

Stephenson County Fire Chiefs Association Inc.

MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from June 7, 2023

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

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

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed, Including:
 - Grain Bin & Ag Rescue, June 24 @ German Valley Fire, Cost \$100
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual Aid call numbers for May.
 - 33 total calls, 20 EMS & 2 Fire from within the Division and 7 EMS & 4 Fire from outside the Division.
 - The Next Gen911 Phase 2 testing will be starting soon. This will include Texting & VOIP call verification.
- **TRT:**
 - The consolidation of TRT 8 & 17 for State Deployments is still pending final approval from Div 8.
- **Hazmat:**
 - A payment of our Lanark Invoice was thought to be in the works but has since fallen apart. A Rep from Country Companies had promised to pay our invoice a few weeks ago. They wanted to do a Direct Deposit that day but we are not

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set up for those so an actual check was needed. That never arrived. Last word was that Shannon Fire was the only agency being paid because no one else had a Spiller Pay Ordinance. They were reminded that those documents were submitted with the original invoice last August. Those documents were again sent to Country Companies. Nothing further.

- **Equipment Replacement:**
 - The Division has been awarded their Grant request from the Freeport Community Foundation for the balance of funds needed to purchase the new Fit Test Machine. There will be a Grant Award Reception, June 28 1730hrs at the Freeport Country Club. 3 members are allowed to attend.
- **Sheriff:**
 - The Sheriff was absent but wanted to remind First Responders of the program set up for Counseling and debriefing after traumatic calls or just anytime.

Old Business

- Some Departments have completed the updating of their MABAS Agreements. Everyone was reminded that a copy of the signed agreement (back page) and Ordinance/Resolution are needed to be sent to secretary Korte for filing with MABAS.

New Business

- Reminder of the MABAS Executive Board meeting, June 14 1000hr @ the MRC in Wheeling or the Fire Chief's Conference in Peoria.
- At the fall MABAS Executive Board meeting, a Bylaws update will be voted on. This update is intended to align the Bylaws with the new Master Agreement.
- The Stephenson County Fair events/Coverage were discussed.
 - FFD Fire Marshal Hillary Broshous is planning to set up and conduct some fire safety demonstrations and events like last year. She is planning on the Puppet Show in the tent and the Obstacle Course for kids. The Smoke House will not be there this year. She is asking for additional help from Departments.
 - FFD will be staffing an Ambulance onsite (call volume allowing) from 0900-1800hr. It is unsure if there will be an ambulance for the evening shift or at the Grandstand.
 - FFD is also asking for assistance in staffing the motorized events at the Grandstand this year. (Tractor Pulls - July 25 & 26, 1800hr, Tough Truck Event – July 27 @ 2000hr, Demolition Derby – July 29 @ 1900hr) They are not planning to send a staffed Engine to these events this year. Freeport Rural usually has an Engine at each of these events but an additional unit is requested. Chief Wichman will coordinate this coverage.
- Deputy Chief Stykel discussed the Freeport Air Show. Date: Sept 16 @ 1330hr. The event is planned to be larger than last year but the operations will remain somewhat similar. DC Stykel will be contacting the Departments that usually assist and coordinate their participation and training.

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Announcements:

- Leaf River Road will be closed for repairs over the next 3-4 months.
- Chief Ludeking brought up conducting a Division drill. It had been discussed last year and never completed. The last exercise was to supply the FFD Tower with a water shuttle. It is unsure if the Freeport Water Dept could currently support another drill of that type. Ideas/suggestions welcome.

The meeting adjourned @ 2002hr.

There will not be a meeting in July unless requested. Our next scheduled meeting will be held August 2 @ Lena Fire. This will be a Dinner Meeting. Rib Eye Steak or 2 Pork Chops for \$20. Social hour @ 1800, Grilling @ 1900, Meeting about 1930hr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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