# Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Illinois Partnership with the Illinois National Guard (IL NG)

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Subject: Partnering with the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) and

development of a specialized team to provide air rescue, reconnaissance, and non-medical transport capability for

MABAS-IL

Functional Area: Administration

Category: Policy

Approved By:



### **PURPOSE**

Establish a formal recognition of the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) as a partner member of MABAS-IL and to establish a vertical air lift capacity to provide air rescue, reconnaissance, and non-medical transport capability for MABAS-IL.

### RESPONSIBILITY

The President of MABAS - IL acknowledges the desire to establish a partnership with the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) for the purpose of providing air rescue, reconnaissance and non-medical transport capability. To accomplish this goal, the President of MABAS-IL will appoint the Section Chief-Operations as liaison to the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) to coordinate policies and procedures, and to establish a team of MABAS-IL individuals that will comprise the MABAS-IL Air Rescue Specialist (ARS) cadre. MABAS-IL will solicit interested candidates' names for the ARS positions and will select appropriate personnel in order to provide this mission capability.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

The President of MABAS-IL and the Executive Leadership Board will coordinate this program through the MABAS-IL ARC Liaison.

### REPORTING REQUIREMENT

There is no routine reporting requirement for this policy.

### **POLICY**

### A. Liaison:

The Executive Leadership Board of MABAS-IL will appoint a liaison to coordinate cooperation and mutual support between the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) and MABAS-IL.

### B. Air Rescue Specialist:

MABAS-IL will select personnel to perform this function. Persons interested in serving as an ARS will be selected by the Helicopter and Air Rescue Liaison and approved by the Chief Executive Officer of MABAS-IL. Candidates' names will be forwarded to the designated liaison for final approval. Candidates must submit a letter of support from their primary employer in order to be considered for this position. Candidates will be expected to meet baseline training requirements in order to be considered for this position.

### C. Training:

Candidates selected for the ARS team will receive training as determined by the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) and MABAS-IL and will maintain such training currency while assigned as an ARS. An ARS that does not meet initial and annual training requirements will be removed from the team.

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### D. Equipment:

Specialty equipment required to perform the duties of an ARS will be provided and issued by MABAS-IL.

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### E. Duties:

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MABAS-IL ARS personnel will provide aerial reconnaissance, aerial rescue, and assist in the transport of other specialty MABAS-IL team members and equipment when it has been determined that the use of helicopter capabilities is required.

### F. Number of ARS Personnel:

MABAS-IL in coordination with the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) will maintain a roster of twelve (12) ARS individuals.

### G. Activation of ARS Personnel:

ARS team personnel may be activated as required by the MABAS-IL CEO, Section Chief-Operations or Operations Branch Chiefs.

### H. Use of ARS team:

It is anticipated that ARS personnel will perform emergency response duties as assigned by the MABAS-IL CEO, Section Chief-Operations or Operations Branch Chiefs.

### I. Cost Reimbursement:

MABAS-IL will not be responsible for cost reimbursement to the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) for non-authorized response or duties not assigned by the MABAS-IL CEO, Section Chief-Operations or Operations Branch Chiefs.

J. MABAS-IL agrees to support and assist the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) and the Illinois National Guard (IL NG) agrees to support and assist MABAS-IL in mutual beneficial cooperative efforts. Such support may include training and exercise activities, emergency activities, and equipment acquisition.