

GOT YOUR BACK TALK

MABAS Illinois



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From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members, We have made it past the first half of 2021 and some very positive things are happening. Vaccination rates in Illinois are fairly positive, the positivity rate is way down, and other metrics seem to indicate that the worst of the COVID-19 outbreak is past us. The economy is picking back up in most areas and hopefully that bodes well for our taxing bodies. I know many departments have had quite a few retirements and I hope the hiring process goes better for the public safety sector than some other segments.

June also brought the Illinois fire service some large-scale incidents with the Wood River, Rockton, and Morris incidents the most prominent. MABAS divisions responded with a large amount of manpower and apparatus to all of those incidents. I think the past history, training, and experience levels of our MABAS member division boards helped

with planning and executing the responses. If you have not done so in the recent past, this would be an excellent time to review and update your MABAS box alarm cards with your dispatch centers and local agencies. The tragic building collapse in Surfside, Florida has reinforced the need for our Technical Rescue Teams and the Illinois Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team. Please keep those involved in that response in your thoughts and prayers.

MABAS and the fire service received numerous media requests for interviews, information about incidents and statewide preparedness because of the large-scale responses and it is good to see the public and other officials interested in what can be provided to assist stricken areas. This is also a good time to remind your elected officials that we need to continue funding public safety and mutual aid if we want to continue to provide it.

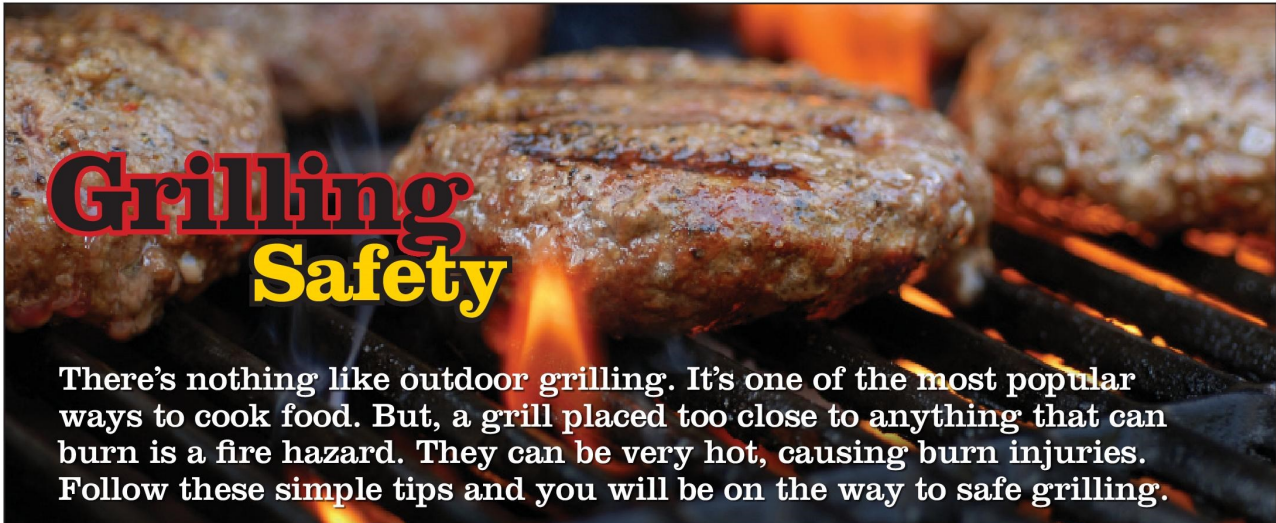
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**Volunteers needed for
State Fire Marshal Tent**

August 16, 2021



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- »»» Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- »»» The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- »»» Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- »»» Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- »»» Never leave your grill unattended.
- »»» Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- »»» There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- »»» If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- »»» Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- »»» There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- »»» When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

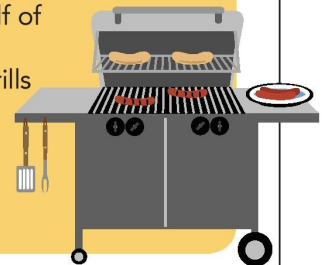
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

This past month of June 2021 has proven to be especially challenging for MABAS members and staff. Although greatly reduced, we started the month still supporting the COVID 19 relief efforts. Then the June 3rd rail tank car chemical leak in Wood River required the assistance of 16 MABAS Divisions and other resources to support the community. Then followed the June 14th major fire in Rockton involving 29 MABAS Divisions and 167 fire agencies. And finally, the June 29th lithium fire in Morris is ongoing as I write this and is proving to be extremely challenging to the Morris Fire Department and community. 10 MABAS Divisions have assisted at this time. And finally, the IL-TF1 USAR Team is making early preparations if tasked to respond to the Surfside Florida building collapse. All these events show the overall strength of the MABAS system and the willingness to help our neighbors in need.

During the time of these emergency events, MABAS had several exercises scheduled involving several special response teams. A decision was made to move ahead with the exercises and test

the MABAS ability to handle multiple events at the same time. Water Rescue, Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials Teams participated in exercises at IFSI, Chicago - Lake Michigan, Oglesby, Mt. Vernon, along with the USAR Team deploying to Camp Douglas in Wisconsin. A big shout out goes to the dispatch centers, RED Center and Orland, for handling all these tasks and the entire MABAS network.



A major concern I have been addressing is the need to have in place a solid funding plan to address the capital equipment replacement and training needs MABAS A major concern I have been addressing is the need to have in place a solid funding needs in order maintain the capability that shows to be needed at events such as this

past month. The IEMA Director, Alicia Tate -Nadeau, has indicated her desire to have the State of Illinois increase funding in their budget to meet these needs. Federal Homeland Security grants are remaining flat or slightly decreased. They also are prioritizing areas that are not contiguous to MABAS operations. This makes it all important for the State to step in and fill these capital replacement needs. The ITTF Fire Mutual Aid Committee will be working on an Unmet Needs assessment to identify what needs to be included in any request for State funding. The MABAS Leadership Board will be establishing priorities as we move forward with this project.

A lot of work to be done, and a lot of work has been done that we can all be proud of. Thanks to everyone for your continued support and wishing everyone a fun and safe Summer.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The most recent MABAS executive board meeting was held on June 23, 2021 at the MABAS Readiness Center and two remote sites - Peoria and Mount Vernon. We had good attendance at all three sites and the

technology worked very well. Thank you to everyone that participated. Our next executive board meeting is in Peoria on October 20. I hope to see you there.

Please stay safe and keep up the good work of protecting your communities.

Respectfully,

Don Davids
President, MABAS-IL
davids@mabas-il.org

WESTERN SHELTER DEMOBILIZATIONS

By: Chief Lyne

During the peak of the COVID-19 response effort last year, MABAS had 82 Western Shelter Systems (WS) deployed around the state at various hospitals, healthcare facilities, correctional facilities and community based test sites. The majority of these WS were provided by Divisions. We saw the number of deployed WS decrease last summer only to see that number increase again during the surge late last year. Earlier this year, we saw some of the WS being used for vaccination sites. Over the past several months, more than 50 WS have been demobilized. The majority of these were Divisional WS, with the remainder coming from the centralized cache. Overall, most of the WS saw minimal to no damage

while they were deployed. A few had significant wear and suffered storm damage. Understanding that some WS were deployed for more than a year, a close inspection and inventory of the various tent parts is needed. Divisions have been sent the Western Shelter Inventory form. Divisions are asked to complete this form and submit it to Bob Bush at bush@mabas-il.org. Upon receipt of this form, MABAS Staff will work to provide replacement parts to Divisions in order to make their WS complete. MABAS has various tent part available for immediate replacement. For tracking purposes, Divisions that do not find any damage or do not have missing parts for their WS should report that too. Questions on this

can be directed to your Regional Operation Branch Chief. They are available to assist with this process as needed. Divisions with WS still deployed will be contacted directly to provide this information.

Note: One of the commonly observed issues to the deployed WS is a broken tie down strap D-ring (see the image below). The repair for this is something that can be done with a patch from the WS repair kit originally issued to Divisions or with a replacement from MABAS.



MABAS is looking to get your department logo!!!

MABAS would like for you to email your department logo to us. We are using department logos for Tier II cards. Please send your logo to falco@mabas-il.org



DOMESTIC TRAVEL DURING COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, follow the CDC's recommendations for unvaccinated people.

People who are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine or a vaccine authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization can travel safely within the United States.

CDC will update these recommendations as more people are vaccinated, as rates of COVID-19 change, and as additional scientific evidence becomes available. This guidance applies to travel within the United States and U.S. territories.

Recommendations For Fully Vaccinated People

- During Travel— Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like a ferry or top deck of a bus). Follow all state and local recommendations and requirements, including mask wearing and social distancing.

- After Travel— Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms. Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements. You do NOT need to get tested or self-quarantine if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months. You should still follow all other travel recommendations.

Recommendations For Unvaccinated People

- Before you travel — Get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip.

- While you are traveling— Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on a ferry or the top deck of a bus).

CDC recommends that travelers who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask and maintain physical distance when traveling. Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you. Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).

- After you travel — Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay

home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days. If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel. Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not. Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms. Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

Visit your state, territorial, tribal or local external icon health department's website to look for the latest information on where to get tested.

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STARCOM 21 MONTHLY RADIO TESTING

RED Center alternates with Orland Central to conduct monthly testing of the STARCOM 21 radio system with each primary and back-up dispatch center. The test schedule for *the remainder of the year* is listed below. The testing procedure is as follows:

1. The STARCOM radio will be tested on the second, third and fourth Monday, in a roll call format broken into 3 divisional groups, rotating time of day/shift.
2. The test announcement shall be "RED Central/Orland Central testing with Division 'X' on STARCOM, please acknowledge."
3. Each agency shall acknowledge the test request as they are called.
4. Red Central and Orland Central will document all testing results, and forward them to the Communications Committee. Any issues will be forwarded to the MABAS Branch Chief.

Our goal with this test is to ensure that each primary and back-up center has the ability communicate on the statewide MABAS STARCOM 21 talk group. Please contact your Regional Operations Branch Chief if there are any known issues that may prevent the successful testing or participation in this test.

Starcom 21 Testing Schedule

MONTH	TEST	DAY	TIME	DIVISIONS	CENTER
August	Starcom 21	2 nd Monday	7:00:00 PM	Divisions 1-24	RED
August	Starcom 21	3 rd Monday	7:00:00 PM	Divisions 25-48	RED
August	Starcom 21	4 th Monday	7:00:00 PM	Divisions 49-69	RED
September	Starcom 21	2 nd Monday	3:00:00 AM	Divisions 1-24	OCD
September	Starcom 21	3 rd Monday	3:00:00 AM	Divisions 25-48	OCD
September	Starcom 21	4 th Monday	3:00:00 AM	Divisions 49-69	OCD
October	Starcom 21	2 nd Monday	9:00:00 AM	Divisions 1-24	RED
October	Starcom 21	3 rd Monday	9:00:00 AM	Divisions 25-48	RED
October	Starcom 21	4 th Monday	9:00:00 AM	Divisions 49-69	RED
November	Starcom 21	2 nd Monday	7:00:00 PM	Divisions 1-24	OCD
November	Starcom 21	3 rd Monday	7:00:00 PM	Divisions 25-48	OCD
November	Starcom 21	4 th Monday	7:00:00 PM	Divisions 49-69	OCD
December	Starcom 21	2 nd Monday	3:00:00 AM	Divisions 1-24	RED
December	Starcom 21	3 rd Monday	3:00:00 AM	Divisions 25-48	RED
December	Starcom 21	4 th Monday	3:00:00 AM	Divisions 49-69	RED

DOMESTIC TRAVEL DURING COVID-19

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Domestic Travel Recommendations Quick Reference

State, local, and territorial governments may have travel restrictions in place, including testing requirements, stay-at-home orders, and quarantine requirements upon arrival. For up-to-date information and travel guidance, check the state or territorial and local health department where you are, along your route, and where you are going. Prepare to be flexible during your trip as restrictions and policies may change during your travel. Follow all state, local, and territorial travel restrictions. If traveling by air, check if your airline requires any health information, testing, or other documents.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Domestic Travel
RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before travel	✓	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.	✓	✓
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Traveling Internationally? Check CDC's [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#) before planning your trip.

* This guidance applies to COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines. This guidance can also be applied to COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (e.g. AstraZeneca/Oxford). See WHO's website-external icon for more information about WHO-authorized COVID-19 vaccines.

ILLINOIS STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S FIRE SAFETY EXHIBIT

MABAS DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

MONDAY AUGUST 16, 2021

Join us at the State fair grounds for a fun day volunteering at the largest and best attended interactive fire safety exhibit in the state. Family members are welcome and encouraged to help us in the exhibit.

Kids of all ages enjoy the hands on displays- stop, drop, and roll training, fire pole, fire safety house, fire safety skits and demonstrations, fire extinguisher training, and more.

Make sure that your Department and Division are represented.

Volunteers will receive an admission ticket to the fair, parking pass, MABAS t-shirt, and lunch.

To sign up contact Mike Forrest at forrest@mabas-il.org, or 217-994-3164



MABAS Volunteers at the 2017 Illinois State Fire Marshal's Fire Safety Exhibit

MABAS "Got your Back"

'EVERYWHERE YOU LOOKED ... SOMETHING WAS BURNING'

How suburban firefighters rallied to help, what they saw in Rockton

By Kevin Schmit
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As John Knebl drove west toward Rockton as part of a caravan of firefighting vehicles on Monday, a black speck in the distance grew to a billowing cloud of smoke overwhelming the horizon.



The deputy chief of the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District was part of a massive response of more than 80 fire departments to the blaze at the Chemtool Inc. lubricant production plant that included dozens of suburban communities sending fire crews up to three hours away in conjunction with the statewide Mutual Aid Box Alarm System partnership.

As soon as the call was made to the 69 MABAS divisions in Illinois, Knebl and other suburban firefighters responded to assist colleagues in the town north of Rockford near the Wisconsin border.

"In 25 years, I haven't seen an incident this large," he said. "It wasn't just the black plume of smoke everyone saw. Everywhere you looked in the plant, something was burning. The amount of fire equipment and personnel on the scene was just incredible."

Knebl and McHenry Township Fire Protection District Chief Rudy Horist were part of the team that supervised the scene in the late afternoon on Monday to relieve Rockton fire officials who had been on duty since the fire began early in the morning. Until about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Knebl and Horist helped direct MABAS

divisions in a dizzying array of assignments.

Because only one of two hydrants functioned at the site, Knebl said tender trucks continually needed to deliver water from wherever it could be found. Crews had to divert runoff water away from the nearby Rock River to prevent possible contamination. Units contained brush fires in the surrounding wooded areas.

The entire time, the Environmental Protection Agency and other groups monitored air and water quality. One injury to a firefighter was reported while local homes and businesses had to be evacuated.



In 38 years as a firefighter, Horist never had seen a fire nor a response this large. As his MABAS group of surrounding departments converged in Huntley, other MABAS divisions gathered in Cook, DuPage, Kane and Lake counties.

"We had apparatus there from hours away, and that's the beauty of the MABAS system," Horist said. "Even if a neighbor from hours away needs our help, we want to provide it."

In the hours and days that followed, fire units from Arlington Heights, Cary, Elgin, Lake Zurich, Mundelein, St. Charles and many other suburbs responded. By the time West Chicago Fire Chief Patrick Tan-

ner was called there on Tuesday, a company from Louisiana was close to finishing off the blaze with a special foam.

"The mutual aid system is one of the best in the country," said Tanner, who was part of a group of firefighter crews from Glen Ellyn, Itasca, Oak Brook and Roselle.

"This is a prime example of how well organized it is in Illinois."

Antioch Fire Chief Jon Cokefair never sleeps easy when his crews are on a night call. On Monday night he sent an engine to Rockton as part of a Lake County MABAS contingent that didn't come back until 10 a.m. Tuesday.

"As a chief you need to make sure you do everything you can to get them home safely," Cokefair said. "You sleep a lot lighter on nights like that."

A MABAS division from Arlington Heights, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Rolling Meadows was dispatched to Rockton in the late afternoon on Monday. Rolling Meadows Lt. Pete Sutter arrived Tuesday morning to help relieve the crews that had worked through the night.

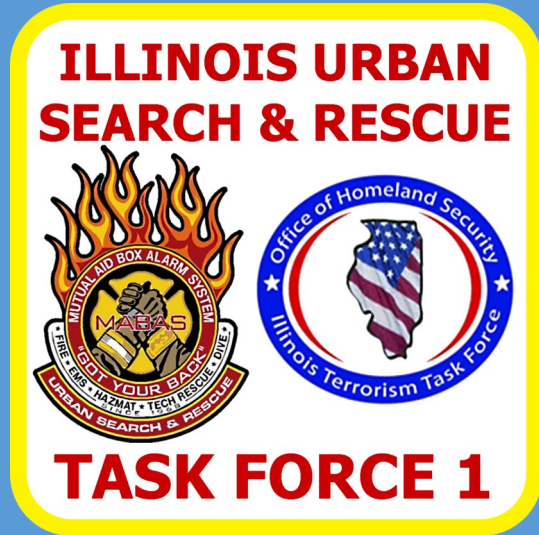
"I can't even put it into words," Sutter said.

"Every firefighter's got their one big fire. It's definitely something that I never thought I'd come across."



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NEW TO MABAS AND ILTF-1



Calcagno, Guido



Evert, Carl



Gitzke, Kelly



Gorny, Scott



Hansen, Andrew



Riley, Christopher



Russell, Cameron



Schullo, Zach



Trotter, Phillip

MABAS WELCOMES NEW AHOST MEMBERS



Alfaro, Lisa



Bordeau, Janelle



Hurley, Heather



Kauffman, Denise



Michaels, Courtney



Moes, Karen



Nixon, Jamie



Norton, Lisa



Pavone, Alicia



Riser, Stacie



Stone, Patricia



Weber, Debbie

Members not pictured: Arnold Jacque, Flanagan Dana, Hepker Becky, Kinowski Beverly, Murphy Kris, Szynalski Sharon

The Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP) appeared with guns blazing to provide command post support! The MABAS-IL All Hazards Operations Support Team welcomed IFSAP fire service admins with open arms during the recent Operations Great Lakes and Prairie Fire 2021 exercises! Fourteen IFSAP professionals from Divisions across the State were tasked for the first time ever, with filling 16 positions at strategically-placed Mobile Support Units at Lake Michigan, IFSI, Mt. Vernon, Dwight, and the MABAS Readiness Center. In just a few weeks, they were trained and ready to credential emergency responders reporting to these exercises and, ultimately, the Rockton fire incident. It is difficult to support Illinoisans across the State and current times have taught us we need to tap into every resource available when the chips are down! We look forward to developing a long and mutually-enriching relationship with IFSAP and to building AHOST's capacity to organize and implement all available support personnel more efficiently and effectively! Thank you to all whose hard work went into a 2021 AHOST success!

If you are interested please contact Lisa Alfaro at LAlfaro@OAK-FOREST.ORG

INTERDIVISIONAL VS. STATE OF ILLINOIS MISSION TASKINGS — HOW DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

By: Chief Lyne

During the 2019 Flood Response, MABAS received 61 statewide mission taskings from IEMA for resources. In turn, many divisions were tasked by MABAS to provide resources. These taskings included the need for Water Rescue Teams, Ambulances, Western Shelter Systems (WS), generator light towers (GLT's), utility tow vehicles (UTV's), Decon trucks, etc. to fulfil needs in various parts of the state. During the 2020-2021 COVID-19 Line of Effort (LOE) response, MABAS received more than 300 separate statewide mission taskings from IEMA for resources, mainly WS & GLT's. Upon receipt of these missions, MABAS directed RED Center to notify and task divisions to provide the appropriate resource. Because these were statewide mission taskings, costs associated with the mobilization then demobilization of resources plus labor costs were eligible for reimbursement from the state.

Once a MABAS Division completed their tasking, Section Chief - Administration Bernie Lyons and staff at MABAS coordinated the reimbursement process for each division. A process that was streamlined due in large part to the properly completed forms from the start to finish of each deployment.

In the past month, there have been several large-scale incidents including Wood River, Rockton, and Morris. Each of these involved a significant resource response. At the onset of these incidents, the local fire agency's

dispatch center coordinated the local, box alarm and initial interdivisional responses. At some point, and at the request of the local Incident Commander, MABAS coordinated interdivisional response efforts for these incidents through RED Center. Once that happened, divisions would have been notified of a resource need, then would have been pre-tasked to determine divisional resource capability and availability and then would have been tasked for the interdivisional response. The notification sequence from RED Center is the same for a statewide mission tasking as it is for an interdivisional response. Costs associated with interdivisional responses are not eligible for reimbursement.

During the Morris Fire Incident, MABAS received a statewide mission to provide 12 GLT's to the Logan Correctional Center due to a significant electrical issue at the facility. Because it was a statewide mission tasking, RED Center notified, pre-tasked and tasked divisions to mobilize their GLT's. Since it was statewide mission tasking, responding divisions are eligible to submit for reimbursement for associated costs.

To ensure clarity for divisions so they can know if a response type is interdivisional (non-reimbursable) or a statewide mission tasking (eligible for reimbursement) notifications, pre-tasking and tasking notifications from RED Center will include the mission number issued by IEMA for all statewide

mission taskings. The inclusion of this mission number will be the indication that it is a state mission tasking; and having the number in the pre-tasking/tasking messages will allow responding departments to have the mission number for all subsequent paperwork. An interdivisional tasking will include the term interdivisional.

While reimbursement may not be a primary factor for responding, knowing if a response type is eligible for reimbursement is important. Divisions tasked for a statewide response will receive follow-up information from their Regional Operations Branch Chief to assist with the documentation and reimbursement process.

Divisional Board members are encouraged to keep their contact information updated in CIMS2.0 to receive notifications. The Regional Operations Branch Chiefs can assist with contact information updates.

Questions on response types should be directed to MABAS Section Chief – Operations Kevin Lyne at lyne@mabas-il.org

Questions on reimbursements should be directed to MABAS Section Chief – Administration Bernie Lyons at lyons@mabas-il.org

We will be discussing these topics in greater detail at the upcoming MABAS-Illinois Training Summit in Bloomington and look forward to seeing everyone!

FIRE TASK FORCE MOBILIZATION

By: Chief Lyne

During the recent large scale incidents, the local IC's requested Fire Task Forces to assist with incident operations. These incidents saw Fire Task Forces assigned to 12 hour operational periods spanning multiple days. The MABAS definition of a Fire Task Force is a resource package consisting of:

- Two (2) engines
- One (1) ladder truck
- One (1) heavy squad

- Three (3) ambulances (ALS preferred)
- One (1) Chief Command Officer with aide

A Task Force's units from various fire departments/districts of a MABAS Division or geographic population area form a single resource package and convoy to site/reception area. They are deployed as the Incident Commander may see fit. Staffing is four (4) firefighters on each engine, ladder and squad, two

- (2) firefighters (paramedics) per ambulance, and one (1) Chief Officer with aide.*

While this is the standard response package, the IC requesting a Fire Task Force response may modify the number of vehicles or apparatus needed for any given incident. Adjustments to a Fire Task Force response will be conveyed during the notification process.

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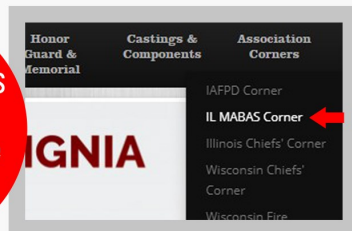
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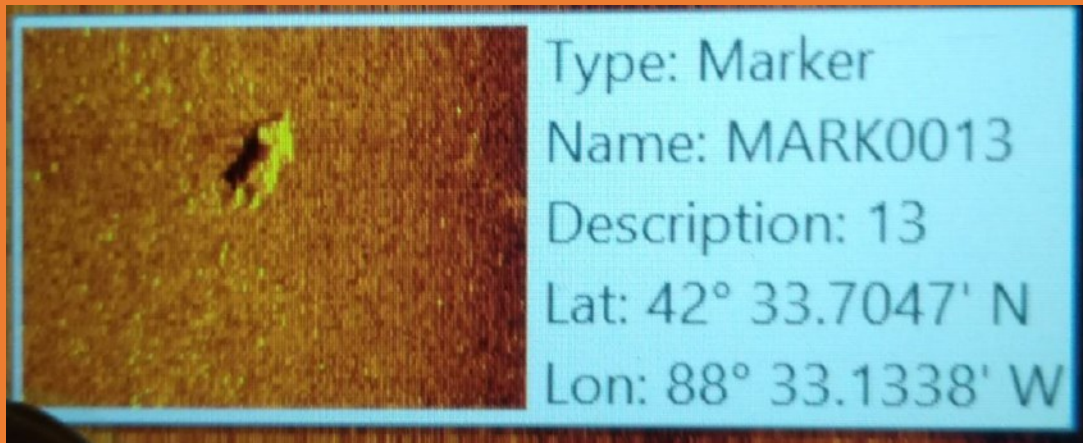


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MABAS WISCONSIN DIVISION 103

On Monday, July 12, 2021, MABAS Wisconsin Division 103 requested an interdivisional sonar box to search for an individual who went under water after reportedly tubing on Williams Bay in Lake Geneva when he fell off the tube. The individual was reportedly wearing an unsecured PFD at the time he entered the water. MABAS Illinois Divisions 4/5 Sonar Techs responded to Williams Bay in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. Utilizing cell phone pinging technology, GPS coordinates were established from 911 cellular calls. Eventually, the sonar team located a high probability target. The depth of the target was 132 feet and unfortunately, beyond the capability of normal SCUBA limits. Incident Command requested MABAS Illinois Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Team to assist with the recovery.



Sector Scan Image

On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, MABAS Division 1 ROV Team located the victim and successfully retrieved the victim using the grab arm of the ROV.



ROV Operator



ROV Descending



ROV

The advanced technology and skills of the MABAS Water Operations Teams in Illinois proved invaluable to MABAS Illinois and our neighboring MABAS members as well.

FAST FACTS



Set-up of the MABAS centralized boats and motors during the Operation Great Lakes Exercise on Lake Michigan in Chicago, IL on June 9, 2021.



Review of the ArcGIS Survey123 mapping platform by IL-WR 1 members during the Operation Great Lakes Exercise on Lake Michigan in Chicago, IL on June 9, 2021.

Fun Fact

A “50% off” sign increases sales, even if shoppers don’t know the original price or what a reasonable price for the product would be.

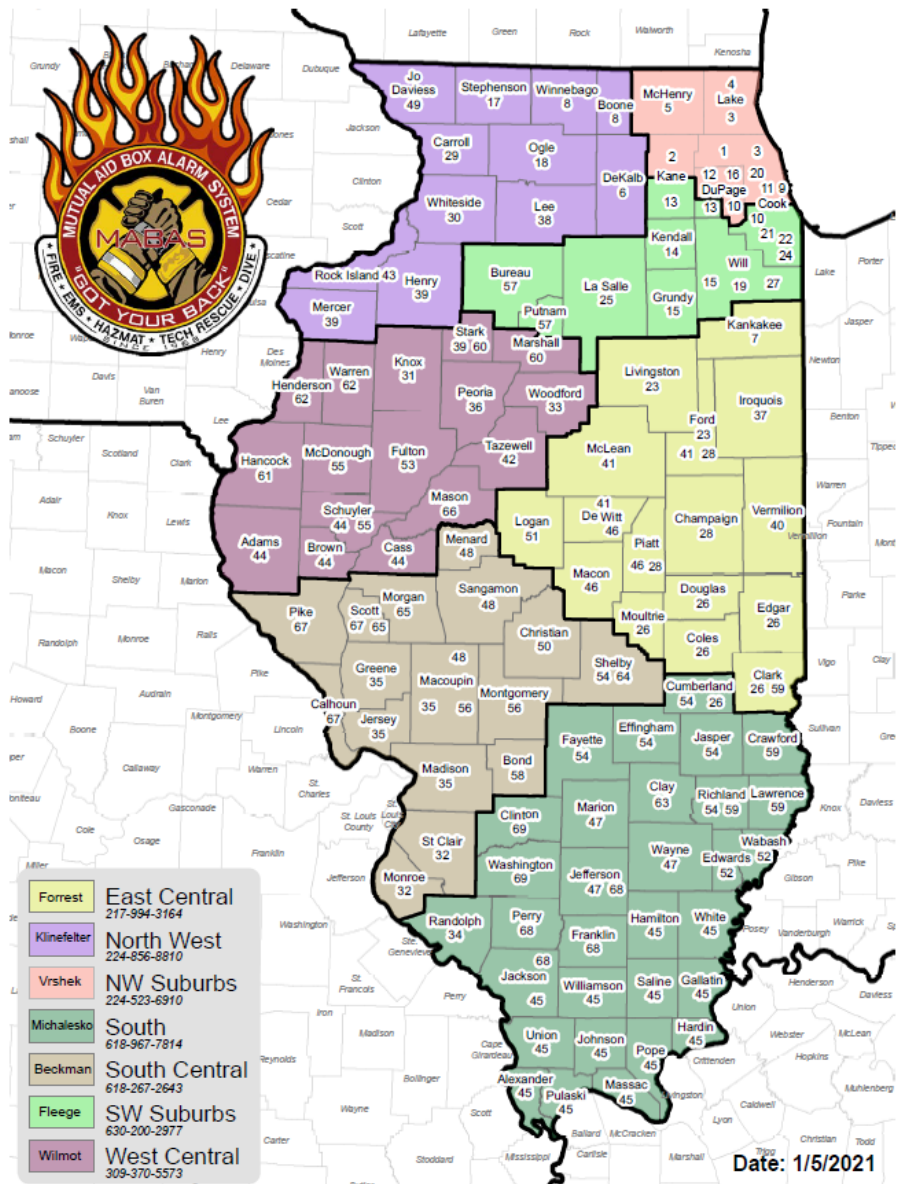
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For More Information

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MABAS Division Map With Branch Chiefs



Questions/Comments

If your Department or Division has responded to a call or had a big event and you would like MABAS to add it to this newsletter, or you have any questions or comments about the newsletters? If so, please feel free to email or call us. We look forward to any and all suggestions or comments.

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ILLINOIS TASK FORCE 1

Type I Swiftwater Training

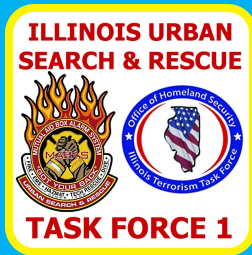


In April of 2021, ten members of the Task Force joined 8 members of CCSWT and attended a NIMS compliant Boat Operators class on the Ohio River. To be a NIMS compliant Type I Swiftwater Team, they are required to train in Class III rapids. The closest location for these conditions is Clarksville, IN.



The Leadership Team that attended the course, Troy Said IL-TF 1 Rescue Manager, Mike Rutkowski IL-TF 1 Task Force Leader, and Rick Acosta CCSWT TFL / Strike Team Leader. All three of the Leadership Team mentioned that this class was one of the best classes that they have attended.





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ILTF-1 Operational Readiness Exercise Patriot 21 Camp Douglas, WI

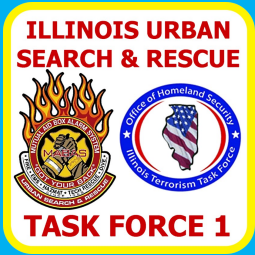
MABAS-Illinois was selected to participate in the national level Patriot 21 full-scale exercise. This exercise involved the response of state and federal urban search and rescue resources plus state emergency management agencies and military resources. This 72 hour exercise was hosted in Volk Field, Camp Douglas, WI. The Wisconsin Air Force National Guard as well as many Guard Urban Search and Rescue units were by side with ILTF-1



Medical Managers and Medical Specialist performing a field amputation during the second operational period.



Rescue Specialist assessing an unconscious victim, prior to performing a pick off.



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Third Operational period.

Squad 1 completed High-line work rescuing victims after numerous dirty breaches while the Swift-water team were detailed to the Mississippi River for water rescue. GPS/ Survey 123 was used tracking rescues and resources.



MABAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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Executive Board Meeting will be October 20, 2021

Pere Marquette

Peoria, IL

Remote location TBA

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Fire Chiefs are encouraged to keep their contact information current in CIMS2.0 in order to receive these and other MABAS notifications. Questions on updating contact information in CIMS2.0 can be directed to cimssupport@mabas-il.org

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