



## MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

Chief Brian Ball, President

Chief Michael O'Brian, Vice President

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## July 12, 2023

### **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by President Ball.

- Roll Call - Attending members were noted.
- Public Comment - None
- Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Adam Carroll (3101) and seconded by Jim Rachwal (3205) to approve the minutes of May 10, 2023; motion carried.
- Communications and Correspondence - None

### **Financial Report as of July 7, 2023**

USAR Appropriation (Checking) - \$95,497.38

USAR FY23 Supplemental - \$82,386.42

TF Contingency - \$303,632.26

MSU Exec Bd - \$980.51

Approval - A motion was made by Alan Styles (3602) and seconded by Sam Peterson (3603) to receive and file the financial report; motion carried.

### **Officers Reports**

- President - President Ball reiterated the effort being made to secure seats in the State EOC.
- Vice President - absent - no report.
- Secretary - absent - no report.

### **Executive Director Report** - Director Atkins provided the following information:

- Administration
  - Legislative Day is scheduled for 8/18 at the MOB to educate and network with our friends. The focus will be MABAS vision and purpose, capabilities and recent responses with demonstrations. A digital flier will be available soon for all MABAS members to bring their local and state legislators.
  - Michigan MABAS will be taking over the ordering, receiving and dissemination of the Emergency Response Guideline from Plainfield Fire Department beginning in 2024. We

want to thank them for providing this invaluable tool to Michigan First Responders for nearly 20 years.

- New Michigan MABAS Website should be up soon.
- Plan Coordinators Meeting - There was an on-going discussion of EMS and AVI response. Many of the jurisdictions are served by private EMS and there are on-going discussions on signing the EMS MABAS agreement and supporting EMS MRP's
- MABAS is actively searching for a new attorney. In the spring, Julie Secotine indicated that she is looking to retire but will continue to be our attorney until a new attorney is selected.
  
- Training/Exercising
  - RRC Training 8/2 in Lansing at Hazmat Training Center. Significant needs for Regions 3, 5, and 6 (only one application received for Region 3 and 6) Total of 10 applications received to date.
  - SEOC Ex - August 2023
  - AVI Training - Fall 2023
  
- Meetings
  - Alpena Co Fire Chiefs
  - Monroe Co Fire Chiefs
  
- 2023/24 Conferences

Wisconsin MABAS	Sept. 21-23
MEMA (Shanty Creek, Bellaire)	October 9-11
APCO NENA	May 2024
MAFC (New Location - Grand Rapids)	May 2024

**Special Operations Director/MI-TF1 Manager - Director McIntyre provided the following information:**

- Submitted FY23 Q3 Financial Status Reports this week and have requested the final advancements for both the USAR and Supplemental Appropriations.
- Special Operations Work Group approved a training or conference registration fee reimbursement project for MABAS validated Special Operations Teams/Companies from 10/1/22 – 9/30/2023. Notifications have been sent to all Validated teams and companies. Submissions are due by 5:00 on July 28th .
- SOWG approved the purchase of 15 Kenwood Dual Band Radios to replace some of our old Motorolas. The Motorolas will be placed on our new Incident Logistical Support trailers that are scheduled to be completed this month.
- The Region 3 Technical Response Team, Divisions 3301 and 3302, was validated in Confined Space and Rope Rescue Technician Level in May. Also, the newly formed Grand Traverse and Otsego Hazmat Company, Division 3701, was validated as a Type II in June.
- Participating with a Multi-state work group to standardize USAR and Water Rescue Typing. They are moving towards Water Rescue Type III recognizing certified Rescue Boat Operators as a gap.

- The AHIMT Strike Team/Task Force Leader training being held August 28-30 at the MOB is currently full. Monitor MI-TRAIN for any cancellations if interested.
- MI-TF1 completed another successful Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) at Camp Grayling on May 15-18 with 120 personnel participating in day and nighttime operations. Training and exercising is on-going with an emphasis on Water Rescue Symposium in South Bend, Structural Engineer in Kansas and in-house GPS Ops, Forklift and CDL training.
- MI-TF1 has started the process of developing an internal UAS Capability. MABAS will own, license and insure a Teal Eagle II Western and a DGI-30 medium platform drones. They will be maintained and operated by our current MI-TF1 deployable members who are also licensed pilots. Currently, MI-TF1 has 10 members licensed as FFA Remote Pilots.
- On July 10th we began deployment of a Type III Swift Water Rescue Team to Vermont for catastrophic flooding in response to an EMAC request. Recently purchased equipment has proven very useful. Daily updates are being provided by Shadd Whitehead. Recent night operations training has proven to be incredibly valuable for this operation and the team is doing a great job.

**Communications Committee Report - Erik Youngblood provided the following information:**

- Nine MABAS 101 classes have been completed to date, with approximately 120 attendees. There is a lot of interest from fire departments as well as dispatch agencies.
- The new phone system has been installed at the RED Center. They are currently working to determine how calls will be transferred to a future back-up RED center.
- Updates to the member directory are still in progress and going well.
- Working on fine-tuning the alerting process; you should get a text first, phone call second and email last.

**PIO Report - None**

**EMHSD - Brianna Briggs provided the following information:**

- EMAC Activity - Michigan deployed a Type III Swiftwater Search and Rescue Team to Vermont in response to ongoing catastrophic flooding. They left on July 10 and are currently set to return on 7/19. Thank you to all the members and departments for supporting this incredibly important life-saving mission!

- **Upcoming AHIMT Training**

Course	Date(s)	Location
<a href="#">NIMS ICS All-Hazards Public Information Officer (L-0952)</a>	July 17-21	Monroe
<a href="#">NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer (L0954)</a>	July 17-21	Lansing

<a href="#"><u>NIMS ICS All-Hazards Finance/Administration Unit Leader (L0975)</u></a>	August 21-23	Farmington Hills
<a href="#"><u>NIMS ICS All-Hazards Strike Team/Task Force Leader (L0984)</u></a>	August 28-30	Holly
<a href="#"><u>NIMS All-Hazards Incident Commander (L0950)</u></a>	September 11-15	Lansing

- SEOC Activity - Activated for the wildfire in early June in Crawford County - very limited SEOC involvement.
- Conferences - Interoperable Communications Conference will be February 27-29, 2024 at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center in Muskegon and the Hazmat Responder Conference will be April 15-17, 2024 at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel.

**BFS Report - None**

**MSFA Report - None**

**MEMA Report - None**

**Division Report** - Jim Rachwal (3205) noted that they will be conducting a Hazmat Exercise on August 16th and anyone interested in participating should contact him. John Kramer (3301) advised that another RRC application for Division 3 has been sent to Director Atkins.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business - None**

**Next Meeting** - September 13, 2023 at 1:30 pm

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by : *Tracey McGee*