



## **Urbana Fire Rescue Services**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** MABAS - Statewide Fire and Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement.

**DATE:** January 24, 2002

**TO:** Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor  
Bruce Walden, CAO

**FROM:** Rex Mundt, Fire Chief

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### **ISSUE:**

**Adoption of proposed MABAS Statewide Fire and Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

**For several years the Fire Chiefs in Champaign County have considered the development of a MABAS Division within the county. MABAS, which stands for Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, originated in Northern Illinois for the primary purpose of improving access to fire and other emergency services during large scale incidents. This program has been in existence for over 30-years, and has proven itself during many major fires and natural disasters. MABAS takes the mutual aid system to a higher level and expands a community's ability to reach out and secure assistance when local resources are depleted.**

**More recently, the State of Illinois has been faced with the aspect of developing a statewide response plan to Terrorism. The Governor's Terrorism Task Force, along with IEMA, determined MABAS was such a proven system for securing Fire, Emergency Medical, Hazardous Material, and Technical Rescue services, that they have formally reached an agreement with MABAS for the management of all such resources to major incidents.**

**The issue of the City of Urbana becoming a member of MABAS has become far more important than originally intended. If the City is faced with any major incident, including one involving terrorist s, and we seek assistance from the State of Illinois; being a member of MABAS will play a crucial part in how resources are allocated, especially in seeking reimbursement for our costs.**

**IMPACT:**

**Joining MABAS is similar to our existing county mutual aid agreement. Under normal conditions, if a nearby community requests assistance, we agree to respond and the city absorbs the expenses. In return, if the City of Urbana is faced with a sizable fire or natural disaster, we will be able to reach out beyond Champaign County and request aid from other communities within the state. This assistance will be provided to our city at no cost.**

**If there is a statewide activation of MABAS by IEMA, the costs incurred for responding personnel and equipment will be reimbursed by IEMA.**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**It is staff's recommendation the MABAS (MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM) agreement is approved and Urbana Fire Rescue Services formally joins MABAS Division #28.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-01-007

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL AID BOX  
ALARM SYSTEM AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement, in  
substantially the form of the copy of said Agreement attached hereto and  
hereby incorporated by reference, be and the same is hereby authorized and  
approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the  
same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the  
City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is authorized to attest to said  
execution of said Agreement as so authorized and approved for and on behalf  
of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor