

**Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Illinois
Communications – Radio Signatures for MABAS - IL**

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Subject:	MABAS-IL Radio Signatures
Functional Area:	Communications
Category:	Procedure
Approved :	MABAS Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

Purpose:

To establish radio signatures for MABAS elected officers, administrative and operational staff, US&R administration, decontamination vehicles, MABAS task forces and strike teams.

Responsibility:

This procedure applies to all MABAS elected officers, administrative and operational staff, US&R administration, decontamination vehicles, MABAS task forces and strike teams as well as RED Center, Orland Central, DuPage OEM dispatch centers while performing official duties related to MABAS.

Accountability:

Enforcement of this specific policy rests initially with the Co-Chairs of the MABAS Telecommunications, Communications, and Dispatch committee, then the MABAS CEO, followed by the MABAS President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President.

Reporting Requirement:

There is no routine reporting requirement for this procedure.

Background:

MABAS-IL operates with various elected officers, administrative and operational staff as well as regional response teams and apparatus. These officials and teams will, from time-to-time, have need to communicate via radio to manage the business affairs of MABAS-IL as well as coordinate and effect emergency response to emergencies and disasters.

MABAS-IL holds an authorization from the Federal Communications Commission to operate radio transmitters on numerous public safety radio frequencies. In addition, MABAS owns and/or controls many radios that operate throughout Illinois on the State's Starcom21 trunked radio network.

Procedure:

The MABAS Telecommunications, Communications and Dispatch Committee hereby establishes the following procedure:

1. The MABAS Telecommunications, Communications and Dispatch Committee hereby establishes radio signatures for all MABAS-IL elected officers, administrative and operational staff, US&R administration, decontamination vehicles, MABAS task forces and strike teams. Specific radio signatures may be found in Appendix A.

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2. MABAS-IL owned and/or operated decontamination vehicles have been assigned to various MABAS-IL Divisions for housing and operations. Said decontamination vehicle's radio signature shall be the same as the MABAS Division Number where it is housed.

For example: MABAS Division 8 has been assigned a decontamination vehicle that is housed and operated by the Rockford Fire Department. Therefore, the radio signature assigned to this unit is DECON 8.

3. As part of the Illinois Statewide Mutual Aid Plan, MABAS may activate one or more fire service task forces (includes fire, hazardous materials and urban search & rescue) or strike teams (includes engines, trucks, squads, ambulances, tenders, hazardous materials, technical rescue, etc.) These resources, except for urban search & rescue are generally requested on a Division by Division basis. (Note: For definitions of Task Forces and Strike Teams, please refer to Policy C-01-12 MABAS Interdivisional Box Alarm Cards.)

Therefore, any task force or strike team requested through the Statewide Mutual Aid Response Flowplan, or through interdivisional request, will be assigned a radio signature equal to the MABAS Division Number.

For Example: A hazardous materials strike team from Division 4 will assume the radio signature of Haz-Mat Strike Team 4. An engine strike team from Division 19 will assume the radio signature of Engine Strike Team 19. A firefighting task force from Division 15 will assume the radio signature of Fire Task Force 15.

4. MABAS is the host entity for the Illinois Task Force 1 – Urban Search & Rescue Team (IL-TF1). Generally IL-TF1 operates on radio spectrum distinctly different than most other public safety agencies within Illinois. IL-TF1 also maintains its own policies and procedures for radio and other forms of communications within the US&R team.

However, from time to time, a select number of IL-TF1 members may be required to communicate with outside resources, including IEMA, RED Center, Orland Central and DuPage OEM dispatch centers, using widely used public safety frequencies. The radio signatures for IL-TF1 included within Appendix A are included for external communications to and from IL-TF1.

Conclusion:

This procedure provides direction for the use of radio signatures by MABAS elected officers, administrative and operational staff, US&R administration, decontamination vehicles, MABAS task forces and strike teams .

Approved by the MABAS-IL Telecommunications, Communications and Dispatch Committee on the 24th day of September, 2007.

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Appendix A
MABAS-IL Radio Signatures

MABAS Position	Radio Signature	Current Individual
President	MABAS 100	Chief Jay Reardon
1 st Vice President	MABAS 101	Chief Terry Lipinski
2 nd Vice President	MABAS 102	Chief Randy Justus
Comptroller	MABAS 103	Chief Paul Maplethorpe
CEO	MABAS 200	(not used)
Deputy CEO	MABAS 201	Chief Jerry Page
Plans Branch Chief	MABAS 202	Chief Bob Key
Finance Branch Chief	MABAS 203	Jill Bywater
Logistics Branch Chief	MABAS 204	(not used)
Ops Branch Chief – North	MABAS 205	Chief Dave Haywood
Ops Branch Chief – Central	MABAS 206	Chief John Stanko
Ops Branch Chief – South	MABAS 207	Chief Larry Jamrozek
MABAS Tahoe	MABAS Utility 1	
Decon Vehicles*	DECON + Division #	"DECON 8"
USAR Director	MABAS 300	(not used)
USAR Lead TFL	MABAS 301	Chief Boyle
Task Force Leaders**	USAR TFL1 & TFL2	Varies
Plans Managers**	USAR PLANS1 & PLANS2	Varies
Logistics Managers**	USAR LOGS1 & LOGS2	Varies
Communications Leader**	USAR COMM LEADER	Varies
Communications Spec**	USAR COMM1 & COMM2	Varies
Task Force Ops Center	DuPage County EOC	
Personnel Processing Cntr	USAR PPC	
Roll-Off 1	USAR Truck 1	
Roll-Off 2	USAR Truck 2	
Roll-Off 3	USAR Truck 3	
Roll-Off 4	USAR Truck 4	
Division Task Force***	(Type) Task Force (Div #)	"FIRE TASK FORCE 19"
Division Strike Team***	(Type) Strike Team (Div #)	"TRT STRIKE TEAM 16"

* Decon Units – Example: Decon Unit housed by Division 8 = DECON 8

**Radio Signatures for USAR positions during deployments and OREs while communicating with stations outside of the USAR organization.

***Radio Signatures for MABAS Divisions deployed as either an Interdivisional or Statewide Deployment asset.

(Div #) = Division Number

(Type) = Resource Type

Task Forces = FIRE, HAZ-MAT, USAR

Strike Teams = Engine, Tender, Truck, Squad, Ambulance, Haz-Mat, TRT, Dive, Wildland, etc.