

“Got Your Back Talk”

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From The President:

By: Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS members

The past three months have gone by in an amazingly fast time. Its hard to believe all of the events that have occurred since April that have impacted many of our members. As most of you know, Illinois had one of the wettest May and June on record and that has caused near-record flooding in many of our members communities. MABAS has been activated for flood responses numerous times since those rains and at the time of this article, still has assets deployed to our Southern Illinois divisions. A special thanks to those divisions that have provided manpower and equipment to respond to those requests to assist in the flood response.

As I write this, the news is reporting a potential hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico that seems to have the Louisiana coast in its sites and the track of the storm has the potential to cause additional rain in southern Illinois. We all know, that we do not need additional rain downstate and I can only hope that does not transpire. If you live in an area of the state that could be affected, please make sure you take the necessary precautions.

If not, please be sure your team is prepared to provide assistance to those affected if need be.

Most of you have probably read the information about our CIMS system being refreshed and we hope that when it is up and running, it will be much easier and straightforward to use. At our June 12 executive board meeting, we utilized IFSI in Champaign for a video conference site with very good success. We had 8-10 division representatives participate in the meeting and we received many good comments about how the process worked. We look forward to being able to provide our member divisions the ability to participate in MABAS meetings using technology as allowed.

Respectfully,
Don Davids
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**Illinois State Fair
August 12, 2019
State Fire Marshal
Tent**



Grilling Fire Safety

Stay fire safe this summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.



Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.



Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Open your gas grill before lighting.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.

Stay fire safe this summer!

For more information and resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

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CEO: Glenn Ericksen

This Spring and Summer have brought unprecedented flooding conditions to communities along the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers in Southern Illinois. Since May 31, 2019 MABAS has responded to 58 separate mission taskings from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. These taskings have involved over 149 deployed personnel primarily in the Hardin/Jerseyville and Anna, Illinois flood areas along with 19 other locations. 31 of the 69 MABAS Divisions statewide have provided support/resources/personnel in this effort and the response continues today. The strength of the MABAS system is clearly evident here in meeting these commitments over such a long period of time. The residents of the impacted areas are truly thankful for the aid MABAS responders have provided daily. I would like to express

A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen



my appreciation to all who have responded and aided when called upon and the many MABAS staff members who have worked diligently to respond to the IEMA requests and meet the needs of the responders.

The Illinois Terrorism Task Force approved the MABAS Federal FY19 Homeland Security Grant application at their June 26th meeting. This grant will provide continued funding until July 2121. Unfortunately, the funding levels remain flat which limits our ability to replace existing capital equipment items now and in the future. We will be working with legislators in Springfield this Fall in an effort highlighting the need for the State to take a greater role in supporting the MABAS response

system that all residents benefit from. The recent flooding event is a great example of this.

The next Executive Board meeting will take place Wednesday October 16, 2019 in Peoria at the conclusion of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Conference. Among the many items to be discussed at the meeting is a reminder that the positions of 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be up for election at the February 2020 meeting. The remaining term of the 1st Vice President (Don Davids vacancy) will also be up for election at the same time.

If your Division or Department has faced a challenging response recently, we would ask you to consider making a presentation at the next MABAS Summit in February 2020. Or if you have instituted a best practice you can highlight. Sharing your lessons learned, both good and bad, with other members is an important tool in strengthening MABAS. Contact Dave Fleege at fleege@mabas-il.org for more information.

Thanks again to everyone and have a fun and safe rest of the Summer season.



Tents set up for flooding in Valmeyer

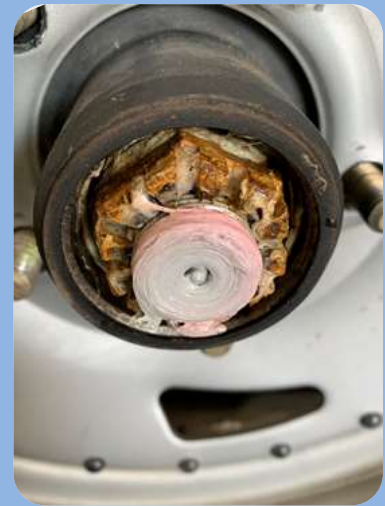
Base Camp for Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and Illinois National Guard members for flooding in Valmeyer

Maintenance



While conducting maintenance and minor repairs on the double stack boat package, the mechanics found excessive water in the bearing housing. Once the cap, cotter pin, and nut removed, water drained out of the bearing / housing. One of the bearings was damaged and replaced. All other bearings were cleaned and repacked with fresh lubricant and new seals installed.

Please take the time to check the bearings on all MABAS trailers.



Please take time and perform a maintenance check on the double stack boat

MABAS Full Scale Exercise

On April 27-28, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Illinois conducted a full-scale exercise at sites located in Patoka and Rock Island Illinois. This exercise evaluated the response of MABAS resources to a Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA). The Patoka location involved the response of local and divisional EMS, technical rescue, hazardous materials, local law enforcement, ILEAS and local emergency management agency members.

The Rock Island involved the response of MABAS resources to an incident involving a statewide activation of specialized resources. At Rock Island, MABAS activated its Rapid Resource Response (or Triple R). A Triple R task force consists of a statewide deployable technical rescue team, a statewide deployable hazardous materials team and small cadre of members of the Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1 that serve in a command and control role. Four Triple R task forces worked sequentially from Saturday morning 4/27 to Sunday afternoon on 4/28.

Additionally, MABAS "deployed" two unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) resources and a MABAS sector scan sonar team with a side scan sonar team.

The Rock Island Arsenal Army base involved its EOC for exercise purposes during the event. Arsenal staff in conjunction with the local fire chiefs coordinated a VIP event on Saturday afternoon at the Arsenal. An Iowa County EMA plus two local county EMA's participated in parallel exercises that weekend.



MABAS successfully integrated its Salamander accountability system with the Iowa EMA incident, demonstrating the ability to track multi-agency accountability.

MABAS had three MSU's involved in the exercise, one in Patoka and two around Rock Island.

Other noteworthy activities included:

- Use of a MABAS Adobe Connect HSIN room to maintain continuity of operations of MABAS resources at both sites
- Approval for MABAS UAS resources to fly a UAS (drone) on a federal military base
- Live streaming of UAS footage to the HSIN room from Rock Island. This was viewed by multiple agencies
- Live streaming of a situational update from the Henry County EOC to the HSIN room
- MABAS liaison activities with County EMA's and military base personnel
- Attendance of four haz-mat technicians from the IL National Guard's 444 Chemical Battalion at Rock Island
- Use of local fire resources to set-up a reception area and base camp

DID YOU KNOW



From left: Brian Fleming, John Gaughan, Don Mobley, Glenn Ericksen, Bernie Lyons, Kim Szlak, Linda Cruz, Kevin Lyne, Pat Hardin, Tim Littlefield

Home day



CEO Chief Ericksen speaking at Home day



Picture of the vendors at Home Day at MRC

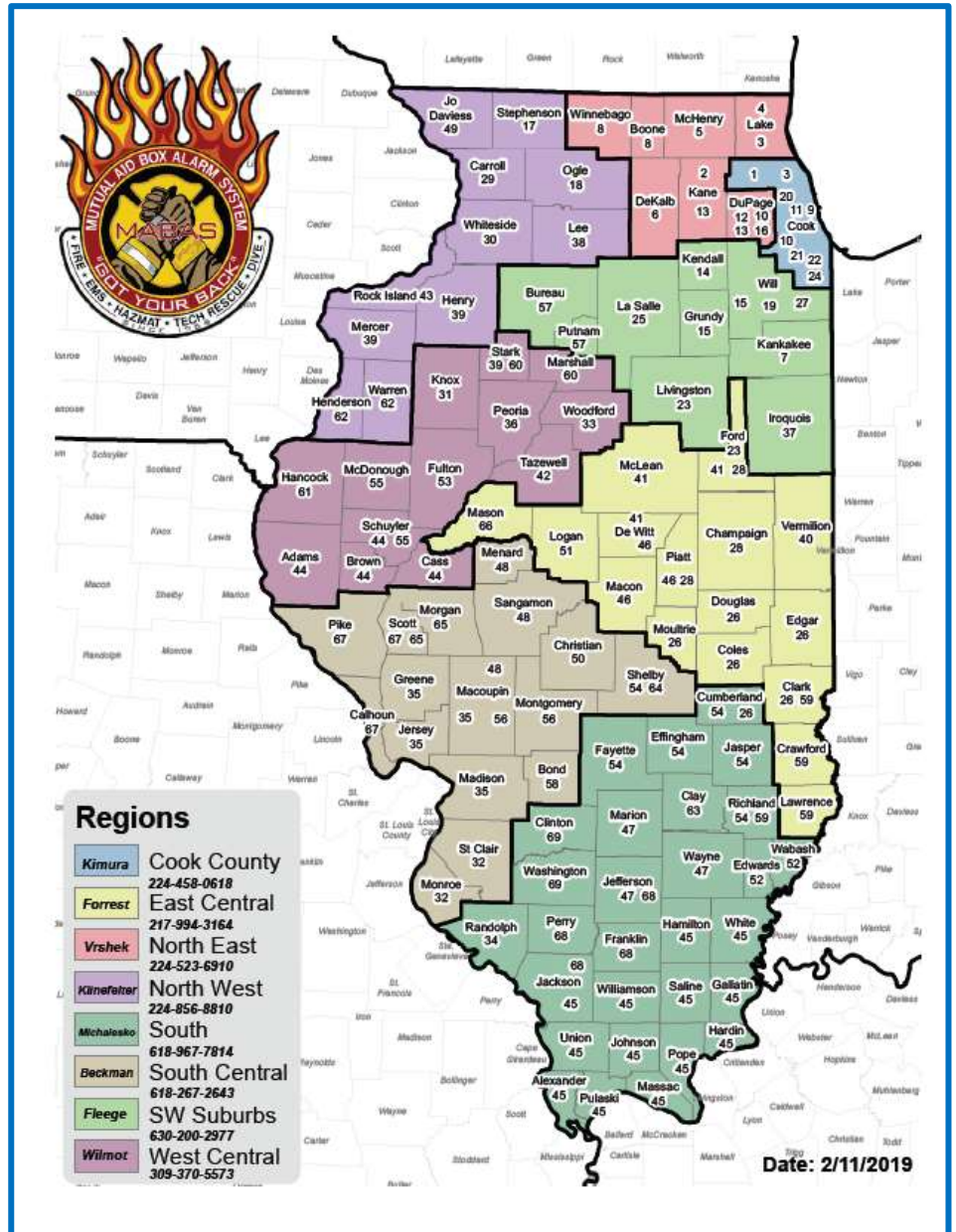
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MABAS Division Map With Branch Chiefs



Questions/Comments

Has your Department/Division responded to a call or had a big event and you would like MABAS to add it to our newsletter, do you have any questions or comments about our quarterly issue of Back Talk please feel free to e-mail or call. We look forward to suggestions and comments.

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Do you know!!!



MABAS Branch Chief
Mike Forrest

Mike Forrest was born in Urbana, IL and raised in Danforth, IL where he attended Gilman High School. He attended Loyola University of Chicago and majored in Biology. He currently lives in Savoy, IL. Mike recently retired from Savoy FD after 31 ½ years as Fire Chief. He is married to his wife Carrie who also has a passion for Fire Service. Mike and Carrie have 5 adult children and 3 grandchildren. His wife and children are the most important part of his life. When Mike has free time, you can find him on his motorcycle which is his favorite hobby. Mike's life is composed of a wonderful family and great friends who he enjoys spending time with. Mike holds numerous OSFM certifications. He is the Operations Branch Chief for east central Illinois including divisions 26, 28, 40, 41, 46, 51, 59, & 66. This position enables Mike to travel the state, train on a regular basis, and to meet many wonderful people. Mike enjoys being a resource for other fire personnel and he is looking forward to continuing his rewarding position with MABAS.

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MABAS Incident Support Teams Debut in Southern Illinois

By: Chief Petrakis

The significant winter thaw coupled with an unseasonably wet spring season triggered massive flooding on the Mississippi River. Communities and local resources extending from Jo Daviess to Alexander Counties were overrun by the complexities of flooding triggering a large-scale response ranging from large quantities of sand to masses of Illinois National Guard resources mobilizing on the ground. With the wide area impacted by the flooding it was textbook scenario of advanced incident management. Area command posts, branches, divisions, groups, and incident action planning cycled many operational periods creating many administrative and management components including thousands of personnel, resources, and processes to manage each day.

On June 2, MABAS Incident Support Teams (MIST) from Divisions 4 and 15 were contacted with their inaugural request to deploy their incident management resources to assist with various overhead functions in Winchester and Hardin, Illinois.



State Unified Area Command Sierra sets up for a morning brief

Between June 2 and 13, MABAS Liaisons filtered seven requests with various command and general staff positions ranging from Safety Section Chiefs, Operations Section Chiefs, Situation Unit Leaders, and Liaison Officers to serve in key unified area command locations.

Divisions 4 and 15 MIST were able to fulfill requests for a variety of command and general staff positions. MIST members served in State Unified Area Command and State Area Commands alongside agencies and organizations including but not limited to:

Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Incident Management Assistance Team, Local Townships, County Highway Departments, County Emergency Management, and National Guard Command Staff, and local emergency responders.

The activation was significant for Divisions 4 and 15 MIST groups as it successfully offered the command and general staff assistance necessary to assist with complex flood mitigations. It was an outstanding opportunity to insert divisional resources into the Flood Fight response and contribute to the mitigation of the flood waters. It was also a successful test of deploying local command and general staff within an advanced incident command system and validating the rationale of the MIST concept.

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ILTF 1 Info

By: Chief Hardin

June 2-4, 2019 Swiftwater Exercise



IL TF 1 members receiving their assignments.

June 2 – 4, 2019 IL TF 1 sent Type I US&R Team with Swiftwater capabilities to the 2019 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Joint Task Force/ Region 5 Full-Scale Exercise (FSE). The Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), served as exercise venue for the Operational Readiness Exercise and Evaluation Program (OREEP) exercise.

The 80-person Task Force worked with International US & R teams from Canada and Australia. The Federal Teams were from California (CA-TF 5), Colorado (CO-TF1), Indiana (IN-TF1), Nebraska (NE-TF1), Ohio (OH-TF1), and Tennessee (TN-TF1). The Tennessee National Guard assisted the Team with helicopter operations while performing live victim rescues in a flooded village.

The K-9 component led the pack with Geoff Gardiner (Molson), Mike McDevitt (Talon), Jon Valentine (Roscoe), and Mike Vitale (Irie). While the dogs weren't actively tasked with searching for victims, the handlers assisted Rescue Squads with rescue manuevers.



IL TF 1 K-9 handler Mike Vitale and Irie Vitale

May 9 & 10, 2019 MOBEX to NIPSTA



Each year the Task Force members support logistic capabilities to move the MABAS Tent City semi-trailers to a designated site and set up a Base of Operations (BoO). The mobilization exercise starts at the MABAS Mobility Readiness Center (MRC) in Wheeling, IL.

The process to get members out the door on a deployment, they in-process deploying members through the Personnel Processing Center (PPC) issuing PPE, radios and a medical evaluation.



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By: Chief Petrakis

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MABAS has been encouraging the use of local incident management talent for this exact scenario since 2009. An index was crafted to address the need to have local division teams prepared to assist in statewide deployments such as the Mississippi River Flood. It provides direction for divisions who wish to establish a group of individuals who could deploy interdivisional or statewide to assist with large incidents that extend into multiple days, are significantly complex, or overlap various governmental/jurisdictional boundaries. The establishment of local MIST teams offers local and statewide advantages; local reinforcement of overwhelmed incident management and supplemental command and general staff support for statewide incidents. Divisions are encouraged to consider the

implementation of a local MIST. The MABAS Local Incident Management Teams (IMT) Index can be found under the "Divisions" link. Go to



State Unified Area Command Sierra staff working during routine operations

"Division Documents" and click on "Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines". The index can be found in the Operations category and is entitled B-06-02 Local Incident Management Teams.

Although the primary focus of MABAS Incident Support Teams is directed at local incident management support systems, the versatility of what the concept offers extends to complex structures and assisting with large scale incident management. The MIST concept has been tested and has proven its worthiness in a large and very complex structure. However, we look at the recent response to Southern Illinois and note there is much to learn for the next "big one".

We encourage divisions to discuss the concept of the MABAS Incident Support Team and how it can serve your local division but also consider how you can contribute to other divisions in their greatest time of need.

For information regarding the formation of a local MIST, please contact John Petrakis at jpetrakis@channahonfire.com or Lisa Alfaro at lalfaro@oak-forest.org

Stop the Bleed Initiative



As part of the American College of Surgeons "Stop the Bleed" initiative, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) will be distributing a bleeding control kit to every school in Illinois. As school districts educate their staff on this initiative, they may be able to receive additional kits as part of the statewide distribution. The bleeding control kits contain a C-A-T tourniquet, a 6" trauma dressing, 2 compressed gauzes, 2 pairs of nitrile gloves, a survival blanket, a trauma shear, a marker and a just-in-time instruction card. The kits were purchased with grant funding from Henry Schein Medical. Additional kits can be purchased from Henry Schein Medical at the ITTF/ILEAS rate.

Members of fire agencies that are first responders or EMT's can register (for free) to become "Stop the Bleed" program instructors at: <https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>. Once members are recognized as instructors, they receive access to the "Stop the Bleed" instructional program videos, PowerPoint materials, certificates and sign-in rosters. Fire Agencies are not required to instruct this program at schools, but they may be asked for information about program instruction.

Information on the "Stop the Bleed" initiative can be found at: <https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>

The link to the ILEAS "Stop the Bleed" information page is: <https://www.ileas.org/stop-bleed>

Questions on this initiative can be directed to your local Operations Branch Chief or Kevin Lyne at lyne@mabas-il.org

Illinois State Fire Marshal's Fire Safety Exhibit

M.A.B.A.S. Day at the State Fair

Monday August 12, 2019

Join us at the State fair grounds for a fun day volunteering at the largest and best attended interactive fire safety exhibit in the state. Family members are welcome and encouraged to help us in the exhibit.

Kids of all ages enjoy the hands on displays- stop, drop, and roll training, fire pole, fire safety house, fire safety skits and demonstrations, fire extinguisher training, and more.

Make sure that your Department and Division are represented.

Volunteers will receive an admission ticket to the fair, parking pass, MABAS-II t-shirt, and lunch.

To sign up contact Mike Forrest at Forrest@mabas-il.org, or 217-994-3164



MABAS Volunteers at the 2017 Illinois State Fire Marshal's Fire Safety Exhibit

M.A.B.A.S.-Illinois "Got your Back"

Swiftwater Technical Animal Rescue Course



Cook County, Swiftwater Rescue & IL-TF1 members participated in the training:

Will Pace, Mike Young, Steve Williams, James Stempien, John Purtill, Timothy Napiorkowski, Larry McCormack, Mark Hogan, Humza Shamsuddin, Jim Sewnig, Chuck Gros, Tom Vogenthaler, Brian McArdle, Dwayne Wood, Chris Grande, Steve Groszek, Rick Acosta, Kevin Burris, Tim Migon, Brian Raymond, Steven Roberts, Gary Schumacher, Derek Seltzer.

Flood Fight 2019





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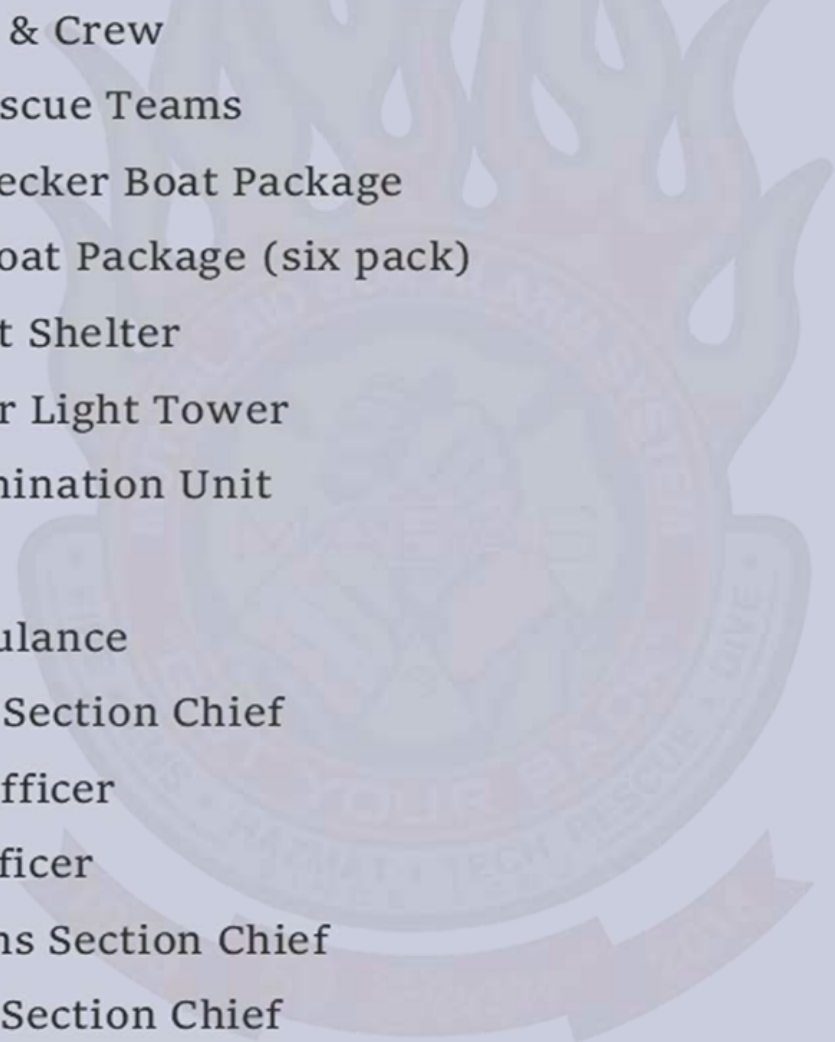


Flood Fight 2019

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Thanks to everyone that assisted in the flood efforts in Southern Illinois. Below is a summary of what was deployed.



Tent City & Crew	1
Water Rescue Teams	13
Double Decker Boat Package	12
MABAS Boat Package (six pack)	1
Expedient Shelter	5
Generator Light Tower	17
Decontamination Unit	3
UTV	9
ALS Ambulance	4
Logistics Section Chief	4
Liaison Officer	2
Safety Officer	3
Operations Section Chief	2
Planning Section Chief	3
Advanced Planner	2
US&R Trucks	2
US&R Bus	1
Utility Tow Vehicle	4
Swiftwater Trailer	1
StarCom Radio	55

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June 25, 2019

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Re: Illinois Task Force 1

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to take a moment and sincerely thank the members of Illinois Task Force One who were serving in our small community of Union County.

One June 16, 2019 Union County Ambulance, Union County Rescue, and Union County Sheriff's office were dispatched to a swollen creek area in the Trail of Tears State Park located in our county. Other local departments responded to help with our efforts to find a vehicle that had been washed away with two individuals involved. Members of the Anna FD, Jonesboro FD, and Ware Wolf Lake FD assisted in the search for a female that was unaccounted for. Swift waters did not allow the location of the vehicle and your members from Illinois Task Force 1 were summoned to our area of search. Simply put I wanted to take this opportunity to Thank your membership from this organization for their dedication and professionalism. They were responsive, receptive, and conducted themselves in a manner worthy of praise from all the departments in Union County, Illinois.

It is my sincere hope that you will pass along our sincere gratitude to the members of this team. You should be very proud of your organization for the efforts put forth on this situation and wanted to place this in the form of a letter recognizing their talents and dedication to the people of Union County, Illinois.

Respectfully,



Grant L. Capel EMTP-Director of Union County Ambulance

Assistant Coordinator-Union County Rescue

Sec./Firefighter-Jonesboro FD

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