



MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

Division and Regional Coordinator Meeting

June 10, 2026

Minutes

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Call to Order: Chief Pat Parker called the meeting to order at 1330 hours.

Roll Call (completed via Zoom): Gabie Keeling completed rollcall via Zoom.

Approval of the April 8, 2026 Minutes: Approved via emailed copy.

Public Comment - None.

Old Business

- Amended Agreement Update
 - Chief Youngblood mentioned that we have received quite a few agreements with a pretty steady flow in regards to communication in getting these divisions updated with their documents.

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

- Status of current divisions
 - 3705 becomes a new Division Grand Traverse. Emmet to become 3706. Talks underway in Cheboygan & Charlevoix to stand up.
- UP Planner - Chris Peterson
 - Chief Parker introduced Chris Peterson as our new rep for the UP. Peterson stated they are actively working on the private partner EMS agreements. The UP has many EMS agencies. He also mentioned he is working to get Chief Youngblood to the UP to host some MABAS 101 & 201 classes at the beginning of August. Currently working with several counties to get onboard with MABAS
- OOD Box Card Statewide Need
 - The re-alignment of our Regional Coordinators is to assist in closing the identified gaps in OOD Box Cards, activation plans, communications, training, and challenging those processes through exercising (with Divisions in each Region).

Primarily, this new focus places our RCs in a role of liaison and coordinator, working intimately with the Divisions in their assigned Region on dispatch and operational processes (whether providing or receiving aid), and challenging those processes through tabletop (initial) or functional exercises (later steps)

once improvements can be made). If a Region has multiple RCs, Divisions can be aligned and assigned to spread the workload amongst the rostered RCs. This new focus is more support/coordination centric and less response oriented.

- Division Exercises

Bay County May exercise -There was a delay from dispatch to notification to assemble.

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

- Dearborn DFD validation (CS & Rope Tech)
 - Confined space and rope tech are now validated for Dearborn. Looking at stillwater next.
- Strike Team Leader Training
 - Just held our 4th STL training class. The next class will be somewhere in NW Michigan. Details will be posted when confirmed. Check the website for details and notifications will go out in email.
- Rescue Boat Operator Training
 - Finished the BETA, first 2-day course completed with 16 (4 teams) and working on the AAF. Course to be held in the spring.
- Stillwater/Floodwater Rescue Team validation program
 - Working on program management presentation

Communications Chief - (Chief Erik Youngblood redcenter@michiganmabas.us)

- Exercise Schedule

Upcoming divisions doing exercises with their OOD cards.

- June 13th - Livingston County CNX
 - July TBD - Macomb County
 - August
 - September - Livingston County 9/19
 - October
 - November
 - December - Grand Traverse 3705
- MABAS in 30:

Reminder: We host a monthly Zoom session called **"MABAS in 30,"** which is listed on our training page.

This informal, interactive discussion is designed to give members a clearer understanding of how MABAS works in real-world situations. Each session focuses on a specific topic, with examples including **"How MABAS Actually Works During an Incident"** and **"Box Cards: Design, Use, and Common Problems."**

There is always time set aside for questions and discussion, making this a great opportunity to learn from others' experiences and get answers to your MABAS-related questions.

While the session is scheduled for 30 minutes, discussions may extend beyond that time.

- **Newsletter Signup**

Chief Youngblood did mention that you can find the link to sign up for the quarterly newsletter on the top of the website and it is also linked on the agenda.

Operations Chief - Mike Evans (mevans@michiganmabas.org)

Chief Evans wanted to add that when it comes to exercises, practice your activation plans and deployment plans. Figure out what works, what doesn't work and where things need to be tweaked.

- **MITF-1 ORE**
 - Spent 3 days in Camp Grayling. 2 different groups worked on wide area search during day time and night time. Simulated a search dog falling down an elevator shaft. Also worked on field amputation as well. Just held a UAS course for search and for pilots.

Program Manager Updates - (Shadd Whitehead programmanager@michiganmabas.us)

- **Legislative Update**
 - HB 4301, HB 4302 CDL exemptions, approved in the senate in December 2025, still waiting for the house vote on both.
- **Budget Update**
 - Just received the 2nd grant installment.
- **Training-centric focus for our DCs/RCs and STLs/TFLs**
 - TBD date for regional coordinator training
- **SEOC and state-level discussions**
 - Ongoing discussions with the DNR Statewide, Additional work with SEOC to help Cook and Briggs and how MABAS can help with state incidents.

New Business - None.

Division Report Outs (Activations, Drills, Exercises, Meetings)

- Region 1 - 3101 postponed activation exercise, reschedule activation, will turn wheels.
- Region 2 - None.
- Region 3 - 3301 - Mosher briefly went over their AAF from Goodland Twp (pallet fire), and will be doing AAR. Will be working with the dispatch center. Vogt mentioned Goodland Twp pallet fire, got real big real fast. IC wasn't aware that MABAS contact took hours. If you had any involvement in the Goodland Fire, please contact Vogt.
- Region 5 - Shadd working with Tennant on PPEMS agreements.
- Region 6 - None.
- Region 7 - Umphrey, working on AAR with Gaylord dispatch and Erik. Positive

feedback from Oscoda County on resources available.

- Region 8 - C. Desson, HIEBA being used and it is a tremendous help to other departments on what they are doing. MA comes from WI and not on the 800 system. HIEBA has helped to allow WI to see what their status is.

****MABAS presenting at the R&R in Brimley and at MEMA**

Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **August 12, 2026 at 1330 hours.**

Adjournment - 1427 hours.

GK