



MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

Chief Adam Carroll, President

Chief Alan Styles, Vice President

Executive Board Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2026

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88662528759?pwd=J2QCbYgmG2myQrMchUWd2nfle9Fb7a.1>

Call to Order President Carroll called the meeting to order at 1330 hours.

- Roll Call Gabie Keeling completed roll call via Zoom.
- Public Comment - None.
- Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting made by 3806, supported by 3301.

Motion CARRIED.

- Communications and Correspondence - None.

Financial Report as of (Date as of July 6, 2026)

- TF Checking: \$198,415.60
- TF Contingency: \$574,189.75
- Chase Exec Bd: \$6,970.48

A motion to approve and file the financial report made by 3207, supported by 3705.

Motion CARRIED.

Officers Report

- President - Summer has had its slow downs and speed ups. Lots going on in MABAS.
- Vice President - None.
- Secretary - None.

MI-MABAS Functional Staff Reports:

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

- MABAS Statewide Update
 - On July 1, 3705 - Grand Traverse became their own Division. 3701 (Leelanau & Benzie) continues. Huron & Sanilac respectively have sent requests to become their own division and leave 3304. Hopefully have them ready for the September Executive Board meeting. Allegan is still working through issues. Barry County coming on strong. Meeting with the

Chiefs on August 20th. Meetings this summer with Cheboygan & Charlevoix. Hopefully they will join a new division with Emmet (CCE). Some interest in Lake County. Some continued interest in Manistee.

- RC Restructuring
 - While we would like to have the entire State as MABAS, we strive to have our existing divisions operating and exercising. A letter went out to the existing regional coordinators asking for their continued support in our restructuring. Only 8 of 22 have responded. I am following up with them individually. We are asking the RC's to help MABAS with readiness and exercising their activations plans and hopefully functional drills.
- Presentations at Rural & Ready (UP) and MEMA
 - We have presentations to the Rural & Ready conference in Brimley in September. This is a UP initiative. We continue to partner with our county Emergency Managers who have been some of our best supporters in standing up new divisions. We present to them at their MEMA conference in October.

UP Planner (Chris Peterson)

- U.P. status
 - Baraga has reached out to start discussions. Copper Country meeting in October. Some others are interested in joining in the future.
- Mabas 101/201 sessions for U.P.
 - August 4th in Schoolcraft County, August 6th in Alger County, August 7th-8th in Dickinson County, August 8th in Gogebic County.
- U.P. Firefighter Tournament 7/24-7/26
 - Chris will be participating in the meeting and attending the tournament in Iron County.

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

- Dearborn DFD validation (CS & Rope Tech)
 - Rope rescue and confined space rescue - passed and added to call out list.
- Strike Team Leader Training (NW MI - September)
 - Looking at dates for the Cadillac area. More to come. Good feedback from attendees.
- Rescue Boat Operator Training
 - A meeting was held for those interested in RBO from the flood. Working on dates to put together a meeting to discuss the many facets of RBO, validation, training. More to come.
- Stillwater/Floodwater Rescue Team validation program
 - Held first class that was rescheduled due to the flood. Working on dates for the next class.

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

- MABAS in 30
 - July issue. Specialty Teams "What are they and when do we use them?"
- Status of OOD Cards
 - 3201 - Oakland North has updated their OOD cards and activation plan
 - 3302 - Saginaw has updated their OOD cards and activation plan

- 3303 - Genesee has updated their OOD cards and activation plan
- 3602 - Muskegon has updated their OOD cards and activation plan
- 3701 - Northwest MI has updated their OOD cards and activation plan
- 3705 - Grand Traverse has updated their OOD cards and activation plan
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- 3106 - Eaton has some work to complete on their cards and plan.
- 3305 - Lapeer is completing some work on the OOD cards
- 3204 - Macomb has some work to complete on their cards and plan.
- 3301 - Bay County has some work to complete on their cards and plan.
- 3702 - Northern Central has some work to complete on their cards and plan.
- Division exercises
 - July will be Macomb County alternate month. I have reached out to Chief Edmonds with no answer. Still no response now after multiple attempts.
 - August
 - September - Liv Co rescheduled 9/19 0845?
 - October
 - November
 - December - Grand Traverse 3705

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

- Practice activations
 - Continue to work on activation practices. We are going to come up with an exercise schedule for divisions with OOD box cards that we have updated and filed.
- MITF1 ORE
 - May we had the AAR report with leadership and planning group from the TF. Public facing document will be added to the website.

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

- HB update - MABAS vehicles and CDL exemption
 - HB 4301 & 4302 still sitting on the house floor. This is a bi-partisan bill, we have asked for movement on this. Nothing has happened in 18 months. They may die on the floor, in that case we start over.
- SB878 Omnibus Bill - FY27 state budget
 - Disheartening news, the budget in last minute negotiations we were cut out of FY27 bill. Going forward we are trying to create different strategies in order to keep the lights on. Leverage what we have remaining to sustain in operational status to be ready. Looking at doing a supplemental bill but it is the 'lame duck' session now.
- MI-TF1 update - 3rd quarter
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- LARA FY26 - grant update
 - Working on the 3rd quarter report for LARA now. Will close out on September 30th.
- MI-TF1 applications

- We are accepting applications even though we do not know what will happen moving forward. Go to the website www.mabasmi.org to find the application for the TF. Currently have 16 applications pending with orientation to be held around the first part of October.
- Website access
 - As a MABAS division you have access to the website. If you have anyone in your division, anyone within the agencies that are within your division. Point them to the website for member access to keep up with information, training, documents and so forth.
 - We have found in all communications regarding email pushes, meetings, trainings and whatnot, that information is not getting down to the boots on the ground. In all of our departments we want to get the information all the way down to the lowest level so everyone knows what MABAS and the TF have going on.

PIO Report - Michael McLeieer

- 2026 Fire Prevention Week will be October 4 – 10, 2026 – Theme: Charge Into Fire Safety™ Safe Charging Is a Superpower.
- The theme will focus on the everyday charging habits that can reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safe. More information may be found through the N.F.P.A. at www.fpw.org.
- I will be moderating a national Roundtable on Thursday September 10, 2026 from 2pm – 3pm ET to discuss this year's Fire Prevention Week theme with subject matter experts from the fire service, N.F.P.A. and USFA. Contact me at Michael.mcLeieer@escapeinc.org for the registration link and for more information about this free Roundtable.
- Congratulations to Battalion Chief of EMS Mark Fankhauser from the Grand Rapids Fire Department on his retirement. He served 23 years with the Grand Rapids Fire Department and 37 years of total EMS and fire service experience. We wish him well in his next chapter and thank him for his commitment to improving the fire and EMS service.

EMHSD - None.

BFS Report - None.

MSFA Report - None.

MEMA Report - Jen Boyer noted that the statewide emergency management funding report is wrapping up regarding. EMPG funding made available for 2026. 2025 funding was just received recently. MEMA is looking to find gaps and look at how they can make them smaller. Registration/lodging open for the fall MEMA conference. Nominations for board members are also open now with elections set for September.

Division Report - None.

Old Business

New Business

- Update on Division 3304 Tuscola and Sanilac. (map present)
 - Tuscola and Sanilac have decided they want to do the same thing and be their own divisions. They believe they will be able to operate OOD box cards together as they are smaller departments in their county.

Next Meeting - September 8, 2026 at 1:30 pm corrected to be September 9, 2026.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1408 hours made by 3301, supported by 3701.

Motion CARRIED.