



MABAS Special Ops Work Group

NOTES

June 23, 2021 1:30PM

Via Zoom

Present: Mike Chevrette, Dave Kwapis, Chris Martin, Dave McIntyre, Pat Parker, Linda Stone, Jim Tuller, Shadd Whitehead

1. Call to Order – Chairman Parker called today’s meeting to order at 1:31PM
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion by Tuller, second by Whitehead. Motion carried.
3. Review of April 26, 2021 Notes – Accepted and filed unanimously.
4. Financial Report – Stone provided the following info:
 - Account balances as of 6/20/21
 - i. Fund Balance \$141,279.78
 - ii. FY21 State Appropriation – 209,365.26
 - McIntyre reminded that we’ve received our third installment.
5. Program Director Updates – McIntyre reported on the following:
 - a. FY22 funding - The latest update is the House allocated \$600k, the Senate \$900K and the Governor \$1 Mil. They are trying to reconcile in their leadership committee.
 - b. Strike Team leadership training - Working with Mike Palmer to finalize the deployment workbooks for each MRP. Still trying to reconnect with Shawn Norman from CAL-Fire for his strike team training information.
 - c. MSP District meeting/demonstration is scheduled for 9/24. We have invited personnel from LARA
 - d. Now that our training scheduled is winding down, we are in the middle of updating our MOB Manual and equipment inventory that will be driven by the ORE Improvement Plan completed by each section.
 - e. We also received 10 succession planning applications from younger personnel. We are especially encouraged by the young blood in our Rescue Section. We are going to delegate some administrative tasks and see who rises to the top.
6. Training & Exercise Coordinator Updates – Whitehead reported on the following:
 - a. Details provided on the recent swiftwater exercise & training symposium
 - b. Alpena deployment exercise – after action report is very comprehensive.
 - c. Hoping to go back to Grayling next year
 - d. Water Rescue Symposium – twenty of our personnel attended this conference. Some stayed for three days, others stayed for a full six days of extensive training.
 - e. Fall training – anticipated plan reviewed
7. Deployment Coordinator – Martin reported on the following:
 - a. Washtenaw County’s validation was held last week. Fantastic day, and they did an excellent job. Link available to drone footage. Highlight video being compiled for us to add to our site. If agreed, we will send an official letter &/or certificate to confirm their validation.
8. Old Business
 - a. Hurricane Dorian Update – McIntyre had nothing new to report, as we continue to wait.
 - a. Special Ops Validation – Washtenaw County Tech Rescue – letter and certificate will be sent (if agreed on). This team deserves a lot of recognition. Chevrette asked about the validation process happening every three years, and if this is a mandatory timeframe. Much discussion followed.
 - b. MICIMS Resource Typing – McIntyre said this is being rolled this out and getting ready to

publish. Much improved and condensed from past versions. Appreciate MSP's effort with this endeavor.

- c. MI-TF1 ORE May 4-6 AAR – Further explanation on how each section will go through this. Currently there are 13 sections. Now drilling down to how to make improvements.
- d. HART Indemnification –The program is currently on hold waiting for MI-ARNG to respond to Julie's latest correspondence.

9. Work Groups

- a. IMT – McIntyre reported on behalf of McGee, who was not on today's call
 - i. State now uses D4H for tracking of training records. State IMT committee is now developing three people within each region to help with this coordination & tracking of training.
 - ii. Addressing some communication issues which affect unified command – McIntyre provided background of these issues that recently came to light at recent missing person incidents in Oakland County.
 - iii. Discussed the possible of providing a five person Incident Command Support MRP, IC, Ops, Plans, TIS and Logs from MI-TF1 Command Staff
- b. HazMat – MSP Hazmat Work Group – Martin provided details, as we continue to work with MSP to identify mechanism for validating. Mentioned Aug 17th training – Task Force Hazmat personnel working together.
- c. TRT – Martin Quarterly meeting will be held tomorrow and focus on the MABAS validation process. Feedback from the recent Tech Rescue survey – twelve responses received. Most are interested in MABAS validation.

10. New Business

- a. NIMS Swiftwater Typing – McIntyre reviewed and provided details to specific changes. Goal is for us to maintain a Type-1 team. Parker asked if we anticipate validating other divisions which McIntyre said absolutely. Four divisions have expressed interest in being a swiftwater company. Further discussion followed on what that looks like.
- b. Special Operations Box Card – Martin explained how the dispatch system is going to work. This should be clean and easy for the Red Center to follow.
- c. MABAS 800 MHz Template – Whitehead explained that as we look at possibly handling more in-state responses, we have increased our cache of these radios. He reported that we've requested more talk groups to avoid crossover traffic. Whitehead shared his screen and reviewed the template. RED Center will help with templating. McIntyre said we will have an additional twenty radios on the Incident Support Trailer.

11. Next Meeting/Adjourn –

- a. McIntyre thanked Chevrette and the Washtenaw Team's work towards validation.
- b. Next meeting will be August 18, 2021. 1:30PM. Hoping to be "in-person"

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