

# Stephenson County Fire Chiefs Association Inc.

## MABAS Division 17

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### Minutes from September 7, 2022

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

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

#### Committees

- **Training:**
  - Local classes were listed
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
  - Mutual Aid call numbers for August.
    - 19 total calls, 6 EMS and 3Fire from within the Division, 8 EMS and 2 Fire from outside the Division.
- **TRT:**
  - The Compeer grant was filed for the 4-gas monitors and generator. They should know results in 4-6 weeks.
  - 3 personnel attended and passed their Rope Ops class.
  - Next training, Sept 24 @ old Station #3.
- **Hazmat:**
  - The team was deployed to Lanark for decon and to mitigate a spill resulting from a fire at the Carroll County FS. Most parts of the operation went well. An invoice and copy of the Division Spiller pay policy has been submitted to Carroll FS for our expenses.
- **Equipment Replacement:**
  - Dan Last stated that the replacement schedule needed to be updated. He will look into it next month with the help of TRT & Hazmat.
- **Sheriff:**
  - The Sheriff's Dept is hiring 2 more Dispatchers so that they will have 2 Dispatchers on at all times.

#### **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

## **Old Business**

- Chief Ludeking was not in attendance so nothing specific was discussed about EMS. German Valley will be hosting an EMR/First responder class starting January 11 on Monday & Wed nights.
- Deputy Chief Stykel reviewed the Freeport Airshow and some of the responsibilities. He is requesting the Division UTV. All personnel are to be in gear when planes are on the air. No one responds until the Air Boss gives his approval and the IC will relay that information. Departments scheduled to participate: Freeport City, Freeport Rural, German Valley, Orangeville & Winslow.
- We have not seen any results from our Firehouse Subs grants for a new Fit Test Machine. The Compeer Financial group has added an additional grant this year for just that type of equipment. It was agreed that we would submit a grant request through them for the Fit Test machine.
- The new Smoke House was brought up for discussion. FFD purchased the house with donations that went to the City. They are now offering it to the Division to be a Division asset if the Division would like to reimburse the City for the cost. That amount would be put into a fund to support the Smoke House and purchase supplies. The intent is to eliminate duplication and allow equal use by all members. If the Division chooses, a one-time assessment of \$1,090 would be requested from each member. Discussion followed with a motion to take the proposal back to Trustees to get their feeling and it will be brought up again in October. The Division has also been offered \$250 for the old unit if deemed surplus.
- The Fit Test Machine grant request was filed with Compeer. They advised that it would simplify the process if it was filed by one Department, who then could donate it to the Division. Lena Fire filed the grant under those provisions with the Division making up any difference. Those results should also be known in 4-6 weeks.

## **New Business**

- The scheduling of Division members using the new Smoke House was tabled until the issue is resolved. The old unit is still available to Division members.
- The Freeport City Council is putting out feelers about a Fall Festival. They were wondering if there is any interest in Firefighter water fights. It was the consensus that there is not much interest from area Departments.
- A short presentation was made detailing the Illinois Firefighter Memorial and the Paver Bricks. The impressive Memorial is on the State Capital lawn. Erected in 1999, it is the center point of the Memorial Ceremony held every May. Personalized Memorial Bricks can be purchased for \$250.

## **Announcements:**

- Rock City Fire is hosting a Fish Boil, Sept 17 1630-1930hr.
- Cedarville Fire is hosting a Feather Party Sept 17 with Rib or Steak dinner (\$20) from 1700-2000hrs and games 1930-2400hr.

The meeting adjourned @ 2020hr.

Our next meeting will be held October 5 @ Dakota Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Korte, Secretary

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