

# Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Illinois

## Declarations of Disaster Deployments

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Subject: Minimal Certifications for Firefighters and Company Officers Assigned to Declarations of Disaster Mobilizations and Deployments

Functional Area: Operations

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### PURPOSE

Establish a minimal certification requirement of general firefighting and first line company officer resources for mobilization and deployment missions associated with Declarations of Disaster to assure known, predictable, and safe core competencies, skill sets and performance abilities exist with all assigned personnel at the company level.

### RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of MABAS divisions and their member agency fire chiefs to only assign firefighters and company officers who meet or exceed the minimal certifications as stated in this policy when filling a MABAS assigned tasking involving a Declaration of Disaster for an Intra or Interstate mission assignment.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

MABAS divisions and their member agency fire chiefs are asked only to assign company level personnel who meet the minimal certifications and desired individual professional traits for Declarations of Disaster MABAS mission assignments. Personnel who do not meet the minimal requirements and report to the point of departure reception processing area will not be permitted to deploy and may cause return of the entire company to the contributing MABAS division. This policy only applies to MABAS assigned missions to Declarations of Disaster. This policy does not apply to routine MABAS extra alarm incidents less than those warranting a Declaration of Disaster level incident. Local MABAS divisions may institute local minimal certification requirements and desired professional traits for local MABAS division extra alarm incidents.

### REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Use of appropriate NIMS documentation forms at point of departure reception area and credentialing identification cards as issued and maintained by ITTF and MABAS (Note: Full implementation of smart and dumb credentialing cards anticipated by 2011).

### Operational Directives and Guidance

1. The minimal deployment and mobilization for a firefighter assigned to a MABAS assigned Declaration of Disaster tasking is a State of Illinois, OSFM certified firefighter II **or equivalent local, state or Federal requirement meeting or exceeding NFPA 1001 for Level II firefighter.**
2. The minimal deployment and mobilization for a company officer assigned to a MABAS assigned Declaration of Disaster tasking is a State of Illinois, OSFM certified Fire Officer I and/or a recognized local requirement which meets or exceeds Fire Officer I learning and performance objectives **per NFPA 1021.**
3. It is highly recommended that individuals assigned to a Declaration of Disaster tasking possess the following personal and professional traits:
  - Adequate field and operational experience.
  - Physically fit and able to work in harsh and non-accommodating environments.

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- Have a demonstrated ability to cope and accept working with extremely difficult and challenging sights, experiences and emotionally impacted individuals.
- Have a stable and mature emotional and mental attitude and demonstrated ability to maintain a sustained focus on mission.
- Has a demonstrated positive attitude and is able and willing to work in environments requiring flexibility, commitment and a smile.
- Accepts a diversity of tasks, without discussion, and accepts tasks with a can do attitude.