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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from November 5, 2025

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Ludeking at 1931hrs @ The Freeport Rural Fire Station #3.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the October meeting was approved. A motion to accept the Treasures report was also approved.

Committees

• **Training:**

- Local classes were listed.
- Freeport Rural is hosting:
 - IL Traffic Incident Management, Nov 19, 1800-2200hr, Free
 - First Due Fire Alarms, Dec 11, 1800-2200hr, Free
- Pearl City Fire is hosting:
 - Fires on the Farm, Dec 13, 0800-1200hr, Free
 - Fire Behavior and Reading Smoke, Jan 17, 0800-1200hr, Free
- Freeport Fire is checking into hosting a “Blended” Advanced Fire Officer class in 2026. The blended class will be 1 Orientation Day, then 4 weeks of online training and finishing with 3-4 weekends in classroom. The expected dates will be late summer/early fall.

• **Communications/Dispatch:**

- The September calls were submitted:
 - 21 total calls.
 - 19 EMS & 6 Fire within the Division
 - 6 EMS & 0 Fire from outside the Division
- The October calls were submitted:
 - 33 total calls.
 - 15 EMS & 5 Fire within the Division
 - 7EMS & 6 Fire from outside the Division

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

- Central Square/IAR
 - Most of the Central Square issues have been worked out during the past month.
 - There are still issues with the link to IAR. The preprogramed test links (Tues AM & Thurs PM) are not currently functional. The dispatches from County are set up to alert the Department every time there is a change in status. This is resulting in multiple alerts during a single call. It may be a setting that can be set up for each specific Department. You must check with Mike Backus.
- **TRT:**
 - Coordinator Tim Randecker was at the meeting and offered the teams older ½” rope to any Department that wanted it. Some of the rope has a limited rescue life and the rest can only be used as utility rope. Lengths range from 125’-400’. Most of the segments were claimed by the end of the meeting.
- **Hazmat:**
 - One member completed Hazmat Tech within the past month.
- **Maintenance:**
 - The UTV fuel issues have been repaired, and the unit was serviced while at the Dealership.
 - The battery in the Smokehouse was also replaced.
- **EMA:**
 - Lena & Winslow were thanked for helping at the Nora train derailment. They should be receiving some Spiller Pay reimbursement.

Old Business

- The minimum enrollment for the Active Shooter/School Safety class has been met. The final roster will be set within the next few weeks. Class dates: Feb 12 & 13, 2026.
- The new Division Credit Card has been renewed. The Treasurer is attempting to get the limit increased.
- The Division information for MABAS Insurance Audit have been submitted to our Branch Chief.
- The Dakota Water Tower is back online and working properly.

New Business

- The 2026 Division 17 Meeting schedule was produced for Departments to sign up.
- Everyone was reminded to submit any Box Card changes to the Secretary by Dec 31.
- A brief outline of the MABAS-IL Executive Board meeting was given. The main topic was funding.
- The Division was notified of some changes to a local Box Card website. www.mabdb.com is hosted and maintained by the Pecatonica Deputy Chief. The site maintains current Box cards for many of the local Divisions, specifically Div 8, 17, 18, 38, 101 & 104. The owner has elected to update the site to be a subscription/password protected site. As of Jan 1, the subscription will be \$30/yr. More details can be found on the site.

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Our next meeting will be December 3 @ Cimino's, hosted by Freeport Fire.

- This will be our annual Christmas Dinner. Spouses, Trustees, Officers are welcome.
- Cash bar @ 1800hr, Dinner @ 1900hr, Meeting about 1930hr. Cost \$29
- Menu: Chicken Parmesan & Shrimp Alfredo

The meeting was adjourned @ 1955hr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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