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MABAS Illinois



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From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

I hope your summer is going well, in some of Illinois it has been very hot and mostly dry, in others there has been significant rainfall. Please keep the communities in Texas with the recent floods in your thoughts and support them in any way that you are able.

With the end of the federal freeze on grant funds, MABAS is now able to resume reimbursements for overtime and/or backfill for special operations teams training. There are some changes to the courses that are approved for Ot/Bf and only technician level courses will be eligible.

There is no way to know how long federal grant funding will continue, so I recommend that teams concentrate on completing the training for any member on the training roster and not add new members to that list. MABAS staff are

available to assist with determining who on your training roster needs what classes to complete their certification.

Our next executive board meeting is on October 15th. Information about time and remote sites will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

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

Respectfully,

Don Davids

President, MABAS-IL

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**Next Executive Board Meeting
October 15, 2025**

Dehydration: Signs, Symptoms, and Effects

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What Is Dehydration?

Dehydration happens when your body doesn't have as much fluid as it needs. That means your body can't function properly. Common causes include sweating, diarrhea, and vomiting.

You can have mild, moderate, or severe dehydration. If you are an adult, the seriousness of your dehydration depends on how much fluid your body is missing. In children, dehydration is based on how much body weight they've lost due to a lack of fluids.

Mild dehydration: This causes symptoms such as thirst, less peeing and sweating, and dry mouth. Children have mild dehydration when they lose 3%-5% of their body weight due to fluid loss. You can treat mild dehydration at home by drinking water, electrolyte drinks, or oral rehydration solutions you can buy at the drugstore.

Moderate dehydration: The symptoms are similar to those of moderate dehydration but are more intense. In children, it means they've lost 6%-10% of their body weight. You'll need a medical professional to give you fluids through an IV.

Severe dehydration: Symptoms include dizziness, sunken eyes, fainting, rapid breathing, and a racing heart. Children may lose over 10% of their body weight. This type of dehydration requires immediate medical attention. You may be treated with IV fluids containing salt.

Causes of Dehydration

It's normal to lose water from your body every day by sweating, breathing, peeing, pooping, and through tears and saliva

(spit). Usually, you replace the lost liquid by drinking fluids and eating foods that contain water. If you lose too much water or don't drink and eat enough, you can get dehydrated.

You can lose more water than usual with:

- A fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Excessive sweating
- Peeing a lot (diabetes and some medications such as water pills, also called diuretics, can make you pee more often)

You may not replace the water you lose because:

- You're busy and forget to drink enough.
- You don't realize you're thirsty.
 - You don't feel like drinking because you have a [sore throat](#) or mouth sores, or you're sick to your stomach.

Symptoms of Dehydration

Signs of mild or moderate dehydration include:

- Thirst
- Dry or sticky mouth
- Not peeing very much
- Dark yellow pee
- Dry, cool skin
- Headache
- Muscle cramps
- Dry cough
- Low blood pressure
- Loss of appetite or sugar cravings
- Flushed skin
- Swollen feet
- Chills
- Constipation

- Shriveled skin
- Lack of sweating

Signs of severe dehydration include:

Not peeing or having very dark yellow pee

- Not peeing or having very dark yellow pee

Very [dry skin](#)

- Feeling dizzy

- Rapid heartbeat

- Rapid breathing

- Sunken eyes

- Sleepiness, lack of energy, confusion, or irritability

- Fainting

Symptoms for babies and young children can be different than for adults:

- Dry mouth and tongue
- No tears when crying
- Less than six wet diapers a day for infants
- No wet diapers or peeing for 8 hours for toddlers
- Sunken eyes, cheeks, soft spot on the top of the skull
- Sleepiness, lack of energy, or irritability
- Dry or wrinkled skin
- Deep rapid breathing
- Cool blotchy hands and feet

Severe dehydration is a medical emergency and needs to be treated immediately.

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A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

Summer time brings the start of a new Illinois budget year along with the resumption of Federal Homeland Security and Urban Area Security grant reimbursements. The Federal freeze on grant payments placed a significant strain on our ability to maintain statewide preparedness but all indications point to stable funding through June 30, 2026.

That being said, we know that the future of continued Federal support of fire mutual aid is shaky at best. We have begun discussions with Ted Berger, the new Interim Illinois Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor, on implementing strategies to increase state support of MABAS. To that end, we really need to focus on the incidents where the resources MABAS

is able to provide resulted in a positive outcome and what will be lost if those resources go away due to lack of funding. We will package these outcomes in a format that will assist legislators in understanding what will be lost to the residents



of Illinois before we present another Bill to the General Assembly. The area Operations Branch Chiefs may be asking their

divisions for assistance in creating this information package.

February 2026 is still a few months away but planning for the 2026 MABAS Summit begins in earnest in August. We will begin work on the speakers and agenda and encourage any division to consider presenting their lessons learned or best practices at the Summit. If you are interested please contact Dave Fleege at fleege@mabas-il.org.

We will be issuing an announcement this October soliciting nominations for the positions of MABAS 2nd Vice President and Treasurer that will be up for election at the February 2026 meeting. If interested in running, please watch for the announcement.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of MABAS and have safe and enjoyable summer.

Important Important Important Important Important Important

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Complete Audit of MABAS insured vehicles and trailers.

MABAS and VFIS Insurance will be "wiping the slate clean" this fall.

Beginning November 1, 2025, in order to have a vehicle or trailer insured, Divisions will need to provide to MABAS;

- A copy of the title of the vehicle, titled to the Division.
- A brief description of the vehicle's use/capability
- The current location (we understand that changes for time to time)
- A photo

This audit will have two benefits to all MABAS Divisions.

1. MABAS is working with IEMA to identify and map MABAS assets throughout the state. This information and map will be available to all MABAS Divisions. During an emergency incident, Divisions will know what equipment is available for mutual aid, and where that equipment is located.
2. This will allow MABAS to cull our growing list of insured vehicles and trailers. We currently insure 410 vehicles and trailers (30 that are over 25 years old) at a cost of about \$90,000 per year. This money comes from the OSFM grant which has been \$200,000. If we were to reduce our insurance by \$20,000, we would still receive the \$200,000, but we would be able to spend that on other equipment needs,

MABAS-IL Change-of-Quarters Knox-Box® System

Fire departments anticipating being tied up for a length of time on a multiple alarm fire or other large or complicated incident often (and should) include Change-of Quarter (COQ) companies on their MABAS Box Alarm Cards in order to have Mutual Aid departments move into their station(s) to provide response protection for other possible incidents in their village, municipality or district. In “the old days” the hosting department could simply leave their station unlocked so incoming companies could walk right in. But these days, fire stations are advised not to leave their stations open.



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In early 2002 MABAS-IL, through the Knox Company, instituted a unique COQ Knox-Box® system to facilitate ease of entry by incoming COQ companies to an otherwise empty station. This a voluntary participation program available to all MABAS-member fire departments in Illinois.

Here’s how it works: Dealing with the MABAS-IL Knox-Box Program Coordinator, a member fire station purchases a small key safe for mounting on the exterior of their station. Once the box is securely mounted, they lock their station key/card/fob/entry code inside the key safe. Incoming COQ companies participating in the program then use their MABAS-IL key to open the key safe to get the key, etc. to

then access the station. The simplicity of the program is that participating fire departments have to carry just one statewide COQ program key on their outgoing COQ vehicles to gain access to any and all participating fire stations.

Want to know more about the program? Contact Chief (ret.) Harry Tallacksen via email at tallacksen@mabas-il.org or via phone at 815-262-4374.



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MABAS SAYS GOODBYE TO COLLEAGUE AND GREAT FRIEND

GERALD D. PAGE

FEBRUARY 27, 1946 - JUNE 1, 2025



LaRae and the Entire Page Family,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss with Gerry's passing. Gerry is the type of colleague and friend which was trusted and knowledgeable of many facets of the Fire Profession, Leadership and being a genuine Human Being. His compassion for others and awareness of an environment were always noticed by those who counted on Him. I'm honored and privileged to have known Him and work with him.

I first met Gerry when he was with CFD and assigned as Shift Operations Battalion Chief, O'Hare IAP. The introduction was brief but our relationship soon developed. He told me He was retiring from CFD and taking a Fire Chief's position in Moline, Illinois – He wanted to know more about MABAS and how it worked as he thought a Moline MABAS Affiliation might be a good thing. As Time went on Gerry kept in touch always seeking more information about various aspects of MABAS and what was going on throughout Illinois' Fire Service. When He shared He was planning on leaving Moline FD I asked Him what was in his future He wasn't certain. It was then I asked if He might consider being the first full time MABAS-Illinois Staff Employee as Deputy Chief Executive Officer --- To my surprise, He accepted and off to the races We went.

MABAS- Illinois was expanding following 9-11 from around 235 member departments / agencies to nearly 1200 member agencies Statewide. MABAS-Illinois was developing a Statewide Response Plan and building formal agreements with various State Agencies including Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Governor's Office through mutually beneficial support and response plans—Gerry was in the middle of the historical and dynamic development period of MABAS -Illinois ultimately resulting in National recognition and awards—Gerry was one of the

architects and implementers of MABAS-Illinois as we know it today.

Very Few people know Gerry was the point person and Leader of many of MABAS-Illinois creative fire service industry actions following 9-11. Once



the Political aspects were in place Federal Grants flowed to the States. Illinois received millions and much of it was provided to MABAS-Illinois to face the many newly identified threats such as terrorist actions using chemical and other unconventional methods of attacking our populations. At one point over time, I can recall MABAS managing over \$ 40 million and discussing the direction we were going assuring the promise to each other neither of us wanted to share a jail cell with anyone so We better do it right—And We did.

Gerry accomplished a number of projects throughout the State of Illinois – His work and accomplishments were being noticed throughout our Nation's Fire and Emergency preparedness communities. Gerry from beginning to end, planning to deployment lead the placement of never

before capabilities for Fire, EMS and Special Team Capabilities including; Decontamination Vehicles, Air Cascade Support Vehicles, Generator light Towers and coordinating the acquisition, training, issuance and field protocol for use of CBRNE (Military Grade) Masks to every one of Illinois 42,000 Firefighters – He personally traveled the entire State with the Vendor, Air One, for months assuring the project was done right. MABAS received national recognition being cited as "Best Seen To Date" and for "Best Practices" by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Homeland Security and International Association of Fire Chiefs. No other State has accomplished many of the innovative capabilities Gerry established and accomplished. Gerry also was the Spark Plug in initiating the still ongoing MABAS Annual Training Conference somewhere near it's 25th year of existence. Gerry got things done and loved being challenged !!! He was a professional many of us were blessed to have known Him.

Gerry will be missed not just by those close to him but many Fire Service and Emergency Services Colleagues. Gerry took the challenges and then turned them into the reality creating needed capabilities protecting first responders and, most importantly, the Citizens we all served. All of us salute Deputy Chief Executive Officer Gerry Page for his contributions and accomplishments --- You left the profession much better than you found it. Your duty has been completed and will always be remembered—Thank You, Chief Gerry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Reardon, Northbrook Fire Chief (retired)

MABAS- Illinois President and CEO (retired)



Upcoming Programs

Family Day at the White Sox

(Chicago)

July 9, 2025

Survivor Support Group

(Maywood)

July 15, 2025

World Burn Congress

Scholarship Application Deadline

(online)

August 14, 2025

Fire Prevention Week Luncheon

Award Nomination Deadline

(online)

August 18, 2025

Survivor Support Group

(Maywood)

August 19, 2025

Upcoming Fundraisers

Red Knights IL Ch. 14's

Ride 4 the Rescuers

(Manteno)

July 19, 2025

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Fast Cars for a Cause

(Joliet)

July 23, 2025

Malta Fire Fighter's

Street Dance

(Malta)

August 2, 2025

McHenry Firefighters

Association Golf Outing

(Twin Lakes, WI)

August 4, 2025

Freedom Jam 2025

(Troy, MO)

August 9, 2025

MABAS

Next executive board meeting

October 15, 2025

MABAS ILLINOIS

NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

MABAS utilizes three different types of systems to notify Dispatch Agencies, Divisional Executive Boards, and members for situational awareness and escalating events. These systems are redundant to reduce failures in sending out notifications. Please see below of a description of each.



Constant Contact is used for general non-emergent notifications for MABAS Illinois and the MABAS Foundation.



OnSolve is used for deployment and operational messaging for MABAS Illinois



Regroup is used for deployment and operational messaging for MABAS Illinois

MABAS will be implementing notification testing starting in April 2025.

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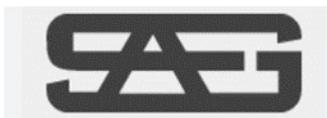
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Dehydration Risk Factors

Anyone can get dehydrated, but the odds are higher for some people:

Babies and young children are the most likely to have severe diarrhea and vomiting, and they lose the most water from a [high fever](#). The youngest can't tell you they're thirsty or get their own drinks.

- **Older adults** often don't realize they're thirsty. If they can't get around very well anymore, they may not be able to get a drink easily or may not be able to take in enough fluids due to medical conditions.

- **People who are ill** with a cold or sore throat may not want to eat or drink.

- **People with a chronic disease** such as type 1 or type 2 diabetes can pee a lot if the disease is uncontrolled. They also may take medicines such as water pills, which make them go more often.

- **People who are active outside** in warm weather, like those who work in jobs such as construction or surveying, sometimes can't cool down effectively because their sweat doesn't evaporate. This can lead to a higher body temperature and a need for more fluids.

People in high altitudes 8,000 or more feet above sea level. High-altitude areas tend to have drier air with a lower oxygen content. This can make you breathe harder and faster, causing you to lose more water than usual.

Effects of Dehydration

Dehydration may lead to complications if you don't drink enough fluids or take too much too quickly.

Complications result when your vital organs stop working well due to low blood flow or your kidneys try to hold onto fluid. Some of them include:

- Heat exhaustion or heatstroke
- Seizures

Kidney failure

- Coma
- Shock
- Brain swelling
- Low blood volume shock, in which your blood pressure and the amount of oxygen in your blood are too low

If it's not treated, dehydration can be deadly.

If you drink too much fluid to try to hydrate yourself, you could end up with swelling in the limbs (peripheral edema) and fluid buildup in the lungs (pulmonary edema).

If you become dehydrated while pregnant, you can face serious health problems such as too little amniotic fluid, premature labor, and a lack of breast milk. It could lead to neural tube defects in your developing baby and result in them being born with disabilities.

Dehydration Treatment

Staying hydrated is as important to your health as eating, exercising, and sleeping well. It's especially important at times when you're more likely to lose fluids or when you need more fluid than usual, such as during an illness, pregnancy, or exercise.

Here's how you can help yourself stay hydrated by drinking as much water as your body needs:

- Always take a water bottle wherever you go and refill it as needed. For cold refreshing drinks, keep freezer-safe water bottles in the freezer overnight and carry them during the day.
 - Drink water before each meal.
 - Add a slice of lime or lemon to flavor your water, making it more enjoyable to drink.
- Reach for water instead of sugary, [alcohol](#), and caffeinated drinks to quench your thirst.
- If you tend to forget to drink enough water, setting reminders on your phone to take water can be helpful.

- Listen to your body and drink water as soon as you feel thirsty.

- Start a "drink water" challenge alone or with loved ones to motivate you to drink enough water.

Add more water-rich foods such as vegetables, fruits, and soups into your diet.

Takeaways

Dehydration can cause you to feel out of sorts and tired. And when it lasts a long time, it can cause serious health problems. You can avoid it by regularly drinking water and other fluids and eating foods with high water content. You can treat mild dehydration by replacing lost fluids with water or oral rehydration solutions. But you'll need to see a doctor for moderate or severe dehydration.

Dehydration FAQs

What are the five symptoms of dehydration?

Five common symptoms of dehydration include tiredness, dry skin and lips, thirst, dark pee, and not peeing as often.

How do you tell if you are dehydrated?

You can tell you are dehydrated if you are feeling thirsty, tired, peeing less, or showing signs such as muscle cramps, dizziness, headache, or unsteadiness.

What is the fastest way to cure dehydration?

The fastest way to cure mild dehydration is by drinking water, electrolyte drinks, or oral rehydration solutions as soon as you notice signs of dehydration. See a doctor if you have signs of moderate to severe dehydration.

What are the effects of dehydration?

Mild dehydration shouldn't have lasting effects. Serious dehydration can cause changes in your mental function, kidney



TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT REMINDERS

For Class Reimbursements:

Students must be on their MABAS Divisions related Specialty Team Training Roster in CIMS 3.0 at least six (6) weeks prior to the start of class. **Be sure to your Deployable and Training Roster eligible members are entered into CIMS 3.0!**

Reimbursement requests **MUST BE submitted to MABAS within 30 days after completion of the course.**

The request must include a coversheet on **Department Letterhead**, signed by the Chief of Department, with a listing of the **student and backfill personnel's standard and overtime pay rates.**

The **Reimbursement Request for Overtime/Backfill** form must be included and filled out including the student and any backfill personnel;

The maximum rate per hour for reimbursement is **\$58.00**

Only the number of hours spent in class is reimbursable. This includes the **total hours** paid out to the student and/or back fill personnel.

MABAS does not reimburse course tuition.

Lodging reimbursement is based on double occupancy, and the class must be **more than 50 miles** from the sponsoring department. A **Hotel receipt must be included** in the submission packet. **Reservation documents are not acceptable.** The

reimbursement rate for lodging is available on the Illinois Department of Central Management Services website under 'Preferred Hotel Listing' <https://cms.illinois.gov/employees/travel/preferredhotel.html>

NOTE: 'AirBRB style' lodging is NOT reimbursable!

The student **must pass** the course to be eligible for reimbursement.

The student is eligible for a re-test twice within a year of course completion.

Please email any questions or **Class reimbursements** to overtimereimbursement@mabas-il.org
Exercise reimbursements should be emailed to Michael Graves at graves@mabas-il.org

Deployment reimbursements should be mailed to deployment@mabas-il.org

Updated February 10, 2025

IL TF = 1 NEWS

**ILTF – 1 Deployed an US&R Type III to Texas**

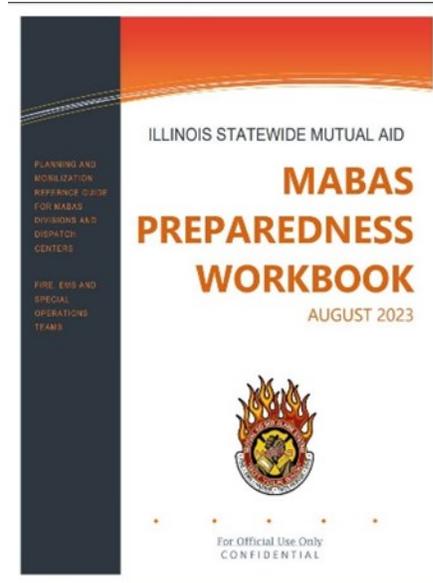
On July 11, 2025 at 13:00, With IEMA's help and direction, MABAS – IL deployed ILTF - 1 as an US&R Type 3 team to Austin, Texas for the Texas Flooding declaration. EMAC Request # 355—RR-15521 and IEMA # 125998.



After completing all Division Zulu segments in Big Sandy Creek, Squads working in Big Cow Area performing Secondary Low Searches. All data points entered into Search and Rescue Common Operating Platform (SARCOP)



**Does your Dispatch Center have the updated Preparedness Workbook?
(Dated August 2023)**



Go to www.mabas-il.org, and click on the 'MABAS INFORMATIONAL UPDATES' tab on the main page;



Select the '2023 Preparedness Workbook' to download!

Contact your Operations Branch Chief with any questions!

THANK YOU MABAS

Chief Ericksen,

On behalf of Elk Grove Village, I extend our sincere thanks for the use of the MABAS Mission Support Unit (MSU). This month Elk Grove Village utilized the MSU for our Fourth of July celebration and “Cheap Trick” concert, and then again, for our Rotary Fest and “O.A.R.” concert. The MSU was used as a meeting space for event briefings as well as a cooling center for Fire, Law Enforcement and Public Works personnel. We received numerous positive comments from Village personnel who found the unit to be the ideal resource for these uses.

We are fortunate to enjoy a fantastic working relationship with MABAS, and we thank you and your personnel once again. Attached to this email are some photos of the MSU in use.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Mikel

Fire Chief

Elk Grove Village Fire Department

Office: (847) 734-8002

Pronouns: he/him/his



MABAS Trivia

The picture below is of a MABAS
"Vehicle"

What is its MABAS given name?

- A. Tactical response truck
- B. Utility truck
- C. Mission Support Unit

The answer will be in the October News-
letter!

Answer for January newsletter is on the
following page.



The answer to all of our questions can
be found at

www.mabas-il.org

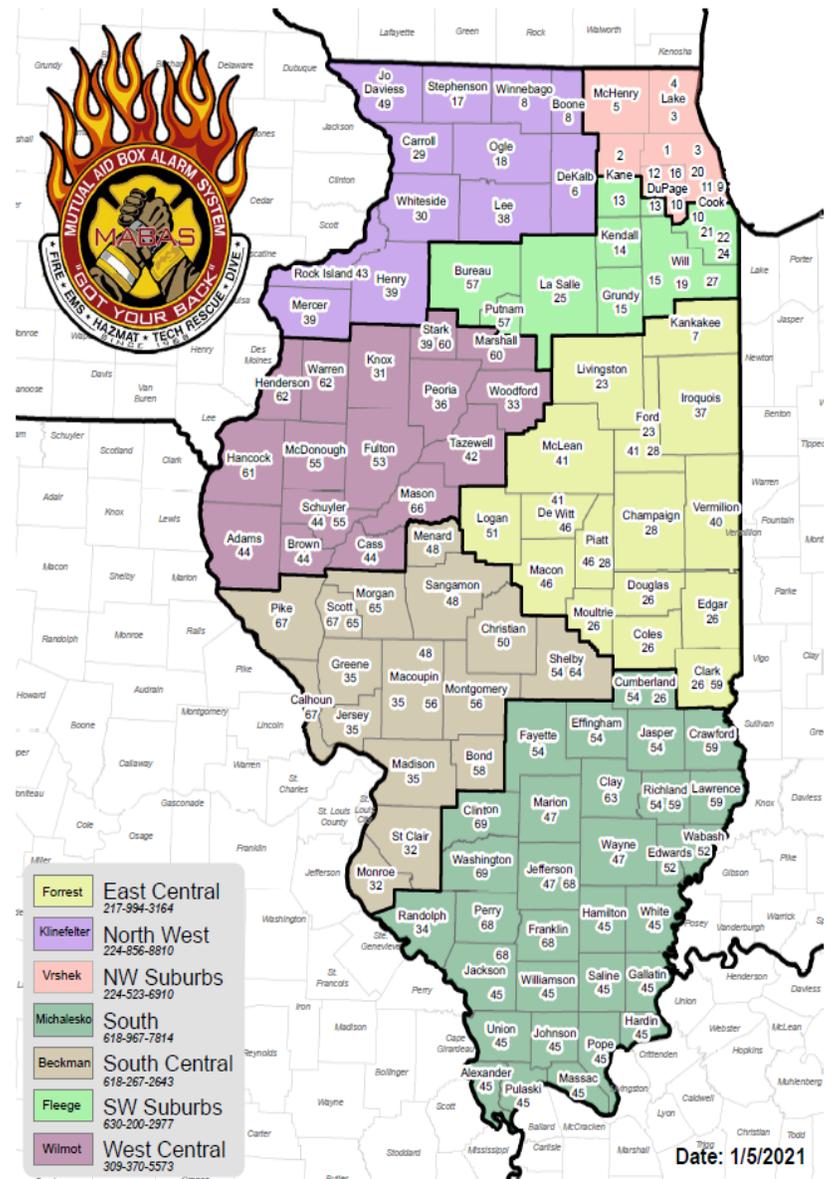
For More Information

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MABAS Division Map With Operation Branch Chiefs



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.

Email—Littlefield@mabas-il.org Phone—847-403-0511

Answer to the April Trivia question....

“B” Divisional expedient shelter!



Expedient Shelter System – 68



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Every critical illness a child is battling, is a fight we will give our all to. We strive to ensure that each child we reach will stand with the support of our firefighters and our community

**A  child should never fight their battle alone.
*Your Support Makes a Difference***

Do you know a child who is struggling with a critical illness and needs a reason to smile? Project Fire Buddies wants to hear from you. Email our Executive board at contact@projectfirebuddies.org

For more information on **PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES**, what we do, or how to **DONATE**, visit our website: projectfirebuddies.org

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Has your Dispatch Center gone through a consolidation.....

Have you had personnel changes in management....

Is your Dispatch Center information Up to Date?

Go to www.mabas-il.org, and click on the 'MABAS INFORMATIONAL UPDATES' tab on the main page;



Select the 'Primary and Secondary Dispatch Centers' document to review your centers information.

Please notify your Operations Branch Chief, or send updates to Linda Cruz at cruz@mabas-il.org

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We are using department logos for Tier II cards.

Please send your logo to sikorski@mabas-il.org



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