**Will - Cook - Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force Activation**

**Response Protocol**

The following response criterion recommended based on recommendations of the MABAS Divisions requesting activation of the **Fire Investigation Task Force**.

All **Protocols in blue represent immediate Notification and Response of the Task Force Command Staff and activation of the Task Force**, all other the task force request for response not highlighted in red will activate during normal duty or day light hours to respond to the scene between the hours of 07:00 – 17:00 hours whenever feasibly possible.

**Recommended Guidelines for Task Force Response Activation to the following incidents**:

1. Commercial or residential structures having a value of $500,000.00 or more without injuries or fatalities and the scene should be held until duty or day light hours.

2. Any Schools, House of Worship, health care facilities, municipal or governmental buildings supported by State or Federal assistance (Automatic notification to both the State Fire Marshal and ATF.)

3. Multiple civilian fatalities or great bodily injuries automatic notification to State Fire Marshal Office.

4. Death or great bodily injuries to public safety personnel automatic notification to State Fire Marshal Office.

5. Simultaneous multiple working fires within the same jurisdiction or MABAS Division.

6. Serial Arsons occurring in the same jurisdiction or MABAS Divisions in a twenty-four hour period.

7. Request for non-priority response for additional fire/arson investigators and equipment needed to conduct the origin and cause investigation by the requesting MABAS Division.

8. Natural gas explosions involving injuries, death or multiple structures automatic notification to State Fire Marshal and ATF

9. Fires or explosions involving more than one structure related to acts of domestic or foreign terrorism (Automatic notification to SFM, FBI, Homeland Security and ATF)

10. General Assistance to assist with origin and cause, or other investigative duties requiring additional available manpower to assist the stricken agency.

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**Initial Request for Task Force Response**

The Task Force Command Staff shall be notified immediately upon request by the Designated Dispatch Center:

* Commander William Stubitsch (708) 372-3651 (Lansing Fire Department)
* Deputy Commander - DC Muirhead (708) 932-4725 (Riverdale Fire Department)
* Area Commanders – DC Melahn (815) 791-5318 (Elwood Fire Protection District)
* Task Operations Chief - Chief Nardoni (708)932-4725 (South Chicago Heights Fire Dept.)

***If the request meets requirements for an Automatic Response for the following Assisting Agencies:***

* State Fire Marshal Division of Arson Investigation (*Arson Investigator - (800)-252-2947*)
* ATF CFI – for incidents involving inter-state nexus or a house of worship *(888) 712-2480*
* Local, County or state Law enforce Agency having jurisdictional authority

**Activation of the MABAS Divisions OFI is strictly based upon the *authorization* of the Task Force Command Staff at the scene requesting activation.**

One or More of the Task Force Command Staff will respond to the scene and meet with the stricken agencies Incident Commander on scene.)

**Task Force Command Staff:**

• Commander - William Stubitsch

• Deputy Commander – DC Jamie Muirhead

• Area Commanders - DC Jason Melahn

• Operations Chief – Chief Larry Nardoni

**Assisting Agencies**:

• State Fire Marshal Division of Arson Investigation (Arson Investigator)

• County or Local Law enforce Agency having jurisdictional authority (Detectives)

• ATF CFI - incidents involving inter-state nexus or a house of worship or federal governmental buildings

**Activation of the Task Force to the Scene upon Authorization:**

Fire Investigation Response Vehicle’s (one or more units will be assigned dependent on the needs and location of incident.)

* MABAS Division 15 – OFI Unit 2296
* MABAS Division 19 – OFI Unit 1900
* MABAS Division 22 – OFI Unit 2330
* MABAS Division 24 – OFI Unit 7777
* MABAS Division 27 – OFI Unit 2300 Continued on page 3
* Mokena Command Van
* ESDA support vehicles as needed

**I’m Responding** - **MABAS OFI Fire/Arson Investigators**:

* MABAS Division 15
* MABAS Division 19
* MABAS Division 22
* MABAS Division 24
* MABAS Division 27

In order to maximize the effectiveness of the fire investigation task force individual and available manpower responding to the incident - task force members are requested to contact the designated task force dispatch center using IAR, or through the designated dispatch center for your MABAS Division. OFI Response vehicle are to notify their perspective MABAS Divisions Dispatch Centers when in route, and upon arrival on the scene of the incident.

**Task Force Response**: manpower and equipment response to a stricken agencies request is as follows: (MABAS Division requesting assistance)

* Command Staff Personnel (minimum of one command staff will respond)
* Fire Investigation response units - as needed
* Command Van from ESDA - as needed
* Fire Investigators or Arson Investigators (man-power as needed)
* ESDA support vehicles - as needed
* State Fire Marshal or ATF canine unit - as needed
* Alcohol Tabaco and Firearms CFI and or assisting support personnel pursuant to ATF response protocol - (National Response Team Activation)
* Cook County Bomb Squad - as needed (explosions, any explosives compounds, illegal pyrotechnic devices, IED’s, pipe bombs, or other explosive related issues.
* Homeland Security – as needed if believed to be an act of foreign or domestic terrorism
* Additional Equipment – as needed heavy equipment deem necessary by the stricken agency having jurisdictional authority over the incident.