

MABAS

Fire Chief Testimonials



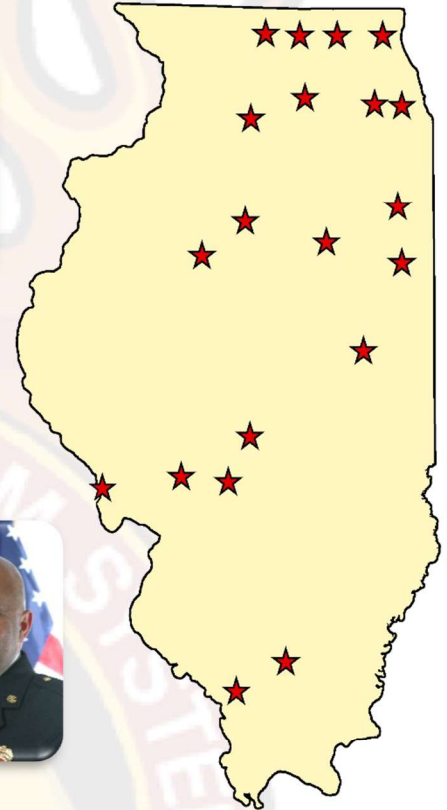
“Being part of the MABAS Statewide Mutual Aid flow plan, we can receive assistance with every facet of an emergency situation from over 1,100 departments if we need them. MABAS is undoubtedly one of the best things that ever happened to the CITIZENS of State of Illinois.”
Chief Jeff Glenn, Ashkum Twp. FPD, Iroquois County.

“During a major fire in the LaSalle Bank building in downtown Chicago, which depleted the majority of our Fire Companies and EMS Units, MABAS provided immediate response assistance from surrounding area fire departments.” Chief Robert S. Hoff, Carol Stream FPD, DuPage County, Chicago Fire Commissioner (retired).



“The ability to call MABAS for assets without thinking is essential, allowing command staff to focus on immediate life hazards and not mutual aid.”
Chief Mike Hertz, Carbondale FD, Jackson County.

“Cherry Valley Fire Department responded to an apartment fire involving 32 residential units. Five people had to be rescued. We called for MABAS assistance because our department doesn't have resources to handle this size of fire by ourselves.”
Chief Joe Corl, Cherry Valley FPD, Winnebago/Boone Counties.



“A high school bus hit by a train, killing seven students and seriously injuring several others. A truck carrying gasoline and diesel fuel rolls over, creating a large-scale hazmat situation. MABAS was successfully utilized on all these calls.” Chief Robert Kreher, Fox River Grove FPD, McHenry County.

“MABAS provides resources necessary for community safety. This has decreased financial demands and augmented overall protection for our city.” Deputy Chief Bill Anaszewicz, Elmhurst FD, DuPage/Cook Counties.



“We count on MABAS for assistance at emergency incidents - from structure fires to special responses such as dive incidents, high angle and below grade rescues, hazardous materials incidents and large-scale disasters.” Chief Rick Sander, Village of Lombard, DuPage County.

Additional information and testimonials available at: www.mabasfoundation-il.org



“MABAS allows us to respond to any type of emergency knowing additional experienced personnel and resources are available if requested.” Chief Tony Huemann, McHenry Township FPD, McHenry County.



“The Sublette Fire Protection District is grateful for the support and response we received from MABAS during the Woodhaven Lakes Tornado. We were able to mitigate the incident quickly and efficiently, with more than 400 first responders on scene.” Chief Doug Erbes, Sublette FPD, Lee County.



“As a member of MABAS, we are able to request multiple assets quickly. This allows fireground command to focus on managing the fire scene and dispatch is much more efficient due to the use of box cards.” Chief Steve McBride, Murphysboro FD, Jackson County.



“Time and time again, MABAS has proven itself to be extremely valuable and a key component in our ability to safely and effectively mitigate emergencies which require resources beyond our means.” Chief Barry Liss, Oak Brook FD, DuPage County.



“Without MABAS, no department would be able to handle extraordinary events such as an apartment complex fire which destroyed nearly 100 homes. How would any fire department amass the necessary apparatus to combat such a fire without MABAS? Where and how would you even start?” Chief Drew Smith, Prospect Heights FPD, Cook County.



“MABAS was helpful when we had a large hog containment fire. We were able to bring in 14 other agencies with over 100 fire personnel from three counties.” Chief Danny McCallum, Raymond-Harvel FD, Montgomery County.



“Initial arriving personnel found a commercial building housing over 140 classic cars with heavy fire and smoke. It was quickly determined that massive water operation would be needed to supply sufficient water. Mutual aid response provided eight engines, two aerials, 22 tenders, five squads and two MABAS light towers. This response is a testament to the success of the MABAS system.” Chief Rick Haase, Staunton FPD, Marcoupin County.



“MABAS absolutely made a difference at two major incidents in Zion. Two planes collided mid-air, with one crashing into the roof of Midwestern Regional Hospital, and the other bouncing off the corner of Sheridan Healthcare Nursing Home. These two incidents alone have shown the value of the MABAS product.” Chief John Lewis, Zion Fire and Rescue, Lake County.

“The benefit and importance of the MABAS system throughout Illinois cannot be understated. The resources and cooperative effort the MABAS system allows in times of need is amazing, and incredibly necessary across the state and beyond.” Chief Justin M. Stried, Winthrop Harbor FD, Lake County.



“We recently utilized MABAS for a 180,000 square foot retail facility fire. Once on scene, MABAS assistance resulted in clearing the building from smoke in less than 30 minutes. This allowed us to expedite the business’ recovery process to get them up and running again.” Chief Peter S. Polarek, Sycamore FD, Dekalb County.

“Taylorville, Illinois was struck with an EF-3 tornado that damaged over 700 structures. I knew that any resource needed for rescue and life safety response was one phone call away.” Asst. Chief Andy Goodall, Taylorville FD, Christian County.



“Fire chiefs across Illinois can rest easier knowing when a day comes and local resources are overwhelmed by the magnitude of an incident, neighboring agencies and MABAS partners are there to help.” Chief David Geary, Wauconda FPD, Lake County.

“On May 3, explosions occurred at a silicon plant. Through MABAS, we were supplied with hazardous materials technicians and suppression and emergency medical apparatus and personnel. This ensured the remainder of the city maintained sufficient emergency service responders.” Chief George Bridges, Waukegan FD, Lake County.



“Choosing one incident where MABAS made a difference in our department would be vastly understating the case. Our department would be unable to function effectively without our MABAS agreements.” Chief Michael Hill, Woodstock FPD, McHenry County.



“Many of our members have served on various special teams and benefited from MABAS training and equipment. I know that when we do have a significant fire, we rely on the MABAS system for assistance.” Chief Pete Siebert, Lake Forest FD, Lake County.



“I want to thank MABAS Illinois and MABAS 28 for assistance given after the EF-3 Tornado that did significant property damage to our village and surrounding fire district. The leadership, equipment and manpower that MABAS provided will be always remembered by our local community!” Chief Rich McFadden, Gifford FPD, Champaign County.



“MABAS is about helping neighbors and sharing resources.” Chief Rich Koch, Lacon-Sparland FPD, Marshall County.

“Getting available pre-designated resources cuts down on radio traffic and second-guessing on the scene of an incident. Every department needs manpower assistance and equipment support from time to time.” Chief Larry Gilmore, Limestone Township FPD, Peoria County.



Membership means we are part of the Statewide Mutual Aid Response Flow Plan. That membership means that the over 1,100 other MABAS member Departments have our backs when needed.” Chief Ed St. Louis, Bourbonnais FPD, Kankakee County.

“MABAS is vital to the operation of our fire department. None of us can staff or equip for our “worst” day. Through the MABAS system, we work together to better serve the public.” Chief Bill Lark, Mundelein FD, Lake County.



“Being a member of MABAS-IL allows access to Hazardous Material and Technical Rescue Teams. We are better equipped, prepared and trained.” Asst. Chief Jason Simmons, Emington-Campus FPD, Livingston County.



“Being a member of MABAS enables our small department to fill fundamental parts of the Incident Command System while ensuring the safety of fire personnel.” Chief Jody Allen, West Frankfort FD, Franklin County.



“The Illinois and Mississippi Rivers entered flood stage, which continued to major flooding. A request was made to MABAS to dispatch water rescue and advanced life support teams. During the event, MABAS members made welfare checks on residents trapped by water and transported medical supplies and lab specimens.” Chief Steve Miller, Hardin FPD, Calhoun County.

