



## MABAS Special Ops Work Group

### NOTES

April 26, 2021 1:30PM

Via Zoom

*Present: Trent Atkins, Mike Chevrette, Dave Kwapis, Steve McGee, Dave McIntyre, Pat Parker, Linda Stone, Jim Tuller, Shadd Whitehead*

1. Call to Order – Chairman Parker called today’s meeting to order at 1:32PM
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion by Dave Kwapis, second by Steve McGee. Motion carried.
3. Review of February 24, 2021 Notes
4. Financial Report - McIntyre reported on the following:
  - Account balances as of 4/19/21
    - i. Fund Balance \$132,333.78
    - ii. FY21 State Appropriation \$127,213.74 – McIntyre reported that we will be submitting for our next \$250,000 installment this week. He also mentioned that Dan Horn is the new LARA finance director.
5. Program Director Updates – McIntyre reported on the following:
  - a. MABAS webinar was a huge success. Over 200 people signed in throughout the day from fire, EM, MSP, National Guard and privates. Feedback was positive. Two dissatisfied, one because he kept getting interrupted and hates the platform. The other for unknown reasons. We received positive feedback all the way around and Midland was another highlight.
  - b. Strike Team Leadership training and four-hour training blocks are next on the agenda. This will apply to Spec Ops teams.
  - c. FY22 funding is interesting. Governor included \$1 million but it was the last appropriation. House included \$600k for automatic renewal as a permanent line item and Senate included \$500K as a last appropriation. Stephanie said the process is all over the place and we need to keep making contact through the chiefs. That is who pays her fee. I also think we need to keep working through the MPFFU. Stephanie does not think a Legislative Day is feasible at this point.
  - d. We are increasing the tow and fuel capacity on all of our pick-up trucks to give us flexibility in our ride plan. We have made significant improvement in our Roster/Ride/BoO/Sleep Plan that we will be able to scale down for smaller deployments.
  - e. We are currently in the middle of a very busy training and exercise calendar. I will let Shadd explain the training and we have the Exercise as an item under new business.
6. Training & Exercise Coordinator Updates – Whitehead provided the following Work Plan updates:
  - a. Admin exercise in March was meant to reengage membership. It was attended by over 130+ members including 12 new members.
  - b. All sections and groups will be training in the Spring and focused on Rescue Group with Shoring that was also attended by TRT from Region 5 in K-Zoo. Networking has been very beneficial and recruiting tool.
  - c. Water rescue training on St John’s River to prep water rescue group, also the CRTC prep day in Alpena.
  - d. Water rescue symposium class in South Bend followed by Swiftwater technician.
  - e. We also have Rescue Technical Rescue training for members.
7. Deployment Coordinator – McIntyre provided this report on Martin’s behalf:
  - a. We sent out the Technical Rescue Validation Survey late last week that was developed by MSP. We are waiting for the results.
  - b. We had members from Region 5 attend the shoring training with great feedback.

- c. Martin continues to reach out to the Divisions and Regional Teams. This constant engagement is very beneficial in moving forward with the processes.
8. Old Business
- a. Hurricane Dorian Update – Still waiting
  - b. MSP Hazmat Work Group – Held a meeting on March 12. Hazmat Conference has been cancelled for 2021. They will be hosting a virtual conference with the same presenters the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>. FBI/WMD Presentation by Jody Stanley of FBI and Ryan Kimball with 51<sup>st</sup> CST. They created an equipment sub-workgroup. NEW link to the MI Hazmat Teams interactive map: <https://arcg.is/mrebb> Username: HazmatTeams, Password: HazmatRoster21 Next Meeting is June 11 at 1000 at the MOB. RadResponder will be the special presentation.
  - Motion to Purchase: AreaRae set of four for plume dispersion and modeling for MI-TF1 and Hazmat MRP for Ray Systems from Premier Safety who is the sole source at \$51,500. Motion by Kwapis, second by Chevrette, Motion passed.
    - c. Special Ops Validation –
      - i. Washtenaw County Tech Rescue - We are moving forward with Washtenaw operational readiness validation. Washtenaw is going to use their drone to record their validation. We will be able to show this to other teams that are interested.
9. Work Groups
- a. IMT – Report.
  - b. HazMat – Whitehead reported on the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting with MSP Hazmat Training Center to partnership with hazmat validations. A couple of hazmat teams finishing the admin portion of the validation process. Relationship with MSP is a huge win for us.
  - c. TRT – Information covered earlier.
10. New Business
- a. MI-TF1 Deployment Exercise May 4-6 - VIP invites will include seven with MSP, Pres, SFM on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Exercise each group for around 20 hours each session. Members will be pushed and challenged. MI-TF1 will also be deploying our new COVID procedures and Base of Operations set up.
  - b. HART Seats Out Policy – McIntyre & Martin are meeting with Julie Secontine today to discuss MOU, Hold Harmless and Seats Out Policy. It will be a great partnership with MSP EMHSD and MI-ARNG.
  - c. Trent reported there is a Drone field day this Saturday at the MOB. Three teams being validated and more are interested. Let him know if you are interested in participating.
  - d. Trent also mentioned they are actively pursuing a Mutual Aid agreement with Wisconsin. WI did not sign the MOMASI. Trent will forward a mutual aid agreement from Julie. More UP Divisions are signing on to MABAS.
11. Next Meeting/Adjourn – Next meeting will be in June. Parker mentioned that the MAFC are looking to host an event in Traverse City in July, so we may want to coordinate.

Adjournment - 2:22PM Motion by Kwapis, second by Tuller. Motion carried.