Mutual Aid Box Alarm System MABAS Division-1 Regular Meeting Minutes November 4th, 2026

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A. MABAS Division-1 Membership

The following individuals were present at this meeting:

Arlington Heights FD	Lance Harris	Northwest Central	Jeb Lyons Erin Eaton
Barrington FD	John Christian	Palatine FD	Anthony LaVacchi Rob Kluzek Matt Buzzard
Barrington-Countryside FPD	Scott Motisi	Rolling Meadows FD	Pete Sutter
Bartlett FPD	William Gabrenya Nick Ackerman	Schaumburg FD	Fabio Puccini
Buffalo Grove FD	Lawrence Kane	Streamwood FD	Mike Meyer
Des Plaines FD		Wheeling FD	Scott Salela Steve Mella Nick Tomeczko
Elk Grove Village FD	Richard Mikel Clint Cunz	Special Guests	Mike Crews Jason Helvey - HTES Michael Ryan
Hoffman Estates FD	Alan Wax Jeff Northrup	Northwest Community EMS System	
Inverness FPD		MABAS-Illinois	Spencer Kimura Al Vrshek
Mount Prospect FD	Tom Wang Bill Eckert Tim Cassidy		

I. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT Meyer

Elk Grove Village fire station 8.

1332 hours –November 4th, 2026
President Meyer declared there to be a quorum present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by President Meyer

III. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS – D/C Steve Mella Wheeling FD, D/C Nick Tomeczko Wheeling FD

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT or PRESENTATION

Paramedic Billing Services – Kim Godden spoke on the Illinois Ambulance/EMS Fair Reimbursement and Patient Protection Legislation. The discuss covered Public Act 104-0248 and Pubic Act 104-0732 (SB3517).

V. GUESTS – None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Meyer presented the minutes from the September 9th 2026 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes from the September 9th 2026 meeting was made by Hoffman Estates and seconded by Rolling Meadows. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote (13-0).

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Gabrenya

Financial Report

A. As of August 31st, 2026, the checking account balance was $11,618.00 and the money market balance was $266,498.68 - for a total balance in accounts of $278,116.68.

B. For January 1 through November 3rd, 2026, on an accrual basis, Total Revenues & Credits were $1,305.36 and Total Expenditures were $46,230.78, for a total balance of -$44,925.42.

C. A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Schaumburg and seconded by Elk Grove Village. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote (13-0).

D. The 2027 budget was made available to the membership where a motion to approve the budget was made by Barrington and seconded by Wheeling. The group discussed all items on the budget before passing the motion with a unanimous vote (13-0).

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. MABAS Division 1 Executive Board - President Meyer.

A. MABAS – IL Executive Board meeting notes from October 14th, 2026.

B. Div. 9 Standby request - ALS Ambulances for the October 11th Marathon.

C. Des Plaines FD Dispatch transferred from RED Center to Cook Co. Sheriff's 9-1-1.

2. MABAS Illinois Executive Board – None

3. **Fire Investigations Team** – Bill Eckert

   A. Incidents – None reported.

   B. Training – Work is continuing the LODD/Critical injury OGPS. Last week the team met with Division 1 Health and Safety Committee to discuss their thoughts on the projects.

   C. Discussion about using the Matterport Camera to video burn towers and containers prior to live fire training.

   D. Team leader meeting schedule for 2027 will be out this week.

4. **Communications / Box Alarms –** No report

5. **Training Committee –** Div/C Rob Kluzek

   A. Executive Positions for 2027 – Chairperson: Rob Kluzek (Palatine), Vice Chair: Mike Hansen (Schaumburg), Secretary: Dave Hoppe (Elk Grove Village).

   B. Leadership Seminar – A discussion on how many members each department would be allowed and how much to charge. Also discussed how long the training should take place. More information to follow.

   C. OSFM Updates – JCAR update, the new OSFM software system will not automatically renew all levels of certifications. OSFM clarified that Training Chiefs would be required to submit separate recertifications for each certification level; however, no additional JPRs would be required for lower-level recertifications.

6. **Water Rescue Team** - D/C Joe Markowski Via Chief Meyer

   A. Training – Training will be located in Schaumburg for November's drill.

   B. Incidents – 11 call outs for Division 1 Water Rescue from April 1-June 30. Very busy during that time. Twin Lakes drowning, Elgin drowning, Wheeling drowning, body in EGV, bodies in Schaumburg.

   C. Equipment – The side scan sonar is back in service after being repaired. Full test on the water next week.

   D. Budget was submitted for 2027 with emphasis on getting equipment for a deployment.

   E. Discussing at meeting today to host another OSFM Water Operations class in February/March

7. **Technical Rescue Team** – B/C Chapman Via Div/C Kluzek

   A. Incidents – There have been 5 requests for the team to respond to incidents throughout the division year to date.

B. Personnel - Roster updates continue. Currently there are 33 deployable members and 10 members in training.

C. Equipment – We are exploring replacing our aging petrogen torch. Petrogen has shut down operations so replacement parts and service are both difficult. The new tool on the market is similar in operation. It is the Donmet cutting torch. It can run on diesel, gas and propane. The Tri Fuel Kit cost is $2050 plus shipping (usually around $50per unit).

D. Each of the division TRT teams was given 2 orders of rope funded by MABAS. We received 2 – 600' bags and 2 – 300' bags.

E. Training – Training for October was high angle/tower in Wheeling on their water tower.

F. Budget – Request made for the 2027 budget.

8. Hazardous Materials Team – B/C Matt Buzzard Via Div/C Kluzek

A. Notable Incidents - None

B. Administration – All Meetings are set for 2027

1. Coordinator meetings in March, June, September, and December.

2. Training Committee meetings in February, May August, and November.

C. Equipment – Division Level A pressure test kit. Chlorine leak kits are needed. Emergency Decon clothing and equipment are needed. Standard Meter calibrations and repairs upcoming.

D. Training –

1. 4th quarter drill is continuing in Streamwood and Bartlett.

2. Response drill at Northrop Grumman in Rolling Meadows coming on Friday November 6th.

3. Training calendar for 2027

- 1st Quarter – Radiological training at Siemens in Hoffman Estates.
- 2nd Quarter – Hosting NWRD to discuss environmental spills in Mt. Prospect.
- 3rd Quarter – Highway Response featuring SERTC in Arlington Heights.
- 4th Quarter – FBI workshop and white powder calls in Schaumburg.

E. MABAS – Nothing to share.

9. MABAS Division 1 Logistics – None

10. Health & Safety Committee – B/C Tim Cassidy

A. Work is continuing the LODD/Critical injury OGPS. Last week the team met with Division 1 Fire Investigators to discuss the project and plans moving forward.
B. Looking into injury and fall prevention.

11. Operational Guidelines / **Policy Statements** – D/C Anthony LaVacchi Via Div/C Kluzek

OGPS Final submission –

A. #530 Multiple Patient Management motion was made by Hoffman Estates and seconded by Bartlett. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote (13-0).

B. #690 Mobile Command Center motion was made by Wheeling and seconded by Schaumburg. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote (13-0).

C. Initial submission - #101 OG/PS Sub-Committee

IX. OLD BUSINESS - None

X. NEW BUSINESS – New Deputy for Hanover Township Emergency Services Jason Helvey.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. **Next Chiefs' Breakfast Meeting –** Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7:30 am. Located in Rolling Meadows.
2. Metropolitan Fire Chief's Association Meeting; December 3rd.

XII. NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, January 13th, 2027 at Arlington Heights Fire Station #2 at 13:30 hours

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elk Grove Village and seconded by Schaumburg. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote (13-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 14:54 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Sutter

Secretary Pete Sutter