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#### DIV 135 IN ACTION - FIRE IN DAIRY PACKAGING PLANT

BY CLAYTON SIMONSON, JR, CHIEF, PORTAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

At **6:50pm** on Friday **December 12, 2014**, a report of a stack of cardboard on fire came into the **Portage Fire Department**. This was at the Associated Milk Producers, 301 Brooks Street, about 2 miles from the I-90/I-94, I-39 Split (approximately 40 miles north of Madison). This is a cheese processing plant that is just under 300,000 square feet. The room involved was 12,500 square feet, two stories high.

First arriving personnel encountered heavy smoke and high heat. Access into the room and the location of the fire was a challenge. The need for additional manpower and length of time trying to get to the seat of the fire caused the escalation to the MABAS level, eventually reaching 4 alarms.

At one point, the Regional Coordinator was used to order a MABAS-IL **Mobile Ventilation Unit (MVU).** 

The incident was not terminated until **6:47pm** the next day. MABAS gave us the ability to exchange more crews and giving them good rest periods as to not wear them out or exhaust them.

MABAS also enabled us to get the

manpower to better keep the attack going and not having any issues with firefighters getting fatigued.

Getting the MVU was critical in giving the Firefighters better visibility along with cooling down the room as temperatures were very high inside.

We have since changed the MABAS card, adding more units before going to a strike team. Otherwise, we had no issues with MABAS and used IFERN successfully.

My advice to others based on this experience - do not hesitate to get the Box alarms going. Safety is number one in this business.



MVU (Photo above by David Schweihs, MABAS-IL)



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(Photo below by Jen McCoy/Portage Daily

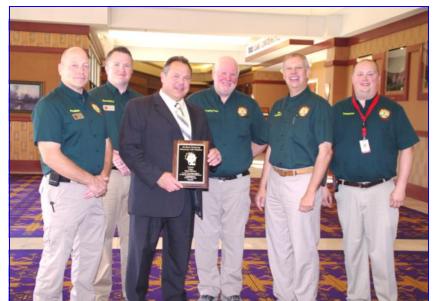


#### MABAS-WISCONSIN IN ACTION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY ED JANKE, VILLAGE OF HOWARD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PRESIDENT, MABAS WISCONSIN

This issue of "**MABAS-Wisconsin in Action**" reports on a number of large scale incidents that have occurred over the last few months. We also review the MABAS Incident Reporting System in terms of value to the MABAS community and ease of use.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MABAS Conference was held July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Conference was well attended and, in fact, achieved the greatest participation yet with over 210 attendees and nearly 30 vendors. As in previous years, the Conference provided insight for participants across a span of disciplines, including dispatchers, firefighters, fireground commanders, emergency management, and law enforcement. The themes remained consistent throughout the presentations; improving safety, improving efficiency and improving performance.



Brian Satula receiving the MABAS Wisconsin Honorary Life Member award. Left-toright: Ed Janke, Andy Jensen, Brian Satula, Keith Tveit, Randy Pickering, Quentin Popp. (Photo by Jon Kemmett)

New this year for the conference was free training offered by our corporate sponsors. Both Darley and Solberg Foam offered operational level training classes which included maintenance and selection of PPE, pump operations from draft as well as history, selection, and the use of firefighting foam products.

Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Brian Satula attended the conference and provided insight into current WEM initiatives. Administrator Satula was also recognized as the second recipient of the **MABAS Wisconsin Honorary Life Member** for his contributions and leadership to MABAS WI as the second President of the organization. He continues to support MABAS as the Administrator of Wisconsin Emergency Management.

> The 2016 & 2017 MABAS Wisconsin Command & Dispatch Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn located in Stevens Point, WI. The 2016 dates are July 28-31, 2016. This is a great central location for our conference and, in addition, all vendors will be under roof with more room for apparatus displays.

The MABAS Executive Board will be busy in the upcoming months as we address necessary changes to the Wisconsin Fire Service Emergency Response Plan and continue to update the MABAS Wisconsin Strategic Plan.

We have made great headway in the past two years and it is our intent to maintain the initiative.

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# **BADGER R.E.D. CENTER**

The MABAS Wisconsin Badger **Regional Emergency Dispatch** (R.E.D.) Center provides notification services for MABAS Wisconsin Coordinators, Executive Staff and the WEM Duty Officer. Notifications as described by the Wisconsin Fire Service Emergency Response plan begin with a call to the WEM line and pushing 3 which will connect the caller to Badger R.E.D. Currently R.E.D. Center duties are managed by the Rock County Dispatch Center. R.E.D. Center provides a high level of service to MABAS Wisconsin by providing immediate mutual aid assistance to stricken divisions in need of strike team and task force assets.

To Contact Badger R.E.D. 800-943-0003 Press 3

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#### MABAS IN THE NEWS SUBMITTED BY ED JANKE, PRESIDENT, MABAS WI Reprinted with permission of eagleherald.com **A4** EagleHerald www.ehextra.com Thursday, January 29, 2015 Dan White, vice president, EagleHerald Publishing Dan Kitkowski, editor **LABAS** will help keep

#### **OUR OPINION**

County received a huge boost when the new year kicked in Jan. 1. Many residents were probably in celebration mode at that time and likely weren't paying attention to the startup of an introductory program known as Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).

ublic safety in Marinette

So what is MABAS? For starters, it is a mutual aid response system for fire departments, emergency medical response units and specialized incident operational teams. The program was signed into law in Wisconsin in 2006.

The local unit is an arm of a regional mutual aid system of Peshtigo, villages of Pound that is based in Illinois. More than 1,500 member fire

departments in Wisconsin. Michigan, lowa. Indiana, Missouri and Illinois are a part of the group. Only member fire departments associated with MABAS went live at the beginning of 2015. Other departments, response teams and related emergency units may sign on in the future.

Eleven of the 18 fire departments in Marinette County are participants in the system. They include the cities of Marinette and Peshtigo, Town Coleman. Crivitz. and Wausaukee.

Goodman Wagner and Grover-Porterfield. Local MABAS leaders are hoping to enroll all fire departments spread throughout the county.

Mike Folgert, fire chief for the Town of Peshtigo, is president of the Marinette County MABAS Division 144 organization. Bob Thull, fire chief for the City of Marinette, is vice president, and Rich Seils, assistant fire chief in the Town of Peshtigo, is secretary treasurer.

Folgert sees MABAS as a more effective method for departments to request mutuaid al in emergencies. Individual departments now County. realize they have the support of multiple departments in the event of a crisis.

Pembine, new program didn't happen homes or buildings; a tornado better off because of MABAS.

overnight, one week month. It has been in the planning stages for about two years. Training and coordina-tion is critical. When units are summoned to an emergency. they are trained where to report and what to do.

We read newspapers, listen to the news on radio and watch television accounts of disasters all the time. The dire situations may be in far-flung states, but they nevertheless capture the attention of all Americans. They most certainly occur in Wisconsin and Michigan, and many times touched have Marinette

Whether it's a major electric storm that knocks out power in a wide area; a fire that The implementation of this threatens to spread to other

makes devastating swath through one of our cities, towns or villages; or a gruesome traffic accident where multiple victims and vehicles shut down a busy corridor, the MABAS units will combine their manpower, skills and equipment to handle the crisis

We can't shrug our shoulders, close our eyes and say bad things don't happen in Marinette County. They do. And they have happened.

We welcome the new MABAS system to our growing network of public safety systems in Marinette County. We applaud the leadership that has brought the system to our county. Our citizens will be

#### Mission

MABAS Wisconsin is the organization that promotes the development, implementation, and sustainment of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) within the state of Wisconsin.

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Your contributions to the various columns will make this newsletter a success. Let us know about your MABAS response activity at garyschmidt@wi.rr.com. In particular, pictures of activity are needed.

### DIV II2 IN ACTION - MABAS USED FOR LARGE GRASS FIRE IN GREEN BAY

BY MATT GERBER, CAPTAIN, GREEN BAY METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Green Bay Metro Fire was initially dispatched for a report of a grass fire. While enroute, Battalion 411 saw the huge plume of smoke in the sky and elevated the alarm to the Working Still level, and then to a Box Alarm.

Once on scene GBMFD crews were told that people were trapped in the Ken Eueres parking lot at the end of Military Ave. GB units had to drive through flames passing over the road to get to this area. After a short time all people were accounted for, the area was now evacuated. High winds out of the South fueled this fire, spreading it rapidly

MABAS Departments used their UTV's for off road fire suppression, which helped greatly to keep the fire from jumping roads and spreading

Assisting Departments were: Bellevue, Hobart, Howard, Lawrence, New Franken, and Suamico. Their wild land firefighting experience proved invaluable on this call.











(Photos by Matt Gerber. These and other photos can be found at firstinphotos.smugmug.com)

## DIV 112 IN ACTION - MABAS USED FOR LARGE GRASS FIRE IN GREEN BAY - CONT





(Photos by Matt Gerber)



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#### DIV 107 IN ACTION - MABAS BOXES FOR 2 FATAL FIRES WITHIN 4 DAYS BY GARY SCHMIDT

On **Sunday afternoon, February 22, 2015**, the **Wauwatosa Fire Department** went to a MABAS Box Alarm for a house fire at **504 North 106 Street**, at the corner of 106<sup>th</sup> & Hibbard, a short street just north of the Milwaukee County Zoo. Upon arrival, the house was engulfed in smoke, swirling in the wind. A man in his 20's, found outside with burns, told firefighters that his niece was still inside. The 3-year-old was located, but already had died from smoke inhalation.







Photo by Chuck Liedtke



(Photo by Timothy J. Stein)

On **Thursday February 26, 2015**, the **Cudahy Fire Department** called for a MABAS Box Alarm for a fire at **3748 East Mallory Avenue**. A 62-year-old man failed to escape the blaze and died. His brother was outside shoveling snow when he discovered smoke coming from the house.



(Photo by Timothy J. Stein)



Photo by Chuck Liedtke



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## MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS LARGEST FIRE IN 3 YEARS BY GARY SCHMIDT

On **Monday March 30, 2015**, the **Milwaukee Fire Department** responded to **913 South Cesar Chavez Drive** around **10:30pm**. A three story building caught fire. Businesses were on the first floor and apartments on the second and third floors. The structure was built in 1897 and contained multiple false ceilings in the apartments which trapped fire. Shortly before midnight, the fire escalated to a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm and was extinguished within 3 hours.

Then, just before **8am** the next morning (**March 31, 2015**), a full first alarm assignment was again sent as the now vacant building rekindled and fire was allowed to spread undetected. Upon arrival, Battalion Chief Jim Ley called for an additional engine and truck and soon followed with a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm. Engine 31 suddenly became cut-off from an escape route when the fire flashed over. The resulting MAYDAY brought in a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm at about 8:35am. The fire eventually reached a 4<sup>th</sup> alarm level, the largest fire since a 5<sup>th</sup> alarm on July 17, 2012 (there were no MFD 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> alarms for almost 3 years). Collapse of the exterior walls was a major concern at the second fire.

In total, the City of Milwaukee had 13 engines, 6 trucks, 2 squads, and 3 paramedic units at the 4th alarm fire. A battalion chief from West Allis was the only mutual aid used. Typically, the Milwaukee Fire Department does not invoke MABAS until after the 5th local alarm level unless there are other extenuating circumstances.



Photos by Chuck Liedtke

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#### Incident Reporting Is Very Important

This newsletter issue is focused on the largest MABAS deployments to date, however, MABAS is used every day to prevent local incidents from becoming large, thereby saving lives and saving money by minimizing property loss. The value of MABAS cannot be understated, yet it is difficult to communicate that message across the State without an effective method to track the MABAS success story.

Incidents Entered December, 2014 thru February, 2015						
Date & Time	Location	Host Agency	MABAS Div	Вох Туре		
12/1/2014 8:07	1903 W ZEDLER LN	MEQUON FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Non Hydrant		
12/2/2014 13:29	W 2264 Cty Trk B	SULLIVAN VOL FIRE DEPT	118	Structure - Non Hydrant		
12/16/2014 23:45	101 Hagen Drive	UNITED FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT	143	Structure - Hydrant		
12/31/2014 0:23	2868 HWY 12	UNITED FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT	143	Structure - Non Hydrant		
1/8/2015 5:52	W241S3975 Rockwood Cir	WAUKESHA TWP FIRE DEPT	106	Structure - Non Hydrant		
1/10/2015 11:36	20780 West Cleveland Ave	NEW BERLIN FIRE DEPT	106	Structure - Non Hydrant		
1/11/2015 2:10	11633 N AUSTIN	MEQUON FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Non Hydrant		
1/12/2015 9:32	4803 Mesker Street	RIB MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPT	130	Structure - Hydrant		
1/13/2015 19:07	751 7th Street	GLENWOOD CITY VOL FIRE DEPT	117	Structure - Non Hydrant		
1/16/2015 22:33	3200 W GRACE	MEQUON FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Non Hydrant		
1/20/2015 15:01	N10185 370th Street	BOYCEVILLE VOL FIRE DEPT	117	Target Hazard		
1/25/2015 23:38	8200 block I94 S/B	BRISTOL VOL FIRE DEPT	101	Life Safety		
1/27/2015 0:27	1512 Chestnut	SOUTH MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPT	107	Structure - Hydrant		
1/28/2015 15:32	484 Sugar Hill	OREGON AREA FIRE/EMS DISTRICT	115	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/3/2015 22:40	5625 Bell Brock Road	BROOKLYN FIRE AND EMS PROT DIST	115	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/5/2015 12:00	W8258 Spring Road	GREENVILLE VOL FIRE DEPT	127	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/6/2015 17:10	N8539 County Rd B	SPRING VALLEY FIRE DEPT	143	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/9/2015 12:00	Caylor Road	WAGNER FIRE DEPT	144	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/10/2015 21:17	5512 Business Highway 51	WESTON FIRE DEPT	130	Commercial - Hydrant		
2/11/2015 12:00	9250 Shaw Drive	IOLA & RURAL VOL FIRE DEPT	142	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/11/2015 21:38	9250 Shaw Drive	IOLA & RURAL VOL FIRE DEPT	142	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/11/2015 21:49	9250 Shaw Drive	IOLA & RURAL VOL FIRE DEPT	142	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/12/2015 16:56	599 Hall Street	MOSINEE FIRE DIST	130	Structure - Hydrant		
2/21/2015 5:06	335 Prairie Ave	LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPT	119	Target Hazard		
2/22/2015 11:48	504 N 106th St	WAUWATOSA FIRE DEPT	107	Structure - Hydrant		
2/22/2015 19:20	4721 GASTON CIR	COTTAGE GROVE VOL FIRE DEPT	115	Structure - Non Hydrant		
2/26/2015 14:35	3748 E MALLORY AVE	CUDAHY FIRE DEPT	107	Structure - Hydrant		

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## Incident Reporting Is Easy To Do

MABAS Wisconsin has a tool in place to log the use of MABAS. The **Incident Entry Portal** can be accessed via <u>http://incident.mabaswisconsin.org</u> or through <u>http://www.mabaswisconsin.org</u> 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 March, 2015 thru May, 2015						
Date & Time	Location	Host Agency	MABAS Div	Вох Туре		
3/3/2015 11:35	7245 CTH LL	BELGIUM VOL FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Non Hydrant		
3/3/2015 16:37	N5271 Kay K Road	FREDONIA FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Non Hydrant		
3/5/2015 1:05	4576 Blueberry Road	FREDONIA FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Non Hydrant		
3/6/2015 21:14	1729 North Davies Dr	DOUSMAN FIRE DIST	106	Structure - Non Hydrant		
3/14/2015 20:53	N78W5378 BYWATER LANE	CEDARBURG VOL FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Hydrant		
3/15/2015 12:00	1308 N. 57th Street	WAUSAU TWP VOL FIRE DEPT	130	Structure - Non Hydrant		
3/16/2015 12:21	2819 S RIVERSIDE DR	SAUKVILLE FIRE DEPT	119	Structure - Non Hydrant		
3/19/2015 12:00	220 Serv-us St	BELLEVILLE VOL FIRE DEPT	115	Structure - Hydrant		
3/21/2015 19:56	4775 County Highway B	FITCHBURG FIRE DEPT	115	Structure - Non Hydrant		
3/23/2015 1:20	217 N. Rochester	MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPT	106	Structure - Hydrant		
4/4/2015 13:42	W 385 Hooper Rd	PALMYRA FIRE DEPT	118	Brush Fire		
4/4/2015 14:08	7532 Walter Road	BELLEVILLE VOL FIRE DEPT	115	Structure - Non Hydrant		
4/7/2015 12:00	Brokaw	MAINE TWP FIRE DEPT	130	Commercial - Hydrant		
4/12/2015 12:00	1587 N Military Ave.	GREEN BAY FIRE DEPT	112	Brush Fire		
4/15/2015 13:55	County Trunk Q & 770th AVE.	BOYCEVILLE VOL FIRE DEPT	117	Brush Fire		
4/15/2015 13:57	1600 Kickbusch Street	WAUSAU FIRE DEPT	130	Brush Fire		
4/15/2015 18:17	4669 Kennedy Road	COTTAGE GROVE VOL FIRE DEPT	115	Structure - Non Hydrant		
4/17/2015 13:41	W5140 Gillis Rd	FORT ATKINSON FIRE DEPT	118	Brush Fire		
4/17/2015 15:09	2771 E Bittersweet Ct	MOSINEE FIRE DIST	130	Structure - Non Hydrant		
4/19/2015 15:20	1921 County MM	FITCHBURG FIRE DEPT	115	Brush Fire		
4/20/2015 13:29	2005 Skyline Drive	STOUGHTON VOL FIRE DEPT	115	Structure - Non Hydrant		
4/23/2015 3:39	2209 STONECROFT DR	GRAFTON VOL FIRE DEPT INC	119	Structure - Hydrant		
4/25/2015 10:06	1075 Kennel Court	MOSINEE FIRE DIST	130	Commercial - Non Hydrant		
4/28/2015 13:27	W 8521 White Crow RD	FORT ATKINSON FIRE DEPT	118	Brush Fire		
5/2/2015 10:04	N 7851 Cty Rd Q	LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPT	118	Structure - Non Hydrant		
5/3/2015 12:00	419 Grant St.	DE PERE FIRE RESCUE	112	Structure - Hydrant		
5/3/2015 22:06	1620 Spruce Road	MOSINEE FIRE DIST	130	Structure - Non Hydrant		
5/4/2015 1:13	425 E. Lincoln Dr.	DE FOREST AREA FIRE DEPT	115	Structure - Hydrant		
5/4/2015 20:15	812 Maryland Ave	SCHOFIELD FIRE DEPT	130	Structure - Hydrant		
5/11/2015 1:05	104 E Division St	WATERTOWN FIRE DEPT	118	Target Hazard		
5/15/2015 13:51	Valero Ethanol Facility	JEFFERSON FIRE DEPT	118	Target Hazard		
5/23/2015 14:42	W226 N325 Mount Vernon Dr.	PEWAUKEE FIRE DEPT	106	Structure - Hydrant		
5/26/2015 11:07	263 Hemlock Lane	MARSHALL VOL FIRE DEPT INC	115	Structure - Hydrant		

