

# Stephenson County Fire Chiefs Association Inc.

## MABAS Division 17

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### Minutes from August 2, 2023

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1940hrs @ the Lena Fire Station. Lena Firefighters were thanked for the nice meal.

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

#### Committees

- **Training:**
  - Local classes were listed.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
  - Mutual Aid call numbers for June:
    - 35 total calls, 22 EMS & 3 Fire from within the Division and 7 EMS & 3 Fire from outside the Division.
  - Mutual Aid calls for July:
    - 33 total calls, 25 EMS & 4 Fire from within the Division and 2 EMS & 2 Fire from outside the Division.
- **TRT:**
  - The consolidation of TRT 8 & 17 did not happen. Rockford Fire wanted to keep things as is for their team. Secretary Korte has reached out to Div. 18 and has had a positive response. We will continue further discussion.
  - The carburetors in some of the generators have failed. Replacements can be obtained. Motion to replace the parts passed.
  - Coordinator Randecker is checking on grants to update the 4-gas meters.
- **Hazmat:**
  - We received full payment from Carroll FS. The check has been given to Treasurer Strong to disperse. We will contact our Lawyer to get our final bill.
  - The Hazmat Team also responded to a fuel spill at Lake Summerset. Minimal personnel were required and a bill has been sent to the Lake Association.

#### **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

- **Equipment Replacement:**
  - The new Fit Test machine was displayed. Both machines were left with Lena to use and test out. The old (County Health) machine will be returned to the County next month.
- **Maintenance:**
  - The Division Special Teams have 4 SCBA Cylinders that are due for Hydro Testing this fall. It was approved to do the tests.

### **Old Business**

- Most 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 by the end of the year.
- Fire Marshal Broshous thanks everyone for helping at the County Fair. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Obstacle Course with it being broadcast on the evening news multiple times.
- A packet of info was distributed to those planning to assist with the Freeport Airshow this year. Deputy Chief Stykel will be in contact with each of those Departments again prior to the event.

### **New Business**

- A short review of the MABAS-IL Executive Board meeting was given. The next meeting will be October 18.
- There were a few issues with the use of the UTV at the Fair this year.
  - The keys were never removed each night after the night Ambulance crew had finished their shift. Luckily, it was not taken or mis-used. The policy has always been to remove the keys and secure them in the Sheriff's Reserve trailer. Some of the confusion may have been because of newer personnel. This will be stressed next year.
  - At the same time, it was discovered that the main UTV key was missing and the spare was being used. No one knows how long the key has been missing. A replacement was made and the spare will now be kept locked up in the host agency Station.
  - We are looking into a compact siren for the UTV. When operating in a crowded, noisy area during daylight hours it is difficult for bystanders to notice the UTV coming up behind them.

### **Announcements:**

- Lena Fire is holding a Gun & 50/50 Raffle on Sept 30. Tickets 1-\$10 or 3-\$20. Winners need not be present to win.

The meeting adjourned @ 2010hr.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held September 6 @ Winslow Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Korte, Secretary

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