



# Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

## Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

### Meeting Minutes

### August 25, 2008

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| <b>Members Present:</b> Steve Rauter Co-chair, WESCOM; Dennis Higgins, Ford County 911; Alan Choutka, DuPage County; Len Edling, Chicago FD; Bob Mierop, Bolingbrook FD; Bill Bouma, Mt. Pleasant FD, WI MABAS Liaison;                |
| <b>Conference Bridge:</b> Gregg Riddle Co-chair, IFCA; David Riddle, Channahon FPD; Jim Clausen, RED Center; David Dato, Wauconda FPD; Chris Kindelspire, Morris FPD (joined at 1006 hrs); Larry Matkaitis, OSFM (joined at 1012 hrs); |
| <b>Guests Present:</b> None  |

| Agenda Item                   | Discussion/Decision  | Follow-up/Responsibility   |
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| <b>Call to Order</b>          | Co-Chair Steve Rauter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1003 hours at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1.   |  |
| <b>Approve Minutes</b>        | Bob Mierop moved to approve the July 28, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Dave Dato. All AYES; motion carried.   |  |
| <b>OLD BUSINESS</b>           |  |  |
| <b>2009 MABAS Conferences</b> | 1. Program to overlap more with Chiefs and TCs<br>2. Hands-on for ITECS, UCS vans, other assets<br>3. Mockup of statewide deployment and flow plan<br><br>No work on the conference has begun and a date has not been determined.  | <b>Steve Rauter; Jim Clausen to check on the conference date</b> |
| <b>Starcom21 SOG</b>          | 1. Policy to be submitted to MABAS Exec Board for vote<br>2. Procedures status<br>3. Training package status – pending over the air programming and reconfiguration of talk groups<br>4. STARCOM21 activation forms for RED & Orland for deployments<br>5. Rebanding and Radio Service letter sent out and not all the individuals have responded.<br>6. Basic ITTF template will remain the same. | <b>Bob Mierop and Steve Rauter</b>                               |
| <b>Incident Benchmark SOG</b> | Reviewing NFPA 1561 Standard. Need to determine when the 10 minute time frame starts. AHJ is to make this determination. Recommendation is for it to start when the first unit arrives on the scene. Draft nearly complete for review.   | <b>Bob Mierop</b>  |

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| <b>MABAS Computer network</b>   | Dave Dato shared some information with Dave Schweis on software products available at a significant discount due to not-for-profit status of MABAS. Servers will be installed at RED Center. RED Center is waiting on a statement of work to bring to the member Chiefs for review and the possible need to upgrade the air conditioning the equipment room.  | <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. Another meeting is needed and January 1, 2012 is the IL self imposed deadline. Bearing Point is working with the state on a possible plan. Conference call is scheduled for tomorrow with Bearing Point representatives.  | <b>John Lozar, Steve Rauter and Dennis Higgins</b> |
| <b>Associate MABAS Membership for Comm Centers, Division Dispatch</b> | Nothing has come out of the MABAS Bylaws Committee. May be left up to the individual divisions.   |  |
| <b>Statewide Radio License</b>  | Information has been submitted. No further updates at this time.  | <b>Paul Maplethorpe</b>                            |
| <b>Cook County and Chicago I-O Plan</b>                               | Meeting is to be held on Thursday, August 28th. Two VHF have come from the County and two VHF channels are coming from the County Highway Department. Working to get the MOA to reflect the new channel plan.   |  |
| <b>Naming Convention</b>  | The channel plan is being submitted by APCO and NPSTC to ANSI in the form of a standard. Nothing further on the use of one common PL frequency nation wide. May be able to have different PLs for local/state operations.   | <b>Kris Kindelspire, Carl Guse</b>                 |
| <b>700 MHz Tactical Frequencies</b>                                   | Letter has not been drafted as of yet. Try to send to Jay prior to the Region 54 meeting in November.   | <b>Steve Rauter</b>                                |
| <b>New Business</b>   | This is Gregg Riddle’s last meeting.<br><br>WI – draft policy on helicopters; C-01-05.03 – medical search and rescue helicopters. Uses specified frequencies for local units and keep them off Fire Ground Green in WI. Also looks to set a specific frequency for operations involving the US Coast Guard. Any comments should be sent to Bill Bouma off line prior to the meeting on Friday, August 29th. |  |

**Liaison Information**

Admin updates – no updates.

MABAS WI – still working on the dive team issue.

Region 54/13 – next meeting is November 5th.

OSFM – school inspection project is starting. This will be for schools where a fire department didn't opt in to the training. This will combine the Life Safety and State School Codes for these inspections. The OSFM does not have any enforcement authority. Information will be sent to the State Superintendent for action.

EMnet – Two units will be installed in the OEMC and the 3-1-1 Center. Loyola will be purchasing units for the region 8 hospitals. Would like to get an EMnet unit at the Starcom21 NOC for emergency messaging when there are problems with the system. Discussion on the designation/selection of instructors for Com classes in the State.

IDPH – No report.

IMERT – Alan Choutka will act as their liaison to this Committee.

SIEC – program at the IEMA Conference. 1.8 M grant to be awarded primarily for the testing and training of the radio interoperability networks both inside and outside the Chicago/Cook County UASIs.

Starcom21 Oversight Committee – no additional information.

Motorola TC training project – no report. Jim Clause will check with Jay Reardon.

Others – Dave Dato and Chris Kindelshire attended the Com L class at APCO in Kansas City.

**Information for the Good of the Committee**

Bill Bouma offered thanks to Gregg Riddle for his work on behalf of the committee.

**Adjournment**

Bob Mierop moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dave Dato. All AYES; the meeting adjourned at 1110 hours.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2008 at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1 beginning at 1000 hours.

Minutes taken by Gregg Riddle.