

# GOT YOUR BACK TALK

## MABAS Illinois



Volume 22.1

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### From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

Once again we have made it through another year, and what a year it was! 2021 started with most of us hoping that vaccinations would make Covid-19 a distant memory and life would return to some semblance of normalcy. What a great thought that was! Vaccinations have reduced the severity of many infections, but with the changes in variants Covid-19 is still with us and impacting our everyday lives and department operations.

MABAS is still working closely with IEMA and IDPH on how to support the residents and departments of Illinois with staff and equipment for managing the situations created by the pandemic and other incidents. MABAS continues to receive taskings from IEMA and as we fill those requests we are trying to minimize the impact on division resources. We continue to monitor equipment conditions and adjust items as requested. If you know of issues with deployed equipment, please contact

your Branch Operations Chief and let them know about it.

Our annual MABAS training summits for chiefs and dispatchers is still scheduled for February, 2022 in Bloomington in an in-person format. MABAS staff is working to monitor positivity rates and what guidance the State of Illinois has for in-person events. MABAS will follow all recommendations for masking, distancing, and hand sanitization to minimize any potential infections. There are a large group of vendors that will have equipment on display and look forward to networking and demonstrating new equipment in a safe environment.

2021 brought with it some large scale incidents in Illinois, notably the Wood River, Rockton, and Morris incidents. This year's training summits have speakers from some of the departments involved to present lessons learned,

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**Don't forget to register for the annual Training Summit**  
 February 21-25, 2022  
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# Preparing for a Winter Storm



During extremely cold weather or winter storms, staying warm and safe can be a challenge. Winter storms can bring cold temperatures, power failures, loss of communication services, and icy roads. To keep yourself and your loved ones safe, you should know how to prepare your home and your car before a winter storm hits.

## Make a Plan

Be prepared before a winter storm hits by planning ahead. If you are in an area prone to winter weather, be sure to create a communication and disaster plan for your family ahead of time.

## Prepare Your Home and Car

### Weatherproof your home.

- Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Install storm or thermal-pane windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or other structure during a storm.

### Have your chimney or flue inspected each year.

If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your

chimney or flue inspected each year. Ask your local fire department to recommend an inspector or find one online.

### Install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector.

- If you'll be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year.
- Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby.
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside.
- Each winter season have your furnace system and vent checked by a qualified technician to ensure they are functioning properly.

### For older adults, keep an easy-to-read thermometer inside your home.

If you or a loved one are over 65 years old, place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently. Our ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age. Older adults are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold. Check the temperature of your home often during the winter months.

### Create an emergency car kit.

- It is best to avoid traveling, but if trav-

el is necessary, keep the following in your car:

- Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries
- Items to stay warm such as extra hats, coats, mittens, and blankets
- Windshield scraper
- Shovel
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Water and snack food
- First aid kit with any necessary medications and a pocket knife
- Tow chains or rope
- Tire chains
- Canned compressed air with sealant for emergency tire repair
- Cat litter or sand to help tires get traction, or road salt to melt ice
- Booster cables with fully charged battery or jumper cables
- Hazard or other reflectors
- Bright colored flag or help signs, emergency distress flag, and/or emergency flares
- Road maps
- Waterproof matches and a can to melt snow for water

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/beforestorm/preparehome.html>

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## A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

I hope everyone had a great holiday season as we move into the dead of winter. Unfortunately, the newest Covid variant is placing another strain on the fire service in Illinois. MABAS has again been tasked with supporting healthcare and other facilities with shelters for 30-day periods. We have also provided N-95 facemasks to areas that are experiencing critical shortages. Remember, your local Operations Branch Chief is there to assist Divisions wherever possible with support so please utilize this resource if needed.

We are just a few weeks away from the 2022 MABAS Command & Dispatchers Summit in Bloomington/Normal. The overall theme of this years Summit is getting back to basics and lessons learned from a very busy 2021. We will attempt to answer many of the questions and concerns that MABAS members have expressed over the last few months. It will be beneficial to both new and experienced leaders in the fire service. If you have not made a

reservation, please do so as we need your support and your input.

As I'm sure everyone is aware of, the rate of inflation shot up in 2021 to close to 7%. As the MABAS Dues increase structure is tied to the previous years rate of inflation, that would be a steep burden for everyone to absorb. The MABAS Leadership Board has placed a cap of 2.5% dues in-



crease in 2022 rather than the full 7%. Grant funding from both the Homeland Security Grant and Urban Area Security Initiative Grant programs have remained flat. Both programs will provide funding to June 30, 2023. We are still waiting to hear on the status of the Federal FY21 HSGP Grants. One area where we have seen additional support is funding from the

Office of the State Fire Marshal. Their grant increased from the usual \$125,000 to \$240,00 this year. This has allowed us to fund expenses that are not grant eligible and purchase additional PPE for use by the fire service. Our thanks go out to Fire Marshal Perez and his staff.

You may be aware of the initiative by IEMA to recognize the need for the State to address the capital equipment replacement needs by MABAS in order to support and maintain fire service mutual aid in Illinois. We have been working to provide data to IEMA in this effort but will need the input of all MABAS members as we develop a plan to reinforce the capital funding needs over the next 10 to 12 years. To that end, please watch out for a divisional survey that will be distributed after the 2022 MABAS Summit. Your input on the future needs of MABAS and where we should be will be vital components in this effort.

Let's hope we all get through this latest Covid variant healthy and safe and we see you in Bloomington/Normal at the Summit.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Chief Davids

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how the incidents were handled by their respective departments, and how MABAS usage was beneficial to the incident.

The next MABAS executive board meeting is scheduled for February 23 in conjunction with the command and dispatch summits. In addition, committee

meetings will take place February 21. The information about the meeting including the agenda has been sent to all divisions. There is one spot on the elected leadership team up for a vote at this meeting so please make sure to attend so we have an appropriate number of members voting.

Please stay safe, wear a mask when appropriate, wash your hands, and get the vaccine or booster if you can.

Respectfully,

Don Davids

President, MABAS-IL

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# ILTF-1 INFO

## K 9 training in Crisis City – Salina, Kansas November 5 – 7, 2021



Todd Baseggio and Thor, ElShareif Rami and Magnus, Nick Felber and Waffles, Mike Vitale and Irie traveled to Salina Kansas for training on a simulated disaster canine search of a rubble pile on (3) Type-1 rubble piles, urban village, train prop, wide area search, and building search. They practiced techniques of applied direction and control, applied agility, and disaster search using appropriate canine search strategies to the FEMA/SUSAR standard.

## November 2021 K 9 Training at West Chicago with CANADA TF – 3



This week, members of Toronto, Canada (CAN-TF3) Heavy Urban Search and Rescue K9 team traveled to Illinois to train and re-certify their K9 search teams. The Canadian team came down with 5 members and 4 K9's. IL-TF1 K9 team members spent all week with their Canadian counterparts at both the West Chicago and North Aurora training sites honing their skills on the rubble piles to prepare for certification. The Canadian teams re-certified successfully on their final day of training evolutions. This was the first time the Canadian team has been able to travel outside of Toronto since before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. This however was not the first time the teams have worked together, as they have trained in both New York City with NY-TF1 in early 2020, and at the FEMA deployment exercises in Indiana back in 2019.

**IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT MABAS SAYS GOOD-BYE TO A FRIEND, A LEADER, AND A TRUE VISIONARY.**



**CAPTAIN DON KUHN**

**THE MUTUAL-AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM, OR MABAS AS IT IS COMMONLY KNOWN, WAS FORMED IN 1968 IN THE NORTHWEST SUBURBS OF CHICAGO. CAPTAIN DONALD KUHN OF THE ELK GROVE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED THE SYSTEM AND MANAGED ITS IMPLEMENTATION. STRUCTURED ON CHICAGO BOX ALARM CARDS THAT PREASSIGN THE ENGINES, TRUCKS, SQUADS, AMBULANCES, AND CHIEFS (AND ANY OTHER SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT) TO RESPOND ON A GIVEN LEVEL OF ALARM, MABAS ADOPTED THIS SIMPLE MODEL AND STILL USES IT TODAY.**

**FOR THE COMPLETE ARTICLE IN FIRE ENGINEERING MAGAZINE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.FIREENGINEERING.COM/FIREFIGHTING/THE-MUTUAL-AID-BOX-ALARM-SYSTEM/](https://www.fireengineering.com/firefighting/the-mutual-aid-box-alarm-system/)**

# OSFM N95 Mask Grant

By: Chief Kevin Lyne

Since early in the COVID-19 response effort, Illinois fire agencies have experienced some challenges in obtaining medical PPE, including N95 masks. Many agencies, including MABAS, had an inventory of PPE. As in the case of N95 masks, inventories contained masks that were passed their manufacturer's expiry date. As the COVID-19 response effort continued, a request process for PPE and other resources from system hospitals, local, county emergency management agencies and IEMA was implemented.

Last fall, Fire Marshall Matt Perez and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), provided grant funding to purchase N95 masks to be used by the Illi-

nois fire service in the event of future supply chain disruptions. As part of this grant, MABAS purchased 60,000 N95 masks and would coordinate the distribution to agencies upon request. The purchase of these masks took place before the Omicron variant surge.

Over the past several weeks, fire agencies have been impacted by Omicron. Some are again seeing some supply chain disruptions for N95 masks. MABAS has begun distributing them to fire agencies.

Fire agencies in need of N95 masks should contact their Operations Branch Chief. Your Branch Chief will help calculate the short-term quantity needed and review pick-up or delivery op-

tions. While these N95 masks are available to help cover short-term needs, agencies should continue to use their regular fulfillment process. Quantities obtained will be reported to the OSFM. Agencies that receive masks can use them as needed. In the event of a continued surge, agencies receiving masks may be asked to release a quantity they keep in reserve to assist other fire agencies in dire need. Agencies that receive mask are responsible for training and any FIT testing requirements.

For more information please call or email MABAS

847-403-0501

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## Preparing for a Winter Storm

### Steps to Take Before the Storm Hits

Listen to weather forecasts, and check your supplies.

Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your emergency supplies, including your emergency food and water supply, whenever you are expecting a winter storm or extreme cold. Even though we can't always predict extreme cold in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes give you several days of notice to prepare.

### Bring your pets indoors.

If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

### Get your car ready.

• Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer

### IS YOUR VEHICLE WINTER READY?



recommends. In addition, every fall, do the following:

• Have the radiator system serviced or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add anti

- freeze as needed.
- Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.
- Make sure the tires on your car have adequate tread and air pressure. Replace any worn tires and fill low tires with air to the proper pressure recommended for your car (typically between 30-35 psi).
- Keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Keep your car in good working order. Be sure to check the following: heater, defroster, brakes, brake fluid, ignition, emergency flashers, exhaust, oil, and battery.

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/beforestorm/preparehome.html>



# MABAS TRAINING SUMMIT 2022

## WHEN

February 21 - February 23, 2022

**Command**

February 23 – February 25, 2022

**Dispatcher**

## WHERE

**Bloomington—Normal, IL**

**Marriott Hotel**

**201 Broadway Street, Normal, IL**

**FEATURING** • MABAS Deployments – Start to Finish • Hurricane IDA Deployment Presentations • New Fire Chiefs & Veteran Fire Chiefs MABAS 101 • New Fire Chiefs & Veteran Fire Chiefs MABAS 101 • The Safety of Your 9-1-1 Center During Civil Unrest • Lessons Learned, 2021 Wood River Refinery HAZ MAT, Rockton Chem Tool Fire & Morris Superior Battery Fire Incidents

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organizations/events/all](https://www.eventbrite.com/organizations/events/all)

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# IL MABAS



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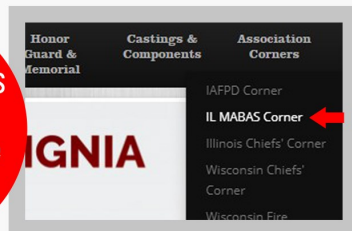
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## IL MABAS MERCHANDISE

Proudly display your MABAS IL membership with our wide selection of engraved gifts and accessories. Personalization is also available for these products.



Visit our IL MABAS corner on our website for more exclusive items!





FAST FACTS



Antioch Auto Shop Fire

Western Shelter being set up.



Fun Fact

Lightning tends to strike tall structures, which is why it's dangerous to seek shelter under tall trees in a storm.  
[www.factretriever.com/lightning-facts](http://www.factretriever.com/lightning-facts)

Fun Fact

The human brain is a wickedly powerful computer. It's so fast, that if it were an electronic computer (like your phone or laptop), it would be able to perform 38 quadrillion (38 thousand-trillion) operations per second.

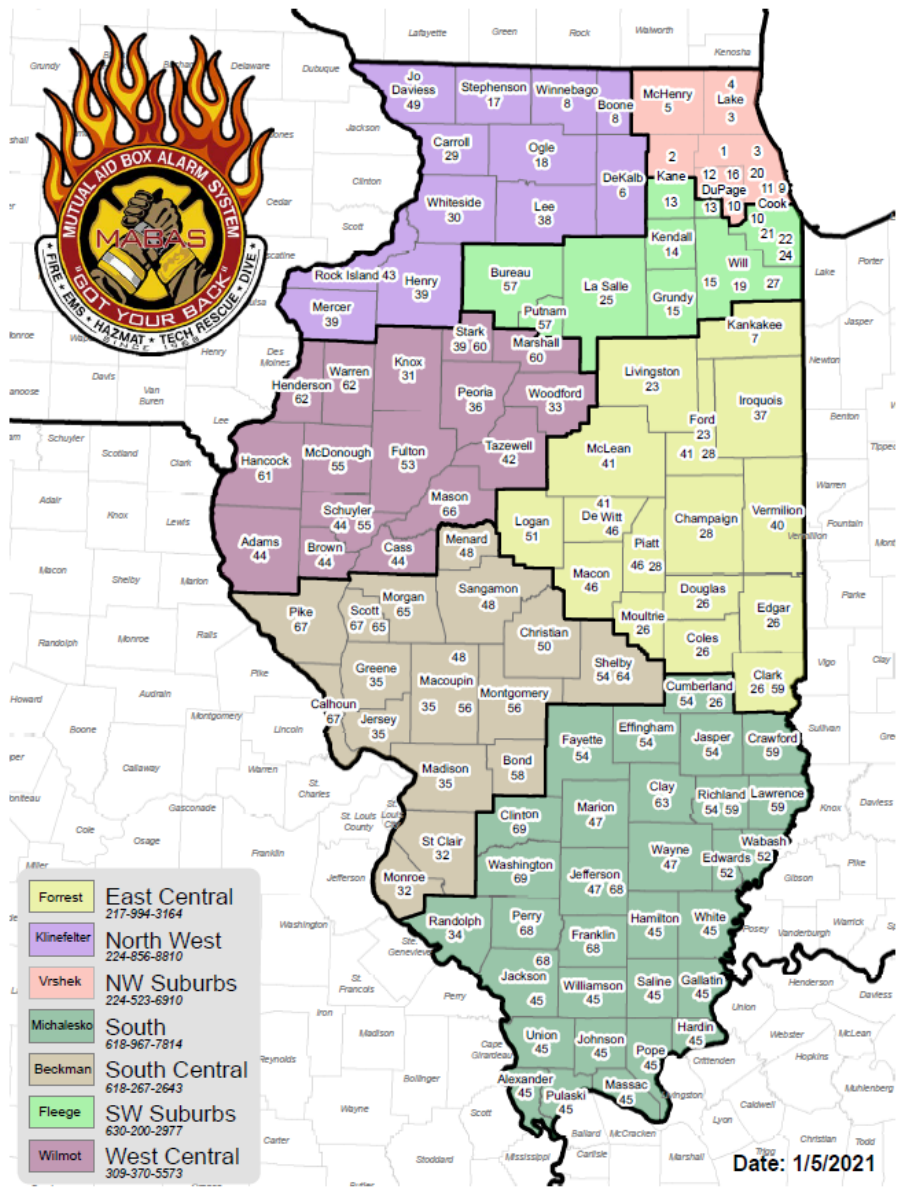
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For More Information

MABAS, Illinois  
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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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Phone—847-403-0511

# COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORT - MABAS WESTERN SHELTER SYSTEMS

BY: CHIEF KEVIN LYNE

Over the past several weeks, the impact of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has caused another surge in requests for MABAS' Western (or Expedient) Shelter Systems. While deploying Western Shelter (WS) systems is not new, MABAS has worked with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to further define the authorization process for the use of WS for COVID-19 response efforts.

Effective January 12, 2022, mission taskings for the use of MABAS WS's at Private Sector and For-Profit locations is

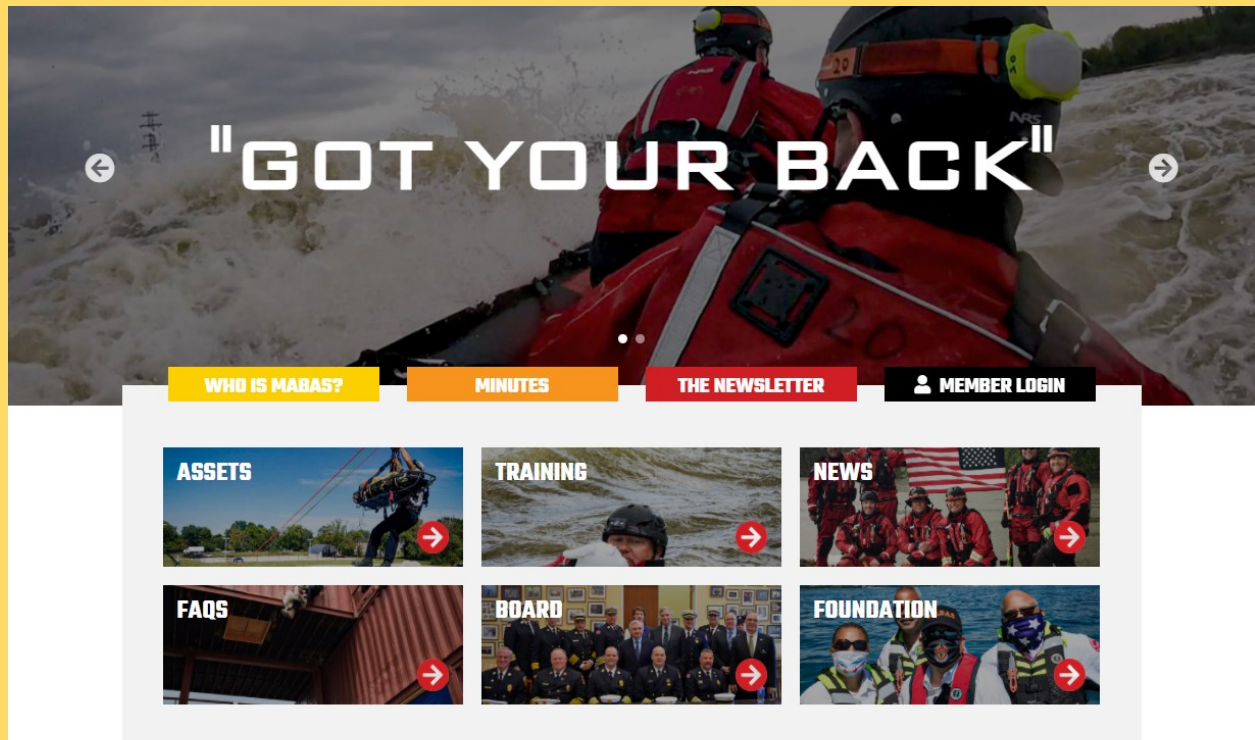
limited to 30 days. This IEMA policy has been distributed by IDPH and other state agencies. As we are nearing the 2 year mark of the COVID-19 response effort, it should be expected that these locations have developed and implemented some type of continuity of operations plan (COOP) to secure a private vendor for a longer term need. During the IEMA request for resource process, Private Sector and For-Profit locations must agree to this condition in order for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and

IEMA to approve the request. This new policy does not apply to governmental or not-for-profit locations.

Questions on this new IEMA policy can be directed to your Operations Branch Chief.

Reimbursement questions relating to missions taskings should be directed to [COVIDreimbursements@mabas-il.org](mailto:COVIDreimbursements@mabas-il.org)

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE



[WWW.MABAS-IL.ORG](http://WWW.MABAS-IL.ORG)



Welcome to the  
2022  
MABAS-Illinois Training Summit

February 21 – February 25, 2022

Marriott Hotel  
Bloomington-Normal, Illinois



**MABAS-ILLINOIS TRAINING SUMMIT  
CHIEFS AND COMMAND  
February 21 – February 25, 2022**



<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 21, 2022</b>
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast for Committee and Staff Members – <b>Redbird North Lobby</b>
0700 – 1700	Registration – <b>North End</b>
0830 – 0915	Committee Orientation & 2021 Briefings – <b>Redbird C/D</b>
0915 – 1230	Committee Work Sessions
By-Laws Committee – <b>North Executive</b>	Water Rescue Committee – <b>Beaufort</b>
Fleet & Mechanics Committee – <b>Fell A</b>	Communications Committee – <b>Redbird E</b>
AHOST Committee – <b>Fell B</b>	UAS Committee – <b>Redbird F</b>
TRT Committee – <b>Fell C</b>	HAZMAT Committee – <b>Broadway</b>
Fire Intelligence Liaisons – <b>Redbird G</b>	
0930 – 1030	Break – Set up near committee meeting rooms
1145 – 1230	Working Committee Lunches (Provided – delivered to Committee rooms)
1300 - 1330	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Dignitaries Comments – Redbird C/D</b>  <b>Glenn Ericksen, MABAS-ILLINOIS CEO</b>  <b>Presentation of Colors Bloomington Normal Firefighters; Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chris Koos, Mayor, Mick Humer Fire Chief - Town of Normal</li> <li>- Eric West Fire Chief – City of Bloomington</li> <li>- Matt Perez, State of Illinois Fire Marshal</li> </ul> <p><b>Alicia Tate-Nadeau – Director – Illinois Emergency Management Agency</b></p>
1330 – 1500	<p><b>MABAS Deployments – Start to Finish – Redbird C/D</b>  <b>Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operation Section Chief; Darin Beckman, MABAS Operations Branch Chief; Alicia Atkinson, R.E.D. Center; Tim Littlefield, MABAS Plans Branch Chief; Scott Gauvin, IEMA</b> – Presentation will provide a complete review of the deployment process, both in State and EMAC, including division notifications, rosters, MABAS SEOC/IEMA, communications and reimbursements.</p>
1500 - 1515	Break – <b>Redbird Lobby Area</b>
1515 – 1645	<p><b>Hurricane IDA Deployment Presentations – Redbird C/D</b>  <b>Kevin Lyne, Moderator</b>  <b>Illinois Task Force 1 – Pat Hardin, USAR Operations Branch Chief; John Gaughan, USAR Administration Branch Chief</b> – Presentation will focus on Task Force updates, the Type 3 Team deployment review and highlights.  <b>Fire Engine Strike Team – D/C Steve DeJong, Homewood FD, Strike Team Division Leader</b> – Presentation will provide deployment highlights including deployment matters, daily documentation, reimbursements and Media relations.</p>
1530 - 1615	Vendor Setup and Briefing – <b>Redbird A/B</b>
1645	Administrative Announcements & Day's Summary – <b>Redbird C/D</b>
1800 - 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our vendors – <b>Redbird A/B, C/D</b>

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 22, 2022</b>
0730 - 0830	Continental Breakfast for Summit Attendees – <b>Redbird Lobby</b>
0700 – 0900	Summit Registration – <b>Redbird North Lobby</b>
0800 – 0815	Welcome and Admin. Announcements - General Session – <b>Redbird C/D</b>
0815 – 0915	<b>Montgomery County, Division 56, Wildland Fire Incident, Lessons Learned – Redbird C/D</b> <b>Joe Gasparich, Nokomis Area FPD; Kevin Schott, Montgomery County EMA and President of Division 56</b> – Presentation will provide an overview, challenges and lessons learned during a massive wind driven wildland fire in Division 56.
0915 - 0930	Break with Vendors – <b>Redbird A/B</b>
0930 - 1100	<b>New and Old Technology Working Together – Search Canines &amp; Aerial Drones – Redbird C/D</b> <b>Chief Pat Tanner, West Chicago FPD</b> – Presentation will focus on the Search and Rescue Strike Team, which is a collection of various Illinois Fire Departments and Fire Districts that respond to requests for non-violent missing or lost individuals by using trained firefighter K9 handler's, drones, utility vehicles and command staff in a coordinated effort.
1100 - 1115	Break with Vendors – <b>Redbird A/B</b>
1115 - 1200	<b>Fire Service Intelligence Update – Redbird C/D</b> <b>Allen Reyne, Fire Service Intelligence Officer, ISP Statewide Terrorism &amp; Intelligence Center (STIC); Steve Bennett, Chief, Charleston FD, Co-chair FILO Committee</b> – Presentation will provide a most recent Intelligence update and role of the MABAS Division FILO's.
1200 - 1300	<b>Lunch Provided &amp; Vendor Presentations – Redbird C/D</b>
1300 - 1400	<b>MAMAC Meeting – Redbird E/F/G</b>
1315 - 1430	<b>New Fire Chiefs &amp; Veteran Fire Chiefs MABAS 101 – Redbird C/D</b> <b>Glenn Ericksen, MABAS-ILLINOIS CEO; Bernie Lyons, MABAS Section Chief Administration</b> – Presentation will provide an overview of MABAS-ILLINOIS and its mission, to include policy updates, current and future needs and vision 2025.
1430 - 1500	Break with Vendors – <b>Redbird A/B</b>
1500 -1615	<b>Special Teams – Past / Present / Future – Redbird C/D</b> <b>Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief; Spencer Kimura, MABAS Deputy Operations Section Chief; Tim Littlefield, MABAS Plans Branch Chief</b> – Presentation focus will include a brief overview of MABAS Special Teams, the ability to deploy, Team policy changes/rosters and implementation of the new Salamander/CIMS 3.0 system.
1630	Administrative Announcements & Day's Summary – <b>Redbird C/D</b>
Evening	On Your Own – Enjoy Bloomington-Normal

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 23, 2022</b>
0730 – 0830	Continental Breakfast for Attendees – <b>Redbird Lobby</b>
0830 - 0930	<p><b>Guest Keynote Speaker, “Out of Chaos Comes Order and the Opportunity to Grow” – Redbird C/D</b></p> <p><b>Chris Fields, Major (Ret), Oklahoma City Fire Department and Fire Liaison on the Advisory Board for Survive First Center for Behavioral Health, an organization whose mission is to assist first responders, military and their families who need mental health support from the impact of PTSD</b> – In this presentation he will discuss the realities of a 31-year career responding to citizens in need including the 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing and how that day all combined to take a toll on his life and family.</p>
0930 - 0945	Break – <b>Redbird A/B</b>
0945 - 1200	<p><b>Joint Session with Dispatchers – Redbird C/D</b></p> <p><b>Lessons Learned, 2021 Wood River Refinery HAZ MAT, Rockton Chem Tool Fire &amp; Morris Superior Battery Fire Incidents –</b></p> <p><b>Chief Wade Stahlhut, Wood River FD; Chief Rick Haase, Phillips 66 Refinery; Chief Kirk Wilson, Rockton FD; Chief Tracey Steffes, Morris FD; Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director R.E.D. Center; Divisions 35, 8 &amp; 15 Dispatch Center representatives TBD; Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief, moderator -</b></p> <p>This presentation will be a panel discussion with Stricken Fire Chiefs and Dispatch Centers, including a brief overview of each incident, what was known going into the incident, challenges that were present upon arrival and MABAS involvement including mutual aid, inter-divisional aid, divisional preparedness, and notifications.</p>
1200 - 1300	Lunch on your own.
1300 - 1500	MABAS Executive Board Meeting – <b>Redbird C/D</b>
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – <b>Redbird C/D</b>



**MABAS-ILLINOIS TRAINING SUMMIT  
DISPATCHERS  
FEBRUARY 23 – FEBRUARY 25, 2022**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 23, 2022</b>
0800 - 1600	Dispatcher Summit Registration – <b>Redbird North Lobby</b> <b>Welcome to the 2022 MABAS-ILLINOIS Dispatchers Summit</b>
0945 - 1200	<b>Joint Session with Command – Redbird C/D</b> <b>Lessons Learned, 2021 Wood River Refinery HAZ MAT, Rockton Chem Tool Fire &amp; Morris Superior Battery Fire Incidents –</b> <b>Chief Wade Stahlhut, Wood River FD; Chief Rick Haase, Phillips 66 Refinery; Chief Kirk Wilson, Rockton FD; Chief Tracey Steffes, Morris FD; Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director R.E.D. Center; Divisions 35, 8 &amp; 15 Dispatch Center representatives TBD; Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief, moderator –</b> This presentation will be a panel discussion with Stricken Fire Chiefs and Dispatch Centers, including a brief overview of each incident, what was known going into the incident, challenges that were present upon arrival and MABAS involvement including mutual aid, inter-divisional aid, divisional preparedness and notification.
1200 - 1330	Conference Registration and Lunch on your own! Explore Bloomington-Normal!
1330 - 1345	<b>Opening Introductions and Ice Breaker – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director R.E.D. Center and Ron Kleinhaus, Fire Chief, Evergreen Park Fire Department, Communications Committee Co-Chairmen –</b> Meet the MABAS Dispatch Training Mentors and review the 2022 Summit Agenda and events.
1345 - 1430	<b>Illinois 9-1-1 Peer Support – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>Patrick O’Sullivan –</b> A presentation on the concept of training Dispatchers in peer support, to support any in house needs if they have something in place or want to start a peer support program. The members of this group would also be available (if they choose) to help other dispatchers in centers throughout Illinois.
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – <b>Redbird C/D</b>
1800 - 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsor – <b>Redbird A/B, C/D</b> <b>“Give me some Country” Don’t forget your cowboy hats and boots for this year’s Country Night!</b>

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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 24, 2022</b>	
0700 - 0830	Continental Breakfast and Registration for Attendees – <b>North Redbird Lobby</b>	
0830 - 0930	<b>Meet Your OP's Branch Chief – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief</b> – Meet and Greet with Your Regional Contact to ask and learn about local issues and updates.	
0930 - 0945	Break – <b>North Redbird Lobby</b>	
0945 - 1030	<b>General Session – “The Safety of Your 9-1-1 Center During Civil Unrest” – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>Edward (Jody) Meiman III and Angela Downes, Louisville Metro Emergency Services</b> – An enlightening presentation of how Louisville Dispatch handled unrest at their doorstep and what they learned.	
1030 - 1045	Break – <b>North Redbird Lobby</b>	
1045 - 1215	<b>General Session – “Taking the Cape Off” – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>Chief Patrick Kenny (Ret.)</b> Chief Kenny has been a member of the fire service for over 38 years and before retiring in January 2021, served as the Fire Chief in Hinsdale and Western Springs Fire Departments. He has been a Chief Officer for over 25 years and a speaker in multiple countries on Mayday for Mental Health for more than a decade.	
1100 - 1400	<b>Illinois APCO/NENA Meeting – Redbird A</b>	
1215 - 1300	<b>Lunch Provided &amp; Vendor Presentations – Redbird C</b>	
1300 - 1500	<b>Dispatch Simulator available! Bring your local box cards.</b> <b>Joe McGrath and Rachel Thompson – North Street Executive Boardroom</b>	
	<b>Breakouts</b>	
1300-1400	<b>MABAS for Beginners – Redbird E/F/G</b>	<b>MABAS Advanced – Redbird D</b>
	<b>‘Fire Ops 101</b> – A brief introduction to fire ground operations – <b>Andy Russell and Chris Lienhardt</b>	<b>‘Statewide and Beyond’</b> – A review of the steps in an escalating incident, messaging and the necessary paperwork and how CIMS plays into everything - <b>Mark Sikorski</b>
1400-1415	Break – <b>North Redbird Lobby</b>	
1415-1515	<b>Breakouts</b>	
	<b>MABAS for Beginners – Redbird E/F/G</b>	<b>MABAS Advanced – Redbird D</b>
	<b>MABAS Basics</b> – A presentation on the how's and why's of dispatching a box alarm. – <b>Tom Clifton and Rachel Thompson</b>	<b>Special Teams and Assets</b> – A review of our capabilities and equipment across the state - <b>Mark Sikorski</b>
1515 - 1530	<b>Break</b>	
1530 - 1700	<b>Open Forum Theater</b> – A lighthearted, open discussion about our business! <b>Chris Lienhardt, John Ferraro, Ty Wooten – Normal Theater</b>	
Evening	On Your Own – Enjoy Bloomington-Normal	

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February 23 – February 25, 2022**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 25, 2022</b>
0800 – 0900	Continental Breakfast for Attendees – <b>Redbird North Lobby</b>
0900 – 0930	<b>The State of MABAS Address – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>Glenn Ericksen, MABAS – Illinois, CEO</b>
0930 - 1015	<b>General Session – “Customer Service, It’s an Obligation” – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>John Ferraro</b> In this session, John will explain the importance and obligation of customer service, especially as it pertains to the efforts to re-classify Telecommunicators from clerical to public safety in the eyes of the federal government. He will discuss ways to de-escalate calls with emotionally charged callers and go over some common tricks and tips to alleviate the stress that Telecommunicators feel when dealing with difficult and every day calls.
1015 - 1030	<b>Break - Redbird North Lobby</b>
1030 – 1230	<b>Closing Keynote Speaker – “Transformation Through Mastering the Basics” – Redbird E/F/G</b> <b>Marty McPhee</b> – Sometimes the best tools we have are the ones that have always been in our belt all along, just underutilized. Transformation can begin by focusing on the simplest, yet most important ideas and activities. When times are most turbulent and uncertain, grounding is the necessary step to getting on the right track and growth. This presentation will identify key grounding principles, that when mastered can lead to individual and team transformation.
1230 – 1300	<b>Closing Comments and wrap up – The Communications Mentors</b>





# MABAS Foundation

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## MABAS FOUNDATION

The newly-formed MABAS Foundation is “off-the-ground and running.” With the help of donations and pledges from vendors, partners and individuals, the Foundation is enhancing safety for Illinois’ firefighters, businesses and residents.

In 2021, the Foundation purchased anti-virus equipment disinfectant sprayers, which were distributed statewide. In addition, the Foundation purchased critically needed Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for fire and emergency service crews in areas where it was needed most, including to support special rescue teams sent to Louisiana in support of Hurricane Ida rescue and relief efforts. Most recently, the Foundation provided MABAS Divisions with Positive Air Purification

Systems to use in Western Shelter Systems, ambulances, and command units to stymie the spread of COVID-19 and all its variants.

In short, the MABAS Foundation is making a difference, but we need your help!

Who in your sphere of influence may be interested in supporting MABAS great work? Please reach out to vendors, local businesses, and partner corporations and let them know about the great work the Foundation is doing.

The Illinois fire service is, and will always be, available when needed. Contributions go directly back to the community - providing support and equipment to local firefighters to keep their communities as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support - it is sincerely appreciated,

The MABAS Foundation

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## FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

### ALICIA MCCOY

Alicia McCoy has been involved in the MABAS Foundation since it's inception. A recently retired Fire Chief of Abbott Fire Department and member of the Illinois Fire Service for 36 years in various roles, Alicia wishes to continue to use her experience with industry in Illinois to further the MABAS Foundation's outreach and further the mission of the foundation. Alicia has experienced firsthand the role of MABAS in Illinois and appreciates the service and continuity it provides the Illinois Fire Service.

Alicia feels MABAS is a longstanding organization in Illinois and the state fire departments get a multitude of support from the organization, from training to response. The value of MABAS affects all our emergency response organizations and the MABAS Foundation's support is a valuable resource.

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