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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from April 5, 2023

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1942hrs @ the Pearl City Fire Station.

Guest:

- State Representative John Cabello, He announced that he and Tony McCombie are on the committee for approving OSFM grants. Also if we have other needs to contact them for assistance or letters of support.
- Myron Munyon, Compass Insurance. This company covers about 25% of the state for Fire & EMS Department insurance coverage. He would like the opportunity to give your Department a quote. Myron also donated the cost of all of the steaks back to Pearl City Fire and they in turn donated part of the cost back to the Division.

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

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed
 - Alternate Fuel Vehicle class, April 29 @ Lena Fire, 0800-1200 or 1300-1700, FREE, Register through IFSI
 - Grain Bin & Ag Rescue, June 24 @ German Valley Fire, Cost \$100
 - Adkins Walk Thru for Fire personnel, April 20 @ 1800hr, Contact Chief Strong.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual Aid call numbers for March.
 - 27 total calls, 18 EMS & 3 Fire from within the Division and 3 EMS & 3 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

- Next Gen 911 phase 2 is in testing.
- **TRT:**
 - The consolidation of TRT 8 & 17 for State Deployments is still pending approval from Div 8. They meet every other month.
- **Hazmat:**
 - No response has been received from our Lawyer's letter to Carroll FS. We have a conference call scheduled for April 6 @ 1400hr to discuss options and further action.
 - The Hazmat team has been requested to participate in a MABAS funded Hazmat Exercise on April 12 in Cherry Valley. The team is compiling a roster of available personnel. The exercise is expected to last about 4 hrs, 1400-1800hr
- **Equipment Replacement:**
 - We are still expecting delivery of our new Hazmat & TRT SCBA's in late April.
 - A grant application was submitted to the Freeport Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,1380 to complete the funding of the new Fit Test equipment. The grants should be awarded by June 1. Another alternative has also been offered but will not be explored unless our grant is denied.
- **Sheriff:**
 - A DEA "Drug Take Back" program is scheduled for April 22, 1000-1400hr @ German Valley Fire Station.
 - The County Dispatch Center is now fully staffed. This is the first time in a few years that this has happened.
 - There have been a few serious accidents over the past month. They Sheriff is setting up a Social Services Wellness Administrator to allow for debriefing and mental health services of first Responders.
- **Stephenson EMA:**
 - Scott thanked everyone for attending the Storm Spotter class. They had about 100 in attendance.
 - Reminder to ask for EMA assistance at scenes if needed or unsure.

Old Business

- The Monroe City/Monroe Rural clarification on Box Cards has almost been completed. Everyone will be advised when they are complete and posted to the website.
- It was requested that the RIT notification on our Cards be more uniform and placed in the response level line instead of at the bottom of the card. Secretary Korte would handle during the revision discussed above.
- A few Departments have completed the updating of their MABAS Agreements. Everyone was reminded that a copy of the signed agreement and Ordinance/Resolution is needed to be sent to secretary Korte for filing with MABAS. Also, the County Clerk does not need to be notified of these changes.

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New Business

- Chief Brent Schneider announced that he was stepping down from the Pearl City Fire Chief position after 20 years. He is planning to stay on the Department for a while yet. A new Chief has not yet been appointed but the decision is expected in a few weeks.

Announcements:

- Reminder of the BBQ benefit for Winslow Chief Ron Pina on April 8, 1600-2000hr at the Winslow Community Center. Please Help, Donate & Contribute.
- Rock City Fire Fish Boil, April 22, 1630-1930hr. \$15
- Lena Fire Golf Outing, June 3. They are looking for Sponsors and participants. Previous participants have been sent entry information to be filled by May 1. Any unfilled 4-somes will then be open to the public.
- Freeport Fire is still taking applications for Firefighters until May 1. Prior EMT License is not required this time.

The meeting adjourned @ 2016hr.

Our next meeting will be held May 3 @ Rock City Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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