

MABAS WISCONSIN
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
Division 114

Serving Oneida County, Wisconsin

MABAS Communication Drill:

A MABAS Communication Drill was conducted prior to the MABAS meeting. Participants included dispatch staff and MABAS members traveling to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes 12-12-12, Minocqua Fire Department

Departments Present:

Newbold Fire Department
Rhineland Fire Department
Sugar Camp Fire Department
Minocqua Fire Department
Pelican Fire Department
Emergency Management

Woodruff Fire Department
Hazelhurst Fire Department
Willow Region Fire Department
Stella Fire Department
Nokomis Fire Department

Additional Attendees:

Jim Hanson, Vilas County – MABAS Division 121 President

Approve Meeting Minutes:

Motion by: Scott Counter (Newbold FD), second by Kyle Timmons (Woodruff FD) to approve the October 10, 2012 MABAS Division 114 Meeting Minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Date	Check	Description	Amount	Balance
10/11/12		Beginning Balance		\$785.05
		No Activity		
12/12/12		Ending Balance		\$785.05

Motion by: Bart Tegen (Stella FD), second by Mark Vapnar (Minocqua FD) to approve the MABAS Division 114 Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Radio Drill while en-route to Meeting:

Radio Drill went well and dispatch did a nice job. There was limited response from the Fire Departments. The IFERN range and radio traffic was discussed. Dispatch agreed the drill went well.

Authority of Fire Chief to sign local Mutual Aid Agreements:

Randi Milsap the attorney for Wisconsin Emergency Management gave the following advice regarding Fire Chief's authority to sign mutual aid and automatic aid agreements:

"Generally speaking, the chief elected/executive official has the authority to bind the municipality. Whenever I draft a municipal contract, I always contact the municipality to see what officials are authorized to sign the document. Depending on the local delegation of authority, sometimes the fire chief is one of the signatories."

MABAS and ICS Training:

There was discussion regarding ambulance personnel generally not be trained in the MABAS and ICS system. Members of the group felt better coordination would result from training and exercising with ambulance personnel. There was continued discussion regarding ordering of resources and working within the Incident/Unified Command System.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MABAS Wisconsin Update:

Chief Kinnally stated the next Wisconsin MABAS Meeting is Thursday, December 13th and explained the options of how to attend the meetings. The agenda and minutes were passed out. Marinette and Monroe Counties have applied for membership. Tim Magnin is the new MABAS representative for the region.

Training Committee:

Training was conducted at the Crescent Fire Department in November. The Firefighters Association will offer training on January 26th, 10:00am at Pine Lake Station 1. Prior to training, there will be a Firefighter's Association meeting at 9:00am.

Dispatch:

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Card Update for April:

The consensus of the group was to update the MABAS Cards in April. Chief Kinnally reminded the group, if there are no changes to the cards, dates still have to be updated and receive appropriate approval. It was also the consensus of the group to forward the cards electronically and have the individual departments print them out.

There was discussion regarding Box Alarm Card numbers. Some departments would like to break their response area up further than what the ESN Zones do. Chief Kinnally stated MABAS Wisconsin has a standardized system for assigning box card numbers. Chief Kinnally will look into this and will include it on the next agenda.

Authorization Forms:

Chief Kinnally stated the Authorization Cards are good for 24 months. If a department has a change, they need to submit the information by January so current forms can be used for the MABAS Card updates.

MABAS Calls:

There were no MABAS calls, but there was previous discussion on a potential MABAS request in the Town of Newbold.

MABAS Card Tips:

There was discussion on developing a Structure Fire MABAS Card. Chief Kinnally presented numerous card development suggestions.

Open Discussion:

There was discussion regarding texting fire calls from the dispatch center. The County is looking at a program that would incorporate texting in the 911 CAD System. Pelican Fire Department is currently using a system that is available at no cost.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th, 2013 at Newbold Fire Department (Station 1), at 6:30pm.

Future Agenda Items:

MABAS Box Alarm Numbering System

Adjourn:

Motion by: Kyle Timmons (Woodruff FD), second by Steve Siefert (Newbold FD) to adjourn. Motion Passed.

Approved Date _____ Signature _____