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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from March 2, 2022

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

A motion to accept the Minutes from the February meeting was approved. The Treasurers report from February was also approved.

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed
 - Freeport Rural is hosting a Basic Wildland class March 18-20, Reg @ IFSI.
 - Cedarville is hosting a Basic Tactics & Strategy class March 19, 0900-1300hr. Contact Chief Enzinger for registration.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual Aid call numbers for February.
 - 20 total calls, 8 EMS and 1 Fire from within the Division, 10 EMS and 2 Fire from outside the Division.
 - Secretary Korte stated he will compile the Mutual Aid statistics for the last year.
- **Equipment Replacement:**
 - A MSA “Industrial” SCBA was displayed as a replacement option for Hazmat & TRT units that are becoming obsolete. Inquiries have revealed the units do not need to be NFPA compliant because they will not be used in fire conditions. The cost of a NFPA unit was quoted at \$5,720 compared to \$2,175 for the Industrial version, a \$3,545 saving for each unit. 12 -14 units will be needed. The team Coordinators and Division will investigate grant funding options.

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

- **Sheriff:**
 - Sheriff Snyder is having surgery and will be off for a while. He has also decided to not seek re-election net term. Steve Stovall will be running for the position.

Old Business

- With the help of Dakota Fire, Scott Johnson will provide the snow plowing at the old Structo building for Hazmat & TRT access.
- Secretary Korte gave a report on the MABAS-II Summit.
 - Committee meetings: the TRT Committee was tasked with developing a plan to strengthen teams. That included recommending an increase of the number of trained personnel for a team to be qualified as “Deployable”, going from 20-30 personnel. That option was discussed but not endorsed. Currently there are only 3 TRT & 3 Hazmat teams that meet those qualifications. Other issues discussed: more training roster slots, having only Ops or Tech level teams, consolidation or elimination of teams, updating equipment. The Hazmat Committee was given the same tasks.
 - Summit Presentations: IL-TF1 & Fire Engine Strike Team deployments to Hurricane Ida, Canine & Drone Search groups, New CIMS 3.0 Credentialing, Basic MABAS 101 & presentations from State events (Chemtool fire, Morris Lithium Battery fire & Wood River Refinery/Railcar Hazmat leak).
 - Executive Board Meeting: Quorum present, Annual Dues slated to increase by 7% (CPI) – Board elected to reduce increase to 2.5%, Funding -stable to slight decrease, President Don Davids re-elected, Communication Policies updated, Initiating “Unmet Capital Replacement Project” (\$55 Million) with State to increase capital funding.
- Chief Bruning has met with the County Fair Board about presentations/entertainment. They are looking for ideas for presentations/demos. Expecting 2 -6hr shifts each day for 5 days. Members were advised that FFD would be staffing an Ambulance on site 900-1800 each day and with possible reduced staffing they probably would not be able to help.

New Business

- Some Freeport Fire updates.
 - Scott Miller is expected to be appointed Chief on March 7.
- Scott Townsend, EMA,
 - Annual Tier 2 reports are coming in to the Office and the County Multi-Hazard Plan draft is complete.
 - The NIMS 300 & 400 classes have been scheduled. 300- June 3-5 & 400 -June 11-12, all at HCC. Please contact the office with number of personnel interested.
 - Local Storm Spotter class at HCC, date changed to March 28. Register @ <https://www.weather.gov/dvn/spotters>, open the training tab and select Stephenson County.

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Announcements:

- German Valley Fire is hosting a Soup Supper, March 12, 1600-1900hr.

The meeting adjourned @ 2010hr.

Our next meeting will be held April 6 @ Cedarville Fire. This is scheduled to be a Dinner Meeting. Details TBA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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