

Michigan Taskforce 1

MI-MABAS functions as the sponsoring agency for MI-TF1 to provide the FEMA USAR Type III Task Force capability statewide. As the sponsoring agency, MI-MABAS provides administrative and financial oversight of the MI-TF1.

Michigan Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (MI-TF1) response is comprised of specially trained individuals that are equipped for large or complex Urban Search and Rescue operations. The multi-disciplinary organization provides five functional elements that include Supervision, Search, Rescue, Medical, and Logistics.



Join Us

Joining MABAS is easy. There is no cost to join and no membership fee's.

Step 1—Schedule a MABAS Orientation

Step 2—Sign the MABAS Agreement

Step 3—Get support letter from dispatch center

Step 4—Schedule Dispatch Training and MABAS Activation Training

- STANDARDIZATION • INTEROPERABILITY • BOX CARDS • TIERED RESOURCE SYSTEM •
- STATEWIDE RESPONSE PLAN • DIVISIONS •
- MUTUAL AID • MITF1 • FIRE • EMS • RESCUE •
- STRIKE TEAMS • TANKER TASK FORCE •
- COORDINATED • INTERDIVISIONAL • INTERSTATE

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Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System



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Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)

The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) is a statewide mutual aid agreement that covers liability and authority to receive and provide mutual aid to other Fire Departments that have signed the MABAS Agreement. These department resources that come from across the state or in the neighboring community.

Through mutual aid, MI-MABAS has the capability to provide emergency response locally or statewide when lives, property or the environment is threatened by man-made, technological or natural disasters or emergencies by deploying fire resources, emergency medical services, technical rescue teams, hazardous materials teams and other special rescue operations needed and requested by the host/stricken community.

The Box Card system is based on the closest, most appropriate resource and a numbering system for each “Box ,” in a geographic area . The basic box card lists the fire department’s primary responding units or still alarm and any auto-aid prior to the box alarm level.

Then the Box Card allows the Chief to plan for different levels of response starting with the first box alarm, then second alarm, third alarms, etc. Box cards list the equip-



ment and personnel needed from other nearby departments for each level of alarm.

For example, the box card may name one department to provide an engine, another to send a truck, another to send a squad, another to send an ambulance, and so on.

The 80 /20 Rule – The MI - MABAS policy is that no department will provide more than 20 percent of its resources. MI-MABAS is not intended to relieve a community of its responsibility to provide an adequate first line of defense for all local emergencies.

Interdivisional Requests – MI-MABAS also includes an “Interdivisional Request ” Box Card, which activates during a large-scale incident when all companies



“Michigan MABAS is a user driven system designed to streamline the requesting and providing of emergency and fire service resources across Michigan for day to day for mutual aid and for large scale events.” **Fire Chief Bill Nelson, Troy Fire (Retired)**

