

2018 MABAS WISCONSIN

Breakout Session Descriptions

MABAS Section

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Working Together MABAS WI & the WI DNR for wildland fire suppression

The course offering will discuss the local fire department and the WDNR's responsibilities for wildland fire suppression throughout Wisconsin. This includes both the Co-op and Protection areas of the State along with the types of box cards for each response area. This breakout session will discuss the response to large scale wildland fire incidents and will describe what a coordinated response from the WDNR and a local fire department that work together would look like. For escalating incidents requiring additional resources the Incident Commander may request MABAS resources, including MABAS Box level resources and possibly MABAS Interdivisional Resources of either or both Strike Teams and/or Task Forces. This session will also discuss the notification process, accountability/check in and the minimum training requirements for wildland fire training with our number 1 goal of everyone goes home.

You are not just commanding your crew anymore

One of the founding principles of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System is safety. So with that said, when you request a MABAS Box Alarm the responding resources are expecting a safe (to the degree possible because after all it is an emergency scene) work environment to ensure a successful outcome. A MABAS call usually has resources responding from many different departments and as the incident grows so must your command structure to ensure everyone goes home safely. Another of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems founding principles is standardize policies and procedures (the franchise concept) to create the response seamless wherever it is that you may be called to. Working on the emergency scene also expected to be

seamless because of the standardized training we have received. Join us as we look at making sure our Incident Command Structure is matching our scene.

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Dispatch Section

Wisconsin Department of Justice Fusion Center Update

Mr. Robert Kelly and Mr. Josh Maas from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Fusion Center will provide an update on activity in and around Wisconsin as it relates to both domestic and international terrorism. You may think your neighborhood, your community and your county are safe from a potential incident. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Maas may well have a different perspective based on intelligence they have received from the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, military intelligence, state and local law enforcement and last but not least the average citizen. They will discuss why the *see something say something* program is so vitally important and how average citizens reporting something that seems out of the ordinary has helped to prevent or thwart attacks.

WISCOM, Illinois Star Comm., Minnesota Armor, Michigan 800 MHz connecting the systems

Mr. Josh Ripp, WISCOM Program Manager from the Office of Emergency Communications will lead a discussion related to the various neighboring states proprietary communications systems and how to create interoperable links when MABAS WI resources are crossing state lines for day to day operations of the occasional Interdivisional response. What challenges occur in your local/Division Communications Center? How do you as a tele communicator/dispatcher bridge the gap? You as a tele communicator/dispatcher will likely be expected to help the local responding agencies determine how and when the interoperable link will be established. Understanding how the systems work will help to ensure success in the short and long term future.

Activating the Box

So 99+% of what you do day to day is dispatch law enforcement to a variety of different incidents. Then you get the .04% of EMS calls for service followed by .02 % of requests for the fire department, then there is the .03% of other admin or other related calls for service and finally there is the .01% of your duties which involve the activation of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. So now it is time to shift gears. How often do you individually or collectively as a Dispatch Center dispatch a MABAS Box Alarm? This session is considered to be a review session

as well as a discussion of best practices for ensuring success for the tele communicator/dispatcher who is in the preverbal *hot seat* who is serving in the role of the MABAS Dispatcher.

Fireground Terminology

Based on last year's Conference reviews the MABAS WI Training Team has elected to bring this program back for 2018. Chief Kraig Biefeld of the Watertown FD and Tele Communicator Jen Anderson, Harlem Roscoe FPD will once again provide this presentation. We believe it is essential for the tele communicator/dispatcher to have some basic information related to fireground terminology/vocabulary. Again since the whole fire department dispatching gig is infrequent in most Communications Centers we believe it is important that the tele communicator/dispatcher not only understand the terminology but can understand what a piece of equipment for example might be used for or understand a tasking on the fireground such as Safety Office within the Command Staff position functions.

Division Presidents/Fireground Management Section

Firefighter REHAB

Dr. James MacNeal, Medical Director for Mercy Hospital MD 1 and Division 104 will discuss the importance is firefighter rehab while working on emergency scenes. In today's world we believe it is safe to say the initial arriving units are often shorthanded. So you jump of the Engine or Truck in you PPE with tools and appliances and immediately go to work. That work cycle is like going from 0 MPH to 100 MPH in vary hazardous conditions. Your physical conditioning will be put to the test. Your Incident Commander has the responsibility to look out for your well-being. Part of that tasking as the Incident Commander is to follow your Department/Division Protocol for rehabbing of your on-scene personnel. Countless studies have shown that rehabbing personnel creates a safer work environment for all those on the fireground. Please join Dr. MacNeal as he share the Division 104 FF Rehab program.

The Wisconsin Fire Service Emergency Response Plan (WFSERP)

MABAS WI President Kevin Bierce will share the newly updated Wisconsin Fire Service Emergency Response Plan with the audience. This document while it was created approximately 10-years ago and just recently updated provides the matrix for MABAS activations in Wisconsin. To simplify things, a flow chart was developed to help expedite mobilization of resources to impacted/stricken communities. Understanding how all of the pieces fit together will help you to not only understand how and where you fit in the bigger picture but it will also define the who's who and what their individual role(s) are in the big picture MABAS activation.

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Strike Teams, Task Forces and Mission Ready Packages

Since the first MABAS WI large scale activation occurred in 2009 in Division 107 to the Patrick Cudahy Meat Processing Plant in the City of Cudahy MABAS WI has been working through our Regional Coordinator's to develop Strike Team and Task Forces. While this has been and continues to be a work in progress we need to look at the next level of response called Mission Ready Packages. This element takes us to the next level of being self-sufficient as a Strike Team or Task Force because we have addressed the sustainability piece which allows us to deploy for 72-hours and beyond. In an ideal world we would all be able to provide to our neighbors anything they ask for. Unfortunately, we don't live in an ideal world. Organizationally, MABAS WI needs to find ways to provide the resources our friends and neighbors may need. We accomplish this by in some cases compromising in other cases we combine resources and in certain instances we partner with neighbors or other private sector, non-governmental organizations or state and federal governments to meet the request. This session will review the expectations of a Strike Team and/or a Task Force and what the next step(s) would be to have them become a Mission Ready Package.

EMS Section

The World of Opioids

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Is your Box Card ready?

From skinned knees to natural disasters, you respond to it all. When that preverbal bad day hits will you and your Box Card be ready to respond? This session requires that you bring your respective MCI & Life Safety Box Cards to the session. You must also come ready to work as we will be working through several real world scenarios that will test the strength and flexibility of your respective MABAS Box Cards. (note: ***you must bring your MABAS MCI and/or Life Safety Box Cards***)

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