



# Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

## Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

### Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2008

**Members Present:** Steve Rauter Co-chair, WESCOM; Gregg Riddle Co-chair, IFCA; John Lozar, DuComm; Dennis Higgins, Ford County 911; Alan Choutka, DuPage County;

**Conference Bridge:** David Dato, Wauconda FPD; Len Edling, Chicago FD; Bill Bouma, Mt. Pleasant FD, WI MABAS Liaison; Larry Matkaitis, OSFM; Carl Guse, Wisconsin State Patrol

**Guests Present:** Tim Conley, IMERT

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Follow-up/Responsibility
<b>Call to Order</b>	Co-Chair Steve Rauter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1010 hours at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1.	
<b>Approve Minutes</b>	Chief Dave Dato moved to approve the April 28, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Dennis Higgins, Ford County 911. All AYES; motion carried.	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	Chair moved this item to the beginning of the meeting	
<b>IMERT request for use of fire ground channels</b>	Tim Conley of IMERT was present to request permission to put fire ground channels on their portable radio equipment. Dave Dato offered supportive comments. Discussion followed concerning the actual activities in the past where this interoperability was missing. Motion by Dave Dato to recommend MABAS give IMERT authority to access the fire ground channels. Gregg Riddle made the second. Further clarifications were given and the motion passed.	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>		
<b>2008 MABAS Conferences</b>	Alan Choutka mentioned that a standardized introduction program is being developed for EMnet to be used at all state conferences.	<b>Steve Rauter, Gregg Riddle</b>
<b>Starcom21 SOG</b>	Steve Rauter is preparing a document to submit for the upcoming MABAS Executive Board meeting in June. There was also discussion on the Starcom21 templates that were sent out by Dave Dato. There is a need to maps that clearly define the regions/zones for effective use of the Starcom21 network. Dave Dato recommended a letter be sent to Steve Jackson that the template for the frequencies needs additional refining. Dave Dato to send Steve a new rebanding template.	<b>A/C Mierop and Steve Rauter</b>
<b>Incident Benchmark SOG</b>	MABAS – WI has settled on using the 10, 20, 30 minute benchmark starting from the time of arrival of the fist units.	<b>Bill Bouma and Jim Clausen</b>

<b>MABAS Computer network</b>	The contractor is trying to establish a meeting to discuss the network, web sites and teleconferencing.	<b>Steve Rauter</b>
<b>Narrowband Migration – Statewide Frequencies</b>	Tentative implementation for State of IL frequencies will be one year before the FCC mandate.	<b>John Lozar, Steve Rauter and Dennis Higgins</b>
<b>Associate MABAS Membership for Comm Centers, Division Dispatch</b>	There will be a discussion at the June MABAS Executive Board meeting.	
<b>Statewide Radio License</b>	No additional information.	
<b>Cook County UASI Interoperability Committee</b>	No additional information.	
<b>Chicago Interoperability – Guideline established</b>	No additional information.	
<b>Naming Convention</b>	No additional information.	<b>Kris Kindelspire, Carl Guse</b>
<b>New Business</b>	Carl Guse reported that Winneshiek County, IA was applying to use Fire Ground Red for a repeater operation. IMSA was advised that they would choose a different frequency and not compromise the Red channel.	
<b>Liaison Information</b>	<p>MABAS WI – Division 116, Wood County is coming into MABAS.</p> <p>Region 54/13 – nothing since the last meeting. John Lozar was asked to draft a letter to protect the 700 MHz low power simplex channels.</p> <p>OSFM – Will begin inspecting schools outside of the City of Chicago.</p> <p>EMnet – request by Grundy County for a remote unit in a Com Van. Comlabs said anyone that purchases a station where they have an existing station will not have to pay the monthly licensing fee. Monthly test of EMnet and Starcom21 is being turned into a semi annual net test. IMERT has gone out and purchased two 60 KW mobile generators that will be available for deployment in the future. Chicago installs will begin today along with MABAS Headquarters.</p> <p>SIEC – Dave Dato attended a meeting in April and Gary Cochran was appointed as the interim chair.</p> <p>Others – none</p>	
<b>Information for the Good of the Committee</b>	Discussion about Project 25 and testing by other manufacturers on the Starcom21 network. Len Edling indicated that a COM-L type three course has been approved.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Dave Dato moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Gregg Riddle. All AYES; the meeting adjourned at 1133 hours.	

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1 beginning at 1000 hours.

Minutes taken by Gregg Riddle.