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Date: November 9, 2022

To: Mayor Walik and the Village Board of Trustees

From: Jeffrey Boyajian, Fire Chief

RE: **MABAS** Agreement

**Issue:** The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) was organized beginning in 1968 in the northwest and western suburbs of Chicago to coordinate and automate fire department mutual aid. Since the last revision of the master MABAS intergovernmental agreement in 1988, MABAS has grown exponentially to its current composition of almost 2,200 total Units in Illinois and several adjoining States.

Because of this growth and MABAS now existing in multiple States, MABAS has had to update language in their Master MABAS Intergovernmental Agreement to reflect this growth and Inter-State Mutual Aid. These were the only changes that have been made to the agreement.

**Analysis** Here are the changes made in the agreement:

- Intent is to adopt a single agreement, in all states, by all Member Units, without modification.
- Permits membership by Member Units from states not specifically cited in the Recitals.
- Includes membership by Units from Federal, State and Local governments, as well as "non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and corporations that provide emergency response functions and services that support the mission of MABAS and its members."
- Alignment with NIMS and Interstate Mutual Aid law.
- Day-to-day mutual aid remains free of charge.
- Permits third party recovery and reimbursement under spiller pays or technical rescue recovery.
- Permits recovery of expenses attributable to intrastate and interstate mutual aid activities when activated at the state or EMAC level.
- Permits patient billing for emergency medical services.
- Tort Immunity follows the state laws of the state where the incident occurs.
- Agreement specifically authorizes the establishment of state Chapters.

**Requested Board Action;** Motion to approve the Master MABAS Agreement and Ordinance Authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

**Documents Attached;**

- I. Ordinance
2. MABAS Master Agreement

**Jeffery Boyajian**

Fire Chief