

**Village Policy: VB-18**

Date Approved: September 10, 2007(Resolution #2007-16)

**POLICY TITLE:** Supporting the Brown County Fire Chiefs in adopting the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) for Brown County

**AUTHORIZATION:** Village Board Resolution #2007-16

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 66.30, Wis. Stats. authorizes towns to contract with other towns and municipalities for the receipt or furnishing of services, such as fire protection and emergency medical services, including municipalities located in another state; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed agreement has been drafted to provide a mutual aid box alarm system for municipalities providing fire protection and emergency medical services within the States of Wisconsin and Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, under 66.30(5), Wis. Stats. the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin must approve any agreement between a Wisconsin municipality and a municipality of another state, and the agreement in question was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin on December 22, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed agreement was submitted to the governor of the State of Wisconsin for his concurrence, which was obtained and signed into law on April 5, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Howard believes that intergovernmental cooperation for purposes of public safety and protection should be encouraged and that the MABAS Agreement would afford these benefits to county residents by coordinating fire protection and emergency medical services, as recommended in County Resolution 158-R-004 on July 22, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Village of Howard to enter into the proposed Mutual Aid Box Alarm System ("MABAS") Agreement to provide for the coordination of fire protection and emergency medical services in the event of a large scale emergency, natural disaster, or man-made catastrophe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and the Village President and Village Administrator/Clerk of the Village of Howard be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the County of Brown.