MABAS Illinois

From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and that as we start the new year, all is well with you, your departments, and communities. I would like to worked with Dave in all of those posithank all of you for the effort that was put into the submission of the updated MABAS agreement, By the end of 2023 we had over 90% of MABAS members that had completed the new agreement. That is a spectacular reflection on the need for and importance of the updated document and I greatly appreciate all your efforts. We are reaching out to departments that have not submitted to see if or how we can assist them.

Please remember that if you have questions on MABAS equipment or any other MABAS related issue, please reach out to your MABAS Operations Branch Chief or staff at the MRC so we can assist you.

Quite a few of you may know this, but MABAS lost a great supporter, friend and team member in late December.

Chief Dave Haywood passed away unexpectedly. Dave was our first Operations Section Chief and after many years in that position he retired and was elected to the leadership team. I tions, and I relied on his experience, historical knowledge and deep understanding of the Illinois Fire Service. Dave was a treasure and will be missed.

The MABAS Command and Communications Training Summit information and registration is available, and we look forward to a educational conference and good networking with attendees and vendors. Please register to attend. We will host our next executive board meeting on Wednesday, February 21 as part of the conference.

Please stay safe and keep up the good work of protecting your communities.

Respectfully,

Don Davids

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10 Tips to Get Your House Ready for Winter

Save money and live comfortably even as temperatures plunge

During the winter months, it's a good gions of the country.

idea to wrap your pipes and keep the heat at a temperature of at least 65° F if you have any concerns about freezing pipes. It's also essential to know where your home's water shutoff is located so that you can quickly shut it off in an emergency, minimizing damage in the process.

Following these important basic steps may stave off catastrophic water damage. But there's still money to be saved, and calamity avoided, by addressing other problem spots in and around your home.

Here, we've compiled 10 key tips for getting your house ready for winter, in order of importance.

1. Protect Indoor Pipes According to Home Advisor, a burst pipe can cost \$500 to repair and can cause as much as \$3,000 in additional damage. Pipe insulation, which you can install yourself around any exposed copper or PVC water pipe, costs as little as 50 cents per linear foot. Use it under sinks, in attics and crawl spaces, and on pipes along exterior walls. Pay special attention to basements, where 37 percent of all burst pipes occur.

2. Insulate Your Attic or Crawl Space Spending money to insulate your atticexactly how much insulation you need varies by temperatures in your regionwill save you money in the long run in two ways. You'll keep your home's heat out of the attic and in living quarters, where it belongs, and by keeping the attic cooler, you may prevent damaging ice dams from forming on your roof. Energy Star offers this guide to insulation,

3. Service Your Furnace and Chimney Fireplaces, chimneys, and heating equipment are some of the biggest causes of 7. leaking in-as well as the cap, which fall. keeps heat-seeking animals out.



Storm 4. Swap In Remove and store all window screens. Install glass storm windows, creating an insulating layer of air between your windows and the cold outside air. These also provide an added layer of protection against driving rain and snow during a heavy storm, even if you have newer, double-paned windows.

5. Repair Loose Roofing Shingles If you suspect your roof has loose, damaged, or missing shingles, have a licensed roofing contractor do an inspection and make repairs before the first snow. A single cubic foot of snow weighs roughly 20 pounds. That pressure can cause loose shingles to shift further, allowing water or moisture to permeate your roof and leak into your home.

6. Clean and Inspect Clogged gutters can cause water to back path whether you're blowing or shovelup and then freeze once temperatures ing snow yourself or you hire a profeswith recommendations for different re- drop. Keep gutters clear and properly sional plow driver.

connected to ensure that melting snow runs off your roof and through downspouts.

Repair Patios **Pavers** and home fires, according to the Consumer A loose patio stone or paving stone will Product Safety Commission. Have them only get worse over the winter as the serviced and inspected annually. Make natural freeze and thaw cycle of the soil sure the inspector examines the condi-hoists it farther out of place in a process tion of the chimney—brick periodically called frost heave. Have loose stones needs upkeep to prevent water from reset by a mason or handyperson in the

> 8. Look for Ailing Tree Limbs A dead branch covered in snow can easily snap, endangering people below and potentially causing thousands of dollars worth of damage if it strikes a roof, a porch, or siding. Before the first snow, have a reputable tree service, landscape contractor, or arborist remove any dead Windows or ailing limbs.

> > 9. Secure Outdoor Water Sources Drain and store any garden hoses or sprinklers before the first frost to eliminate the chance that they'll freeze and burst. For hose bibs, shut off the watersupply valve inside your house or basement that feeds the line, then open the outdoor spigot (any water trapped inside will drain out). If you simply shut off the spigot itself, trapped water can freeze and cause a burst pipe inside.

10. Mark Garden Beds, Paths, and Driveways

After a heavy snowfall, it can be tough to see where driveways, flower beds, or walkways end and your lawn begins. Use fiberglass snow poles or driveway markers every several feet to line the edges of Gutters these areas. That helps provide a clear



As the new year is now upon us, I hope everyone had a great holiday season as we look forward to 2024. MABAS lost one of its stalwart members last December in MABAS 2nd Vice President Dave Haywood. Dave's experience, and wise consul, will be missed by all. In the words of Chief Reardon, "Thanks Dave, we couldn't have made it without you".

We are working through the new MABAS Master Agreement process. The old MABAS Agreements expired at the end of 2023 which required each MABAS member to submit a new signed Agreement. At the time of this writing, there were only around 60 previous MABAS departments that failed to submit a new Agreement. Although that is a very small percentage of MABAS members overall, we still would like to reduce this number. We

encourage all unsigned departments to reconsider their decision and focus on the benefits of remaining in MABAS. Unsigned departments can rejoin at any time by submitting the signed Agreement and Resolution/ Ordinance.



Thanks go out to Administrative Assistant Kim Szlak and all of the Operations Branch Chiefs in managing this monumental task.

We are getting close to the 2024 MABAS Command and Communica

tions Summit that will begin February

19, 2024 at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal, Illinois. Planning for these events begin in August of each year and involve all of the MABAS Staff and many committee members. We feel we have assembled a very interesting and informative agenda for both the Command and Communications portions of the Summit. Please take advantage of the opportunity of joining us in Normal at the Summit.

The beginning of each new year starts the process of grant applications for both the Federal and State funding sources. As the Federal grant sources have declined in recent years, we have seen successes in increasing financial support for MABAS functions from the State of Illinois. We look forward to building on these successes in the upcoming State budget process.

Let's stay safe and warm this winter as we look forward to spring and hope to see everyone at the MABAS Summit in February

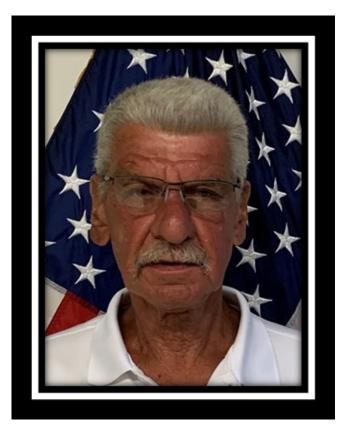


A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

IN MEMORY

On December 17th, we were saddened by the loss of our Second Vice President, and former Operations Chief, Dave Haywood Sr. Prior to his time with MABAS, Chief Haywood served more than a decade as Fire Chief completing a dedicated career with the Blue Island Fire Department (BIFD).



During his "post-retirement" he remained involved with not only MABAS and BIFD but was also active with the Illinois Fire Chiefs

Association with whom he was awarded the title of Fire Chief Emeritus in October of 2023.

He was also active with the Blue Island Pension Board serving as a retired board member.

He will be truly missed by the entire Fire Service community.

SPECIAL TEAMS UPDATE

In 2023, MABAS conducted an audit of its statewide deployable special operations teams. As part of this process, recognized hazardous materials (Haz-mat) teams were required to develop a response ready roster of twenty (20) fully trained individuals. Thirty -one (31) divisional hazardous materials teams were able to meet or sustain this roster requirement. Recognized technical rescue teams (TRT's) were required to develop a response ready roster of twenty (20) fully trained individuals by the end of 2024. Currently twenty-nine (29) divisional TRT's are working to meet or sustain this roster requirement. Team status was reported during the 2023 MABAS Executive Board meetings.

To continue to prioritize its resources to support the statewide response plan, MABAS will annually assess divisional ability to deploy their special teams. Currently, TRT and Haz-mat teams need the ability to deploy for up to three days, water teams for up to seven days. MABAS will continue to provide support to these teams as state funding allows.

Divisions with currently recognized statewide deployable teams are requested to provide the following information by March 1, 2024:

1. Divisional intent to continue to support their statewide recognized team(s)

2. The divisional point of contact or coordinator for each team (i.e. deployable team leader, other non-deployable individual, admin assistant)

- 3. A summary of team activity from 2023
- 4. Activity or training plan for 2024

Some considerations:

- I. Haz-mat teams need to maintain their response ready roster with a minimum of 20 individuals (green status)
- II. TRT's will be reassessed as follows:
- a. Green response ready roster of fully trained personnel with a minimum of 20 individuals
- b. Yellow response ready roster of fully trained personnel between 14 and 20 individuals

i. Divisions will need to continue to work with MABAS on their plan to get to green status

III. All members of each team and training team will need to be entered and maintained in Salamander/CIMS 3.0

IV. Salamander/CIMS 3.0 will be used to assess roster totals

V. Members must be listed on their Haz-mat or TRT training roster in Salamander/CIMS 3.0 prior to a course in order to be eligible for reimbursement (there is no reimbursement for water teams)

VI. Divisions will need to verify their deployable team information annually. Divisions that fail to verify their deployable team status will be removed as statewide deployable resource.

Divisions should forward the requested information to MABAS Operations Section Chief Kevin Lyne at <u>lyne@mabas-il.org</u> by **March 1, 2024**. Please contact your Operations Branch Chief or Kevin Lyne at 224-470-9022 with any questions.

Thanks for your continued divisional team support!



Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security



MABAS ROLE IN THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (SEOC)

As part of its role in IEMA's Emergency Operations Plan (IEOP), MABAS sends liaison officers (LNO) to the SEOC to staff the MABAS desk. There, MABAS collaborates with other state and mutual aid agency representatives to support statewide emergency operations. The LNO is primary filled by the MABAS Operations Branch Chiefs from central Illinois. MABAS' responsibilities in the SEOC include:

- 1. Provide centralized coordination of fire service, EMS and search and rescue resources when requested by the SEOC.
- 2. Provide resources to supplement local fire service, EMS and search and rescue operations through out response and short, intermediate and long-term recovery.
- 3. Provide logistical support to state-recognized Mobile Support Teams (MST's).
- 4. Provide long-term planning support for fire service, EMS and search and rescue operations.
- 5. Provide coordination of requested fire service, EMS, search and rescue resources through the MABAS Mobility Control Center (MCC).
- 6. Provide fire service, EMS and search and rescue resource dispatch services through the Regional Emergency Dispatch (RED) center.
- 7. Provide liaisons to support or coordinate local, county, State Unified Area Command (SUAC), State Area Command (SAC) and/or SEOC fire service, EMS and search and rescue operations.
- 8. Coordinate collection, receipt, compilation and dissemination of situational reports, maps, visual aid and displays on state and local fire/search and rescue activities to the SEOC.

MABAS TRAINING SUMMIT

Registration is OPEN!



The 2024 MABAS Command and Communications Summits will again be held at The Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

The Command Summit is February 19th – 21st The Communications Summit is February 21st – 23rd

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- HazMat/FBI Workshop





2024 Schedule		
January 24	Elburn, IL	
February 15	Watseka, IL	
February 21	Oglesby, IL	
February 28	Yorkville, IL	
March 5	Rockford, IL	
March 7	Rensselaer, IN	
March 12	St. John, IN	
March 20	Chicago, IL	
March 21	Kankakee, IL	
April 3	New Lenox, IL	

SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING HEALTH & SAFETY EXPO

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

WHEN

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

5pm-7pm Health and Safety Expo 5pm-7pm "Touch-a-Truck" 7pm-8:30pm Severe Weather **Spotter Training**

WHERE

Lincoln-Way WEST High School

21701 S. Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451 Enter off Gougar Road—Auditorium Entrance

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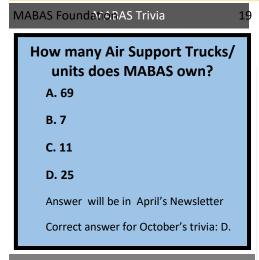
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Fun Fact



Chuck Norris Real Name: Carlos Ray Norris Named after his father He acquired the nickname "Chuck" while he was serving as an air policeman in 1958 in South Korea. https:/www.factretriever.com/fun-facts

For More Information

MABAS, Illinois

847-403-0500







Questions/Comments

If your Department or Division has responded to a call or had a big event and you would like MABAS to add it to this newsletter, please feel free to email or call us. We look forward to any and all suggestions or comments.

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MABAS Communications Seminar Update

By Mark Sikorski



On December 5th, the MABAS-Illinois Communications Committee held its final seminar of the year at Fermilab in Batavia. It was our best attended seminar to date! Despite the wintery conditions, the outside Asset and Apparatus display, though brief, went off without a hitch. Thank you to Chief Hernandez of Fermilab Fire for hosting our group and to the area Divisions for sharing their apparatus. A special thanks to Division 21 for supplying donuts, and a big thank you goes to

E-Environmental Solutions for once again sponsoring our lunch!

If your Division is interested in hosting a seminar in 2024, please send an email to <u>TCD@mabas-il.org</u> or contact your Operations Branch Chief!



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MABAS Needs your assistance:

Survey 1- Equipment

We're updating our records for MABAS equipment and need your help! Completing this survey, <u>https://arcg.is/1TiGP9</u>, will help us identify a reliable contact person for each piece of equipment, ensuring smooth communication about maintenance and other concerns. This survey doesn't collect information for deployment authorization.

If you manage multiple pieces of equipment, kindly complete a separate survey for each one. This allows us to track each item accurately.

By providing your information, you'll help us streamline communication and maintain MABAS equipment in top condition.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues while turning on your radio or completing the survey, please don't hesitate to contact BC Bob Bush at 224-612-4137 or <u>bush@mabas-il.org</u>.

Survey 2- Radios

Help us keep Starcom Radios in Top Shape!

We're conducting a quick survey to ensure your ITTF/MABAS Starcom radios are functioning optimally. Your input will help us identify any potential issues and streamline future maintenance efforts.

Here's how you can help:

Turn on your Starcom radio(s).

Allow it to synchronize with the Starcom system. This typically takes a few minutes.

Complete this short survey. <u>https://arcg.is/0r9Lrr0</u> It will only take a few minutes and will ask some basic questions about your radio and any recent experiences you've had with it.

Why is this important?

By understanding your radios' performance, we can:

Proactively address any potential problems.

Improve communication and support.

Ensure your radios are always ready for action.

We appreciate your time and cooperation! Your participation will help us maintain a reliable and efficient Starcom network for everyone.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues while turning on your radio or completing the survey, please don't hesitate to contact BC Bob Bush at 224-612-4137 or <u>bush@mabas-il.org</u>.

If you are interested In hosting a MABAS Communications

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- Cradlepoint internet connectivity
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- Salamander Accountability System Command & rapid tag computers, scanner & printer kits
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Locations

- MSU North MABAS MRC, Div 1 (Cook)
- MSU North West Div 29 (Carroll)
- MSU Central Div 36 (Peoria)
- MSU South Div 45 (Jackson)



NIMS Typing: n/a FEMA Cost Code: 8846 (cost \$488 per day)

Equipment Rate: \$20.33 per hour

Specifications

Road dimensions: 8'6" wide x 32' long x 12'6" height Set-up dimensions: 20' wide x 45' long

GVWR: 33,000 lbs

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