

# GOT YOUR BACK TALK

## MABAS Illinois



Volume 22.2

### From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

Welcome to spring in Illinois, we have fluctuated from really nice and warm to cold and snowy in the same week a couple of times already. With the advent of spring, we have the chance for severe weather and this is a great time to review your mutual aid documents for both giving and receiving assistance. Please also take some time to make sure any MABAS assets that your division hosts are ready to go

The tasking's that MABAS receives from IEMA have slowed dramatically as COVID-19 numbers have been dropping. Most Western shelter systems have been taken down from their deployed sites. MABAS has been inspecting, repairing and replacing parts on Western shelter systems as they are returned to their host divisions. If you find damage or parts that need to be replaced, please contact your branch operations chief and they will facilitate those needs.

Our annual MABAS training summits for chiefs and dispatchers were held in

February in Bloomington-Normal and we had very good turnout of both attendees and vendors. Thank you to everyone who helped make those a success. The MABAS executive board meeting was held on February 23 and again, we had a great showing by divisions. We also had our committee meetings at the beginning of the chief's summit and a great deal of work was accomplished.

The positions of MABAS president was up for election at the February board meeting and it is an honor for me to be the president of the leadership team for the next 3 years. Thank you to everyone for their support.

The next MABAS executive board meeting is scheduled for June 15 2022. We will host the meeting at the MRC in Wheeling and hope to have 2 remote sites that we will identify in the near future.

Please stay safe and take care of your communities.

Respectfully,

Don Davids

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**Next Board Meeting**  
**June 15, 2022**  
**10:00 am**  
 Remote locations TBD



# Spring Cleaning

## CHECKLIST

### SUPPLIES

- Vacuum
- Steam Cleaner or Mop
- Dusting Materials
- Paper Towels
- Broom
- Boxes
- New Furnace Filter

### CLOSETS

- Donate or toss old clothes and shoes
- Pack up winter clothes
- Wash/hang up spring clothes
- Dust/wipe down shelves
- Clean or replace laundry basket

### KITCHEN

- Get rid of outdated spices and food
- Defrost and clean fridge and freezer
- Steam clean grout and appliances
- Polish silverware
- Clean inside of cabinets and drawers
- Dust top of cabinets and above fridge
- Steam clean microwave
- De-clutter junk drawer
- Clean oven
- Clean pantry shelves and around trash

### LAUNDRY ROOM

- Move washer/dryer and clean behind
- Check dryer vent
- Clean out cabinets and drawers

### ALL ROOMS

- Wipe down baseboards
- Clean air vents
- Dust blinds and windows
- De-clutter any drawers/messy areas
- Clean windows
- Vacuum/Mop Floors
- Replace HVAC/Furnace Filter

### BEDROOM

- Dust ceiling fan
- Clean or replace sheets
- Vacuum mattress
- Clean and vacuum under bed
- Wash pillows

### LIVING ROOM

- Dust around and behind TV
- Clean fireplace
- Clean window treatments/furniture
- Wash, vacuum, or replace dog beds
- Polish hard wood floors

### OUTSIDE

- Clean light fixtures
- Wash outdoor furniture
- Clean sliding glass door tracks
- Steam clean cement/cracks
- Plant flowers
- Clean/repair gutters
- Clean and organize garage

### BATHROOMS

- Throw away expired cosmetics
- Steam clean mirrors, countertops, sink
- Change shower curtain
- Steam clean floors, bath tub, and toys
- Clean in, around, and behind toilet
- Unclog drains

For more information visit

<https://www.sylvane.com/blog/spring-cleaning-tips-and-checklist/>



# A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

February 21, 2023 again at the Blooming ton-Normal Marriott hotel. Please let us know if you have an idea for upcoming presentations that would benefit all MABAS members. I encourage everyone to attend so we can keep this important event alive and well.

available funding to MABAS we will work hard to maintain our current funding levels until a more stable source of funding can be secured.

Recently we said goodbye to a long-time MABAS staff member, Ed Murphy who retired. Ed was the MABAS Credentialing Coordinator and we will certainly miss him. We wish Ed good luck and good health in the future. Also, another long-time MABAS staff member, Jeanie Mercier is in the process of moving to Arizona. Jeanie will still be assisting us remotely and wish her well as she sets up her new home.

After an absence in 2021 due to the pandemic, the 2022 MABAS Command & Dispatcher Summit successfully returned in February. While attendance was down from previous years, I think everyone who attended would agree it was nice to get back to in-person events and some semblance of normalcy. The staff at MABAS did a great job in staging the event and kept everything running smoothly. A big thank you goes out to all the vendors who supported the Summit. Without their support and sponsorship, we would never be able to hold the Summit. Thank you to all the Committee members who attended and provided input to the planning process this coming year. The Summit next year will take place February 17th through



The grant request process is underway for the new fiscal year. We should be hearing soon about the FFY22 Homeland Security Grant application process for grants that begin in 2023. We have already submitted requests for the next two years under the Urban Area Security Initiative. While we do not expect there will be an increase in

Congratulations go out to Don Davids who was reelected to another 3-year term as MABAS President at the February Executive Board meeting. Thanks for stepping up to serve again. The positions of MABAS 2nd Vice President and MABAS Treasurer will be open at next years election.

Thank you for your continued support of MABAS and stay healthy and safe.

## 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.





**ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM**

- ◆ To assure the systematic and timely sharing of accurate intelligence and information across the wide spectrum of the fire service in Illinois
- ◆ Improves firefighter safety
- ◆ Warns of identified tactics and trends ahead of time
- ◆ Shares close calls / lessons learned
- ◆ Assists with planning and preparedness
- ◆ Can help identify & prevent certain events
- ◆ Enhances mitigation and recovery of major events
- ◆ Will reduce rumor and misinformation

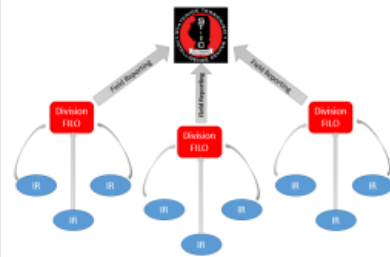
**Fire Service Information Sharing and Analysis Program**

What Is It and What Can It Do For Me.

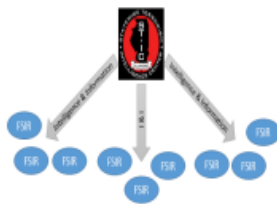
The FSISA program was created to support the fire service and its affiliated representatives in the information sharing environment. Specifically, the FSISA program objectives include:

1. Provide situational awareness and advanced planning preparedness to Information Receivers (IR) to increase responder safety.
2. Have two FILO's for each division to serve as the division contact and to assist in training IR's.
3. IRs to share un-vetted Disaster Intelligence with collaborative partners in order to improve the common operating picture.
4. Share information from all sources as appropriate with public safety, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and private sector partners.

Information Sharing Flow - In



Information Sharing Flow - Out



**Duties of an Information Receiver**

- ◆ Serve as a consistent local point of contact for the Fire Intelligence Liaison Officer (FILO)
- ◆ Receive selected information from FILO
- ◆ Establish an internal "SOP/SOG" regarding the internal handling and security of sensitive information
- ◆ Share / Educate / Train - department members on the value and uses of intelligence for the fire service
- ◆ Provide feedback on the informational needs, what's working / not working, suggestions for improvement
- ◆ Provide intelligence updates during significant or unusual incidents

**How To Participate In The Program**

- ◆ Prospective members of this program begin the process by completing the application.
- ◆ Applicants will need a letter of approval and support from their Fire Chief (or executive leadership).
- ◆ Applicants will also need a recommendation from their MABAS Division through an existing member or in the case where the Division does not have a member, the Division President.
- ◆ Applicants must also complete the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) which outlines operational details.
- ◆ Through the STIC, each applicant will be subject to a background check. Successful applicants must pass the limited background check.
- ◆ A MABAS-IL representative will provide approval

**Why Is Information Important To Me?**

*Advanced Planning Preparedness-*

Serves as the preparedness "need to know" in order to plan for specific known situations and/or possible/potential/probable events where members may be exposed to risk. This information may be of particular value addressing gaps that may exist in support of existing departmental guidance like Emergency Operations plans, SOPs and/or SOG's.

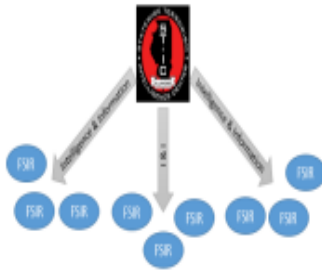
*Disaster & Large Scale Incident Intelligence-*

While not universally defined, Disaster & Large Scale Incident Intelligence promotes the concept of sharing raw data associated with evolving events that are of such magnitude, or so dynamic, that the event is or has the potential to overwhelm a jurisdictions ability to respond to and/or recover. This information can be critical in supporting decision making efforts at the tactical and strategic levels from local agencies through Federal intervention.



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# AHOST Credentialing Team

By: Courtney Michaels

The AHOST Credentialing Team has now been in place for almost a year and is looking to expand its membership. The All Hazards Operations Special Teams formed in the middle of May of 2021, with less than 20 founding members lead by Lisa Alfaro of the Oak Forest FD.



Training began at the MABAS Readiness Center in Wheeling IL, learning the credentialing and accountability software that will track personnel on MABAS calls. The thought was to ensure that all people on-scene will be credentialed, checked -in, and tracked throughout a major incident until they check-out and are safely accounted for.

What is has become is an opportunity to not only ensure the accountability of those deployed, but to place them into an assignment, check out equipment, track assignment activities, provide reports to Incident Command and partner agencies, in addition to freeing up



Branch Chiefs and Incident Command to focus on the important job of completing the mission and less on paperwork.

In the first two months of the team's existence, members have taken part in



exercises from the shores of Lake Michigan to Mt. Vernon, from the campus of the Illinois Fire Service Institute to the airfields of Volk Air National Guard Base in Wisconsin. In addition, being deployed to assist in IEMA Operations following the Rockton Chemtool Plant fire in Rockton, IL. We anticipate participating in this spring's MABAS drill and

testing the capabilities of our tracking software.

The goal is similar to what every admin does at their home organization, as-



sisting the men and women in uniform to safely do their job. Those who are deployed to disaster areas, major incidents, or large-scale drills are mission centric. Driven to utilize their training and knowledge to save life and property and live by the MABAS motto "got your back."

If you are or have an admin that would fit this role, we would love for you to join us! We understand that not everyone is capable of deploying every time, but the hope is that you can deploy at some point, even to assist with exercises or becoming a point person to train other admin who are capable of deploying. If you are interested or have questions about becoming a member of the AHOST team, please reach out to Courtney Michaels at [cmichaels@vbg.org](mailto:cmichaels@vbg.org) or Tim Littlefield at [littlefield@mabas-il.org](mailto:littlefield@mabas-il.org).

## BECOME A MEMBER OF MABAS AHOST CREDENTIALING TEAM

If you are interested in becoming part of the AHOST credentialing team please contact

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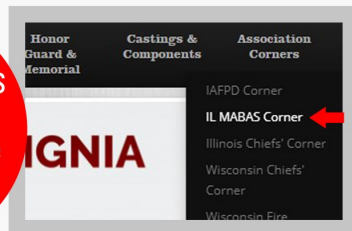
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Happening



AHOST members Janelle & Sarah credentialing attendees during exercise April 6 & 7



Fun Fact

At their closest points, the U.S and the Soviet Union are over 2 miles (3km) apart.[15][30]

Lightning kills about 10,000 people a year worldwide, more people than tornadoes or flooding.[29]

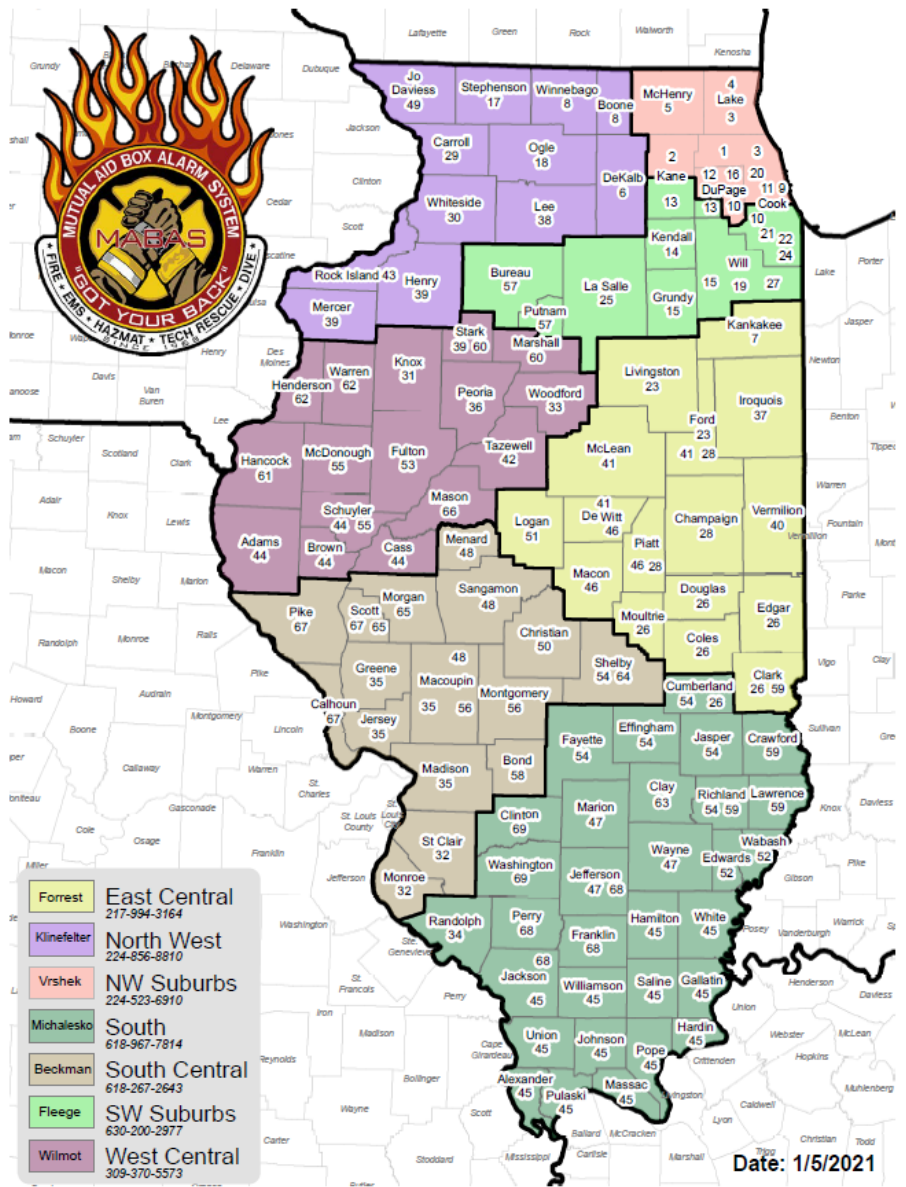
<https://www.factretriever.com/fun-facts>

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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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# ILTF-1 NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Arendt Rescue Specialist  
Hoffman Estates FD



Katie Boeke  
Hillside FD



Kip Bordeau Rescue Specialist  
Elgin FD



Tyler Demus Rescue Specialist  
Rockford FD



Craig Gilsinger Logistics Specialist  
Lincolnshire Riverwoods FPD



Brad Kliff Rescue Specialist  
Wheeling FD



Robb McDonald Rescue Specialist  
Waukegan FD



Jesse McFarlin Rescue Specialist  
Park Ridge FD



Daniel McMullen Rescue Specialist  
Rockford FD

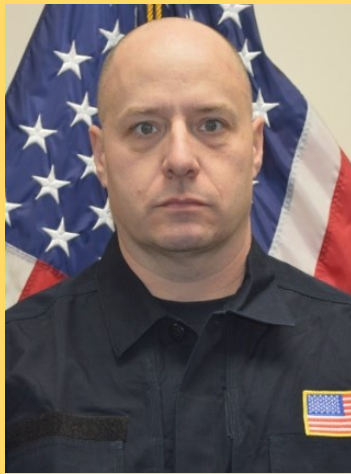


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Dominic Orlandi Rescue Specialist  
Rockford FD



Henry Van Bogaert Rescue Specialist  
Naperville FD



Scott Vasicek Rescue Specialist  
Arlington Heights FD



Elizabeth Vlahakis Rescue Specialist  
Park Forest FD



## Not pictured

Chris Dammers  
Clark Dendenger  
Joe Durante  
Sean Malloy  
Kent Rexilius  
Scott Waddle  
Zachary Zweizig

Rescue Specialist  
Rescue Specialist  
Logistics Specialist  
Rescue Specialist  
Rescue Specialist  
Medical Specialist  
Rescue Specialist

Des Plaines FD  
Bartlett FPD  
Morton Grove FD  
Evanston FD  
Downers Grove FD  
Glenview FD  
Orland FPD

# WELCOME

# WE HAVE ROLLED OUT CIMS 3.0

On February 6, 2022 MABAS rolled out our upgraded Contact Information Management System (CIMS). Since the 6th, it has been a success. In one month we have had over 300 new profiles created and more than 800 profiles upgraded. It is our goal to get all firefighters volunteer and paid into CIMS as well as all team members.

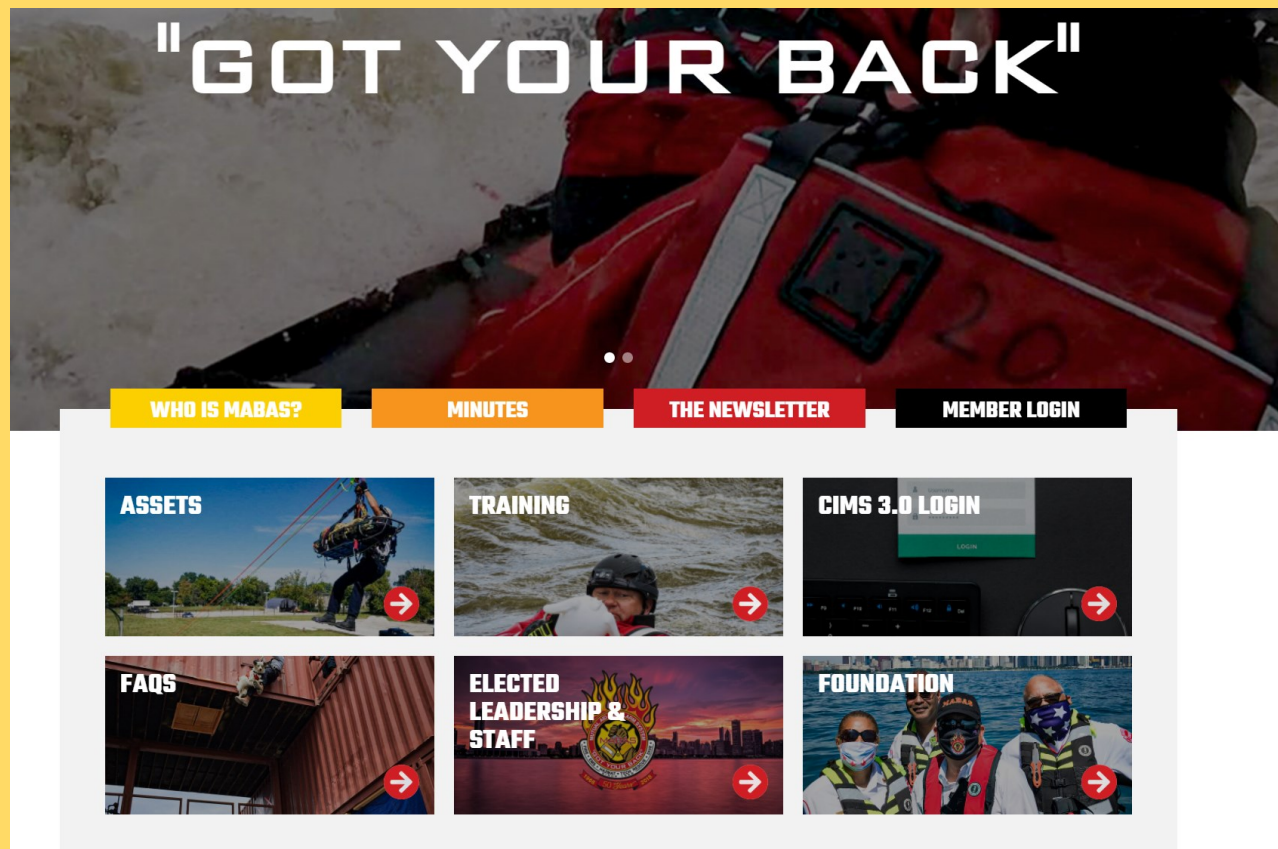
It is important that we work with all the Fire Chiefs or their designee so that they can assisted their department members upgrade to CIMS 3.0 and approve all members of their department.

No member of a fire department other than special teams members or ILTF-1 members will receive Tier II credentials without the department Fire Chief approving their profile.

For more information contact your Branch Chief or Tim Littlefield at [littlefield@mabas-il.org](mailto:littlefield@mabas-il.org)

<https://cims.mabas-il.org>

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE



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# MABAS Foundation

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## BELT RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD FROM MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM FOUNDATION

BY: [HTTP://WWW.SENATORBELT.COM/](http://www.senatorbelt.com/)



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## FOUNDATION DIRECTOR JEREMY BREWER



Jeremy Brewer is the National Property Product Director at COUNTRY Financial, a 19-state insurance and financial services company offering a range of products and services, including auto, home, life, commercial insurance, retirement planning, investment management and trust services. COUNTRY Financial is the third largest Property and Casualty insurer in Illinois. Jeremy is responsible for the growth and profitability of the \$800M+ Property line of business along with product design, implementation and monitoring.

Jeremy's relationship with MABAS extends over the past 5 years aligning upon interests of property and life preservation within the state of Illinois. He brings a focus on business outcomes, strategic partnerships and analytics in his role as a MABAS Foundation board member.

## BELT RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD FROM MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM FOUNDATION

By: <http://www.senatorbelt.com/>

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BELLEVILLE – State Senator Christopher Belt (D-Swansea) accepted an award for his sustained support and meritorious service to Illinois fire services from the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Foundation on Wednesday.

“Firefighters risk their lives every day,” Belt said. “I’m honored to receive this award and I will continue to support measures that benefit all Illinois firefighters.”

The award comes in response to Belt’s support of [legislation](#) that would assist fire protection agencies and statewide associations, like Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, in pursuing donations designed to build a stronger and more sustainable fire, EMS and special team statewide intergovernmental cooperative system serving all municipalities during crisis and disaster level events.

Existing law allows law enforcement agencies and their statewide associations to conduct raffles, while fire protection agencies and their statewide associations are not listed in current law. Belt’s measure would allow fire protection agencies and their statewide associations to organize raffles.

“Fire protection agencies often rely on donations,” Belt said. “Raffles will help first responders continue their work to keep us safe and fulfill their duties.”

For more information, visit [MABAS’ website](#).

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### Legislative Support for the MABAS Foundation

In addition to Senator Belt, Senator Neil Anderson, Senator Antonio Munoz, Senator Robert Martwick, and Senator Bill Cunningham, as well as Representative Michael Zalewski, Representative Kelly Burke, and Representative Elizabeth Hernandez have also been recognized by the MABAS Foundation for their tremendous efforts in supporting this legislation. Those award ceremony dates are pending.

# MABAS Foundation Partners



Each month on 'Inside Darley' Paul Darley highlights industry trends, new products, best practices, thought leadership and more. The videos typically last about 4 minutes and are supplemented with insightful articles and resources. We invite the MABAS community to watch our October series here and if you want even more content, we hope you'll subscribe.

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