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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from October 1, 2025

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by Vice President Bruning at 1928hrs @ The Rock City Fire Station.

Guest:

- Dan Rink, OSFM Certification Specialist, gave a presentation to the group.
 - He is a Firefighter from Sycamore covers Divisions, 8, 17 & 18. He is available to help Departments keep their training records in order and assist with any special requests.
 - He reminded the group that OSFM and Vector Solutions can be connected, and info can be shared for better record management.
 - Reminder that the State Volunteer Tax Credit is available to Department personnel.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the September meeting were approved. A motion to accept the Treasures report was also approved.

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed.
 - Freeport Rural is hosting a couple classes.
 - IL Traffic Incident Management, Nov 19, 1800-2200hr, Free
 - First Due Fire Alarms, Dec 11, 1800-2200hr, Free
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - The September call numbers are incomplete at this time due to the Central Square switchover.
 - Central Square
 - The switchover took place about 0915hr on the 16th.
 - There have been multiple issues during the switchover, but most have been resolved within the first couple weeks. There is still an issue when dispatching a MABAS Call with multiple agencies.

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

- The City Dispatch is still working on issues with Freeport Fire and I Am Responding.
- Departments have the ability to “Parse” the details being shown in the IAR message.
- **Sheriff:**
 - Some clarification on the Helicopter issue from last month. UW Med Flight is still the agency the County is utilizing for requesting a medical helicopter to a scene.
 - The Sheriff’s Department is holding their Trunk or Treat event at the Rock City Fire Station, Oct 29, 1730-1930hr. All Departments are welcome to participate. Candy will be provided.
 - Thank you to Ashley, Mike & Robyn for their work in the Central Square switchover.

Old Business

- The Active Shooter class registration has passed. We are waiting for IFSI to let us know if we have enough participants registered to continue with the class.
- Any Departments wishing to use the Smoke House for training this fall need to contact fire Marshal Broshous. There are already 3 Departments scheduled for this month.

New Business

- An email scam from I Am Responding was received by many Departments. Please monitor your accounts.
- MABAS Branch Chief Klinefelter scheduled a Regional Zoom mtg at the same time as our Sept meeting.
 - CEO Glenn Ericson is retiring at the end of the year, Branch Chief Bernie Lyons will be taking his place. A replacement is being sought for Bernie’s Finance position.
 - MABAS is requesting updated information for an Insurance Audit. This will cover multiple Apparatus from our Division, Including: Tent trailer, UTV & Trailer, IMAT trailer, Light Tower, Smokehouse & 2007 F550.
 - A local Youth Fire Setter Intervention class is being discussed in the area. If interested, contact Cherry Valley Deputy Chief Trapp.
- Thank You from Cedarville Fire for everyone’s assistance with their Willow Lake Fire, specifically the tenders, Freeport Engine 1, Battalion Chief Seffrood & Fire Marshal Broshous. Incident # SH113, 520-2529.
- Dakota Fire thanked everyone for their assistance with their Halloween decoration fire. Also, their Water Tower is still down for repairs. Unknown timeframe for repairs to be completed.

Announcements

- MABAS-IL Exec Board Mtg , Oct 15 @ 1200hr.

Our next meeting will be November 5 @ Freeport Rural Fire, Station 3.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2018hr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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