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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from February 5, 2020

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1930hrs @ Lena Fire.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the January meeting was approved. The Treasurers report from January was approved.

Committees

- **Training:**

- Local classes were listed
- “Airplane Down” training by Rockford Airport Fire Chief Brian Kunce, Feb 10, 1900hrs @ German Valley Fire

- **Communications/Dispatch:**

- Mutual aid call report for January, 9 total calls.
 - 3 EMS & 0 Fire requests from within the County and 4 EMS & 2 Fire requests from outside the County.
- The Next Gen 911 program is moving forward. Dekalb County is leading the way being the first County to submit their plan. All of the other area Counties will be seeing how that works and edit plans as needed.
- The Geo Files are being updated to better dispatch the EMR personnel from Orangeville and Winslow.
- 2 dispatch personnel are registered for the upcoming MABAS Summit.

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

- **Hazmat:**
 - Coordinator Book gave an overview of the response to Modern Plating on Jan 14.
 - A request for 2 SKED's was presented to be used for Hazmat victim removal. Cost \$590. Approved
- **Equipment Replacement:**
 - TRT is planning to replace a couple type 3 harnesses and ropes over the next couple months. These are scheduled to be replaced this year. Prices will be presented next month.
- **Maintenance:**
 - Annual SCBA flow testing of Division equipment was completed and the records and bill have been received.
 - There are 11 SCBA cylinders that need to be Hydro Tested this spring. They are included in the service schedule. Bids will be sought and reported next month.
 - The TRT Hurst backpack Combi-tool was serviced at the same time as the FFD equipment. No issues were found and a bill will be forth coming.

Old Business

- The issues we were having with I Am Responding have been fixed. It was a Spamming Alert issue with United States Cellular.
- IAR also sent out an overview of improvements made to the program over the past year. That was forwarded to the members.
- All of the submitted Box Card changes were posted on the MABAS 17 website.

New Business

- IFSI has reorganized their Cornerstone personnel. Randy Schlichter is replacing Ray Palczynski as our Rep. Randy can be reached at schlicht@illinois.edu.
- Chief Liggett presented Tom Korte with a MABAS-IL Humanitarian Award for his participation in the Flooding Response last year.
- Pearl City Elevator is hosting a screening of "SILO – The Film". It will be held Feb 16, 1400 & 1630hrs at the Lindo Theater. This film is a dramatization of a grain bin accident and the impact on everyone involved. A couple of the families associated with the call in Mt.Carroll gave permission for details to be used. The FREE screening is open to PC Coop customers and area first responders. Tickets can be obtained through the email sent to each Department.
- Chief Ludeking inquired about the SCBA filling capabilities and safety of the 2006 F550. The truck has 3 – 6000# cylinders for filling with a light weight containment box. It was asked if that was safe enough and what the alternatives might be. Also if the 2007 F550 should have the same capabilities.

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Announcements:

- AFG grant period open through March 13.
- OSFM Small Equipment Grant period open through Feb 29.
- MABAS-IL Command Summit, Feb 24-26 @ Bloomington Normal Marriott.
- MABAS-IL Dispatch Summit, Feb 26-28 @ Bloomington Normal Marriott.
- Area Firefighter Stag, April 4 @ Rock City
- Lena Fire announced that they received a \$26,000 grant from Firehouse Subs. There are quite a few grant programs out there; Walmart, Firehouse Subs, Freeport Community Foundation, Compeer Financial.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

Our next meeting will be held, March 4 @ Orangeville Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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