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CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

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

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

1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY:

Chief William Gabrenya	Bartlett FPD	Chief Krestan	Lisle-Woodridge FPD
Chief Matthew Beyer	Bloomington FPD	DC George Hyland	Lombard FD
Chief Ed Leinweber	Clarendon Hills PD	Chief Kevin Fleege	Oak Brook FD
DC Jason Norton	Darien PD	Chief Bob Barreto	Roselle PD
Chief Jim Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge FPD	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park FD
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove FD	Chief Jeff Keefe	West Chicago FPD
Chief Guy Papa	DuPage County Sheriff	DC Ric Ciszewski	West Chicago FPD
DC Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst FD	Chief Colin Fleury	West Chicago PD
DC Brett Kaczorowski	Elmhurst PD	Chief Robert Brill	Wheaton FD
DC Kurt Vavra	Glen Ellyn PD	Chief Lauren Kaspar	Willowbrook PD
Chief Rich Cassady	Glenside FPD	Chief Steve Evans (Vice Chair)	Winfield FPD
DC Matt Riedel (arrive 1:02)	Hanover Park PD	Chief Dave Schar (Chairman)	Winfield PD
Chief Jefferey Pindelski	Hinsdale FD	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center FPD
DC Craig Gomorczak	Lisle PD		

ABSENT: Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis – Bartlett PD; 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 Mike DeVries – Downers Grove PD; Chief Chris Clark – Glen Ellyn FD; Chief Eric Fors – Hanover Park FD; Chief Brian King – Hinsdale PD; Chief Tom Wirsing – Lombard PD; Chief Brian Strockis – Oak Brook PD; Chief John Turkovich – Oakbrook Terrace FPD; Chief Casey Calvello – Oakbrook Terrace PD; Chief Tim Smeltzer – Roselle FD; Chief Michael Rivas – Villa Park PD; Chief Andy Dina – Warrenville FPD; Chief Sam Bonilla – Warrenville PD;; Chief P.J. Youker – Wheaton PD; Chief Tom Stefanson – Woodridge PD

DU-COMM STAFF: Acting Executive Director Benjamin, Training Manager Schretter, TS Manager Maplethorpe, MIS Manager Klein, Executive Secretary Regalado

2. Approval of Minutes

A. January 22, 2025

Chief Krestan made a motion to approve January 22, 2025 minutes and Chief Lahanis seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Executive Committee

A. January 22, 2025

Chief Schar reported

- TS Manager Maplethorpe was recognized with the Motorola Award.
- Several TCs received Wall of Life awards.
- Roselle Fire Chief Mark Bozik was recognized for his retirement and years of service.
- Chief Evans was appointed to the Executive Board as the Fire Chief's representative because he was voted as the Vice-Chair of the Chiefs Operations Committee.
- The next meeting is February 26th.

4. Report of the Committees

A. Support Services (Chief Robert Brill)

- No report.
- The next meeting is March 5th.

B. Police Operations (Chief Lauren Kaspar)

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Chief Kaspar reported

- TCs are visiting Real Time Crime Centers to gain experience.
- TC encryption training begins February 26th.
- Command Central access has many hurdles concerning security and privacy that need to be discussed,
- The next meeting is March 26th.

C. Fire Operations (Chief Eric Fors)

- No Report-Chief Fors is currently at a structure fire.
- Next meeting is February 20th.

5. ETSB Report

A. ETSB

No report. The meeting is scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday, February 12.

B. PAC Update

Acting Executive Director Benjamin reported

- He did not attend due to illness and TS Manager Maplethorpe attended via Zoom.
- The committee discussed Wave PTX application, Command Central, and Fire radio templates for hazard zone preference.
- Chief Clark presented at DuPage Chiefs. Please reach out to him if you have any questions on the hazard zones on Fire radios.

6. Staff Reports

A. Directors Report

Acting Executive Director Benjamin reported

- Text to 911.
 - Questions about transferring calls have been answered.
 - Next step is for wireless carriers to test.
 - It's not official until carriers finish testing, but functionality can be turned on.
 - Coordination with ETSB, County, and all Agencies on public education possibly in April.
 - County is also updating 211 and 988.
 - Texts will sit in a queue until a TC is available.
- Encryption.
 - Need radio consoles installed. Scheduled for the end of March.
 - Train the trainer begins February 26th. Ten people will be trained as trainers to train other employees.

B. Operations/Training Report

TM Schretter reported

- Staffing numbers were reviewed:
 - 73 out of 99 authorized TC positions are currently filled.
 - One TC is evaluating Fire radio tonight.
 - An additional Fire radio trainee should evaluate at the end of the month.

C. Support Services Report

TS Manager Maplethorpe reported

- The text to 911 Motorola and AT&T transferring issue has been resolved.
- A test console is being installed tomorrow in the Center.

MIS Manager Klein reported

- Agencies have been notified of the firewall upgrade next Tuesday. Please be patient with TCs because they will have less access to resources during the upgrade.
- A microwave issue was identified at a core site. Will notify agencies if equipment needs to be brought down to repair.

D. Human Resources Report

In packet.

E. Revenue Expenditure Report

In packet.

7. Old Business

A. Mental Health Update – on hold

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B. School Safety Update – on hold

C. ETSB Committees / Groups Membership – on hold

8. New Business

- None.

9. Other Business

A. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week August 13 – 19, 2025

- A letter to the Chiefs explaining how Agencies can assist was distributed.

B. CESSA Update:

- Chief Krestan inquired if DU-COMM had been invited to the CESSA update on Thursday.
- Chief Krestan will forward the invitation to Acting Executive Director Benjamin.

C. ETSB Meeting Wednesday, February 12:

- Chief Gabrenya noted that Bartlett FPD President McCarthy had discussed making a statement at the ETSB meeting at the DuPage Chiefs meeting.
- His statement is the view of Bartlett FPD and not intended to represent the Fire Chiefs. He encourages people to attend to share the frustration in the delay of the Fire radios.

10. Adjournment

At 1:16 Chief Krestan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Barreto seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Regalado

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