



**MABAS Special Ops Work Group  
MINUTES**

**August 30, 2023 at 9:00 AM**

***In person at the MOB Center, Holly and  
via Zoom***

*Meeting info in email*

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Chairman Parker.  
Attendance: Pat Parter, Trent Atkins, Dave McIntyre, Shadd Whitehead, Chris Martin, Mike Evans, David Kwapis, Mike Chevrette, and Jim Tuller
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Approved as distributed.
3. Review of June 28, 2023, Meeting Notes – Approved as distributed.
4. Financial Report – Dave McIntyre reviewed the current account balance status:
  - a. Account balances as of 8/28/2023
    - i. Fund Balance \$543,366
    - ii. FY23 USAR Balance \$202,946
    - iii. FY23 Supplemental Balance \$227,927
5. Special Operations Director – Dave McIntyre:
  - a. Work Plan Update:

Legislative Day on 8-18-23 was successful. Six legislators attended. Senator Stamas had very kind words, representatives from Red Center, LARA and various departments were present.

Vermont Flood - We are reimbursing BTFD, GOFD, Dexter and Warren a total of \$42,346. Putting the finishing touches on EMAC Reimbursement Packet for approximately \$75,510. Many lessons learned.

Hurricane Idalia is hitting landfall, FEMA has deployed 2 – Type I and 7 – Type III USAR that arrived yesterday in staging locations along with FL 6 USAR and large amount of swift water. No EMAC USAR requests but MABAS submitted an Ambulance Strike proposal. Chris is working on an EMAC MRP template that can also be used intrastate.

All MI-TF1 vehicles and equipment are in service and ready to roll. MCU suspension is scheduled for mid-September. It is operational but no one can work in the back while going down the road.

MI-TF1 Orientation is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1700. 21 applications on file. Tracey remove mailing of applications.

The new MI-MABAS website is going live in the next week or so. It will have the same URL. Trent Atkins advised that it will be easier to navigate and have more content. The hope is to draw more people back to the webpage.
6. Training & Exercise Chief – Shadd Whitehead:
  - a. Work Plan Update:

This is generally a slower time of year for us, as we anticipate possible weather deployments, but there are a few things scheduled. Large event December 10-12 where there will be around 60 medical clearances conducted and we expect to touch 140-160 personnel in some way. There will be some position specific training in October (new fiscal year) including a GPS Operations Land Navigation Class. Canine groups will be doing some training in Ohio as well.

Developing FY 24 Training Calendar and hope to have it done in 30-45 days.

7. Special Operations Chief – Chris Martin

a. Work Plan Update :

There are some validations coming up for Grand Traverse, Midland, and Macomb. Washtenaw County Hazmat Exercise was used to re-validate Western Wayne's team. We have advised the teams that training/exercising provides a good opportunity to obtain re-validation.

MRP for swift water is in process and they are trying to identify gaps.

8. Training Coordinator – Dave McIntyre for Mike Evans

a. Work Plan Update:

Dave went to the All-Hazard IMT meeting in Lansing last week and they are trying to use D4H to track requirements. Everyone in the D4H system is supposed to actively be trying to pursue their position task book. Members need to belong to MABAS/MTF1 so we can track entries. Opportunities to "job shadow" are few but very much needed. Dave will work to get pre-arranged shadowing opportunities in conjunction with EMAC requests, but there are hurdles to overcome.

9. Old Business

a. MRP Handbook – Chris Martin – working with the drone group's draft.

b. Incident Support Trailers and Tents – Dave McIntyre advised that this is 95% complete. They are working on reducing the tongue weight. There will be a motion at the September Executive Board meeting to position a trailer in Gaylord.

c. FY23 Grant Project Update

i. Validated Special Ops Training Reimbursements – Reimbursed a total of \$48,856.66 to five validated teams.

ii. Purchase 15 - Kenwood Dual Band Radios – Shadd Whitehead- Radios are ordered and delivery is expected by the end of September.

iii. Purchase two drones, Teal Eagle II Western drone and a Blue drone – Shadd Whitehead - Ordered 3 weeks ago and delivery was to be in 30-45 days.

iv. Reconfigure two Box Trucks - Completed per Dave McIntyre.

10. New Business

a. FY23 Grant Closeout Projects: Per Dave McIntyre, we are in good shape for closeout. Of \$430,000 remaining, we have \$150,000 encumbered, three payrolls, rent, utilities, etc. Either way we will go on another deployment.

i. Kenwood Dual Band Radios:

- A motion was made by Mike Chevrette and seconded by Dave Kwapis to purchase 40 additional Kenwood Dual Band Radios and accessories as FY23 Grant closeout and Fund Balance purchases not to exceed \$180,000; Motion carried.

b. FY24 Grant Update: USAR Appropriation was funded at \$1 million. Working on getting the USAR Supplemental funded. Unsure of the timeline and key legislators (Appropriations, Speaker of the House, Senate). Project Requests are due 9/7, Scope of work is due to LARA on Sept 15.

- A motion was made by Jim Tuller and seconded by Dave Kwapis to follow the same objectives in the Scope of Work as FY23 but with modifications if Supplemental is not funded; Motion carried.

11. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am. The next meeting date is yet to be determined.