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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from June 5, 2024

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1930hrs @ Lena Fire.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the May meeting was approved. The Treasurer report for May was also approved.

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - June was absent and call log numbers were not available at the meeting. The confirmed numbers are listed below.
 - 33 calls total.
 - 22 EMS & 1 Fire calls in the Division
 - 6 EMS & 4 Fire calls outside the Division
- **TRT:**
 - Training with Div 8 was held in Cherry Valley. An “L” trench was attempted. It was noted that no individual team has enough equipment to do complex “L” or “T” trenches on their own.
 - And Additional training is scheduled for this month. June 11, Confined Space @ old Station #3 with Hazmat and June 25 @ Rock Valley College with Div 8 for Wide Area Search.
- **Maintenance:**
 - The 9 TRT SCBA cylinders were hydrottested in May.
 - The UTV siren will be installed before the Fair.

Represented Departments

Cedarville Fire
Dakota Fire
Davis Fire
Freeport Fire

Freeport Rural Fire
German Valley Fire
Lena Fire

Orangeville Fire
Pearl City Fire
Rock City Fire
Winslow Fire

Old Business

- The County Fair activities were discussed.
 - Mike Wickman is handling the Grandstand scheduling this year.
 - A schedule was published for the Fire Prevention area.
 - Orangeville Fire, July 23, 1130-1900hr.
 - German Valley Fire, July 25, 1130-1900hr.

New Business

- FFD Deputy Chief Stykel gave an overview of this year's Air Show. Date: Sept 21, 0930-1700hr. A training walk thru will be held the night before @ 1730hr.
- The MABAS Executive Board meeting was held May 23. The main business was the election of 2nd Vice President. David Schweih, Northbrook Fire Chief, was elected to the position.
- Discussion was held about proposed changes to the IDOL/OSHA Standards regarding "Fire Brigades". The extensive changes were emailed to the Division for review. **The original email stated the comment period ended July 22. That appears incorrect, because June 21 was listed as the deadline in multiple locations.** All Departments are requested to review the changes and send appropriate comments to OSHA by the deadline to be considered.
- New 2024 Hazmat ERG books were distributed to those in attendance.
- FFD has requested the use of the Div UTV for Tutty Baker Days, July 12-14 & the County Fair, July 23-27.
- The County EMA also has a new UTV that can be used/requested by any agency.

Announcements

- Freeport Fire is still accepting applications for a new hiring list. There is currently 1 open position that will be filled right away. Applications are available until July 6 and must be returned by July 15. The list is expected to be finalized in October.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1952hr.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held August 7 @ Cedarville Fire. This will be a Dinner Meeting sponsored by State Representative John Cabello. Please RSVP Chief Enzinger @ 815-541-2001 or zingerpork@gmail.com with your choice of steak or pork chop by Aug 2.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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