



# MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM

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## ALL DIVISION NOTICE

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With the resurgence of the COVID-19 Virus, the possibility of fire agencies experiencing personnel quarantines that impact their ability to provide continued service has increased.

MABAS encourages fire agencies to have in place a Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP) to address these potential shortfall situations.

1. Stricken agencies can utilize normal mutual aid to request help either through divisional or inter-divisional aid. This can be done immediately.
2. If longer term aid is anticipated, consider requesting assistance from IEMA. Contact your local Emergency Management Agency and request that they contact the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and request an Emergency Declaration due to the COVID 19 Pandemic to provide aid. This will allow for the recovery of any expenses incurred by the stricken and providing agencies.
3. MABAS can provide logistical support such as shelter systems, Decon Vehicles, Mission Support Units, and decontamination equipment to provide a clean-living environment for assisting personnel.
4. It will be greatly appreciated that departments able to aid stricken members please do so. MABAS will do everything possible to provide equipment to keep firefighters safe.
5. Please contact your local MABAS Operations Branch Chief or MABAS Operations if you have any questions.

Please stay safe and thanks for your efforts during this difficult time.