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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from April 3, 2019

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1953hrs at Lena Fire.

A moment of silence was held for Pearl City Firefighters Mike Liebenstein & Jim Geary, Freeport 911 Systems Administrator Alex McIlvanie and IL State Trooper Brooke Jones-Story.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the March meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report from March was approved.

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - Mutual aid call report for March, 31 total calls.
 - 15 EMS & 3 Fire requests from within the County and 10 EMS & 3 Fire requests from outside the County.
 - The Freeport PD Dispatch Center upgrades are going well and should be completed soon. In the summer a new generator will also be installed. The County Dispatch Center upgrades should be done about April 17.
 - The Sheriff's Department has removed the mobile repeaters from their squads. This will not have any impact with Fire or EMS communications.
- **Hazmat:**
 - Coordinator Book brought up the Division 17 Decon Truck. The Division Hazmat team was awarded the unit in 2008 by MABAS and it's very limited use while we have had it. It has responded to 1 Hazmat call and 1 USAR Exercise in Rockford. One of the most pressing issues is that none of the Departments in the Division have room to house the truck. Because of that, the truck has been moved around through multiple Departments and MABAS Divisions over the years. During that time it was being stored outside in all kinds of weather and not getting any regular maintenance. The truck currently needs about \$5,000 of body work and maintenance to be

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functional. A motion was made, seconded and passed to advise MABAS that we no longer can house & maintain the unit and want to return it to them. Chief Townsend will contact Ops Chief Klinefelter and advise him of the decision.

- ***Equipment Replacement:***

- The Firehouse Sub grant has been submitted and we are waiting for a response before making any SCBA cylinder purchases.
- We have learned that the TRT & Hazmat portable radios are obsolete and will need to be replaced in the future. Mobile Electronics has been asked for a quote.

- ***Maintenance:***

- The collecting and organizing of repair and maintenance records is ongoing and maintenance scheduling will begin soon.
- The new tires & rims for the TRT trailer will be ordered by Richland Welding this month. Once they come in, the wheels will be switched and brakes checked. The removed wheels will then be placed on the Smokehouse and the frame will be evaluated for future remodeling.

Old Business

- Any remodeling work on the Smokehouse is pending the evaluation of the trailer frame which will happen this month. Sample floor plans are being examined.
- Two Departments need to complete the calibration of their Ultra Radiac monitors by next month.

New Business

- The MABAS-IL dues are due in September each year. Last year our 2018 dues didn't get paid until Feb 2019 because information was not passed along in a timely manner. That didn't go over very well @ MABAS. Treasurer Strong has asked that any Department with a significant change in their budget contact him this month so that he can compile the data and send out invoices for the correct amount. This will allow us to pay our dues in a timely manner.
- The recent flooding was discussed. The 17.3' water level was the highest that has been recorded in about 90 years. That caused quite a bit more damage than anyone expected.
 - The Sheriff's Deputies did a much better job of advising the status of flooded/closed roads. None of the rural Fire Districts asked for assistance from the County during the flooding.
 - Winslow- There was significant flooding including 2' of water inside the Fire Station.
 - McConnell- large amounts of water but no specific claims.
 - Freeport- 190 residents removed from homes with the help of Div 8 Swiftwater team. The Red Cross set up a shelter that housed about 30 people. That shelter closed on Wednesday April 3.
 - 1 Hazmat radio was lost in the flood. Mobile Electronics is looking for a replacement along with a couple remote mics. The cost of the radio will be paid by Freeport Fire and the mics will be paid by the Division.
 - All flooding expenses must be compiled and submitted to the Stephenson County EMA for possible reimbursement.
- The MABAS Anti-Nerve Agent Duo Dote injection kits have been declared expired. They were issued after 9-11 and replaced a couple times but there is currently no funding for additional replacements so they are being turned in. Secretary Korte will take them in to Wheeling on one of his trips.

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- The Rockford Airport has scheduled a Unified Command training April 10 and Full Scale Exercise April 26. All Departments are invited to attend.
- The Division was thanked for all of their participation in the multiple processions for ISP Trooper Brooke Jones-Story. Some of the information was hard to come by so getting details out in a timely manner was not always possible. No one was intentionally excluded but sharing of info was not always possible.

Announcements

- Annual Firefighter Stag, April 13 @ Freeport Rural #3, \$15/per or \$150/Dept.
- Pearl City Annual Steak Fry & Dance, April 20
- Rock City Fish Boil, April 27
- Orangeville Consignment Auction, April 28

The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hrs.

Our next meeting will be May 1 and hosted by Davis Fire.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Korte, Secretary

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