

# DU-COMM

## DuPage Public Safety Communications

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### CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Chief Bozik called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### 1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY:

Chief Ed Leinweber	Clarendon Hills PD	DC George Hyland	Lombard FD
Acting Chief Dave Godek	Clarendon Hills FD	Chief Mark Bozik (Chairman)	Roselle FD
DC Jason Norton	Darien PD	Chief Rob Barreto	Roselle PD
Chief James Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge FPD	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park FD
DC Jamie Tunk	Darien-Woodridge FPD	DC Dan McCann	Villa Park PD
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove FD	Chief Andy Dina	Warrenville FD
DC Jim McGreal	Downers Grove PD	Chief Patrick Tanner	West Chicago FPD
Chief Richard Dufort	Elmhurst FD	Chief Colin Fleury	West Chicago PD
DC Kurt Vavra	Glen Ellyn PD	Chief Robert Brill	Wheaton FD
Chief Rich Cassady	Glenside FD	Chief Lauren Kaspar	Willowbrook PD
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park FD	DC Gerard Wodka	Willowbrook PD
DC Matt Riedel	Hanover Park PD	Chief Steve Evans	Winfield FD
Acting Chief Tim Dempsey	Lisle PD	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center FPD
DC Steve Demas	Lisle-Woodridge FPD	DC Bret Mowery	York Center FPD

DU-COMM STAFF: Director Robb, Consultant Krull (remote), Finance/HR Manager Athitakis, Acting DD Benjamin, Training Coord. Schretter, Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe, Executive Secretary Regalado

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

##### A. February 13, 2024

Chief Tanner made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024 minutes and Chief Spinazola seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### 3. Executive Committee

##### A. February 28, 2024

Chief Bozik noted the Bylaw changes that the Executive Board recommends move to the Board of Directors for approval at the April 24 meeting. Next meeting is March 27.

#### 4. Report of the Committees

##### A. Support Services (Chief Eric Fors)

Chief Fors shared CrowdStrike offers a free three-year program to any government agency in Illinois. The alarm board lost connectivity with SIS and the issue was forwarded to the Fire Marshalls for discussion. Next meeting is April 3.

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

Chief Kaspar introduced Willowbrook Deputy Chief of Operations Wodka. There was no scheduled meeting in February. Next meeting is March 27.

##### C. Fire Operations (Chief Patrick Tanner)

Chief Tanner noted waiting on a timeline for portable radio distribution. Good progress being made on the NFPA radios. Next meeting is March 21.

#### 5. ETSB Report

##### A. Minutes January 10, 2024

The next meeting is tomorrow. Any questions direct to ETSB. Acting Deputy Director Operations Benjamin was approved as the DU-COMM PAC representative.

##### B. PAC Update

Chief Dina reported no update on HB4339-Police Scanners. Good progress is being made on the NFPA Fire radios. The NFPA committee approved all the changes requested. PAC representatives for approval are Chief Joel for ACDC, Acting DDO Tyler Benjamin for DU-COMM, and Chief Rivas for Police. PAC has requested a policy for replacing radios. ETSB does not plan to replace radios in

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the next 10-12 years. Radio replacement should be in your Agency's capital plan. Next meeting is 4/1.

## 6. Staff Reports

### A. Directors Report

Director Robb introduced DU-COMM's Acting Technical Services Manager Erik Maplethorpe. The DDO position's internal posting closes on March 15. DU-COMM seeks candidates internally to encourage career enrichment inside DU-COMM. The Peer-to-Peer Program is planned to begin this year. Director Robb reviewed other agency programs and will gain insight from Dr. Michelle Lily, who is well-known in the 911 mental health community. HR Coordinator Glos will have internal oversight of this program.

### B. Operations/Training Report

Acting DDO Benjamin works on the Sheriff membership and the Fire Channel realignment. Fire North and Fire West realignment started today and will be monitored for the next 30 days. Telecommunicator Appreciation week begins April 14. Contact OM Jessica Giuffre with any questions. DU-COMM appreciates the generosity of the Agencies. Training Coordinator Schretter reports TCs in training- three call takers, ten in classroom training, three in radio, and five on phone training. DU-COMM has 73 out of 89 TC positions filled, with the expectation for full staffing within eighteen months. Finance/HR Manager Athitakis reported eight TC job offers are pending and ten interviews are scheduled for the end of March. Thank you to the agencies completing the background checks. This helps the process be completed quickly. Training Coordinator Schretter started the curriculum for the Sheriff TC training program and TC ride-alongs have begun.

### C. Support Services Report

Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe reported on the weather sirens, Fulton began updating the sirens. Currently using both new and old systems at the same time. MIS Manager Klein and Fulton will work on automation of the system once all sirens have been updated. The timeline for completion is before the next weather alert siren test. The Motorola Tower upgrade had an additional problem. The tower is operational, but the signal is not as strong as intended. Tech Services works to prepare for the cutover to the new Downers Grove tower.

### D. Human Resources Report

Finance/HR Manager Athitakis noted the Executive Committee started a new HR/Finance Subcommittee that has met for the last three months. The subcommittee has been helpful looking at different positions.

### E. Revenue Expenditure Report

In packet.

## 7. Old Business

### A. Mental Health Legislation

Director Robb stated the Mental Health Legislation has been on pause. The date to have a planned alternate mental health response is 7/1/2025. Director Robb has a meeting scheduled with DuPage County Health to discuss CESSA (Community Emergency Services and Support Act). Director believes a subcommittee will be needed to work on responses for CESSA requirements because of the need for uniformity. IAED (International Academies of Emergency Dispatch) recommendations require a one-day training to utilize a new EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) card for mental health and three-day training for supervisors for handling these types of calls. Chief Tanner shared DuPage County has a very well-developed 24/7 9-8-8 crisis line. Fire and Police agencies should share the information on social media and their website. It is important to be able to receive mental health care before needing 9-1-1 or Fire/EMS. Training Coordinator Schretter noted 9-1-1 is not able to transfer calls to 9-8-8.

### B. AT&T Phone Report

Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe reported dates have been postponed. The IP flex has not interfaced with the phone system. The Nesta software upgrade was successful.

### C. DU-COMM -Website design

Director Robb will accept more photos to add to the website. Please advise if your agency has updates needed. Acting DDO Benjamin noted login information has not changed.

### D. Channel Patch

Director Robb noted this is a testing phase and open to feedback. Please share any issues. Chief Bozik recapped Bartlett and Hanover Park have switched to the Fire North channel for the trial, Fire West will be dead air.

## 8. New Business

A. DuPage County Sheriff's Office (DPSO) – Approval of DuPage County Sheriff's Office Membership May 1, 2024

Director Robb stated DPSO membership must be presented to the Chiefs prior to moving to the Executive Board. Consultant Krull noted this is a formality to approve the membership. Director Robb shared DPSO is working on an IGA pending membership approval. The DPSO IGA must be approved by the County Public Safety Committee and County Board Committee. The IGA percentage for TCs will need to be evaluated in the future.

Chief Tanner made a motion to recommend DPSO Membership move to the Board of Directors for approval and Acting Chief Godek seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**B. Police PAC Appointment**

Chief Rivas will continue as the Law Enforcement PAC representative.

**9. Other Business**

Director Robb will attend a School Safety Initiative meeting to discuss funds available for school-related emergencies. Member agency officers that have an interest please contact Director Robb. Chief Barreto volunteered to be on the committee. The first meeting will be scheduled in early April.

**10. Adjournment**

At 1:44 Chief Tanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Sanborn seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly Regalado*

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