

DU-COMM

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CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

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

Chief Schar called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY:

Chief William Gabrenya	Bartlett FPD	DC Benny Ranallo	Lombard PD
Chief Dave Godek	Clarendon Hills FD	Chief Tim Smeltzer	Roselle FD
DC Jason Norton	Darien PD	DC Matt Coppock	Roselle FD
Chief Jim Lahanis	Darien-Woodridge FPD	Chief Bob Barreto	Roselle PD
Chief Scott Spinazola	Downers Grove FD	DC Brandon Mitsuka	Villa Park FD
DC Jim McGreal (arrive 1:11)	Downers Grove PD	DC Ric Ciszewski	West Chicago FPD
Chief Richard Dufort	Elmhurst FD	DC Pete Vassios	Wheaton FD
DC Steve Reynolds	Elmhurst FD	Chief Steve Evans (Vice Chair)	Winfield FPD
DC Steve Mandat (arrive 1:11)	Elmhurst PD	DC Tim Roman	Winfield FPD
Chief Rich Cassady	Glenside FPD	Chief Dave Schar (Chairman)	Winfield PD
Chief Eric Fors	Hanover Park FD	Chief Tom Stefanson	Woodridge PD
DC Matt Riedel	Hanover Park PD	Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr.	York Center FPD
Commander Mike Akim	Lisle PD	DC Bret Mowery	York Center FPD
Chief Rick Sander	Lombard FD		
DC Nathan Gac	Lombard FD		
Chief Joe Grage	Lombard PD		

ABSENT: Chief Ryan Conway – Bartlett PD; Chief Matthew Beyer – Bloomingdale FPD; Chief Marc Loftus – Burr Ridge PD; Chief Rob Schultz – Carol Stream FPD; Chief Don Cummings – Carol Stream PD; Chief Ed Leinweber – Clarendon Hills PD; Chief Guy Papa – DuPage County Sheriff; Chief Michael McLean – Elmhurst PD; Chief Chris Clark – Glen Ellyn FD; Chief Phil Norton – Glen Ellyn PD; Chief Jefferey Pindelski – Hinsdale FD; Chief Brian King – Hinsdale PD; Chief Keith Krestan – Lisle-Woodridge FPD; 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 Todd Kubish – Villa Park PD; Chief Kevin O'Hare – Warrenville FPD; Chief Sam Bonilla – Warrenville PD; Chief Colin Fleury – West Chicago PD; Chief P.J. Youker – Wheaton PD; Chief Lauren Kaspar – Willowbrook PD;

DU-COMM STAFF: Director Robb, Deputy Director Benjamin, TS Manager Maplethorpe, MIS Manager Roberts, Executive Secretary Regalado, Administrative Assistant Grage

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Approval of Minutes

A. March 10, 2026

- A quorum was not initially met; the committee paused approval of minutes until additional members arrived.

Chief Sanborn made a motion to approve March 10, 2026 minutes and Chief Grage seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Executive Committee

A. March 25, 2026

Chief Evans noted

- DU-COMM Technician Dave Janic retired.
- Recognition of TC John D'Agostino for 25 years of service.
- Updates provided to the committee on the drone program.
- Discussion regarding MERCI licensing issues, with further updates expected from TS Manager Maplethorpe.

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- Mobile radios expected to arrive mid-April to mid-May.
- Pack appointments made.
- Discussion on 9-1-1 surcharge and RapidSOS.
- Mandated training reported as completed.
- Firewall update completed, with another update potentially needed.
- Policy Manual was approved.
- The next meeting is May 20th.

5. Report of the Committees

A. Support Services (Chief Robert Brill)

- No report.
- The next meeting is July 1st.

B. Police Operations (Chief Lauren Kaspar)

- No report.
- The next meeting is May 27th.

C. Fire Operations (Chief Eric Fors)

- Mayday checklist was reviewed related to Policy updates.
- Formation of the annual subcommittee for Board-Up company applications, with feedback expected next month.
- Initiation of discussions on mutual/auto aid call types to be reviewed by the Fire Standardization Subcommittee.
- The next meeting is June 18th.

6. ETSB Report

A. ETSB

Director Robb reported

- The 9-1-1 surcharge bill (increase) is on hold.
- Alyssa's Law (HB 5107) passed the House and moved to the Senate; schools must consider mobile panic alert systems and coordinate with 9-1-1 authorities. PSAP connectivity costs must be covered by school districts.
- Customer premise phone equipment accepted as part of NG911 project.
- CommandCentral discussions planned for the ETSB meeting tomorrow; 10 police and 6 fire agencies exploring participation.
- Agencies reminded to troubleshoot MDT issues locally before escalating to ETSB.
- PURVIS upgrade rollback due to station connection issues; rescheduling planned. Licensing costs for PURVIS app noted at \$5.75 each.
- Negotiations begin soon with Hexagon for CAD upgrade; current contract ends June 30, 2027.
- The DU-COMM BOD submitted a resolution advocating for a year-round Finance Subcommittee.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th.

B. PAC Update

Deputy Director Benjamin reported

- CommandCentral discussion elevated to ETSB for approval.
- Ongoing discussions about policies governing actions during emergency button activations; issue referred to legal counsel.

7. Staff Reports

A. Directors Report

Director Robb reported

- EMD Protocol Update
 - DU-COMM must begin gathering pediatric weights for all patients aged 14 and under per State directive.
 - Region 8 and IDPH affirmed that authority lies with medical control; appeals were denied.
 - Concerns expressed that parent-provided weights are unreliable, especially under stress.

- CAD and IAED systems cannot currently automate pediatric identification, raising logistical challenges; asking weight on all EMS calls is being considered.
- Mandatory training and QA requirements to be implemented by June 15.

B. Operations/Training Report

Deputy Director Benjamin reported

- 65 fully certified telecommunicators (TC2/TC3).
- 13 in training; headcount remains 99.
- Total staffing including trainees: 79.
- Approximately 20 openings remain.
- Additional OIC appointments are being prepared to support succession planning.

C. Support Services Report

TS Manager Maplethorpe reported

- Encryption second-touch may be done over the air, though this is not guaranteed.
- DU-COMM has an open radio technician position.
- Discussion of MERCI license compliance issues with IDPH; concerns raised about cost and necessity of Fire Agencies needing their own license and inability to use DU-COMM's license as in the past.

MIS Manager Eric Roberts reported

- SIS Firewall replacement completed; future SIS switch replacement scheduled.
- Planning for periodic replacement of firewalls at Agencies.

D. Human Resources Report

- Memo in packet.

8. Old Business

A. Mental Health

- Memo in packet.

B. School Safety

- No Update.

9. New Business

- None

10. Other Business

- None

11. Adjournment

At 1:25 Chief Sander made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Deputy Chief Ciszewski seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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