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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from March 6, 2024

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1925hrs @ the Winslow Community Building.

Guests

- Lt. JoLynn Marcum & Jessica Saavedra-Carlson were introduced. Lt. Marcum is the new Administrative Lt overseeing City Dispatch and Jessica is the new City Dispatch Supervisor. Jessica comes with 20+ years of experience from RockComm where she recently retired.

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

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual Aid call numbers for January:
 - 26 total calls, 18 EMS & 2 Fire from within the Division and 4 EMS & 2 Fire from outside the Division.
 - More discussion was held about our Box Card drills. The call needs to be dispatched to the home Department and then elevated through the Box levels determined by the IC. Each Box level needs to allow time for departments to respond on the radio before advancing or striking the box.
- **TRT:**
 - Consolidation talks continue with Division 8. Many of our members will be attending the next Div 8 TRT training session on March 19.

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

- **EMS:**
 - There is an EMT-Basic class currently being held at FHN
- **Maintenance:**
 - The trailer brake batteries have been installed.
- **Sheriff:**
 - The Sheriff asked how most Departments do their Fire Investigations. Most said they contact Dispatch and either request FFD Fire Marshal Broshous or the OSFM Investigator. The Sheriff asked that his Detectives also be contacted to preserve any evidence or assist in obtaining Search Warrants.

Old Business

- A short report was given on the 2024 MABAS Summit. Lt Marcum & Lt Backus each attended with Dispatchers from their agencies.

New Business

- IL Representative John Cabello has offered to help sponsor our Dinner Meetings. Sec Korte will coordinate with his office.
- New Draft Box Cards were distributed and discussed, from Harlem Roscoe, Northwest Fire & Shirland. A correction of dispatch phone numbers will be sent along with a denial of services on the Harlem Roscoe Disaster Card for a Division 17 Ambulance Task Force. Our Division has very limited Amb resources.

Announcements

- Ice Hogs First Responder Appreciation Night, March 16 @ 1900hrs. Free
- Cedarville Fire Breakfast, March 23
- Orangeville Dinner & Games, March 23
- The Regional Firefighter Stag will be held April 13 @ Lena Fire.
- Pearl City Dinner & Dance, April 20

Our next scheduled meeting will be held April 3 @ Brush Creek Golf Course, Orangeville. This will be a Dinner meeting. Cost \$20. RSVP Pat Widolff @ 815-238-0843 by March 29.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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