

# Stephenson County Fire Chiefs Association Inc.

## MABAS Division 17

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### Minutes from November 1, 2023

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by Vice President Ludeking at 1930hrs @ the Freeport Rural Fire Station #3.

#### Guests:

- Kristi Lomar, REACT Chief Flight Nurse & Karen Larson, Flight Nurse
  - With some of the changes in the Medical Helicopter transport programs in the area, Kristi & Karen wanted to touch base with local responders to let them know that the REACT program is still strong and based out of Rockford. Feel free to contact either of them for extra training.
- John Cabello, State Representative
  - John is on one of the Committees that allocate grant funds, so if you have a need or are thinking of applying, let him know so he can assist.
  - The State is still pushing for EMS body cams. Although there are instances when they could be helpful, this has a larger potential to be very problematic.
  - John was asked about the IL Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit. For 2023 that initiative was not funded so there is no money to obtain. It is supposed to be funded in 2024. Watch for more details.

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

#### Committees

- **Training:**
  - Local classes were listed.

#### **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 October:
    - 36 total calls, 27 EMS & 1 Fire from within the Division and 6 EMS & 2 Fire from outside the Division.
- **TRT:**
  - There has been some more discussion with Div 18.
- **Hazmat:**
  - The team has training pending in December with Stephenson FS and 2 members registered for Hazmat Tech in May.
- **EMS:**
  - There has not been much discussion in the past couple months with Elite.
- **Maintenance:**
  - The UTV was serviced. It was also discussed to purchase new tire.
  - Both F550's had their annual service. The 2007 single cab had a leaking oil plug that was fixed.

### **Old Business**

- Secretary Korte was not able to attend the Executive Board meeting, so no report.

### **New Business**

- The 2024 meeting schedule was circulated for sign up.

### **Announcements:**

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

The meeting adjourned @ 1955hr.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held December 6 @ Cimino's Restaurant, hosted by Freeport Fire. This is our annual Holiday Dinner Meeting with Spouses, Trustees and other invited. Cash bar : 1800hr, Dinner @ 1900hr w/ meeting after. Menu: Salad & Garlic Bread, Lasagna, Fried Chicken, Roasted Potatoes & Mixed Veg. Cost \$24 Please RSVP to Secretary Korte by Dec 1.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Korte, Secretary

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