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From The President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

Welcome to 2020, so far the weather has been fairly temperate and snowfall light, let's hope it stays that way. I hope everyone had a good Christmas holiday and the New Year presents you with new opportunities you can benefit from.

Most of you know that registration for the MABAS Command Training Summit and Dispatchers Training Summit are open and if you have not registered, please take the time to do so. Make sure to pass along the information about the Dispatchers Training Summit to your dispatch centers so they can send some attendees to further their knowledge about MABAS and dispatch issues. We have some excellent presentations, good networking and some very good vendor displays.

Before we know it, spring and severe weather season will be upon us. Please review your box alarm cards for assistance that you may need or be able to provide prior to those events. CIMS 2.0 is up and running well, please verify your division information is correct and your special teams rosters are complete.

Elections for three leadership board positions will be held at the executive board meeting on February 26. The candidates are very well qualified. Please review the documents that were sent to your division's board members so you can make an informed decision about what candidate you want to support.

Respectfully,

Don Davids
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Save the Date

2020 MABAS Illinois
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February 24th – February 28th.

Marriot Hotel Bloomington
Normal, Illinois

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Winter Hazards and Workplace Safety

<http://dept.clcillinois.edu/ehs/WinterHazardsWorkplaceSafety.pdf>

Winter is here again in Illinois. The season of ice and snow can translate to hazards, and ultimately accidents. Here are some tips to help you and your co-workers stay safe this season.

Slips and Falls – Avoid Slip-Ups

Wet or snowy days can create slick floors at the workplace. Slips and falls are a leading cause of workplace injuries, and so it's important to take precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Make sure you wear proper footwear (shoes and boots). Be aware of wet areas on the floor. Clean up the hazard, place cones or hazard signs nearby, or call the Facilities Office to have the hazard addressed. People can walk on extremely slippery surfaces by modifying their speed and stride, provided they know about the dangerous condition. It's the lack of warning that can cause problems. An unexpected shift from a smooth to a slick surface heightens the likelihood of a slip or fall.

Experts say the single most important steps to take in preventing slips and falls are to keep floors clean and dry, and to pay attention as you walk.

Keep all areas free of obstructions (such as umbrellas and boots). Look ahead and anticipate wet or icy conditions.

Winter Driving

Winter in Illinois means everything from fog, rain, ice, snow, slippery roads, and poor visibility. Cold, wet weather can produce dangerous conditions for vehicle operators, especially if driving a vehicle with which you are not familiar. You can take some simple precautions to minimize the risk of accidents and injuries.

- Before you get into a vehicle, take a little extra time to make sure everything in and about the vehicle is in good condition and operating correctly. This includes lights, mirrors, brakes, windshield wipers, and defrosters.
- Condensation and frost can greatly impair visibility. If a vehicle is kept outdoors, especially overnight, condensation or frost may develop on the windows. Keep a towel handy to wipe-off condensation, and a scraper to remove any frost build up.

Also, check for and remove ice or snow build-up on headlights and tail lights, which can make it hard for other drivers to see your vehicle.

- Ensure the tires have good tread and adequate pressure and there is more than a quarter tank of gas; have emergency equipment in the vehicle, including a flashlight, fire extinguisher, flares, blankets, food and water, and chains where applicable.
- Remember also to reduce driving speed on wet, snowy, or icy roads and be especially alert for pedestrians and animals. Reduced speeds will make your driving experience easier and safer. Preventive maintenance and extra caution can be important factors in accident prevention.

Keep Safe This Winter

Keep in mind that as temperatures fall and precipitation increases, certain workplace injuries tend to rise. Be aware of your surroundings and learn hazard-prevention tactics to remain safe on the job this winter.

Article recommended by Ed Gibis. Ed is responsible for maintaining all apparatus at MABAS readiness Center (MRC) as Logistics Branch



Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives

www.ileas.org/stop-bleed



CEO Glenn Ericksen

A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season. As we move into the new year, we are working on several projects and initiatives along with preparations for the 2020 MABAS Command & Dispatchers Summit. Our staff has worked very hard on preparing an interesting and topical agenda for this year's Summit and we hope you can take advantage of the opportunity to attend. December 31st saw the retirement of Section Chief – Operations Don Mobley. Don was instrumental in managing the MABAS resources who responded to the downstate flooding last year and many other projects. We thank Don for his service and welcome Kevin Lyne as the Acting Section Chief – Operations. Kevin is working on a full slate of proposed exercises this year as part of his new duties. Another important project Kevin will be overseeing is the distribution of the "Gross Decon Kits" statewide as part of the State Fire Marshal's and ISFI Firefighter Cancer Prevention Awareness initiative.

There has also been some progress made on the MABAS response to out-of-state EMAC mutual aid requests issues. We anticipate having a report ready at the February 26th Executive Board meeting in Bloomington-Normal. Another important topic at the February Executive Board meeting will be the election of the MABAS 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents along with the MABAS Treasurer. The By-Laws & Elections Committee is currently reviewing the nomination packets of all the candidates.



Speaking of the flood event, Section Chief – Administration Bernie Lyons has been working closely with the Finance Section of IEMA in order to expedite the reimbursement of expenses submitted by departments who responded to the many taskings issued by IEMA. Some reimbursements have already been issued and it is anticipated that many the remaining requests will be processed by late February.

In 2012, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency conducted a series of statewide summit meetings to determine the status of Homeland Security in Illinois. The initiative, and results were titled "Vision 2020". In response, MABAS created a report titled "Vision 2020, Concept of Financial Operations and Sustainment Plan".

2020 is now upon us and it is time for MABAS to reflect upon the last eight years to determine where we fit in the future of Illinois Homeland Security. Many things have changed since the "Vision 2020" report of 2012, but one thing remains the same, MABAS has not secured a reliable funding source for the future which addresses the capital equipment replacement needs and uncertainty of Federal grant funding.

In recognition of this fact, we are working on updating the "Concept of Financial Operations and Sustainment Plan" to "Vision 2025" in hopes of generating a dialogue within MABAS, and with other stakeholders, to determine where MABAS needs to be in 2025 and beyond. We look forward to issuing a draft of this report later this year and hearing your ideas and solutions.

Thanks again for your support of MABAS, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in Bloomington-Normal at the Summit.



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Fire and Police Integration: Red on Blue Incident Support

By: Chief Petrakis

When we speak in terms of the MABAS incident support team concept and how it can be applied, much focus has been given to the “fire” perspective. Establishing support functions within a command structure for escalating structure fires, water rescues, or wide spread weather events is the norm because it is our niche. In this issue, I would like to focus on untraditional activation of the MABAS Division 15 Incident Support Team and the outcome it helped achieve.

On December 7, 2019, the Grundy County Sheriff’s Office experienced an escaped inmate situation from their county correctional facility. Much like a cascading fireground, the immediate need and challenges to deploy a ground search was warranted.



Shorewood Chief of Police and Division 15 MIST member, Aaron Klima, functioning as public information officer at sub surface water recovery incident in July 2018.

Grundy County Sheriff is a close neighbor of the Morris Fire Protection District, and Fire Chief Tracey Steffes. Chief Steffes, a member of Division 15 MIST, immediately contacted the Grundy County Sheriff, Ken Briley, and suggested an idea to help with their unfolding manhunt.

Knowing how intense the ground search would become and the required management to oversee a strategy of search and all the supporting tactical assignments, Chief Steffes offered the assistance of the Division 15 MIST. It was not fire and law enforcement problem, it was only a law enforcement problem. A unified command post was likely not necessary. However, the strategy and tactics still posed a challenge to the Grundy Sheriff’s Office and their command staff; a momentous opportunity to activate incident support functions.

The Division 15 MIST is unique in that it is not only made up of chief officers from local fire organizations but also chief officers from local law enforcement agencies. These counterparts are key players in situations such as this; having a pathway to liaison with other police agencies and help insert a support function into law enforcement management systems.

Within thirty minutes of deploying the 15 MIST, seven team members; four fire chiefs and two chiefs of police, were in the Grundy County Mobile Command Unit and preparing to assist the Grundy County Sheriff’s Office with the needed support functions. They offered resource management, documentation tracking, communications support, and liaison functions so Sheriff Briley and his deputies could focus on their tactics of locating an escaped felon. ICS forms were also initiated with the foresight of the manhunt continuing over several operational periods. Within 24 hours, the escapee was located and safely returned to custody.



The MIST function was successful as it provided the same support it would on any fire, water rescue, or technical rescue. Nothing changed with the exception of the type of incident being reinforced that night.

The support element remained unchanged and was able to integrate into a system that was not driven by a problem of fire, chemicals, or swift water with people in grave danger.



Wilmington Chief of Police, Phil Arnold, functioning as liaison officer and supporting Wilmington Fire Chief, Al Zlomie, in the Kankakee River Flood Event’s unified command post in February 2019.

In a climate where the trend of rapid integration of fire and police is evolving, this particular event is a fantastic example of it does not need to be an active threat or fire related event to deploy the incident support function. Not every incident requires unified command. No matter what the strategy or who owns it, there will always be these constants: the public needs to be informed, support documentation and capture is critical, liaisons with cooperating and assisting agencies will always be necessary, and the foresight

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Letter to MABAS from Chief Arie!!

Chief Vrshek,

I moved to the Chicago metro area (New Lenox FPD) in 1995. At that time, I did not know what a "box alarm" was, I thought it was only something that the Chicago Fire Department had in place. My first perception could not have been farther from the truth. Since 1995, I have come to realize the undeniable value of the MABAS mutual aid box alarm system. I have been the Incident Commander at 5th alarm fires. I have been involved in numerous box alarms as a responding chief. I have been involved in specialty team box alarm responses within Illinois, as well as EMAC responses including Hurricane Katrina.

As a Fire Chief, it provides great assurance to me to know that MABAS is available to respond as needed. Regardless of the type and scope of an incident, the predetermined structure is in place to quickly access additional resources. Locally, I have two ongoing significant local risks that keep MABAS on my mind. We have 50-60 Metra commuter rail trains passing through Barrington every day. Each train has up to ten commuter rail cars, and it each train can hold up to 1,500 commuters. In the event of a commuter train derailment, it's possible that we could have an immediate need for 20, 50, maybe more ALS ambulances as well as other fire department support resources. I also have two major freight rail lines that come through Barrington, both Class 1 rail lines (Union Pacific [UP] and Canadian National [CN]). Both rail lines transport a vast quantity of freight, including large volumes of hazardous materials that go through commercial areas and residential neighborhoods. As such, the potential is great and ongoing for a high risk situation should a freight train carrying hazardous materials derail, leak, catch fire, release toxic gases, and/or explode (BLEVE) in Barrington. Regardless of the incident that could occur, I find great comfort in knowing that MABAS is available if needed.

I cannot say enough about the coordinated mutual aid system that is in place for us in MABAS Division 4 as well as within MABAS-IL. The vision that was shaped long ago to develop MABAS has transformed to be the role model for mutual aid box alarms, for common communications, common radio frequencies, and specialized teams. This is evidenced by the adoption of the MABAS model in Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, and Michigan. It's no surprise that the MABAS model is looked upon nationally as the example to follow at the state and federal level.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few thoughts about MABAS, a special resource for Fire Chiefs and the communities we serve!!

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to be situationally aware of what is happening within the incident but ensure the stricken agency can still function normally is a priority and it all requires support!

I would encourage you to sit with your local law enforcement administration and discuss how you the red can support the blue within their incident



Plainfield Chief of Police and Division 15 MIST member, John Konopek, functioning as law enforcement planning advisor at a functional tabletop. He was accompanied by other fire and TRT planning advisors during the drill to collectively develop an ICS 215.

management models and vice versa. Law enforcement events such as manhunts, barricaded subjects, and hostage situations are just as challenging and require the same management model as the box alarm fire or 2nd alarm water response to search for missing boaters. Work with your local public safety partners and use local police AND fire ICS talent to help direct and support a successful management structure.

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Illinois Fire Service Intelligence Officer Fire Service Information Sharing and Analysis

By
Raymond Kay
Homeland Security Branch Chief

The Fire Intelligence Liaison Officer (FILO) program was founded in April of 2010 to share information related to the fire service with those vetted individuals who have “A Need to Know” in order to:

Provide situational awareness, to initiate advanced planning preparedness and to promote collaborative relationships with partner agencies who also have “A Need to Know”.

Chief Brian Wilson was the first Branch Chief to work in this role. Chief Wilson was assigned to work in the state fusion center, the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC), operated by the Illinois State Police in Springfield Illinois. A recruitment campaign took Chief Wilson across the state, meeting with divisions education members about this program and recruiting participants known as FILO’s. Open source and For Official Use Only (FOUO) information has been shared daily since that time.

Since 2010 the program has continued to evolve. In 2017, MABAS-IL adopted an updated scope for the FILO program, the Fire Service Information Sharing and Analysis program (FSISA).

One of the significant changes in this effort was the inclusion of severe weather information. A tool in maintaining severe weather situational awareness was the introduction of the “Public Safety Room” by STIC. In short, the Public Safety Room provides a common operating picture for severe weather across the entire state. The data in this space is raw but can allow responders to anticipate resource needs and by early warning to deploy appropriate resources in a timely fashion.

The Public Safety Room is not inherently part of the FSISA program, but it is aligned with the core mission of the MABAS FSISA program.

The FSISA program was created to support the fire service and its affiliated representatives in the information sharing environment. Specifically, the FSISA program objectives include:

1. Provide situational awareness and advanced planning preparedness to Information Receivers (IR) to increase responder safety.
2. Have two FILO’s for each division to serve as the division contact and to assist in training IR’s.

3. IRs to share un-vetted Disaster Intelligence with collaborative partners in order to improve the common operating picture.

4. Share information from all sources as appropriate with public safety, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and private sector partners.

The FSISA program shares information that may be sensitive but not classified, open source and collected field reports which may not be vetted. Proper handling of information in this program is a serious issue and consequences for improper handling can have serious outcomes.

Conditions of Participation and Expectations:

1. Interpret received information for your home department and division. Share the localized analysis with members of the Division and home department for purposes of responder safety and advanced planning preparedness with those who have a need to know.
2. Share raw data about evolving events with the FSISA program (including STIC) and with collaborating agencies as appropriate.

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Incident Reporting

We have been requesting that our divisions complete their Incident reporting electronically through MABAS’s web site. If you have not received a username, password, or have questions please contact us.

We will also be opening up a electronic documentation for Fire Departments to log when they utilize a MABAS asset. If you are visiting the Training Summit feel free to stop by and ask questions. We are always available to assist in person or on the phone!!

FAST FACTS



Captain Donald Kuhn

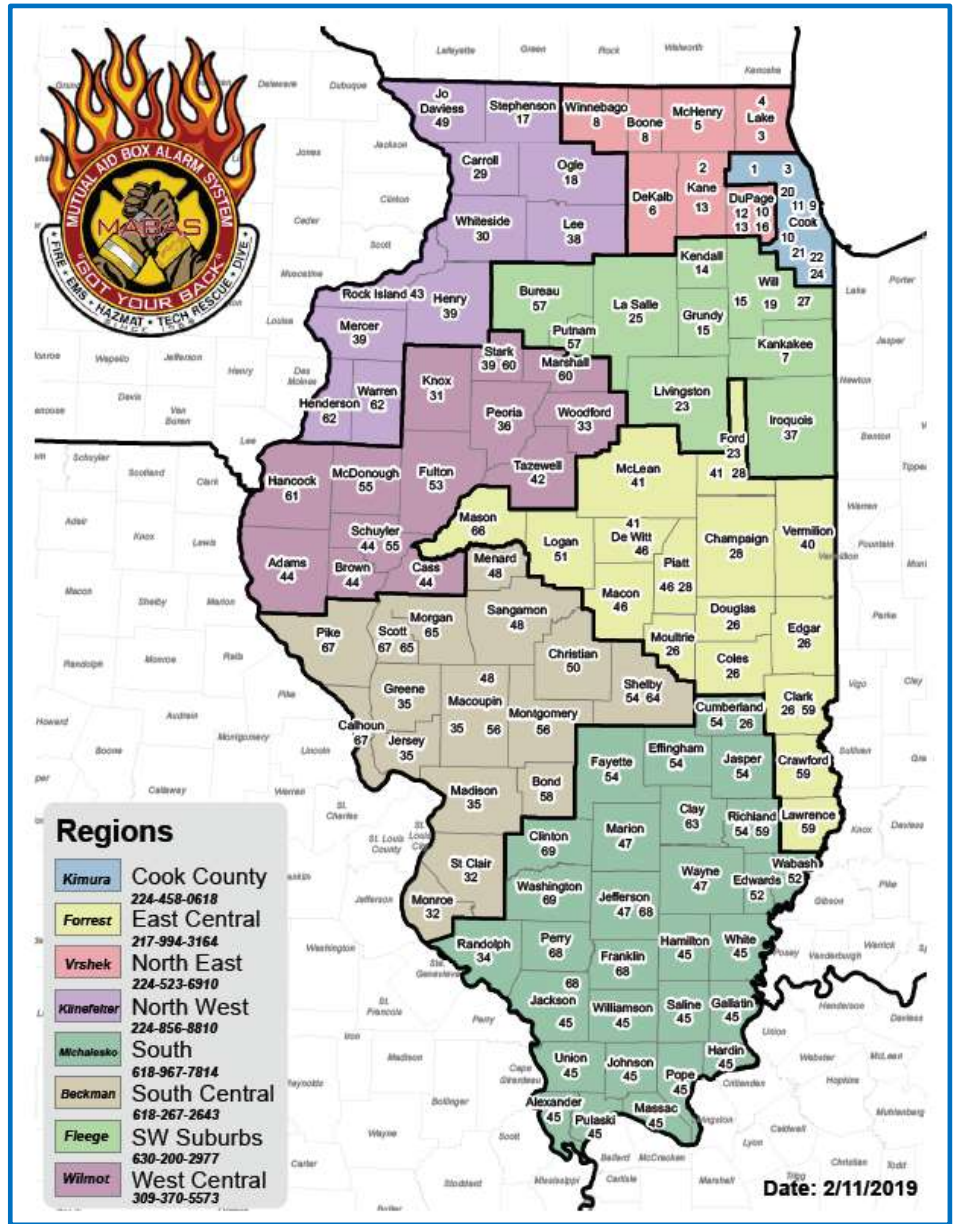
Captain Donald Kuhn is noted for the MABAS concept. In 1968 Captain Kuhn had the idea of implementing MABAS box cards in the suburbs of Chicago to help with much needed assistance during an emergency when suburban departments depleted their resources.

DID YOU KNOW??

38% of US electricity next year, 2020, is forecasted to be generated by natural gas, 22% from coal, 20% from nuclear power plants, 7% from hydropower (water) and the remaining 13% from wind, solar and other suppliers. (BTN Research, Dep't. of Energy)

MABAS Division Map

With Branch Chiefs



FOR MORE INFORMATION

MABAS, Illinois

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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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3. The Information Receiver (IR) will not share sensitive information to unauthorized recipients.

You can get involved:

Each Division should have a FILO as a two-way conduit for information. If you would like to become an IR or would like to learn more about the program, contact:

- Johnathan Paholke,
Intelligence Branch Chief

paholke@mabas-il.org

- Raymond Kay, Homeland
Security Branch Chief

Kay@mabas-il.org

Important FILO and FSISA Terminology:

Advanced Planning Preparedness-

Serves as the preparedness “need to know” in order to plan for specific known situations and/or possible/potential/probable events where members may be exposed to risk. This information may be of particular value addressing gaps that may exist in support of existing departmental guidance like Emergency Operations plans, SOPs and/or SOG’s.

Disaster Intelligence-

Disaster Intelligence promotes the concept of sharing raw data associated with evolving events that are of such magnitude, or so dynamic, that the event is or has the potential to overwhelm a jurisdiction’s ability to respond to and/or recover. This information can be critical in supporting decision making efforts at the tactical and strategic levels from local agencies through Federal intervention.

Fire Intelligence Liaison Officer (FILO)-

Serves as the division/region point of contact between the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC), MABAS and the division.

For Official Use Only- (FOUO)-

A document control designation, but not a classification. This designation is used by a number of agencies to identify information or material that, although unclassified, may not be appropriate for public release.

Information Receivers- (IR)-

Individuals who after application and successful vetting are designated to receive information shared through MABAS and/or the STIC.

Situational Awareness-

The ability to identify, process and comprehend the critical elements of information relating what is happening to you and your immediate environment.

CIMS 2.0

As many of you know we have opened registration for Contact Information Management System (CIMS 2.0). We encourage all Illinois Fire Department personnel to login to www.cims.mabas-il.org and create a profile. To date we have approximately 4,500 profiles completed. This is a success and the numbers keep going up.

We are hopeful to start printing Tier II cards after March 1st. The departments that have most of their roster completed within CIMS 2.0 will receive their Tier II cards first. If you would like to learn more about CIMS 2.0 or have any questions, feel free to contact your Branch Chief or Tim Littlefield. The cost of the Tier II cards has been waived by MABAS.

We look forward to assisting you and your department register and complete profiles within CIMS 2.0. Please visit us at our Training Summit February 24-28 to assist with CIMS 2.0.



The School Safety Workgroup Committee of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force has made several recommendations to state and local officials regarding school safety measures. One of the committee's recommendations includes establishing the Stop the Bleed Initiative for all Illinois schools, K-12 (public, private, charter, and special education schools).

The Stop the Bleed Initiative has three components:

1. Provide one bleeding control kit to each school
2. Promote and coordinate bleeding control training for each school
3. Provide each school with (5) additional bleeding control kits once staff have completed training.

If your department has conducted school staff training or intends to, please access the STB Project at

<https://www.ileas.org/stop-bleed> for more information and instructions on obtaining additional kits.

The goal of this initiative is to ensure that school staff are trained in lifesaving bleeding control techniques and that this becomes part of the local public safety culture. For further information regarding training and the initiative, contact Barb Oliff BSN RN at: baoliff@ileas.org

Firefighter Cancer

"Cancer is the most dangerous threat to firefighter health and safety today". Captain Chuck Wehril (ret.), State Director of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) will be at the MABAS Summit in February representing the FCSN. As a cancer survivor, Chuck he has extensive information on cancer awareness and prevention for the fire service. He will be available to discuss the various initiatives and training relating to this issue. Additional information can be found at:

<https://firefightercancersupport.org/>



"Coming Soon in 2020"

MABAS-IL is proud to announce the establishment of the MABAS Foundation.

Our Mission Statement

The MABAS Foundation has been established as a non-profit, tax deductible effort in support of Illinois Statewide Fire, EMS and Special Rescue Operations Team Agencies through organized mutual aid efforts in response to larger size emergency incidents and declarations of disaster caused by environmental, technological and man - made events.

Donations and revenues generated are used in support of educational activities, training, exercises and specialized tools and equipment needed to effectively and efficiently function in complex situations threatening lives, property and the quality of life enjoyed by Illinois residents and visitors.



FROM: MABAS-IL Intelligence Branch

Please consider the following when dealing in close contact with possible patients containing the 2019-nCoV (Coronavirus).

- 1) If the patient exhibits symptoms of acute febrile **lower respiratory infection (fever, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, cough):
 - a) Place a surgical mask on the patient AND
 - b) Obtain a detailed travel history to affected countries within the past 14 days or close contact with someone under investigation for 2019-nCoV
- 2) If there is a history consistent with concern for potential 2019-nCoV (2019-nCoV), initiate standard contact and airborne precautions (gloves, gown, N95 respirator) and eye protection (goggles) for EMS clinicians.
- 3) Notify the receiving hospital (according to local protocols) of potential infection as soon as possible to allow for emergency department preparation.
- 4) Use caution with aerosol generating procedures
- 5) Properly doff and dispose of PPE according to protocol.
- 6) Cleaning and disinfection using EPA registered disinfectants with known effectiveness against human coronaviruses.
- 7) Waste management per policy for medical waste (red bag).

- Close contact is defined as being within about 6 feet, or within the same room or care area, of a patient with confirmed 2019-nCoV without wearing PPE for a prolonged period of time OR having direct contact with 2019-nCoV patient secretions.
- Fever may not be present in all patients; those who are immunocompromised, very young, elderly or taking fever-lowering medications.
- The list of affected countries may change over time and can be confirmed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>
- Continue to work with your agency infection control staff and local hospitals, emergency department and public health agencies to coordinate all response activities and notifications.

We will continue to follow this event and work with our Federal partners to provide updated information to the EMS and 911 communities. For more information please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>.



Generator Light Tower Safety

Recently, an agency received a safety notice from the Department of Labor concerning fraying on a cable on the generator light tower. The cable is part of the light standard raising/lowering mechanism. Please take a moment to visually inspect this cable. Divisions should contact their Branch Chief with any questions regarding MABAS assigned resources.



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 is a photo of a cracked/bad welds. The unit should 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 Readiness Center at 847-403-0500 ask for Ed Gibis.



Hello All,

We are having a great week at MABAS.

Wednesday wrapped up our annual Planning meeting with MABAS Staff. Good energy and direction going into 2020.

IL TF 1 members Mike McDevitt and Mike Vitale successfully completed a Type II live find certification.

IL TF 1 members Josh Turen, Kevin Hencinski, Tim Napiorkowski, Mark Retel, and Felix Serrano successfully completed Ohio Task Force 1 Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist class.

Strong work by these members!!! Thank you for your efforts, You all make IL TF 1 shine outside of Illinois. Please get home safe to your family's.

Thank you,





Welcome to the
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Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

**MABAS-ILLINOIS TRAINING SUMMIT
CHIEFS AND COMMAND
February 24 – February 26, 2020**

Monday	February 24, 2020	
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast for Committee and Staff Members – Redbird North Lobby	
0700 – 1700	Registration – North End	
0830 – 0915	Committee Orientation & 2019 Briefings – Redbird C/D	
0915 – 1230	Committee Work Sessions	
	By-Laws Committee – North Executive	Water Rescue Committee – Beaufort
	Fleet & Mechanics Committee – Fell A	TCD Committee – Redbird E
	MIST Committee – Fell B	US&R Committee – Redbird F
	TRT Committee – Fell C	HAZMAT Committee – Broadway
	Operations Committee – Blackburn	Fire Intelligence Liaisons – Redbird G
		UAS Committee - Hunt
0930 – 1030	Break – Set up near committee meeting rooms	
1145 – 1230	Working Committee Lunches (Provided – delivered to Committee rooms)	
1300 - 1330	Welcome & Dignitaries Comments – Redbird C/D Presentation of Colors Bloomington Normal Firefighters; 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 	
1330 – 1400	Incident Reporting System Update – Redbird C/D Tim Littlefield, Plans Branch Chief, MABAS-ILLINOIS – Presentation will provide an update and benefits for the recently implemented Incident Reporting System.	
1400 - 1500	Effective Communications Leads to Effective Teams – Redbird C/D Julie Ostrow, Speaker and Communications Coach Find the Funny Enterprises – Presentation will discuss effective communications, improving listening skills and a positive attitude are critical attributes of an effective leader. A positive environment leads to high morale, low turnover and increased productivity.	
1500 – 1515	Break – Lobby Area	
1515 – 1630	Think on Your Feet – Redbird C/D Julie Ostrow, Speaker and Communication Coach Find the Funny Enterprises – This is for anyone who needs a step up in their public speaking skills, whether in front of community leaders, conference attendees, or members of the media.	
1530 – 1615	Vendor Setup and Briefing – Redbird A/B	
1630 - 1700	Stop the Bleed Initiative – Redbird C/D Barb Oliff, ILEAS – Providing an update for this initiative.	
1700	Administrative Announcements & Day's Summary – Redbird C/D	
1800 - 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsor A T & T First Net – Redbird A/B, C/D	

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Tuesday	February 25, 2020
0730 - 0830	Continental Breakfast for Summit Attendees – Redbird Lobby
0700 – 0900	Summit Registration – North End
0800 – 0815	Welcome and Admin. Announcements - General Session – Redbird C/D
0815 – 0945	Building Fire Service Leaders Around Values, Attributes, Core Skills –Redbird C/D Zackary Riddle, Deputy Chief, Oak Lawn EMS Fire Rescue – Presentation focus will be the eight Fire Service Leadership Values (Loyalty, Empathy, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage).
0945 - 1000	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B
1000 - 1100	“But They Said It Was A Car Fire” – Redbird C/D Paul Tierney, Fire Chief, Beach Park Fire Department – On April 25, 2019, the initial call came in as a car fire, to the recognition upon arrival of the first responding company, that the incident involved a vehicle/Anhydrous Ammonia Leak. Incident expanded to 5 th alarm Interdivisional Box Alarm, Haz Mat, MCI, numerous treated and transported. The presentation will focus on the lessons learned from an incident such as this and how a small department with limited staffing handled the incident.
1100 - 1115	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B
1115 - 1200	Radiological Dispersal Devices: Planning the First 100 Minutes – Redbird C/D Adnan Khayyat, Chief of the Division of Nuclear Safety at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency – Presentation will focus on the first 100 minutes of a radiological discernment incident.
1200 - 1300	Lunch Provided & Vendor Presentations – Redbird C/D
1300 - 1400	MAMAC Meeting – Beaufort Room
1300 - 1400	MABAS Flood Responses, 2019 (panel discussion) – Redbird C/D Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief; Bernie Lyons, MABAS Administrative Section Chief; Mike Rutkowski, Deputy Chief, Glenview Fire Dept./ILTF-1; Steve Miller, Fire Chief, Hardin FPD – Presentation will focus on the MABAS-Illinois deployment of Water Teams from initial notification, deployment, teams arrival, demobilization, return to base and reimbursement process.
1400 - 1415	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B
1415 - 1515	Aurora, Henry Pratt Company, Active Shooter, Lessons Learned – Redbird C/D Jason Demas, Battalion Chief, Aurora Fire Department – Presentation will provide an overview of the lessons learned, including the perspective from dispatch communications, Box Cards and the value of pre-incident training, when dealing with an incident such as this.
1515 - 1530	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B
1530 -1630	Taylorville Illinois Tornado Event – Redbird C/D Andy Goodall, Assistant Fire Chief, Taylorville Fire Department – Presentation will discuss the response to the EF-3 tornado that hit Taylorville, December 1, 2018.
1630 - 1700	CIMS 2.0 Update – Redbird C/D Tim Littlefield, Plans Branch Chief, MABAS-ILLINOIS – Presentation will provide an update and benefits for the recently implemented, information management system.
1700	Administrative Announcements & Day’s Summary – Redbird C/D
Evening	On Your Own – Enjoy Bloomington and Normal.

**MABAS-ILLINOIS TRAINING SUMMIT
CHIEFS AND COMMAND
February 24 – February 26, 2020**

Wednesday	February 26, 2020
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast for Attendees – Redbird Lobby
0830 - 0945	<p>“Leave the Quint, Take the Squad” – Redbird C/D Richard Mikel, Fire Chief, Elk Grove Village Fire Department – Presentation will focus on how the Elk Grove Village Fire Department modified its response procedures to incorporate the use of a smaller, less expensive response vehicle, for Emergency Medical Services responses. This presentation will also provide an overview of the conversations with the Village Board and the Labor Union, over-all impact the change had and provide four years of actual data related to cost savings from this program.</p>
0945 - 1000	Break – Redbird A/B
1000 - 1200	<p>“Top 10 Reasons Why Teens Kill” – Redbird C/D Phil Chalmers is a true crime writer, law enforcement trainer, youth culture specialist, television personality and author of several books, including “Inside the Mind of a Teen Killer” and “True Lies” - He has been researching homicide and interviewing offenders for 30 years and his work has been featured on dozens of television shows and networks. This presentation will be impactful and thought-provoking, tying in a relationship with active shooter/school safety. Keynote Speaker Sponsored by Salamander Technologies – Mr. Rob DeVaun</p>
1200 - 1300	Lunch on your own.
1300 - 1500	MABAS Executive Board Meeting – Redbird C/D
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – Redbird C/D

**MABAS-ILLINOIS TRAINING SUMMIT
DISPATCHERS
FEBRUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

Wednesday	February 26, 2020
0800 - 1600	Dispatcher Summit Registration – Redbird North Lobby Welcome to the 2020 MABAS-ILLINOIS Dispatchers Summit
1000 - 1200	“Top 10 Reasons Why Teens Kill” (joint session with Chiefs) – Redbird C/D <i>Phil Chalmers is a true crime writer, law enforcement trainer, youth culture specialist and television personality and author of several books, including “Inside the Mind of a Teen Killer” and “True Lies” – He has been researching homicide and interviewing offenders for 30 years, and his work has been featured on dozens of television shows and networks. This presentation will be impactful and thought-provoking, tying in a relationship with active shooter/school safety.</i> <i>Keynote Speaker Sponsored by Salamander Technologies – Mr. Rob DeVau</i>
1200 - 1330	Conference Registration and Lunch on your own! Explore Bloomington-Normal!
1330 - 1430	Introductions and Ice Breaker – Redbird E/F/G <i>Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director R.E.D. Center and Ron Kleinhaus, Fire Chief, Evergreen Park Fire Department, TCD Committee Co-Chairmen, Invocation by Tom Clifton – Meet the MABAS Dispatch Training Mentors and review the 2020 Summit Agenda and events.</i> <i>Presentation on the 2019 IFSI Dispatcher’s “Firefighter for a Day” exercise – Rachel Thompson, 911 Telecommunicator, Bond County 911 and the Greenville Police Department</i>
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – Redbird C/D
1800 - 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsor A T & T First Net – Redbird A/B, C/D <i>“TAILGATING”, A sports tailgating theme of food and activities!</i> <i>Dress in your favorite team’s gear!</i>

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Thursday	February 27, 2020		
0700 – 0800	Continental Breakfast and Registration for Attendees – North Redbird Lobby		
0800 - 0845	Meet Your OP's Branch Chief, Kevin Lyne, Operations Section Chief – A breakout Meet and Greet with your regional contact, to ask or learn about local issues and updates - Redbird E/F/G		
0845 - 0900	Break – North Redbird Lobby		
0900 – 0945	General Session “Active Threat Situations” – Redbird E/F/G Sgt. Aaron Landers, University of Illinois Police Department – Will discuss lessons learned from various past incidents.		
0945 – 1045	General Session – Aurora Illinois Active Shooter Incident – Redbird E/F/G Lieutenant Rick Robertson, Aurora Police Department; Kelley Gruca and Stephanie Shaffer, Aurora Dispatch Center – Join them for a detailed review of the Active Shooter incident at the Henry Pratt Company, from the perspective of inside the building and in dispatch.		
1045 - 1100	Break – North Redbird Lobby		
1100 - 1200	General Session continued – Aurora Illinois Active Shooter Incident – Redbird E/F/G		
1200 - 1300	Lunch Provided & Vendor Presentations – Redbird E/F/G		
1300 - 1500	Dispatch Simulator available! Bring your local box cards. Jamie Fleisner, Joe McGrath and Rachel Thompson		
1300 - 1400	Breakouts		
	MABAS for Beginners – Redbird E/F/G	MABAS Advanced – Redbird D	Beyond MABAS –
	<i>'Fire 101' See the basic "how, what and why" of firefighting –</i> Andy Russell and Mike Spiro	<i>'Statewide and Beyond' – A review of the steps in an escalating incident! -</i> Mark Sikorski	Beyond MABAS “Weather!” or not! <i>How the NWS can help you with event planning and active incidents. -</i> Mike Bardou and Chris Miller National Weather Service, Chicago, Illinois
	MABAS Basics – A presentation on the how's and why's of dispatching a box alarm – Andy Russell and Tom Clifton	'Deployment Review' – An inside perspective from notifications to EMAC requirements, through deployment. – Kevin Lyne and Chip Wilmot	
1400 – 1415	Break – North Redbird Lobby		
1415 – 1515	General Session – TED TALKS - Redbird E/F/G MABAS Tech – Tim Littlefield, MABAS Plans Chief; Terminology & Radio - Andy Russell, Tom Clifton, TCD Committee; CIST – Sgt. Aaron Landers, U of I Police		
1515 - 1615	Incident from start to finish – An “all hands-on deck” interactive, step by step mentoring of an incident led by Michael Graves, MABAS – IL. and the TCD Committee – Redbird E/F/G		
1615 - 1730	Open Forum Theater – A lighthearted, open discussion about our business! Chris Lienhardt, Ty Wooten and John Ferraro – Normal Theater		
Evening	On Your Own – Enjoy Bloomington-Normal		

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<i>Friday</i>	<i>February 28, 2020</i>
0800 – 0900	Continental Breakfast for Attendees – Redbird North Lobby
0900 – 0930	General Session – Emergency Traffic Incident Management – Redbird E/F/G <i>Robin Helmerichs, IDOT; M/SGT. Jacob Tresenriter, Illinois State Police</i> – A presentation on planned and coordinated response, handling and clearing of traffic incidents quickly.
0930 - 1100	Keynote Speaker – PTSD – Redbird E/F/G <i>Marcella Raymond, WGN-TV</i> – An enlightening and heartfelt presentation on Marcella's personal dealings with PTSD and her desire to help by sharing her experience.
1100 – 1200	The State of MABAS Address – Redbird E/F/G <i>Glenn Ericksen, MABAS-ILLINOIS, CEO</i>
1200 – 1230	Closing Comments

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Phil Chalmers is a true crime writer, television personality and a homicide trainer, who has interviewed hundreds teen killers, school shooters, mass murderers and serial killers. He has been studying killers and culture for 35 years. He is the author of several books including the popular **Inside the Mind Of A Teen Killer**. For 25 years, Phil focused on teen killers and school shooters, interviewing as many subjects as possible, with the goal of profiling teen killers and school shooters. He came up with the causes, warning signs and triggers of teen killers and school shooters. In the last few years, Chalmers has turned his attention to serial murder and is now on track to interview and interact with more serial killers than anyone in US history. Phil conducts live trainings that cover a plethora of subjects. He continues to interview offenders, write true crime books and appear on true crime television. He has appeared on Killer Kids, Killer Teens and Crime Watch Daily, among others. Phil is married to Wendi, a former teacher and principal, and reside in Sarasota, Florida.

Jason Demas, Battalion Chief, City of Aurora Fire Department, MABAS Division 13, has been in the fire service for nearly thirty years. Jason is currently a Battalion Chief that operates out of Central Station, He's the Academy Director for the Aurora Fire Department and an instructor for multiple organizations across northern Illinois, ranging from Universities to Academies. Jason holds a master's degree in Fire Service Management, an Undergraduate Degree in Fire Science, two associates; one in Fire Science and one in Paramedicine. He is currently enrolled in his final year of the Executive Fire Officer Program. He has certification as a Chief Fire Officer within the State of Illinois.

Andrew D. Goodall, Assistant Chief (ret.), Taylorville Fire Department, MABAS Division recently retired from the Taylorville Fire Department with over 24 years of service. He also has been a Paramedic for 28 years. During the Taylorville tornado on December 1, 2018, he served as the Operations Chief. He also was in direct contact with the weather service tracking the tornado as it entered Taylorville. He was also President of MABAS Division 50.

Adnan Khayyat, Chief of the Division of Nuclear Safety at the Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), with a team of approximately 90 team members, he administers more than 20 statewide programs, charged with protecting communities and the environment by preventing unnecessary exposure to ionizing radiation. Adnan serves as Illinois Radiation Control Program Director and State Liaison Officer to the U.S. Regulatory Commission (NRC), which is the key intermediary between the state and the NRC on issues relating to nuclear security nuclear regulation, radiological public health and safety and the environment. Adnan is a Springfield native, where he currently resides with his fiancée, son, two bonus children and three dogs.

Tim Littlefield, Plans Branch Chief, MABAS-ILLINOIS, has worked with MABAS since June of 2016. Tim began his fire service career in 1990 with the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills FPD and retired in March of 2015. He has a bachelor's degree in Fire Service Management, undergraduate in education and Chief Fire Officer Certificate. Throughout his career, he served as Union President for 10 years, the department training officer and Assistant Chief of Operations before retiring. As the Assistant Chief he was responsible for all the special teams, operational budgets and played an integral part in developing the swift water rescue team. Tim has written articles for Fire Rescue and is responsible for receiving more than \$750,000.00 in federal grant money for the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills FPD and more than \$100,000.00 for Wisconsin area fire departments. Tim has two adult daughters and currently lives in Wisconsin in a house he built after retiring. His youngest daughter attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Kevin Lyne, Operations Section Chief, MABAS-ILLINOIS, has been in the fire service since 1985 and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University. He is a retired Division Chief from the Naperville Fire Department, serving there for more than 28 years. Prior to his current appointment, he was the MABAS US&R Operations Branch Chief. He is a founding member of the Illinois Urban Search & Rescue Task Force, IL-TF1. He has been a member of various MABAS committees and has been part of the development of the National US&R Standards Committee and a Board member of the State Urban Search & Rescue (SUSAR) Alliance. He is a fire service and rescue instructor and has presented around the nation.

Bernie Lyons, Section Chief Administration, MABAS-ILLINOIS, has served as the MABAS-ILLINOIS Section Chief of Administration since November 2017. Prior to that, Bernie spent close to 26 years with the Arlington Heights Fire Department. He has served many roles over the course of his career. He served as a Paramedic, Dive Team and Hazardous Materials Team member and as the department's Training Division Chief and Director of the Arlington Heights Fire Academy. For 11 years, Bernie was the department's Deputy Chief of Administration, where he was responsible for the oversight of the department's EMS, Public Education and Training Divisions, in addition to overseeing the department's budget and serving on a variety of Village Boards and Committees, including MABAS Division 1, as Secretary/Treasurer. Bernie is originally from Chicago and a graduate of Chicago's Gordon Technical High School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, a Master Degree in Public Safety and Homeland Security Management from Southern Illinois University and has a Chief Fire Officer Certification from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Richard J. Mikel, Fire Chief, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, he started his fire service career as a Paid-on-Call Firefighter in 1978. After working with two other career departments, Chief Mikel worked more than 26 years with the Naperville Fire Department, where he served in all ranks prior to retiring as Deputy Chief in 2010. He then served two years as Deputy Chief with the Downers Grove Fire Department, then following a nationwide search, he was selected as Fire Chief for Elk Grove Village, where he has served since 2012. He currently serves as a contract instructor for the National Fire Academy, a Certified Assessor for the Illinois Joint Labor Management Committee, serves on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and the elections Committee for the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He is Vice-President of MABAS Division 1, serves on the Executive Committee at Northwest Central Dispatch and the Fire Chiefs Committee for Northwest Community Hospital EMS. Chief Mikel coordinates the presentations for the annual conference of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. He has a Bachelors Degree in Fire Science from Southern Illinois University, a Leadership Certificate from North Central College, is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program, is certified as a Chief Fire Officer by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and is credential as a Chief Fire Officer by the Center for Public Excellence.

Steve Miller, Fire Chief, Hardin Illinois Fire Protection District, has been Fire Chief in Hardin for over five years and has been involved with the Hardin Fire Protection District for over twenty years. He is a licensed EMT for the Calhoun Volunteer Ambulance service. Steve is employed as a dispatcher for the Calhoun County Sheriff Office and bus driver for the Calhoun Community Unit 40 School District.

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Barb Oliff, RN BSN, ILEAS, is the ITTF Project Manager for the Illinois Schools Stop the Bleed Initiative.

Julie Ostrow, Speaker & Communication Coach, Find The Funny Enterprises, as a humorous speaker and communication coach, Julie teaches organizations to use improv skills to improve creativity, communication, team building, problem solving and productivity with their clients within their organizations. Trained at the Second city in Chicago, she teaches the benefits of using humor, laughter and improv in all aspects of our lives, including in the workplace. Through Julie's interactive, one-of-a-kind programs, participants learn unique skills for improving creativity, communication, team building, problem solving and productivity. They become better equipped to connect with clients, staff members and the community. Having more than 20 years of corporate marketing communications experience, Julie is able to identify the trigger points of miscommunication and low morale in the corporate culture. By infusing her corporate experience with her unique set of tools, she can guide organizations to becoming more cohesive, resulting in a more positive environment, re-inspired team members and increased productivity.

Zackary Riddle, MPA, Deputy Fire Chief, Oak Lawn EMS Fire Rescue Department, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Reserve, 81st Division, has proudly served the Illinois Fire Service for over 25 years. During these years, he also has served as a fire service leadership instructor for fire academies, departments and districts throughout nation, Illinois and the Chicago Metropolitan area. He believes that leaders can be made in all disciplines of fire suppression, special operations and emergency medical service through leadership development, education and training. Zack is a Director and President of the Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors and just completed course work for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Chief Fire Officer program. Lieutenant Colonel Riddle is serving our nation as an officer in the United States Army Reserve for 29 years. He currently serves on the Deputy Commanding General's Staff of the 81st Readiness Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His previous assignments include: Executive Officer of the 303rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Director Individual Training – 9th Mission Support Command, Deputy Director Operations / Training (ILNG) and the Assistant Professor of Military Science at Northern Illinois University where he instructed, mentored and developed soldiers as they trained to become U.S. Army Officers. He served two combat tours as a Headquarters Company Commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 and 2. LTC Riddle's awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 oak leaf clusters) and the Combat Action Badge. Zack has a Master of Public Administration degree from Governors State University, United States Army Command and General Staff College graduate and a Bachelor of Science with honors from the University of Iowa.

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Mike Rutkowski, Deputy Fire Chief, Glenview Fire Department, began his fire service career 23 years ago as a paid-on-call firefighter with the Grayslake Fire Protection District. He transitioned into a career position and progressed to the rank of Battalion Chief of Special Operations. In September 2019, Mike left Grayslake to become the Deputy Chief for the Glenview Fire Department. Mike has been involved with technical rescue and water rescue throughout his career. He was the Technical Rescue Team Leader and a diver for MABAS Division 4/5. He teaches technical rescue at the NIPSTA Fire Academy and Gateway Technical College in Kenosha Wisconsin and has been involved with instructing within private industry as well. Mike is a Task Force Leader with Illinois Task Force 1 where he is actively involved in training exercises, deployments and recently ran the field operations for the Southern Illinois Flooding in Calhoun County and counties surrounding Anna Illinois.

Paul Tierney, Fire Chief, Beach Park Fire Protection District, in far Northeastern Illinois, Chief Tierney has been a member of the Illinois fire service for 44 years, starting his career with the Buffalo Grove Fire Department. He worked his way through the ranks at Buffalo Grove, retiring after 34 years, as a Battalion Chief. During his tenure at Buffalo Grove he served as a Fire Prevention Officer and was also assigned as the department's Training Officer for six years. Paul holds multiple certifications through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal as well as the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. He has also served on many fire service organization boards including the Lake County Fire Chief's Association and the Lake-McHenry Counties SRT.

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Mike Bardou is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Chicago National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Office in Romeoville, Illinois, where he serves as the primary interface with NWS partners. Mike previously held a senior forecaster position at the office and led the Aviation and Marine programs. Prior to arriving in Chicago in 2010, Mike served as a meteorologist and Aviation Program Leader at the Minneapolis Weather Forecast Office, meteorologist-in-training at the Forecast Office in Davenport, Iowa and as a student at the Northern Indiana Forecast Office.

Tom Clifton has 30 years of experience in the fire service and is currently a full-time firefighter/paramedic with the Lockport Township FPD. He also has 29 years' experience as a Tele-communicator, currently working part time with WesCom (Plainfield) Dispatch Center.

Glenn Ericksen, Fire Chief (ret.), Chief Executive Officer, MABAS-ILLINOIS, coordinating 1,100-member agencies in support of large scale incidents, disaster responses and terrorist attacks, has served in various capacities of Fire and Emergency Services since he began his career in 1974 with the Village of Arlington Heights, Illinois, where he served 39 years, retiring as Fire Chief. Prior to being selected as MABAS CEO, he served in the capacity of MABAS Finance Administration Section Chief.

John Ferraro, ENP is the Director of Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) in Arlington Heights, Illinois and has been an active member of the public safety community since 1993. In his current position, John oversees a 9-1-1 PSAP that handles police, fire and EMS dispatch for 11 suburban communities of Chicago and serves about 500,000 citizens. After serving in the United States Coast Guard, John started his career as a Telecommunicator at NWCDS, advancing to the role of Operations Manager. From there, John took a position at DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) as the consolidated PSAP's Deputy Director. Before becoming NWCDS Executive Director, John also served in the same role at the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center in River Forest, Illinois, for three years. John proudly sits on NENA's Education Advisory Board and other NENA Standards Committees. He is also an Adjunct-Faculty member at the William Rainey Harper College, teaching telecommunicator courses and serves as a Certified Emergency Telecommunicator Instructor for the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch. Since 2005, John has regularly presented at both state and national 9-1-1 conferences. He loves teaching for NENA in the areas he is most passionate about, including customer service and quality assurance.

Jamie Fleisner works for Elgin Police Department for the last 17 years and is currently a Senior Management Analyst – TIU. Her career started in the Elgin Emergency Communications center which dispatches for Elgin Police, Elgin Fire and South Elgin FPD. In her career in the dispatch center she was a telecommunicator, trainer, supervisor and deputy director. She was a committee member for MABAS Division 2 Training committee and Communications/Operations committee.

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Michael Graves, for over 10 years, has been the Exercise and Training Director and NIMS Compliance Officer for MABAS-IL. His primary responsibilities include validation and certification activities for MABAS deployable teams and assets. Since his engagement with MABAS he has been involved in hundreds of exercises with various MABAS teams, local response, State response, Regional response, National response and International response.

Kelley Gruca has been a 911 operator for the City of Aurora since October 1991. She has worked with Citizen's Police Academy, teaching the 911/dispatch portion of the program, been assigned as a telecom liaison for the Community Policing Unit and the various neighborhood groups and most recently a member of the departments Tactical Dispatch Team. Kelley was the City of Aurora's first 911 Operator of the Year in 2012. She attended her first MABAS conference in 2008.

Robin Helmerichs is the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coordinator for the Illinois Department of Transportation. Robin joined IDOT in 2018 to oversee the statewide TIM program after spending over 17 years at the Federal Highway Administration as a transportation engineer. She has a combined twenty-six years of experience from the county, state and federal government, specializing in engineering and emergency management. Robin earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

Ronald Kleinhaus, is the Co-Chairman of the MABAS TCD committee and has been a member of the Evergreen Park Fire Department for 42 years, 20 years as a part time member, being promoted through the ranks to Captain, until he was appointed as the full time Assistant Chief in 1998. He was appointed Fire Chief in 2007 and continues to serve in that position. Additionally, Chief Kleinhaus is the president of MABAS Division 21. Prior to being appointed Assistant Chief, he was employed as a telecommunicator and communications training officer at the Oak Lawn Regional Communications Center.

Aaron Landers has been a police officer for the University of Illinois Police Department since 1997 and a Patrol Sergeant since 2013. He has been a member of the East Central Illinois Bomb Squad since 1999 and its Commander since 2013. Aaron was a member of the Metro SWAT Team for 11 years and acted as their explosives breacher. He is the creator of the departments Active Shooter training team and has been its lead trainer since 1999. He was also the co-creator of the departments "Three Minutes to Live" class for the university personnel and non-police personnel for 10 years. Sergeant Landers is an instructor for the Crisis Intervention Team for the Illinois Training and Standards Board and teaches throughout the state.

Chris Lienhardt is a 31-year member of the Public Safety community, serving the past 20 years at R.E.D Center, and is now the Executive Director. Chris was part of the very first MABAS Dispatchers Conference, an APCO Illinois and NENA instructor, as well as part of the team who presents in the Regional Dispatch Seminars throughout the State since 2011.

Tim Littlefield, Plans Branch Chief MABAS-ILLINOIS, (BIO listed in Command Speakers)

Kevin Lyne, Operations Section Chief MABAS-ILLINOIS, (BIO listed in Command Speakers)

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Joe McGrath has been an emergency communications and fire service professional for 30 years. He is actively working as Public Safety Tele-communicator for over 20 years in single and multi-agency dispatch centers. He is currently employed as an Emergency Dispatcher at Orland Central Dispatch, which is the primary dispatch center for MABAS Division 19. Throughout his fire service and dispatching career, he has been a Training Officer, EMD Coordinator and fire service instructor.

Chris Miller is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM) for the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Lincoln, Illinois. He has been a meteorologist with the NWS for the past 32 years, all in central Illinois. Chris received his B.S. in Atmospheric Science with a minor in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1987. He started his career with the NWS Peoria office from 1988 into 1995 and then transferred to the NWS Lincoln office in 1995 as a journey level forecaster. In 1998 he was promoted to lead forecaster and then in his current role as WCM in 2002. He is the Illinois liaison with the NWS for local, state and federal government agencies, with respect to weather information for emergency services and impact-based decision support services. Chris is also the primary liaison for the NWS Lincoln office at the Illinois State EOC in Springfield. He directs the NWS Lincoln outreach and hazardous weather preparedness program with businesses, schools, emergency managers, first responders and the media. He is a member of the Governor's AMBER Alert Task Force, the IDOT Climate Change Stakeholder Group and the State of Illinois Hazard Mitigation Committee.

Marcella Raymond has been a TV reporter for more than three decades, twenty of them in Chicago at WGN-TV. In May of 2019, after decades of being bombarded with trauma and talking with those most affected by it, she snapped. Shortly after, she was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, a mental illness typically not associated with journalists. Marcella says it's scary to share her story but she's hoping she can help other journalists and first responder address the stigma of PTSD, know warning signs, and have frank discussions about what we've gone through and how to heal. She says her story is at times horrifying and humiliating but it comes from her heart. She hopes we can help each other.

Rick Robertson was hired as a police officer for the City of Aurora in September of 1993. He is currently a lieutenant assigned to the Special Operations Group and serves as the Special Response Team's commander. On the day of the Henry Pratt active shooter he functioned as forward command inside of the structure.

Andy Russell is a lieutenant with the Buffalo Grove Fire Department. He has been in the fire service for 21 years and has always had an avid interest in radios, dispatch, and communications. Andy serves as the liaison to Northwest Central Dispatch for the Buffalo Grove Fire Department and sits on several committees as well as having been a member of the MABAS TCD committee for 8 years.

Stephanie Shaffer was hired as a 911 operator (police/fire/ems dispatcher) by the City of Aurora in December of 2002. She is currently one of the department's telecommunications trainers. On the day of the Henry Pratt active shooter she was the police dispatcher.

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Mark Sikorski is a Shift Coordinator for R.E.D Center/Division 3 in Northbrook, starting in 2007. He joined the fire service in 1987, with the Hometown Fire Protection District, and started his emergency communications career at Orland Central in 1997. He worked his way up to Director of Communications, until leaving to join RED Center. He is a member of the Division 3 Box Alarm committee. Mark was involved in coordinating the first MABAS Dispatchers Conference, and, as part of a group supported by the MABAS TCD Committee, he travels across the state presenting the Regional Dispatch Seminars to other Tele-communicators and members of the fire service. He currently serves as a member of the MABAS Illinois Operations Committee.

Mike Spiro is a Lieutenant with the Buffalo Grove Fire Department as well as the IT Director for the Village of West Dundee. As IT Director, he manages information systems for 6 communities and Fire Districts serviced by QuadCom 911. He has been in the fire service for 25 years and has always had an interest in computers, dispatch, and communications. Mike serves as a liaison to Northwest Central Dispatch for Buffalo Grove Fire Department, as well as a technical resource for QuadCom's dispatch system.

Rachel Thompson began her career as a 911 Telecommunicator for Bond County 911 and the Greenville Police Department in 2007 where she currently remains dispatching police, fire and EMS. She has worked at three different 911 centers and MABAS divisions in her 13 years of service. Rachel serves as the Fire Intelligence Liaison Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of Division 58, is an IL-TERT member and a Social Media Administrator for her department. She is the most recent addition to the MABAS TCD Committee, one of several instructors of the MABAS Regional Dispatch Seminars and newest MABAS Dispatch Summit Planning Committee member.

Jacob Tresenriter is a Master Sergeant, and a 20 year veteran of the Illinois State Police. He is currently assigned as the Administrative Officer in District 8, Peoria, where he oversees patrol and administrative activities covering Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Marshall, and Stark counties. He is an active instructor at the Illinois State Police Academy and has taught Traffic Incident Management throughout Illinois since 2013.

Chip Wilmot, MABAS-ILLINOIS Operations Branch Chief, West Central Illinois and currently serving as Fire Chief of the Germantown Hills Fire Protection District. He serves as the Liaison to the Telecommunications Committee and Dispatchers Centers Committee. He has an interest in radio communications systems and is one of the MABAS Liaisons to the State Emergency Operations Center. He has been active in the fire service for more than 35years.

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Ty Wooten (ENP) is NENA's Director of Education and has been working in public safety for nearly 25 years. Currently, Ty oversees the development and delivery of the organization's educational offerings, which are accessible to more than 13,000 NENA members. Ty began his public safety career as a Communications Officer, and over the years, held positions in both communications and training. In 2008, Ty became the first Director of the Hancock County (IN) 9-1-1 Center, where he managed emergency communications systems, including enhanced 9-1-1 and radio communications for 10 fire departments and seven police agencies. He also served as the Director of the Indianapolis International Airport Communications Center. Before coming to NENA, Ty worked in public safety consulting and management, providing services that included PSAP consolidation, access control, and management planning. Ty has received instructor certifications from numerous associations, including the Center for Domestic Preparedness, The National Association of State Fire Marshals, and the Florida State Fire Academy. He has also held various positions in public safety, as a firefighter, as an EMT, and as hostage negotiator. Ty previously served on NENA's Education Advisory Board, and he has also served as a member of NENA's Finance Committee.

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