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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from August 6, 2025

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Ludeking at 1940hrs @ The Lena Fire Station. Chief Strong and the Lena Fire Department were thanked for the meal.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the June meeting were approved. A motion to accept the June/July Treasures report was also approved.

Committees

- **Training:**

- Local classes were listed.

- **Communications/Dispatch:**

- The June call numbers were reviewed:
 - 31 calls total.
 - 11 EMS & 1 Fire calls within the Division
 - 17 EMS & 2 Fire calls outside the Division
- The July call numbers were reviewed:
 - 22 calls total.
 - 15 EMS & 1 Fire calls within the Division
 - 4 EMS & 2 Fire calls outside the Division
- Central Square
 - The “Go Live” date is still set for Sept 15/16. The project Managers are planning to set up a “Field Trip” to Whiteside County to view their implementation.

- **TRT:**

- The next training is scheduled for Aug 19 with Div 8.

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:**
 - Their last training was reviewing Monitors. One member is scheduled for Tech class this fall.
 - Decon 8 is currently OOS at Wheeling.
- **EMS:**
 - Freeport Rural's Amb is currently OOS with mechanical problems. They are looking into loaners and MA coverage.
- **Equipment Maintenance:**
 - The Hazmat & TRT trailers are due for bearing/brakes inspection.
- **EMA:**
 - New weather stations have arrived and will be distributed to Departments.
 - Their grant funding is still pending.

Old Business

- A review of the June MABAS Executive Board Mtg was given.
 - Some of their funding has been reinstated. Still working on getting MABAS included in the State budget.
 - Air Trucks are getting rehabbed and cylinders updated.
 - The MABAS insurance covers all of their assets and any Division equipment included. They are conducting an audit of the listed assets.
- The Freeport Water Tower maintenance is planned to be completed by Aug 15. Thank you to Freeport Rural fire and Cedarville fire for participating in the Water Shuttle drill with Freeport Fire.
- The Active Shooter class that Ret. Officer JoLynn Marcum started setting up, is scheduled for Feb 12-13 @ HCC. IFSI is only giving us until Aug 29 to register and fill the class. So far there is only 1 student registered. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word, or the class will be canceled. Registration is not available online and must be completed through the class flier.
- The Fit Test machine has had its annual calibration completed and missing parts replaced.
- Thank you to everyone that participated in the County Fair events, Pearl City fire, Freeport Rural fire German Valley fire, Orangeville fire, Dakota fire.

New Business

- Everyone that has previously participated in the Freeport Air Show has been contacted by Deputy Chief Stykel. If you have a change in your participation status, please contact him.
- MABAS uses software called Salamander for inventory, Credentialling and Tier 2 cards. They are offering this software to all the member Divisions free of charge. If you are interested in using this software, let Secretary Korte know and he can help get you set up.
- OSFM Fire Investigator John McGee has returned to work after medical leave. He has a new canine in training and expects to have it certified soon. Please contact him through the usual OSFM number.
- The Division Credit Card has expired. Treasurer Strong is working on getting it replaced. It is stored in the FFD Chief's Office with fuel cards and deployment cash.

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Our next meeting will be September 3 @ German Valley Fire.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2008hr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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