



## MABAS Special Operations Work Group

### MINUTES

April 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM

*In person at Midwest Fire Rescue EXPO -  
Novi and via Zoom  
Meeting info in email*

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parker at 11:04 am.
2. Attendance - Pat Parker, Trent Atrkins, Dave McIntyre, Chris Martin, Mike Chevrette, Dave Kwapis, Steve McGee, and Mike Evans
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda - Approved as distributed.
4. Review of February 14, 2023 Meeting Notes - Approved as distributed.
5. Financial Report - McIntyre reviewed the current account balance status (as provided by Linda Stone)
  - a. Account balances as of 4/10/2023
    - i. Fund Balance \$305,914
    - ii. FY23 USAR Balance \$134,039
    - iii. FY23 Supplemental Balance \$319,347
6. Program Director – McIntyre:
  - a. Work Plan Update:
    - i. Did our second quarter member review. We currently have 96 deployable members, 86 Level I, 5 Level II and 5 Level III.
    - ii. Putting the two new boats and pick ups in service. Still waiting for the mobile command unit in the next three weeks.
    - iii. We received one of the two ILS trailers and equipment. Still waiting on the tents and HVAC to be delivered.
    - iv. In the final stages of implementing our Red Center Activation and Deployment Coordinator workbooks. We have conducted RRC and MRP Team Leader training for responses. Working to develop SOG's to standardize responses.
    - v. Since our last meeting on 2/14 we have had three responses: MSU Active Shooter on 2/14, Dundee Tornado on 4/1 and Great Lakes Active Violence Incident on 4/8.
    - vi. MSU taught us the value of Level II staging and RRC with multiple divisions responding.
    - vii. We learned from Dundee the value of assigning a DC early in the process. Shadd Whitehead did a great job pushing out information and incident documentation. AAR should be completed before the next meeting.
    - viii. Great Lakes incident proved that MABAS has arrived because we received our first false alarm
    - ix. Detroit FD visit on 3/30: Command staff attended the MOB. Not sure if they will organize any Special Operations companies with their department or participate in training.
7. Training & Exercise Coordinator – McIntyre reported out for Whitehead:
  - a. Work Plan Update
    - i. Continuing to work on RRC Training and workbooks.

ii. ORE coming up May 15-18

- Will be testing putting 214's on First Net system, with a push-to-talk feature, that will populate a 214a via Google Sheets
- Added emphasis on training with TIS, COMMS and Plans and exercising

8. Special Operations Chief – Martin

a. Work Plan Update

i. Kalamazoo “Tornado Touchdown” exercise went well for all involved.

- Mike Chevrette indicated that there were some good lessons learned.

ii. Will be presenting at the Hazmat conference next week and plans to review all that MABAS is doing and the validation process.

iii. Statewide Newaygo Dam Exercise is in August; also planning for next year’s Statewide exercise.

iv. Continuing to move forward with validations; Washtenaw, Grand Traverse, and Macomb all looking at future team development/validation.

- Chief McGee raised the question of how to make the Hazmat Training curriculum consistent statewide. He suggested that if validated teams assisted area departments in regional training they would be able to see the specialized equipment and get to know the team members, ultimately leading to more cohesion. McIntyre responded that existing validated teams currently function in a response capacity only but the concept of shared training makes for a good future goal.

9. IMT/IST Coordinator – Evans

a. Work Plan Update

i. A lot of training is happening; trying to identify where they are short and target those areas.

ii. ORE preparation taking place for documents, technology, equipment, etc.

iii. Still working on Program Guidance.

10. Old Business - McIntyre

a. HART Program Agreement, Hold Harmless HART, Seats Out - No update.

b. Mobile Command and Water Rescue Updates - Previously discussed above in item 6/McIntyre’s report.

c. MRP Handbook - After approval by The Executive Board, we need to push out to Fire Chiefs so they have an awareness of what is available.

- Mike Chevrette asked about the possibility of an online application being developed for this. McIntyre will follow up with Atkins and the current website developer to determine the feasibility of this.

d. Incident Support Trailers and Tents - Previously discussed above in item 6/McIntyre’s report.

e. LA Reimbursement – Hurricane Ida - Brianna Briggs is providing the requested documentation and pushing for completion.

11. New Business

a. LARA Q2 Report - The second quarter ended on 3/30/23; report is due end of next week. McIntyre will send the information out.

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