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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from October 4, 2023

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

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

Committees

- **Training:**

- Local classes were listed.
- Anyone interested in scheduling the Division Smokehouse for this fall should contact Freeport Fire Marshal Broshous.

- **Communications/Dispatch:**

- Mutual Aid call numbers for September:
 - 28 total calls, 19 EMS & 2 Fire from within the Division and 6 EMS & 1 Fire from outside the Division.
- Sargent Mike Backus asked Departments and their personnel to utilize the "Track Me" portion of the I Am Responding App. This works with another program in Dispatch called "Rapid SOS" which maps Caller locations and Responder's locations. This portion of the App allows Dispatchers and Fire Chiefs to better respond to calls by seeing who is coming and where they are. It can also be used in the case of someone who says they are responding but never show up (get in an accident). The App will only track personnel when they select "Responding" to a call and then for only up to 30 min. So, no one will be "Tracked" when not responding to a call. To activate this tracking feature, the setting must be activated by each Department's Administrator and then each member must allow it in their App's general settings.

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

- **Maintenance:**

- The UTV is scheduled for service this month.
- Both F550's are due for annual service this fall. The 2007 single cab has a fluid leak that will be examined at that time.

Old Business

- All of the Departments in the Division have signed the new MABAS Agreement and they have been submitted.
- The Division participation at the Airshow was reviewed.

New Business

- The MABAS-IL Dues are due at the end of the month and Treasurer Strong will take care of those.
- The 2024 meeting schedule will be available in November.

Announcements:

- Winslow Feather Party, Nov 4
- Orangeville Gun Banquet, Nov 11

The meeting adjourned @ 1950hr.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held November 1 @ Freeport Rural Fire (Pearl City Rd).

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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