

MABAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

1300-1500 Hrs

MABAS Readiness Center

233 W. Hintz Road

Wheeling, Illinois

- I. Call to Order – Sign In – Roll Call – Pledge
President Macko called the June 19, 2013 Executive Board Meeting to order at 13:04 hours. The meeting was held at the MABAS Readiness Center

Present: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Division 5, Division 6, Division 8, Division 10, Division 11, Division 12, Division 13, Division 14, Division 16, Division 17, Division 18, Division 19, Division 20, Division 21, Division 23, Division 24, Division 25, Division 27, Division 28, Division 29, Division 30, Division 31, Division 32, Division 37, Division 43, Division 49, Division 53, Division 56, Division 62

Absent: Division 7, Division 9, Division 15, Division 22, Division 26, Division 33, Division 34, Division 35, Division 36, Division 38, Division 39, Division 40, Division 41, Division 42, Division 44, Division 45, Division 46, Division 47, Division 48, Division 50, Division 51, Division 52, Division 54, Division 55, Division 57, Division 58, Division 59, Division 60, Division 61, Division 63, Division 64, Division 65, Division 66, Division 67, Division 68.

Having 33 of 68 Divisions present, a quorum was achieved

Chief Macko led the Executive Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Agenda – Additions, Deletions, Amendments, Approval
Request by Division 4 (Dato) to add Starcom21 to New Business.
- III. Minutes of the February 20, 2013 MABAS-IL Executive Board.
Motion (Division 4/Division 31) to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- IV. Guests – Introductions – Welcome
- a) Larry Matkaitis
 - b) Pete Smith
 - c) Don Kauerauf
 - d) Gene Ryan, CC
 - e) John Milner, MABAS-IL Lobbyist
 - f) Mike Dilley, additional MABAS-IL Operations Chief for Central Illinois
 - g) Grainger Representatives
Mr. Michael Sampson, National Government Sales Manager, Grainger Corporation. Mr. Sampson then presented an overview of Grainger and its relationship with the Illinois Fire Service

CEO Reardon announced the retirement of Bob Key. Bob is leaving to devote additional time to his family. Reardon thanked Bob for his tireless service to our organization over the past 17 years.

President Macko presented the MABAS Presidential Award to Dan O'Connell, of the Chicago Fire Department (RET.).

V. Public Comment Period – Non-Agenda Items

No comments were received.

VI. Agency Representatives - Remarks

- a) ILEAS: Pete Smith discussed intelligence concerning the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club's plan to hold its annual convention in Rockford this summer. There may be issues as the Chicago Outlaw's Motorcycle Club will also be attending (uninvited) the meeting. Smith cautioned Divisions to be aware and be proactive.
- b) OSFM: Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis
 - i. The three proposed MABAS bills are being reviewed by the Governor and there are no anticipated problems with any of the bills.
 - ii. OSFM Budget remains the same as last year with no reductions. The budget is awaiting the Governor's signature. Budget includes the fire truck loan program, small equipment grants, MABAS (\$125,000), as well as operational funds.
 - iii. JCAR Fire Code Update. The Fire Marshal has been working for the past 2 years to upgrade the State of Illinois Fire Prevention Code to include home sprinkler systems. The rulemaking change was submitted to JCAR and includes the 2012 Fire Code and Life Safety 101. Comments will be taken once published. He remains firm on retaining the residential fire sprinkler language in the proposed rules. California and Maryland have already adopted these changes and it is his hope that Illinois will become the third state to adopt residential sprinkler language.
 - iv. OSFM SCAC Certification Updates. OSFM is moving forward to update their certification programs. Should you have questions on the updates, please call Les Albert at the Springfield office.
 - v. Fireworks. A press release has been sent out throughout the state regarding "Chinese Sky Lanterns" (free floating lanterns). These lanterns are banned in the State of Illinois.
- c) IEMA: Don Kauerauf had no items to present.

VII. Finance – Budget – Financial Report was given by Greg Peters.
MOTION (Division 20/Division 8) to approve report as presented.
Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Peters also confirmed that a check for the purchase of the MRC had been tendered to the Village of Wheeling.

- a) Funds Status-included in meeting packet.

- b) Dues Report 2013-included in meeting packet.
- c) Grant Matrix 2010-2011-2012-included in meeting packet.
- d) SHGP & UASI Reports-included in meeting packet.

VIII. Attorney and Legislative

a) Attorney's Report

- i. Public/Private Sector Mutual Aid Agreements. Sean Flaherty discussed the issue of immunity. The Trial Lawyers Association remains opposed to providing immunity to private organizations assisting fire departments. Sean recommended that local experts may be utilized by using a master agreement between the private sector agency and the public sector agency (fire department). In regard to personnel, private experts may be called through an employer/employee relationship (auxiliary or part-time personnel).
- ii. FEMA Best Practices. Reardon stated we are working with our leadership to review and ensure we are meeting the standards that are being proposed by FEMA. Federal reimbursements are stated to be fee based. This may require an addendum to our current MABAS Contract. Additional information will be available shortly.

b) Legislation 2013

- i. MAMA-C. Passed the House and Senate unanimously and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- ii. Property Tax Exemption – MRC. Passed the House and Senate unanimously and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

IX. Policy Consideration

- a) Amendment – B-02-02 – Operations – Development and Use of Interdivisional Box Alarm Cards - Consideration to Adopt* (*Introduced on 2/20/2013*) – Amends and Corrects Task Force Definition to Two (2) Engine Companies Rather Than Three. Deletes redundant policy C-01-03.02.

Motion to adopt the Amendment (Division 3 and Division 21).

Discussion: None

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

- b) New – Statewide Water Rescue Team Standards and Response Package

Motion to adopt the Amendment (Division 4 and Division 24).

Co-Chair Spence Kimura was in attendance and reported that no comments have been received since the amendment was introduced.

Discussion: None

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

- c) New – Staff Response Protocol and RED Center Immediate Actions (Involving Requests for Assistance) - Consideration to Adopt (*Introduced 2/20/2013*). Provided guidance and direction to MABAS staff and RED Center during an activation. Minor modifications have been added since its introduction to address RED Center concerns.

Motion to adopt the Amendment (Division 20 and Division 23).

Discussion: How will this affect daily operations? Reardon: It will not impact daily operations unless a Statewide Declaration is made by a non-MABAS entity.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote

- d) Recommended IMT MABAS Policy
Introduction only, this policy will be considered at the October meeting.

X. Committee Reports

- a) Elections and By-Laws: No report.
- b) Committee Reports: No other reports were presented.

XI. CEO Report

- a) Conference 2013 Staff Report was presented. The 2014 MABAS Conference will be held in Springfield on February 17 - 21, 2014.
- b) Non MABAS Illinois Agencies. CEO Reardon reported 72 fire departments have yet to sign the MABAS-IL agreement. Approximately 1,175 fire departments are now members of MABAS-IL. A letter was sent to each individual chief inviting them to join MABAS-IL, along with a copy of the agreement and information on what this would mean to the non-member departments. We will continue to make efforts to resolve this issue.
- c) Special Teams on Probation – Roster Issues. CEO Reardon reported MABAS has, for the past 2 years, has been trying to resolve team membership issues. We currently require 20 active team members and 10 members in training and do not allow persons to be members of multiple specialty teams. MABAS requires teams to be in a response ready mode with a short push time when called upon for response. MABAS is making efforts to provide training to address the shortage of trained members on various teams. Of 40 HazMat teams, 11 have issues with the required number of participants. Of the 39 Tech Rescue teams 14 have participant shortages. MABAS has met with CART and both agencies are working to resolve this personnel issue.
- d) Statewide Water Rescue Teams Boat Packages. All boats have been deployed to selected dive teams. The USAR Team received one boat package that was not accepted by a Division dive team.
- e) Water Rescue Robotics – Two Systems – Deployed in UASI (Div 1 and 24). While purchased by the UASI, the units are available for deployment state-wide.
- f) MABAS/ITTF/UASI 2013 Grant Submission. State funding was increased to \$14,000,000 and Cook County UASI funding increased to \$62,000,000. Both amounts are increases over

the current funding levels. This provides MABAS with \$3,200,000 from the State and \$2,600,000 from the CCUASI.

- g) MABAS Exercise/Training Schedule 2013. 27 exercises/training events are scheduled for the remainder of 2013. Additional events may be added as needed.
- h) Air-Medivac. Reduced cost memberships are available to MABAS agencies. This would provide multi-state air transport to injured firefighters or their families. This would include both fixed wing and rotary wing capabilities.
- i) ITTF
 - a. School Safety Videos for local schools are available for distribution. The videos are approximately 30 minutes and are directed at school administrators.
 - b. Our insurance carrier is requiring members to receive trailer towing training as a result of a recent loss experience caused by not following procedures.
 - c. ATV training is required to operate these vehicles safely. Please make sure you operators are fully trained in the operation of the ATV's that have been issued by MABAS.

XII. Capital Project Reports

- a) "6 Pack Boat Packages": The units have been distributed.
- b) EMS US&R Vehicle. This is an emergency room on wheels. It can accommodate 3 patients. It will be operated by MABAS USAR physicians.

XIII. Old Business

None.

XIV. New Business

- a) Vision 20/20: Concept of Financial Operations and Sustainment Plan. No comments have been received.
- b) Starcom21 Radios: Dave Dato requested that the Starcom21 radios be used. There is currently no cost for using the radios. He further requested that radios be turned on and used for training, events, or monthly tests to provide users with familiarization. There will be a 'hands-on' update in the near future that will require physically having the radios upgraded. No timeframe for the update has been determined at this point. Should you have questions regarding Starcom21 please contact Chief Dato at 847-546-2821.

XV. Divisional Reports

- a) Illinois 1-10: No reports provided.
- b) Illinois 11-20: No reports provided.
- c) Illinois 21-30: MABAS 24 is in the process of purchasing a building to house their MABAS assets.
- d) Illinois 31-40: No reports provided.

- e) Illinois 41-50: No reports provided.
 - f) Illinois 51-60: No reports provided.
 - g) Illinois 61-68: No reports provided.
 - h) Wisconsin: No report provided.
 - i) Indiana: No report provided.
 - j) Michigan: No report provided.
- XVI. Closing, Public Comment Period – Non-Agenda Items. None received.
CEO Reardon asked Operations Chiefs to assist with distribution of school safety DVDs.
- XVII. Adjournment

Motion (Division 4 and Division 11) to adjourn the meeting at 15:06 hours.
Discussion: None
Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting and events

MABAS Executive Board Meeting (Suggested)
Tuesday, October 15, 2013
1:00 – 3:00pm
Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel-Springfield
(In Cooperation with IFCA Conference)

IAFC Fire Rescue International
McCormick Place
Chicago, Illinois
August 13-18, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Justus
2nd Vice President, MABAS-IL