



- **MABAS FOUNDATION** -
A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Initiative
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MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Illinois provides the statewide fire, EMS and special response teams intergovernmental cooperative for daily emergency assistance, declarations of disaster with sustained response capabilities. MABAS does not have governmental taxing authority and maintains response capabilities through federal grant revenues. Over the years, grant funds have been reduced and yet, expectations and new missions have been added. The MABAS Foundation's goals are directed at sustaining statewide capabilities through assistive financial contributions and donations fortifying interoperable, statewide systems while maintaining the core competencies. This goal includes the following principles:

- * - **One Mutual Aid Team**
 - * - **One Cooperative Mission**
 - * - **One Committed Effort**
 - * - **An Effort in Serving People, Communities and All of Illinois**

MABAS-Illinois has approximately 1200-member governmental local agencies staffing over 38,000 firefighters, paramedics and special team members. Local fire district trustees and city councils have all signed the same agreement and ordinance in becoming a MABAS-IL member agency. Their actions are the most responsible pledge to the citizenry when emergencies strike and disasters happen. The elected and appointed officials pledge to MABAS includes several pillars of service commitment, including but not limited to:

- ✓ - **Neighbor helping neighbor without an expectation of reimbursement.**
- ✓ - **Sharing cost burdens across nearly 1200-member agencies for specialized teams, training and equipment.**
- ✓ - **Constantly preparing for tomorrow's challenges while servicing today's emergency service demands through balanced, equitable sharing of resources.**
- ✓ - **Cost effectively meet citizen expectations.**

MABAS-Illinois member agencies provide service through career, combination and volunteer fire and EMS agencies servicing urban, suburban and rural environments. The threat and risk spectrum across Illinois is never ending. Federal grant funding is on the decline however the threat and risk spectrum is expanding. The MABAS Foundation's goal is to provide augmentive financial support to MABAS member agencies for needed training, exercises, equipment and mutual aid response events.

All donors and charitable gifts will be recognized by the MABAS Foundation through a Letter of Acknowledgement for tax filing benefits. Donors will also receive a supporting member decal for their proud display as a supporter.

Corporate and business donors in addition to the previous, receive special recognitions which may include some the following:

- ✓ - **Corporate and business brand logo recognition at the Wheeling Illinois MABAS Readiness Center's "Wall of Sponsoring Fame". The MABAS Readiness Center has over 5,000 visitors annually by public safety agencies, taxpayers, government officials and international guests.**
- ✓ - **Corporate and business donors may also be recognized by attaching their name and brand logo to a specifically sponsored event, equipment or vehicle which their financial commitment was critical to its support.**
- ✓ - **Corporate and business donors will receive ongoing recognition on the MABAS-Illinois and MABAS Foundation websites. As a corporate or business donor MABAS encourages member agencies to consider contributing businesses for future purchasing opportunities.**

To become a donor, visit the MABAS Foundation website at:

www.mabasfoundation-il.org

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Whether you consider a one-time annual donation or a multi-year pledged amount – All is appreciated, and all contributions will make a difference in your community when it is needed the most.