

**Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
MABAS Division I
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021**

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**MABAS Division I
Membership**

Members present at this meeting were:

Arlington Heights	Andrew Larson Ron Fraider Dwayne Wood	Palatine	Scott Andersen Rob Kluzek Matt Nagy Paul Macaluso Pat Gratianna Scott Mackeben
Buffalo Grove	Bill Wagner	Palatine Rural	Rich May Scott Mohr
Des Plaines	Dan Anderson Pete Dyer	Rolling Meadows	Jeff Moxley
Elk Grove Township	Michael Nelson	Schaumburg	Jim Walters
Elk Grove Village	Rich Mikel John Lodewyck	Streamwood	Chris Clark Marv Kramer
Hoffman Estates	Not Present	Wheeling	Steve Mella
Mount Prospect	Brian Lambel	Special Guests	Glenn Ericksen
Northwest Central	Jeb Lyons	NWCH	Dr. Matt Jordan

Call to Order:

1332 Hours – January 13, 2021 meeting

Pledge of Allegiance:

No Pledge due to virtual meeting

Recognition of Members:

Chief Rich Mikel recognized Chief Scott Andersen for his years of service and dedication to MABAS Division 1. As a token of our appreciation Chief Andersen was presented with a plaque thanking him for his efforts to enhance the services we provide.

Presentation:

No presentations

Guests:

MABAS CEO Glenn Ericksen

MABAS CEO Glenn Ericksen joined our meeting to discuss the potential use of MABAS Division 1 members to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to the general public. According to CEO Ericksen, Cook County Department of Public Health will be responsible for providing vaccinations to nearly 2.5 million suburban residents. It is anticipated that IDPH will require the assistance of area EMTs in order to meet this vaccination demand. MABAS Division 1 will look to CEO Ericksen for future updates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion – Approve minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting

Made by: Brian Lambel

Seconded by: Rich May

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Chief Andrew Larson reported for the period ending December 31, 2020 the Checking account balance was \$31,687.40 and the Money Market account balance was \$92,378.75.

Motion – To accept the Treasurer’s Report

Made by: Pat Gratianna

Seconded by: Scott Mohr

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MABAS Executive Board:

Chief Andersen recently participated in a Regional Conference Call. Topics of discussion during this call included:

- Limited response or deployments to disaster – Chief Andersen explained there was a misconception that Illinois MABAS Division were not being deployed as a result of our overtime rate. Chief Andersen stated the concern is less the overtime rate but more the caveat that our personnel receive compensation portal to portal.
- Standardization of Box Cards -Chief Andersen advised some members were suggesting identical apparatus responses on Box Alarms. MABAS has taken the stance that while they facilitate the use and implementation of Box Cards, as any organization they will not dictate apparatus responses. Chief Andersen recommends MABAS Division 1 members review their Box Cards during the 2021 SAV review process.

First Responder Task Force:

No Report Provided

Communications/Box Cards:

NWCDS reported Box Alarms in the following municipalities since our last meeting:

- Hoffman Estates
- Rolling Meadows

Training:

Division Chief Paul Macaluso advised the committee members for 2021-2022 will be:

- Chairman John Lodewyck
- Vice-Chairman Paul Macaluso
- Secretary Tim Cassidy
- Additionally, Division Chief Macaluso advised the training committee's schedule will include 6 meetings and 6 workshops.
- Finally, Target Solutions is working to correct software issues which will enhance the enterprise site operations.

Water Rescue:

Battalion Chief Dwayne Wood advised the committee members for 2021-2022 will be:

- Chairman Joe Markowski
- Vice-Chairman Chuck Zimmerman
- Secretary Andy Laird
- Additionally, Battalion Chief Wood reported one water rescue incident since our last meeting in November and a total of eleven during 2020.

- The team will host an ice dive at Lake Arlington on January 20 and 21.
- During CY 2021, the Water Rescue team will review the OG/PS on deployment guidelines.

TRT Team:

Battalion Chief Rob Kluzek advised:

- The TRT team has responded on one incident, in Elk Grove Village, since our last meeting.
- The team training calendar is set for 2021.
- The team took delivery of a new MSA 4 gas meter.

HazMat Team:

Division Chief Paul Macaluso advised:

- The training calendar for 2021 was set.
- The January training drill will be rescheduled to February or March as part of the Secure Chicago training initiative.
- The radiation meters are scheduled for calibration 2021.
- Haz Mat coordinators list has been updated.

Division I Website

Chief Andersen advised:

- The importance of keeping all team leader/member information current.
- The Training calendar on the Division 1 page has been updated.
- Deployable team availability page has been updated.

Operational Guideline/ Policy Statement Sub-Committee.

Deputy Chief Pat Gratianna informed:

- The OG/PS library is currently comprised of 35 documents.
- There are 6 additional OG/PS documents in the development/review phase.
- The committee is switching to bi-monthly meetings and will meet in months opposite the Chiefs meetings.

Fire Investigations:

Captain Matt Nagy advised:

- The Fire Investigations team has developed a training document which establishes the minimum training requirements to be a Division 1 Fire Investigations team member.
- On February 2, the Fire Investigation team will review three recent multifamily dwelling fires that have occurred within the Division.
- The 2021 training calendar has been established. It is anticipated that the April meeting will be in-person.
- Palatine Rural Fire Department currently has a vacancy in its team leader position.
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OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Andersen advised:

- the Epage lists have been updated @NWCDs.
- As a Division we should review the Epage lists two times per year.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021/2022 Division 1 Executive Board Elections

With the recent election of Chief Larson to the position of President a vacancy at the Secretary-Treasurer position has occurred. Chief Larson solicited each Division 1 department for a representative to fill this vacancy. Deputy Chief Patrick Gratziana (Palatine) was the only person to express interest. During the January 13, 2021 meeting, Chief Larson again solicited for willing members to fill the Secretary-Treasurer position. Receiving no additional nominations Chief Larson closed the nomination proceedings.

With Patrick Gratziana as the sole candidate for the vacant position, Chief Larson appointed him to the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the 2021-2022 term.

For the Good of the Order:

Adjournment:

14:12

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Jim Walters

Second by: Dan Anderson

Next Meeting:

March 10, 2021