



MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

Chief Adam Carroll, President

Chief Alan Styles, Vice President

Executive Board Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2026

Join Zoom Meeting

[Zoom Link](#)

Call to Order: President Carroll called the meeting to order at 1335 hours.

- Roll Call - Gabie Keeling completed via Zoom.
- Public Comment - None.
- Approval of Minutes - Approval of the January minutes as emailed, motion made by 3603 and supported by 3201.
Motion CARRIED.
- Communications and Correspondence - None.

Financial Report as of (March 5, 2026)

- TF Checking: \$163,391.64
- TF Contingency: \$618,220.78
- MSU Exec Bd: \$6,970.48

Approval to receive and file motion made by 3805 and supported by 3201.
Motion CARRIED.

Officers Report

- President - Chief Carroll noted that things are much the same as our team has been lifting the heavy load of gathering, correcting and filing documentation.
- Vice President - None.
- Secretary - None.

MI-MABAS Functional Staff Reports:

Fire Operations Chief (Pat Parker) pparker@michiganmabas.us

- Status of MABAS Divisions (Map displayed)
 - Explain that progress is being made in the UP. Copper Country Firefighters Association cancelled the meeting a half an hour before we arrived due to the storm. Chief Miller from the Soo came back on the following Sunday and talked briefly. We will attend the Copper Country meeting in June. Gogebic up and creating box cards. Alger to be voted on today. Chris Peterson is talking to the 2 departments in Luce and will attempt to get them to join 3805 Eastern UP. Mackinac County is working on seven (7) new agreements and resolutions. Charlevoix County is interested in joining MABAS. I will work on a Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet (CCE). Emmet has additional 3 departments interested.

Special Operations Chief (Chris Martin) cmartin@michiganmabas.us

- Strike Team Leader Training
 - Good class in Gaylord Feb 24. Waiting on evaluations for feedback on any improvements needed, Next Class April 9 2026 in Ann Arbor Twp. We still have room, email me if you want to register.
- Stillwater/Flood Rescue Boat Operator Training

- First class is in April 15/16 2026. I have fielded several questions regarding the requirements. Please contact me if you have any questions and we can discuss them.
- Special Operations MOU
 - MABAS Approved a new Special Operations MOU that was sent to the team leaders from all the validated resources. I am still waiting for several to be executed and returned. Please contact me if you have any questions.
- Dearborn Parking Garage Collapse
 - Dearborn had a significant incident involving a parking garage collapse that trapped an occupant in a vehicle. The operation resulted in the successful rescue of that trapped occupant. An After Action was held to discuss the incident with great feedback.

Communications Committee Report (Erik Youngblood) redcenter@michiganmabas.us

- Review of Activation Process
 - I'd like to take a few minutes to review the MABAS activation process for your division, we have several new members that may be joining us today..
 - If you are managing a large incident such as the Gaylord tornado and need additional resources, you can contact a neighboring division directly to request Strike Teams or Task Forces. This request does not need to go through the RED Center which could slow down the response.
 - However, if you are unsure who to contact or need assistance coordinating the appropriate team, you should call the RED Center at **734-477-6400** for support.
 - We recognize that many divisions may not know which teams are currently established across the state. We are actively working to improve this visibility through the MABAS website. Access will be secured for members only, so if you do not currently have website access, please take steps to obtain it.
 - Please note that all Special Operations team requests must go through the RED Center. This ensures that MABAS Leadership can verify that the requesting agency has a signed MABAS agreement in place. This process protects the responding teams, just as the statewide agreement protects all participating agencies.
 - Finally, when significant incidents occur and MABAS Leadership needs to communicate with teams, you may receive an Advisory, Alert, or Activation notice. Please monitor those communications closely.
 - ****ADVISORY - MABAS Advisory Notification****
 - This is an Advisory of a [SITUATION] occurring in[LOCATION]. No MABAS teams have been requested at this time. No action is required. This is an Advisory only. We will provide additional information when available.
 - ****ALERT - MABAS Alert Notification****
 - This is an Alert that there is a MABAS activation for a[TEAM TYPE] from [AGENCY] for a [SITUATION & LOCATION]. The activated team is preparing to respond to the incident. This notification is to Alert you to roster a team in the event that your team is also needed to respond. This is an Alert only to roster. Do not deploy. Leadership will update you with additional information when available.
 - "ACTIVATION - This is a MABAS XXX team activation request from [AGENCY]for [SITUATION]. Join Zoom on the phone:

MI-MABAS/MI-TF1 Plans Chief (Mike Evans) mevans@michiganmabas.us

- Deployment Coordinator Update
 - The Deployment Coordinators continue to participate in the activation exercises and we continue to refine our processes so we can get the needed resources moving quicker.
 - We have added 3 more DC's. You will start to hear: Ryan Wilkinson (Eaton Co.), Jason Stevens (Lansing FD) and Adam Massingill (Ret. Auburn Hills) on the exercises and actual events. All 3 are Plans Team Managers with MI-TF1.
 - Lessons Learned from Exercises: We continue to learn from every exercise that we run. A common issue that we need to address in the planning of the exercises is to contact all of the players and explain what we are expecting for them to do during the exercise.

- MI-TF1 Training/Exercise Update
 - MI Drone Assoc., April 8-9, 4 attending (2 presenting)
 - Swiftwater ORE - April 20-23 in Menomonee, MI. Training with Wisconsin TF1. Planning on a Type I Swiftwater Rescue Team (20 personnel).
 - IRR Swiftwater Technician School, May 4-8 in South Bend, IN - 6 attending.
 - FDNY Med. Spec Ops Conference, May 14-17 in New York, 4 attending
 - TF ORE in Camp Grayling - May 19-21. Planning on 2 groups for full-TF deployment. Active planning in process.
 - IAWRP Symposium, June 9-12 in South Bend, IN - 12 registered.
 - TF ORE in Muscatatuck, IN - week of Oct. 19th. In conjunction with Wisconsin & Kentucky TFs. Active in planning.
- All Hazards IMT/IST
 - Several AHIMT Courses being offered through MDARD. All in the Lansing area.
 - L950: All Hazards Position Specific **Incident Commander** - April 27 - May 1, 2026. Registration Deadline: April 2, 2026
 - L967: All Hazards Position Specific **Logistics Section Chief** - April 27 - May 1, 2026. Registration Deadline: April 2, 2026
 - L958: All Hazards Position Specific **Operations Section Chief** - May 18 - May 21, 2026. Registration Deadline: May 1, 2026
 - O-305 **Type 3 All Hazards Incident Management Team** - June 1 - June 5, 2026. Registration Deadline: May 15, 2026
 - L962: All Hazards Position Specific **Planning Section Chief** - June 1 - June 4, 2026. Registration Deadline: May 15, 2026
 - L973: All Hazards Position Specific **Finance/Admin Section Chief** - June 15-16, 2026. Registration Deadline: May 29, 2026
 - L956: All Hazards Position Specific **Liaison Officer** - June 17-18, 2026. Registration Deadline: May 29, 2026

Events overview, pre-registration, travel, and reimbursement information can be found at www.michigan.gov/NADPRPICS.

If you have any questions about the courses, travel eligibility, please reach out to Elizabeth Zay (zaye@michigan.gov or 517-282-5269)

MI-MABAS/MI-TF1 Program Manager (Shadd Whitehead) swhitehead@michiganmabas.us / programmanager@michiganmabas.us

- MI-TF1 FY26 Appropriation and grant execution
 - FY26 appropriations and grant execution finished up and received the first installation. Working on FY27 budget and connecting with legislative reps.
- Legislative update - LARA subcommittee hearing & [House Bills 4301 - 4302](#)
 - CDL exemption for MABAS drivers awaiting a vote from the Senate to get this passed.
- Northern MI Ice Storm Reimbursement
 - \$125k reimbursed from the Northern Michigan Ice Store.
- Division documentation audit % next steps
 - Here's a clearer, more structured version of your statement that keeps the intent but improves flow, tone, and readability: At the direction of the President, we are conducting audits to ensure compliance with the documentation requirements outlined in Article 4 of the bylaws. These requirements define the obligations of each member, including the submission and maintenance of specific documentation. These audits are essential to ensuring that all bylaws are followed, thereby protecting MABAS and every agency that is a participating member. The audit process includes a review of each division. Executive Board members, along with their respective Division Coordinators, will be contacted and provided with a detailed outline of any missing or incomplete documentation for their division. If no response is received within 30–45 days, a second notice will be issued. This will be followed by direct communication, such as a phone call or additional outreach, from the President or Program Manager. From the date of the initial correspondence, a six-month window is considered a reasonable and prudent timeframe to resolve any outstanding documentation issues. If no communication or progress is made within that six-month period, the division will be placed on a 45-day notice. During this time, the division will not be permitted to respond outside of its jurisdiction, due to associated liability concerns. If compliance is still not achieved after this additional 45-day period, the process will proceed to revocation of the division's

membership within MABAS. This process outlines both the purpose of these audits and the steps involved in ensuring compliance with MABAS bylaws. Please look for those emails, respond and reach out if you have any questions.

- SOC meeting - 3/20
 - First kick off of the Special Operations Committee, we have policy updates to present to the chiefs at the meeting.
- SEOC Activation - Southwest Tornado Strikes (Cass, Branch, St. Joe)
 - A lot of coverage from PIOs and the news. MABAS has been involved in the activation and briefings thanks to our partnerships at the state level and in EMHSD. We were able to guide and have resources available if and when needed. With the Dearborn collapse, we did send some resources from MITF1 to assist. We sent a structural engineer MRP.

PIO Report - 4 touch downs EF-1 that hit Edwardsberg where a 12 year old succumbed to his injuries. EF-2 Three Rivers no serious injuries, Union City/Union Lake 3 fatalities there. Several news media were on the ground. Remember to make sure during these types of events that your area has a location with designated times for information updates for all news media outlets. There was a fake AI video of Union Lake that started circulating on social media. We have to be careful what we share and say as people are grieving and emotions are high.

EMHSD - Ice Store reimbursement should be deposited next week. We have been activated at a monitoring and assessment level since Friday and we are closing down shop today. Resource needs are limited to MSP flyovers and there are comms issues with Starlink. We appreciate that we are able to call MABAS and brainstorm for ideas in ways to help thanks to our partnership. Matt Cook is meeting with Hagerty Consulting next week to discuss an MRP project they're supporting for NEMA focusing on identifying the most frequently requested resources through EMAC. Registration for the 2026 Hazmat Responder Conference closes March 31st and lodging rate will end March 20th. The expansion project is ahead of schedule. EMHSD is still waiting to access FY25 funds due to the DHS shutdown.

BFS Report - Tom Hughes noted that he will continue to push whatever MABAS needs as he sees how valuable the organization is to try to get the message across in regards to the funding issues or messaging for the funding in order to get that fixed moving forward.

MSFA Report - None.

MEMA Report - None.

Division Report - 3701 - D. Besson stated fire chiefs notified Grand Traverse county that they wanted to leave the division 3701. Besson would like to keep them on if they desire. They appreciate MABAS helping them walk through this process.

Old Business

- Approve Alger to Join MI-MABAS as Division 3807 - The Alger County Division was tabled at the last Executive Board due to the lack of resolutions. As of this date, three (3) of the Departments have resolutions. Pat will work on the others.

Motion to approve Alger County as Division 3807 made by 3805 and supported by 3302.

Motion CARRIED.

New Business

- Approve the Creation of Division 3705 - Grand Traverse (document attached)
On February 13, 2026 The Grand Traverse Area Fire Chiefs gave notice that they requested the establishment of a stand alone division. Pat met with Dan Besson & Bill Parker. They decided that they will make it effective July 1, 2026. It is the intent to move the special ops team to 3705. (document attached)
Mackin gave a statement on behalf of Parker and GT County. Besson thanked them.

Motion to approve the creation of Division 3705 for Grand Traverse made by 3302 and supported by 3603.

Motion CARRIED.

Next Meeting - May 13, 2026, at 1:30 pm

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1452 hours was made by 3201 and supported by 3701.

Motion CARRIED.