



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2007

Members Present: Paul Maplethorpe, David Dato, John Lozar, DuComm; Gregg Riddle, IFCA; Dennis Higgins, Livingston County; Jim Clausen, RED Center; Bob Mierop, Bolingbrook FD; Larry Matkaitis, OSFM; Josh Dennis, CFD; Len Edling, CFD; Alan Choutka, DuPage County and Bill Bouma, Mt. Pleasant Fire Department, WI MABAS Liaison .

Guests Present: Jay Reardon, MABAS CEO (arrived at 11:05 AM)

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Follow-up/Responsibility
Call to Order	Co-Chair Paul Maplethorpe welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1003 hours at Lisle-Woodridge Station 1.	
Approve Minutes	Mr. John Lozar moved to approved the September 24, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Dennis Higgins. All AYES; motion carried.	
Starcom21 SOG	Steve Rauter is waiting to get some information from Motorola. Will try to get SOG information for the next meeting in December.	B/C Mierop and Steve Rauter
IL Interoperability Plans	Mostly complete, will be filed with DHS by December 3, 2007. TCD Co-chairs attended a meeting in Springfield in early November to finalize the plan.	
ITTF Statewide Interoperability Communications Plan	No Report	
Chicago / Cook County	Discussion on the current plan and the potential for the inclusion of counties outside of Cook County. Chicago will have three permanent VHF/UHF patches.	
MABAS Computer network	No Report.	
Narrowband Migration – Statewide Frequencies	No Report.	John Lozar, Steve Rauter and Dennis Higgins
TCD Committee Membership	Waiting for official word from MABAS on the final approved list for the twelve (12) authorized members. Larry Matkaitis, Bill Bouma, and Alan Choutka will be associate members.	
OLD BUSINESS		
Southwest Central - 154.280	Per a conversation between Bill Shanley and Gregg Riddle, Southwest Central Dispatch is still using the frequency for station alerting.	

EMnet	There is a three month extension on the grant. Good turnout for the EMnet presentation at the IPSTA Conference. There are a few departments that are pending installation. Alan will be working on the EMnet project in 2008 full time. By the end of 2008 there should be 1/3 of all State of Illinois Fire Departments with EMnet units installed.
Statewide Radio License	No Report
Carbondale Area	No Report
SIEC	It was mentioned by Co-Chair Dave Dato that the SIEC played a part in the PSIC Grant application process. There were 16 applications submitted.
Starcom21	No separate Report (see Starcom21 SOG above).
Cook County UASI Interoperability Committee	MABAS has appointed a representative, Chief Ralph Czerwinski to the Cook County UASI Interoperability Committee.
Chicago Interoperability	<p>A meeting was held recently with discussion on the recent Chicago Marathon operations. In addition the discussion went into the standard radio operations for MABAS Alarms involving Division 9. Chicago does now have PL programmed on IFERN on their primary transmitter. Chicago is going to install paging encoders on IFERN in the OEMC, the 311 Center and two fire stations that are used as backup. MABS has printed map books for Chicago and made them available to every fire department from Divisions 1 through 27, except 25. Chicago has GPS units (Garmin 340) that have fire stations and hospitals listed under favorites for use by incoming suburban companies. There will be lock boxes installed in each of the Chicago Fire Stations that can be opened with the MABAS Knox Box keys. MABAS Chiefs will be credentialed for response to Chicago.</p> <p>Interoperability with Chicago Fire Department – C.01.01.06 (draft) discussion on version 3 as distributed at the meeting. Several modifications were proposed and discussed. Version 4 will be out very quickly for review including the recommended changes.</p> <p>Committee is invited to attend tour of Chicago backup centers that are held on the first Sunday of each month at 9 AM. Notify Jay Reardon by the preceding Wednesday if interested.</p>
New Business	None
Information for the Good of the Committee	<p>Division 10 is converting their box cards to the new MABAS format.</p> <p>There is a new national card format and following that adoption the MABAS Coloring Book will be updated.</p>
Adjournment	B/C Bob Mierop moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Jim Clausen. All AYES; the meeting adjourned at 1149 hours.
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 17, 2007 via a conference bridge beginning at 1000 hours. Paul Maplethorpe will distribute conference bridge information.</p> <p>Minutes taken by Gregg Riddle.</p>