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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from May 4, 2022

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

Guest:

Jazmin Wingert, Candidate for Stephenson County Clerk addressed the group. She is from Kent/Pearl City.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the April meeting with a correction was approved. Davis Chief Ed Koelling stepped down on May 1 instead of June 1. The Treasurers report from April was also approved.

Committees

• **Training:**

- Local classes were listed
- A Fireground Ropes & Knots class is being conducted during the meeting.
- A Basic Operations Firefighter Blended class will start August 6 @ Cherry Valley.
- Lena Fire has requested a New Vehicle Technology class. Location TBD.
- Any other classes needed?

• **Communications/Dispatch:**

- Mutual Aid call numbers for April.
 - 27 total calls, 11 EMS and 4 Fire from within the Division, 10 EMS and 2 Fire from outside the Division.
- The IP224 units have been installed at both Dispatch Centers and seem to be working properly. Departments are advised to contact June if they notice any irregularities.

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

- **TRT:**
 - Due to limited availability, training has been moved to may 21, Confined Space @ Consolidated Grain in Freeport.
- **Maintenance:**
 - Some VIN & Serial Numbers were updated.
 - In 2021 the Tent trailer had the tires replaced but still need bearings and brakes checked, cost \$500. Approved
 - The older (2003?) Hazmat/Support Trailer has never had the tires replaced or the brakes/bearings checked. It was asked if the trailer was still needed. It is currently only being used as secure storage for Division and TRT equipment. The trailer does have some minor body damage possibly caused by lawn equipment. Trailer Specs will be verified and disposition will be determined at next meeting. The trailer is owned by the Division so no Grant stipulations will impact outcome. Division Departments will have first choice.
 - The Break-Away batteries for trailers need to be replaced. Expected cost \$50. Approved.
- **Sheriff:**
 - Deputy Stoval reported from the 911 Board that there is no money to provide address signs for the rural Fire Districts.
 - He is also checking on discrepancies in MABAS Call Outs. He is looking into some policy/procedural issues to streamline the process.

Old Business

- Chief Bruning is working on the program and scheduling personnel for the County Fair. Dates are July 26-30, shifts 1100-1630hr & 1630-2100hr. Programs planned: Touch a Truck, Smoke House, Puppet Show, Extrication Demo, Equipment demo/tours, Nozzle targets.
- The Division WEX Fuel cards have not worked for a few months. Treasurer Strong was finally able to reach a real person and discuss our issue. The cards had not needed to be used in quite a few months (5 or more) so the cards were shut off. After a long discussion the cards were turned back on and will be confirmed active in a few days. The names and access codes associated with the cards will also be updated soon.

New Business

- The State FIRE Marshalls Office has teamed up with Vector Solutions to better access and verify firefighter certifications. They have been scheduling informational training sessions around the state. Secretary Korte will work on setting up a regional training session to get everyone access and up to speed on the new system.
- Secretary Korte & FF LeFevre met with representatives from the OHD Company to evaluate their new Fit Test Machine. It is the one that the Division has approved purchasing once we receive grant funding. The machine does a better, quicker and simpler test. The Company was advised that we are just waiting funding approval.

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- MABAS has updated and improved their CIMS database to version 3.0. The new version is linked to the Dispatch Software that MABAS & RED Center use to formulate deployment rosters and assets. There are more personnel training qualifications listed and current pay rates also need to be included.
- Cherry Valley Fire and Harlem Roscoe Fire have updated their Box Cards. Only a few Departments in Div. 17 are included but the cards can be used as a reference.
- Tri-District Ambulance Board is planning a Referendum vote to increase the amount they are allowed to collect/spend on personnel costs. They currently do not take in enough money to cover expenses. Chief Ludeking also expects many other Districts are in the same situation. Discussion covered call volume, Mutual Aid requests, Paramedic Upgrades and responsibility to tax payers. This is an ongoing discussion to enlighten everyone and look for solutions.

Announcements:

- Lena Fire is hosting their Annual Lena Fire Open Golf Outing, June 4 , 0900hr @ Wolf Hollow. Cost: \$75/golfer, \$20 Cart Sponsor, \$50 Beverage Cart Sponsor, \$100 Hole Sponsor or Putting Contest Sponsor or \$250 for Chief Level Package. Registration deadline May 27.
- Lena Fire LFD Fest. July 16 @ Rafters. Demonstrations, Kids activities, Car-Truck-Semi-UTV show, Music, Raffles, Food, Drinks.

The meeting adjourned @ 2030hr.

Our next meeting will be held June 1 @ Winslow Fire (old school).

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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