

“ Got Your Back Talk”

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From The President:

by Chief Jeffrey C. Macko

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends, and we wish you all a happy and productive 2017. This last fall was not as productive as we would have liked on the legislative side with no movement on our bill, but again we hope for some headway in 2017. We also lost one of our staff as Operations Chief Joe Cluchey has taken a new role as Fire Chief in Elburn IL, and we wish him well! We are happy to say that Dave Haywood has taken over as Operations Chief. Dave has a wealth of experience, as a staff member for several years and I am confident he will do an excellent job as Operations Chief for MABAS- IL.

Now in 2017, our first major undertaking will be the annual training summit in Normal February 6th through the 10th.

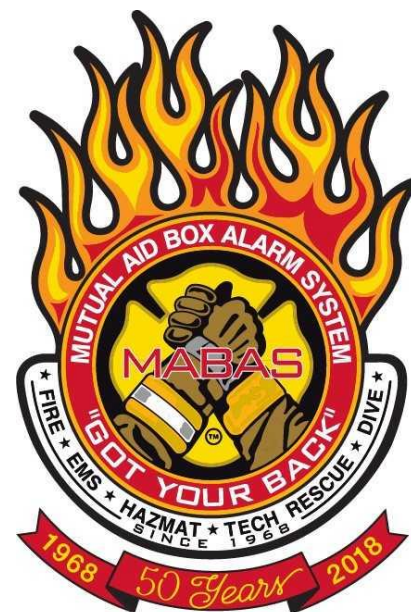
There are once again great training opportunities lined up for the Command Officers and Dispatchers. As always we will kick off the summit with committee workshops, one of the important cogs in the wheel that keeps MABAS-IL moving.

The Executive Board Meeting will be held Wednesday February 8th during the summit. We have some important policy issues as well as election of officers that will come to a vote at the Board Meeting, so representation from each Division is important. As always if you need any information on these issues please contact your branch chief. I hope to see many of you attend this year's summit.

And finally I can't pass up the opportunity to congratulate all my fellow Cubs fans on our World Series victory! "Congrats"

President

Jeffrey C. Macko



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Save the Date

2019 MABAS Illinois
Training Summit
February 25th - March 1st.

Marriot Hotel Bloomington
Normal, Illinois

Snow Storm & Extreme Cold

By: www.ready.gov



Before Snowstorm And Extreme Cold

To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services.

- Download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings for a summary of notifications at: www.ready.gov/prepare. Free smart phone apps, such as those available from FEMA and the American Red Cross, provide information about finding shelters, providing first aid, and seeking assistance for recovery.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.



Winterize Your Vehicle

Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- Antifreeze levels - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- Battery and ignition system - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
- Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels.
- Exhaust system - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.
- Fuel and air filters - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.

- Heater and defroster - ensure they work properly.
- Lights and flashing hazard lights - check for serviceability.
- Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- Thermostat - ensure it works properly.
- Windshield wiper equipment - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.

Install good winter tires - Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.

Update the emergency kits in your vehicles with:

- A shovel
- Windshield scraper and small broom
- Flashlight
- Battery powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Water
- Snack food
- Matches
- Extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- Blanket(s)
- Tow chain or rope
- Road salt and sand
- Booster cables
- Emergency flares Fluorescent distress flag



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A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Jay Reardon

On October 12th the MABAS Executive Board met in Peoria and discussed a number of topics. Accordingly, here are some of the highlights from the agenda.

MABAS Annual Training Summit – February 2017

The Annual Training Summit for MABAS is scheduled for February 6-10, 2017 in Bloomington-Normal Illinois. Registration will be available on-line beginning in December, 2016. We will send out an email notice. Don't wait as the sessions and presentations will draw strong attendance. An overview of topics include:

- The Dallas Sniper – Presentations for fire chiefs and dispatchers reference each of their lessons learned.
- Sandy Hook School Shooting – Hear from a surviving mother of one of the murdered children her experience dealing with the first response community.
- San Bernardino Terrorist Shootings – Hear from fire officials as this tragedy played out throughout their city.
- Mumbai Multiple Rolling Terrorist Attacks – Hear from the FBI the lessons learned from this new challenge.
- Paris Attacks at Multiple Near Simultaneous Locations – Hear from IAFC Chiefs and DHS Intelligence Analysts how the event unfolded and lessons learned.

- Orlando Pulse Murders – Hear how this lone terrorist took control and executed a horrific plan. Hear from Orlando fire officials and their dispatchers their lessons learned.
- Hear from an interactive instructor the dos & don'ts for first responders dealing with terrorist/lone wolf shootings and bombings resulting in mass casualties.
- Hear from the experts on how to pick up on suspicious indicators and what to do when you think they are real.
- Hear from the FBI on how to make things difficult for the bad guys by hardening your facilities.



The Annual Summit Specifics Include:

- Monday, February 6, 2017 – MABAS committee meeting and annual work plan development for 2017.
- Fire chiefs and command officer's sessions Monday, February 6-8, 2017
- Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 1:00PM MABAS Executive Board Meeting.
- Dispatchers and tele-communicators sessions, Wednesday, February 8-10, 2017.
- No overtime and backfill reimbursements are available this year due to grant fund reductions.

MABAS Work Group Drafts Released

MABAS enlisted the assistance of a couple dozen divisional representatives to research and provide recommendations on two policy matters. The policy matters involved the following:

- Review of MABAS member agency dues structure.
- Review and draft policy regarding MABAS division creations and separations.

Draft policies were released at the Board meeting and both work groups provided brief presentations of their recommendations, findings and observations.

- Both draft policies with letters of transmittal were included in MABAS division board packets. MABAS divisions are encouraged to review the draft policies and seek answers from MABAS HQ staff or work group co-chairs where needed.
- The policies will be considered for adoption at the MABAS Executive Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.
- The October 12th full agenda and associated agenda item attachments are available at the MABAS-Illinois website.



Elected Board at MABAS Executive Board Meeting

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MABAS / ILEAS License Plate Legislation May Face Stiff Opposition

As a number of MABAS member agencies may be aware, MABAS and ILEAS has submitted legislation for a \$3.00 annual license plate renewal additional cost to generate statewide sponsored revenues for long term sustainment of the investments made to the statewide fire, EMS, law enforcement and emergency management disaster response system. The legislation has been submitted for each of the past three years and will again be introduced in 2017.

Unfortunately, the legislation has not gained traction in each of the past two years due to the ongoing state budget deadlock. Also, in an end of session, May, 2016, House and Senate action further threatens our attempts to secure the Legislative Initiative.

As you have probably seen the ads on televisions about the constitutional amendment question on the November 8th ballot regarding a "lockbox" on the use of transportation related revenues.



John Millner addressing MABAS members

That includes revenues from license plate renewal fees. If the question passes MABAS and ILEAS license plate fee additions could be blocked from ever occurring.

The constitutional amendment question on the ballot was supported by the Illinois Legislature to appease the road builders and associated industries. Should the question pass many unintended consequences, within state budgets, can be expected.

The MABAS Executive Board voted to give The Leadership Team the authority to support or oppose the constitutional amendment ballot questions. Our Lobby, John Milner, continues to attempt to have dialogue with the transportation lobby in assuring MABAS & ILEAS are not "Locked Out" of the sustaining revenues source.

Currently, MABAS has not taken a position regarding the ballot question. We will keep our member agencies informed should a position be taken.

2017 DHS Grant Funds to MABAS Reduced By 8.2 – 13.0%

MABAS received notice that IEMA was reducing the grant award requested by MABAS for the upcoming grant cycle for 2017 and 2018. The reduction equals a reduction between 8 – 13% less than the current, 2016 grant level. The proposed reduction will impact the annual conference and certain expenses associated with equipment. Additionally, the upcoming grant cycle will be 15 months in length but funded at a 12 month level.

The action of reducing Federal DHS grant funding levels by IEMA further strengthens the need to identify and fund a statewide sustainable revenue base for the statewide MABAS and ILEAS system.

MABAS Foundation – Non-For-Profit Entity in the Works

As a matter of need, the MABAS Executive Board gave its approval to pursue establishing a 501(c)(3), non-for-profit foundation. The MABAS foundation's goal is to provide an augmentive funding source to assist in sponsoring many MABAS-Illinois initiative.

As previously stated, IEMA has reduced funding levels within DHS grant sources including the majority of revenues towards the MABAS annual conference. The MABAS "Foundation" is being explored as an attractive, legal mechanism for accepting donations, running fund raising efforts and pursuing grants extended to non-for-profits by corporations and the like.

It is hoped to have the MABAS Foundation up and running by mid-2017. As it develops and stands up, we will keep MABAS member agencies informed of progress and established goals.

See all of you at the MABAS Annual Training Seminar in Bloomington-Normal on February 6-10, 2017. Registration open on-line at the MABAS website in December, 2016.

Next MABAS Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2016 at 1:00PM at the Annual Training Summit in Bloomington-Normal

Welcome our new Operations Section Chief!

Dave Haywood started in the fire service as a Paid on Call firefighter while simultaneously serving on an Industrial fire/ rescue brigade, then began as a career firefighter in 1979 in south suburban Blue Island. During his career he earned multiple state and national certificates that include Hazardous Materials Technician, All Hazard Incident Management Team, Fire Officer I & II, Fire/ Arson Investigator, Critical Infrastructure Protection and he holds an A.A.S. degree in Fire Science. He had the privilege to serve with firefighters from Illinois, New York, and New Orleans

during the MABAS- IL. response to Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.



After 28 years as a career firefighter with progressive responsibilities, he retired as Chief of Department in 2007.

As the MABAS- Illinois Operations Section Chief, Dave will be responsible for administrative and technical duties in planning, organizing, and documenting operational activities and readiness. He will continue to be the MABAS liaison to the Chicago Fire Department and the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and assist in the preparation of regional catastrophic planning efforts.

Dave is a member of several social and civic organizations and continues to serve on his Pension Board. He is married to his wife Joan and they have two adult children that are also employed in public service.



A Letter from IL-TF1 Medical Team Manager

Dr. Bernard Heilicser

In this article, I would like to present some thoughts that may, hopefully, be beneficial to our MABAS responders in the event you are deployed to a major catastrophic event. I will use my experiences and lessons I have learned from responding to Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Haiti.

If given the privilege to respond to such a disaster, be prepared for everything and anything. It will most likely be nothing you expected. Make sure your immunizations are up-to-date. This includes Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Tetanus. Typhoid is never far behind. Have a personal stash of Imodium, Pepto Bismol and Cipro. Do not eat the takeout pizza in a third world country after an earthquake = E. Coli and rapid 15 pound weight loss. Do not wait to obtain more toilet paper until after you run out.

Know the logistics of your response; what is needed, what is provided, what is available – then don't expect it. Plan and think, balance the adrenaline rush, know what you are doing before you do it.



There are many dangers out there, with most unforeseen. It is our nature to rush in. Slow down, don't become a statistic.

Your physical and emotional well-being are essential. Adequate nutrition and hydration will hopefully be available, but not always. It is imperative to have scheduled mandatory down time. Safety is often overlooked. Your environment may be very dangerous. Just think what you would do if you were the victim of an event and the the government did not, or could not, help.

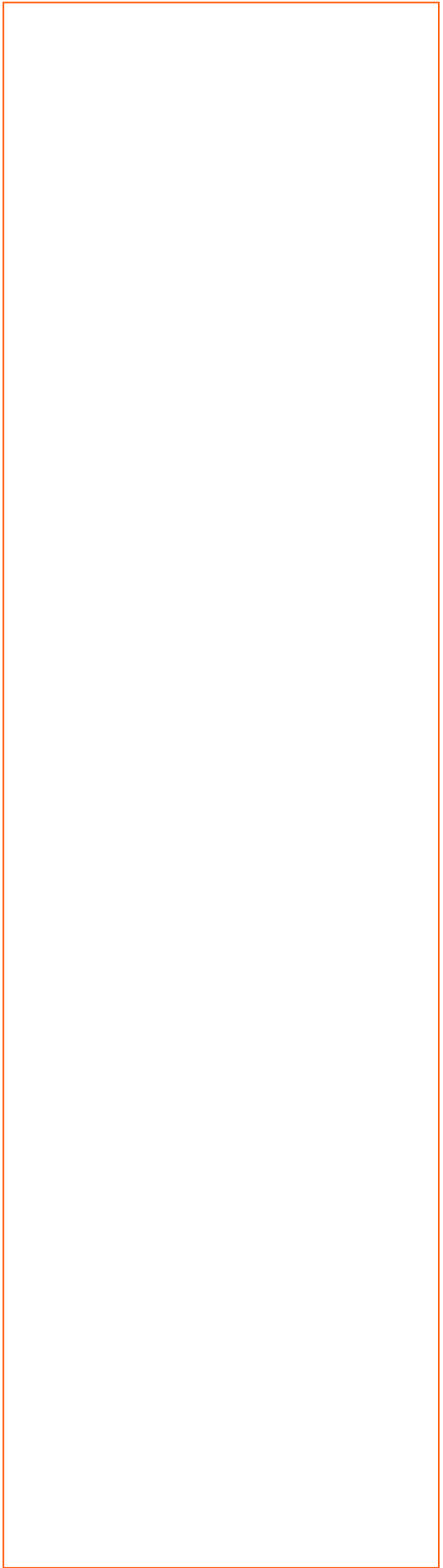
If you needed milk for your child to what extent would you go? You must have security with force protection.

We are accustomed to not going home until the event is terminated and struck. In a large scale disaster, it may be open ended; there may be no closure. Remember your friends and family. They will be worried and there may not be opportunity for communication. Also, make sure you have someone, or some people, with whom you can talk to on your return. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing should be available.



You will learn things about yourself you never knew. You will learn things about other human beings you never expected. People are resilient and mostly kind. The victims will be appreciative.

Always remember: **"To The World You May Be One Person, But To One Person You May Be The World"**. Be Safe



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Winterize Your Home



- Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
- Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing. Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside and kept clear.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk, as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).

- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Hire a contractor to check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.

Know the Terms

Know the terms used to describe changing winter weather conditions and what actions to take. These terms can be used to determine the timeline and severity of an approaching storm. (Advisory / Watch / Warning). The NWS also issues advisories and warnings for other winter weather, including blizzards, freezes, wind chill, lake effect snow, and dense fog. Be alert to weather reports and tune in for specific guidance when these conditions develop.

Freezing Rain - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.

Sleet - Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.

Wind Chill - Windchill is the temperature it "feels like" when you are outside. The NWS provides a Windchill Chart to show the difference between air temperature and the perceived temperature and the amount of time until frostbite occurs. For more information, visit: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/windchill.shtml>.

Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and

may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be

life threatening. The NWS issues a winter weather advisory when conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is used, these situations should not be life-threatening.

Winter Storm Watch - A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for more information. The NWS issues a winter storm watch when severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may affect your area but the location and timing are still uncertain. A winter storm watch is issued 12 to 36 hours in advance of a potential severe storm. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, TV, or other news sources for more information. Monitor alerts, check your emergency supplies, and gather any items you may need if you lose power.



Winter Storm Warning - A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.

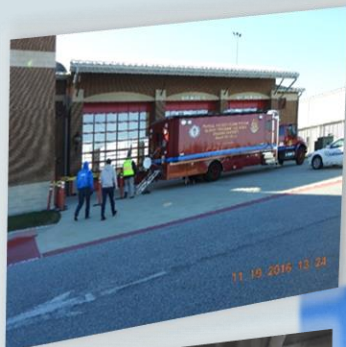
Blizzard Warning - Sustained winds or frequent gust to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.



Division 32 Training St. Louis Downtown Airport

Bv: Branch Chief John Michalesko

Photos taken Saturday, November 19, 2016, at the St. Louis Downtown Airport Exercise. Those participating in the simulated crash/mass casualty event included IEMA, St. Clair County Public Health and Coroner's Offices, MetroLink, as well as Div.32 EMS and Fire. MABAS Mission Support Unit (south) was tasked as the reception center for the all-day exercise.



1. Demonstrate the ability to establish and maintain a unified and coordinated incident management structure that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities.
2. Provide specialized ARFF firefighting capability to extinguish an aircraft fire while protecting the lives, property, and the environment in the affected area.
3. Establish a safe and secure environment in an affected area. Provide and maintain on-scene security and meet the protection needs of the affected population over a geographically dispersed area while eliminating or mitigating the risk of further damage to persons, property, and the environment.
4. Demonstrate the ability to provide lifesaving medical treatment via emergency medical services and related operations and avoid additional disease and injury by providing targeted public health and medical support and products to all people in need within the affected area.
5. Establish and maintain operations to recover a significant number of fatalities over a geographically dispersed area.

Participating agencies included: St. Louis Downtown Airport Fire Department, Bi-State Development Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency, St. Clair County Coroner, St. Louis Area Regional Response System, Cahokia Fire Department, Sauget Fire Department, Camp Jackson Fire Department, Prairie DuPont Fire Department, Dupo Fire Department, Cahokia Police Department, Sauget Police Department, MedStar Ambulance, Abbott Ambulance, ARCH Air Medical Service, Belleville Memorial Hospital Medical Control Center, and MABAS-Illinois.



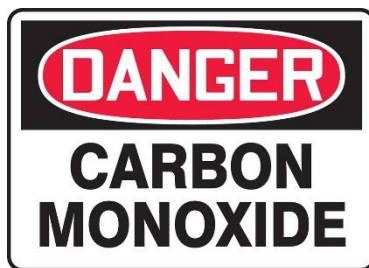
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Frost/Freeze Warning - Below freezing temperatures are expected.

Carbon Monoxide Caution: Each year, an average of 430 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and there are more than 20,000 visits to the emergency room with more than 4,000 hospitalizations. Carbon monoxide-related deaths are highest during colder months. These deaths are likely due to increased use of gas-powered furnaces and alternative heating, cooking, and power sources used inappropriately indoors during power outages.



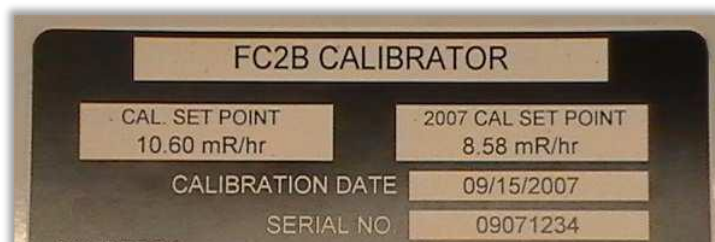
camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors. Keep these devices at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents.

•The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity,

When is the Last Time you Calibrated your Calibration Check Unit?

BY: Michael Graves

All Divisions have a Canberra Calibration Check Unit to complete the annual calibrations of their UltraRadiac Personal Radiation Monitors.



AST FACTS

**Captain Donald Kuhn**

Captain Donald Kuhn is noted for the MABAS concept. In 1968 Captain Kuhn had the idea of implementing MABAS box cards in the suburbs of Chicago to help with much needed assistance during an emergency when suburban departments depleted their resources.

DID YOU KNOW??

2.6%

MABAS budget comes from dues paid by fire departments.

5.6%

Of all MABAS affiliated fire departments support ILTF1 with personnel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

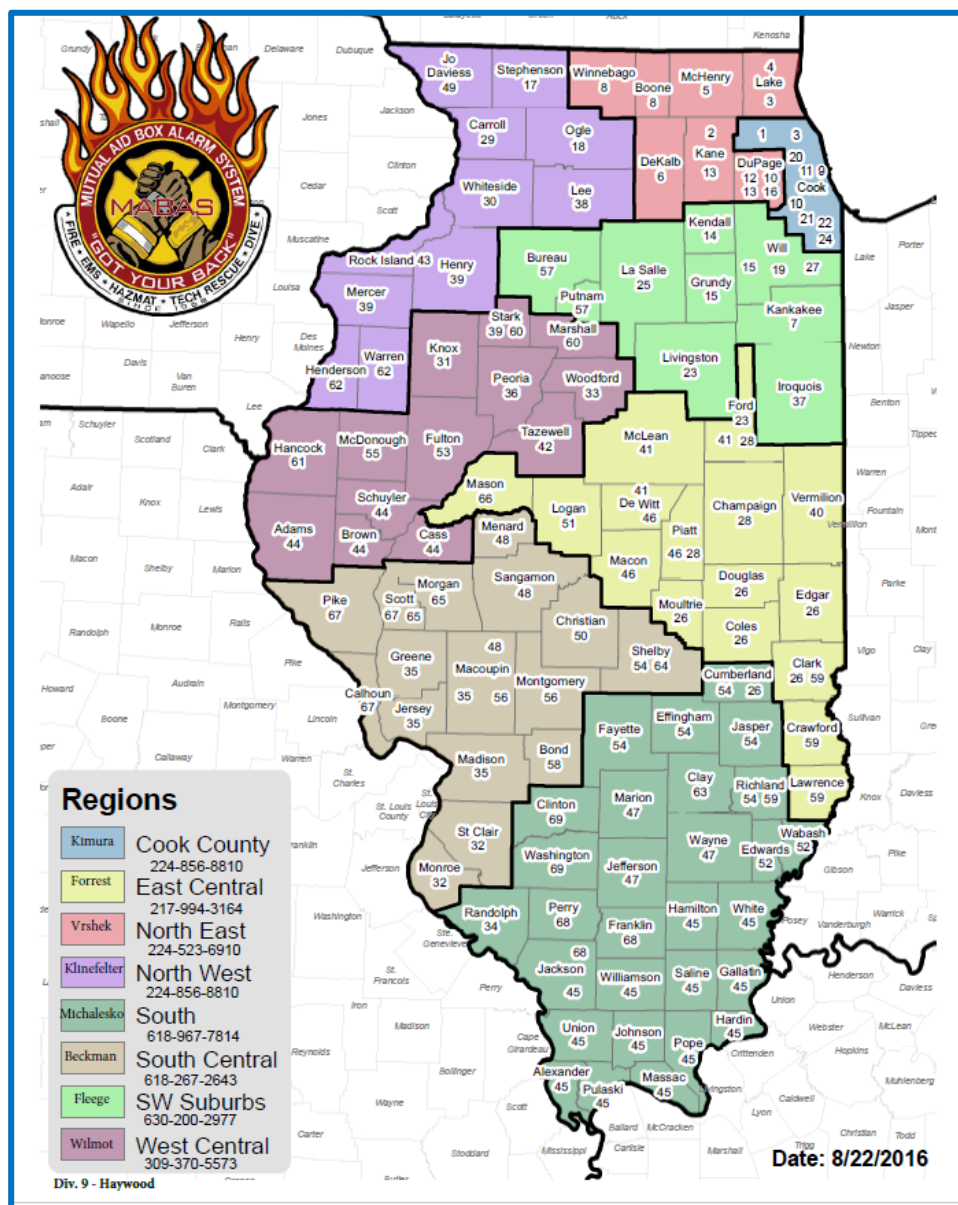
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MABAS Division Map

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.

E-mail to: Littlefield@mabas-il.org

Littlefield @ 847-403-0511

Taking Care of the Tools That Take Care of You

By: Ed Gibis

In this issue we will be illustrating simple maintenance tips for our Mobile Ventilation units (MVU)



One of MABAS resources that needs periodic maintenance is the Mobile Ventilation Unit (MVU). There are some "little known maintenance facts" about these units that EVERY Division should complete on a periodic basis. Basically, there should be some "routine maintenance" and periodic inspections completed by each Division to assure that your unit will be available during the time of need. Below is a list of tips:

1. Maintenance access to the engine compartment.

Engine compartment and battery are accessible by maintenance openings. The covers can be removed after releasing the snap closings.



- A. Coolant expansion reservoir
- B. Filler for engine oil
- C. Air filter
- D. Oil dipstick



E. Battery

2. Conduct regular preventative maintenance (monthly suggestions)

- Visually check impeller
- Visually check the tooth belt
- Visually check protective grid
- Visually check the water pump and generator belt
- Check all fluid reservoirs, hoses, and inspect for leaks.
- Check the oil / change oil and filter at least once a year – or after prolonged use
- Check the spark plugs
- Check air filter
- Check the battery
- Visually inspect the welds on the gusset plates securing the brackets for the fan shroud.

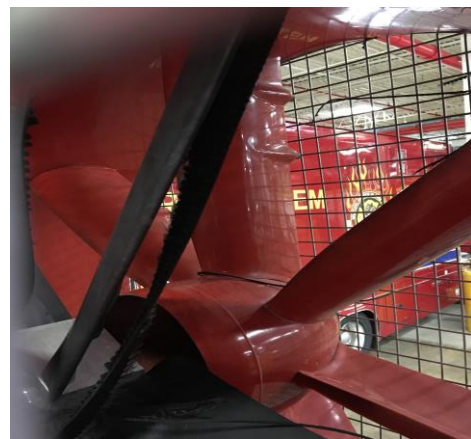
2. Check welds inside engine housing.



Look inside engine housing and inspect welds on bracing for fan and fan housing.



Here are photos of a tooth belt that failed. When the belt broke the unit had to be removed from service.



It is very important to visually check the deck for metal shavings and or rubber pieces that can indicate something is wearing and may potentially break.



Although conducting the above maintenance and associated repairs are considered "Divisional Responsibilities" for cost and labor – these simple steps will help ensure that your unit will run as designed when you need it! If maintenance documentation is needed please contact MABAS Head Quarters at 847-403-0500

MABAS / ITTF ANNUAL COMMAND TRAINING SUMMIT

February 6, 2017 - February 8, 2017

Marriott, 201 Broadway Avenue, Bloomington-Normal, IL.

Registration Fee: \$250 Per Person / **NON - REFUNDABLE**

Contact the MABAS
website for updated
information
www.mabas-il.org

- Registration Fee of \$250 Per Person
- Deadline January 15, 2017

Your Registration Fee includes:

Tired Travelers Hospitality Gathering
2 Breakfasts / Refreshment Breaks / 1 Lunch
2 Nights Lodging max-3 rooms per IL MABAS Division/County
NO OT/BF Is Available For This Year's Annual Training Summit

Target Audience: Fire Chiefs / Deputy Fire Chiefs / MABAS Division Boards
Law Enforcement / Emergency Management Agencies / Team Leaders

* Out of State MABAS Divisions and additional attendees are welcome at their own expense due to restrictions by IL Terrorism Task Force Funds

MABAS / ITTF TRAINING SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Subject to change



— Speaker Presentation — Highlights



- * San Bernardino Terrorist Strike
Fire Operations Perspective
- * Are You The Next Terrorist Target
Suspicious Indicators
- * Paris Terror Attacks- Lessons Learned
Complex Multiple Target Sites
- * Terror And First Responders Focus
FBI & Counter Terrorism

- * Dallas Sniper And Peaceful Protestor Targets
Hear The First Fire Chief's Experience
- * Medical Perspective Protocols & Terrorist Bombings
An Interactive Learning Curve
- * Orlando Pulse Terrorist Tragedy
Orlando Operations FD Chief's Experience
- * Sandy Hook School Tragedy
First Responders Hear From A Mother

— And More —

Summit Schedule Available On MABAS Website



Registration Deadline: January 15, 2017
Website: www.mabas-il.org

Questions: Contact Jeanie Mercier (mercier@mabas-il.org) 630-640-9804
or Michael Graves (graves@mabas-il.org) 217-741-5632

MABAS / ITTF ANNUAL DISPATCHER TRAINING SUMMIT

February 8, 2017 - February 10, 2017

Marriott, 201 Broadway Avenue, Bloomington-Normal, IL.

Registration Fee: \$250 Per Person / **Non - Refundable**

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information
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- Registration Fee of \$250 Per Person
- Registration Deadline January 15, 2017

Your Registration Fee includes:

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2 Breakfasts / Refreshment Breaks / 1 Lunch
2 Nights Lodging—50% single person per room or 100% (2) attendees sharing a room
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Target Audience: Dispatcher Supervisors, Dispatchers

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MABAS / ITTF TRAINING SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Subject to change



— *Speaker Presentation* —
Highlights



- * Dallas Sniper Shootings During Protest March
Hear From the 9-1-1 Dispatchers
- * Sandy Hook School Tragedy
Hear From The Mom's Perspective
- * Orlando Pulse Nightclub Tragedy
Hear From the 9-1-1 Dispatchers
- * Leadership Under Fire

- * When Bad Things Hit Good Dispatch Centers
Steve Rauter—WESCOM
- * Pride And Ownership In Your Center
Rick Lasky Talks To Operators
- * MABAS For Beginners & For Advanced OPS
Coach-Practice-Exercise-More Practice
- * Cheerleading For Your Team Mates

— And More —

Summit Agenda & Schedule Available On MABAS Website



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Canton Illinois Gas Explosion

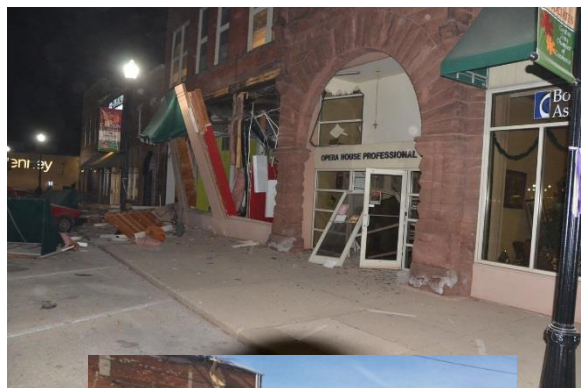
MABAS Division 53

CANTON, Ill. - Authorities say one person was killed and several people injured in a gas explosion in the central Illinois community of Canton.

Officials say the explosion Wednesday evening occurred near the downtown square and damaged several buildings. Authorities say the cause of the explosion hasn't been determined. Canton, with a population of about 14,000, is about 30 miles southwest of Peoria.

Authorities say 11 victims were taken to Graham Hospital in Canton. Fulton County Coroner Steve Hines said one of the victims later died at the hospital. One victim was taken to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria with non-life threatening injuries.

Fulton County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency has advised residents to avoid the area around the square





Welcome to the 2017 MABAS-Illinois Training Summit

February 6 – 10, 2017

Marriott Hotel
Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

**MABAS-ILLINOIS TRAINING SUMMIT
CHIEFS AND COMMAND
February 6 – 8, 2017**

Monday	February 6, 2017										
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast for Committee and Staff Members – Redbird North Lobby										
0700 – 1700	Registration – North End										
0830 – 0915	Committee Orientation & 2017 Briefings – Redbird C/D Bill Clossen, Fire Certification Specialist, OSFM overview of changes in certification programs										
0915 – 1230	Committee Work Sessions										
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0930 – 1030	Break – Set up near committee meeting rooms										
1145 – 1230	Working Committee Lunches (Provided – delivered to Committee rooms)										
1300 – 1345	Welcome & Dignitaries Comments – Redbird C/D Pledge of Allegiance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Koos, Mayor, Town of Normal - Tari Renner, Mayor, City of Bloomington - Matt Perez, State of Illinois Fire Marshal - Mick Humer, Fire Chief, Town of Normal - Brian Mohr, Fire Chief, City of Bloomington - MABAS Leadership Team Executive Board 										
1345 – 1515	San Bernardino Terrorist Attack, Fire Department Experience, Lessons Learned in a Mass Shooting Incident – Redbird C/D Captain Tom Hannemann, San Bernardino County Fire Department										
1515 – 1530	Break – Lobby Area										
1530 – 1615	Vendor Setup – Redbird A/B										
1530 – 1700	Suspicious Indicators Recognition & Assessment – Redbird C/C Michael Rozin, President, Security Consulting LLC										
1615 – 1700	Vendor Briefing – Redbird A/B										
1700 - 1715	Administrative Announcements & Day's Summary – Redbird C/D										
1800 - 2030	Supper Served – Redbird A/B Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsors – Redbird C/D										

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<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>February 7, 2017</i>
0730 - 0830	Continental Breakfast for Summit Attendees – Redbird Lobby
0700 – 0900	Summit Registration – North End
0815 – 0830	Welcome and Admin. Announcements - General Session – Redbird C/D
0830 – 1030	Paris Terrorists Attack Lessons Learned – Redbird C/D <i>Abigail Williams, Intel Analyst, DHS; Assistant Chief Ed Mills, Washington D.C. Fire & EMS</i>
1030 - 1045	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B
1045 - 1215	Terrorism Landscape / Domestic Counterterrorism Focus for First Responders – Redbird C/D <i>Ann Rohrhoff, FBI, National Counter Terrorism Center, Midwest Region; Jason Shelton, Firefighter/Paramedic Los Angeles City Fire Department, National Counter Terrorism Center; Jim Hamilton, National Counter Terrorism Center</i>
1215 - 1315	Working Lunch – Redbird E/F/G Anatomy of a Disaster <i>Michael Graves, MABAS-ILLINOIS / Darryl Dragoo, IEMA</i>
1330 - 1500	Dallas Sniper Shooting, Lessons Learned – Redbird C/D <i>Battalion Chief Tami Kayea, Dallas Fire Rescue</i>
1500 - 1545	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B
1545 - 1715	Medical Preparedness and Response to Terrorist Bombing Incident (interactive) – Redbird C/D <i>Battalion Chief Tom Christensen, Waukegan Fire Dept., Bomb Team Coordinator</i>
1715	Administrative Announcements & Day's Summary – Redbird C/D
Evening	On Your Own – Enjoy Bloomington and Normal

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Wednesday	February 8, 2017
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast for Attendees – Redbird Lobby
0830 - 1000	Orlando / Pulse Tragedy, Lessons Learned – Redbird C/D <i>Deputy Chief Richard Wales, City of Orlando Fire Dept.</i>
1000 - 1015	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B
1030 - 1200	Sandy Hook, Beyond Readiness, Response and Recovery – Redbird C/D <i>Michele Gay, Co-Founder, Executive Director, Safe and Sound: A Sandy Hook Initiative</i>
1200 - 1300	Lunch on your own
1300 - 1500	MABAS Executive Board Meeting – Redbird C/D
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – Redbird C/D

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Wednesday	February 8, 2017
0800 - 1600	Dispatcher Summit Registration – Redbird North Lobby
1000 – 1030	Welcome to the 2017 MABAS-Illinois Dispatchers Summit – Redbird E/F/G
1030 - 1200	Dallas Sniper Shootings, Lessons Learned On The Dispatch Floor – Redbird E/F/G <i>Captain Troy C'Debaca, Lieutenant Jennifer Osborne, Dallas Fire Rescue Dispatch Communications</i>
1200 - 1330	Lunch on your own! Explore Bloomington- Normal
1330 - 1500	Sandy Hook, Beyond Readiness Response and Recovery – Redbird E/F/G <i>Michele Gay, Co-founder, Executive Director, Safe & Sound : A Sandy Hook Initiative</i>
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – Redbird C/D
1600 - 1630	Closing Administrative Remarks – Redbird E/F/G
1800 - 2030	Supper Served – Redbird A/B Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsors – Hawaiian Luau Themed – Redbird C/D Be sure to wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt!

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Thursday	February 9, 2017
0700 – 0800	Continental Breakfast and Registration for Attendees – North Redbird Lobby
0800 – 0945	<p>Orlando / Pulse Tragedy “Before and After Pulse Lessons Learned in Communications”- Redbird E/F/G Matthew King, Assistant Manager, Orlando Fire Department Communications Division – Presentation will touch on how the Orlando Fire Department Communications Division operates and how it has changed after the incident at the Pulse nightclub. The focus will be on what we as a Division learned and how we can be better prepared for large scale tragedies in the future.</p>
0945 - 1000	Break – North Redbird Lobby
1000 - 1130	<p>Dispatch Simulator Available for Beginners - Blackburn</p> <p>MABAS for Beginners – Redbird E/F/G 1. MABAS 101 – What the heck is MABAS? Tom Clifton and Joe McGrath 2. Fire Engine? Fire Truck? What's the difference? – A general review of the fire service. Matt Diamond 3. Radio 101 – Hey you, it's me! A review of the ins-and-outs of the radio world. Andy Russell</p> <p>MABAS Advanced – Redbird D 1. Statewide Plan – What do you need to get more help. Mark Sikorski 2. The STIC – The evolving role of Dispatchers working with the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center. Johnathon Paholke and Alana Sorrentino 3. Prepare for Departure- Leave it better than you found it! Chris Lienhardt</p>
1130 - 1230	<p>Leadership Under Fire – Redbird E/F/G Colonel Royal Mortenson (Ret), Director, Illinois Fire Service Institute</p>
1230 - 1330	<p>Working Lunch – Redbird D When bad things happen to good Communication Centers. Steve Rauter, Executive Director, WESCOM</p>
1400 - 1515	Major Incident Simulation – Redbird E/F/G
1530 - 1700	<p>Get Fired Up About the Job You Do / Pride & Ownership in the Dispatch Center – Redbird E/F/G Rick Lasky, Fire Chief (ret) Lewisville, Texas Fire Dept. Emergency Service Consultant, Author, Motivational Speaker and Educator</p>
1700 - 1715	Closing Remarks – Redbird E/F/G
Evening	Enjoy dinner on your own in Bloomington – Normal!

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Friday	February 10, 2017
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast for Attendees – North Redbird Lobby
0830 – 0930	MABAS Status Update - An Organization Briefing – Redbird E/F/G Chief Jay Reardon, CEO, MABAS-ILLINOIS
0930 - 0945	Break – North Redbird Lobby
0945 - 1230	Brother Sam McKee – Redbird E/F/G
1230 - 1245	2017 Dispatcher Summit – Closing Remarks – Redbird E/F/G

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