



# Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Communications Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### February 19, 2007

**Members Present:** Dave Dato, Wauconda; Greg Riddle, IFCA; Bill Bouma, Mt Pleasant; Bob Hoff, Chicago  
**No Guests present**

Agenda Item:	Discussion/Decision:	Follow-up/Responsibility:
Call to Order	Co-Chair Dave Dato welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1000 hours at Lisle-Woodridge Station 1.	
Approve Minutes	<b>Chief Bouma moved to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2007 meeting as presented. Second by Greg Riddle. All AYES; motion carried.</b>	
Division 107 IFERN Patch	Misc. radio traffic from Div.107 is being heard outside the “normal” operating areas.	Chief Bouma will continue to monitor the situation.
MABAS Radio Test Schedule	MABAS radio test schedule is complete. There were a few minor changes made to accurately reflect the proper dispatch centers for some divisions. Chief Bouma initiated discussion regarding the “5 count” possibly being eliminated. It was determined that there would be further discussion needed at a future date.	Chief Maplethorpe will present the test schedule at the MABAS conference.

<p>2007 MABAS Conference</p>	<p>The Communications Committee has not been requested to provide any educational or informational training for the conference.</p>	<p>Chief Maplethorpe will present information to the Executive Board regarding the activities of the Communications Committee.</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b></p>		
<p>MERCI Base Stations</p>	<p>Most hospital ER's have installed the ITTF radio equipment. Chief Dato is trying to develop a contact at IDPH to carry the program forward.</p>	<p>Follow-up by Chief Dato with IDPH.</p>
<p>VHF Interoperability</p>	<p>No update</p>	
<p>Rock Island County</p>	<p>No update</p>	
<p>Southwest Central</p>	<p>There have not been any recent reports of data bursts on 154.280</p>	<p>Follow-up with Chief Swanson by Chief Dato or Maplethorpe</p>
<p>EMnet</p>	<p>Many Departments have rec'd installation surveys and installations will start shortly.</p>	<p>Chief Dato will continue to monitor.</p>
<p>MABAS Dispatch Yahoo Group</p>	<p>No update</p>	
<p>Statewide Radio License</p>	<p>We will continue to watch for additional frequencies that become available and add to license as necessary.</p>	<p>Primary monitoring by Chief Maplethorpe and Dato with additional support by the rest</p>

<p>Carbondale Area</p> <p>Statewide Interop Executive Committee</p> <p>Starcom21</p> <p>BLUE Fireground</p> <p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>Information for the good of the Committee</p> <p>Adjournment</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>No update</p> <p>Chief Dato reported that the committee is gaining momentum. Chief Dato , ISP Col. Craig Allen from SIEC and reps from ITTF will attend an interoperability seminar in March . The seminar will be instructional and center around developing a Statewide Interoperability Plan. The seminar is sponsored by the National Governors Association</p> <p>Many agencies throughout the State participated in a small communications test. Dave Owens from ILEAS \ ITTF will be following up with those agencies that had difficulty using their STARCOM radios during the test.</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Chief Bouma reported that WI MABAS has a website; <a href="http://www.mabaswisconsin.org">www.mabaswisconsin.org</a></p> <p>Assistant Deputy Commissioner Hoff and the members present held a lengthy discussion regarding radio procedures for MABAS agencies responding to MABAS Div. 9. Deputy Commissioner Hoff requested Communication Committee Members to meet with Commissioner Orozco to continue refining some of the concepts.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Greg Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Second Bob Hoff to adjourn. All AYES motion carried at 11:40 AM</p> <p>March 19, 2007 1000 hours at Lisle- Woodridge Sta 1</p> <p>Minutes taken by Dave Dato</p>	<p>of the Committee members.</p> <p>Chief Dato will continue to attend SIEC meetings.</p> <p>Chiefs Dato and Maplethorpe to follow-up.</p>
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