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# Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs

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Michael Jones, Acting Fire Chief  
Milwaukee Fire Department  
711 West Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Chief Jones,

On behalf of the Milwaukee County Associations of Fire Chiefs, I would like to compliment you for your decision to activate MABAS for the fire that occurred on January 19, 2010 at Oakland and North Avenues that today is known as the "Pizzaman" fire. We know now that this fire involved three businesses, covered a large area, and affected the lives of many people and the surrounding neighborhood. As you know, the primary purpose of MABAS is to coordinate the effective and efficient provisions of mutual aid during large incidents, emergencies, nature disasters or manmade catastrophes.

Your timely decision to activate MABAS afforded the surrounding communities the opportunity to provide the Milwaukee Fire Department the assistance necessary at the time to cover those outlying areas during your time of need. Now that we have had the opportunity to review the fire, I am pleased to see that MABAS performed the way it was designed, and I believe that we have now laid the foundation and broken the perceived barriers necessary to continue assisting one another through the MABAS system.

Respectfully,

*Russ Spahn*

Russ Spahn, President  
Milwaukee County Association of Fire Chiefs

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