

# GOT YOUR BACK TALK

## MABAS Illinois



Volume 25.1

### From the President:

by Chief Don Davids

Greetings to all MABAS Members,

Welcome to 2025, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season as 2024 closed out and that you and your communities are ready for whatever challenges 2025 will bring. Please keep the fire service members involved in the recent fires in California in your thoughts and prayers. Most of us can only imagine having multiple large-scale incidents with the loss of thousands of properties and tragically the loss of many lives.

MABAS has been working on a policy to help identify what resources and agencies to utilize for out-of-state EMAC deployments and we hope to be able to discuss a draft version at the next executive board meeting. There is an amazing amount of information that must be collected, reviewed and validated before we can even begin to identify specific division or agency units to participate.

The 2025 MABAS training summit is just around the corner in Bloomington from February 17 to 19. We have a very interesting group of speakers on some recent real-world incidents that I am sure will be very enlightening. We also have an excellent opportunity to visit

with many fire service vendors that can prove very beneficial. Our committees will meet on February 17 prior to the beginning of the summit and will work on committee goals, workplans and grant funding ideas. If you have never attended the training summit, I am sure you would find it very worthwhile. Registration is available on the MABAS-IL website.

I am sure most of you know that there has been a reduction in grant funded training, overtime and backfill. Please make sure you confirm an individual is eligible for a class prior to the date of the class, so there are no surprises along the way.

Our next executive board meeting is in Bloomington in conjunction with the MABAS training summit. We have moved the date and time of the meeting to see if we can increase attendance. The meeting will be on February 18 at 4pm. I hope to see you there.

Please stay safe and keep up the good work of protecting your communities.

Respectfully,  
Don Davids  
President, MABAS-IL  
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**Next Executive Board  
Meeting  
February 18 2025**

# Preventing Hypothermia

<https://www.cdc.gov/winter-weather/prevention/index.html>

## Key points

Hypothermia (abnormally low body temperature) is a dangerous condition that can happen when a person is exposed to extremely cold temperatures.

Stay safe this winter by learning more about hypothermia, including who is most at risk, signs and symptoms, and what to do if someone develops hypothermia.

## Overview



Stay safe this winter by learning more about hypothermia, including who is most at risk, signs and symptoms, and what to do if someone develops hypothermia

### What is hypothermia?

- Hypothermia can happen when a person is exposed to very cold temperature for a long period of time. When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it's produced. Lengthy exposures will eventually use up your body's stored energy, which leads to lower body temperature.
- Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia especially dangerous, because a person may not know that it's happening and won't be able to do anything about it.
- While hypothermia is most likely at very cold temperatures, it can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

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## A Message from MABAS-Illinois

By: Chief Glenn Ericksen

### **Telling the MABAS Story.**

As the new year begins, we are starting the grant approval process for the new grant year which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. An important part of this process is working to justify our requests to the State fund MABAS operations from Federal grant funds and State Preparedness and Grant funding. We are not the only entity seeking these funds and you need to be prepared to state your case with hard data in order to be successful. Unfortunately, I'm not sure we are telling the full *MABAS Story* on what we do on a daily basis to provide service to the people of Illinois. We have data from many divisions on what they have done in 2024, but not from all. We currently support 31 Haz Mat, 25 TRT and 16 Water Rescue Teams throughout the State that we know are being used locally. What we are not sure of do we know here at the MRC what the Teams are doing in order to help us tell the MABAS Story. We also have great stories we can tell about the large events we have responded to such as the Southern Illi

nois Eclipse event, the Democratic National Convention and the Hurricane Helene & Milton responses but also need to focus on the daily events. We will be asking the MABAS Committees to help find ways to improve our overall data collection at the upcoming MABAS Summit. Your help in this pro-



cess will be greatly appreciate.

We already know that the next round of Homeland Security and Urban Area grant funding has been greatly reduced to the states. With the new players in Washington DC taking over this

year, the future of these Federal grant programs may change. This will put a greater emphasis on State funding to fill any gap and address capital replacement needs. As always, there are new legislators in the State General Assembly who probably have not had the opportunity to hear the *MABAS Story* and be better prepared to assist us when it comes time to appropriate funding in the State budget. Please take the opportunity to reach out to your local legislators and help tell the story. Let us know if you have a legislator we should contact in this effort.

I hope you get the opportunity to attend the upcoming MABAS Summit February 17<sup>th</sup> through February 21 in Bloomington/Normal. The MABAS Staff has worked very hard in developing a program that we feel will be beneficial and informative to all,

Thank you and here's to a safe and productive 2025.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

## MABAS-IL Change-of-Quarters Knox-Box® System

Fire departments anticipating being tied up for a length of time on a multiple alarm fire or other large or complicated incident often (and should) include Change-of Quarter (COQ) companies on their MABAS Box Alarm Cards in order to have Mutual Aid departments move into their station(s) to provide response protection for other possible incidents in their village, municipality or district. In “the old days” the hosting department could simply leave their station unlocked so incoming companies could walk right in. But these days, fire stations are advised not to leave their stations open.



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In early 2002 MABAS-IL, through the Knox Company, instituted a unique COQ Knox-Box® system to facilitate ease of entry by incoming COQ companies to an otherwise empty station. This a voluntary participation program available to all MABAS-member fire departments in Illinois.

Here’s how it works: Dealing with the MABAS-IL Knox-Box Program Coordinator, a member fire station purchases a small key safe for mounting on the exterior of their station. Once the box is securely mounted, they lock their station key/card/fob/entry code inside the key safe. Incoming COQ companies participating in the program then use their MABAS-IL key to open the key safe to get the key, etc. to

then access the station. The simplicity of the program is that participating fire departments have to carry just one statewide COQ program key on their outgoing COQ vehicles to gain access to any and all participating fire stations.

Want to know more about the program? Contact Chief (ret.) Harry Tallacksen via email at [tallacksen@mabas-il.org](mailto:tallacksen@mabas-il.org) or via phone at 815-262-4374.



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# MABAS ILLINOIS

## NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

MABAS utilizes three different types of systems to notify Dispatch Agencies, Divisional Executive Boards, and members for situational awareness and escalating events. These systems are redundant to reduce failures in sending out notifications. Please see below of a description of each.



Constant Contact is used for general non-emergent notifications for MABAS Illinois and the MABAS Foundation.



OnSolve is used for deployment and operational messaging for MABAS Illinois



Regroup is used for deployment and operational messaging for MABAS Illinois

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***MABAS will be implementing notification testing starting in May 2024.***

# Great News!

You now have **FREE** access to our  
**INTEROPERABLE**  
**Asset Management System**

This provides asset consistency and  
visibility of all assets.



## History:

The Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consists of 16 counties, multiple municipalities, and various mutual aid organizations throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana, each with one or more resource management systems to track various assets (vehicles, personnel, equipment, and other critical resources) that may be used during an emergency.

There is a multifaceted approach to managing these resources, yet there is little to no coordination between these various entities, and no consistency in how these assets are categorized. The acquisition and delivery of critical resources prior to and during a major incident can be delayed because of this lack of visibility into resource supply and availability.

## Why is an Interoperable Asset Management System Needed?

As most agencies experienced during the initial COVID-19 pandemic response, there were major impacts to supply chain and availability of emergency resources. With the lessons learned from that incident, as well as the potential resource availability across the 10,000 square miles contained within the Chicago MSA, this centralized regionalized database can offer a solution to alleviate the burden experienced when normal supply chain processes are impacted and to improve general resource visibility and provide the structure to increase resource sharing.

**FREE  
ACCESS**

## What Does this Mean for your Organization?

Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications (COEMC) is granting FREE access to all organizations under its footprint. This means organizations can create their equipment database to store a vast amount of data points on each asset to save essential information. With real-time access to data, organizations will always know where assets are located, what is the available stock, set alerts to re-order, and be able to request equipment from other organizations.

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## Risk factors

Victims of hypothermia are often:

- Older adults with inadequate food, clothing, or heating
- Babies sleeping in cold bedrooms
- People who remain outdoors for long periods—people experiencing homelessness, hikers, hunters, etc.
- People who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

## What to look out for

The following are warnings signs of hypothermia:

<b>Adults</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shivering</li><li>• Exhaustion or feeling very tired</li><li>• Confusion</li><li>• Fumbling hands</li><li>• Memory loss</li><li>• Slurred speech</li><li>• Drowsiness</li></ul>
<b>Babies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bright red, cold skin</li><li>• Very low energy</li></ul>

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# Don't wait-take action

## AVOID\*SPOT\*TREAT

### FROSTBITE & HYPOTHERMIA

In cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced, which can lead to serious health problems.

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### \*\*\*\*\* AVOID \*\*\*\*\*

When the weather is extremely cold, try to stay indoors. If you must go outside, **dress properly** and know who is at **high risk** for **hypothermia** or **frostbite**.

**When going outside be sure to wear:**

A SCARF OR KNIT MASK THAT COVERS FACE & MOUTH

A HAT

MITTENS OR GLOVES

A WATER-RESISTANT COAT

WATER-RESISTANT BOOTS

SEVERAL LAYERS OF LOOSE-FITTING CLOTHING



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.

NOSE

EARS

TOES

CHEEKS

CHIN

FINGERS

**Know who is at high risk:**



Older adults without proper food, clothing, or heating



People who stay outdoors for long periods (homeless, hikers, hunters, etc.)



People who drink alcohol in excess or use illicit drugs




Babies sleeping in cold rooms

## \*\*\*\*\* SPOT \*\*\*\*\*

### FROSTBITE

A victim is often unaware of frostbite because frozen tissue is numb.



**Signs & Symptoms**


- Redness or pain in any skin area may be the first sign of frostbite.

**Other signs include:**

- a white or grayish-yellow skin area
- skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
- numbness

### HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia often occurs at very cold temperatures, but can occur at cool temperatures (above 40°F). If a person is wet from rain, sweat or cold water and becomes chilled.




**Signs & Symptoms**

**Adults:**

- shivering
- exhaustion
- confusion
- fumbling hands
- memory loss
- slurred speech
- drowsiness

**Infants:**

- bright red, cold skin
- very low energy




If a person's temperature is below 95° get medical attention immediately.

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## \*\*\*\*\* TREAT \*\*\*\*\*

If a person is experiencing hypothermia or frostbite...



1. SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
2. GET THEM INTO A WARM ROOM OR SHELTER
3. REMOVE ANY WET CLOTHING
4. WARM THEM UNDER DRY LAYERS OF BLANKETS AND CLOTHING
5. PLACE AREAS AFFECTED BY FROSTBITE IN WARM-TO-TOUCH WATER





Hypothermia is a medical emergency. If you notice any of the above signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95° F, get medical attention immediately!

If you are not able to get medical help right away, try to warm the person up.  
Get the person into a warm room or shelter.

- Remove any wet clothing the person is wearing.
- Warm the center of the person's body—chest, neck, head, and groin—using an electric blanket, if available. You can also use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets.
- Warm drinks can help increase body temperature, but do not give alcoholic drinks. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.
- After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrap their body, including their head and neck, in a warm blanket.
- Get the person proper medical attention as soon as possible.

#### Severe hypothermia

A person with severe hypothermia may be unconscious and may not seem to have a pulse or to be breathing.

- In this case, handle the person gently, and get emergency assistance immediately.
- Perform CPR, even if the person appears dead. CPR should continue until the person responds or medical aid becomes available. Keep warming the person while performing CPR. In some cases, hypothermia victims who appear to be dead can be successfully resuscitated.

# Don't Wait! Get on the Schedule Today.

## What are the next steps?

The COEMC has a dedicated training and support specialist, Kim Szlak, for this initiative who is available to help you successfully utilize this tool.

Simply reach out to her today to get on her schedule as times will start to fill up fast.



**Kim Szlak**  
**Training & Support Specialist**  
kszlak@salamanderlive.com  
Direct: 224-935-7054

## What can I expect out of Salamander's asset management system?

- Standardization of Resource Typing
- Mission-Response Readiness
- Interoperability
- Accountability
- Overall Operational Efficiency

*Through all phases of the emergency management cycle, it is critical that emergency managers have knowledge of the types of resources available not only in their own jurisdiction, but also in neighboring jurisdictions and the region as a whole.*


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## 2025 Camp I Am Me Summer Camp Dates!

November 25, 2024

Camp I Am Me is excited to announce the dates for 2025 Summer Camp! The 34th annual "Burn Camp" will be taking place from Sunday, June 15th to Saturday, June 21st at YMCA Camp Duncan in Ingleside.

Illinois' camp for young burn survivors provides a special and unforgettable one-week experience for children and teenagers, ages 7-20, who have experienced injuries from burns. Through the generosity of donors, supporters, sponsors, and volunteers, Camp I Am Me continues to offer this unique experience at no cost to campers! Everything is covered!



2025's camp will host all of the annual events, programs, and opportunities it's provided for so many years. This includes blended activities and off-site opportunities for campers, the Fire Apparatus Parade, Appreciation Day, and Fun Fair – all some of the campers' favorite camp events!

Camper Applications will be distributed in early 2025 to parents. To ensure receipt of the application, or if you know a child who is eligible for Camp "I Am Me," complete the [Request for Support Information Form](#) to ensure the most up-to-date information is received!

Camp I Am Me is currently accepting requests to volunteer for the entire week of 2025's camp. To learn more about this opportunity and to complete this initial form to be considered, [click here!](#)

Appreciate Day, the Fire Apparatus Parade, and Fun Fair will be taking place on Wednesday, June 18th. To learn about these volunteer opportunities, [click here!](#)

We are looking forward to another great camp experience in 2025!

**Tags:** [Appreciation Day](#), [Burn Survivors](#), [Camp](#), [Fire Apparatus Parade](#), [Fun Fair](#), [Support](#), [Volunteers](#)

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Our Diamond Level Supporters

[Click here to visit Camp I AM ME web site](#)

# IL TF-1 TRAINING



ILTF – 1 Rescue Group are finishing up the Load & Transportation Plan. Loading the cases and completing inventory and entering items into the Salamander.

ILTF – 1 Hazardous Materials Manager Kevin Ferraro completing Annual Fit testing before testing all the Members.



ILTF – 1 Rescue Team Manager Chuck Gros administering the Annual Swim Test for all Swiftwater Team members.



# TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT REMINDERS

## For Class Reimbursements:

Students must be on their MABAS Divisions related Specialty Team Training Roster in CIMS 3.0 at least six (6) weeks prior to the start of class. **Be sure to your Deployable and Training Roster eligible members are entered into CIMS 3.0!**

Reimbursement requests **MUST BE submitted to MABAS within 30 days after completion of the course.**

The request must include a coversheet on **Department Letterhead**, signed by the Chief of Department, with a listing of the **student and backfill personnel's standard and overtime pay rates.**

The **Reimbursement Request for Overtime/Backfill** form must be included and filled out including the student and any backfill personnel;

The maximum rate per hour for reimbursement is **\$58.00**

Only the number of hours spent in class is reimbursable. This includes the **total hours** paid out to the student and/or back fill personnel.

MABAS does not reimburse course tuition.

Lodging reimbursement is based on double occupancy, and the class must be **more than 50 miles** from the sponsoring department. The reimbursement rate for lodging is available on the Illinois Department of Central Management Services website under 'Preferred Hotel Listing' <https://cms.illinois.gov/employees/travel/preferredhotel.html>

**NOTE: 'AirBRB style' lodging is NOT reimbursable!**

The student **must pass** the course to be eligible for reimbursement.

The student is eligible for a re-test twice within a year of course completion.

Re-tests must be administered by the IFSI.

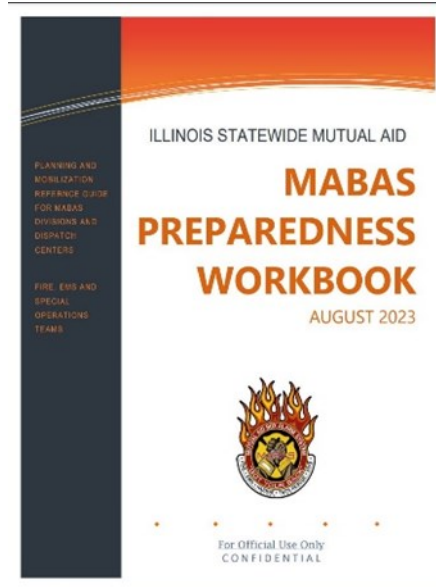
Please email any questions or **Class reimbursements** to [overtimereimbursement@mabas-il.org](mailto:overtimereimbursement@mabas-il.org)

**Exercise reimbursements** should be emailed to Michael Graves at [graves@mabas-il.org](mailto:graves@mabas-il.org)

**Deployment reimbursements** should be mailed to [deployment@mabas-il.org](mailto:deployment@mabas-il.org)

Updated December 23, 2024

**Does your Dispatch Center have the updated Preparedness Workbook?  
(Dated August 2023)**



**Go to [www.mabas-il.org](http://www.mabas-il.org), and click on the  
'MABAS INFORMATIONAL UPDATES'  
tab on the main page;**



**Select the '2023 Preparedness Workbook' to download!**

**Contact your Operations Branch Chief with any questions!**

MABAS Trivia

The picture below is of a MABAS GLT  
What does GLT stand for?

- A. General Lighting Task
- B. Generic Light Tower
- C. Generator Light Tower

The answer will be in the April Newsletter!  
Answer for October newsletter following page.



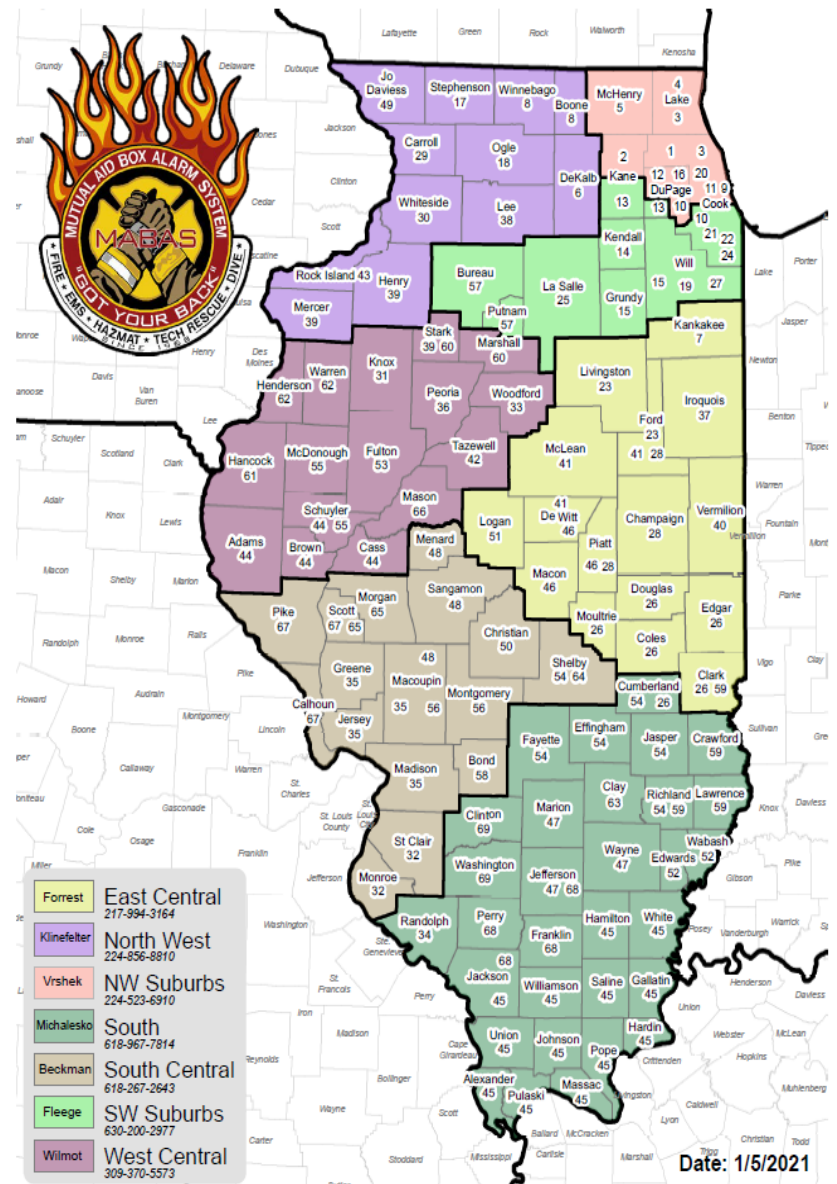
The "GLT is" most utilized asset, annually, that MABAS owns!

For More Information

MABAS, Illinois  
847-403-0500



# MABAS Division Map With Operation Branch Chiefs



## Questions/Comments

If your Department or Division has responded to a call or had a big event and you would like MABAS to add it to this newsletter, please feel free to email or call us. We look forward to any and all suggestions or comments.

Email—[Littlefield@mabas-il.org](mailto:Littlefield@mabas-il.org) Phone—847-403-0511

# Answer to the October Trivia question....

The first activation of the MABAS Statewide Mutual Aid Plan took place on April 20, 2004, when a destructive tornado destroyed a large portion of downtown Utica, in LaSalle County, Division 25.

The plan was activated to allow MABAS to send Fire Task Force to protect and serve the Village of Utica, whose volunteer members were personally affected, and due to the damage suffered to both the Fire and EMS stations.

The activation also approves reimbursement funding for the response of First Responders.

The Fire Task Forces were rotated for a number of days, until the Utica Fire and EMS were able to go back into service.



A tornado, with little warning of its violent fury, struck downtown Utica on April 20, 2004. Nine persons perished in its aftermath, with eight of those in the Milestone Tavern. Nine people were rescued. Many homes and buildings were damaged or destroyed. Valiant rescue and recovery efforts were made by numerous volunteers and public service personnel from here and throughout northern Illinois.

We memorialize those who suffered and died, and give thanks to those who aided in the rescue and recovery efforts.

***"Gone But Not Forgotten"***

Wayne "Danky" Ball	Michael Jay Miller	Marian F. Ventrice
Sean Kennedy Brown	Carol Schultheis	Jay Vezain
Helen Studebaker Mahnke	Lawrence M. Ventrice	Beverly J. Wood

Sadly, the loss of life from this tragic event is acknowledge in a memorial in downtown Utica.



# CONTACT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

## CIMS 3.0

As you may have heard, Salamander is migrating from SalamanderLive V.2 to SalamanderLive V.3 in the near future. As a result, you will soon need to begin using SalamanderLive V.3 to complete self-registration approvals. The link to SalamanderLive V.3 is provided at the bottom of this email, but please be sure to read this entire email before moving forward.

While your username for SalamanderLive V.3 will be the same as your current username for SalamanderLive V.2, new security standards for SalamanderLive V.3 will require you to update your password the first time you log in to SalamanderLive V.3. Please note: *changing your password in SalamanderLive V.3 will not change your password for SalamanderLive V.2, should you attempt to log in to SalamanderLive V.2 in the future.*

To help you migrate your user from SalamanderLive V.2 to SalamanderLive V.3, we are providing you with a couple of MABAS-specific resources.

On the next two pages there is a step-by-step guide on how to manage your user migration from SalamanderLive V.2 to SalamanderLive V.3.

Second, from 9 AM – noon on both January 29<sup>th</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup>, Lia will provide numerous 30-minute demonstrations on how to migrate your user to SalamanderLive V.3. Feel free to join either or both of those training sessions at a time that best fits your schedule. Again, the trainings only last 30 minutes, and you can join at any time during the two training opportunities. If you are a user of Salamander Live you will receive an email with the meeting links for this training as well as the link to watch the training video.

Third: Salamander is developing a video tutorial that will walk through the user migration process from SalamanderLive V.2 to SalamanderLive V.3. There is a chance this will be made available prior to the live training sessions, but we'd encourage you to still join either or both of the live training sessions if you have any questions.

Sincerely

MABAS Staff




**Version 3**


# Important Login Information

For SalamanderLive v3 users logging in for the first time, we suggest you carefully read through the Login Procedures below. SalamanderLive v3 and the mobile applications (TAG APP, TRACK APP, INVENTORY APP, and RAPID TAG) utilize two separate authentication processes. This means users will need to manage both a v2 password and a v3 password. After the first log in to v3 it is recommended that users update their v2 password to align with their new v3 password.

## Users with an Existing SalamanderLive v2 Credential

### SalamanderLive v3 Login Procedures:

Follow the below steps when first logging in to SalamanderLive v3:

1. Navigate to SalamanderLive v3 (<https://app.salamanderlive.com/v3>).
2. Login to SalamanderLive v3 using your current SalamanderLive v2 username and password.
3. Update your SalamanderLive v3 password to meet the SalamanderLive v3 security requirements.
  - a. Minimum 12 characters, (one (1) uppercase and one (1) lowercase)
  - b. Minimum of one (1) number
  - c. Minimum of one (1) special character (e.g. !@#\$%)

### Example:

v2 Username: TestUser  
v2 Password: P@ssword123

Once I log into v3 for the first time with my above credential and change my password (required), my credentials will look like below:

v2 Username: TestUser  
v2 Password: P@ssword123  
(Used for v2, TAG APP, TRACK APP, INVENTORY APP, and RAPID TAG)

v3 Username: TestUser  
v3 Password: Password123456!  
(Used for v3 only)

Updating your SalamanderLive v3 password DOES NOT change your SalamanderLive v2 password, or the password you use to login to any of your Salamander apps (TAG APP, TRACK APP, INVENTORY APP, and RAPID TAG). To login to SalamanderLive v2 or the Salamander apps, you will need to use your old SalamanderLive v2 password, not the new password created for SalamanderLive v3.

Support: 877-430-5171 | [support@salamanderlive.com](mailto:support@salamanderlive.com)

# Important Mobile App Login Information



## Important Administrator Note:

Mobile apps (TAG APP, TRACK APP, INVENTORY APP, and / or RAPID TAG) utilize the SalamanderLive v2 password. Users who have never logged into SalamanderLive v2 will need an Administrator to create a SalamanderLive v2 password for them. Below are the steps to create the v2 password as well as the recommended steps for users to take when logging into the mobile apps for the best user experience.

## Users without an Existing SalamanderLive v2 Credential

### Creating a SalamanderLive v2 Password:

Follow the below steps to create a SalamanderLive v2 password:

1. Navigate to SalamanderLive v3 (<https://app.salamanderlive.com/v3>) and log in.
2. Access the Security User's profile.
3. Click Edit.
4. Click 'Caution: V2 / APP Password Reset Only.'
5. Click 'Yes, Reset It'.
6. Click the 'Copy' button.
7. Paste the information into an email to send to the user.
8. The user will need to log into SalamanderLive v2 with their temporary password and set a permanent one.

### Mobile App Login Procedures:

Follow the below steps when first logging in to the mobile applications:

1. Navigate to SalamanderLive v2 (<https://app.salamanderlive.com>).
2. Login to SalamanderLive v2 using your current SalamanderLive v2 username and password.
3. Update your SalamanderLive v2 password to match your SalamanderLive v3 password.
4. Use your username and SalamanderLive v2 / SalamanderLive v3 password to login to the mobile application (TAG APP, TRACK APP, INVENTORY APP, and RAPID TAG).

### Web Browser Bookmark Note:

When saving the link as a bookmark within your browser, make sure to review / edit the link within your saved bookmarks. The link will need to be updated to only show as: <https://app.salamanderlive.com/v3>.

Support: 877-430-5171 | [support@salamanderlive.com](mailto:support@salamanderlive.com)

*Is your department a Chapter member?*



**WHAT IS  
PROJECT  
FIRE  
BUDDIES?**

We are firefighters who offer support and give back to children fighting critical illnesses. We all go above and beyond for our Fire Buddies!

Every critical illness a child is battling, is a fight we will give our all to. We strive to ensure that each child we reach will stand with the support of our firefighters and our community

**A  child should never fight their battle alone.  
*Your Support Makes a Difference***

Do you know a child who is struggling with a critical illness and needs a reason to smile? Project Fire Buddies wants to hear from you. Email our Executive board at [contact@projectfirebuddies.org](mailto:contact@projectfirebuddies.org)

For more information on **PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES**, what we do, or how to **DONATE**, visit our website: [projectfirebuddies.org](http://projectfirebuddies.org)

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**Has your Dispatch Center gone through a consolidation.....**

**Have you had personnel changes in management....**

**Is your Dispatch Center information Up to Date?**

Go to [www.mabas-il.org](http://www.mabas-il.org), and click on the 'MABAS INFORMATIONAL UPDATES' tab on the main page;



**Select the 'Primary and Secondary Dispatch Centers' document to review your centers information.**

**Please notify your Operations Branch Chief, or send updates to Linda Cruz at [cruz@mabas-il.org](mailto:cruz@mabas-il.org)**

# MABAS Communications Seminar

By Mark Sikorski



**On November 7<sup>th</sup>, the MABAS-Illinois Communications Committee held its final seminar of the year at WESCOM Dispatch in Plainfield. We had a full house and an amazing asset and resource display thanks to the nice weather and great participation from the area agencies. Thank you to the entire staff at WESCOM for being great hosts, Steve Rauter for his presentation on the SWIT, Division 15 for the support and refreshments and to 1-800 Board Up for sponsoring our lunch!**

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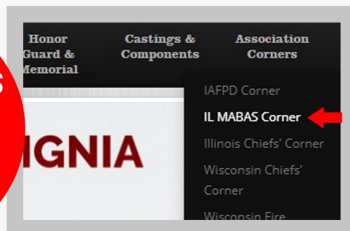
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