

DU-COMM

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CHIEFS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

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

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

1. ROLL CALL / AGENCY:

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| Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis | Bartlett PD | DC George Hyland | Lombard FD |
| Chief Matthew Beyer | Bloomingtondale FD | Chief Kevin Fleege | Oak Brook FD |
| Acting Chief Dave Godek | Clarendon Hills FD | Chief Mark Bozik (Chairman) | Roselle FD |
| DC Jason Norton | Darien PD | Chief Bob Barreto | Roselle PD |
| DC Jamie Tunk | Darien-Woodridge FPD | DC Brandon Mitsuka | Villa Park FD |
| Chief Scott Spinazola | Downers Grove FD (left 1:10) | Chief Patrick Tanner | West Chicago FPD |
| DC Jim McGreal | Downers Grove PD | DC Jeff Keefe | West Chicago FPD |
| Chief Guy Papa | DuPage County Sheriff | Chief Colin Fleury | West Chicago PD |
| Chief Chris Clark | Glen Ellyn FD | Chief Robert Brill | Wheaton FD |
| Chief Rich Cassady | Glenside FD | Chief Lauren Kaspar | Willowbrook PD |
| DC Jeff Buccola | Glenside FD | Chief Steve Evans | Winfield FD |
| Chief Eric Fors | Hanover Park FD | Chief Dave Schar (Vice Chair) | Winfield PD |
| DC Matt Riedel | Hanover Park PD | Chief Rick Sanborn, Jr. | York Center FPD |
| Chief Keith Krestan | Lisle-Woodridge FPD | DC Bret Mowery | York Center FPD |

ABSENT: Chief William Gabrenya - Bartlett FD; Chief John Madden - Burr Ridge PD; Chief Rob Schultz – Carol Stream FD; Chief Don Cummings – Carol Stream PD; Chief Ed Leinweber - Clarendon Hills PD; Chief Robert Dufort – Elmhurst FD; Chief Michael McLean – Elmhurst PD; Chief Phil Norton - Glen Ellyn PD; Chief John Gannelli – Hinsdale FD; Chief Brian King – Hinsdale PD; AC Tim Dempsey – Lisle PD; Chief Tom Wirsing – Lombard PD; Chief Brian Strockis – Oak Brook PD; Chief John Turkovich -Oakbrook Terrace FD; Chief Casey Calvello – Oakbrook Terrace PD; Chief Michael Rivas – Villa Park PD; Chief Andy Dina - Warrenville FD; Chief Sam Bonilla – Warrenville PD; Chief P.J. Youker – Wheaton PD; AC Tom Stefanson – Woodridge PD, Consultant Krull

DU-COMM STAFF: Director Robb, DDO Benjamin, Training Coord. Schretter, MIS Manager Klein, Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe, OM Steve Pirog, OM Jacquie Bucher, Executive Secretary Regalado

Guests: ETSB Director Linda Zerwin, ETSB DD Matt Theusch, ETSB DD Gregg Taormina

2. Approval of Minutes

A. April 9, 2024

Chief Cassady made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024 minutes and Chief Schar seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Executive Committee

A. April 24, 2024

Chief Bozik reported the Executive Board discussed the Sheriff consolidation and the frustration with the Fire radios. The next meeting was moved to May 29.

4. Report of the Committees

A. Support Services (Chief Eric Fors)

Chief Fors reported the May 1 meeting was cancelled due scheduling and the May 1 Sheriff cut over date. Next meeting is June 5.

B. Police Operations (Chief Lauren Kaspar)

Chief Kaspar reported an April meeting was not scheduled. Next meeting is May 22.

C. Fire Operations (Chief Patrick Tanner)

Chief Tanner reported discussion on normal topics from prior months. Director Robb noted the committee approved the Fire Channel realignment. Next meeting is May 16.

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5. ETSB Report

A. Minutes April 10, 2024

- ETSB Director Zerwin reported the DPSO ESNs were moved from ACDC to DU-COMM today and went well, and it will continue to be monitored.
- The DPSO's IGA was approved by the County Board this morning.
- A problem was found with the Apex 4000 emergency buttons. If your agency has any 4000 models, a firmware refresh will be scheduled. ETSB can supply loaners during the one-hour update.
- Fire radio demo is scheduled for Monday, May 20th. A list of the changes and a schedule for agency radio testing will be shared at the meeting. NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) will be at the meeting to answer questions. Chief Tanner noted each department will test for a week an XE (non NFPA radio like current portable) and two XN NFPA radios (one with the latest firmware with hazard zone (*channel 16*) and one without the hazard zone). Motorola has a list of additional items to update, possibly completed in 2025. Need to ask at Monday's meeting if and when the channel selector on the remote speaker mic will be available and to clarify the battery life. Chief Tanner suggests testing Vicky (voice activated radio channel selector) and testing the radios in the field. The hazard zone function automatically boosts your volume and repeats messages on that channel, etc. The XN models are available for distribution and XE distribution will be discussed at Monday's meeting.
- Police radio encryption- Director Zerwin reported a 30-week timeframe for consoles to be installed in the dispatch center. Police mobile radios are still in question. The firmware update scheduled for April was delayed. ETSB DD Theusch noted each police contact will be notified of the update schedule (15 radios at a time beginning next week) and will follow up if any additional updates are needed for those radios. PD is currently using the Apex Next series radios.
- Command Central-DDO Benjamin reported it is up and running. The feedback was good during the Yorktown false gun report, having the ability to see who had partners and their locations.

B. PAC Update

- DDO Benjamin reported on May 6, the PAC recommended approving talk group access between DuPage ETSB, Tri-Com, Grundy County, and the City of Elgin.
- DDO Benjamin discussed the October 3, 2022 ETSB radio memo for radio replacement which includes renaming primary dispatch channels are part of Phase 3. The memo was approved by the PAC with recommendations from the Fire and Police focus groups, but over the objections of DU-COMM. This topic was brought up in PAC for review and updates but was not discussed at the May 6th meeting. Chief Dina and Chief Rivas are not present today but are in support of the renaming. The reasons given to rename the channel were better standardization of a number system, easier memorization, not directional, and better ease of adding or subtracting channels or agencies. DU-COMM staff's opinion has been the cost outweighs the benefit. DDO Benjamin asks the Chiefs Committee for direction to report to the PAC.

Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe stated renaming channels causes technical issues. PD does not have a backup channel for every channel.

DDO Benjamin stated surrounding agencies all use numbers. DU-COMM being the exception makes mutual aid communication clearer in our area. The tac/ops channels should match the main channels, not vice versa. The proposed naming conventions have no relation to geography any more than our current names. Having a numbered system could cause increased confusion in the future depending on where and how the expansion/contraction is necessary. Changing channel names would disrupt DU-COMM's training schedule due to the need for updated materials and retraining. Former DDSS Baarman estimated that the Phase 3 renaming of channels required an estimate of 600 staff hours to complete this change. The plan was to observe ACDC's pilot program before proceeding with that work, but that pilot has now been cancelled.

Director Robb stated DU-COMM supports the agencies, if renaming works better for them we will support the change. ETSB Director Zerwin stated the renaming was approved and can be brought back up. Phase 3 was delayed by CAD, radio, and encryption. Chief Kaspar asked for insight on why the original request to change was made. Chief Fors reported Support Services has not discussed the renaming since DDSS Baarman resigned from DU-COMM. Chief Tanner was involved from the start and opposed standardizing channels across the county. He asks what problem is solved by changing the names. Chief Evans still objects to the change because he does not want his people getting lost in numerous channels named 31-Winfield 31, Streamwood 31, Ops Channel 31, etc. Chief Papa stated the Sheriff consolidation went over seamlessly and votes to leave the channels as is and to not slow anything down. Chief Schar was involved from the start and stated select members wanted to rename and others did not have an opinion. He stated there is no problem to solve and how would this change benefit us. DC McGreal stated there are many new chiefs that

never heard there was problem.

Chief Krestan motioned not to rename channels and Chief Tanner seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Staff Reports

A. Directors Report

- Director Robb thanked everyone for their kind words and support regarding the loss of TC Kirsten Monigold, specifically Glenside Fire Chief Cassady for attending our debriefing.
- A SWOT analysis is being completed from common themes from the strategic plan meetings. The Director is excited to hear all the ideas and themes and to take DU-COMM in a great direction.
- The Mobile Stroke Unit responded to re-negotiating the contract, and it will be reviewed by the Finance Committee in June.
- The Healthy Dispatcher supplied a summary checklist that will be discussed with the HR-Admin Subcommittee. She is currently working on anti-bullying.

B. Operations/Training Report

- DDO Benjamin reported the States Attorney's Office sent the Electronic Warrants FAQ for after-hours contacts. Police Chiefs please make sure you have the FAQ to ensure we are contacting the correct people.
- DDO Benjamin appreciates the agencies' support in the loss of our telecommunicator Kirsten Monigold.
- Training Coordinator Schretter reported 50 TCs are trained for DPSO. Currently we have 69 TCs. There are four TCs starting classroom on June 3.

C. Support Services Report

- Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe reported the Motorola dish is on order.
- MIS Manager Klein noted siren automation is scheduled to be deployed in June.

D. Human Resources Report

In packet.

E. Revenue Expenditure Report

In packet.

7. Old Business

A. Mental Health Legislation

Director Robb stated CESSA has been postponed to July 2025. She advised the Director of Crisis Services for DuPage County plans to expand the 988 and mobile crisis response teams to include twenty-four 24-hr on-site crisis stabilization services. DU-COMM will review the need to change triage procedures with 988. We will be looking at agencies to provide information on their approaches to mental health crises.

B. School Safety-Meeting June 18, 2024

Director Robb stated the ISWAR (Infinity Social Welfare and Research) Foundation will host the June 18 meeting. The Board of Education, School Resource Officers, Fire and Police Chiefs are invited to participate. The team will be discussing indoor mapping of malls, train stations, and schools. Please contact Director Robb if you are interested in attending, and she will share the meeting information.

C. DuPage County Sheriff's Office (DPSO)

No further updates than shared in Staff Reports.

D. Northwest Central Tornado Sirens

Director Robb noted a meeting is scheduled for May 17 to discuss tornado siren status.

8. New Business

Templates-Chief Tanner reported the templates are still being worked on and OPS channels will need to be reviewed with the portable radio decision. Acting Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe stated the West channel will remain in template not active, even if it is not in your first couple zones you will be able to search for it. Future discussion is needed on this topic to incorporate Police channels also.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

At 2:04 Chief Tanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chief Krestan seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Regalado
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