

# Stephenson County Fire Chiefs Association Inc.

## MABAS Division 17

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### Minutes from May 1, 2024

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1931hrs @ Rock City Fire.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the April meeting was approved with a correction about the Davis Dive Team noted. The Treasurer report for April was also approved.

#### Committees

- **Training:**
  - Local classes were listed.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
  - 36 calls total.
    - 27 EMS & 1 Fire calls in the Division
    - 5 EMS & 3 Fire calls outside the Division
- **TRT:**
  - Training with Div 8 was canceled this month because of weather.
  - The team's 4 gas monitors are obsolete but still functioning. It has been decided between TRT & Hazmat that if the team is responding to a Confined Space call or monitors may be needed, a Hazmat person will also respond with their meters.
- **Hazmat:**
  - 2 personnel just finished Hazmat Incident Command class and 3 personnel will be attending Hazmat Tech in Cherry Valley over the next 2 weeks.
- **Maintenance:**
  - A few items listed for service this year. It was discussed that in some instances, battery tenders are not extending the battery life. It was suggested to purchase Gel cell batteries and not use tenders. Lena Fire has been doing this for a while now and the batteries are lasting longer and are less expensive.

#### **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

- There are 9 TRT SCBA cylinders needing hydro test in the next couple months. The serial numbers were verified.

### **Old Business**

- The County Fair activities were discussed.
  - Orangeville Fire is planning to help one of the first days.
  - June said 911 will be setting up a display with the Division to instruct kids on how to call 911.

### **New Business**

- The next MABAS Executive Board meeting will be held May 23 @ 1200hr. This will be held in multiple locations including the MRC in Wheeling and @ Lee Co. Sheriff's Office in Dixon. Secretary Korte will be attending in Wheeling.
- Orangeville Fire is switching SCBA's to 4500 psi and getting a new compressor/cascade. They have 2216 cascade cylinders available if anyone is interested.
- There was some discussion about the latest radio drill and MABAS/Mutual Aid dispatches including:
  - Remember to include "this is a drill" during tests.
  - Reply to Dispatch on IFERN.
  - Use of Countywide tones on all Mutual Aid/MABAS calls.
  - If there are issues that do not impact safety, they can be discussed after the incident.
  - If there are dispatching issues with Freeport PD, contact Jessica @ 815-599-5861.

### **Announcements**

- Freeport Fire is accepting applications for a new hiring list. There is currently 1 open position that will be filled right away. Applications are available May 1- July 6. They must be returned by July 15. The list is expected to be finalized in October.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1956hr. Our next scheduled meeting will be held June 5 @ Lena Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Korte, Secretary

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