

# Stephenson County Fire Chiefs Association Inc.

## MABAS Division 17

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### Minutes from June 3, 2026

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Ludeking at 1930hrs @ The Lena Fire Station.

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

#### Committees

- **Training:**

- Local classes were listed.
- There is also a Basic Operations Firefighter Blended class through IFSI and Cherry Valley Fire starting July 25.
- Lena Fire has acquired a burn structure for training evolutions. The training will be held on June 13 and is open to anyone that wants to participate. Be at the Station by 0730hr.

- **Communications/Dispatch:**

- The May calls were submitted:
  - 26 total calls.
    - 14 EMS & 2 Fire within the Division
    - 2 EMS & 8 Fire from outside the Division
- The Monroe fire call and Fulton Hazmat call were discussed.

- **TRT:**

- The personnel trained in the Byron Confined Space prop on May 28.

- **Hazmat:**

- MABAS-IL has supplied the team with a Static Grounding mat.

- **Maintenance:**

- An updated maintenance list was distributed. The wheel bearings need to be checked on the UTV trailer and the Break-Away batteries on the TRT & Hazmat trailers should be replaced.

#### **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

- Nothing

## New Business

- The details of the funeral for John Morgan, a Harlem Roscoe Firefighter, and the request for station coverage during the services were discussed
- Details and the timeline of the FEMA AFG, Fire Prevention & Safety, and the SAFER grant were discussed.
- Event coverage at this year's Stephenson County Fair was discussed and coordinated by Brad Cox & Eric Bruning. There will be the MABAS tent for cooling, the Obstacle Course and Touch a Truck each day, from about 1130-1900hrs. Freeport Fire will be providing an ambulance for the grounds each day from about 1000-1800hr. The UTV is also requested if available.
- The increase in our I Am Responding rates was discussed. Our yearly rate increased from about \$300/yr to over \$800. With the changeover to Central Square and a few other programming issues, additional unnecessary pages were sent out, increasing our call numbers. The account was originally set up for TRT & Hazmat. Freeport Fire was included because they only use it for emergency call backs, which is usually about 15 times a year. The Coroner's Office was also added to the account later. Robyn offered to ask the ETSB to pay the extra fee, but we will cover the cost, expecting it to go back down next year.
- The 2026 Freeport Air Show was asked about. The Deputy Chief is working on paperwork for the event which is scheduled for Sept 19th. She will be reaching out to the Departments that have participated previously to see if you are interested this year.

The next meeting will be on August 5. That will be a dinner meeting at the Freeport Eagles Club. More details to follow.

Chief Widolff also announced that the December Dinner Meeting will be at the McConnell Hideaway on Dec 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 1953hr.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Korte, Secretary

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