

# Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Illinois Communications – Testing the MABAS Alert System

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Subject: Testing of the MABAS Alert System  
Functional Area: Communications  
Category: Procedure  
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## PURPOSE

To provide a coordinated schedule for monthly testing of the MABAS Alerting System by each MABAS Division's primary and, if appropriate, back-up dispatch center.

## RESPONSIBILITY

This procedure applies to all MABAS Division's primary and back-up dispatch centers.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Enforcement of this specific procedure rests initially with the Co-Chairs of the MABAS Telecommunications, Communications, and Dispatch Centers committee, then the MABAS CEO, followed by the MABAS President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENT

There is no routine reporting requirement for this procedure.

## BACKGROUND

MABAS Divisions have routinely tested their paging encoders and transmitters on various schedules. Due to the explosive growth of the MABAS system in both Illinois and Wisconsin, a revised schedule was needed and desired.

This procedure coordinates MABAS Alert System Testing in all states MABAS currently operates.

## PROCEDURE

The MABAS Telecommunications, Communications and Dispatch Committee hereby establishes the following procedure:

1. Testing of the MABAS system will be done on a monthly basis by each Division. The alerting receivers will be tested either on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday of each month to determine that all receivers and tone encoders are working properly.
2. There will be a two-minute delay between each test to allow Departments to reset the receivers for the next test and to establish that the auto reset is functioning properly.
3. There is no need to acknowledge receipt of another MABAS Division's test over the IFERN Radio Frequency. When an actual emergency is active, or becomes active at the same time of a test, the test shall be discontinued.
4. The test will be given as follows
  - 4.1 "(Department name) testing Division (Number) Mutual Aid Box Alarm Alerting Receivers, Test 1-2-3-4-5; 5-4-3-2-1 at (time); reset all receivers for the (name of Division testing next) test, (Department Name) Clear, (Call sign)".

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- 4.2 The last Department to test will announce “End of Test” at the end of their test.  
EXAMPLE: “Tri-Com Dispatch testing Division 13 Mutual Aid Box Alarm Receivers, Test 1-2-3-4-5; 5-4-3-2-1 at 10:21hrs; Tri-Com Dispatch Clear, KBW588, end of test.”
5. The monthly test schedule can be found in Appendix 1.

*(Approved by the MABAS Executive Board on October 18, 2006. Appendix 1 updated by the MABAS Communications Committee on December 1, 2021.)*

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## Appendix 1

### Monthly Test Schedule

The following Divisions will test on the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month:

Division	Primary	Secondary
2	09:55 hrs	09:57 hrs
4	09:59 hrs	10:01 hrs
5	10:03 hrs	10:05 hrs
8	10:07 hrs	10:09 hrs
9	10:11 hrs	
11	10:15 hrs	10:17 hrs
14	10:19 hrs	10:21 hrs
15	10:23 hrs	10:25 hrs

Division	Primary	Secondary
18	10:27 hrs	10:29 hrs
20	10:31 hrs	10:33 hrs
42	10:35 hrs	10:37 hrs
43	10:39 hrs	10:41 hrs
44	10:43 hrs	10:45 hrs
61	10:47 hrs	10:49 hrs
62	10:51 hrs	10:53 hrs
63	10:55 hrs	10:57 hrs

The following Divisions will test on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month:

Division	Primary	Secondary
22	09:55 hrs	09:57 hrs
24	09:59 hrs	10:01 hrs
26	10:03 hrs	10:05 hrs
28	10:07 hrs	10:09 hrs
30	10:11 hrs	10:13 hrs
32	10:15 hrs	10:17 hrs
34	10:19 hrs	10:21 hrs

Division	Primary	Secondary
36	10:23 hrs	10:25 hrs
38	10:27 hrs	10:29 hrs
40	10:31 hrs	10:33 hrs
45	10:35 hrs	10:37 hrs
46	10:39 hrs	10:41 hrs
47	10:43 hrs	10:45 hrs

The following Divisions will test on the **FOURTH THURSDAY** of each month:

Division	Primary	Secondary
1	09:55 hrs	
3	09:59 hrs	
6	10:03 hrs	10:05 hrs
7	10:07 hrs	10:09 hrs
10	10:11 hrs	10:13 hrs
12	10:15 hrs	10:17 hrs
13	10:19 hrs	10:21 hrs

Division	Primary	Secondary
16	10:23 hrs	10:25 hrs
17	10:27 hrs	10:29 hrs
19	10:31 hrs	10:33 hrs
48	10:35 hrs	10:37 hrs
49	10:39 hrs	10:41 hrs
50	10:43 hrs	10:45 hrs

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The following Divisions will test on the **FOURTH FRIDAY** of each month:

Division	Primary	Secondary
21	09:55 hrs	09:57 hrs
23	09:59 hrs	10:01 hrs
25	10:03 hrs	10:05 hrs
27	10:07 hrs	10:09 hrs
29	10:11 hrs	10:13 hrs
31	10:15 hrs	10:17 hrs
33	10:19 hrs	10:21 hrs
35	10:23 hrs	10:25 hrs
37	10:27 hrs	10:29 hrs
39	10:31 hrs	10:33 hrs
41	10:35 hrs	10:37 hrs
51	10:39 hrs	10:41 hrs
52	10:43 hrs	10:45 hrs
53	10:47 hrs	10:49 hrs
54	10:51 hrs	10:53 hrs

Division	Primary	Secondary
55	10:55 hrs	10:57 hrs
56	10:59 hrs	11:01 hrs
57	11:03 hrs	11:05 hrs
58	11:07 hrs	11:09 hrs
59	11:11 hrs	11:13 hrs
60	11:15 hrs	11:17 hrs
64	11:19 hrs	11:21 hrs
65	11:23 hrs	11:25 hrs
66	11:27 hrs	11:29 hrs
67	11:31 hrs	11:33 hrs
68	11:35 hrs	11:37 hrs
69	11:39 hrs	11:41 hrs
70	11:43 hrs	11:45 hrs
71	11:47 hrs	11:49 hrs
72	11:51 hrs	11:53 hrs