



# MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

## Division Plan Coordinator Meeting

April 12, 2023

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Atkins at 1:03 pm.
2. Roll Call - Attending members were noted.
3. Public Comment - There was no public comment.
4. Approval of Minutes – No previous minutes were presented or discussed.
5. Communications and Correspondence - None discussed.
6. Executive Director Report:
  - A. **EMS TEAM DEVELOPMENT:** Director Atkins began the meeting with a discussion of the need for Division EMS team development. He shared recent AVI event details that have brought this issue to light. Discussion centered around how the development of box cards for EMS Strike Teams and Rescue Task Force Teams would make response quicker and more organized and efficient. Considerations included:
    - Chief Rachwal (3205) suggested that minimum standards for EMS strike teams would need to be developed (equipment, procedures, staging, etc.).
    - Frank DeLaTorre (3501) asked if divisions could work together to create EMS strike teams; Director Atkins confirmed that this concept is totally acceptable.
    - Chief Cieslik (3201) noted that these strike teams could also be used for mass casualty, pandemic, and other medical events outside of AVI incidents. Additionally, EMS Team typing pre-deployment and coordination of resources needs to happen.
    - Chief Evans (3101) asked how private agencies would be incorporated into MABAS since they are not fire-based entities and whether it would have to be managed through the local Medical Control Authorities. Director Atkins indicated that MABAS already has agreements in place with most of the larger private EMS agencies and they would fall under the Urban Cooperation Act. The EMS agencies provide their own liability coverage.
    - Chief Hamel (3103) provided an overview of lessons learned after the MSU AVI. He stated that EMS Strike Teams should be alerted and pre-deployed to be effective and they should have ballistic/appropriate equipment to be in the warm zone.
    - Dave McIntyre discussed the differences between EMS Strike Teams and Rescue Task Force Teams as well as the importance of having a coordinator on scene to manage deployment, the mixing of teams, staging, and how to handle those agencies that self-deploy.
    - Director Atkins analyzed how typing might work since there isn't NIMS typing; perhaps Tier II typing or developing Type 1, 2, 3, consistency so everyone knows what to expect from the responding units. Various members brought up considerations for typing. Director Atkins reiterated that everyone should review the sample RED center policy for Active Shooter and box cards from Illinois that he recently e-mailed to the committee.

Director Atkins closed this topic by indicating that the critical first step is to have this discussion in your regions and include your private EMS folks; then work to get your agreements in place and develop your box cards. Be sure to consider the need for Strike Team Leaders as well. He will send out a copy of the private EMS agency agreement. Additionally, all divisions should be prepared to revisit this topic at the next meeting in 60 days.

B. **RESCUE TASK FORCE TRAINING:** Director Atkins asked the group to comment on how different Rescue Task Force (RTF) Training is across the state; for example, how many use NFPA 3000 standards?

- Chief Cieslik (3201) indicated that it depends on who is doing the training and what program they are using.
- Director Atkins polled the Divisions to see who trains for RTF:
  - Region 1 - yes
  - Region 2 - yes
  - Region 3 - no response
  - Region 5 - some training pre-COVID but not since
  - Region 6 – no response
  - Region 7 – some training
  - Region 8 – 3803 just starting to train

Based on this information Director Atkins requested that everyone send him any related policies, procedures, curriculum, benchmarks, etc. and he will compile the information and share it with the committee for future discussion. Any level of consistency or coordination moving forward will be beneficial.

- Director Atkins and Chief Cieslik (3201) have been discussing the possible development of Medical Specialist Teams. These would be non-rescue, pre-deployable medical teams (outside of what Technical Rescue Teams do). This could become a Mission Ready Package for emergency events as well as planned events.
- Frank DeLaTorre (3501) suggested that MABAS reach out to MAAS (Michigan Association of Ambulance Services) regarding sharing the private ambulance agreements; especially since the MABAS ambulance agreement has been recognized by the state. Frank DeLaTorre will research a contact and provide it to Director Atkins.

C. **REGIONAL RESPONSE COORDINATOR POSITIONS:** Director Atkins advised that a Regional Response Coordinator class is being planned for August. Applications will be going out soon. The application must be signed by the Division Executive Director. Applications are due to Director Atkins by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Regions 3, 5, and 8 need RRC's.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.
8. Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm.