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MABAS Division 17

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Minutes from November 6, 2024

The monthly meeting of MABAS Division 17 was called to order by President Bruning at 1930hrs @ Freeport Rural Fire Station 3.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the October meeting was approved. The Treasurer report for October was also approved.

Committees

- **Training:**
 - Local classes were listed.
 - Swedes is hosting an EMT class @ FHN on Monday and Wednesday evenings, Jan 6 thru May 28.
- **Communications/Dispatch:**
 - October call numbers
 - 34 calls total.
 - 16 EMS & 5 Fire calls in the Division
 - 6 EMS & 7 Fire calls outside the Division
 - Departments that run EMR personnel must make sure Dispatch has a copy of their Department EMR license on file.
- **TRT:**
 - Dave Bordner looked over the problem generator. He did not find anything wrong with it. It is back in service and personnel have been instructed to keep an eye on it and test it regularly.
- **HAZMAT:**
 - Their Deployable Roster numbers back up to 20, with 2 members on the training roster. Their CIMS accounts are being updated.
- **EMS:**
 - Davis Fire found out their EMR class was canceled because of multiple EMT classes at the same time and a limited number of instructors.

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

- *Sheriff:*
 - The Sheriff thanked Cedarville Fire for hosting the “Trunk or Treat” and all of those that attended. Ashley said they are hoping for a larger event next year with participation from all Departments.

Old Business

- The security of our online Box Cards was discussed. It was the recommendation of the MABAS lawyer to either remove them from the website or restrict access. Secretary Korte explored the ability to add a password to that page of the website. The new password will be installed within 24hr of the meeting.

New Business

- Secretary Korte gave an overview of the short MABAS Engine Strike Team deployment to Florida for hurricane Milton.
- An outline of the merger of South Beloit Fire and the Town of Beloit was given.
- Our 2025 meeting schedule was filled out during the meeting. The list will be placed on the website and attached to an email with these minutes.
- To keep things organized, the Division has always designated Nov & Dec as the time to review/update our Box Cards, so please do so. All changes will go into effect on Jan1, 2025.
 - Be advised that Metro & Lifeline Ambulances from Rockford have closed. The current private ambulance services in Rockford include: Elite, Northwest, Ridge & Superior.

Announcements

- Monroe Fire has received their new Tower. It is not yet in service. They reportedly kept their old Tower as a backup and for Mutual Aid.
- Dakota’s water tower is back online.
- Rock City Fire will be hosting a Celebration of Life for FF Cody Penticoff, Nov 16 from 1400-1800hr. There will be a Firefighter Walk-thru @ 1600hr.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held December 4 @ Cimino’s Restaurant, hosted by Freeport Fire. This is our annual Christmas Dinner with Spouses, Trustees and Officers welcome. Menu: Salad, Fried Chicken, Lasagna. Cost \$29. Drinks @ 1800hr, Dinner @ 1900hr, Meeting @ 1930hr. RSVP to Secretary Korte by Nov 29 @ tmkljlk@comcast.net or text 815-541-8667.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1955hr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Korte, Secretary

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