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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from April 3, 2024

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1930hrs @ the Ville Golf Course in Orangeville.

Guests

- Senator Chesney attended and gave a short report.
 - The Governor is pushing DEI programs including allowing non-Citizens to be firefighters and police officers.
 - The \$500 volunteer firefighter tax credit has a few hoops to jump through to qualify.
 - Possible bill to eliminate the state Grocery tax but Municipalities can institute their own.
 - He was questioned about the IL OSHA/IDOL Inspections being conducted at local Fire Departments. Some of the items/requirements seemed extreme. Information has been sent out to assist with the Respiratory Standard testing.

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.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - June was ill so no March data was presented. Details received a few days later.
 - 31 calls total.
 - 21 EMS & 3 Fire calls in the Division
 - 3 EMS & 4 Fire calls 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

- **TRT:**
 - A group of 8 members attended Confined Space training in Rockford with the Div 8 team. Everything went well and the consolidation is progressing.
- **EMS:**
 - Nothing specific mentioned other than no one has enough help.
- **Maintenance:**
 - A few items listed for later in the year. Light Tower service after the fair & tire replacement on UTV trailer.

Old Business

- Rep. John Cabello has offered to sponsor our August Dinner meeting. His office will be coordinating with Cedarville Fire.

New Business

- A CESSA (Community Emergency Services Support Act) workshop is scheduled for April 12 in DeKalb. This is intended to utilize Social Workers instead of Police or EMS in situations with people having Psych issues. DC Stykel will be attending along with Jessica and a few others from FPD.
- The County Fair was discussed for planning. FFD Fire Marshal Broshous is planning to run the Obstacle Course again this year and have the Western Shelter tent for cooling. The entertainment schedule in the grandstand for each night has been set. A Coverage schedule has not yet been determined.
 - July 23 – Tractor Pulls 1800-2230hr.
 - July 24 – Tractor Pulls 1800-2230hr.
 - July 25 – Tough Truck Challenge 2000-2200hr.
 - July 26 – Rodeo 1900-2200hr.
 - July 27 – Demo Derby 1900-2200hr.
- Local flooding was discussed after the 4” + rain received. Yellow Creek in Pearl City is starting to recede but still high at Krape Park in Freeport. The Pecatonica River in Winslow is flooding lowlands but is not expected to impact any roads or the town. In Freeport the river is rising but not expected to impact any roads.
- Davis Fire reminded the group, their Dive Team has 6 fully trained personnel, and they train with the Div 8 team. Let them know if you have personnel interested in participating.

Announcements

- The Regional Firefighter Stag will be held April 13 @ Lena Fire.
- Pearl City Dinner & Dance, April 20
- Rock City Fish Boil, April 27.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2005hr. Our next scheduled meeting will be held May 1 @ Rock City Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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