

# 2019 MABAS WI Annual Conference

## Program Overview

1. **Middleton Active Shooter Response:** WTS Paradigm Active Shooter Incident – Lessons Learned- On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, an active shooter initiated gunfire in an office building located in the City of Middleton, triggering a large Mass Casualty response by multiple public safety agencies. Listen to the details surrounding the events that happened, how the incident was managed, and key lessons that were learned through the post-incident review. Although the MABAS system is well positioned to assist with management of multi-agency, multi-discipline operations at a large scale high profile incident, several challenges were encountered at this event that set the stage for future changes to our response guidelines and overall incident command.
2. **Lessons learned from the 2018 Flooding Response:** This will be a panel style presentation discussing the lessons learned from the MABAS WI response to the 2018 flooding which impacted 26 counties in Wisconsin. Panel members include responders, emergency managers, representatives of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and the MABAS Executive group. They will discuss the MABAS activation, mobilization, response and demobilization processes.
3. **The Sun Prairie Natural Gas Explosion:** - A multi-dimensional look at the multi-day fire and EMS MABAS response that followed the tragic explosion and fire that impacted the Sun Prairie community for days in July, 2018. This session will look at the multi-day / multi-operational period incident that taxed the Sun Prairie community and Division 115 from a resource management and coordination perspective. Presenters will discuss the operational, logistics, staging, continuation of operations, and communications aspects of the incident.
4. **The Mandalay Bay Mass Casualty Shooting:** This is the keynote presentation for the 2019 MABAS WI Annual Conference. MABAS Wisconsin is very fortunate to have 3-representatives from the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Combined Communications Center. These individuals had direct involvement in the management of the Mandalay Bay MCI event.

On October 1, 2017, the Las Vegas valley experienced the deadliest mass shooting in US history. During the over nine hours that encompassed the event, 15 communications specialists and 2 communications specialist supervisors processed hundreds of calls related to this incident in addition to a normal Sunday night's volume of calls while many people were home, asleep and unaware of what was happening. With experience levels ranging from barely off probation to nearly 20 years on the job, every team member had a role and made a huge impact to the success of this incident. Operational success achieved, but with a deeply rooted emotional impact for the center, its partner agencies and the town. In the days, weeks and months after the event, a true team effort was in action to ensure that each and every team member knew they were not alone in dealing with the emotional aftermath. This team exemplified, "no one in this family fights alone."

5. **Hosting a large scale MABAS Response/Area Command & Multi Agency Coordination:** This will be the only breakout sessions of the Conference. Breakout session #1 is designed for Dispatch Centers while session #2 is designed to help responders manage large scale multi-agency response as well as multi agency coordination.

*Hosting a large scale MABAS response from a Dispatch Center perspective:* This session will be facilitated by Mr. Kevin Fosso from the Dane County Public Safety Communications Center. This session is intended for our tele communicator partners. Mr. Fosso will discuss the trials and tribulations associated with an escalating event which will likely extend beyond the normal 1-operational period we are used to dealing with and the benefits of having a *canned ICS 205 Form* prepopulated which will provide a starting point for managing the communications piece of a large scale, expanding incident.

*Area Command & Multi Agency Coordination:* Are incidents today becoming more complex? Do you find yourself standing outside of our comfort zone more frequently? Are your resources coming from farther away? Do you find yourself being part of a management team rather than *the Incident Commander*? As we all know when MABAS was developed it was originally intended to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of response behind the local response and our/your normal mutual aid. So that said, MABAS is the response area where Area Command and Multi Agency Coordination could/would come into play. Ed Janke and Keith Tveit will discuss the when, where and how Area Command and Multi Agency Coordination will come into play.

6. **Patrick Cudahy event 10-years later:** How many of you were working in your current job assignment on July 5, 2009? This was the day of the first large scale activation on MABAS in Wisconsin since its inception in 2004. One might ask why are we reviewing an incident that is 10-years in our rear view mirror? This session will review the event from beginning to end followed by the lessons learned from the incident and the impact it has had on the development not only of MABAS WI but the big picture MABAS system. Presenters for this presentation are from the actual response team.
7. **WEMA what is it and how can it help you?/MABAS pre-activation help you help others:** This is a 2-part session.  
Part-1 will feature an overview of what the Wisconsin Emergency Managers Association (WEMA) is all about and how WEMA along with your local and county Emergency Managers can assist you during emergent events in your community. Ms. Bobbi Hicken, Fond Du Lac County Emergency Manager Director and Communication Center Manager will provide this overview. Part-2 will feature an overview of how you should consider preparing yourself for MABAS mobilizations in advance of the alarm sounding. This presentation will be lead by Tim Haas, WEM Fire Services Coordinator Deputy Chief (Retired) Bruce Hedrington, Beloit FD, Lt. (retired) Mike Agate, Beloit FD and Renee Monestero, Telecommunicator, Twin Lakes PD will discuss what would be required from a personal perspective as well as what resources your home department/agency would be expected to provide for a deployment
8. **City of Fond Du Lac flood response:** March in Wisconsin is not a typical time for a major flood, but due to a harsh winter, prolonged subzero temperatures, heavy snow that progressed into a rapid thaw complimented by heavy rain, the east branch of the Fond du Lac River began to form huge ice chunks which impeded the natural water flow into Lake Winnebago causing massive flooding.

Fond du Lac Fire Rescue (FDLFR) was first called to assist a family escape from their home just before dawn the morning on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>. What they didn't know then was the

magnitude of the ice chunk formations on the river and the devastation it would ultimately cause within the city.

In this session, you will learn how FDLFR utilized MABAS resources with a strong ICS presence which included: Forward Command, City Emergency Operations Center, and Area Command to mitigate the crisis. As a result of the coordinated response, 16 MABAS agencies responded on a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm MABAS Box which helped to keep the critical infrastructure of the city intact, a continuity of operations throughout the city, and successfully allowed hundreds of residents to be safely evacuated from their homes, businesses and roadways. Presenting will be Fire Chief Peter O'Leary, Assistant Chief of Operations Erick Gerritson and Assistant Chief Jim Knowles.