



Welcome to the
2025
MABAS-Illinois Command &
Communications Training
Summit

February 17 – February 21, 2025

21st Annual Training Summit
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Marriott Hotel
Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

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Monday	February 17, 2025	
0730 – 0830	Breakfast for Committee and Staff Members – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor - ZOLL	
0700 – 1700	Registration – Beaufort	
0830 – 0915	Committee Orientation & 2024 Briefings – Redbird C/D	
0915 – 1230	Committee Work Sessions	
	By-Laws Committee – North Executive	Water Rescue Committee – Redbird G
	Fleet & Mechanics Committee – Redbird D	Communications Committee – Redbird E
	AHOST Committee – Redbird A	UAS Committee – Redbird F
	TRT Committee – Redbird B	HAZMAT Committee – Broadway
	Fire Intelligence Liaisons – Redbird C	
0930 – 1030	Break – Redbird Lobby - Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC	
1145 – 1230	Working Committee Lunches – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor – STRYKER Emergency Care	
1300 - 1330	Welcome & Dignitaries Comments – Redbird C/D Glenn Ericksen, MABAS-ILLINOIS CEO Don Davids, MABAS-Illinois President Presentation of Colors; Pledge of Allegiance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Koos, Mayor, Mick Humer, Fire Chief - Town of Normal - Carl Reeb, Deputy Chief of Training – City of Bloomington - James A. Rivera, Fire Marshal, Office of the State Fire Marshal - James Keiken – Director, Illinois Fire Service Institute 	
1330 – 1400	Petroleum Pipeline Emergency Awareness & Training – Redbird C/D Ray Kay, IFCA Director of Assessment Center & Consulting Services, Program Manager Illinois Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative	
1400 - 1515	North Carolina Hurricane Helene; Florida Hurricane Milton EMAC Responses – Redbird C/D IL TF-1 & IL WR-1 Members; Kevin Lyne, Operations Section Chief, Spencer Kimura, Deputy Operations Section Chief, MABAS-IL.	
1515 - 1530	Break – Redbird Lobby Area – Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC	
1530 - 1645	Teutopolis Ammonia Leak Response - Redbird C/D Chief Joe Holomy (Ret.), Assistant Chief Teutopolis Fire District; MABAS-ILLINOIS Executive Board Secretary; Chief Tim McMahon, Teutopolis Fire District; Chief Steve Bennett (Ret.), Charleston Fire Department <p>On September 29, 2023, at 20:45 hours, the Teutopolis Fire District was dispatched to a vehicle accident that resulted in the release initially of over 4,000 gallons of Anhydrous Ammonia from a semi-tanker. The incident resulted in several fatalities, numerous injuries, a large evacuation, suspension of rail traffic, numerous rescues of stranded motorists within proximity of the accident scene, offloading the remaining product, and coordination with several State and Federal agencies. The incident was terminated 24 hours later.</p>	
1530 - 1615	Vendor Setup and Briefing – Redbird A/B	
1645	Administrative Announcements & Day's Summary – Redbird C/D	
1800 – 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsor AT&T / First Net – Redbird A/B, C/D	

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0700 – 0900	Summit Registration – Beaufort
0800 – 0815	Welcome and Administrative Announcements - General Session – Redbird C/D
0815 - 0930	Photovoltaic Fire in Commercial Buildings – Redbird C/D Tom Styczynski, Fire Chief, Bob Ricker, Deputy Chief, Rick Kraus, Lieutenant, Chad Freitag, Lieutenant, Alsip Fire Department An overview of a fire involving photovoltaic panels on a roof of a commercial building. What tools, SOG's, Ordinances were in place before the incident? Results of the after-action review. Changes that occurred with the facility involved and to our best practices.
0930 - 0945	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B; Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC
0945 – 1030	Fire Service Intelligence Presentation – Redbird C/D Ashley (Reichert) Oglesby Assistant Center Chief, IL. STIC, Division of Criminal Investigation, Illinois State Police; Darbin Calvert, MABAS Fire Intelligence Officer, IL. STIC
1030 - 1045	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B; Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC
1045 - 1200	Gaining Efficiencies Through Consolidation: The Story of a Successful Fire District Consolidation – Redbird C/D Vendor Sponsor Vector Solutions Steve Malone, Fire Chief Manhattan Fire Protection District; Deputy Chief Dave Piper Manhattan Fire Protection District Today's fire service is facing tightening budgets, increasing call volumes and shrinking staff. The traditional solutions may no longer be effective, or if they are, their long-term viability is uncertain. To address these challenges, out-of-the-box thinking and a fresh perspective are essential and consolidation might be a viable solution for your organization. Consolidation should not be viewed negatively. With financial limitations, staffing shortages and rising operational costs, fire chiefs and service leaders must explore innovative options to provide the best possible service to taxpayers. Under the provisions of the Fire Protection District Act, districts can consolidate in various ways that benefit them. This program will focus on a specific voluntary consolidation effort between two districts. Representatives from the involved districts will share a real-world case study highlighting key considerations that districts should evaluate when contemplating consolidation.
1200 - 1315	Lunch Provided Vendor Presentations ZOLL & E-Environmental Solutions – Redbird C/D
1200 - 1300	HSAC Fire Mutual Aid Committee Meeting – Suite 918
1300 - 1400	MABAS INTERSTATE Meeting – Broadway
1315 – 1430	The Case for Case Review – Redbird C/D John Hamilton, Firefighter/Paramedic (Ret.), EMS Clinical Deploy Specialist, ZOLL Going beyond measuring data for the sake of measuring and protocol adherence. Simple tools and ideas for increasing administrative efficiency, training efficacy and improving provider/patient outcomes.
1430 - 1445	Break with Vendors – Redbird A/B Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC
1445 - 1530	MABAS & 2024 Political Conventions – Redbird C/D Spencer Kimura, Deputy Operations Section Chief, MABAS-IL.; Jamar Sullivan, District Chief, Chicago Fire Department
1530 – 1600	Legal Update – Redbird C/D Karl Ottosen – MABAS-ILLINOIS Attorney
1600 – 1700	Executive Board Meeting - Redbird C/D
1700 – 2000	Happy Hour - Redbird A/B/C/D Command Door Prizes (Raffle & 50/50 winner need not be present) Sponsor Deployed Logix

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0830 – 0945	<p>Joint Session with Dispatchers – Redbird C/D Lincoln IL. Downtown Multi-Alarm Fire Aaron Johnson, Fire Chief, Lincoln Fire Department; Chris Buse, Fire Chief, Lincoln Rural Fire Department; Kacey Pettit, Dispatch Supervisor Logan County 911</p> <p>On September 5, 2024 a major fire swept through one of the older rows of attached buildings in downtown Lincoln, which involved the response from numerous fire agencies across Central Illinois, within the MABAS mutual aid system. This presentation will briefly discuss the incident and provide an over-all, after-action review including dispatch communications, involving both local and the primary MABAS dispatch center handling this incident.</p>
0945 - 1000	Break – Redbird A/B Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC
1000 - 1130	<p>Joint Session with Dispatchers – Redbird C/D Marion County Farina Poultry Farm Fire Jed Goeckner, Fire Chief, Farina FPD; Jason Guerrettaz, Assistant Chief, Farina FPD; Justin Draper, Communications Supervisor, Salem Police Dispatch, MABAS Division 47; Mike Anderson, Telecommunicator, Salem Police Dispatch</p> <p>An overview of the incident, challenges that were present upon arrival, mutual aid, interdivisional aid and notifications. A review of the complex layout, construction blueprints of the barn where the fire originated, problems encountered during the operation, scene debriefing with my officers, debriefing with other department officers that were present at the incident and personnel after action critique list of what could have been done better.</p>
1200	Chiefs & Command Summit Ends

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0800 - 1600	Dispatcher Summit Registration – Beaufort Welcome to the 2025 MABAS-ILLINOIS Dispatchers Summit
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1130 - 1300	Summit Registration and Lunch on your own! Explore Bloomington-Normal
1300 – 1330	Opening Introductions and Ice Breaker – Redbird C/D Chris Lienhardt, Executive Director Lake County Sheriffs Dispatch and Ron Kleinhaus, Fire Chief (Ret.), Evergreen Park Fire Department, Communications Committee Chairman – Meet the MABAS Communications Training Mentors and review the 2025 Summit Agenda and updates.
1330 - 1445	Meet Your OP’s Branch Chief – Redbird C/D Kevin Lyne, MABAS Operations Section Chief – Meet and Greet with your Regional contact to ask and learn about local issues and updates.
1445 - 1500	Break – Redbird A/B Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC
1500 – 1630	General Session – The Critical Role Communications Play in Fireground Tactics - Redbird C/D Chief Richard Mikel, Elk Grove Village, IL – This will be a study of two incidents and how communications impacted fireground operations. In each incident there was some uncertainty on information conveyed between the Incident Commander and the communications center. We will discuss why the information conveyed was not clearly understood, and how operations adjusted to address the challenges presented.
1630 - 1700	Communications Door Prizes – Raffle – 50/50 Drawing <i>(Raffle & 50/50 winner need not be present)</i>
1800 - 2030	Dinner & Tired Travelers with our Vendor Sponsor – E-Environmental Solutions – Aloha.....Welcome to our Luau! Redbird A/B/C/D

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Thursday	February 20, 2025	
0730 - 0900	Networking Breakfast and Registration for Attendees – Redbird Lobby & Beaufort Vendor Sponsor ZOLL	
0900 - 0945	General Session “A” – Redbird C/D - Operational Issues During a Multiple Tornado Outbreak (Wescom/Division 15 Dispatch) On July 15, 2024, the State of Illinois recorded a record number of tornadoes in one day. Thirty-two of those tornadoes occurred in the NWS Chicago region. When events like this hit hard and fast, they create many struggles, not only for field personnel, but also for the dispatch. Call volumes more than tripled during the storm, loss of communications, outdoor warning system issues and response times were extended due to the weather conditions. The biggest challenge was the “loss” of the radio system, which left very limited, almost none, communication abilities with field personnel.	
0945 - 1000	Break – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC	
1000 – 1045	General Session “B”- Redbird C/D – “What are you Waiting For?” Joe McGrath and David “Dewey” Atkocaitis Resourcing. Knowing the resources in your area.....From MABAS /fire service, law enforcement, public works and beyond!	
1045 - 1100	Break – North Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC	
1100 - 1200	Breakout Sessions	
	MABAS Basics – Redbird C/D The “How and Why” of MABAS	MABAS Advanced – Redbird E Statewide and Beyond
1100 - 1400	Illinois APCO/NENA Meeting – Redbird A	
1215 - 1300	Lunch Provided & Vendor Presentations – Redbird C/D	
1300 - 1430	Dispatch Simulator available! Sign up at the registration tables and bring your local box cards. Joe McGrath – North Street Executive Boardroom	
1300 - 1430	General Session “C” – Redbird C/D; “Box Alarms: Start to Finish” The Communications Mentors A play by play, stop and go exercise working through a MABAS Box Alarm from across the State of Illinois.	
1430 - 1445	Break – North Redbird Lobby – Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC	
1445 - 1600	General Session “D” – Successful Grain Bin Rescue on the Farm -Redbird C/D Asst. Fire Chief Nick Dinges, Sublette FPD. The rural fire call you hope never comes, a man trapped waist deep in a grain bin on his family farm. With only a 50% chance of a positive outcome, responders walk through the early notification of resources needed, fireground communications, appropriate action plans, command structure and lessons learned from turning tragedy into a successful rescue with multiple Fire, EMS, Law, and local farmers along with MABAS 18 & 25 TRT Teams.	
Evening	On Your Own – Enjoy Bloomington-Normal	

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Friday	February 21, 2025
0730 - 0900	Networking Breakfast for Attendees – Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor ZOLL
0900 – 1030	Guest Speaker – Redbird C/D – “Transforming the 9-1-1 Culture” John Ferraro, Executive Director Northwest Central Dispatch System
1030 - 1100	Break - Redbird Lobby Vendor Sponsor ATI Restoration LLC CHECK OUT TIME!!!
1100 - 1200	Closing Presentation – Redbird C/D Sam McKee We welcome back Brother Sam as he shares his wisdom and inspiration on how we affect our place in Public Service. This presentation will focus Personality and Communication Styles. Research shows that up to 80% of our professional success is based not on IQ but EQ (Emotional Intelligence). EQ is simply Self Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness and Relationship Management. That all sounds good but is hard to do with the stress of being a dispatcher or first responder. We’ll explore how we can manage stress and conflict and work well with people who think and communicate differently.
1200 – 1215	Closing Comments and Wrap Up – The Communications Mentors