

## **Emergency Support Function 4 – Firefighting**

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) does not have an enabling authority to direct fire service response to an area affected by a disaster. IEMA will utilize the capabilities of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) through an established intergovernmental agreement to provide the coordination of fire service support (Fire, Emergency Medical Service, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, Water Rescue/Recovery, Urban Search and Rescue) with the exception of licensed emergency medical transport units under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).<sup>1</sup> The additional support provided by MABAS will be used to supplement local emergency response following a major or catastrophic disaster.

Local units of government may activate MABAS agreements prior to requesting State assistance and/or activation in accordance with existing agreements.

Utilization of MABAS resources pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act will be based on established priorities for response and short-term recovery.

Mobilization of MABAS resources (as available) will occur when there is a request from the SEOC and when the Governor has declared a disaster within the affected jurisdiction.

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<sup>1</sup> Intergovernmental Agreement, State of Illinois, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, MABAS; dated January 1, 2006

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