a fundraiser golf outing at Glenwoodie, June 19, dinner, round of golf, with a cart, for \$100. Further information and quotes will be forthcoming.

Investigators/Arson: Chief Kasper received a grant check from Victory Mutual for \$1,500 which will be used to purchase a lap top and printer to be used on fire investigation scenes. Kudos to Chief Kasper. Chief Gregorovic would like to have a policy in place for investigators' use of respirators. He will also check with Chief Kasper re relocation of the investigators' van.

Dive: Chief Gregorovic reported all is well. They had a good year and are in pretty good shape. He advised Chief Jarrett that any personnel interested in joining the team should contact him.

Retirement: Chief Vallow thanked everyone for their help, four members retired last year.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen will make a presentation at the Chiefs Only Meeting regarding a new concept for division-wide training.

TRT: Chief Lipinski reported the Committee met and brought some equipment in for viewing (Lansing, Flossmoor, Homewood). It went very well and he feels confident we could make quick rescues with those 3 rigs, let alone what exists in Tinley Park and Riverdale. We have about 30 members signed up and will hold advisors' training February 8. Advisors will be called in a similar manner to the way hazmat advisors are called. Team training will be held the second Monday of every month. Quarterly training will be held a few times a year at different locations which will likely be incident-based in nature. He introduced a first draft of the division-wide box card with a detailed explanation. If there are any questions, please contact him. He will be seeking approval on the box card from the Mutual Aid Committee. The Team is set up to make a quick rescue or start on a long-term rescue. Instead of a change of quarters, the box lists (in alpha order) departments available assuming advisors would be taken from the closest area. There is an inter-divisional request instead of a 4th or 5th alarm. Tinley Park is part of the Blue Team. We will seek Box approval at the February meeting.

Mutual Aid: Chief Dunn advised that box card changes may be proposed at any time of year. February changes should be coming out very soon. Unpaid bills to Orland Dispatch through 2007 have been worked out and the final tally is \$725. Thank you to Debbie Hoiden and Orland Dispatch for their help in working out those details. Now we have some guidelines.

Chief Welsh reported with narrow banding issues approaching, we will be resurrecting the Communications Committee. D/C Kolosh will figure out who will serve on that Committee with him and will get it up and running.

Hazmat: They are gearing up for MABAS Level A validation. They need 12 Hazmat Tech A people and equipment and are determining what will be left behind to protect the Division and will be contacting Chiefs of personnel chosen to participate. Overtime and backfill are reimburseable.

Canteen: Chief Kuypers has had problems rolling out the Canteen due to some staffing issues. Five persons have been recruited and will be undergoing training. They will prepare a written guideline. We want to make sure the Canteen rolls every time it is needed. Anyone able to volunteer should contact him. Chief Welsh reported the Canteen was involved in a minor collision but repairs have been made.

Finance: We are working on collections every day and remain in good financial condition. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval. A motion was made by Chief Lipinski to pay the invoices as presented; seconded by Chief Vallow. Motion carried.

Legal/Legislative: Watch the wires for transmissions seeking support from Bob Buhs.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

R. Moaton: Thank you to Chief Dunn for the recent donation.

B. Vallow: Thank you to Harvey for allowing us to attend their fire the other day.

B. Kolosh: Thanks for your help on the last two box alarms, a fatal and a serious accident.

D. Gregorovic: Thanks to Munster for their help on the double fatal. Thank you to everybody who called to check on everybody and our guys. We appreciate it very much.

T. Jarrett: Thank you Hazelcrest, Dolton, South Holland and the Canteen for your help on the prolonged box. It was a fantastic response and we really appreciate it. Chief Jarrett suggested we send a letter of support to the Haitian victims.

C. Jackson: Introduced D/C Sam Hunter originally from Evanston. He left as a D/C with 30 years of experience. He is a dive master, training coordinator and will be an asset to Hazelcrest and the entire Third District.

T. Lipinski: First month with Orland Dispatch went pretty smoothly and everything is working out well so far.

C. Sewell: Thank you for your help at the New Year's bash. The crews did a nice job and the help was appreciated. Chief Sewell commented on legislative session starting up, removal of tax caps for non-home ruled communities, and fire/IMRF policies.

K. Welsh: His Captain is retiring on a medical disability. A good response was received for his send-off.

Vendors' Reports:

L. Kuzniar: Happy New Year! Please take a calendar.

New Business: Lenore Victor reported IFSAP's conference is coming up in April. Dues have been waived and conference attendance is being offered at a reduced rate. There are also scholarships available. It is IFSAP's 30th anniversary and the I Chiefs 60th. We will put something together.

Good of the Association: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Gregorovic; seconded by Chief Kuypers. Motion carried at 12:30 Hours.

Next Meeting:

**Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
Feb. 11, 2010
11:30 A.M.**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Alfaro".

Lisa Alfaro