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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from January 3, 2024

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

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

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual Aid call numbers for December:
 - 28 total calls, 20 EMS & 0 Fire from within the Division and 3 EMS & 5 Fire from outside the Division.
 - The Weekly radio tests and Monthly Box Card drills were discussed. A few of the items brought up:
 - This month there were volume issues which are being addressed.
 - More participation from the Fire Departments was requested to view the Dispatch side of the drills. These drills are for the Dispatchers as well as the Departments. Dispatching actual MABAS calls is different than weekly test for Dispatchers.
 - The testing Department should continue to communicate with Dispatch via radio so other Departments can hear the communications rather than talking in person in the dispatch center.
 - If Out of Division Departments are to be included in the drill, those Departments need to be contacted in advance to confirm participation.

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

- **HazMat:**
 - The teams Level A suits will have annual testing this month. The TRT & Hazmat SCBA units will be flow tested this month when the Freeport Fire units are tested.
- **Maintenance:**
 - A few items were highlighted for review during 2024, including servicing the Light Tower and replacing the trailer brake batteries.
- **Sheriff:**
 - The Sheriff has access to grant funding for Opioid Abuse and Mental Health training. Contact their office for more info. It was asked if there is any planned Active Shooter training.
 - The IAR and Rapid SOS info merging is now live and working well. The Dispatchers and responders are receiving more detailed information enroute and on scene.

Old Business

- There were no Departments with Box Card updates.

New Business

- The 2024 MABAS Summit is scheduled for Feb 19-23 at the Bloomington Normal Marriott. Secretary Korte will be attending the Command portion and there are 5 Dispatchers registered for the Dispatch portion.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1958hr.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held February 7 @ Pearl City Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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