



## MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

Chief Brian Ball, President

Chief Alan Styles, Vice President

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2025

### Call to Order at 1330 hours by Brian Ball

- Roll Call - Gabie completed roll call.
- Public Comment - None.
- Approval of Minutes - 3701/3101
- Communications and Correspondence - None.

### Elections

- Last call for nominations (President/Secretary) by Trent Atkins.
  - Current Nomination for President
    - Chief Brian Ball
    - Chief Adam Carroll
  - Current Nomination for Secretary
    - Chief Dave Kwapis

Motion made by 3350 and seconded by 3603 to remove the election for the position of Secretary, due to having only one nomination.  
Motion CARRIED.
- Close Nominations
  - Motion made by 3205 and seconded by 3701 to close the nominations.  
Motion CARRIED.
- Election
  - A link is provided in the chat and will remain open until, 'New Business' section of this meeting.
  - Only one vote per division will be accepted.
  - Per the MABAS bylaws, only division executive board representatives, or their proxy can vote.
  - Voting is now open.

## **Financial Report as of January 3, 2025**

USAR Checking - \$214,140.69

USAR Contingency - \$321,772.72

MABAS Exec Bd - \$6,888.98

Approval to receive and file: 3109/3205

## **Officers Report**

- President - expressed gratitude for the hard work in 2024 and outlined goals for 2025, including advancing legislation, passing their bill, and securing more stable funding as a line item rather than a request.
- Vice President - expressed the same sentiment to everyone for their work in 2024 and hopes to make 2025 even better. Noted a couple members having trouble with the meeting link.
- Secretary - mentioned looking forward to continuing work in 2025 and thanked everyone for their strong efforts in the previous year.

## **Executive Director Report**

- Our December meeting was the most attended meeting in 2024, let's keep it up in 2025
- Emergent Health Partners - Erik Youngblood is leaving his full-time status with the company. MIMABAS is looking to bring that position back in-house to be an Employee of MIMABAS. The position will be posted Monday Jan 13th for 10 days, closing on Jan 23rd. Emergent will continue their role as the primary Red Center. We thank Erik for all his hard work and appreciate his role in getting the Red Center up and running.
- We will be updating the member directory quarterly in 2025. Please get your division contact changes to Gabie as soon as you can.
- Currently, we are in the process of reviewing the MIMABAS Welcome packets and website. Our goal is to keep our tools as accessible and useful as possible. If you have any suggestions please let us know.
- "What is MABAS?" Just a reminder of our goals, The Agreement, The Resources, The Plan, The Communications.

## **Special Operations Director/MI-TF1 Manager**

### **Special Operations Director:**

- We received the first allocation from LARA and will be submitting FY25 Q1 financial status report.
- Tech Rescue: Jan 14 meeting at the MOB. Please RSVP or inquire to Special Ops Chief Martin.
- UAS: Group will be using Zoom/Teams meetings in the winter months to share knowledge and skills for editing/sharing gathered info. Water Rescue: Developing

Stillwater RBO training in FY25 to help teams qualify their RBOs with current instructor cadre in MI-TF1.

- IST: EMHSD's AHIMT Certification Guide has been approved to provide guidance for task book credentialing. However, MSP has not allocated any funds towards AHIMT training in 2025.
- Developing CalTopo/SARTopo 101 class for validated teams and MABAS Divisions.
- MI-MABAS regional TRTs are now shown on the SUSAR Resource map. Link: <https://susar.org/resources/>

#### **MI-TF1:**

- New Member Orientation welcomed 11 new members. Admin Days had 131 in attendance w/ 58 Med Clearances completed.
- FY25 training calendar is established that highlights an In-house Hazmat Ops course, Friday, Dec 13; Boat/Motor repair course with IN-TF1 Logs Jan 2025; Updated CDL-A driver training program for TF vehicles/trailer setup (skill rodeo and inspection) Feb; InterOps Conference - presentation TX/SC/NC deployment regarding Comms and Info sharing Feb; Swiftwater with TX-1 in TN on Mar 31-Apr 3; MOBEX in early May - 3 days;
- Completing the SARCOP Team Fact Sheet and Setup Starlink. finalizing NC AAR,
- Finalizing reimbursement with Texas. We have not heard from South Carolina. Submitted NC reimbursement this week and are finalizing the NC AAR.
- Participating in FEMA Region 5 Regional Interagency Steering Committee panel discussion regarding preparation and response to catastrophic incidents as related to hurricanes Helene and Milton on 1/15.

### **Communications Committee Report**

MABAS 101 classes for 2025 -

- Jan 13th - Hampton Twp Hall, Essexville, MI
- Feb 10th - Shiawassee Co Sheriff, Corunna, MI
- Feb 24th - Burton FD, Burton, MI
- Mar 18th - Macomb Comm College, Clinton Twp, MI
- Apr 29th - Dickinson Sheriff Dept, Iron Mountain, MI
- Apr 30th - in the Upper Peninsula
- May 1st - in the Upper Peninsula
- May 2nd - in the Upper Peninsula
- May 28th - Detroit Metro Airport, Detroit, MI

Working on Eaton Co becoming the backup RED Center.

**PIO Report** - Chief Bob Gagnon, Norton Shores Fire Chief was presented with a plaque from MI MABAS by me last month for his 33 years of service. (this way you have the correct spelling of his name). Norton Shores Fire Department is located in Muskegon County.

**EMHSD** - Michelle Sosinski - the 'All Hazards IMT' certification guide is now fully available for use. However, budgets are decreased. Working with state training officers and other state agencies to leverage any funds possible. Dave McIntyre added that we (MABAS) will work with the state, if there is a high demand for a course then we could share the cost and host. We are all working together. Sosinkski will keep that in mind to maybe have 2-3 courses this year. She also mentioned that HAZMAT expansion is still expected to break ground this spring. Matt Cook EMAC - currently no one out the door on deployments. Biggest focus has been hurricane reimbursements and currently 8 reimbursements packets pending. February 4th, 2025 will be our quarterly internal advanced team staff exercise. Some Region 5 partners will join for a multi-state exercise sandbox event with WI, OH and MN.

**BFS Report** - None.

**MSFA Report** - None.

**MEMA Report** - None.

**Division Report** - None.

**Old Business** - None.

### **New Business**

Trent Atkins informed all that voting is now closed. Emails will be sent to the winners of the election to notify them of these results. Position changeover will take place at our March meeting.

- Election Results
  - President
  - Secretary

Brian Ball thanked everyone again, hoped everyone had a great 2024 and echoed he is looking forward to some great things in 2025.

**Next Meeting** - March 12, 2025 at 1:30 pm

**Adjournment** - 1407 hours

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**Meeting Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84947821139?pwd=tF8ccm0QsslmUY9RIJnRkXvChKIED8.1>

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