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From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

Cool weather is in the air and in our rural communities the harvest is in full swing. I hope everyone's department is doing well. With the potential for colder weather in the near future, this would be a good time to make sure any of your MABAS issued equipment is ready for the winter. Please contact your MABAS branch operations chief if you need assistance.

At the recent MABAS executive board meeting (October 19, 2023, in Peoria) we discussed and voted to adopt the updated MABAS master mutual aid agreement. The draft document was included in the packets for the meeting and posted on our website. Please review the document and if you have comments or questions, please contact

MABAS staff or me so we can help answer those questions. A big thank you to all the divisions that voted to adopt the new agreement.

We hosted remote sites at the MABAS Readiness Center and Mount Vernon for the October board meeting, and the technology worked well again. Please keep the communities recently impacted by hurricanes in your thoughts as they work through the recovery process.

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

Respectfully,

Don Davids

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We thank all the
volunteers that
assisted with the State
Fire Marshal Tent
August 15, 2022

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



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A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

Now that summer has past things are really picking up here at MABAS. Planning for the 2023 MABAS Command and Communications Training Summit is in full swing. We are close to finalizing a full agenda with a number of presentations from departments/divisions who have experienced challenging responses who will share their lessons learned. We encourage divisions to send their future leaders to the Summit also in order to take advantage of the institutional knowledge that will be shared. The Summit will be held February 20 through February 24, 2023 in Bloomington-Normal. The MABAS Summit is still a great value for what you will receive.

At the October MABAS Executive Board meeting in Peoria the new Master MABAS Agreement was approved. The older agreements needed replacement in order to address issues that have arisen over the years. Each Divisional Executive Board has been sent copies of the new Agreement along with Ordinance and Resolution documents. All existing MABAS Agreements will expire January 1, 2024 so it is

imperative that you have your governmental/district boards approve and sign the new

Master MABAS Agreements before the deadline. If you have any questions from your legal representatives, please contact us and we'll advise how to contact our MABAS attorney to provide an answer.

As we have reported in the past it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the current MABAS system utilizing Federal grant funding. These funds are steadily



decreasing along with increasing restrictions on how the funds can be used. One of the stated goals of the Illinois Homeland Security Strategy is to maintain the State's mutual aid networks. To that

end, MABAS and other mutual aid organizations, have initiated a proposal through the Illinois Terrorism Task Force to have the State increase funding in the State Preparedness and Response Grant program to support the basic costs to maintain the systems. If successful, this would free up any Federal grant funding to be available for capital equipment replacement which currently is impossible to fund. Beginning in 2023, the State PAR Grant will take over \$477,895 of MABAS equipment expenses and \$194,000 of other operating expenses due to the declining Federal funding. The goal will be to have the remaining operating expenses covered by the PAR grant in the near future.

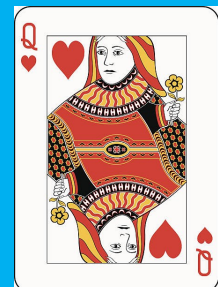
This month marks the retirement of John Gaughan, USAR Team Administrative Branch Chief after eight years of service. John was instrumental in the recent certification of the Illinois Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team. We would like to thank John and wish him well in his travels.

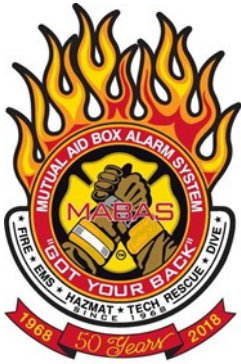
We wish everyone well as the holiday season approaches and hope to see you at the 2023 MABAS Summit. Be safe.



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WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO MAKE THE FIRE SAFETY EXHIBIT A SUCCESS, AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S FIRE SAFETY EXHIBIT AUGUST 15, 2022



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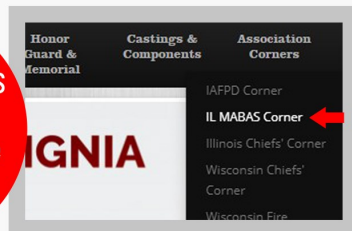
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FAST FACTS



MABAS Dispatcher Training Day

Fun Fact



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

Fun Fact

During World War II, a Great Dane named Juliana was awarded the Blue Cross Medal. She extinguished an incendiary bomb by peeing on it!

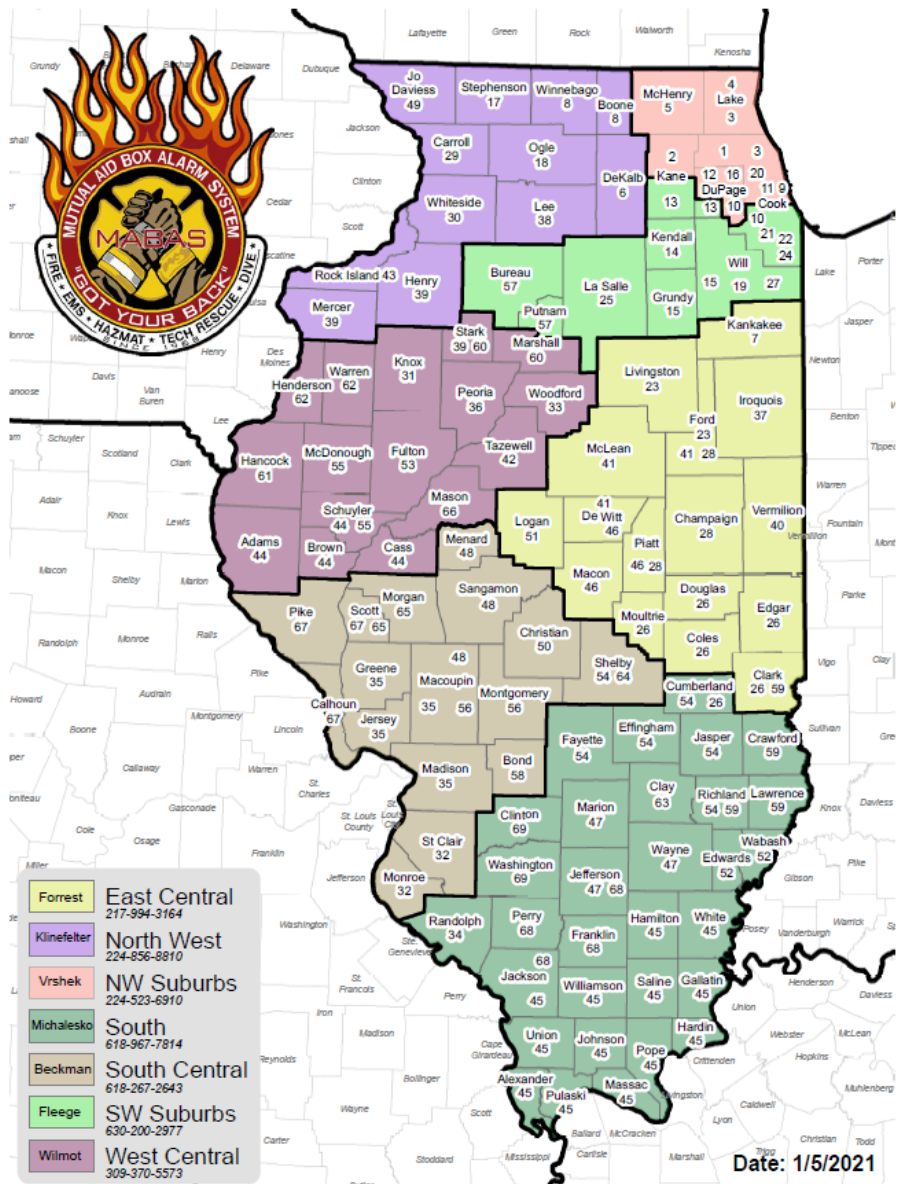
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MABAS Division Map With Branch Chiefs



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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MABAS DISPATCH TRAINING



Awesome training sponsored by MABAS / IL-NENA / MABAS Div21

It is rare that 911 telecommunicators can participate in a hands-on training focused on enhancing their knowledge of what happens on the other side of the radio, however thanks to MABAS Illinois, Illinois NENA and MABAS Div21 just under 60 911 professionals from around the state were able to!

The second annual Dispatcher Day at the Illinois Fire Service Institute was held on Sept 14 & 15th, providing eight hours of hands-on firefighting experience and four hours of active threat/IC experience, allowing the attendees to obtain valuable insight into what goes on out in the field.

The first day/firefighting experience started with issuance of gear including full PPE and SCBA, followed by a down and dirty training on the use and importance of each piece of equipment. The attendees then proceeded to complete the required NFPA building walk through before the first live fire evolution involving fire behavior. Upon completion of fire behavior, the attendees moved onto the second-floor dwelling fire, which demonstrated the effectiveness of knocking down the fire, cooling down the interior as well as the impact these tactics have on the overall outcome of the incident.

At the end of the first day the instructors demonstrated Firefighter CPR; showing the attendees step by step what happens when a Firefighter is pulled out of a building during a Mayday/RIT scenario, including sharing "Why" each step had a specific purpose etc. During this evolution MABAS Communications Committee Co-Chair and Director of R.E.D. Center Chris Lienhardt emphasized the importance of having the proper resources on the scene; including those situations where the first ambulance transported and now there's a mayday. "As 911 Telecommunicators we owe it to our family on the other side of the radio to fully understand what is happening on the scene, including making sure the necessary resources are available for just this scenario".

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MABAS DISPATCH TRAINING

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Co-Chair Lienhardt stressed the importance that MABAS has placed on trainings such as Dispatcher Day and the Regional sessions, stating “MABAS Leadership understands that everything starts and stops with the people sitting in the communications center which is why they support training efforts like this.”



The second day of the training focused solely on managing an Active Threat event; with Chief James Moore and his cadre of Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement instructors presenting the latest trends in Active Threat events; highlighting the common challenges faced by responders as well as challenges the communication center faces during events and the incredible demand for resources.

What was unique about this session was the attendees were placed in the various incident command roles and there was a noted change in their demeanor as the scenarios were designed to increase the stress in a managed environment. This was the first time any of these

attendees served in ICS roles in such a real-world scenario and thanks to the staff at IFSI, the event was set up to test their abilities without setting them up to fail.

In closing, the Communications Committee would like to express our sincere thanks to M.A.B.A.S HQ Staff and the Board of Directors for their continued support of our efforts to see that critical training like this continues to be provided for Dispatch personnel who lack the ability to receive training for the most part. We have heard prior to this second Dispatcher Day training that the first one was “The best training I ever attended” and we heard similar comments from the attendees this time, which shows how incredibly important training like this for a group that has very few opportunities overall.



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ILTF-1 TRAINING

By: Chief Paces

During September Illinois Task Force 1 conducted training on Wide Area Search operations utilizing the Search and Rescue Common Operating Platform. The SARCOP collects and shares field observations for shared situational awareness and decision making with regards to: life safety, damage assessments, hazards and incident support. This provides a common operating platform for both response and recovery. The underlying technology uses ArcGIS integrated ‘apps’ that work with Apple, Android and Windows platforms. The ArcGIS mapping will show waypoints and any related data and photos collected, tracklogs, and search segments. The interoperability of SARCOP is currently in use by all 28 FEMA US&R teams, multiple State US&R teams, and is interoperable with INSARAG (International Search and Rescue Advisory Group). The following dashboard display shows some of the waypoints and track logs gathered by IL-TF1 during their training.

The screenshot displays the SARCOP Sandbox interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Intro, Battlecard, Intel Manager, Tactical (selected), Strategic, and More. Below this is a 'Tactical Dashboard' for 'Exercise Only 7763e'. A 'Follow-Up Status' filter is set to 'All'. The main content is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Waypoint List', contains five entries:

- HAZMAT Incident by IL-TF1**: Upload 9/15/2022, 2:04 PM; 16T CL 75967 50496; NG; Point ID 69587; Update via Survey123 | Intel Manager.
- Rescued by IL-TF1**: Upload 9/15/2022, 2:04 PM; 16T CL 75975 50322; Point ID 69586; Update via Survey123 | Intel Manager. Status: Needs Review.
- Structure - Destroyed by IL-TF1**: Upload 9/15/2022, 2:04 PM; 16T CL 75961 50507; Point ID 69585; Update via Survey123 | Intel Manager.
- Structure - Destroyed by IL-TF1**: Upload 9/15/2022, 2:04 PM; 16T CL 75964 50497; Point ID 69584; Update via Survey123 | Intel Manager.
- Victim, detected by IL-TF1**: Upload 9/15/2022, 2:04 PM; 16T CL 75978 50323; Point ID 69583; Update via Survey123 | Intel Manager. Status: Needs Review.

The right panel shows a map view with various waypoints and tracklogs overlaid on a satellite image. Labels on the map include 'D Payne IL-TF1 Squad 5 Last Seen 24 hours ago' and 'Larsen IL-TF1 Squad 5 Last Seen 23 hours ago'. A title on the map reads '20220914 IL-TF1 Wide Area Search Training'. The bottom navigation bar includes: Waypoints, About, Segm/Tracks, Incidents, Div/Branch, RST/HAZ, Map, WAS, Victim / Rescue Progress, RST/ HAZ, and Job-Aid.



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