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CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Chief Schar called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY:

Chief Matthew Beyer	Bloomingtondale FPD	Chief Keith Krestan	Lisle-Woodridge FPD
Chief Dave Godek	Clarendon Hills FD	DC George Hyland	Lombard FD
Chief Ed Leinweber (arrive 1:09)	Clarendon Hills PD	Chief Tim Smeltzer	Roselle FD
DC Jason Norton	Darien PD	DC Matt Coppock	Roselle FD
Chief Jim Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge FPD	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park FD
DC Jamie Tunk	Darien-Woodridge FPD	Asst. Chief Joe Levy	Warrenville FPD
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove FD	Chief Jeff Keefe	West Chicago FPD
DC Jim McGreal	Downers Grove PD	DC Ric Ciszewski	West Chicago FPD
Chief Richard Dufort	Elmhurst FD	Chief Colin Fleury	West Chicago PD
DC Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst FD	Chief Robert Brill	Wheaton FD
DC Kurt Vavra	Glen Ellyn PD	Chief P.J. Youker	Wheaton PD
Chief Rich Cassidy	Glenside FPD	Chief Steve Evans (Vice Chair)	Winfield FPD
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park FD	Chief Dave Schar (Chairman)	Winfield PD
Chief Michael Rodriguez	Lisle PD	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center FPD
DC Craig Gomorzak	Lisle PD	DC Bret Mowery	York Center FPD
Commander Mike Akim	Lisle PD		

ABSENT: Chief William Gabrenya – Bartlett FPD; Chief Ryan Conway – Bartlett PD; Chief Marc Loftus – Burr Ridge PD; Chief Rob Schultz – Carol Stream FPD; Chief Don Cummings – Carol Stream PD; Chief Guy Papa – DuPage County Sheriff; Chief Michael McLean – Elmhurst PD; Chief Chris Clark – Glen Ellyn FD; Chief Andy Johnson – Hanover Park PD ;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; Chief Sam Bonilla – Warrenville PD; Chief Lauren Kaspar – Willowbrook PD; Chief Tom Stefanson – Woodridge PD

DU-COMM STAFF: Director Robb, 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. January 13, 2026

Chief Spinazola made a motion to approve January 13, 2026 minutes and Chief Keefe seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Executive Committee

A. February 18, 2026

Chief Schar noted

- Approved budget items included: VHF renewal for transmitter sites, TAIT portable radio purchases, VHF renewal for 800 PD backup transmitters.
- Reminder: Telecommunicator (TC) Appreciation Week begins April 12–17. Agencies should prepare appropriately.
- The next meeting is March 25th.

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5. Report of the Committees

A. Support Services (Chief Robert Brill)

- Discussion on MERCI license needs for Fire Agencies.
- Discussion on replacement of Emergin with new PageGate software for paging capabilities.
- Siren automation server is functioning with new hardware; live activation still pending.
- Concerns raised about emergency activation button inconsistencies on new radios; issue referred to Fire Focus Group.
- The next meeting is May 6th.

B. Police Operations (Chief Lauren Kaspar)

DD Benjamin reported

- DFR (Drone as First Responder) program remains in early development stages. DU-COMM is preparing for support roles including staffing, technology, and pilot readiness.
- RTCC-Any real-time information support must be equitable for all member agencies.
- The next meeting is March 25th.

C. Fire Operations (Chief Eric Fors)

- Updated the Mayday Policy for fire responses.
- The next meeting is April 16th.

6. ETSB Report

A. ETSB

Chief Schar noted

- ETSB updated its Capital Contingency Policy, now titled Procedure and Capital Management Plan.
- Budget items and long-term capital planning will now appear as standing agenda items.
- Discussion focused largely on future radio replacement needs, anticipated 10-year timeline, and fiscal constraints.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th.

B. PAC Update

Deputy Director Benjamin reported

- Discussion continues regarding operational policies outside of ETSB. Lawyers are reviewing.

7. Staff Reports

A. Directors Report

Director Robb reported

- Personnel Manuel updated.
- Overview was given of state and national work regarding school notification systems (Alyssa's Law, etc.). DU-COMM aims to be included earlier in school alarm system decisions.

B. Operations/Training Report

Deputy Director Benjamin reported

- DuPage County Sheriff's Office Channel 2 has been activated.
 - Staffed Monday–Friday, 0700–1500.
 - Non-patrol law enforcement groups (probation, investigators, transport units) will utilize Channel 2.
 - Patrol will have dedicated access to Channel 1.
- Recognition was given for this major operational improvement.

C. Support Services Report

TS Manager Maplethorpe reported

- Recent MERCI licensing updates and CDH EMS requirements were discussed.
 - Agencies without individual licenses may operate under DU-COMM's license; DU-COMM will provide documentation upon request.

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MIS Eric Roberts reported

- Upcoming firewall software updates scheduled for Sunday at approximately 0700.
- High-availability configuration should prevent noticeable downtime; agencies will be notified of the exact timing.

D. Human Resources Report

In packet.

8. Old Business

A. Mental Health

Director Robb reported

- State-issued training now required for 911, 988, and mobile crisis response personnel.
- DU-COMM will be part of **Cohort 2**.
- Coordination with ACDC required for unified deployment planning.
- Protocol 41 training largely completed.

B. School Safety

- Update provided in the Director's Report.

9. New Business

A. Police PAC Appointment

- Chief Fleury's PAC appointment is up for renewal in May.
- DU-COMM recommends Chief Fleury continue in the role.
- Police Chiefs expressed unanimous support.

10. Other Business

A. Agencies received **Tacos with TCs** flyers — an opportunity to rebuild camaraderie post-pandemic.

B. Request made to circulate a sample TC Week proclamation.

C. Items and gifts for TC Week are welcome; coordination should be done through HR@ducomm.org to avoid duplication.

11. Adjournment

At 1:27 Chief Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Fleury seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Regalado

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