



MABAS Special Ops Work Group
NOTES
February 24, 2021 1:00PM
Via Zoom

Present: Trent Atkins, Mike Chevrette, Chris Dean, Dave Kwapis, Steve McGee, Dave McIntyre, Shadd Whitehead

1. Call to Order – Past Chairman Chris Martin called today’s meeting to order at 1:10PM
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion by Shadd Whitehead, second by Mike Chevrette. Motion carried.
3. Review of October 28, 2020 Notes
4. Financial Report - Stone & McIntyre reported on the following:
Account balances as of 2/23/21
 - i. Fund Balance \$146,920.19 – McIntyre clarified that the Fund Balance is less than October because we received Florence Reimbursement of \$99,000 and paid out \$120,988.86 for Dorian Personnel costs. It looks like we have one or two checks outstanding.
 - ii. FY20 State Appropriation \$292,164.92 – McIntyre explained that this is the balance from the initial \$500,000 received. We are a little behind (\$124,000) schedule but are coming into our busy training season plus equipment purchases, tent and cardiac monitor.
5. Program Director Updates – McIntyre reported on the following:
Work Plan Updates – Going through equipment and training gaps by section. Working on Seats Out agreement with Julie for MI-ARNG HART program. Working with our Great Lake state partners, IL, MN and WI through MABAS and OH-TF1 Program Manager. We are all FEMA Region 5 but not everyone is participating with FEMA’s Cataloguing initiative. OH has the only FEMA Task Force and their state EMA will not talk with FEMA.
We had a great meeting with Captain Sweeney and Inspector McQueen from MSP EMHSD in November and with LT Bahlau who is the ESF 9 Coordinator. SFM Sehlmeier came out to the MOB and has been attending MABAS and the Great Lakes meetings. We continue to emphasize that Michigan needs to plan for a catastrophic event. Chris Martin has been very valuable in reaching out to our county or regional teams. We are finally starting to gain traction.
6. Training & Exercise Coordinator Updates – Whitehead reported on the following:
 - a. Work Plan Updates – shared his screen with the upcoming detailed training calendar and allocation of funds. This spreadsheet included a comprehensive training plan and anticipated funding for each class. Whitehead provided pertinent information and highlighted some of the training events.
7. Deployment Coordinator – Martin reported on the following
 - a. Washtenaw County submitted their tech rescue application for team membership for the four disciplines. Chevrette did an excellent job. He’s also agreed to allow us to use them as example. Martin will continue to work with them to ensure they meet the requirements. He recommended to this group that we move Washtenaw’s provisional contingent application towards operational readiness stage. It was agreed that no motion required. Martin should just keep us posted.
 - b. Battle Creek – submitted application for hazmat component.
 - c. MSP Hazmat - Chris Dean provided further info and details, as the State Police has really shown their support and communicated. MABAS validation process is something they plan on following. Seems to be moving in the right direction. McIntyre mentioned the mapping app. Atkins provided details on the app & our anticipated mapping system. More to come.
 - d. HazMat conference has been cancelled.

- e. Lansing area – Martin provided historical information on Tower Rescues, as they had agreement with MSP. It was agreed that Tower Rescue needs to be something validated through MABAS. More to come.
8. Old Business
- a. Hurricane Dorian Update – McIntyre provided an update, as reimbursement for \$254,683.35 is still pending. MSP EMHSD has been checking periodically. They both went through their first review but we have not received any requests for more information. Several factors affected the decision to reimbursement the locals.
 - b. MSP Hazmat Work Group – already discussed
 - c. Special Ops Validation – already discussed
9. Work Groups
- a. IMT – McGee reported:
 - i. State meeting for February was cancelled.
 - ii. Trailer is ready to be used. The ISV does need a few on-going maintenance & small repairs, which will be handled soon. Whitehead stated the trailer is a great tool and moving forward this is the first choice on any deployment. It was requested that the satellite be mounted correctly on the trailer. Kwapis reminded us of the importance of mounting the device accurately. McIntyre reminded Whitehead to run the ISV through the same testing and training exercises, as a backup in the event the trailer isn't available.
 - iii. County is still interested in the IMT becoming an asset of the county, though the process has stalled as Emergency Preparedness group has been reorganized. It's now managed under the county executive. More to come.
 - iv. Logistics Single Resource MRP – McGee asked for suggestions so they can match.
 - b. HazMat – Whitehead reported:
 - i. Nothing more to add regarding MSP Hazmat & the new applications
 - ii. Plume Modeling – Whitehead asked Atkins to provide this update. Atkins provided overview.
 - iii. Improve monitoring capabilities – anticipated area rae purchases. Additional resource within MABAS. Offering full day monitoring training. McIntyre stated that this is a value-added resource, and product info & manufacturing will be available in the MABAS Members-Only section.
 - c. TRT (Martin) – Tower Rescue already mentioned earlier.
10. New Business
- a. Work Groups necessity – McIntyre gave asked if you want to roll this topic into the Old & New business agenda items. These were originally a separate specialty report. It was agreed that these will be moved.
 - b. Cardiac Monitor Purchase – McIntyre reported that our Phillips MRx monitor is no longer supported and has several recall notices. We received two quotes for a refurbished Life Pak 15 and accessories: Boundtree \$22,752.23 and Emergency Medical Products \$28,492.68. According to our purchasing policy, we need approval from the SOWG for any purchase over \$20,000. Our request is to purchase a Life Pak 15 and accessories from Boundtree for \$22,752.23.
McIntyre would like to purchase from Boundtree.
Motion by Chief McGee, supported by Chief Dean. Motion carried.
 - c. Battle Creek Hazmat has submitted an application to a Type II Hazmat Company.
 - d. Washtenaw County Tech Rescue has submitted an application.
 - e. MICIMS Resource Typing – McIntyre reported that we have been working with the EMHSD work group to clean up the MICIMS Resource Typing List. He distributed the rough draft based on the premise that we should delete all individual pieces of equipment and only include teams or companies. The group is very supportive of this concept to make the list more user friendly and to also categorize by ESF. This allows EMHSD to request a state

agency to look at their disciplines. As a result, EMHSD has looked to MABAS as the Fire/Hazmat and Searching and Rescue SME's in the state.

- f. MI-MABAS Virtual Webinar – Trent provided a status report on this April 21st event. 8:30AM-4:00PM. No charge. Offering 2 EMS Ops CE's. He detailed the schedule of presentations and reasoning behind the agenda and topic choices.
- g. MI-MABAS By Law Changes – McIntyre reported that the MI-MABAS leadership group has been working to update the By-Laws to align with our current method of operation. We have started to gain more traction in the last two years with Atkin's Executive Director position focused on the Fire side and McIntyre's Program Director position focused on the Special Operations side of the house. The changes include adding the Special Operations Director to the E-Board, and the Special Ops Coordinator and Communications Specialist as a Liaison to the board. Nothing is going to change, but by adding the Special Ops Director to the by-laws and E-Board, it is now in writing that McIntyre will manage the day to day for Special Ops and MI-TF1 while helping Parker with the SOWG.

11. Next Meeting/Adjourn – 2:20PM