



BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Call to Order: 0830

Date: August 18, 2021

Old minutes: Old minutes emailed out. Motion to accept old minutes and seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$4564.94. Check to twin city for \$100.00. Ending balance \$4464.94. Frank advised he completed a spreadsheet on departments that have paid 2121 dues. Only 5 or 6 that have not yet paid. Reminder of past due emails were sent out. Motion to accept treasurers report and seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

Communications/Bills: None

New Chief/Visitor: None

Committee Report:

Sheriff: Everything is good. County working with health department. A lot of debate on mask wearing. Sherriff reminded all of the funeral at Western Auditorium for the Kalamazoo County Deputy that died in the line of duty on Saturday.

Chief Davidson held a moment of silence for Deputy Ryan Proxmire from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department that was shot and died in line of duty.

Red Cross: None

Great Lakes Drone: See attached from GLD. Changes to GLD report: Total Calls: 82

Call since last meeting: 16; Calls to Berrien County to date: 39.

Dispatch/911: **REMINDER VHF SIMULCAST WILL END BY DECEMBER 31, 2022.** Sodus siren is on 800 paging. Sodus Fire is the only fire department still on VHF paging. S.M.C.A.S. and PrideCare are still on vhf paging. These three agencies still on VHF paging continues to cause delays in dispatching. PrideCare very close to moving to 800 paging. PrideCare did 800 paging testing today and it went very well. Dispatch has requested a new talkgroup to help with getting 800 paging transmissions out. The talkgroup will be 11BCPAGE. Caitlin stated she has requested MPSCS-RPU to have this talkgroup added to the county 800 radio templates. This talkgroup will allow uninterrupted 800 paging dispatches to be sent out and not interfere with the 800 response talkgroups. Caitlin stated she has requested that the talkgroup be transmit and receive talkgroup so that it can be placed into scan list, thus allowing fire/EMS to monitor the talkgroup without having a radio set to the talkgroup. It will be used as an outgoing talkgroup from dispatch just as BC2 used to be. RPU will be changing to an online portal soon for template and radio programing. You will no longer be able to send RPU an email to update and program 800 radios. Dispatch is requesting a list of departments 800 radio ID's. Dispatch can put radio aliases into console and keeps the ID lists to look up if needed. Please get your boxcards to dispatch. Staffing, has lost one dispatcher. Still training four. Still has seven opening for dispatchers. Caitlin introduced dispatches new IS dept. technician Sean Bearden. He will be taking over retired Denny Sextons responsibilities and more.

Chief Myers stated if major incident at the Berrien County Youth Fair, staging is at the Berrien Springs Orokno station. Eau Claire will be handling staging.

Question on tower status for south east corner of county. Caitlin advised she is waiting on proposal from Motorola on new tower. Have a proposed site and MPSCS is performing computerized testing on location. MPSCS suggests stand alone tower due to potential issues of changes in tower ownerships in the future. Caitlin stated she has requested appropriation funding through Senator Peters office, and Representative LaSatta has also showed support. Trying to rush the proposal due to the coverage issues. Once approved it will still take 18-24 months to build the tower and get it operational. Mobiles will still provide the best coverage for now. Remember the county low interest loan program for mobile 800 radio purchases.

DNR: None

Funeral: Berrien Springs

Emergency Management: All good. DC Cook practice drill next Tuesday. EOC was partially activated for the flooding and power outages due to the storms.

EMS:

Medic-1: None

S.M.C.A.S.: We will be participating in the grant and getting 10 new portables. We are also taking advantage of the Kenwood pricing and will be purchasing 6 new mobiles. With all this and the cooperation of the county we will be ready to possibly start transitioning to 800 MHz. but we need to also address the coverage issues at the stations and the hospital.

Med Flight: All good. Still available for trainings.

Med Control: Al Dibrito stated Some First Responder concerns on refusals. Al Stated DR Beyer will be emailing first responder agencies.

LEPC: None

BCFA: Gerry welcomed everyone to the Fire Education Center, and thanked Dennis for all his help and hard work. There are still a lot of open shifts for the

Fire Education Center. If every department would send one person to help all the shifts would be covered.

Volunteers need please help.

Training: Corey reminded all to please fill out the surveys and get them back by the end of the week. He only has 7 or 8 surveys. These surveys help provide funding for classes here locally.

HazMat: All Good

MITRT5: No calls recently. Allen advised confined space training going on at Niles City fire. Any questions contact Allen Weich.

MABAS: Due to severe weather across the state on August 11, the crew transport POD drill was cancelled.

The next drill is October 13 and it is a tanker task force. We currently do not have a tanker task force out of division boxcard. A tanker task force boxcard is made up of 5 tanker/tenders, 2 engines, and a chief with an

aid. Frank proposed the question to MABAS members, do we want to participate in the tanker task force drill or not. I know some departments have stated they are having staffing issues, so Frank is leaving the decision up to MABAS members on whether to participate or not.

The Regional Response Coordinator position is now taking applications. Any MABAS department member may apply for the Regional Response Coordinator. Information has been emailed. See attached.

There will be a strike team/task force leader training on September 09 in Holly MI and available via zoom. All MABAS department chiefs and officers are encouraged to attend the training. Information has been emailed out. See attached.

There was a recently a mill fire in Carney MI in the UP. Recently new division in Menominee County was able to use MABAS and MABAS resources and it worked very well. They were able to get 175 firefighters, engine strike teams, and ladder trucks from Dickerson/Iron/and Wisconsin MABAS. This showed how important and valuable the MABAS system is.

Old Business: Chief Davidson reminded all how important it is to keep up on NIFRS reporting now with the grant. Rhonda is still the state contact and is available to help with problems.

New Business: Sandra Dyja has had health issues and has not been able to make our meetings. She has requested a list of fire chiefs contact information to contact departments. Chief Davidson made motion to forward chiefs contact information to Sandra. Seconded by Amanda Bronson. Motion passed. None opposed. Questions on Grant. Match is only the seven percent of your grant amount. If you go over your department must pay the overage. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

Reminder grant is for portable radios and portable radio accessories only.

If need mobiles need to use the county low interest loan program.

Discussion on the American Response Plan. Wording is very vague, and rules still being developed. Question to Chief Buist would he be able to bring in the grant speaker for a discussion at a chiefs meeting?

Next Meeting: September 15, 2021 at 0830 Lincoln Twp. station.

Adjourn: 0932

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association
Attendance Sheet
August 18th, 2021

	Print	Signature	Temp	Dept.
1.	Mike Davidson	Mike Davidson		CTFD
2.	Ashley Munson	Ashley Munson		GLDC
3.	Gindsay Nitz	Gindsay Nitz		GLDC
4.	Garry Kabelman	Garry Kabelman		S.J.C.T.F.D. 1
5.	JENNIFER FLEE	Jennifer Flee		BCPSCC
6.	MARIC Berger	MARIC Berger		Med Flight
7.	Rob Kierce	Rob Kierce		BCTFD
8.	TED CHASE	TED CHASE		GTFD
9.	Isel Burt	Isel Burt		Br. Dancer
10.	NI DIBSD	NI DIBSD		LAKEWOOD
11.	Allen Weich	Allen Weich		MI-TRF-5 / Lake
12.	David Flee	David Flee		TOTD
13.	Mike Mattit	Mike Mattit		NBFR
14.	FRANK DELATON	FRANK DELATON		Niles
15.	ARON HERN	ARON HERN		Lake
16.	Matt Remma	Matt Remma		Bertrand
17.	DOUG MYERS	DOUG MYERS		BSOFD
18.	Amanda Bronson	Amanda Bronson		Weesaw
19.	David Albers	David Albers		BSOFD / BCSC
20.	BRUCE STOVER	BRUCE STOVER		
21.	Brandon Chiarillo	Brandon Chiarillo		Lincoln Twp
22.	Caitlin Sampson	Caitlin Sampson		BC911
23.	Paul Bailey	Paul Bailey		BLSC
24.	Tim Jesswein	Tim Jesswein		Niles Twp / Bush Twp
25.	Corey Burks	Corey Burks		BCFFTC / BC Harvest
26.	Bill Whitney	Bill Whitney		JFD
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GREAT LAKES DRONE COMPANY, LLC

UAS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION

August 2021

Call Volume Report

- Total Calls 2021: 81
- Calls Since Last Meeting to Date: 15
- Calls in Berrien County 2021 to Date: 38

Breakdown of Type of Calls 2021 to Date

- Missing Persons - 31
- LEO Assists - 14
- Structure Fires - 23
- Water/Dive Rescue - 11

Updates

- Three of our staff have successfully passed their part 107/ Drone pilot's licensing, bringing our total of pilots to twelve.
- Friday, August 20th, the team will be at BCYF performing with Ken Reider (Redline Air Shows) at 21:15.
- Expect delays in response Sunday August 22nd from 07:00-13:00. We are assisting in security for KCSO Deputy Ryan J. Proxmire's funeral service.
- Equipment update:
 - 4581 housed at Chikaming Township.
 - 4580 housed at North Berrien
 - Reminder, early activation makes everything easier on all of us, we would rather disregard then be behind possible opportunities to intervene at the right timeline. This is especially relevant for water rescues. We assisted on two calls this past month that early activation turned the call around.

Training Update

- Contact us by email at Lindsay@greatlakesdronecompany.com to schedule a training with us.

2618 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, MI 49127

888-816-9625 - info@greatlakesdronecompany.com



Please see the MABAS training opportunity below.

All Chiefs and officers that have a position on the MABAS out of division boxcards are highly encouraged to participate in this training.

PLEASE SHARE WITH ANYONE IN YOUR ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS TRAINING

MIMABAS Strike Team – Taskforce Leader Training

This training will be for individuals that may fill a Strike Team or Taskforce Leader role for a fire, hazmat, technical rescue, UAs, or other special operations team.

IF YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR THE REGIONAL RESPONSE COORDINATOR TRAINING – YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE!!!

The course will provide you with the knowledge and tools to operate, communicate and coordinate within the Michigan MABAS system. Instruction will include basic understanding of the role, communication procedures, activation, deployment, resource management and best practices for movement and management of your team.

The course is 3-Hours from 9-Noon on Thursday, September 9th at the MOB Center in Holly Michigan (7377 Grange Hall Rd., Holly). However, because of the current status of COVID, we will be making this course available via Zoom (see below).

You must register for this course. <https://forms.gle/GJ2uR8AyGXN7qLda8>

When you log into ZOOM, you will be placed in the waiting room. If your name is not on the registration, you will not be allowed in to the training. This is for security purposes.

Topic: Strike Team/Taskforce Leader Training

Time: Sep 9, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85261620613?pwd=TE5hZDMzdDlFbWxjaljd3pPZytRQT09>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Trent Atkins, MBA, EFO, PEM

Executive Director

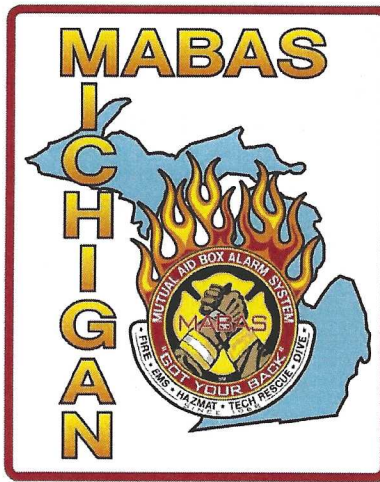
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Good Morning,

MIMABAS is opening applications for Regional Response Coordinators. This is an unfunded position that is required to attend the six-hour training on September 9th at the MOB in Holly Michigan. Those selected will become the MIMABAS Liaison to an Incident Commander during an emergency or disaster that is overwhelming their Divisions resources. If your interested please review the position description attached and complete the application at the link below.

<https://forms.gle/SyakuVTC1Z54Tgba8>

If you have any questions, please feel to reach out to me.

Thank you for your interest and continued support of Michigan MABAS.

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	MIMABAS RESPONSE COORDINATOR (REGIONAL)	DRAFT
		Date

Position Overview:

- ☐ Knowledge and experience of MIMABAS structure and operating systems.
- ☐ Knowledge and understanding of special operations team systems.
- ☐ Knowledge and understanding of MIMABAS box card system, Statewide Plan, and MABAS Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.
- ☐ Substantial experience in fire service operations.
- ☐ Ability to provide consulting services and has coaching skills.
- ☐ Has general knowledge of MIMABAS division dispatch and RED Center operations.
- ☐ Has some training experience and ability to develop, execute, and debrief field exercises.
- ☐ ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 – ICS 300/400 Preferred.

Essential Job Responsibilities:

- ☐ Reports to MIMABAS Executive Director.
- ☐ Coordinates field operational resource management between MABAS Divisions and Red Center.
- ☐ Supports MIMABAS Exercises and Training.
- ☐ Serve as field liaison and consultant to assigned MABAS Region.
- ☐ Prepares a monthly and annual report regarding the operational status of assigned MIMABAS Region.

Additional Duties and Responsibilities:

- ☐ Recommends modifications to MIMABAS response system and statewide plan based on scenarios that incorporate response and recovery activities that incorporate the full range of prevention, protection, response, and recovery.
- ☐ Provide feedback to Executive Director on field resources readiness capability and vulnerability of fire/EMS/special operations.
- ☐ Maintain activities that directly support the identification of specific catastrophic incident priority response and recovery projected needs across disciplines but primarily fire/EMS/special operations dimensions of service capability, capacity, and sustainment.
- ☐ Support Division Development in assigned Region.

FIRE MPSCS TEMPLATE

	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C	Zone D	Zone E	Zone F
1	11E911	11F911	11F911	11P911	STATW1	8CALL90
2	11ECEMS	11BCPAGE	11E911	11COMN	STATW2	8CALL90D
3	39PRIDE	8TAC91D	11P911	11METN	STATW3	8TAC91
4	11EMED1	8TAC92D	11F	11COMS	STATW5	8TAC91D
5	11ESMCAS	8TAC93D	11FG1	11METS	STATW6	8TAC92
6	11E3OAKS	8TAC94D	11FG2	11HD	STATW7	8TAC92D
7	11NILES	7TAC51D	11FG3	11ROAD	STATW8	8TAC93
8	11STJOE	7TAC52D	11FG4	11EMER	AIRLZ1	8TAC93D
9	11WATER	7TAC53D	11FG5	11MARIN	AIRLZ2	8TAC94
10		7TAC54D	11UIC1	11AC111	DNREEM5	8TAC94D
11		7TAC55D	11UIC2	11EQUA		7CALL50D
12		11F	11UIC3	CASINO		7TAC51D
13		11F	11SPEV1			7TAC52D
14		11F	11SPEV2			7TAC53D
15		11	11			7TAC54D
16		11	11			7TAC55D

	Zone G	Zone H	Zone J	Zone K	Zone L	Zone M
1	EVENT1	EVENT16	EVENT 47	EVENT 63	EVENT 79	MABAS DISP
2	EVENT2	EVENT17	EVENT48	EVENT 64	EVENT 80	MABASCC1
3	EVENT3	EVENT18	EVENT49	EVENT 65	EVENT 81	MABASCC2
4	EVENT4	EVENT19	EVENT50	EVENT 66	EVENT 82	MABAS1
5	EVENT5	EVENT20	EVENT51	EVENT 67	EVENT 83	MABAS2
6	EVENT6	EVENT21	EVENT52	EVENT 68	EVENT 84	MABAS3
7	EVENT7	EVENT22	EVENT53	EVENT 69	EVENT 85	MABAS4
8	EVENT8	EVENT23	EVENT54	EVENT 70	EVENT 86	MABAS5
9	EVENT9	EVENT24	EVENT55	EVENT 71	EVENT 87	
10	EVENT10	EVENT25	EVENT56	EVENT 72	EVENT 88	<i>For MABAS</i>
11	EVENT11	EVENT26	EVENT57	EVENT 73	EVENT 89	<i>member departments</i>
12	EVENT12	EVENT27	EVENT58	EVENT 74	EVENT 90	<i>departments only</i>
13	EVENT13	EVENT28	EVENT59	EVENT 75	EVENT 91	
14	EVENT14	EVENT29	EVENT60	EVENT 76	EVENT 92	
15	EVENT15	EVENT30	EVENT61	EVENT 77	EVENT 93	
16	DYNRGRP		EVENT62	EVENT 78	EVENT 94	

	Zone N	Zone O	Zone P	Zone Q	Zone R	Zone Y	Zone Z
1	R5SPEV1	CHOPHP1	11PG	11P911	80F911	<i>For Future</i>	<i>For Future</i>
2	R5SPEV2	CHREG1	11PG	11INCMD	80E911	<i>Indiana 800</i>	<i>Indiana 800</i>
3	R5SPEV3	CHREG2N	11PG911	11OPS	80COM		
4	R5SPEV4	CHREG2S		11INTEL	80EMER	<i>Only for Fire</i>	<i>Departments along</i>
5	R5SPEV5	CHREG3		11CMD1	80SPEV1	<i>the Indiana</i>	<i>state line</i>
6	R5SPEV6	CHREG5		11CMD2	80SPEV2		
7	R5SPEV7	CHREG6		11TEAM1	80SPEV3		
8	R5SPEV8	CHREG7		11TEAM2	14P911		
9	R5SPEV9	CHREG8		11TEAM3	14F911		
10	EMMD1	MEDCOM5		11TEAM4	14E911		
11	EMMD2	MCC5		11TEAM5	14COM		
12	EMMD3			11TEAM6	14SPEV1		
13	EMMD5			8TAC91D			
14	EMMD6			8TAC92D			
15	EMMD7			8TAC93D			
16	EMMD8			8TAC94D			