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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from March 4, 2020

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

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

Committees

• **Training:**

- Local classes were listed
 - 2 local classes @ Freeport Rural still need enrollment
 - Anhydrous Ammonia Class, March 11 @ 1800hrs
 - Fire Service Ladders, April 18 @ 1800hrs

• **Communications/Dispatch:**

- Mutual aid call report for February, 15 total calls.
 - 7 EMS & 1 Fire requests from within the County and 5 EMS & 2 Fire requests from outside the County.
- Financial Justification paperwork for Next Gent 911 filed. If everything goes well the transition should be complete by end of year.
- There will be an upgrade to some of the Dispatching software. During that short timeframe IAR will not be active. Dispatch will notify all Departments when that happens.

• **TRT:**

- March 21 training is scheduled to be held at MERIT Center and May 9 training will be held at Cherry Valley.

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- **Hazmat:**

- A new set of gaskets were donated by the Chlorine Institute.
- There is a meeting being scheduled with the Div 8 Hazmat leaders.

- **Equipment Replacement:**

- In February Lena Fire said that they received a Grant from Firehouse Subs. Secretary Korte put together a list of local Grant opportunities.
 - Walmart, \$5,000 limit, up to 25 grant apps/year, 90 day cycle
 - Compeer Financial, \$3,000 limit, app due by Aug 31
 - Firehouse Subs, \$25,000 limit, App due May, Aug & Nov
 - Freeport Comm Foundation, no limit, App due March 16 & Aug 20
 - Community Foundation of N IL, \$5,000 limit, open application
- TRT was requested to bring quotes for the rope and harnesses being replaced this year. There were at least 3 quotes for each item. The low bids were: 2 -Type 3 Harnesses – Air One, 2 -200’ ropes – Air One, 2-300’ ropes – EDarley. These items will be submitted to one of the local grants and purchased by Division if unsuccessful.
- TRT also needs an O2 sensor for one of the 4-gas monitors, cost \$225. The Rae monitors that were issued have been discontinued and parts are becoming difficult to obtain. A quote from Dinges Fire was obtained for 2 4 gas monitors, 2 Confined Space pumps, 1 test station & 1 test cylinder. Cost \$3,670. This replacement will also be submitted to local grants for replacement. The group approved the purchase of the O2 sensor to keep the current monitor working.
- The TRT is checking into purchasing a Grain Rescue Auger for the trailer. The cost from KC Supply is \$795 plus \$65 shipping. This will also be submitted for Grant funding.

- **Maintenance:**

- There are 11 SCBA cylinders that need to be Hydro Tested this spring. Bids were received from 3 vendors with Air One being the lowest at \$21.50 per cylinder. The group approved the bid and shipping will be arranged with Ed. Davis Fire abstained from the vote.

- **Sheriff:**

- Deputy Bob Sutter gave a presentation on forming a Rescue Task Force for active shooter incidents. Personnel would be working in the warm zone away from the threat, removing victims to a safe zone where they would then be treated quickly and moved to a safe area for further treatment and transport. This may be run in conjunction with the Mercy Health System. Freeport Fire has already started a program with the Freeport PD and Chief Liggett will pass along the program guidelines from Rock County.
- Questions were brought up about an Active Shooter exercise that Anchor Harvey is planning at HCC. No one had any info.

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Old Business

- A review of “Silo, the Movie” was given after its showing in Freeport. The story was good but the Fire Service was not portrayed in a favorable light. There is a screening scheduled in Savanna on April 8 if anyone else is interested.

New Business

- A report on the MABAS-IL Summit was given by Secretary Korte.
 - The attendance was up again this year
 - Some of the interesting topics included: Taylorville Tornado, Aurora Shooting, Southern IL Flooding Response, Speaking to the Press, Beach Park Anhydrous Ammonia leak, Response/Staffing options & Profiling Killers.
- A report from the MABAS-IL Executive Board meeting was given by Secretary Korte:
 - Dues going up 2.3% again this year for cost of living. Being reviewed for next year.
 - Elections: 1st VPres – Rob Martin (WinBurSew), 2nd VPres – Dave Haywood, Treasurer – Sean Maloy
 - Committee reports were given from the Summit
 - USAR – participating in a week long Exercise Sept 21-25
 - Exercise Initiative funding available again this year
 - New CIMS/Tier 2 cards will be printed soon
 - MABAS-IL Insurance rates are increasing and looking for additional funding
 - OSFM Gross Decon buckets to be distributed at MRC with training
- The group was alerted during the meeting that IL Rt73 repairs had been completed and the road opened.
- Chief Liggett reviewed Freeport’s updated MABAS Cards and expressed his desire for equipment responding to be NFPA Compliant, minimal POV response and personnel to be SCBA fit tested and compliant.
- German Valley Fire thanked Freeport Fire for the 2 Mutual Aid calls in 1 day.
- Chief Widolff thanked everyone that attended the Visitation & Funeral of Firefighter Mark Davis.

Announcements:

- Soup Supper, March 7 @ German Valley Fire
- AFG grant period open through March 13
- Pancake Breakfast, March 28 @ Cedarville Comm Center
- Steak Fry & Feather Party, March 28 @ Orangeville Fire
- Area Firefighter Stag, April 4 @ Rock City
- Fish Boil, April 18 @ Rock City

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Our next meeting will be held, April 1 @ Davis Fire. This is a Dinner Meeting, details TBA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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