

MABAS

What is MABAS

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

An association of over 1200 fire departments federated together through signed agreements to provide fire service related Mutual Aid.

Members include fire departments in:

- Illinois
- Wisconsin
- Missouri
- Indiana
- Iowa

Mission of MABAS

The primary purpose of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System is to coordinate the effective and efficient provision of mutual aid during:

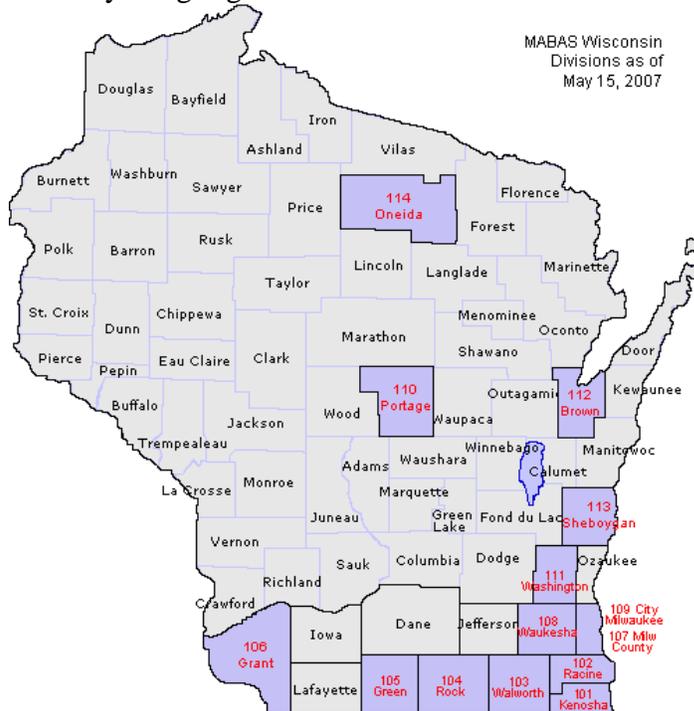
- Emergencies**
- Natural Disasters**
- Man Made Catastrophes**

MABAS History

- Organized in 1968 in Chicago Suburbs.
- Gradually grew to approximately 32 Illinois Divisions and 2 Wisconsin Divisions pre 9-11-01
- Rapid Growth post 9-11-01
- Is being used as a national model for public safety mutual aid.
- Has been adopted and signed into law as Wisconsin's Mutual Aid System and signed into law by the Governor. SB 642
- Mandated by President Bush in Presidential Directive as part of NIMS.

MABAS Wisconsin Organization

- County's highlighted are MABAS divisions



County's with interest

Dane , Dunn , Fond Du Lac
Jefferson , Wood , Marathon
Shawano

MABAS Divisions

- Groups of Member Fire Departments
- Generally based on county or region
- Approved by the MABAS Executive Board
- Develop regional policies and procedures

Oneida County is Division 114

When does a Dept. Activate MABAS

Most calls will be handled by your department and your regular Mutual Aid.

House Fires Car Accidents

Some of your calls will require a larger response than your department and its usual Mutual Aid can provide (MABAS Calls)

Mass Casualty Accident Commercial Building Fire

Sometimes the unexpected happens and we need a lot of help (MABAS Calls)

A Tornado destroyed the Fire Station and Equipment in Mountain WI

When the Situation Exceeds the Stricken Department's Capabilities

MABAS predetermined mutual aid (Box Card) works better than deciding to call for help as needed (piecemeal).

Problems associated with "piecemeal" mutual aid:

- Overloads Incident Commander
- Overloads Local Dispatcher
- Overlooks Closer or More Appropriate Apparatus
- May Create Inadequate coverage for M A Departments
- Encourages Self-Dispatching

Box Alarm Cards are Developed for many Different Situations

Box Alarm Cards are completed by the department and are a preplanned Mutual Aid response for a particular incident.

Structure Fire, Life Safety, Target Hazard, Tanker, Brush Fire

Joining MABAS

A governmental body must pass a resolution authorizing the execution of the standard MABAS agreement.

The standard MABAS agreement must be signed and forwarded to the MABAS Executive Secretary along a copy of the resolution.

The Resolution

A Resolution has been prepared for each Municipality

It is the same resolution for all Municipalities in Wisconsin

Sign and return as soon as possible

The Agreement

The Agreement is the Same for all Municipalities and not able to be modified.

It is basically the same for the past 30 years (modified for Wisconsin)

Covers issues such as each department is responsible for their own equipment and personnel (breakdowns, worker comp insurance.)

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Timeline For Oneida County, Division 114

Resolutions and Agreements

Signed by Municipalities May 1, 2008

Box Alarm Cards

Developed by Departments July 1, 2008

Dispatch and

Communications in place Sept 1, 2008

Training and Exercising Dec 1, 2008

On line with MABAS System Jan 1, 2009

Additional Information

www.mabaswisconsin.org