

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division #32

SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAMS DIRECTIVE #2 **Technical Rescue Team**

1st Edition

1.0 PURPOSE

In accordance with Article X of the MABAS Division #32 Bylaws this directive outlines the organization and operation of a Division Technical Rescue Team.

The Division #32 Technical Rescue Team shall operate as a technician level special rescue organization and shall comply with *NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents* specializing in rope rescue, confined space search and rescue, trench and excavation search and rescue, and structural collapse search and rescue.

2.0 SCOPE

The Division #32 Technical Rescue Team shall consist of personnel and equipment owned and/or issued to MABAS Division #32 member departments and subsequently consolidated into a response organization that, upon request, shall respond to assist stricken jurisdictions intra-division, inter-division, or inter-state. The team shall endeavor to accept prolonged deployment under the direction of MABAS- Illinois.

Deployment of the Technical Rescue Team shall be managed by the Division #32 Incident management Team in conjunction with the Technical Rescue Team Leaders.

3.0 BACKGROUND

By the year 2000, threat of terrorism in Illinois became a statewide issue and in response the Governor of the State of Illinois created and appointed the Illinois Terrorism Task Force to, among other things, make plans for state response to an attack if one were to occur. The subsequent planning empowered the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System to manage the fire service resources of the state and make provisions for specialized response such as hazardous materials emergency and technical rescue response to all areas of Illinois in a timely fashion. In response to this initiative the fire departments of St. Clair and Monroe Counties banded together in October 2001 and chartered MABAS Division #32. From its very beginning the Division participated in the MABAS special response

team program and it plans to continue that participation for the foreseeable future.

4.0 TEAM MEMBERSHIP and ORGANIZATION

4.1 Member Appointment

Persons meeting the listed minimum qualifications may apply for Technical Rescue Team membership by submitting an official written application to the President of the MABAS Division. Appointments are made according to Article X of the MABAS Division #32 Bylaws. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Division Board of Directors.

- Member of a MABAS Division department
- Documented authorization of department membership and permission of the applicant's Chief/supervisor to serve on the team.
- Documentation of provision of workers compensation insurance from the applicant's employing fire department
- Documented compliance with the minimum physical requirements as stated in 29 CFR 1910.134(e). Cost associated with medical surveillance shall be at the expense of the applicant's employing fire department.
- Certification of training that demonstrates the applicant qualifies to act as a Rescue Technician within the listed disciplines.
 - Rope Rescue
 - Confined Space Search and Rescue
 - Trench and Excavation Search and Rescue
 - Structural Collapse Search and Rescue

4.2 Probationary Member Appointment

The Division Board of Directors may, at its discretion, appoint probationary members who meet all minimum qualifications for membership except training certification at the various Rescue Technician levels. Applicants seeking probationary membership shall possess training certification at the Technical Rescue Awareness level and shall seek training certification at additional Rescue Technician levels within one year of appointment.

4.3 Team Organization

Prior to the January meeting of each year, the Division Board of Directors shall appoint a Team Leader and an Assistant Team Leader of the Technical Rescue Team. The appointment terms shall be for one year. The Technical Rescue Team Leaders shall be responsible for the management of the team and shall develop the rules, procedures and guidelines necessary for compliance with *NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*, MABAS-Illinois requirements, and any other standards or requirements deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. The Team Leader shall present a report of team activities at each regular Division meeting.

5.0 TEAM ACTIVATION

A request for the Division #32 Technical Rescue Team may be received from a Division #32 Department, another MABAS Division, MABAS Red Center, or a Missouri dispatch center.

- The request may be taken by the primary dispatch center at O'Fallon Public Safety Dispatch, the Division Operations Center at the Signal Hill Fire Department, or an IMT member, via telephone, e-mail, or radio.
- The request taker shall take the request and get a call-back number.
- O'Fallon Public Safety Dispatch shall dispatch the Division #32 IMT and communicate the request to team members.
- The IMT primary operations center at Signal Hill may be activated and staffed.
- All initial response communications shall comply with the MABAS #32 IMT procedures.
- A team member shall call the requesting agency and take all pertinent information.
- The IMT shall consult the pre-planned Technical Rescue Team deployment plans and have the appropriate personnel and equipment dispatched to the designated staging area.
- An IMT member may meet the Technical Rescue Team units at the designated staging area, coordinate the response, and lead it to the incident staging area.

6.0 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

Expense reimbursements for training and/or deployments from governmental units such as the Illinois Emergency Management Agency or the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall be requested and dispersed according to the local policy of a team member's employing fire department. Coordination of such requests and subsequent disbursements shall be the responsibility of the Team Leader and the Division Secretary/Treasurer.

7.0 TEAM MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be scheduled and held at the direction of the Team Leaders for the purpose of training and coordination of team activities.

8.0 ADOPTION

This first edition of this directive was adopted by MABAS Division #32, according to Bylaws Article X, at its regular meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2006. The second edition was adopted on Thursday, July 22, 2010,

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