



MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

Division and Regional Coordinator Meeting

December 10, 2025

MINUTES

1. Call to Order 1329 hours
2. Roll Call - Gabie Keeling took roll via Zoom.
3. Approval of the October 15, 2025 Minutes are approved as emailed.
4. Public Comment - None.
5. Old Business - None.
6. Fire Ops Chief
 - a. Current Status of Divisions (show map)
 - b. Recent Exercises (Livingston, Washtenaw, Midland Derecho)
 - i. Washtenaw County Chief Rachwal - 10/27 scramble TF mini deployment and AAR.
 - ii. Livingston County Chief Carroll - county wide (open air venue) active assailant drill. Added a request for 3 AST for a roaster only, 45 minutes. Used RTF, had PD, FD and EMS involved with dispatch with an AAR.
 - iii. Midland County Chief Parker - 10/29 Derecho requested a collapse team. Divisions needing assistance with creating incidents.
7. Special Ops Chief
 - a. Upcoming STL Training: January 12, 2026 in St. Ignace
March in Washtenaw County - TBD
 - b. A few teams are still working through the process. April 15/16 for Stillwater training.
8. Comms Chief Chief
 - a. Discontinuation of Monthly [Division Dispatch Roll Call](#)
 - i. Historically, MI-MABAS conducted dispatch roll calls to ensure dispatch centers were familiar with the MABAS DISP talkgroup location on their consoles. And it was a concept to use this talk group to coordinate and deploy resources for MI-MABAS deployments.
 - ii. Dispatch centers found the phone calls too disruptive, so that process was discontinued. Radio roll-call participation has also declined due to similar staffing pressures. Given the daily workload dispatch centers are facing, we have decided to discontinue the monthly dispatch roll calls as well.
 - iii. Through the process of moving MABAS resources across the state, we have found a more effective approach that reduces the burden on dispatch centers while still ensuring resources are deployed efficiently through direct

communication with leaders. We are now shifting to a more valuable alternative with division-level activation exercises every month which is the next bullet point.

b. Monthly [Out-of-Division \(OOD\) Strike Team / Task Force](#) Exercises -

2026 These exercises will allow dispatch centers to practice tasks that are not regularly performed, specifically the mobilization and deployment of resources outside a division.

- Divisions with OOD box cards will be scheduled throughout 2026 to conduct either a tabletop exercise or a physical movement exercise with MI-MABAS leadership support.
- The following divisions have been requested to perform OOD activations:
 - January - Saginaw division 3302
 - February - Bay Co 3301
 - March - Jackson Co 3104
 - April - Macomb Co 3204
- These exercises provide the opportunity to test the activation process in the dispatch center which is a huge component to the activation of an OOD division response: In October, we had 3 exercises and the breakdown to activate resources started in the dispatch center and in some cases who they contacted and turned it over to. We need to test these processes to make sure dispatch and the division understand:
 - The Approval Process
 - Notification Process
 - Mobilization and Resource Assembly
 - Demobilization and Return Processes of these resources
- This exercise allows Strike Team and Task Force Leaders to practice rostering, documentation, radio discipline, and operational coordination with MI-MABAS leadership and requesting incident commanders.
- If you are looking to test your division, a table top should be about 2 hours long. A movement of resource should take 4-6 hours depending on agency response to a POD.
 - c. Out-of-Division Team Deployment Exercise ([Draft](#))

10. Agreement/Resolution Updates - Chief Parker mentioned we are filling in the gaps in the SW region of the lower peninsula.

11. New Business

- a. The Need for Strike Teams & Task Forces - (resource map shown) SW area needs AST as well as Muskegon area. Vogt 3305 -
- b. Division Report Outs (Activations, Drills, Exercises, Meetings)
 - i. Region 1 - Pending AST, EST
 - ii. Region 2 - 3201 Chiefs meeting 12/15 (transition meeting)
 - iii. Region 3 - 3205 rework into government entity.
 - iv. Region 5 - 3305
 - v. Region 6 - None.
 - vi. Region 7 - 3701 gaining a few FD from Ogemaw.
 - vii. Region 8 - 3801 another structure fire in Escanaba no requests but prepared to send trucks.
- c. Future Meetings
 - i. When to have them?
 - ii. What content do you want to see or change?

Chief Parker mentioned Shadd Whitehead is the new Program Manager and will be replacing Dave McIntrye. Shadd gave a brief overview of our objectives and goal for MI-MABAS as we enter 2026. Making OOD box cards available and to help divisions that want to be successful.

President Carroll echoed Whitehead and expressed appreciation to McIntrye for his hard work.

12. Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **February 11 at 1330 hours.**
13. Adjournment - 1435 hours.

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Join the zoom meeting [here](#).

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