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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from January 8, 2025

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1932hrs @ Davis Fire.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the December meeting was approved. A December Treasures report was not available.

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed.
 - The EMT-Basic class @ FHN has started. Davis has 2 enrolled and German Valley has 3.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - The final December call numbers were not available at the meeting. They have since been submitted as follows:
 - 40 calls total.
 - 24 EMS & 0 Fire calls in the Division
 - 14 EMS & 2 Fire calls outside the Division
- **Maintenance:**
 - Both F550's received their annual maintenance and inspection. The 2006 F550 also had both batteries replaced.

Old Business

- Davis Fire was the only Department to update their Box Cards this year. The website was updated with new information on Jan 1.
- IFSI has been contacted about our interest in the Active Shooter IC class. I have yet to hear back from them.

Represented Departments

Cedarville Fire
Dakota Fire
Davis Fire
Freeport Fire

Freeport Rural Fire
German Valley Fire
Lena Fire

Orangeville Fire
Pearl City Fire
Rock City Fire
Winslow Fire

New Business

- The MABAS-IL Training Summit is scheduled for Feb 17-21 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott. Feb 17-19 for Command and 19-21 for Dispatch. Cost \$325. Secretary Korte will be attending.
- Freeport area Departments were reminded, if they use a Freeport hydrant, to contact or have Dispatch contact the Water Dept. about the location and approx. gallons used. The water Dept will then inspect the hydrant to make sure it has drained and not freeze. Steve Jurs also asked about using the hydrant on Hwy 75 by the old Structo. Everyone was advised that many of the hydrants at the edge of town may be dead-end service with reduced flow and to use hydrants further into town.
- Jeff Kunz was introduced as the new Assistant Chief of Davis Fire.

Announcements

- A controlled burn at Albertus Airport on Jan 11 was announced. Freeport Rural will be in charge.
- The annual Paradigm Pipeline lunch/class is scheduled for Feb 18 @ the Rockford Radisson.
- It was announced that veteran German Valley Firefighter Bill Larson passed away on Jan 7. He was on GVFD for 45 years and Sheriff's Reserves for 53 years. Services will be held on Jan 25 in Ridott. More to follow.
- There is discussion at Stephenson County Emergency Management about possibly moving the EOC to the Courthouse. More to follow.
- The County has purchased land at the NE corner of Rt 26 & McConnell Rd. They plan to build some road maintenance facilities and possibly erect a radio tower for the IFRN radio site.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held February 5, hosted by Pearl City Fire.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1947hr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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