



**BERRIEN COUNTY**  
**FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**  
**BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**



**Call to Order:** 1630-1740

**Date:** March 20, 2024

**PRERSENTATION:** None

**Old minutes:** Old minutes emailed out. Motion to accept old minutes by: Chief Weich. Seconded by: LT Florey. Motion passed. None opposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Starting balance: \$7333.99. 2 dues deposits: \$100.00. Ending Balance: \$7433.99. Royalton Twp. fire is the only department that has not paid 2024 dues. Spoke with Royalton Chief last Wednesday and he said will get the invoice to his board. Motion to accept treasurers report by: LT Florey. Seconded by: Deputy Director Kazmierzak. Motion passed. None opposed.

**Bills:** None

**Communications:** Discussion on boxcards. Keep them readily available so that your agency members know what to respond with. Discussion on UIC request. Need to establish command and command can request a UIC. Discussed a call from Niles Twp. where firefighter requested a UIC due to multiple agencies on scene and two separate scene locations. This was discussed at length at communications committee. After listening to the call recordings no one established command. Only one 11FG per scene. If additional talkgrup/channels needed for water shuttle use proprietary talkgroup or TAC channels. No need to tie up a second 11FG as we only have five 11FG. Motorola APX6000 radios ending in AN are at end of life. (flier attached).

**General Communications:**

**New Chief/Visitor:** None

**Great Lakes Drone:** Not present

**EMS:**

**Medic-1:** Not present

**S.M.C.A.S.:** Not present

**Med Flight:** Not present

**Med Control:** Not present

**Dispatch/911:** Not present

**Communications Committee:** UIC discussion previously. Committee discussed the request to have 11FG assigned at dispatch. Recommendation of committee continues as is. To reduce confusion and keep continuity/consistency agencies: clear the call/go enroute/on scene/give sizeup. on 11F911. Request a 11FG if needed for operations. We are not saying 11FG only for structure fires. If your agency IC feels they need and 11FG for operations of that scene, then request one. Committee also requests that we as our county agency leaders remind and talk to our members about radio discipline. Many agencies continue to talk on 11F911 for on scene operations that can be done on proprietary talkgroups/11FG talkgroups/or TAC channels. Recently one agency had a call to an apartment complex for a fire alarm. The unit on scene was talking to their second



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station discussing key holder information, fire alarm information, etc. over 11F911. This could have been done over proprietary talkgroup instead of 11F911. Please as the leaders of our agencies discuss and encourage your

firefighters to be aware of radio etiquette/disipline and move communications to acceptable secondary talkgroups/channels to keep 11F911 open and clear.

**BCFA:** April 03, 2024 next meeting. New Buffalo City hosting at New Buffalo Twp. Presentation by Servpro. Car show moving forward. Have show fliers and donation forms available on table.

**Training:** April 04: Hi Rise class; April 06: TIC class; May 28: Fire Academy starts; April 20: FF Resilience class; May 18-19 RIT course; Chief Myers discussed the Beyond the line class that was held on March 13, 2024. Had a lot of good positive feedback on the class.

**Emergency Management:** Nonthin to report. Sheriff Heit stated hazmat members ar low and again asked if any fire department has members interested in being on the regional hazmat team to pleas apply. Question on the insurance needed by the fire departments. Discussion on cost of the required insurance was very high for the fire departments. Sheriff Heit to check on that. LT DeLaTorre asked Sheriff Heit to send him the hazmat application and MOU and he will send out with the meeting minutes.

**MABAS:** MI-MABAS Met with Detroit Fire Department regarding their planning for the NFL Draft April 25-27. They are still reviewing their permit requests for satellite events. Tentatively, we will brief the divisions on their IAP and Medical Plans for awareness of this national event. We may pre-deploy limited MI-TF1 resources to be on standby: Operations Chief - MIMABAS has hired soon to be retired Fire Chief Pat Parker to be our new MIMABAS Operations Chief. This position will be responsible for collaborating with Division Planners, Regional Coordinators, Deployment Coordinators, and the Red Center to continue to build the MABAS Activation process: MABAS OnLine Training is available. Information has been sent out as well as fliers on the table: MABAS drone networking scheduled at the MOB center in Holly MI, on April 24, 2024: City of Cadillac and Morenci County Signed Agreement with Wexford Division 3704: Michigan Medical Directors request for support of their changes to PA 300 of 1949, 257.2, Authorized Emergency Vehicles.

**Other Comments:** Question as to why Med Control showing up on fire scenes? Is Med Control DR being requested? Sent by Dispatch? Just showing up? Chief Myers stated Med Control DR was on his recent structure fire and he set up firefighter rehab. Local Pierce rep no longer in area. New reps would like to attend next meeting. NYE Uniform will be at Weesaw Fire on March 28, 2024 at 1800hrs, if anyone is in need of getting members fitted for Class A uniforms.

**Old Business:** Mayday policy is now in effect. All departments should have completed initial training and have their members familiar with the policy. Survey results completed. Thank you to all who participated. Had 16 responses. Results were: Identify trainees with helmet shield/sticker; departments fund shield/sticker; love texcom for information sharing. Lengthy discussion on whether trainees should be allowed on the fireground. Topic tabled until can review mutual aid agreement. New tower is up, with antennas and cables. Out building are also built. So hopefully tower will be active soon. Pictures on the BCFA website.



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Question on if any agencies have received the Michigan equipment grant? No one has received any money yet.

**New Business:** Dispatcher appreciation week is April 14-20, 2024. Discussion on sharing cost to send food to the dispatch centers. Additional discussion on possible sharing of cost of zippered folders for dispatchers. Motion by Chief Jesswein to share cost of providing food to the dispatch centers with BCFA up to total \$400.00 (\$200.00 each association). Seconded by Deputy Director Kazmierzak. Motion passed. None opposed. Discussion on NFPA link. Subscription of \$1052.00 for up to 10 departments. Question on single subscription cost. Single subscription cost: \$114.00. This subscription allows agencies to send/email NFPA sections. Discussion on training committee. There is a lot of very good training going on in the county. There seems to be a breakdown in communication between those providing training and CTC and BCFA. Those involved are currently working on fixing these communication issues. BCFA has requested the county CTC send a representative to the meetings. Question asked why the CTC does not share their meeting minutes? No one from CTC present to answer. Per state guidelines every department in county gets 1 vote on the CTC. If do not like how CTC is run then vote for change.

**Next Meeting:** Discussion on changing next meeting as next meeting falls during FDIC. **April meeting will be on Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 0830 here at Lincoln Twp.**

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Chief Chairleo. Seconded by: Deputy Chief Gowen.. None opposed. Meeting adjourn: 1740hrs.







## MI-MABAS Online Awareness Level Computer Based Training (CBT) FY2024

### **Background**

MI-MABAS continuously looks for opportunities to leverage technology and partnerships to improve the statewide mutual aid system. What remains paramount in this mission is the safety of your firefighters during responses, especially those that require increased levels of Fire-Based or Special Operations based resources. Leadership has been working with Scott Tobey, a long-time fire service training advocate, and the staff at <https://www.saferesponse.com/> to develop a CBT platform for delivering a variety of NFPA Awareness Level and MIOSHA compliant courses. The NFPA Awareness Level Courses are designed to comply with the corresponding Awareness Level objectives laid out within NFPA 1006/1670, better known as the consensus standards on Technical Rescue. Additional CBTs on this platform which could be used to satisfy some of MIOSHA's training requirements include SCBA, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Hazmat Awareness. The website provides further courses on best practices for other related topics during emergency responses common to most fire departments.

### **Implementation**

MI-MABAS is now prepared to roll out our inaugural Awareness Level CBT program for FY24. This program is based solely on available funds and requires login credentials for each authorized user. To ensure the limited number of available logins have the greatest impact on firefighter safety within the MI-MABAS system, we have designed a training request form that can be electronically submitted. This form is to be used by any Divisional Fire Department when requesting a login credential for a member firefighter within its organization.

Here is the link for the MI-MABAS Registration for Online Awareness Level Training:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScu\\_zL15i7kqbBcJeLg8ETDNJqqiH9uGXmUBppcnQvnBRD0tA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScu_zL15i7kqbBcJeLg8ETDNJqqiH9uGXmUBppcnQvnBRD0tA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The above form must be submitted by COB on ***Friday, April 12.***

All submitted requests will be recorded and reviewed by MI-MABAS. Submitting MI-MABAS Fire Departments will be notified, along with login credentials to each member(s) after approval.

This new program will allow us to measure both the effectiveness of delivering CBTs via this platform and the need within MI-MABAS member departments for this type of training. All departments who are provided with logins will receive an evaluation regarding the content and use of the CBT platform.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of MI-MABAS and if you have any questions, please contact us at [infor@michiganmabas.us](mailto:infor@michiganmabas.us).







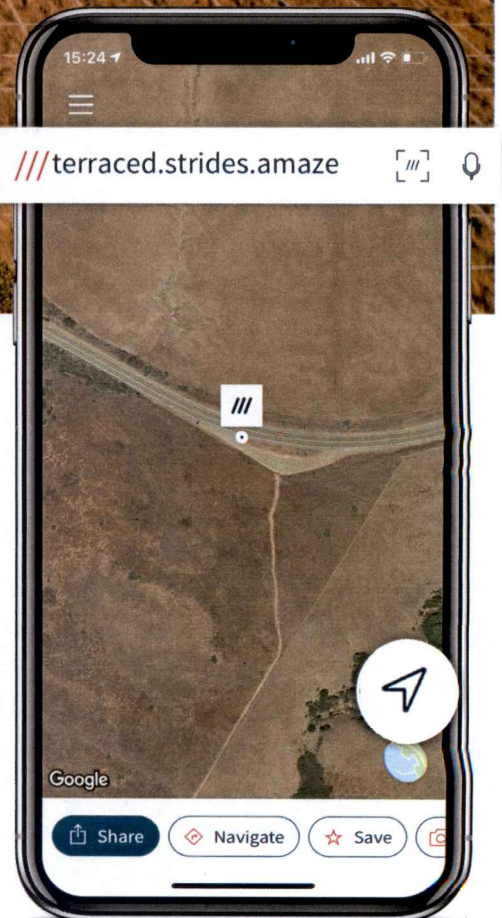


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