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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from January 12, 2022

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

A moment of silence was observed for Freeport Chief Brad Liggett who passed away suddenly on Jan 8.

Guest

Jim Conn, IFSI NE IL Regional Representative

- Jim has been with IFSI since 1998 and retired from Palatine with 30+ years of experience. He is replacing retired IFSI Rep Randy Schlichter. Jim's job is to be a resource and assist our local Departments in scheduling and obtaining low cost training that we want in our area. Most classes require 6 weeks lead time and must have a minimum of 15 students. He left business cards, training calendars and is planning to attend our February meeting in Orangeville.

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

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual Aid call numbers for December.
 - 37 total calls, 26 EMS and 1 Fire from within the Division, 9 EMS and 1 Fire from outside the Division.
 - Some discussion was held about the dispatching of Division assets to a large fire in Lanark a few days prior. The Division alert tones were not used and a large amount of equipment was requested.
 - Green County has switched all of their radios to Digital. They are still keeping their analog system for now which will allow II Departments to talk

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

with them. Any Department that wants to venture into the Digital side, the cost of radios is about \$1,100.

- **TRT:**
 - The bill for the equipment response to the Freeport Masonic Temple for a subject that fell down an elevator shaft has been sent. No response yet.

Old Business

- So far no Box Card updates have been forwarded to Secretary Korte.
- All of the attending Departments turned in their old Ultra Radiac monitors and were issued new Polimaster monitors. These are easier to use, have no expiration date and do not need annual calibration. Remember to remove the batteries when not in use.
- Departments were sent a list of personnel shown in the “Division Chiefs” group for updating. The older members were removed and a few new members requested to be added. To be added, personnel cell phone number, cell phone company and email address are required.

New Business

- An overview of Chief Liggett’s visitation and funeral were given. Departments were asked to help out Freeport Fire during those times with Change of Quarters Engine Companies and personnel. Departments were also advised that if an incident came in over the weekend to expect a Box Card to be requested.
- The annual calibration of the County’s Porta Count Fit Test machine has been completed. Freeport Rural currently has the equipment and will be trying to expedite their testing to allow Pearl City to use it in a timely manner.
- Secretary Korte advised the group of an opportunity for low cost computer software to Education/Government and Non-Profit groups. That info can be found at <https://www.genesis-technologies.com>.
- Rock City asked how many Departments use “Quick Fill” adapters on their SCBA Cylinders. About half of the division is using some type of adapter. It was asked if Departments with mobile cascades or Departments using the adapters should be buying adapters to be more usefull. The cylinders can still be filled normally by removing the adapter.

Announcements:

- MABAS-IL Training Summit, Feb 21-23 for Command and Feb 23-25 for Dispatchers @ Bloomington Marriott. Cost \$250

The meeting adjourned @ 2022hr.

Our next meeting will be held February 2 @ Orangeville Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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