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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from December 7, 2022

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Ludeking at 1940hrs @ Cimino's hosted by Freeport Fire.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the passing of Retired Freeport Rural Chief Keith Hinrich.

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

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed
 - Cedarville Fire is hosting Grain Bin Rescue training on Feb 4 at their Station. Cost \$170, register through them. They also have a training grant that may lower the cost, TBD.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual Aid call numbers for November.
 - 17 total calls, 13 EMS and 0 Fire from within the Division, 3 EMS and 1 Fire from outside the Division.
- **Hazmat:**
 - In November, we were advised that Carroll FS has obtained a Lawyer and do not feel that they are required to pay our Hazmat response bill. There is a clause in the State Law that says if the spill happens at a fixed facility that is also a Property Tax payer, they are exempt from having to pay for services. We have contacted the MABAS-IL Law firm for their opinion and help. We are waiting for their decision before progressing.

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

- ***Equipment Replacement:***

- The equipment list needs to be updated. Plans to be completed in next couple months.
- The MABAS Insurance list is being updated with the addition of the new Lifehouse, removal of old Smokehouse and support trailer.

- ***Maintenance:***

- Both F550's are scheduled for annual service at Heavy this week.
- There are 6 Hazmat/TRT SCBA cylinders due for Hydro Test in 2023. Coordinators will organize.

Old Business

- The old Smokehouse was listed for sale. A Firefighter from Apple River purchased it for \$3000. He is hoping that his Department will agree to continue using it for Fire Prevention training.
- Tri-District Amb was successful with their funding referendum.

New Business

- Everyone was reminded that we try to update our Box Cards during December. Any changes need to be forwarded to Secretary Korte by the end of the year.
- FFD has been advised that the SPG building (Quality Transport/old Thermos) has been sold. This is the building that we currently store the Hazmat & TRT trailers, Lifehouse, Western Shelter trailer and one of the F550's. At this time the Division has not heard of any changes to our storage agreement.

The meeting adjourned @ 2005hr.

Our next meeting will be held January 4 @ Cedarville Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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