



MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: MABAS Divisions

FROM: MABAS Administration

SUBJECT: Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement – Ordinance
(Cover letter example)

BACKGROUND

MABAS-IL is the sanctioned organization for coordinating mutual aid responses within the state deriving its authorities from statute (5 ILCS 220/5) Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. MABAS is an organization that provides the structure for a comprehensive and reliable method of acquiring resources when a local jurisdiction's personnel, equipment and training are insufficient to effectively mitigate an incident.

The Monticello Fire and Rescue Department has been a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) since February 22, 2016, when Ordinance 2016-12 was adopted.

In 2019 MABAS-IL started a complete revision of the 1988 Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement to address changes in emergency response, certifications, and liability tort immunity protection, which are especially critical when resources are sent outside of the state of Illinois or received from surrounding states. Other important changes include a single agreement that is to be used by all state and allowing membership by Federal, State and local governments, as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The revisions also align the agreement with the National Incident Management System and Interstate Mutual Aid laws and provides for third party recovery under spiller pays, technical rescue recovery and patient billing. Finally, the agreement streamlines the process for individual states to participate in the MABAS system through a network of divisions within a state chapter.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City of Monticello City Council approve the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement ordinance as detailed in the Background section of this memorandum.

ATTACHMENTS

MABAS Agreement Letter
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement
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