

A quarterly newsletter of MABAS WISCONSIN incidents and activities that underscore its value to the community and to foster growth and improvement through the sharing of actual experience.

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## MABAS CRITICAL IN BATTLING LAONA SUPPER CLUB FIRE

BY ANNIE KRAWZE, VICE-PRESIDENT MABAS DIVISION 153; LAONA RESCUE UNIT SERVICE DIRECTOR

The first call reported smoke coming out of the eaves of the front of the building. The second call said flames were showing through the front glass doors. The time was **5:59pm** on **Monday November 21, 2016**.

Laona is a typical small town or village in Wisconsin. It has one main highway, namely US 8, running through it and located at **5527 US Highway 8** is the Silver Lake Inn & Supper Club. This supper club was a popular place from its opening in the 50s and was known as Cheney's until its closure a few years prior. The facility had just reopened 3 months ago after having some renovations done. This is the only supper club in the area. Many families had booked reservations for Thanksgiving, only 3 days away.

The **Laona Volunteer Fire Dept** was initially paged and responders from home, on their way to the firehouse, had to drive past the location and saw the smoke and flames. They requested Argonne and Wabeno Fire Departments be paged for mutual-aid. Little did these crews know that they would be on scene for over 13 hours. It would be the largest fire in Laona in over 30 years.

First arriving units were from Laona - an engine, a tender, a rescue/equipment truck, and a brush truck. Initial size-up was done on the building and it was determined smoke was billowing from windows

on the front and sides of building, roof and eaves. This was a 7200-square foot building containing a restaurant with a large kitchen, a dining room, a bar area, and a banquet room. The area above the bar had a second story with living quarters. It also had a basement. There is an L-shape motel unattached to this building, but in very close proximity.

At the time the motel did not have smoke or flames coming out of it. The main building was not occupied; the motel was partially occupied.

First units arrived at **6:05pm**. Additional units from Crandon and Townsend were requested three minutes later. After the initial size-up, and set-up, an entry team entered the front of the building. They were only in the building a few minutes when the flames broke out the roof. The team was pulled out for safety concerns. The main building was considered to be fully engulfed at this time.

Our primary concerns were life-safety for the fire-fighters, life-safety of the people evacuated from the motel, saving the nearby motel, protecting



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the houses in close proximity and determining if further evacuations were needed.

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(Photo by Rayne Cazzola LLVFD)

## ED JANKE STEPS DOWN; KEVIN BIERCE ELEVATED AS MABAS PRESIDENT

BY GARY SCHMIDT

With mounting family health issues, Ed Janke announced on February 9, 2017, that he was reluctantly stepping down, effective immediately, as the MABAS President. Per MABAS bylaws, Vice President Kevin Bierce becomes the MABAS WI President.

Kevin started as a paid on-call firefighter with the Pewaukee Fire Department in Waukesha County in 1995, becoming Chief in 2008. Kevin was exposed to the fire service at a young age - his mother was one of Wisconsin's first female fighters!

Kevin served in the Reserves for 23 years. Kevin was the president of the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association 2015-2016.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY KEVIN BIERCE, CHIEF, PEWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND PRESIDENT, MABAS WISCONSIN

It's the start of a new season here at MABAS!

First and foremost, I want to say how much we owe Ed for all his years of commitment to our organization! His drive, vision and passion to make it right has proven to be a cornerstone in our organization rapidly growing throughout the State. I can only say thank you!

And now for the rest of the story! First I want you to know before I start (as many of you know), I was originally a non-believer in MABAS (that's right, I'm one of the ones who have seen the light).

Please don't hold it against me, but in some ways I think it makes me even a stronger advocate for the System and trust me, I am an advocate.

Having spent a few years in the Wisconsin Fire Service I think I finally have a grasp of our strengths and weaknesses.

One of the greatest strengths is MABAS and the individuals who make it strong. From dispatchers to firefighters to Chiefs, we have assembled one of the most comprehensive response packages designed to help our neighbors in the Country!

I can't think of a more used acronym in the Wisconsin Fire Service; we can't all agree on the color of a fire truck, but about everyone can you tell you about MABAS.

So where does that put me, as the new kid in the big chair? Well first a good size up of where we are at, then some good strategic planning to set us up for the next year or so.

I look forward to meeting everyone, getting input on the good and the bad so that we as an organization can continue to make those bold forward steps we have in the past. 'Till the next box... ~K

## MABAS CRITICAL IN BATTLING LAONA SUPPER CLUB FIRE - CONTINUED

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All area departments are volunteer so it took a while to get people to their building and then to the scene. Most departments are 10-15 miles from each other within the county. Cold weather, water supply, and distance were becoming the biggest challenges of the fire.

Another "new" thing to us was shutting down a US highway. We have never done that before for an extended period of time. We did not know the resources that were available for this or the correct way to detour a state highway (US-8/WI-32 share the road).

After Townsend FD arrived, we discussed MABAS. A phone call was

placed to Tim Magnin, our MABAS Regional Coordinator.

It was decided we were a legitimate division and we needed to pull a box card. The reason we questioned our MABAS status was due to the Forest



Photo by Rayne Cazzola LLVFD

County dispatch center not yet equipped or trained to actively page out the MABAS departments (IFERN coverage is inadequate). Radio coverage in Forest County is very limited. When agency-services travel from one area to another, we need to switch towers to trip repeaters to talk to each other.

Another factor was we had verbal mutual aid agreements with the 3 neighboring departments, but lacked formal agreements (except for the MABAS contract). A few years ago, the Town of Laona was billed for requesting another department from nearby for mutual-aid at a fire.

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## MABAS CRITICAL IN BATTLING LAONA SUPPER CLUB FIRE - CONTINUED

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Tim Magnin confirmed that MABAS was fully available to us cost-free.

**MABAS Division 153 Box 82-11** Hydrant card for Laona was selected (the card had not been followed in its entirety as designed since it was not activated by the dispatch center; instead, resources were individually requested by Incident Command).

Additional resources were requested piecemeal; not all called right away. We also needed County and local plow trucks as icing became a factor, so salt and sand was needed.

There was a long delay for the public service trucks to respond. The water department was also needed for the water tower and pumps.

After looking at the card, we had already escalated (manually requested through Dispatch) to the departments listed on the card at the 4th and 5th box level.

Nonetheless, having this MABAS card helped us to have the incident "preplanned". There was no need to think about who would come or who would we call; it was right there all worked out already (this was the biggest benefit from the card). When the adrenaline is in force, it's hard to process anything, let alone determining the available resources.

The fire was advancing thru the attic of the entire structure. With so many engines hooked up to hydrants, the water tower was drained and the hydrant pressure was lost. That prompted an **interdivisional request for a strike team of tenders from Oneida County MABAS Division 114** (as per our Box Card). Regional coordinator Magnin did all of the dispatching of additional departments.

Radio communication of county departments was on local government frequencies till arrival at the scene. On scene, fire ground Red was used



(Photo by Rayne Cazzola LLVFD)

for operations and Blue was utilized for the tenders and water communication.

The MARC frequency repeater was brought to the scene for extra communications but was a problem because it was set-up too close to the scene and it knocked out cell phone service. This was a problem since we were in contact with the MABAS Regional Coordinator via cell phone. [Forest County is one of a few counties the State allows the use of a *portable* MARC repeater, due to terrain issues caused by the National Forest in the area.]

The fire was under control at 1am, and remaining units left the scene by 7:30am. The unattached motel was not affected. The initial building was a complete loss. Property was valued at \$500,000 and contents \$500,000.

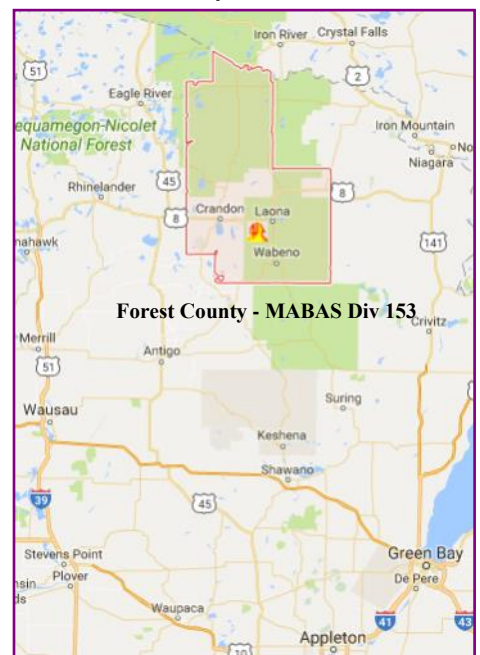
A total of 18 fire departments responded to the scene, two ambulances with eight personnel, and four departments were at the mustering point for another strike-team of tenders. Another department was called to back-fill for the county departments at the fire since it was not done correctly according to card.

We have a lot of taverns and a few sports bars in the area, but no restaurant or supper clubs like this. This is a big loss for our area

and the residents. The motel has been closed since this fire, so we have lost the supper club and also the motel. This impacts the tourism for our area.

This was the first incident for our county utilizing MABAS. Prior to MABAS this would have been a very costly fire for the Town of Laona.

The resources utilized would not have been available. Not having as many departments respond could have allowed the fire to jump to other structures nearby.



## DIVISION 110 IN ACTION - MABAS BOX IN STOCKTON FOR A BARN FIRE

BY JODI STOIK, COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN, COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING OFFICER, PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE & MABAS COORDINATOR - DIV 110

The sun was setting on Tuesday afternoon, **March 7, 2017**, when a skid loader being used to move hay in the barn backfired and started a fire. The owners spent 20 minutes trying to extinguish the fire and then called for help at **6:10pm**.

The property is located at **4403 Kennedy Avenue** in the **Town of Stockton**, just east of I-39 & County P (Plover Road) near Stevens Point.

**Amherst Fire Chief Victor Voss** was first on scene and provided this report:

"Upon my arrival on scene, I established "Kennedy Command" and provided a size up. The barn was nearly fully involved in fire. The fire appeared to be in the side "A" lower level and the intense wind was driving it through the building".



(Photo by Stockton Fire Chief Chris Kluck)

"I had the bystanders clear the yard of vehicles and equipment to make way for fire operations. I instructed the first-in engine to setup in the yard

and direct a master stream hose line onto the side "C/D" exposure building (another storage barn)".

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(Photo by Stockton Fire Chief Chris Kluck)



# DIV 110 IN ACTION - MABAS BOX IN STOCKTON FOR A BARN FIRE - CONTINUED

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“As that line was being established, the fire grew rapidly in intensity as the side “D” walls were completely consumed by fire. This damaged the hose line we were attempting to establish and forced us to retreat and move the engine back”.

“Shortly after that, the entire barn collapsed. I declared a defensive attack with all efforts to be directed at saving the exposure buildings”.

“The Plover engine arrived and directed a deck gun onto the fire and deployed a “blitz fire” master stream to knock the main fire down allowing a line to be advanced to the exposure building. Stevens Point arrived with the aerial and set up on the road, on the “A” side for aerial master stream operations”.

“An Amherst engine arrived and laid a LDH supply line from a Village of Plover hydrant 900 feet from the fire to the Stevens Point ladder truck. Another Plover engine was sent to the hydrant to relay pump to the truck”.

“A tender shuttle was established to provide water supply for all hand lines. Stockton FD had requested **MABAS Box 57-1-2** to the **Box level** prior to my arrival which included numerous departments. Park Ridge provided manpower and rehab and numerous departments provided water tenders”.

“Upon the arrival of Stockton Fire Chief Kluck, I assigned him to “East” division to manage the fire in and around the side “C/D” exposure”.

“The property owner provided an excavator to remove burning hay and debris from the area adjacent to the exposure building. A semi-trailer being used for storage was also consumed on the “C” side of the building”.



“Once the fire was under control I passed command to Stockton Fire Chief Kluck at 7:15pm. I was then assigned to Public Information Officer and met with the media providing a status report”.

**Units were on scene for about 6 hours.** The next day, March 8, 2017, some units returned to put out hot spots from 9:20am to 10:55am.

DEPARTMENT NAME: Stockton		BOX ALARM TYPE: Structure Fire Non-Hydrant (Tender)				EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2016		MABAS ID: 111	
BOX ALARM # 57-1-2		LOCATION OR AREA: Town of Stockton				AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Mike Spencer, Fire Chief			
LOCAL DISPATCH AREA:									
ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TRUCKS	TENDERS	SQUADS	AMBULANCES	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUALITY (Station #)	
STILL	Stockton E1 Amherst		Stockton T1 Stockton T2	Stockton	Stockton (EMR)	Stockton Amherst			
WORKING	Stockton R1								
STILL									
MABAS BOX ALARM:									
ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TRUCKS	TENDERS	SQUADS	AMBULANCES	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUALITY (Station #)	
BOX	Plover (RUC)	Stevens Point	Plover Amherst Rosholt Dewey	Rosholt Park Ridge		Plover Rosholt Stevens Point	Rosholt Command Park Ridge Accountability		
2ND	Hull		Hull Bancroft	Bancroft		Hull	Red Cross Fire Investigation Task Force		
3RD		Amherst	Almond Iola Scandinavia	Iola		Amherst	Hull 6x6 Badger Red Center 608-757-0400		
4TH	Grand Rapids		Grand Rapids Plainfield Biron	Biron		Grand Rapids			
5TH		Rudolph	Mosinee Rudolph Waupaca	Mosinee		Rudolph			
INTERDIVISIONAL REQUEST		1st Choice Waupaca	2nd Choice Wood	3rd Choice Marathon					
INFORMATION									
Stevens Point Engine 2 Personnel Min DNR Ranger and Heavy Unit by Request from IC									



(All Photos this page by Gary Shurbert)

## FIRE STRIKES & WATER TOWER DOWN - THINKING OUTSIDE THE MABAS BOX CARD

BY TIM MAGNIN, CHIEF, OCONTO FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT & MABAS WI NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Shortly after **11pm** on a Wednesday night, **August 24, 2016**, the **Oconto Falls Fire Department** was notified of a fire in the attic of the Caldwell House, a two-story building with apartments above a restaurant. Upon arrival, smoke was showing from second story from all sides and flames showing from the windows on the A and C sides of the second story.

A Working Still was called prior to arrival at 11:11pm. We upgraded to **MABAS Division 137 Box 13-38** at **11:34pm**, with an upgrade to the **second alarm** level for all units and a **third alarm** for Tenders only at **12:01am**.

This was a Target Hazard Box Card, developed to be used at any time the municipal hydrant system is down, normally every few years when the water tower is offline for maintenance. It happened to be the case that night!

We never ran out of water. The outcome would have been the same if we had hydrants in service. We were able to supply two ladder trucks, one master stream, and two hand lines - all because of the special card, planning and training. Radio communications and traffic was not a problem due to a good working card along with proper MABAS training.



We sent all mutual aid units back at 4:37am and left the scene at 10:22am.

I think every hydrant area should also have a plan/card for such.

### 2017 Annual Command and Dispatch Conference Preview

#### Keynote Address - "Are You Prepared for the Response of the Century?"

By: Mr. Kevin Lauer, Fire and Emergency Services Management Consultant, University of Tennessee-County Technical Assistance Service.

*Lessons learned will be shared from the recent tragic wildfire season in Tennessee*

#### General Sessions

- Crisis in the Communications Center - Part II
- The Badger Red Dispatch Center
- Wisconsin Task Force 1 presents Mission Ready Packages
- MABAS Division 38 (Lee, County Illinois) - Sublette, Illinois Campground Tornado Response
- MABAS Division 129 Wide Area Search

#### Break-out sessions

- **MABAS I** presentations are geared for responders who are new to the program or are new in their respective department assignments
- **MABAS II** is targeting individuals who have MABAS experience and are looking to expand their knowledge base.
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Let us know when you have a circumstance where you found yourself "thinking outside the MABAS Box card"!

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# MY FIRST MABAS BOX - DIVISION 153 FOREST COUNTY

BY ANNIE KRAWZE, VICE-PRESIDENT MABAS DIVISION 153; LAONA RESCUE UNIT SERVICE DIRECTOR

The Supper Club fire in Laona was the first use of MABAS in Division 153, Forest County. December, 1985 was when the Laona High School burned down, and is the only fire most of us can remember that was even close to this one.

When designing most of the cards, we were thinking we would never get past the second level. No one thought it would happen like it did on our first box.

Without MABAS, we definitely would not have known how, or known what to do, to request the additional departments as our mutual aid agreements were with adjacent departments only. Locally we would not have had enough additional apparatus and manpower to suppress this fire, especially in the time frame needed to get it under control, and protect the neighboring structures.

If we would have tried to get enough local resources to control this fire, we would have wiped out the entire county's fire protection and had anything else happened, we would not have anyone left to send to it.

Our process was we did the MABAS training, then went to each department in the county to design cards. We did target hazard cards for the hotels, main streets, casino and mills in each area but did not consider the Supper Club as one of those hazards.

I think something we learned was considering not only the structure, but the surrounding area when cards are designed. Residential areas with structures like the Supper Club need to be considered, not just large buildings.

We also learned the cards need to be pulled early. We drained all of the local departments and did not follow the way the cards were set-up since we did not initially "pull the card". This drained some of the local resources and did not ensure the back-fill coverage.

There were equipment challenges with a fire that size. Not all equipment sizes were the same and some trucks, hoses, equipment could not "hook-up" to others or to the hydrants and water sources.

We found we cannot be so heavily dependent on the hydrants. Even though this was a hydrant card, most of our water systems are very old and

will not be able to keep up the demand of a fire like this. We should have had more tenders on the card. Water supply needs to be assured, and we did not do that by depending on the hydrants.

We need to load our cards up with more resources, so if we do have a fire like this, we are prepared. Also, realizing if strike teams are utilized, to the extent we did for that fire, we need to include more ambulances.

We need to include the numbers for the State of Wisconsin for highway closures and county highway department for detour supplies.



Department Name <b>Laona</b>		Box Alarm Type <b>Structure Fire</b>					Effective Date 1/31/2016	MABAS Division 153
<b>BOX #82-11</b>		Location or Area <b>Laona</b>					<b>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</b>	
<b>ALARM</b>	<b>ENGINES</b>	<b>LADDERS</b>	<b>TENDERS</b>	<b>SUPPORT RESCUE</b>	<b>AMBULANCES</b>	<b>CHIEFS</b>	<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>CHANGE OF QUARTERS</b>
Still	Laona 8211 & 8213 & 8214	Laona 8212 (Squirt)	Laona 8211	Laona van/brush Laona 7211 mule	Laona 7211 Laona 7212 to bldg	Laona 8200	Utilities -WPS	
<b>MABAS BOX ALARM</b>								
<b>ALARM</b>	<b>ENGINES</b>	<b>LADDERS</b>	<b>TENDERS</b>	<b>SUPPORT RESCUE</b>	<b>AMBULANCES</b>	<b>CHIEFS</b>	<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>CHANGE OF QUARTERS</b>
Box	Wabeno 9211		Wabeno 9211	Laona 7211 Mule	*Laona 7212 to scene if occupied	Wabeno 9200	Laona 7200 trailer for hydration/supplies/warming Sanitary dist for pump	United 7112 to bldg
2nd	Argonne 8911 Townsend 9211 RIT		Argonne 8911	Argonne manpw	United 7112 *Med 1 as instructed		Red Cross	Hiles stndby for Argonne
3rd	Crandon 8011			Newald manpw		Crandon 8000	Contact EM/regional CO strike team Crandon Marc repeater	Newald tend to Laona Townsend tender to Wabeno
4th	Goodman Pelican RIT		Newald	Pickereel manpw	Crandon 7512		***State fire marshal	Langlade stndby for Pickereel
5th	Monico	Townsend 2911	Crandon 8011	Crandon 8011	Goodman/Armstrong		Heavy Equipment 715-889-0283	
<b>MABAS DIVISION TASK FORCE</b>			Inter-Divisional Oconto 1st choice		Inter-Divisional Oneida 2nd choice	Inter-Divisional Langlade 3rd choice		
Special Instructions If winter month notify the highway department for road salt / town road crew if applicable								
Langlade Dispatch	Marinette Dispatch	Oconto Dispatch	Oneida Dispatch	Vilas Dispatch	Florence Dispatch		Sanitary Dist 715-889-0380 Heavy equip 715-889-0283	



## DIVISION 102 IN ACTION - MABAS NEEDED FOR LANDSCAPING FIRM FIRE BY TIM STEIN

On Wednesday afternoon, **March 8th, 2017 South Shore Fire Department** firefighters were called to Affordable Tree Care, **3201 Highway H** in the village of **Sturtevant** just after 12:30 p.m. for a report of a brush fire.

Upon arrival fire crews were faced with multiple fires which involved large piles of logs, wood chips and vegetation.

Shortly after arrival command requested a **MABAS Division 102 Box Alarm** to the Box Level which brought additional firefighters from Racine, Kenosha and Milwaukee counties to the scene.

At the time of the blaze the area was under a Severe Wind Warning with winds blowing steadily at 25 mph gusting to over 50 mph which hampered fire crews.

Firefighters worked into the night hitting hot spots buried deep within the multiple log piles.



(All photos by Timothy J. Stein. These photos and others are located at [www.fyrpix.com](http://www.fyrpix.com) in the "Fire Photography Gallery")





# DIVISION 106 IN ACTION - FREQUENT USE OF MABAS IN WAUKESHA COUNTY BY TIM SNOPEK



**Left: October 23, 2016** Menomonee Falls Box Alarm N93W17744 White Oak Circle  
Balconies on multiple floors on fire of a 4-Story bldg  
(Photo by timsnopek.com)

**Below: October 11, 2016 (7:45pm)** Delafield MABAS Box for a garage fire at S12W29085 Summit Avenue  
(Photos by timsnopek.com)



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**Below Left: November 27, 2016**  
(3pm) Wales Auto Shop Fire  
S39 W30675 Wern Way  
(Photo by timsnopek.com)



**Below Right: January 1, 2017 (9pm)** City of Waukesha MABAS Box for a bowling alley fire 1430 Whiterock Ave (Photo by Tricia Snopek)



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## DIVISION 101 IN ACTION - 4 MABAS DIVISIONS FROM WI & IL RESPOND BY TIM STEIN

On Friday night **January 6th, 2017** the **Somers Fire & Rescue Department** was dispatched at 11:44pm to a reported barn fire at **240 Highway H** (88th Avenue).

As the first responding units left quarters they could see flames in the sky several miles away. While enroute Somers Command requested **MABAS Box 63-1** to the 2nd Alarm and then the 3rd Alarm upon arrival.

Firefighters from Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee counties along with Lake County Illinois battled the blaze in temperatures near zero for approximately six hours.

Destroyed or damaged in the fire were the barn and a farm tractor along with two other buildings.

Agencies that responded to the scene included:

**Kenosha County (Div 101):** Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha, Paris, Salem, Randall, Wheatland, Bristol, Wilmot, Silver Lake & the Scout Leaders Rescue Squad.

**Racine County (Div 102):** Caledonia, South Shore, Kansasville, Town of Burlington, Union Grove, Rochester, Raymond, City of Burlington, Wind Lake and the Racine Fire Bells Rehab Unit.

**Milwaukee County (Div 107):** Oak Creek

**Lake County Illinois (Div 4):** Newport and Antioch



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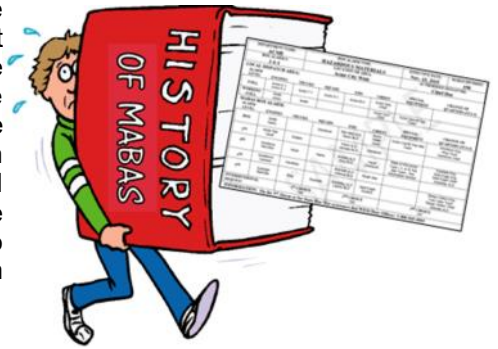
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**WHY AN INTERDIVISIONAL SECTION ON BOX CARDS?** BY MARK PIERCE, CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES, SOUTH SHORE FD

The current box card format did come from MABAS Illinois. It was designed by dispatchers to be more user friendly as the old card format was harder to read. I was at the MABAS IL conference when in an open forum several dispatchers said that the card design was hard to read. The moderator told them to come up with suggestions and hence the new card format was born.

I do not recall where the Interdivisional section came from, but I would assume it came from the original IL design as they have the same on their cards. Where some might have thought I was involved in the design of the interdivisional section is because I made Interdivisional Cards for a Division to choose outgoing units on an interdivisional request.



The earliest reference I have for the current format is 2005. With the old format, dispatchers frequently forgot to transmit the change of quarters companies because of it being below on the page.

The interdivisional section on the Box Card was primarily so that dispatch had somewhere to call to fill vacancies in the alarms due to passes. In other words, if an engine takes a pass on the third alarm, an

engine from the fourth is moved up thus eventually creating a vacancy on the fifth. Dispatch would automatically call the 1<sup>st</sup> Choice division to have this vacancy filled when the fifth alarm is called.

At the time the current card format was placed into service, interdivisional task forces and strike teams were not as prevalent as they are today as the regional coordinator position was not yet created.

The interdivisional section was also there to give the dispatcher some direction who to call should all five alarms be used up and the Incident Commander (IC) requests a task force or strike team or additional special call apparatus.

Three choices were listed so that there was some depth should the IC request more than one interdivisional or one of the choices was not able to fill the request.

In the Box Card Design trainings, it is recommended that the three choices be divisions not directly adjacent to the division with the incident to avoid drawing too much from neighboring divisions that most likely have provided apparatus somewhere in the five alarms.

**Town: MT. PLEASANT**

**Box Number:** H12 **Structure Fire**

**Location:** Hydrant Station 2 & East Half of #1

Alarm	Engines	Ladders / Quints	Rescue	Chief	Special Equipment
Still	121, 122, 123	151	STVT^	141	
Box	SOMR	CALD	131*	CALD, COM	RAYM( Air Unit), Fire Bells
2nd	UNGR	RAFD	RAYM		STVT Com Unit, Franksville Oil
3rd	KENO	PLPR			
4th	KSVL	OAKC			
5th	ROCH	ZION			

^ = Responds only if working fire, smoke showing is reported  
 \* = Staffed with call in personnel.  
 # = No change of quarters, responds to subsequent Mt. Pleasant calls as needed from own quarters throughout alarms 2 - 5.

**CHANGE OF QUARTERS**

Alarm	Engines	Ladders / Quints	Rescue	Chief	Special Equipment
Still					
Box	UNGR		RAYM		
2nd	KENO		RAFD#		
3rd	KSVL				
4th	ROCH				
5th	BURT				

COM - Command Recall, Dial 1-414-575-3562 Enter 000-0000      OAKC - Oak Creek Franksville Oil      1-414-570-5630 835-7731

Division #101 - Kenosha Dispatch      653-6600  
 SOMR - Somers  
 KENO - Kenosha  
 PLPR - Pleasant Prairie  
 PARS - Paris

Division #4 - Lake Forest Dispatch      1-847-234-2121  
 ZION - Zion, IL

**Effective:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fire Chief**

**Above: Box Card Format from 2002. The small card size required Fire Department names to be abbreviated - not meaningful to outlying divisions.**

**Have You Noticed?**

As the newsletter enters its 8<sup>th</sup> year of publication, we've added color to the page headers and footers.

We hope it improves readability and enhances your enjoyment of the newsletter.



## Incident Reporting Is Important & Easy To Do

MABAS Wisconsin has a tool in place to log the use of MABAS. The **Incident Entry Portal** can be accessed via <http://incident.mabaswisconsin.org> or through <http://www.mabaswisconsin.org> using the Databases drop down box.

**To enter an incident, login with a UserID of *mabas* and a password of *wisconsin*.** After the initial entry, Departments need their specific credentials to alter the incident information or to alter the other information on the site about their department. Departments should contact their Division President for the login information

**Incidents Entered November, 2016 thru January, 2017**

Date & Time	Location	Div.	Host Agency	Box Type
11/2/2016 13:42	3128 Lathrop Avenue	102	SOUTH SHORE CONSOL FIRE/EMS DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
11/5/2016 5:08	115 Michaels Ct	106	MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
11/8/2016 15:33	8267 County Highway K	115	CROSS PLAINS-BERRY FIRE DEPT	Brush Fire
11/9/2016 18:30	W 6787 Prust Lane	118	LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
11/10/2016 0:35	W303S10268 Lakeview Dr	106	MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPT	Commercial - Non Hydrant
11/11/2016 18:27	3895 Oak Orchard Road	137	PEWAUKEE FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
11/18/2016 12:00	W8694 Kilkinney Road	103	DARIEN VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
11/23/2016 2:00	46 S. Main Street	142	CLINTONVILLE VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
11/25/2016 8:40	Town Hall Rd	106	MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
11/27/2016 12:18	S39 W30675 Wern Way	106	WALES GENESEE FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
11/28/2016 12:29	649 Yarwood Rd	115	BROOKLYN FIRE AND EMS PROT DIST	Structure - Non Hydrant
12/3/2016 12:00	76 John St	120	FOND DU LAC CITY FIRE DEPT	Target Hazard
12/5/2016 8:18	6267 HOMESTEAD TRAIL	119	BELGIUM VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
12/11/2016 16:54	4310 Alpine Village Ln	115	CAMBRIDGE COMM FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
12/11/2016 23:52	6422 COUNTY HIGHWAY B	119	BELGIUM VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
12/18/2016 14:56	W235 N7088 Prairie Ln	106	SUSSEX FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
12/20/2016 8:41	3325 E Denton Ave	107	ST FRANCIS FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
12/25/2016 12:00	3330 West Cleveland Ave.	144	MARINETTE FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
12/28/2016 21:58	6538 Schumacher Rd	115	WAUNAKEE VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
12/29/2016 4:02	3432 NORTHWOODS ROAD	119	PORT WASHINGTON VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
12/29/2016 13:50	210 S Main St	106	OCONOMOWOC FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
1/1/2017 21:04	1430 White Rock Ave	106	WAUKESHA FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
1/7/2017 7:15	3519 Madson Rd	128	VALDERS VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
1/8/2017 2:30	7715 BonettinRd	115	DANE-VIENNA VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
1/13/2017 0:00	1606 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE	119	PORT WASHINGTON VOL FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
1/15/2017 16:40	N92 W17757 White Oak Cir	106	MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPT	Structure - Hydrant
1/29/2017 1:27	1200 S Moorland Rd	106	BROOKFIELD FIRE DEPT	Target Hazard
1/29/2017 12:00	N2140 Dahl Road, Marinette	144	PESHTIGO TN FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant
1/30/2017 4:01	651 Schiller St	115	SUN PRAIRIE VOL FIRE DEPT	Target Hazard
1/30/2017 7:50	4807 W ELMDALE ROAD	119	MEQUON FIRE DEPT	Structure - Non Hydrant

If you see MABAS described in your local community news, please let us know at: [garyschmidt@wi.rr.com](mailto:garyschmidt@wi.rr.com)



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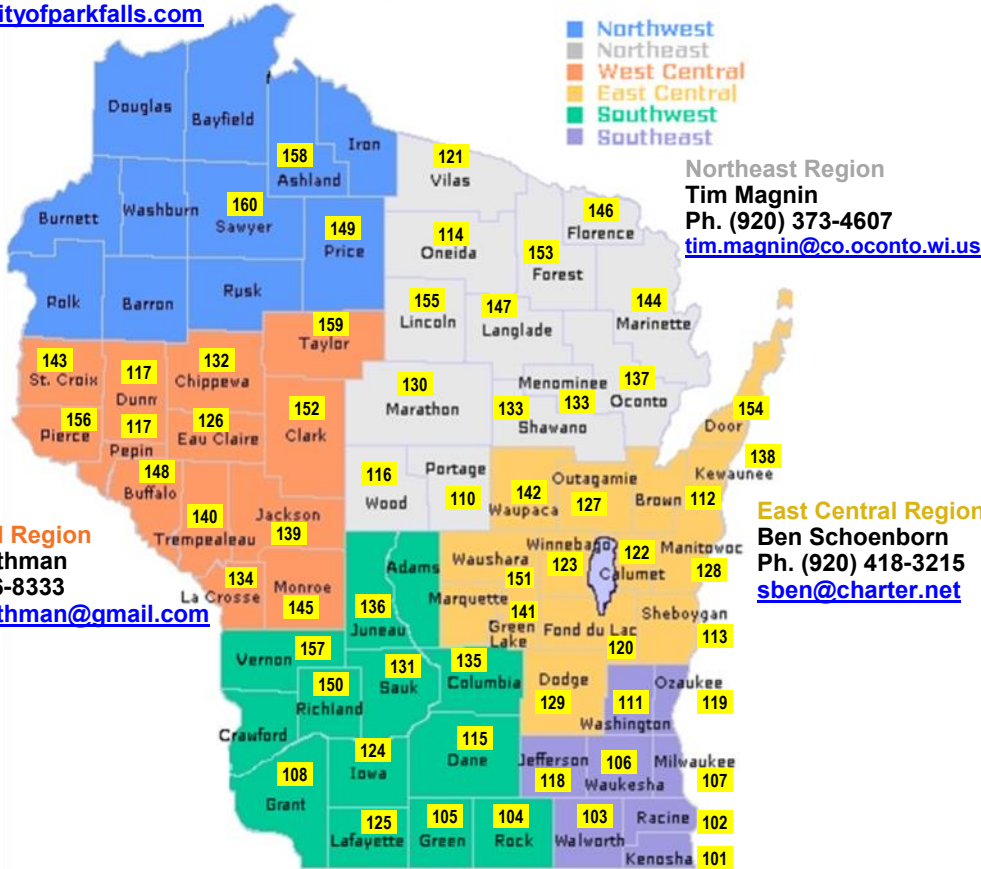
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MABAS1 (WISCOM)

MABAS2 (WISCOM)

MABAS Alerting / intra-Divisional responses

Alternate intra-Divisional responses

Inter-Divisional Responses

Contact with Wisconsin Red Center

Regional Coordinators - WEM Coordination\*

\*Future use

#### MABAS Divisions

- 101 – Kenosha County
- 102 – Racine County
- 103 – Walworth County
- 104 – Rock County
- 105 – Green County
- 106 – Waukesha County
- 107 – Milwaukee County
- 108 – Grant County
- 110 – Portage County
- 111 – Washington County
- 112 – Brown County
- 113 – Sheboygan County
- 114 – Oneida County
- 115 – Dane County
- 116 – Wood County
- 117 – Dunn/Pepin County
- 118 – Jefferson County
- 119 – Ozaukee County
- 120 – Fond du Lac County
- 121 – Vilas County
- 122 – Calumet County
- 123 – Winnebago County
- 124 – Iowa County
- 125 – Lafayette County
- 126 – Eau Claire County
- 127 – Outagamie County
- 128 – Manitowoc County
- 129 – Dodge County
- 130 – Marathon County
- 131 – Sauk County
- 132 – Chippewa County
- 133 – Shawano/Menominee Cnty
- 134 – La Crosse County
- 135 – Columbia County
- 136 – Juneau County
- 137 – Oconto County
- 138 – Kewaunee County
- 139 – Jackson County
- 140 – Trempealeau County
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- 144 – Marinette County
- 145 – Monroe County
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- 147 – Langlade County
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