

Box Card

Continued... You may have multiple box cards for the same type of emergency based on these specific characteristics.

Once you have identified these characteristics within your jurisdiction, you are ready to begin building box cards.

It is important, when developing box cards, to have both your dispatch center and emergency manager involved in the development of your box cards.

They play a critical crisis management role and will need to support emergencies and disasters in your community.

While building your box card is a lot of work up front, maintaining the box card takes relatively less time and provides a safety mechanism to assure the incident commander receives the appropriate resources to manage the emergency.



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Michigan **RED** Center & Box Cards



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Michigan RED Center (24/7)

The mission of Michigan **MABAS** is to coordinate the effective and efficient intrastate and interstate mobilization and deployment of fire, emergency medical services, and special operations mutual aid resources, during natural and man-made emergencies and disasters.

The Red Center does not replace local 911 Centers and is not a tactical dispatch center. The Red Center is a resource to the local 911 Center when local resources have been exhausted or specialized resources are needed including Mission Ready Packages (MRP's).

“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)

Box Cards

Box cards are a means to pre-plan responses, by the local fire chief, to geographically specific types of emergencies.

These emergencies range from residential and commercial hydranted and non-hydranted areas, to rescues, hazardous materials response, other emergencies.

Box Cards are one of the most important and efficient means for moving resources in a timely manner.

Box Cards allow both the on-scene Incident Commander and the Dispatcher to focus on

critical aspects of the emergency response without worrying about where the requested resource is coming from or if its available.

On the initial callout, the Dispatcher collects important information from the caller, then selects the box card that best describes the emergency and dispatches the resources identified on that Box card.

Once the Incident commander arrives on the scene and completes the initial scene assessment, if additional resources are required, the incident commander radios dispatch requesting the next alarm.

Because the next alarm resources have already been identified, the dispatcher simply looks to the box card to request the pre-planned resources in the next alarm. (continued)

DEPARTMENT NAME: Sample		BOX ALARM TYPE: STRUCTURE FIRE			EFFECTIVE DATE:	MABAS DIVISION: 3100		
BOX ALARM #: 101.2		LOCATION OR AREA: NW - Non Hydranted			AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:			
LOCAL DISPATCH AREA:								
ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TENDERS	TRUCKS	SQUADS	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUARTERS (STA#)	NOTES
STILL	Twp 1	Twp 1	Twp 1		Twp 1			Still Only for Unconfirmed
AUTO AID	Twp 2	Twp 2						Confirmed
MABAS BOX ALARM:								
ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TENDERS	TRUCKS	SQUADS	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUARTERS (STA#)	NOTES
BOX		Twp 3, 4, 5			Twp 3			Utility - Electricity, Emergency Mgr., Air Trailer
2 ND	City			City	City		Twp 6	Red Cross, UAS Team
3 RD	Twp 6	Twp 6	Twp 6		Twp 6		Eng. Tender, Squad, Chief from Division 3300	Logistics Trailer, Command Post
4 TH	Out of Division From 3300	Out of Division From 3300		Out of Division From 3300	Out of Division From 3300			
5 TH								Engine Strike Team Tender Taskforce
INTERDIVISIONAL REQUEST		1 ST CHOICE Division 3300		2 ND CHOICE Division 3600		3 RD CHOICE Division 3700		
INFORMATION:								

