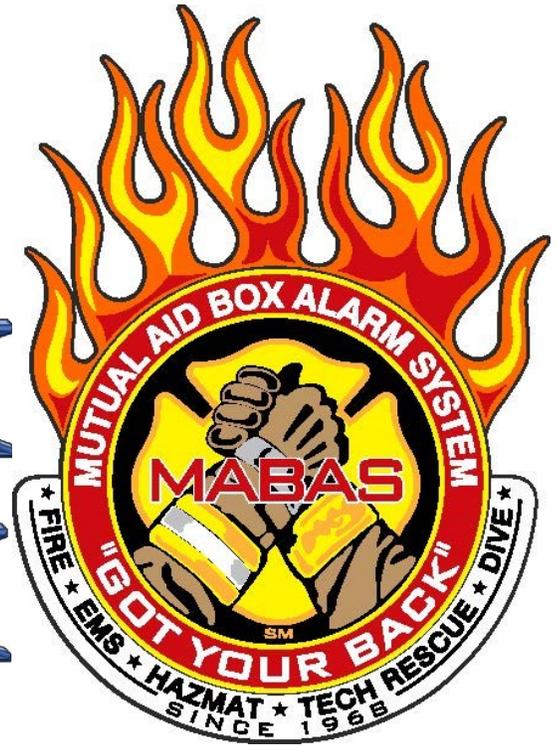


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From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members, I hope you are all safe and well and have enjoyed the change in weather recently.

Most of you are aware that we are nearing the date that the updated MABAS agreement needs to be completed by your departments/divisions. Completed agreements along with resolution/ordinance paperwork must be submitted to MABAS by January 1, 2024.

While we have had a great number of departments and divisions already submit their agreements, there are quite a few that have not. Please reach out to MABAS staff or myself if you need assistance or have questions. MABAS is only as strong as the membership that supports it, and we need to stay able to assist our neighboring departments and communities.

Departments that are not current on their MABAS agreement risk losing the legal protections the agreement provides, participation in exercises, reimbursement for special team training and potentially the loss of those teams and their equipment. Please reach out to your division members to encourage and support them in completing the new agreement.

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

Respectfully,

Don Davids

President, MABAS-IL

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MABAS would like to thank all who volunteered at Illinois State Fair August 14, 2023

Fall

Home Maintenance Checklist

The changing seasons bring excitement and important seasonal maintenance tasks that can get forgotten. When school starts and Labor Day comes, keep these important home maintenance jobs top of mind:

Inside the House

- Deep clean your home.
- Check fire extinguisher expiration dates.
- Check water softener (if applicable).
- Inspect and change furnace filters.
- Flush your hot water heater to remove sediment.
- Check batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Operate the water heater relief valve and ensure water flows from the overflow valve.
- Test your sump pump for proper operation.
- Replace refrigerator water filter.
- Check for excess lint behind your dryer and schedule a dryer vent cleaning.

Outside the House

- Check windows and doors for air leaks to save on your heating bill.
- Clean window wells of debris.
- Winterize outdoor irrigation.
- Have your furnace serviced if needed.
- Clean your chimney if needed.
- Rake and remove all leaves from the yard.
- Disconnect the garden hose and ensure no water remains in it.
- Cut back perennials.
- Check exterior paint for any cracks or peeling.
- Inspect exterior accent lighting.
- Schedule your holiday lighting installation to avoid the rush and get ahead of the game.
- Continue your mosquito control service while temperatures remain above 50 degrees to ensure a protected backyard.

Use this seasonal home maintenance checklist to help keep your home in great shape. Just remember to do what works best for you. If you need a helping hand, contact any of the Neighborly home service brands for results you can trust.



A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

As we approach the end of the current year we are working on a number of important projects here at the MABAS headquarters. There still are a large number of agencies who have not approved and submitted their new MABAS Master Agreement documents. We are trying to follow up with those agencies that have not signed to determine if there are any issues preventing them from submitting. Remember, all of the older MABAS Master Agreements expire on January 1, 2024 which will leave those who have not submitted new agreements out of MABAS. Please do not let this happen.

Work is moving along in preparation for the 2024 MABAS Command and Dispatch Summit which will be held February 19 through February 23, 2024 in Bloomington/Normal. Watch for the registration information which will be advertised soon.

It's no secret that a large number of MABAS assets that have been in service since 9/11 are wearing out and need replacement. Unfortunately, the Federal grant programs that were abundant when these assets were procured have shrunk over time and are no longer capable of providing enough capital to replace everything needed.



We are looking to the State to pick up a larger share of the costs to maintain the statewide mutual aid capabilities

and provide funding to replace capital equipment. This process will require all of us to do a self-assessment on where we need to focus any available funding for capital expenditures. Questions such as what is important to maintain, what can we do without and what new capabilities do we need fund will be asked as we move forward in the coming years. I encourage all to provide any suggestions to your local Operations Branch Chief

Congratulations to Chief Dave Haywood, MABAS Second Vice President, on his recent award of Fire Chief Emeritus by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association at their October Symposium.

We hope to see everyone at the 2024 MABAS Summit and look forward to a joyous and safe holiday season.



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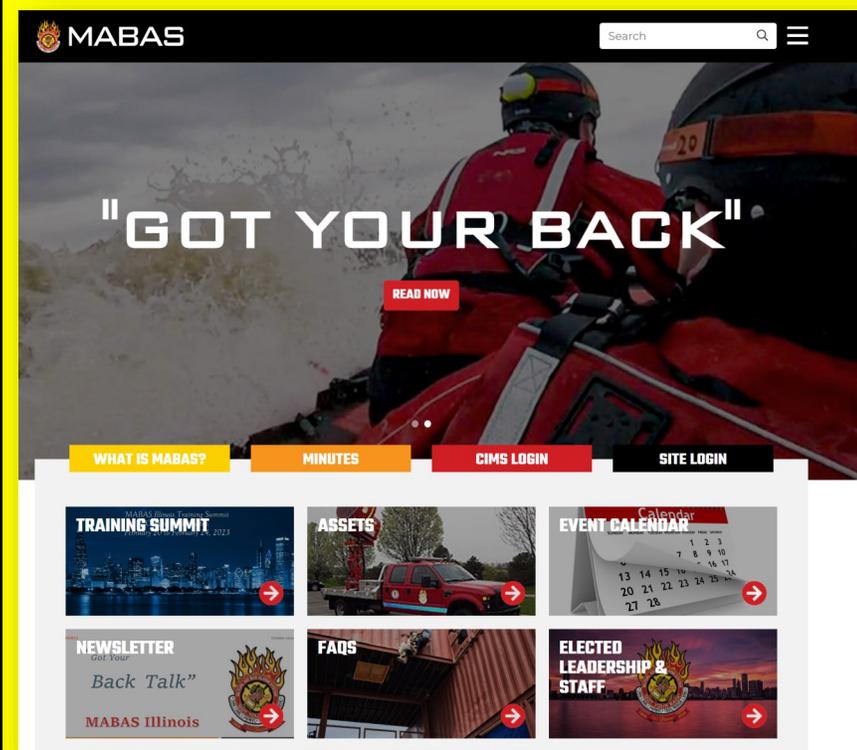


MABAS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR



If you have any questions please contact Operations Branch Chief Mike Forrest at forrest@mabas-il.org

[Click here to volunteer and help!](#)



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www.mabas-il.org

M.A.B.A.S. – Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Task Force is seeking applications for the following positions;

Rescue Specialist

Medical Specialist

Hazardous Material Specialist

Deadline extended Please return all required documents by November 30, 2023. ***Deadline extended***



Please get packet by scanning QR code or visit MABAS website at mabas-il.org





Canine Corner

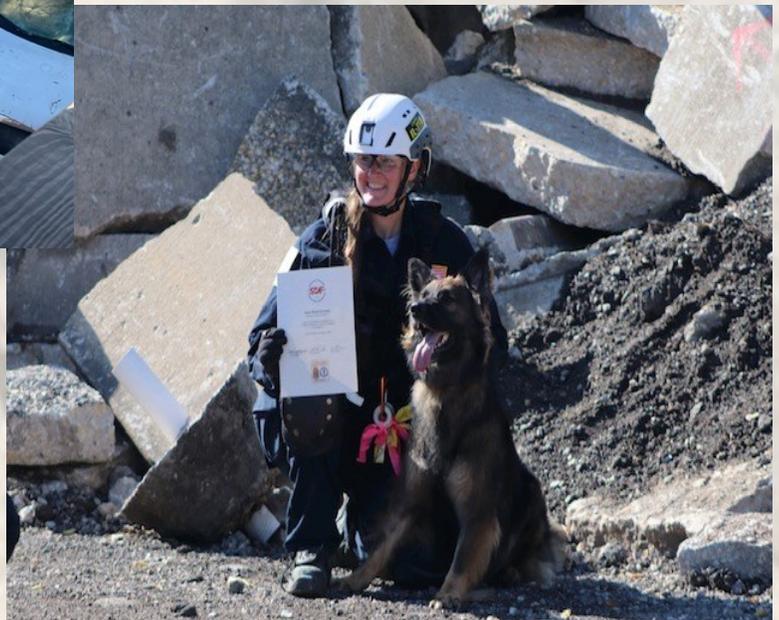
The fall has been an exciting time for IL-TF1's canine team. They have been working hard all year preparing two canines for Type 1 re-certification that is necessary every 3 years, and initial Type 1 certifications for three additional canines. This all culminated the weekend of October 7th, 2023 when the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation held a certification evaluation at the West Chicago Fire District's regional training site. Evaluators from SDF tested all 5 IL-TF1 canine teams and were joined by an IL-TF1 Search Team Manager as a Shadow Evaluator. Additional canine teams from Vermont, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Alabama joined Illinois for their Type 1 canine evaluations. The task force is proud to report all canine teams who challenged the certification evaluation passed and are now certified as Type 1 Live Find Disaster Canines!

IL-TF1 would also like to welcome our new canine handler from the Roselle Fire Department, Jen Reidle and her canine Ember.



Canine handler Bassegio with the West Chicago FPD prepares to re-launch K9 Thor after a successful find of a victim in the pile

Canine team Boeke and Fable with the Hillside FD proudly displaying their Type 1 Certification after a successful test



For information about IL-TF1 Canine program and resources contact US&R Operations Branch Pat Hardin at 224-935-2728 or hardin@mabas-il.org



Canine Corner

In order to challenge the Type 1 Canine Evaluation, canine teams must complete their foundational skills assessment which consists of obedience, agility, directional, among other components. The Type 1 CE consists of two rubble piles averaging 8,000 to 15,000 sq. feet and 10 feet deep. Canine teams have 20 minutes to search each pile which consist of concrete, steel and wood debris. Within the two piles 4-6 mock victims are placed hidden in the rubble. Additional scent distractions such as food and clothing are placed in the rubble. Canine teams must find all the victims, without alerting on any distractions or having any false alerts within the allotted time to successfully pass the Certification Eval-



Canine handler McDevitt of the N. Aurora FPD directs K9 Talon's search of the pile while Search Manager Paces shadows SDF evaluator's.



Canine handler Murray of the Romeoville FD prepares to reward K9 Roy with a tug toy after a successful find of a victim hidden in the



Canine handler Gardiner displaying his certification with SDF evaluators. Geoff is an original member of the IL-TF1 canine team and K9 Whiskey is his third canine he has successfully certified. His previous canine Molson was retired earlier this year due to age and is happily living the retired life with Geoff at home.

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MABAS COMMUNICATIONS SEMINAR UPDATES

By Mark Sikorski



The MABAS Communications Committee held another regional Communications Seminar at the Limestone Fire Protection District in Peoria, on October 5th. The session was well attended by Communications and Fire Service personnel, with the weather cooperating perfectly for our outside Asset and Apparatus display.

A special thanks to Chief Dale Hoerr and the Limestone FPD and members for their hospitality, and to E-Environmental Solutions for sponsoring our breakfast and lunch.

Our next Seminar will be held in Batavia at Fermilab on December 5th. See flyer on next page!



Attention **ALL**
 First Responders!
 You are invited to attend!
****No Cost****
MABAS
Regional Training Seminar

Hello everyone!

The MABAS Communications training group is returning to your area to offer a wide variety of MABAS related topics, to assist you in preparing for daily to worst-case responses.

ALL First Responders are encouraged to attend....

[Email tcd@mabas-il.org to register!](mailto:tcd@mabas-il.org)

We hope to see you there!

HIGHLIGHTS

- MABAS overview
- Box Cards
- From Rural to Large Responses and Deployments
- Box Alarm simulator
- An outside Asset display and more....

December 5th, 2023

This seminar will take place at the
Fermilab IARC Building

****Note**** the building has no actual address. Attendee's should enter off
 Pine Street gate off Kirk Road, Batavia, Illinois

To register, email the attendee's name, agency and MABAS Division#, and their individual email address to tcd@Mabas-il.org

Time: 08:30-4:30 Lunch will be Provide

Class limited to 40 participants!

Backfill / OT reimbursement available!

Advanced Active Shooter Incident Management Training at MABAS

By Chief JP. Moore – Deputy Director – Illinois Fire Service Institute

On September 5 – 7, 2023, 30 law enforcement personnel, 20 fire/EMS personnel, 5 emergency communicators, 2 public information officers, 2 emergency managers, and 1 helicopter pilot from the Chicago Metro area convened at the MABAS Readiness Center for Advanced Active Shooter Incident Management training.

This 24-hour, performance-level course is designed to improve incident management and the integration of law enforcement, fire and EMS responders to active shooter events. Through 9 computer generated simulations students were immersed in the incident command structure and integrated the strategy and tactics used by law enforcement, fire, and EMS during active shooter event response to improve time to threat neutralization, medical intervention, and survivability.



Learning components in the class focused on:

- A model Active Shooter Event integrated response process.
- The Active Shooter Incident Management Checklist.
- Organizational building blocks for an integrated response including Contact Team, Rescue Task Force, Tactical, Perimeter, Triage, Transport, Intelligence, and Reunification.
- Hands-on experience in multiple response roles.
- Introduction to Complex Coordinated Attacks (CCA).
- Experience applying and working within the NIMS Incident Command.
- System Improvised Explosive Device and Static/Barricade scenarios.

If you would like information on the Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) and School Safety and Violent Event Incident Management (SSAVEIM) courses offered through the Illinois Fire Service Institute, go to <https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/detail/?program=33>

or contact IFSI Deputy Director JP. Moore at jpmoore1@illinois.edu

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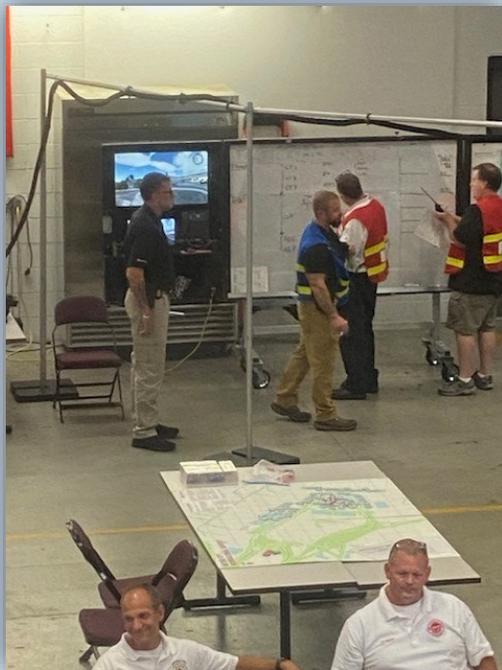
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This no-cost training would not have been possible without the collaboration and assistance of the following local organizations:

- Illinois Fire Service Institute
- Northwest Central Joint Emergency Management System
- Mutual-Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Illinois
- Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security
- Wheeling Police Department



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Concept of Operation

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Supports: All ESF's

Response Time is Notification + Travel Time

NIMS Typing: n/a

FEMA Cost Code: 8089 (cost \$360.00 per day)

Equipment Rate: \$15.00 per hour

Specifications

Trailer – Requires a tow vehicle with 2" ball

- Road dimensions: 10' L x 6' W
- GVWR: 2,990 LB

UTV

- Dimensions: 10' L x 5' W x 6' 2" H
- Dry weight: 1410 LB

Polaris UTV Features

- 40 HP motor
- 6 Wheel Drive (Primary mode 4-wheel drive)
- Automatic Transmission
- Towing capacity – 2000 LB
- Total payload capacity – 1750 LB
- Cargo box payload – 1250 LB
- Seating for 3 people
- Turning radius is 186"
- Ground clearance – 7.2"
- Cargo Box (L x W x H) 58" x 48" x 10"
- Can be operated in shallow water
- Manual dumping cargo bed
- Fuel capacity - 8.8 gallons
- Fuel type – gasoline – 87 octane or higher

Number of Units = 71

Locations

- Each Division: D01-D08, D10-D69
- MABAS MRC (Cook)
 - IL-TF 1 – 2
 - IL-WR 1 - 1

Only properly trained and experienced individuals are allowed to operate this equipment. Training materials are available from your regional MABAS Operations Chief.

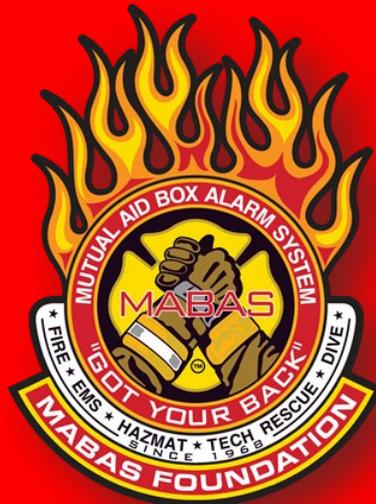
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The Command Summit

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The Communications Summit

February 21st – 23rd

Registration will be open early December!



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