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MABAS Illinois



Volume 21.3

From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and that as we start the new year, all is well with you, your departments, and communities. Since the adoption of the updated MABAS agreement, there have been quite a few departments/divisions that have submitted the required documents. That is a spectacular reflection on the need and importance of the updated document and I greatly appreciate all of the efforts so far.

If you need assistance with the new agreement language or requirements, please reach out to your MABAS branch operations chief or staff at the MRC so we can assist you.

At the December leadership team meeting a strong emphasis was placed on making sure CIMS 3.0 data is correct and up to date. Divisions presidents should have received a request to provide documentation on support for any

special teams your division may host. For the past year we have stressed the importance of entering your division special teams' members correctly in CIMS 3.0 and there is a date in the very near future when we will notify teams, they are no longer part of the statewide deployable system.

The MABAS Command and Dispatcher training summit information and registration is available, and we look forward to a educational conference and good networking with attendees and vendors. Please register to attend. We will host our next executive board meeting on Wednesday, February 22 as part of the conference.

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

Respectfully,

Don Davids

President, MABAS-IL

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GROWTH IN CODES AND STANDARDS IS ESSENTIAL TO SAFETY WITHIN CANNABIS OIL EXTRACTION FACILITIES

Both the cannabis plant and the industry itself have been growing quite a bit over the past decade. In 2012, Colorado and Washington became the first two states to legalize recreational use of cannabis. Many other states followed suit. As of November 2022, a total of 21 states, and the District of Columbia, had approved the use of cannabis for recreational purposes.

Legalization provided many people with an opportunity to use cannabis to treat conditions such as pain, migraines, depression, and anxiety, among other things, while remaining law-abiding citizens. With the increase in demand came a need for an increase in supply. Facilities of all shapes and sizes began popping up in states where cannabis was legalized to be manufactured. While cannabis is commonly smoked by many users, other forms of cannabis products include gummies, oils, supplements, and extracts. These products are manufactured by extracting cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) from the plant itself. What are the safety concerns? The extraction of cannabis oil can pose many safety issues, including the risk of fire and explosion. In many cases, the ex-

traction process itself creates a hazardous location due to the use of flammable solvents such as butane, pentane, hexane, propane, and ethanol, which can all be released during the processing and extraction of plant oils. Proper installation, maintenance, and use of the extraction equipment employed as part of the processing of oils from cannabis will go a long way in achieving overall safety within these types of facilities.

RELATED

- Listen to an NFPA podcast about regulating the cannabis industry
- Read, "The New Face of Pot," published in the July/August 2018 NFPA Journal

What does the NEC say? The 2023 edition of NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code® (NEC®), made significant strides toward helping achieve electrical safety in facilities that perform cannabis oil extraction by adding Article 512, Cannabis Oil Equipment and Cannabis Oil Systems Using Flammable Materials.

This new article provides electrical requirements for cannabis oil preparatory equipment, extraction equipment, booths, post-processing equipment, and systems using flammable materials (flammable gas, flammable liquid-produced vapor,

combustible liquid-produced vapor) in commercial and industrial facilities. A public input that was submitted for the 2023 NEC as part of the NFPA standards development process, PI-2285, supported creating a new article that would "elevate the level of safety" within the cannabis industry. The substantiation of PI-2285 provided examples of real-life explosion incidents within cannabis facilities, some of which required more than 200 firefighters to battle the blaze and left large numbers of firefighters injured. In an industry that has processes and procedures unfamiliar to many authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) and that continues to see tremendous growth, it is crucial to provide safety requirements around installations that can be verified at the time of inspection.

While it is likely that we will see new Article 512 expand within future NEC cycles to provide more guidance, the initial content contained within the 2023 NEC begins to provide some of the necessary requirements for designers, installers, and AHJs to achieve electrical safety around cannabis equipment and systems.

Article 512 is broken down into three parts: Part I: General; Part II: Wiring; and Part III: Equipment. Section 512.3 is a key component for installations as it provides the requirements for how cannabis oil equipment and systems that can release flammable materials during operation must be classified. The section is broken down into Part A, which covers installations outside of booths, and Part B, which covers installations within booths. Each of these areas are then further broken down into installations where flammable gases and vapors are released and installations where flammable gases and vapors are not released.

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A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

As we welcome 2023, MABAS staff members are working on a number of important projects.

1. The new MABAS Agreement project. Staff is processing a number of completed agreements that have already been submitted. We will be managing new submittals throughout the year as the deadline to submit newly signed Agreements is January 1, 2024.
2. As the 2023 MABAS Training Summit gets closer Staff is busy handling registrations and hotel reservations along with a myriad of other details that go into staging the event. The Agenda is complete and we know that every attendee will take home some valuable ideas to help prepare their divisions/departments in managing future events they may face.

3. Work will soon begin on the upcoming grant cycles. We should hear in mid-February on the amount of Homeland Security and Urban Area Initiative grant funding Illinois will receive later in 2023. We will also follow the increase in State Preparedness and Response Grant funding as it works its way through the State budgeting approval process. The process to determine the funding

One overarching theme resulting from the brainstorming sessions was how can MABAS better prepare new chiefs and other command personnel on MABAS procedures and how to best utilize MABAS resources when needed. Many productive ideas were offered which we hope to roll out over the new year. Feel free to contact your local Operations Branch Chief with any questions or suggestions.



MABAS may receive to maintain statewide operations will begin in earnest later in February.

Last November, the entire MABAS staff met at the MABAS Readiness Center for a multi-day planning and

The MABAS Task Force I Urban Search and Rescue Team is open and available to assist local Technical Rescue Teams in their ongoing preparedness trainings and exercises. We encourage these Teams to take advantage of the resources available from the USAR Team to assist in your readiness efforts. Contact the USAR Team managers at the MABAS Readiness Center for further information.

Let's hope we have a safe 2023 and we look forward to seeing everyone at the 2023 MABAS Training Summit in Bloomington/Normal the week of February 20, 2023.



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Having the area classified properly is an important initial step as we move into Parts II and III of Article 512 to determine how wiring and equipment installations must be performed in and around the hazardous locations. Part III, in particular, includes requirements for the equipment and systems to be listed and marked. It also provides guidance on when gas detection is required.

While the new Article 512 within the 2023 NEC is a great starting point for beginning to provide *electrical* safety requirements within cannabis facilities, as can be expected, safety needs don't stop there.

A new, dedicated cannabis standard

Currently, NFPA is in the development stages of [NFPA 420, Standard on Fire Protection of Cannabis Growing and Processing Facilities](#). The overall goal of NFPA 420 is to address the protection of facilities where cannabis is being grown or processed from fire and related hazards. Ini-

tial meeting minutes found at the NFPA 420 document information page reflect committee task groups working to devel-



op preliminary chapters that provide information pertaining to fundamentals, indoor growing, drying/processing, and extraction. Provided that the draft development progresses at the technical committee level, and approval to do so is provided by the NFPA Standards Council, the goal is to have an initial NFPA 420 document available for public input sometime in 2024.

The growth of the cannabis industry does not show any signs of slowing down. A recent article in Forbes stated that market research firm BDSA is forecasting cannabis sales in the United States to grow

from \$25 billion in 2021 to \$40 billion in 2026. More facilities, more processing, and more workers lead to an increased need for safety within the cannabis industry. Continued development of codes and standards that provide knowledge for those designing, performing, and inspecting these installations is paramount to achieving a high level of safety within cannabis growing and processing facilities.

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<https://www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research/Publications-and-media/Blogs-Landing-Page/NFPA-Today/Blog-Posts/2022/12/14/Growth-in-Codes-and-Standards-Is-Essential-to-Safety-Within-Cannabis-Oil-Extraction-Facilities>

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PROJECT COMPLETE

By Spencer Kimura



At the MABAS Executive Board meeting on June 15, 2022, MABAS launched an online survey designed to obtain tire information from each Division's Western Shelter and trailers for the generator light towers. Based upon survey responses, a plan was developed that determined number of tires and wheels needing replacement, estimated the costs with the assigned vendor who had the capacity to travel state-wide, and established a weekly schedule through project completion. For 2 months, Cassidy Tire & Service worked diligently and proficiently, traveling throughout the state, to complete this project successfully. The project replaced 222 Western Shelter trailer tires, 203 Generator light tower tires and 100 wheels.

As Deputy Chief Michael Dade indicated,

It was extremely encouraging and refreshing to see that survey converted into action so quickly and efficiently. The individual that performed the work was professional, punctual and communicated his progress with me throughout the day.

The documentation has been received and is filed. Thank you for taking care of this and following up with us.

Respectfully,



MABAS would like to thank everyone who assisted in completing this project. Please contact Deputy Operations Section Chief Spencer Kimura if you have any questions.

**It's time to Register for the
2023 MABAS Training Summit in
Bloomington/Normal**





FRIENDS OF CAMP I AM ME

Awards Celebration

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023



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 Huntley FPD Cadet Post | Team
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 Register by Friday, March 3, 2023 with QR code
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FRIENDS OF CAMP I AM ME

You are cordially invited to join Camp I Am Me in celebrating some of the many outstanding supporters who have made a significant difference in the organization's mission. Those who have exemplified volunteerism in addition to our "Diamond Level" contributors from last year will be recognized - Come and hear about the great work they have done to support fire safety and burn survivors across the state.

The program is taking place at Medinah Shriners, located at [550 N. Shriners Drive, Addison, Illinois 60101](#). Attendees are encouraged to arrive any time prior to the start of the program, which begins at 8:30am. Breakfast will be available beginning at 7:45am and accessible through the morning. The program will conclude by 10:30am.

There is no fee to attend this event, however donations are welcomed.

[Register for the Friends of Camp I Am Me Awards Celebration!](#)

Do you know of an individual or group deserving of being recognized for their priceless contributions in volunteerism and service on behalf of Camp I Am Me?

[Nominate them for next year's awards event!](#)

Camp I Am Me

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Support survivors at www.IFSA.org/ways-to-give



ILTF-1 K-9 TRAINING



IL-TF1 had Canine Specialist and Canines attend training and Type 2 testing. They were able to work at the Urban Search and Rescue Canine Training Facility on Staten Island.

NYPD is nationally renowned for their training of canine for search, rescue and police response.

The ability to use a different training site and input from instructors will help IL-TF1 continue to grow.



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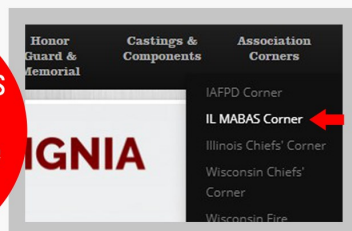
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MABAS Trivia

How many divisions does MABAS have?

- A. 66
- B. 70
- C. 69
- D. 102

Answer will be in April Newsletter

Fun Fact



Polar bears have black skin. And actually, their fur isn't white—it's see-through, so it appears white as it reflects light.

<https://parade.com/966564/parade/fun-facts/>

Fun Fact

The hardest working muscle in your body is your heart—it pumps more than 2,000 gallons of blood a day and beats more than 2.5 billion times in a 70-year life span.

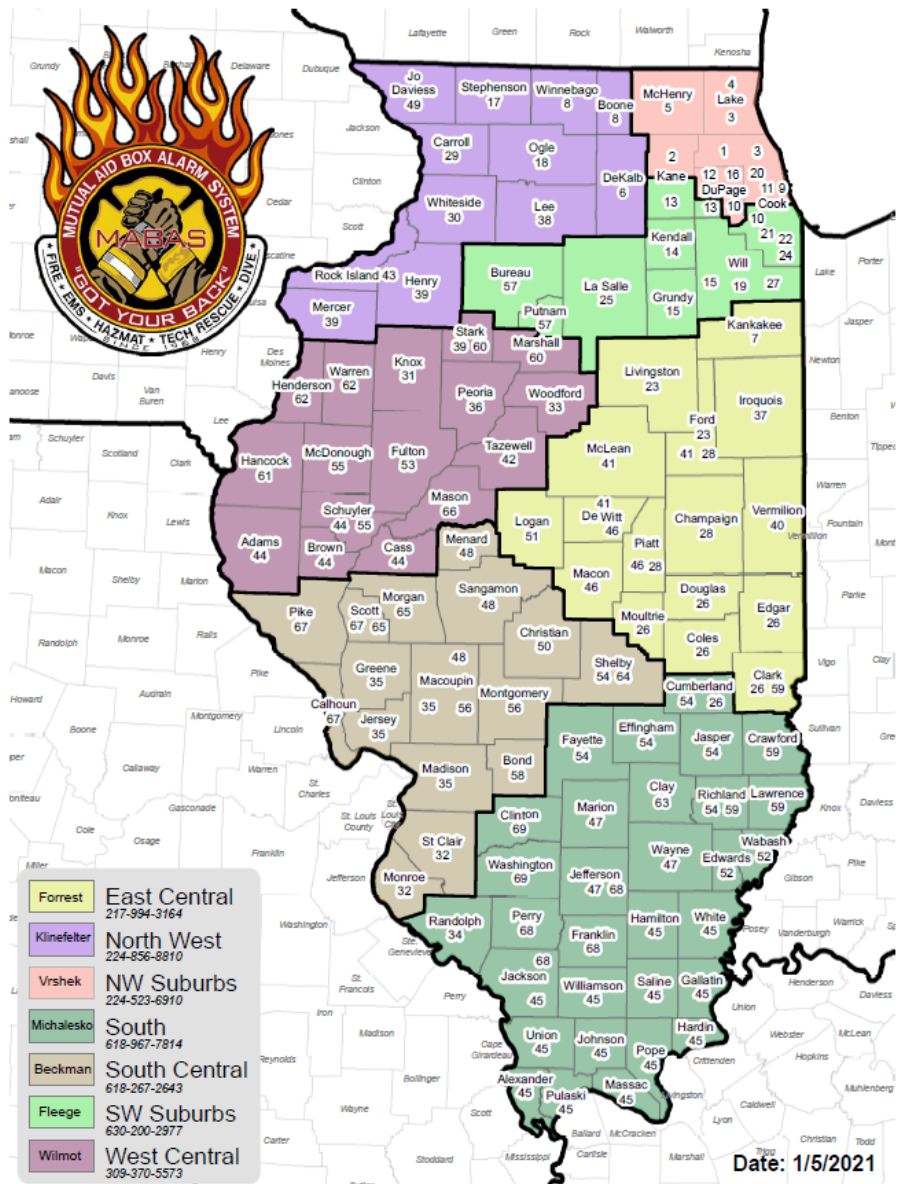
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MABAS Division Map
With Branch Chiefs



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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UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW

- Effective January 1, 2023 -

In 2017, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance worked with the General Assembly to pass a law which will require Illinois residents to replace their old smoke alarms with the type that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery beginning January 1, 2023. This would apply to residents that are still using alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired.



What is the Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law?

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 100-0200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in alarm technology.
- Come January 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed withing a single or muti-family home are required to be featured with a 10-year sealed battery.
- Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023 may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date, fails to respond to operability tests, or otherwise malfunctions.

Exemptions

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
- Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.

To view the Illinois law in its entirety, visit www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law



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UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW

- How to Support your Community -

Be Alarmed!

A fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. Fire departments then deliver the education and install smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities. The educational materials and alarms are provided to fire departments at no-cost.



Learn more about the program and request your smoke alarms by visiting www.IFSA.org/alarms.

Updated Public Education Messaging

At Daylight Saving Time, eliminate the use of “*Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries*” - there will be no more battery replacement! Begin using “*Change Your Clocks, Change Your Alarms*,” or “*Change Your Clocks, Check Your Alarms*.” The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance has recently created a Social Media Toolbox to help support your educational efforts, whether they be in a newsletter, social media, or elsewhere! Utilize these free resources and others at www.IFSA.org/resources.



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About the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance: Since 1982, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has been bringing together persons and groups with a common interest in fire safety, burn prevention, and public education, and to promote programs and disseminate information related to fire safety and burn prevention. The IFSA also hosts a variety of burn survivor support programs, including Camp “I Am Me,” a unique week-long camp for children who have experienced severe burn injuries.

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The Train the Trainer workshop is based upon a detailed instructor manual designed to support facilitators, provides online access to updated materials, and allows for deeper discussion of the:

- research and data regarding prevalence of stress injury among our population
- stress injury model and cumulative stress
- suicidality- how it develops and how to create effective intervention and prevention
- impacts of the job on families and ways to mitigate
- proven practices to improve resilience and better manage stress
- additional resources and solutions to supplement local options

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LSU NCBRT/ACE's open enrollment Zoom training schedule is now available through Spring 2023. These courses are available to your agency or organization at no direct cost.

A FEMA Student ID is needed for registration. Find your FEMA SID [here](#).

The following courses are available:

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AWR-122-C: Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts - Customized

AWR-219-C: Site Protection Through Observational Techniques - Customized

AWR-314: Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence

MGT-323: Instructor Development Workshop

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**MABAS-ILLINOIS TRAINING SUMMIT
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Monday	February 20, 2023
0730 – 0830	Networking Breakfast for Committee and Staff Members – Redbird North Lobby Vendor Sponsor – ZOLL Medical
0700 – 1700	Registration – Beaufort
0830 – 0915	Committee Orientation & 2023 Briefings – Redbird C/D
0915 – 1230	Committee Work Sessions
By-Laws Committee – North Executive	Water Rescue Committee – Redbird G
Fleet & Mechanics Committee – Fell A	Communications Committee – Redbird E
AHOST Committee – Fell B	UAS Committee – Redbird F
TRT Committee – Fell C	HAZMAT Committee – Broadway
Fire Intelligence Liaisons – Hunt	
0930 – 1030	Break – Set up near committee meeting rooms; Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company
1145 – 1230	Working Committee Lunches (Provided – delivered to Committee rooms)
1300 - 1330	Welcome & Dignitaries Comments – Redbird C/D Glenn Ericksen, MABAS-Illinois, CEO Don Davids, MABAS-Illinois President Presentation of Colors Bloomington Normal Firefighters; Pledge of Allegiance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Koos, Mayor, Mick Humer Fire Chief - Town of Normal - Eric West Fire Chief – City of Bloomington - Dale Simpson, State of Illinois Acting Fire Marshal - Thomas Sivak, Director FEMA Region V
1330 – 1500	MABAS Updates – Redbird C/D IL TF-1 Urban Search & Rescue Team Certification Update Pat Hardin, USAR Operations Branch Chief MABAS Orientation Program Update Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief Legislative Initiatives Glenn Ericksen, MABAS-Illinois, CEO
1500 - 1515	Break – Redbird Lobby Area; Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company
1515 – 1645	“16 Minutes, The Access Warehouse Fire Response and Analysis” – Redbird C/D Chief William Gabrenya – Bartlett Fire District – On February 3, 2022 a call was received for a fire in a records storage warehouse building. This presentation will focus on how a rack storage collapse in the first 16 minutes led to a call for emergency traffic and how the event that lasted seven days was ultimately mitigated. The presentation will walk through the unique challenges that incident command faced with dispatch, resources, building construction, sprinkler system, weather and building personnel and the opportunities, weaknesses and strengths of the incident.
1530 - 1615	Vendor Setup and Briefing – Redbird A/B
1645	Administrative Announcements & Days Summary – Redbird C/D
1800 - 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsor AT&T First Net – Redbird A/B, C/D

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0730 - 0830	Networking Breakfast for Summit Attendees – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor – ZOLL Medical
0700 – 0900	Summit Registration – Beaufort
0800 – 0815	Welcome and Administrative Announcements - General Session – Redbird C/D
0815 – 0900	Fire Service Intelligence Update – Redbird C/D Ray Kay, Homeland Security Branch Chief, Cook County MABAS-Illinois; Fire Chief Brad White, O'Fallon, FILO Committee – Presentation will provide a most recent intelligence update.
0900 - 0915	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B; Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company
0915 – 1045	Grand Bear Lodge at Starved Rock Fire, Lessons Learned - Redbird C/D Assistant Chief Andrew Partain, Utica Fire Protection District; Brandon Miller-Guss, Director Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch; Carlie Brockman, IVRD Telecommunicator; Greg Dodd, Ottawa Telecommunications Supervisor; Dan Francisco, Ottawa Telecommunicator – On May 30, 2022, a call was received reporting a porch fire at Grand Bear Lodge at Starved Rock. Aided by high winds, the fire spread quickly to multiple buildings, ultimately destroying a total of 28 privately owned units. The area does not have fire hydrants. Utica Incident Commander and Dispatchers will share their experiences from that day and how the MABAS system played a major role in assisting his efforts.
1045 - 1100	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B; Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company
1100 – 1200	Lithium Battery Fires Lessons Learned, Smart Practices and Safely Mitigating these Incidents - Redbird C/D Chief Tracey Steffes, Morris Fire Protection District – From vehicles to everyday items that we use and depend on, batteries that make our days easier can also make it a day to remember if you respond to a battery fire emergency. This presentation will discuss the importance of preparation, knowledge and training to be successful when responding to battery emergencies, what outside agencies you may need for assistance, whether we can/should use water for extinguishment and safety zone and evacuation challenges.
1200 - 1300	Lunch Provided & Vendor Presentations – Redbird C/D
1300 - 1400	MABAS INTERSTATE Meeting – Redbird E/F/G
1315 – 1430	Edwardsville Amazon Warehouse Tornado Incident – Redbird C/D Chief James Whiteford, Edwardsville Fire Department – presentation will provide an overview and lessons learned of the incident on December 10, 2021, when an EF-3 tornado struck this massive warehouse causing a huge section of the structure to collapse, killing six workers.
1430 - 1500	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company
1500 - 1645	CCTA and Exercise AAR Evaluations – Redbird C/D Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief Salamander Data System Update Tim Littlefield, MABAS Plans Branch Chief Securing the Cities: National and Local Radiological, Nuclear Detection Program Mark Zilch, Chicago FD, Commander Homeland Security; Bethany Hand, Chicago FD, Assistant Commander Homeland Security
1645	Administrative Announcements & Day's Summary – Redbird C/D
1800	Networking Reception, Happy Hour with our Vendor Sponsor E-Environmental Solutions – Redbird A/B, C/D

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Wednesday	February 22, 2023
0730 – 0830	Networking Breakfast for Summit Attendees – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor – ZOLL Medical
0830 – 0930	Guest Keynote Speaker, “Gen Z: Who Are They and What Do We Do with Them”? – Redbird C/D Cheryl Mitchell, Relationship Analyst & Innovator – Gen Z will change everything we know about business and are the fastest growing generation of employees. Those who understand the way they think and quickly adapt to their thinking will be successful. This presentation will provide facts, statistics and strategies for success when working with these young people in the future.
0930 - 0945	Break – Redbird A/B Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company
0945 - 1200	Joint Session with Dispatchers – Redbird C/D Lessons Learned, July 4th, 2022 Highland Park Shooting Incident. Chief Joe Schrage, City of Highland Park Fire Department; Brent Reynolds, Executive Director, Glenview 911 Center; Annie Marchiafava, Operations Manager, Glenview 911 Center; Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director, RED Center – The downtown streets of Highland Park were lined with friends and family as the parade had just started; the Fire Department had just passed through an area that would become the site of the worst tragedy the community had ever experienced, as shots rang out continuously injuring and killing numerous individuals in a matter of moments. This presentation will provide an overview of the incident. We will hear first-hand from the Fire Chief, Glenview 911 Center personnel and RED Center, including statistics provided by Dr. Benjamin Feinzimer, ER Director, NorthShore University Health System, what their agencies did on that day and since then.
1200 - 1300	Lunch on your own.
1300 - 1500	MABAS Executive Board Meeting – Redbird C/D
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – Redbird C/D

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Wednesday	February 22, 2022
0800 - 1600	Dispatcher Summit Registration – Beaufort Welcome to the 2022 MABAS-ILLINOIS Dispatchers Summit
0945 – 1200	Joint Session with Command – Redbird C/D Lessons Learned, July 4th, 2022 Highland Park Shooting Incident. Chief Joe Schrage, City of Highland Park Fire Department; Brent Reynolds, Executive Director, Glenview 911 Center; Annie Marchiafava, Operations Manager, Glenview 911 Center; Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director, RED Center – The downtown streets of Highland Park were lined with friends and family as the parade had just started; the Fire Department had just passed through an area that would become the site of the worst tragedy the community had ever experienced, as shots rang out continuously injuring and killing numerous individuals in a matter of moments. This presentation will provide an overview of the incident. We will hear first-hand from the Fire Chief, Glenview 911 Center personnel and RED Center, including statistics provided by Dr. Benjamin Feinzimer, ER Director, North Shore University Health System, what their agencies did on that day and since then.
1200 - 1330	Conference Registration and Lunch on your own! Explore Bloomington-Normal!
1330 - 1345	Opening Introductions and Ice Breaker – Redbird E/F/G Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director R.E.D. Center and Ron Kleinhaus, Fire Chief, Evergreen Park Fire Department, Communications Committee Co-Chairmen – Meet the MABAS Dispatch Training Mentors and review the 2023 Summit Agenda and events.
1345 - 1500	Grand Bear Lodge at Starved Rock Fire, Lessons Learned – Redbird E/F/G Assistant Chief Andrew Partain, Utica Fire Protection District; Brandon-Miller Guss, Director, Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch; Carlie Brockman, IVRD Telecommunicator; Greg Dodd, Ottawa Telecommunication Supervisor; Dan Francisco, Ottawa Telecommunicator – On May 30, 2022 a call was received reporting a porch fire at Grand Bear Lodge at Starved Rock. Aided by high winds, the fire spread quickly to multiple buildings, ultimately destroying a total of 28 privately owned units. The area does not have fire hydrants. Utica Incident Commander and Dispatchers will share their experiences from that day and how the MABAS system played a major role in assisting his efforts.
1500 - 1600	Raffle & Door Prizes – Redbird C/D
1800 - 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsor AT&T First Net – Redbird A/B, C/D “Margaritaville”

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0700 - 0830	Networking Breakfast and Registration for Attendees – Redbird Lobby & Beaufort Vendor Sponsor – ZOLL Medical	
0830 - 0930	Meet Your OP's Branch Chief – Redbird E/F/G Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief – Meet and Greet with Your Regional Contact to ask and learn about local issues and updates.	
0930 - 0945	Break – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company	
0945 - 1030	General Session – “Box Cards: Start to Finish the Communications Mentors” – Redbird E/F/G Review and discussion about various MABAS incidents from across the state. Southern Illinois example - Division 15 – Shorewood / Tri-County Stockdale Fire Division 24 – Calumet City apartment fire Northwest Illinois example -	
1030 - 1045	Break – North Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company	
1045 - 1215	General Session – “911: Searching for Your Best Life” - Redbird E/F/G Edie DeVilbiss, Shape Good Habits mentor, guides people in high stress occupations, particularly 911 communications departments. – Your crazy schedule, the daily negativity and dealing with people in their worst moments in 911 makes it seem impossible to take care of yourself. In this session, you will gain a greater understanding of the roots of your downhill slide and the challenges this creates for teams. More than anything, you'll gain hope. In this presentation you'll be introduced to a novel strategy to pay holistic attention to yourself. Plus, you'll acquire the simple, practical and usable tools you need to incorporate healthy habits and step into your best life. Your life is worth your effort!	
1100 - 1400	Illinois APCO/NENA Meeting – Redbird A	
1215 - 1300	Lunch Provided & Vendor Presentations – Redbird C	
1300 - 1500	Dispatch Simulator available! Bring your local box cards. Joe McGrath and Rachel Thompson – North Street Executive Boardroom	
	Breakouts	
1300-1400	MABAS for Beginners – Redbird E/F/G MABAS Basics – A presentation on the how's and why's of dispatching a box alarm – Tom Clifton and Rachel Thompson	MABAS Advanced – Redbird D ‘Statewide and Beyond’ – A review of the steps in an escalating incident, messaging and the necessary paperwork and how CIMS plays into everything – Chris Lienhardt and Mark Sikorski
1400-1415	Break – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company	
1415-1515	Breakouts	
	MABAS for Beginners – Redbird E/F/G Fire Ops 101 – A brief introduction to fire ground operations – Andy Russell and Chris Lienhardt	MABAS Advanced – Redbird D Special Teams and Assets – A review of our capabilities and equipment across the state – Mark Sikorski
1515 - 1530	Break - Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company	
1530 - 1615	General Session – “Being Fit and Healthy in the Comm Center” – Redbird E/F/G Harold Downs, Emergency Communications Supervisor, Naperville Police Department – Hear dispatch supervisors' story of his journey from being morbidly obese to weight loss and life style change. Learn tips and ways on how to change yourself for the better!	
1615 - 1645	Daily wrap up / closing comments for the day.	
Evening	On Your Own – Enjoy Bloomington-Normal	

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0800 – 0900	Networking Breakfast for Attendees – Redbird South Lobby <i>Vendor Sponsor – ZOLL Medical</i>
0915 – 0945	The State of MABAS Address – Redbird E/F/G <i>Glenn Ericksen, MABAS – Illinois, CEO,</i>
0945 - 1015	General Session - Redbird E/F/G "Communications Committee A Year in Review" <i>Q & A – Chris Lienhardt and Andy Russell and video by Rachel Thompson</i> 2022 was a busy year for the MABAS Communications Committee between the regional sessions in Silvis, Marion, Bloomington, LaSalle and Springfield, as well as the "Dispatcher's Firefighter for a Day" at IFSI, where over 65 attendees experienced all facets of fire/ems as well as serving as the incident command team during active threat events. This session will spotlight why these events are important, as well as a video presentation from the IFSI Dispatcher Day.
1015 - 1045	Break - Redbird Lobby <i>Vendor Sponsor Servpro Company – CHECK OUT TIME!!!</i>
1045 – 1230	Closing Presentation – "Renew, Recharge, Move Forward" - Redbird E/F/G <i>Keith "Doc" Patterson – Kahuna Warrior</i> In spite of what life has brought us, now is not the time to run (in your mind) as fast as you can towards the future without preparing the ground work for your life, which will very likely bring you continued challenges while you or your team flail around, rudderless. If you want to take a positive step forward, you need to acknowledge and assess the reality as it stands today. Positivity after all is not the blind pursuit of all things positive and avoidance of anything negative. Positivity is the realistic assessment of the current situation and identifying the positive actions required to move forward. Finally, from a health place and renew with self-confidence, recharge your energy and refocus your targets for the future. Write it down, identify those that can help you, plan and get on with it. Start this process now to help you achieve a sustainable way of caring for yourself and taking the positive actions required to move forward. Take positive actions to move forward.
1245 – 1300	Closing Comments and wrap up – The Communications Mentors

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