

# Stephenson County Fire Chiefs Association Inc.

## MABAS Division 17

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### Minutes from April 6, 2022

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Ludeking at 1955hrs @ Cedarville Fire.

#### Guests:

- John Cabello, former IL 68<sup>th</sup> District Rep is now running for the re-aligned 90<sup>th</sup> District.
- Jim Conn from IFSI gave an overview of training in the area including:
  - IFSI Fire College, June 3-5 is free to Chief Officers to observe.
  - Freeport Rural will be hosting the IFSI Driving Simulator for 2 weeks in July or August. Open to everyone.
  - Several Basic Firefighter Academies are available in the area including a Blended class.
  - The revised IFSI website has multiple way to search for area classes.
  - The need for documentation of training can't be stressed enough. That was one of the issues noted in the OSHA report from Sterling Fire.
- Caleb Feltmeyer was introduced as the new Davis Fire Chief as of June 1. Ed Koelling will be quitting at that time.
- Scott Miller was introduced again as the Freeport Fire Chief.

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

#### Committees

- **Training:**
  - Local classes were listed
  - Freeport Rural is hosting a Fireground Ropes & Knots class, May 4 1800-2200hr. Reg @ IFSI.

#### **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

- **Communications/Dispatch:**

- Mutual Aid call numbers for March.
  - 17 total calls, 12 EMS and 1 Fire from within the Division, 4 EMS and 0 Fire from outside the Division.
- Cedarville had issues hearing the other Departments during the monthly radio test.
- Couple locations in the Oneco area had their addresses changed from Oneco Rd to Rt 26. Orangeville Fire knows about the changes and it shouldn't be an issue for in-coming units.

- **Hazmat:**

- 3 members are in Hazmat Tech class the week of April 4 & 11.
- The team was requested as a last-minute replacement for an Exercise in Tinley Park on April 7. Coordinator Book said with the short notice, members away at class and specific equipment with the students at class they elected to pass. Another Exercise is expected to be held in a closer location.

### Old Business

- Chief Bruning continues to meet with the County Fair Board about presentations/entertainment. The events will be at various times throughout the day and evening. They are looking for volunteers to staff the events in 2 shifts, Tuesday thru Saturday, 1100-1630hr and 1630-2130hr. Events planned so far: Touch a Truck, Smokehouse, Obstacle Course, Puppet Show & others.

### New Business

- Freeport Fire will have its 65' truck OOS for 4-6 weeks starting April 10. The 100' Platform is in service.
- There is a lot of local road work scheduled for this year.
  - Rt 26 bridge on North side of Cedarville will be closed starting April 11.
  - McConnell Rd West of Dakota Rd should be repaired this year along with Preston Rd, West of Freeport.
  - Rt 75 near Structo will be down to 1 lane to replace a culvert. MABAS Equipment will need to use the East drive.
- Kerry Dinges is going to start working at the County EMA Office. He suggested having personnel at the Stations for Storm Watch because of the low number of "Spotters".

### Announcements:

- Rock City Fire Fish Boil, April 23.

The meeting adjourned @ 2020hr.

Our next meeting will be held May 4 @ Lena Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Book

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