

# DU-COMM

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## CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

DU-COMM, 420 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

Chief Evans called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### 1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY:

Chief William Gabrenya	Bartlett FPD	DC George Hyland	Lombard FD
Sgt Greg Milos	Bartlett PD	Chief Tim Smeltzer	Roselle FD
M. Diaz	Bartlett PD	DC Matt Coppock	Roselle FD
Chief Matthew Beyer	Bloomingtondale FPD	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park FD
Chief Jim Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge FPD	Chief Jeff Keefe	West Chicago FPD
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove FD	DC Ric Ciszewski	West Chicago FPD
DC Jim McGreal	Downers Grove PD	Sgt. Rich Langelan	West Chicago PD
Chief Guy Papa	DuPage County Sheriff	Chief Robert Brill	Wheaton FD
Chief Richard Dufort	Elmhurst FD	Chief P.J. Youker	Wheaton PD
DC Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst FD	DC Karl Dillenkoffer	Wheaton PD
DC Kurt Vavra	Glen Ellyn PD	Chief Lauren Kaspar	Willowbrook PD
Chief Rich Cassidy	Glenside FPD	Chief Steve Evans (Vice Chair)	Winfield FPD
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park FD	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center FPD
DC Matt Riedel	Hanover Park PD	DC Bret Mowery	York Center FPD
Chief Michael Rodriguez	Lisle PD		
DC Craig Gomorczak	Lisle PD		
Chief Keith Krestan	Lisle-Woodridge FPD		

ABSENT: Chief Marc Loftus – Burr Ridge PD; Chief Rob Schultz – Carol Stream FPD; Chief Don Cummings – Carol Stream PD; Chief Dave Godek – Clarendon Hills FD; Chief Ed Leinweber – Clarendon Hills PD; Chief Greg – Thomas Darien PD; Chief Michael McLean – Elmhurst PD; Chief Chris Clark – Glen Ellyn FD; Chief Jefferey Pindelski – Hinsdale FD; Chief Brian King – Hinsdale PD; Chief Joe Grage – Lombard PD; Chief Kevin Fleege – Oak Brook FD; Chief Brian Strockis – Oak Brook PD; Chief John Turkovich – Oakbrook Terrace FPD; Chief Casey Calvello – Oakbrook Terrace PD; Chief Bob Barreto – Roselle PD; Chief Todd Kubish – Villa Park PD; Interim Chief Joe Levy – Warrenville FPD; Chief Sam Bonilla – Warrenville PD; Chief Dave Schar – Winfield PD; Chief Tom Stefanson – Woodridge PD

DU-COMM STAFF: Deputy Director Benjamin, Training Manager Schretter, QA Manager Miller, TS Manager Maplethorpe, MIS Manager Roberts, SMO Pirog, OM Napier, Executive Secretary Regalado

### 2. Public Comment

- None

### 3. Approval of Minutes

A. November 4, 2025

Chief Keefe made a motion to approve November 4, 2025 minutes and Chief Sanborn, Jr. seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 4. Executive Committee

A. December 17, 2025

Chief Evans noted

- Employee recognitions: Jackie Osborne (30 years), George Satala (25 years), Tracy Severson (Excellence in Dispatching).
- DU-COMM Employee Handbook is being updated.
- Discussion on ETSB and Finance Committee topics.

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- PSAT grant updates.
- Appointment of new ETSB Deputy Director.
- CommsCoach activation and fire station alerting upgrades.
- Encryption and council issues reviewed.
- The next meeting is February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. Report of the Committees

### A. Support Services (Chief Robert Brill)

- No report. The committee did not meet.
- The next meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### B. Police Operations (Chief Lauren Kaspar)

Chief Kaspar reported

- Command Central discussed but no updates at the time.
- Encryption progress ongoing.
- Feedback requested on school alarms.
- RTCC operational since May.
- Memo for record retentions by agencies was sent.
- The next meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### C. Fire Operations (Chief Eric Fors)

- No report. The committee did not meet.
- The next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. ETSB Report

### A. ETSB

Deputy Director Benjamin noted

- Discussion on creating a standing ETSB Finance Committee. A permanent Finance item has been added to the agendas with a permanent committee still open for discussion in the future.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

### B. PAC Update

Deputy Director Benjamin reported

- ETSB's Emergency button activation policy under review.
  - Concerns about ETSB policy restricting flexibility during acute local concerns.
  - Discussion on consistency between DU-COMM and ACDC handling emergency activations.
  - Several drafts circulated: decision still pending.
  - Consensus: Standardization is important but operational decisions should remain with Chiefs.

## 7. Staff Reports

### A. Directors Report

Deputy Director Benjamin reported

- Indoor school mapping initiative ongoing. DD Benjamin is attending a CRG meeting and will receive an update.
- CommsCoach active as of January 2; AI-driven application for QA and training.
- RTCC console operational; first mission with a saturation task force completed.
- Drone initiative progressing; FAA license obtained by a DU-COMM TC.
- Drones are useful for all of public safety, not just law enforcement.

### B. Operations/Training Report

Training Manager Schretter reported

- TC Staffing: 72 certified, 4 in training, 6 starting soon (99 authorized).
- Active assailant drills ongoing.

### C. Support Services Report

TS Manager Maplethorpe reported

- Radio patch software updates ongoing.

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- Encryption preparation underway updating agency radios. This is just one step to prepare for encryption. The radios are NOT encrypted yet.
- EFSI project starting for better audio on PD backup channels.

MIS Eric Roberts reported

- The new Network Administrator will continue to visit agencies to become familiar with the equipment.

D. Human Resources Report

In packet.

## 8. Old Business

A. Mental Health

Deputy Director Benjamin reported

- Update memo is in the packet.
- Please note 988 offers Spanish services.

B. School Safety

- Update provided in the Director's Report.

## 9. New Business

A. Fire Operations & Police Operations Subcommittee Meetings

- Remove Public Comment from the agenda and allow remote attendance for Fire Operations and Police Operations Subcommittee meetings.
- Deputy Director Benjamin will confirm with Attorney Kelly whether remote attendance counts toward quorum and will provide an update to the committee.

Chief Keefe made a motion to remove public comment from the agendas and allow remote attendance and Chief Kaspar seconded. Motion passed by voice vote; Lisle-Woodridge FPD abstained.

B. T-CPR

- T-CPR certification issue has been resolved - TCs can be certified under new law.

## 10. Other Business

A. None

## 11. Adjournment

At 1:41 Chief Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Brill seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly Regalado*

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